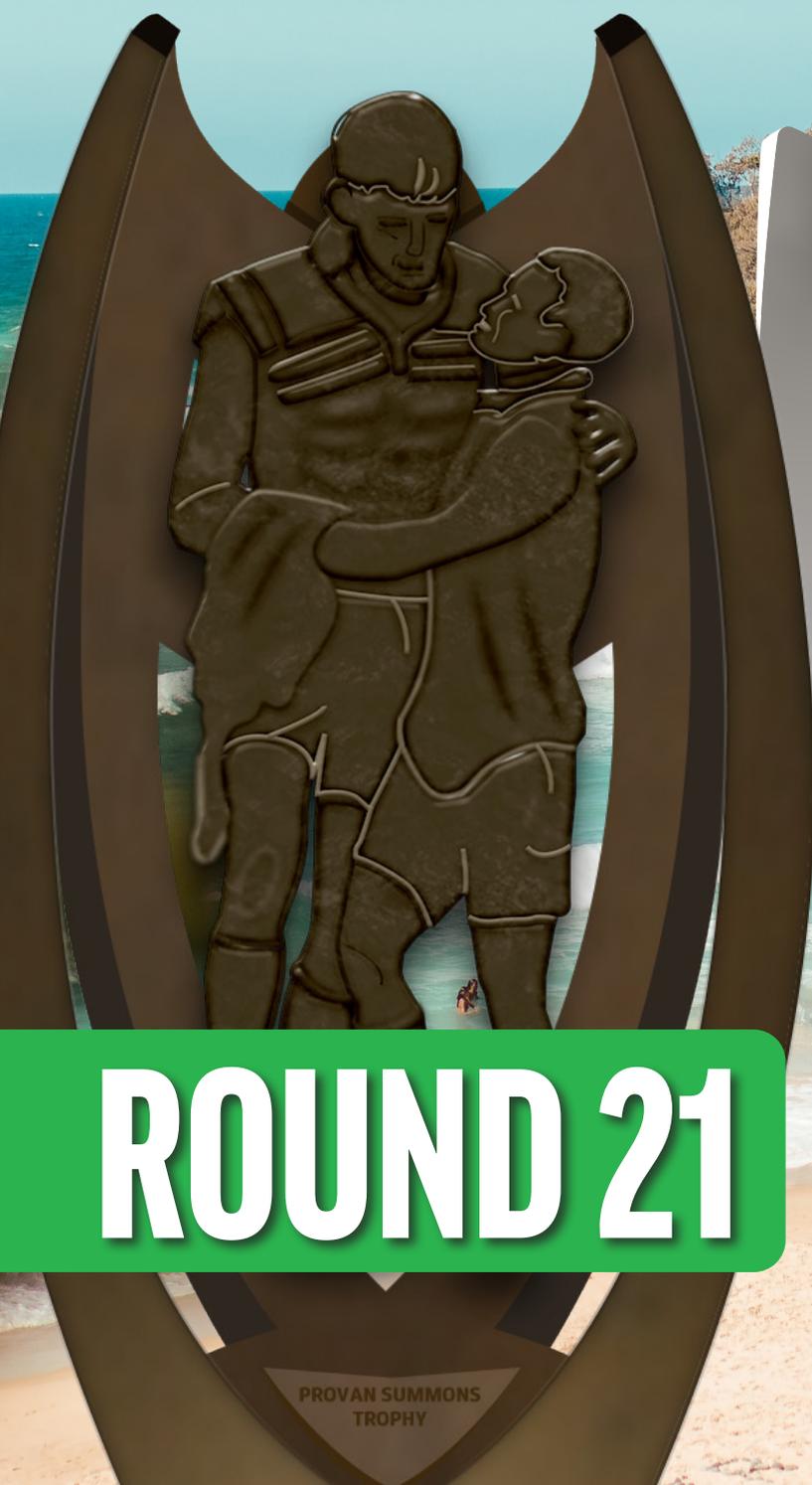


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ROUND 21



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FROM THE UK

MEN'S CHALLENGE CUP Semi Finals
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FROM THE NSWRL

NSW CUP Round 21
JERSEY FLEGG Round 21
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SYDNEY SHIELD Round 17

FROM THE QRL

Hostplus Cup and Hastings Deering Colts are both currently on hiatus.

We're keeping it simple in 2023!

This year, The Front Row will simply contain the programme for each round. We will occasionally have feature stories, but for now, the focus is fully on this online zine acting as a match companion.

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THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA v WESTS TIGERS
7:50PM @ WIN



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FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023
WARRIORS v CANBERRA
6:00PM @ GO MEDIA



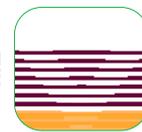
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SOUTH SYDNEY v BRISBANE
8:00PM @ SUNSHINE COAST



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SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023
GOLD COAST v NORTH QUEENSLAND
12:50PM @ CBUS SUPER



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GOLD COAST v SYDNEY
3:00PM @ CBUS SUPER



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NEWCASTLE v ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA
3:10PM @ McDONALD JONES



NRLW



NEWCASTLE v MELBOURNE
5:30PM @ McDONALD JONES



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NORTH QUEENSLAND v PARRAMATTA
7:35PM @ QLD COUNTRY BANK



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BRISBANE v SYDNEY
7:45PM @ SUNSHINE COAST



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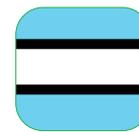
SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023
PARRAMATTA v WESTS TIGERS
12:50PM @ COMMBANK



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CRONULLA v CANBERRA
1:50PM @ POINTSBET



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PENRITH v CANTERBURY
2:00PM @ BLUEBET



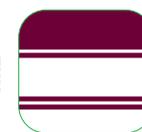
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CRONULLA v MANLY
4:05PM @ POINTSBET



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NRL BYE **DOLPHINS**

NRL 2023 LADDER & LEADERS AFTER ROUND 20

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

Pos	Team	Home							Away							Total								
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	PD
1.	PENRITH	7	5	2	-	174	81	93	10	7	3	-	247	137	110	17	12	5	-	3	421	218	30	+203
2.	BRISBANE	9	5	4	-	198	167	31	9	8	1	-	238	154	84	18	13	5	-	2	436	321	30	+115
3.	MELBOURNE	9	6	3	-	224	162	62	8	5	3	-	178	161	17	17	11	6	-	3	402	323	28	+79
4.	CANBERRA	8	5	3	-	167	235	-68	9	6	3	-	209	196	13	17	11	6	-	3	376	431	28	-55
5.	WARRIORS	9	5	4	-	166	146	20	9	6	3	-	270	180	90	18	11	7	-	2	436	326	26	+110
6.	CRONULLA	9	5	4	-	268	165	103	8	5	3	-	201	202	-1	17	10	7	-	3	469	367	26	+102
7.	PARRAMATTA	10	6	4	-	237	194	43	8	4	4	-	238	184	54	18	10	8	-	2	475	378	24	+97
8.	SOUTHS	8	3	5	-	143	184	-41	10	7	3	-	305	172	133	18	10	8	-	2	448	356	24	+92
9.	NORTH QLD	9	7	2	-	283	169	114	9	3	6	-	154	219	-65	18	10	8	-	2	437	388	24	+49
10.	NEWCASTLE	8	5	3	-	217	170	47	9	2	6	1	190	195	-5	17	7	9	1	3	407	365	21	+42
11.	MANLY	10	5	4	1	229	207	22	7	2	5	-	116	173	-57	17	7	9	1	3	345	380	21	-35
12.	GOLD COAST	7	4	3	-	187	200	-13	10	3	7	-	212	233	-21	17	7	10	-	3	399	433	20	-34
13.	DOLPHINS	9	4	5	-	178	220	-42	9	4	5	-	211	260	-49	18	8	10	-	2	389	480	20	-91
14.	SYDNEY	9	5	4	-	166	200	-34	8	2	6	-	112	184	-72	17	7	10	-	3	278	384	20	-106
15.	CANTERBURY	10	3	7	-	175	339	-164	8	3	5	-	138	210	-72	18	6	12	-	2	313	549	16	-236
16.	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA	8	4	4	-	198	224	-26	9	-	9	-	160	271	-111	17	4	13	-	3	358	495	14	-137
17.	WESTS TIGERS	9	2	7	-	181	204	-23	8	1	7	-	88	260	-172	17	3	14	-	3	269	464	12	-195

TOP TRYSKORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Dominic YOUNG	Newcastle	16	18
2	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA	Gold Coast	16	17
3	Clinton GUTHERSON	Parramatta	17	16
	Maika SIVO	Parramatta	18	16
5	Jamayne ISAAKO	Dolphins	18	15
	Ronaldo MULITALO	Cronulla	17	15
	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	Dolphins	15	15
	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	Warriors	12	15
9	Selwyn COBBO	Brisbane	16	14
	Campbell GRAHAM	Souths	15	14
	Alex JOHNSTON	Souths	17	14
12	William KENNEDY	Cronulla	17	13
	Mikaele RAVALAWA	St Geo Illa	14	13
14	Xavier COATES	Melbourne	15	12
	Greg MARZHEW	Newcastle	13	12
16	Herbie FARNWORTH	Brisbane	18	11
	Will WARBRICK	Melbourne	17	11

TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G	Att	%
1	Tanah BOYD	Gold Coast	17	63	79	80%
	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla	14	63	79	80%
3	Valentine HOLMES	North QLD	16	62	75	83%
	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	15	62	76	82%
5	Shaun JOHNSON	Warriors	18	61	77	79%
6	Nick MEANEY	Melbourne	16	60	74	81%
7	Adam REYNOLDS	Brisbane	17	58	78	74%
8	Jamayne ISAAKO	Dolphins	18	56	76	74%
9	Jarrold CROKER	Canberra	11	50	57	88%
10	Reuben GARRICK	Manly	16	49	61	80%
11	Zac LOMAX	St Geo Illa	15	46	69	67%
12	Latrell MITCHELL	Souths	12	41	57	72%
13	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	12	40	45	89%
	Matt BURTON	Canterbury	17	40	50	80%
15	Brandon WAKEHAM	Wests Tigers	14	26	30	87%
16	Lachlan MILLER	Newcastle	11	23	33	70%
17	Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	14	20	24	83%
	Blake TAAFFE	Souths	11	20	29	69%
19	Joseph SUAALI'I	Sydney	13	18	23	78%
20	Sam WALKER	Sydney	6	17	23	74%

TOP POINTSCORERS

^ denotes 1 x two point field goal

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Jamayne ISAAKO	Dolphins	18	15	56	1	173
2	Valentine HOLMES	North QLD	16	8	62	1	158
3	Nick MEANEY	Melbourne	16	8	60	-	152
4	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	15	5	62	3	147
5	Shaun JOHNSON	Warriors	18	6	61	-	146
6	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla	14	4	63	1	143
7	Tanah BOYD	Gold Coast	17	2	63	1	135
8	Reuben GARRICK	Manly	16	9	49	-	134
9	Adam REYNOLDS	Brisbane	17	3	58	3	132
10	Latrell MITCHELL	Souths	12	9	41	1	119
11	Zac LOMAX	St George Illawarra	15	5	46	-	112
12	Jarrold CROKER	Canberra	11	2	50	-	108
13	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	12	3	40	5	98
14	Matt BURTON	Canterbury	17	4	40	1	97
15	Clinton GUTHERSON	Parramatta	17	16	9	-	82
16	Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	14	8	20	-	72
	Dominic YOUNG	Newcastle	16	18	-	-	72
18	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA	Gold Coast	16	17	-	-	68
19	Maika SIVO	Parramatta	18	16	-	-	64

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

WESTS TIGERS

VENUE	WIN STADIUM	Ben CUMMINS	REFEREE
LOCATION	DHARAWAL WOLLONGONG, NSW	Damian BRADY, Phil HENDERSON	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023 7:50PM AEST	Kasey BADGER	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
16	6	-	-	24	21	Tyrell SLOAN 1
17	4	-	-	16	22	Mathew FEAGAI 2
16	2	-	-	8	25	Moses SULI 3
15	5	46	-	112	23	Zac LOMAX 4
14	13	-	-	52	25	Mikaele RAVALAWA 5
12	-	-	-	-	21	Talatau AMONE 6
15	6	-	-	24	33	Ben HUNT 7
12	1	-	-	4	28	Francis MOLO 8
15	3	-	-	12	26	Jacob LIDDLE 9
15	2	-	-	8	26	Blake LAWRIE 10
3	-	-	-	-	24	Billy BURNS 11
1	-	-	-	-	27	Daniel RUSSELL 12
13	1	-	-	4	32	Jack DE BELIN 13
14	-	1	-	2	29	Moses MBYE 14
12	1	-	-	4	26	Michael MOLO 15
12	2	-	-	8	19	Toby COUCHMAN 16
12	2	1	-	10	28	Jack BIRD 17
6	1	-	-	4	27	Zane MUSGROVE 18
-	-	-	-	-	-	Sione FINAU 19
-	-	-	-	-	19	Ryan COUCHMAN 20
3	1	-	-	4	22	Max FEAGAI 21
7	1	-	-	4	24	Jaiyden HUNT 22

Ryan CARR

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	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1 Jahream BULA	21	11	5	-	-	20
2 David NOFOALUMA	29	11	4	-	-	16
3 Starford TO'A	23	14	5	-	-	20
4 Tommy TALAU	23	11	1	-	-	4
5 Junior TUPOU	20	15	4	-	-	16
6 Daine LAURIE	23	4	1	-	-	4
7 Brandon WAKEHAM	24	14	2	26	-	60
8 Stefano UTOIKAMANU	23	16	2	-	-	8
9 Apisai KOROISAU	30	14	3	2	-	16
10 David KLEMMER	29	17	1	-	-	4
11 Isaiah PAPALI'I	24	16	1	-	-	4
12 John BATEMAN	29	14	2	-	-	8
13 Shawn BLORE	22	10	1	-	-	4
14 Tallyn DA SILVA	18	3	-	-	-	-
15 Fonua POLE	21	16	2	-	-	8
16 Alex SEYFARTH	24	8	-	-	-	-
17 Alex TWAL	27	16	1	-	-	4
18 Aitasi JAMES	22	1	-	-	-	-
19 Jake SIMPKIN	21	15	1	-	-	4
20 Will SMITH	31	2	-	-	-	-
21 Asu KEPAOA	23	15	3	-	-	12
22 Justin MATAMUA	20	1	-	-	-	-

Tim SHEENS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	PENALTIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SCRUMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SET RESTARTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

BROADCAST

WATCH	NINE NETWORK, 9NOW, FOX LEAGUE, KAYO SPORTS
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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HEAD TO HEAD: 2000 - 2023

	TOTAL	ST GEO ILLA	WESTS TIGERS	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	43	22	21	0
WIN STADIUM	6	2	4	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 8	WESTS TIGERS 16-8	WIN Stadium	12,323
2021	Round 12	WESTS TIGERS 34-18	Bankwest Stadium	9,982
2022	Round 8	ST GEO ILLA 12-6	WIN Stadium	16,110
2022	Round 24	ST GEO ILLA 24-22	Commbank Stadium	9,789
2023	Round 10	WESTS TIGERS 18-16	Suncorp Stadium	34,568

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2004	Round 15	ST GEO ILLA 50-0	Kogarah Oval	16,915
2019	Round 24	WESTS TIGERS 42-14	Sydney Cricket Ground	9,136

THINGS TO KNOW

- Stefano UTOIKAMANU will play his 50th NRL game.
- David NOFOALUMA has 99 tries for Wests Tigers
- There have been just 2 previous games between 16th and 17th on the ladder which was also a game between last and second last. On both those occasions, in 1999, Wests lost.
- Across their last 6 NRL games, the Tigers have conceded 220 points and the Dragons 218.
- The Tigers have won 4 of their 6 games against the Dragons at WIN Stadium.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
ST GEO ILLA	CRONULLA L 16-52	CANBERRA L 26-36	BYE
WESTS TIGERS	NORTH QLD L 0-74	CRONULLA L 12-36	NEWCASTLE L 18-34

THE RUN HOME

ST GEO ILLA
MANLY (H, WIN), PARRAMATTA (A), SOUTHS (A, BARLOW), MELBOURNE (H, WIN), WARRIORS (A), NEWCASTLE (H, NETSTRATA)
WESTS TIGERS
SOUTHS (H, TAMWORTH), CANBERRA (A), WARRIORS (H, WAIKATO), DOLPHINS (H, COMMBANK), SYDNEY (A), MANLY (A)

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THE PREVIEW

with Rob CROSBY

Spoonbowl, MMXXIII edition

The St George Illawarra Dragons and the Wests Tigers have engaged in a number of epic encounters etched in the annals of history since the turn of the new millennium.

Thursday night in Wollongong is unlikely to be one of them.

Entrenched at the bottom of the ladder in 16th and 17th respectively, the two joint ventures have endured dismal campaigns marred by off-field drama and even greater on-field mediocrity.

Returning to WIN Stadium following a bye last weekend, the St George Illawarra Dragons will be intent on stiffening their defensive resolve after conceding 45 points on average in their past three appearances.

Losing their past three matches in Wollongong, including a 36-26 defeat at the hands of the Raiders prior to last week's bye, interim coach Ryan Carr will welcome back Ben Hunt and Tyrell Sloan in the spine, while Jack Bird has been recalled on the bench with rookie Daniel Russell starting in the second-row for the first time.

Enduring a horror run since June with their only points over the past seven weeks coming via a bye, the Wests Tigers will be desperate to avoid falling into irreversible danger of collecting a second straight wooden spoon.

Winning five of their past seven clashes against the Dragons, coach Tim Sheens has responded to last week's

34-18 defeat at the hands of the Knights by elevating David Nofoluma, Daine Laurie and Tallyn Da Silva into the side in place of Asu Kepaoo, Will Smith and Jake Simpkin.

Shawn Blore will start at lock ahead of Fonua Pole, while Stefano Utoikamanu will make his 50th appearance in first grade in the front-row.

Facing the Dragons in Wollongong for the fourth year in succession, the Tigers hold a strong record at WIN Stadium with four wins from six appearances over the past two decades.

WHO TO WATCH: St George Illawarra hooker Jacob Liddle will have no shortage of motivation when he comes up against his former club for the first time on Thursday evening. Playing 74 games for the Wests-Balmain merger over the course of seven seasons, the 26-year-old Central Coast junior has been a solid contributor in his first year wearing the Red V with four try assists and 31 tackles on average each week. Penning an extended deal with the club for the next three seasons, a strong performance from Liddle will be vital if the Dragons are to avoid the prospect of claiming their first wooden spoon.

Making an impact since returning to the top grade last month, Tigers second-rower Shawn Blore will be hoping to taste the spoils of victory for the first time in 23 months. Beginning the year with high expectations after missing the entirety of 2022 with a knee injury, the 22-year-old Penrith junior has made his presence known with reduced minutes off the bench over the past fortnight. Currently contracted until the end of next season, Blore, named at lock for the first time, shapes as a key figure in the Tigers bid to post their fourth win of the season.

FAVOURITE: Despite winning just two out of seven matches since parting ways with Anthony Griffin mid-season, the Dragons are expected to account for their lowly opponents.

MY TIP: Thursday is the moment millions of fans from around the world have been waiting for with anticipation - the release of Barbie. Also, one of two mediocre teams will fail upwards to a win. Dragons by 10 (but your time would be better spent seeing Barbie).



WARRIORS

CANBERRA RAIDERS

VENUE	GO MEDIA STADIUM	Todd SMITH	REFEREE
LOCATION	AOTEAROA PENROSE, NZ	Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI, Drew OULTRAM	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023 8:00PM NZT 6:00PM AEST	Matt NOYEN	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
16	4	-	-	16	27	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	1
12	15	-	-	60	27	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2
7	2	-	-	8	22	Rocco BERRY	3
18	3	2	-	16	24	Adam POMPEY	4
18	8	-	-	32	27	Marcelo MONTOYA	5
7	5	1	-	22	24	Luke METCALF	6
18	6	61	-	146	32	Shaun JOHNSON	7
18	6	-	-	24	27	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8
14	5	-	-	20	26	Wayde EGAN	9
17	1	-	-	4	26	Bunty AFOA	10
16	3	-	-	12	25	Jackson FORD	11
13	1	-	-	4	26	Marata NIUKORE	12
15	-	-	-	-	31	Tohu HARRIS	13
15	2	-	-	8	28	Dylan WALKER	14
8	2	-	-	8	29	Mitchell BARNETT	15
18	1	-	-	4	24	Tom ALE	16
10	-	-	-	-	22	Freddy LUSSICK	17
15	1	-	-	4	26	Bayley SIRONEN	18
14	4	-	-	16	24	Joshua CURRAN	20
2	1	-	-	4	21	Ronald VOLKMAN	21
2	-	-	-	-	23	Taine TUAUPIKI	22
5	1	-	-	4	20	Viliani VAILEA	23

Andrew WEBSTER

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1	24	16	5	-	-	20
2	22	15	8	-	-	32
3	32	11	2	50	-	108
4	23	17	8	-	-	32
5	33	13	7	-	-	28
6	30	15	6	-	-	24
7	29	16	3	16	2	46
8	31	12	1	-	-	4
9	26	13	-	-	-	-
10	29	16	1	-	-	4
11	25	16	6	-	-	24
12	33	15	2	-	-	8
13	25	16	3	-	-	12
14	25	17	2	-	-	8
15	25	17	1	-	-	4
16	24	16	-	-	-	-
17	21	9	1	-	-	4
18	28	4	1	-	1	6
19	24	7	1	-	-	4
20	21	2	-	-	-	-
21	21	-	-	-	-	-
22	18	-	-	-	-	-

Ricky STUART

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HEAD TO HEAD: 1995 - 2023

	TOTAL	WARRIORS	CANBERRA	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	49	23	26	0
GO MEDIA STDM.	20	12	8	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 3	WARRIORS 34-31	GIO Stadium Canberra	13,456
2021	Round 24	CANBERRA 28-16	BB Print Stadium	4,079
2022	Round 8	WARRIORS 21-20	Moreton Daily Stadium	6,326
2022	Round 19	CANBERRA 26-14	GIO Stadium Canberra	11,915
2023	Round 15	WARRIORS 36-14	GIO Stadium Canberra	21,082

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	Round 9	WARRIORS 54-12	Eden Park	18,165
2000	Round 5	CANBERRA 56-12	Canberra Stadium	8,170

THINGS TO KNOW

- Jackson FORD will play his 50th NRL game.
- Matt FRAWLEY's next match will be his 50th NRL game.
- Jamal FOGARTY has 147 Goals in NRL
- The Warriors have won 12 of their last 18 games against the Raiders at Mt Smart Stadium.
- This will be the 50th contest between these two sides.
- Canberra have won 10 of their last 12 NRL games.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
WARRIORS	SOUTH SYDNEY L 6-28	PARRAMATTA W 46-10	CRONULLA W 44-12
CANBERRA	GOLD COAST W 26-22	ST GEO ILLA W 36-26	BYE

THE RUN HOME

WARRIORS
BYE, GOLD COAST (A), WESTS TIGERS (A, WAIKATO), MANLY (H), ST GEO ILLA (H), DOLPHINS (A)
CANBERRA
NEWCASTLE (H), WESTS TIGERS (H), MELBOURNE (A), CANTERBURY (H), BRISBANE (H), CRONULLA (A)

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THE PREVIEW

with Tim COSTELLO

These two clubs... the real deal?

Despite the short turnaround for the Warriors, this game has all the hallmarks of an absolute CRACKER. The 'Wahs' are in fine form, having won five of their last six - a run which included a win over the Raiders at GIO. Canberra. The Raiders are the same - five of their last six and the only loss was indeed at home to the Warriors.

That game in early June was a big one - Jarrod Croker's much-celebrated 300th game, but the visiting side that day ruined the party with a comfortable 36-14 victory.

As a whole, the Warriors' form is something special. They obliterated Cronulla at home on Sunday and veteran half Shaun Johnson shone once again, proving why he is justifiably leading our LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year Standings with seven rounds remaining. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak was elite, scoring a brace. The week before, they duly ran up a score against (an albeit weakened) Parramatta - away from home no less - and save for a 28-6 loss to Souths, also topped 40+ in flogging the Dragons just one month ago.

Canberra... well, they're similarly looking good, at least on the ladder. Some of their form though? Questionable. In defeating the Dragons in Wollongong a fortnight ago, they nearly gave up a 30-10 lead in the second half, allowing the Red V to surge back to a final score of 36-26 - at one point that margin as close as four points.

In the fortnight prior, the Green Machine picked up narrow wins over two teams who are currently on

struggle street - 26-22 over Gold Coast and 20-18 over Sydney. It paints a bleak picture for the men from the capital if they're stuck in a contest with an electric Warriors outfit, should that form continue.

Both teams are set to welcome back some big names in the forwards. The Warriors have Marata Niukore back following a multi-week suspension, along with Bunty Afoa who was stood down under concussion protocols. Ale and Barnett are benched with Curran dropping to reserves and Bayley Sironen out completely.

Canberra have retired rep forward Josh Papali'i back on deck at prop, as well as Queensland rep Corey Horsburgh in the back row, as well as Pasami Saulo on the bench. Ata Mariota drops to the bench, Frawley and Mooney the reserves and Peter Hola is out of the 22 altogether.

WHO TO WATCH: The aforementioned Shaun Johnson is having an absolutely superb season, 18 months into his return to his homeland club. The 32-year-old played his 200th game for the club in last Sunday's victory over Cronulla, and is also celebrating the birth of their second child, Sachi, on Friday. The spearhead of Andrew Webster's revolution at Mt Smart, Johnson's continued top-drawer efforts heading into September could be the key to unlocking - dare I say it - a maiden Warriors title.

Things are a bit different for the bloke wearing the famous Canberra #6. Jack Wighton is already signed and sealed for the South Sydney Rabbitohs next season, but as a professional footballer, that shouldn't stop him being an important part of the Raiders' charge to September. In spite of their patchy form, the Green Machine are picking up wins left, right, centre and ugly to ensure they sit among the top four contenders and it's players like Wighton and halves partner Fogarty who'll be charged with delivering on the promise this team has been offering for several seasons now.

FAVOURITE: At home and in special form, the Warriors are well-backed to get the dub in front of a rowdy home crowd.

MY TIP: Based on form lines and how their last clash played out, the boys from across the ditch just look too irresistible not to tip. I'm backing the Warriors by 10.

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

BRISBANE BRONCOS

VENUE	SUNSHINE COAST STADIUM	Ashley KLEIN	REFEREE	
LOCATION	KABI KABI BOKARINA, QLD	Chris SUTTON, Wyatt RAYMOND	TOUCH JUDGES	
DAY & TIME	FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023 8:00PM AEST	Gerard SUTTON	NRL BUNKER	

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
12	9	41	1	119	26	Latrell MITCHELL 1
17	14	-	-	56	28	Alex JOHNSTON 2
17	6	-	-	24	23	Isaiah TASS 3
15	14	-	-	56	24	Campbell GRAHAM 4
10	2	-	-	8	28	Taane MILNE 5
16	8	-	-	32	33	Cody WALKER 6
18	3	-	1	13	23	Lachlan ILIAS 7
13	-	-	-	-	26	Tevita TATOLA 8
17	2	-	-	8	32	Damien COOK 9
14	1	-	-	4	26	Hame SELE 10
12	4	-	-	16	25	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI 11
8	-	-	-	-	27	Jai ARROW 12
15	2	-	-	8	25	Cameron MURRAY 13
11	3	20	-	52	24	Blake TAAFFE 14
3	-	-	-	-	30	Siliva HAVILI 15
13	1	-	-	4	31	Thomas BURGESS 16
13	3	-	-	12	26	Jacob HOST 17
13	1	-	-	4	26	Jed CARTWRIGHT 18
2	1	-	-	4	-	Tallis DUNCAN 19
2	-	-	-	-	22	Peter MAMOUZELOS 20
12	-	-	-	-	20	Davvy MOALE 21
2	-	2	-	4	24	Dean HAWKINS 22

Jason DEMETRIOU

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	20	14	4	2	-	20
2	24	14	7	-	-	28
3	24	18	8	-	-	32
4	23	18	11	-	-	44
5	21	16	14	-	-	56
6	20	17	9	-	-	36
7	32	17	3	58	3	132
8	26	11	-	-	-	-
9	29	18	2	-	-	8
10	23	15	1	-	-	4
11	29	16	5	-	-	20
12	21	6	2	-	-	8
13	25	16	-	-	-	-
14	24	4	-	-	-	-
15	29	16	-	-	-	-
16	24	12	-	-	-	-
17	33	18	-	-	-	-
18	20	2	3	-	-	12
19	23	2	-	-	-	-
20	20	3	1	-	-	4
21	25	3	-	-	-	-
22	29	-	-	-	-	-

Kevin WALTERS

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SET RESTARTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

BROADCAST

WATCH	NINE NETWORK, 9NOW, FOX LEAGUE, KAYO SPORTS
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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HEAD TO HEAD: 1988 - 2023

	TOTAL	SOUTH SYDNEY	BRISBANE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	47	15	31	1
SUN. COAST	0	0	0	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 5	SOUTH SYDNEY 35-6	ANZ Stadium	9,142
2021	Round 15	SOUTH SYDNEY 46-0	Suncorp Stadium	19,176
2022	Round 1	BRISBANE 11-4	Suncorp Stadium	32,002
2022	Round 9	BRISBANE 32-12	Accor Stadium	9,242
2023	Round 9	SOUTH SYDNEY 32-6	Suncorp Stadium	40,102

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 15	SOUTH SYDNEY 46-0	Suncorp Stadium	19,176
1995	Round 20	BRISBANE 56-6	QEII Stadium	24,801

THINGS TO KNOW

- Adam REYNOLDS has 47 NRL tries
- Kotoni STAGGS has 48 NRL goals
- Souths have conceded 209 points in their last 7 NRL games.
- Souths have won 6 of their last 9 games against the Broncos. It took them 27 clashes to record their first 6 wins against Brisbane.
- 14 points need to be scored in this game to record 1000 points scored at this venue.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
SOUTH SYDNEY	WARRIORS W 28-6	CANTERBURY L 32-36	BYE
BRISBANE	DOLPHINS W 24-16	BYE	CANTERBURY W 44-24

THE RUN HOME

SOUTH SYDNEY
WESTS TIGERS (A, TAMWORTH), CRONULLA (H, OPTUS), ST GEO ILLA (H, BARLOW), NEWCASTLE (A), BYE, SYDNEY (H)
BRISBANE
SYDNEY (H, GABBA), NORTH QLD (A), PARRAMATTA (H, GABBA), BYE, CANBERRA (A), MELBOURNE (H)

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THE PREVIEW

with Beth NICHOLLS

The Rabbitohs bring the Broncos to the Sunshine Coast Stadium for a game at their game away from home for the weekend. South Sydney are working on solidifying a top eight position, whilst Brisbane are looking to uphold their top four position and not have a repeat of the 2022 season.

Coming off their second bye of the season, the Rabbitohs are fresh and will be looking to right their wrongs after losing to the Bulldogs during Round 19 with an Origin and injury depleted side.

South Sydney have an extreme boost to their side with a plethora of players returning from injury and Origin duties. Latrell Mitchell returns to play his first game since Round 12 due to suffering a calf injury, along with Campbell Graham and Jai Arrow who spent some time on the sidelines due to respective sternum and ankle injuries. Cody Walker, Damien Cook, Keaton Koloamatangi and Cameron Murray all return to the side after being rested in Round 19 due to Origin duties; meaning that Blake Taaffe, Siliva Havili and Thomas Burgess all move to the bench alongside Jacob Host who is returning from a suspension.

The Broncos continue to put pressure on reigning minor premiers + premiers, the Penrith Panthers, where they continue to keep knocking on the doorsteps of number one position on the ladder, currently only set apart by for and against differences. Although putting on an attacking masterclass against the Bulldogs, they also managed to leak 24 points at Belmore, meaning that if Brisbane wants to prove themselves and progress through into finals, they need to make some defensive improvements during the backend of the home-and-away season.

Reece Walsh returns to the side after serving a three-match suspension, along with his other QLD Origin representative gun, Patrick Carrigan, who was rested following Origin III. Payne Haas also returns to the side following an ankle injury, which provides a boost to their forward pack. These changes mean that Tristan

Sailor drops out of the starting 17 and Corey Jensen returns to the bench. Star halfback Adam Reynolds has been named to play despite picking up a wrist concern in the final ten minutes of the game last week.

After a grim meeting earlier this season for the Broncos between these two sides, Brisbane will be looking to right their wrongs and attempt to claim victory at the Sunshine Coast, the stadium where the Rabbitohs have managed to win four from four matches. In favour of the Broncos, they have only lost one match away from home so far this season and will be attempting to continue this almost perfect record.

This matchup is a close one, with the Broncos leading the competition in tackle breaks with a total of 714, Rabbitohs leading with 89 line break assists and both sides in the top five for total tries scored; South Sydney totalling 80 and Brisbane totalling 77.

WHO TO WATCH Rabbitohs five-eighth, Cody Walker, has totalled 20 try assists in 16 games this season, and it will be no surprise if he passes his record for a single season, which was 33 in 2021. Walker is an integral player to the South-Sydney side and is fresh off a stellar performance in the third Origin game, where he was named POTM and made a try assist. Alongside the strong Rabbitohs backs, it'll be interesting to see what performance he will put on come Friday night.

Having been Brisbane club's key signing for 2022, Adam Reynolds is continuing to show how is not yet approaching his end of career time. Having assisted with 15 tries this season and scoring three of his own, Reynolds is one of the Broncos stellar players who continues to bring class, experience and impressive plays. It's a joy to watch him play, especially when coming up against his former club.

FAVOURITE Rabbitohs are favoured to get themselves back into the winning circle and add another two points to their count for the season.

MY TIP Both sides are given boosts with the return of many star players, most notably Reece Walsh and Latrell Mitchell for the Broncos and Rabbitohs respectively. With both teams sporting starting sides filled with superstar spine and forward players, I believe it will be a close and exciting game. However, the Broncos were given a reality check the last time they faced the Rabbitohs this season, and I don't think they will let history repeat themselves. (I also just cannot face the Broncos losing ^o^) Broncos by 4.

GOLD COAST TITANS SYDNEY ROOSTERS

VENUE	CBUS SUPER STADIUM	Adam GEE	REFEREE
LOCATION	YUGAMBEH ROBINA, QLD	Michael WISE, Dave MUNRO	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023 3:00PM AEST	Ashley KLEIN	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
9	2	-	-	8	24	AJ BRIMSON	1
16	17	-	-	68	21	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA	2
14	4	-	-	16	27	Brian KELLY	3
11	2	-	-	8	20	Sosefo FIFITA	4
16	10	-	-	40	25	Phillip SAMI	5
14	3	-	-	12	32	Kieran FORAN	6
17	2	63	1	135	22	Tanah BOYD	7
16	-	-	-	-	23	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	8
8	1	-	-	4	24	Sam VERRILLS	9
17	1	-	-	4	32	Isaac LIU	10
15	6	-	-	24	23	David FIFITA	11
8	2	-	-	8	21	Klese HAAS	12
16	-	-	-	-	25	Erin CLARK	13
17	3	-	-	12	23	Jayden CAMPBELL	14
15	2	-	-	8	27	Chris RANDALL	15
16	1	-	-	4	27	Joe STIMSON	16
2	-	-	-	-	24	Jacob ALICK	17
9	1	-	-	4	21	Iszac FA'ASUAMALEAUI	18
13	2	-	-	8	22	Aaron SCHOUPP	19
-	-	-	-	-	28	Ken MAUMALO	20
6	1	-	-	4	27	Kruise LEEMING	21
1	-	-	-	-	25	Thomas MIKAELE	22

Jim LENIHAN

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COACH

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	James TEDESCO	30	14	7	-	-	28
2	Daniel TUPOU	32	12	6	-	-	24
3	Billy SMITH	23	7	-	-	-	-
4	Joseph MANU	27	14	5	-	-	20
5	Joseph SUA'ALI'I	19	13	2	18	-	44
6	Luke KEARY	31	17	5	3	2	28
7	Sandon SMITH	20	6	-	6	-	12
8	Jared WAAREA-HARGREAVES	34	13	-	-	-	-
9	Jake TURPIN	26	13	-	-	-	-
10	Lindsay COLLINS	27	16	1	-	-	4
11	Victor RADLEY	25	13	1	-	-	4
12	Nat BUTCHER	25	15	2	-	-	8
13	Nathan BROWN	30	7	-	-	-	-
14	Brandon SMITH	27	12	2	-	-	8
15	Egan BUTCHER	23	15	1	-	-	4
16	Joshua WONG	20	2	1	-	-	4
17	Terrell MAY	24	8	-	-	-	-
18	Corey ALLAN	25	10	1	-	-	4
19	Dylan NAPA	30	-	-	-	-	-
20	Drew HUTCHISON	28	14	2	-	-	8
21	Fetalaiga PAUGA	27	6	2	-	-	8
22	Fletcher BAKER	23	7	-	-	-	-

Trent ROBINSON

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	PENALTIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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HEAD TO HEAD: 2007 - 2022

	TOTAL	GOLD COAST	SYDNEY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	23	8	15	0
CBUS SUPER	7	2	5	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2019	Round 20	SYDNEY 58-6	Sydney Cricket Ground	9,763
2020	Round 12	SYDNEY 18-12	Sydney Cricket Ground	3,149
2021	Round 14	SYDNEY 35-34	Cbus Super Stadium	15,111
2021	Elim Final	SYDNEY 25-24	QLD Country Bank	15,237
2022	Round 9	SYDNEY 44-16	BB Print Stadium	5,527

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2012	Round 21	GOLD COAST 36-16	Allianz Stadium	8,134
2016	Round 10	GOLD COAST 26-6	Cbus Super Stadium	9,363
2019	Round 20	SYDNEY 58-6	Sydney Cricket Ground	9,763

THE PREVIEW

with Adam HUXTABLE

Titans, Roosters Facing Yet Another Must Win Game In Underwhelming Respective Seasons

It feels like every week we find ourselves saying something along the lines of "this is it, the Roosters simply have to win this week or they are finished." This is then followed by the Roosters throwing out yet another uninspiring performance en route to a loss that puts them one step closer to missing their first finals series since 2016.

It just doesn't make sense for the Roosters to be playing this badly. They were absolutely insipid against Melbourne last week, basically giving up as soon as the Storm scored their second try, and it wasn't the first time this year the players have looked like they'd rather be anywhere else than on the football field.

It's expected for the collapse of the Roosters to be getting wall to wall coverage considering they were right up there in everyone's predictions for the premiership this season, but what's gone under the radar a bit has been the Titans season slipping through their fingers over the last few weeks to the point where it's essentially over now.

Coming off a boomer win against the table topping Broncos, the Gold Coast looked primed to have a genuine stab at returning to the top 8 for the second time in three seasons. Since then, they have lost by four points, two points and one point, and the argument could be made that they played better than the Raiders, Dolphins and Eels respectively in all three heartbreaking defeats.

While the results haven't gone the Titans way, they should draw encouragement from the fact they've been so close, especially considering they were thrown the curveball of coach Holbrook being sacked mid-season. With Des Hasler coming on board next year, there's no reason the Gold Coast can't iron out the kinks and be a real force in 2024.

THINGS TO KNOW

- David FIFITA will play his 100th NRL game
- The Roosters have won 2 of their last 9 games - their worst run since 2016.
- The Roosters have scored 5 or more tries in a game just once in their last 20 games.
- The Titans have scored 20 points and lost in all of their last 3 games.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
GOLD COAST	CANBERRA L 22-26	DOLPHINS L 21-23	PARRAMATTA L 24-25
SYDNEY	MANLY L 16-18	BYE	MELBOURNE L 16-30

THE RUN HOME

GOLD COAST
NORTH QLD (H), WARRIORS (H), CRONULLA (A), PENRITH (H), MELBOURNE (A), CANTERBURY (H)
SYDNEY
BRISBANE (A, GABBA), MANLY (H, SCG), DOLPHINS (H), PARRAMATTA (A), WESTS TIGERS (H), SOUTHS (A)

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When both these sides take the field on Saturday, they'll have very little to play for other than pride. The Titans, when they're on, are one of the more exciting attacking teams to watch, while the Roosters have recently improved their defence (albeit from a low bar). It won't be a display of high-quality Rugby League, but at the very least it should be close and entertaining, and really, what more can you ask for?

WHO TO WATCH: With reports that the Gold Coast are chasing representative player Ben Hunt to be their halfback from 2024, the stakes for current Titans number 7 Tanah Boyd are among the highest of any player on the paddock. After a rocky first half of the season, Boyd has really come into his own recently, playing a critical role in the aforementioned victory over Brisbane while also starring in the recent losses, kicking a game tying field goal against the Dolphins and scoring a go-ahead try against the Eels. He'll never be a flashy player that wins you a game on his own, but there are plenty of teams out there that could use someone in his mould who knows how to take a team around the park and make the best possible decision on a consistent basis. He's also probably the best goal kicker in the NRL.

For the Roosters, one of their few bright spots in last weeks flogging at the hands of Melbourne was the performance of young bench forward Siua Wong. For months now, Wong has been tearing it up in NSW cup, virtually begging to get a chance in the struggling first grade side. He gave a good account of himself in limited minutes against Manly a few weeks ago, averaging over 10 metres per hit up but also missing three tackles. Last week against the Storm he was again given small minutes that came when the game was already over, but did basically all he could to get a crack at a longer stint this week, again averaging over 10 metres per hit up to go with a line break, tackle break and 12 tackles with no misses. He also ran a good line to score a late consolation try. With the season essentially over for Easts, coach Robinson doesn't have much to lose by giving the likes of Wong more minutes and seeing what he can do with them.

FAVOURITE: The Roosters are 3-point favourites over the Titans at the time of writing.

MY TIP: The Titans are a great attacking team that have gone close against some decent opposition over their last three games, and they're at home against a side that last scored more than 20-points against a top-14 team in round 5. I've been waiting and waiting for the Roosters to come good and it hasn't come close to happening. Quite frankly, I'm getting impatient. Titans by 14.

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS MELBOURNE STORM

VENUE	McDONALD JONES STADIUM	Gerard SUTTON	REFEREE
LOCATION	AWABAKAL NEW LAMBTON, NSW	Jon STONE, Phil HENDERSON	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023 5:30PM AEST	Ben CUMMINS	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
12	5	14	-	48	25	Kalyn PONGA 1
16	18	-	-	72	21	Dominic YOUNG 2
14	2	-	-	8	32	Dane GAGAI 3
17	9	-	-	36	21	Bradman BEST 4
13	12	-	-	48	26	Greg MARZHEW 5
15	3	-	1	13	27	Tyson GAMBLE 6
17	3	16	-	44	27	Jackson HASTINGS 7
16	1	-	-	4	27	Daniel SAIFITI 8
17	5	-	-	20	23	Phoenix CROSSLAND 9
17	-	-	-	-	23	Leo THOMPSON 10
14	4	-	-	16	31	Tyson FRIZELL 11
15	4	-	-	16	29	Lachlan FITZGIBBON 12
9	-	-	-	-	28	Adam ELLIOTT 13
11	2	-	-	8	30	Kurt MANN 14
12	-	-	-	-	27	Jacob SAIFITI 15
17	-	-	-	-	27	Jack HETHERINGTON 16
15	2	-	-	8	23	Mat CROKER 17
4	-	-	-	-	22	Dylan LUCAS 18
4	1	-	-	4	24	Enari TUALA 19
6	-	-	-	-	25	Brodie JONES 20
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Adam O'BRIEN

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1	25	16	8	60	-	152
2	25	17	11	-	-	44
3	26	17	3	-	-	12
4	29	13	4	-	-	16
5	22	15	12	-	-	48
6	28	13	6	1	-	26
7	28	15	5	-	-	20
8	29	12	1	-	-	4
9	25	16	6	-	-	24
10	28	16	-	-	-	-
11	22	17	-	-	-	-
12	27	12	3	-	-	12
13	28	17	2	-	-	8
14	23	10	1	-	-	4
15	30	9	-	-	-	-
16	33	10	1	-	-	4
17	21	9	-	-	-	-
18	27	15	1	-	-	4
19	31	-	-	-	-	-
20	26	-	-	-	-	-
21	28	2	-	-	-	-
22	30	1	-	-	-	-

Craig BELLAMY

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HEAD TO HEAD: 1998 - 2022

	TOTAL	NEWCASTLE	MELBOURNE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	45	15	30	0
MCD. JONES	19	10	9	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2019	Round 14	MELBOURNE 34-4	AAMI Park	16,313
2020	Round 5	MELBOURNE 26-12	Central Coast Stadium	194
2020	Round 12	MELBOURNE 26-16	Sunshine Coast Stdm	5,837
2021	Round 18	MELBOURNE 48-4	Cbus Super Stadium	3,874
2022	Round 8	MELBOURNE 50-2	McDonald Jones Stdm	15,895

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2000	Round 2	NEWCASTLE 38-6	McDonald Jones Stdm	16,155
2001	Round 19	NEWCASTLE 48-16	McDonald Jones Stdm	21,367
2022	Round 8	MELBOURNE 50-2	McDonald Jones Stdm	15,895

THINGS TO KNOW

- Jahrome HUGHES has 48 NRL tries (47 for Melbourne)
- Kalyn PONGA has 47 NRL tries
- Tom EISENHUTH will play his 50th game for the Melbourne Storm
- The Knights have scored 100 points in their last 148 minutes of NRL.
- Melbourne have scored 188 points in their last 5 games at McDonald Jones, all of which the Storm won against the Knights.
- Newcastle have won just 4 games against the Storm since 2004 at McDonald Jones Stadium.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
NEWCASTLE	CANTERBURY W 66-0	BYE	WESTS TIGERS W 34-18
MELBOURNE	PENRITH L 16-34	BYE	SYDNEY W 30-16

THE RUN HOME

NEWCASTLE
CANBERRA (A), DOLPHINS (A, PERTH), CANTERBURY (H), SOUTHS (H), CRONULLA (H), ST GEO ILLA (A, KOGARAH)
MELBOURNE
PARRAMATTA (H, MARVEL), PENRITH (A), CANBERRA (H), ST GEO ILLA (A, WIN), GOLD COAST (H), BRISBANE (A)

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THE PREVIEW

with Beth NICHOLLS

Newcastle are in the race to make finals during these last seven rounds and with every win counting they are looking to take on a momentous task, facing the Storm who are a strong top four side.

The Knights are fresh off a win following their final bye of the season, where they defeated the battered West Tigers 34-18, also marking their first back-to-back win of the season. They are currently sitting in tenth position on the ladder with seven wins, one draw and nine losses, it will be a tough challenge if they wish to slip into the eight during this final quarter of the season.

Experienced representative level centre Dane Gagai returns to the side after suffering an ankle injury that has left him sidelined for just over a month, where he replaces Enari Tuala. This is the only change to the Newcastle side that claimed victory over the Tigers in the previous round.

The Melbourne spine and supporting forward back put on a bedazzling performance against the Roosters last round, despite a masterclass from many players alongside the win they unfortunately let two tries through in the final three minutes of the game, meaning their defence isn't quite perfect for the backend of the season.

After suffering a jaw injury earlier in the season, Marion Seve made his return through the QLD Cup last round, and he is listed among the reserves for this coming match. Bellamy sticks with the same side that rolled the Sydney Roosters, with Alec MacDonald retaining his bench spot and Bronson Garlick as 18th man. This is the second round in a row that the Storm have named the same starting seventeen (plus 18th man), possibly marking that the side have finally found their groove for the season and are perfecting a side and gameplay to lead them into finals.

History is certainly on the side of Melbourne for this matchup, where they have won their past 11 games against the Knights. Newcastle do however have a good history at their home ground this season, where they have won five of their past seven games at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Both Dominic Young and Xavier Coates are young powerful wingers of their sides, with Young scoring 16 tries in his last 13 games and Coates scoring eight in his past four. Both of these young superstar wingers will be looking to add another try or two (or maybe even three) to their 2023 count this coming Saturday.

WHO TO WATCH: Playing his 100th game for the Knights last round, Kalyn Ponga has been perfecting his game since returning to the fullback position in Round 13. Despite his poor goal kicking last week only converting three from seven attempts, Ponga was able to set up three tries as well as scoring his own four-pointer. Totalling five tries and 13 try assists so far this season, it will be no surprise to see him assist with a try or two along with adding another try to his count.

Harry Grant is one of the game's best 2023 dummy halves, who's specialty play is scoring tries off his own runs from dummy half. Grant has scored six tries, assisted with eight and even kicking his own 40-20 this year. I love watching him play and am looking forward to what he comes up with this coming Saturday especially after his stellar performance last week.

FAVOURITE: Melbourne are favoured to claim victory against the Knights, and continue to consolidate a top four position on the ladder.

MY TIP: Melbourne have been putting together extremely improved and more cohesive attack in their past two games after losing to the Penrith in a messy Round 18 clash. Their defence is slightly spotty; however, I do not believe that the Knights are at the level to be able to capitalise and claim victory. Depending on how Newcastle starts the game this could either be a Melbourne blow out score or a more closer game, and I am leaning towards the second option. Melbourne by 14.

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

PARRAMATTA EELS

VENUE	QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM	Grant ATKINS	REFEREE
LOCATION	WULGURUKABA SOUTH TOWNSVILLE, QLD	Jarrold COLE, Liam KENNEDY	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023 7:35PM AEST	Chris BUTLER	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	8	-	1	33	26	Scott DRINKWATER	1
5	5	-	-	20	24	Semi VALEMEI	2
16	8	62	1	158	27	Valentine HOLMES	3
16	-	-	-	-	30	Peta HIKU	4
14	8	-	-	32	24	Murray TAULAGI	5
17	7	-	-	28	22	Tom DEARDEN	6
18	2	5	4	22	32	Chad TOWNSEND	7
16	1	-	-	4	31	Jordan McLEAN	8
17	2	-	-	8	25	Reece ROBSON	9
18	1	-	-	4	26	Coen HESS	10
7	2	-	-	8	27	Luciano LEILUA	11
11	6	-	-	24	20	Jeremiah NANAI	12
14	4	-	-	16	24	Reuben COTTER	13
18	-	-	-	-	34	Jake GRANVILLE	14
12	-	-	-	-	22	Griffin NEAME	15
10	-	-	-	-	30	Jason TAUMALOLO	16
8	2	-	-	8	19	Kulikefu FINEFEUIAKI	17
2	-	-	-	-	21	Zac LAYBUTT	18
15	-	-	-	-	26	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	19
3*	1	-	-	4	25	Sam McINTYRE	20
1	-	-	-	-	31	Ben HAMPTON	21
8	-	-	-	-	26	Mitchell DUNN	22

* includes 1 match, 1 try for Gold Coast

Todd PAYTEN

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
1	Clinton GUTHERSON	28	17	16	9	-	82
2	Maika SIVO	29	18	16	-	-	64
3	Will PENISINI	20	18	8	-	-	32
4	Bailey SIMONSSON	25	14	9	-	-	36
5	Sean RUSSELL	21	11	5	1	-	22
6	Daejarn ASI	22	5	-	-	-	-
7	Mitchell MOSES	28	15	5	62	3	147
8	Ofahiki OGDEN	27	7	1	-	-	4
9	Brendan HANDS	23	15	1	-	-	4
10	Junior PAULO	29	14	2	-	-	8
11	Shaun LANE	28	8	1	-	-	4
12	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	28	18	4	-	-	16
13	J'maine HOPGOOD	24	18	3	-	-	12
14	Luca MORETTI	23	5	-	-	-	-
15	Joe OFAHENGAUE	27	14*	1	-	-	4
16	Andrew DAVEY	31	10*	2	-	-	8
17	Ryan MATTERSON	28	12	-	-	-	-
18	Haze DUNSTER	24	5	-	-	-	-
19	Makahesi MAKATOA	30	15	1	-	-	4
20	Waqā BLAKE	28	5	-	-	-	-
21	Ky RODWELL	24	-	-	-	-	-
22	Jack MURCHIE	26	5	-	-	-	-

* includes games for Wests Tigers

^ includes games for Canterbury

Brad ARTHUR

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	PENALTIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SCRUMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SET RESTARTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

BROADCAST

WATCH	FOX LEAGUE, KAYO SPORTS
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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HEAD TO HEAD: 1995 - 2023

	TOTAL	NORTH QLD	PARRAMATTA	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	46	21	24	1
QLD C'TRY BANK	1	0	1	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 8	PARRAMATTA 42-4	Bankwest Stadium	6,730
2021	Round 23	PARRAMATTA 32-16	Cbus Super Stadium	3,013
2022	Round 8	NORTH QLD 35-4	TIO Stadium, Darwin	10,017
2022	Prelim Final	PARRAMATTA 24-20	QLD Country Bank	25,372
2023	Round 13	PARRAMATTA 24-16	CommBank Stadium	14,810

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	Round 20	NORTH QLD 46-4	1300SMILES Stadium	13,767
2001	Round 21	PARRAMATTA 62-0	Pirtek Stadium	13,192

THE PREVIEW with Andrew JACKSON

Two teams that played in last year's preliminary finals face off once again, but this time with far more question marks than the last time they met.

For North Queensland, the main concern is that the current form the team is in is not sustainable and may desert the Cowboys when they need it most. That though is at least a problem for coach Todd Payten to worry about if North Queensland even qualifies for the finals. After all, the Cowboys have to make it there in the first place.

Given the way they started this season it was quickly starting to look like the success of last season was an outlier and not indicative of what was to come for 2022's biggest surprise packets. But more recently the Cowboys have rediscovered the defensive steel and grit that took them to those same heights in the first place, conceding just 14 points in their past three games. Eight of those points came in last week's 19-8 victory over Manly, a hardly convincing win but two valuable points nonetheless as the team's Origin contingent backed up once again - not that they had much choice anyway.

"I'd like to but we are not in a position to do so after our first half of the year," coach Payten said when asked if he considered resting any of the team's Origin stars.

"We will rest our players this week. They aren't due back until our captains run on Friday and we play Parra on the Saturday so they will get the rest of the week off. They deserve it."

Parramatta could certainly learn a thing or two from the way North Queensland has rebuilt its season, currently in a similar position where finals are the expectation but hardly guaranteed at this point. Rather, it is widely being tipped that the Eels and Cowboys could be dueling it out for the final spot in the top eight this year - placing even greater importance on Saturday's game. After suffering an early season slump of its own Parramatta has rebounded to win six of its past seven matches, including last week's 25-24 thriller against the Gold Coast. The problem for the Eels is they may score plenty of points but they are also guilty of conceding plenty in a hurry, even if it comes with the result being beyond doubt.

Take their 48-20 win over the Dolphins. The 42-4 halftime scoreline was a reminder of Parramatta's premierships credentials but what followed in the remaining 40 minutes was also yet another example of

THINGS TO KNOW

- Jake GRANVILLE will play his 200th NRL game
- Mitchell MOSES has 448 goals for Parramatta
- The Cowboys have won their last 5 NRL games with a combined score of 196-57
- Parramatta have averaged 30 points per game across their last 7 NRL games.
- Parramatta, when inside the top 8, have won 31 of their last 38 games against sides outside of the top 8.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
NORTH QLD	WESTS TIGERS W 74-0	BYE	MANLY W 19-8
PARRAMATTA	BYE	WARRIORS L 10-46	GOLD COAST W 25-24

THE RUN HOME

NORTH QUEENSLAND
GOLD COAST (A), BRISBANE (H), BYE, CRONULLA (H), DOLPHINS (A), PENRITH (A)
PARRAMATTA
MELBOURNE (A, MARVEL), ST GEO ILLA (H), BRISBANE (A, GABBA), SYDNEY (H), PENRITH (A), BYE

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the inconsistency and lack of killer instinct that has kept the Eels from reaching their full potential in recent years.

The same goes for last week's victory over the Gold Coast. Like North Queensland, it was a valuable two points for Parramatta but far from the clinical win many were expecting. It came at a cost too with Maika Sivo and Reagan Campbell-Gillard both facing stints on the sideline for their ill-discipline.

Sivo was initially named in Parramatta's 17 for this week's game but failed to have his charge downgraded and will be replaced by either Haze Dunster or Waqa Blake. Ofahiki Ogden, meanwhile, starts for Campbell-Gillard after the Eels front rower pleaded guilty to a dangerous contact charge for leading with knees to the back of the Gold Coast's Chris Randall. There are no changes for North Queensland though, with Payten afforded the luxury of naming the same team that took care of Manly last week.

WHO TO WATCH: While Sivo is hardly the most dependable defender on the wing, losing him means Parramatta will have to field another new-look combination out wide. That presents an opportunity for Cowboys fullback Scott Drinkwater to continue his scintillating form. Drinkwater has been a big reason for North Queensland's sudden mid-season resurgence, recording 16 try assists and six linebreaks since Round 11. The crafty fullback is one of the best instinctive players in the game, picking his moments to take the line on while also obviously offering a ball-playing option out the back. That unpredictable style Drinkwater adds to North Queensland's attack could cause all kinds of problems, particularly for Parramatta's new edge combination without Sivo.

As for the Eels, if they are to pull apart the competition's most in-form defensive unit, it will come off the back of lock forward J'Maine Hopgood. The former Panther has been a revelation for Parramatta this season, proving he is more than capable of not just playing consistent NRL footy but at big minutes too. The Eels have needed those big minutes from him as well, having battled injuries and now suspensions up front for the majority of the season. While Hopgood's workrate remains one of his greatest assets, his offloading and ball-playing through the middle is also a strength of his and offers much-needed variety to challenge North Queensland's much-improved defence.

FAVOURITE: As the more in-form of the two teams, North Queensland is expected to get the job done.

MY TIP: The safer pick here is the Cowboys but I'm willing to swim against the tide here and take Parramatta, even if the loss of Campbell-Gillard could prove particularly important. It just feels like the Eels need to win this more, even if their recent form has been relatively strong. Look for the boot of Mitchell Moses to prove the difference too. Eels by 8.

PENRITH PANTHERS

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

VENUE	BLUEBET STADIUM	Chris BUTLER	REFEREE
LOCATION	DHARUG PENRITH, NSW	Dave MUNRO, Kieren IRONS	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023 2:00PM AEST	Adam GEE	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
17	9	2	-	40	27	Dylan EDWARDS	1
17	5	-	-	20	20	Sunia TURUVA	2
13	10	-	-	40	21	Izack TAGO	3
14	8	20	-	72	22	Stephen CRICHTON	4
14	9	-	-	36	24	Brian TO'O	5
15	1	-	-	4	26	Jarome LUAI	6
12	3	40	5	98	25	Nathan CLEARY	7
16	2	-	-	8	27	Moses LEOTA	8
17	-	-	-	-	25	Mitch KENNY	9
13	-	-	-	-	27	James FISHER-HARRIS	10
16	3	-	-	12	30	Scott SORENSEN	11
8	1	-	-	4	26	Liam MARTIN	12
14	1	-	-	4	28	Isaah YEO	13
14	1	-	-	4	27	Soni LUKE	14
13	-	-	-	-	23	Lindsay SMITH	15
15	1	-	-	4	22	Spencer LENIU	16
5	-	-	-	-	27	Luke GARNER	17
6	-	5	1	11	25	Jack COGGER	18
8	-	-	-	-	30	Matt EISENHUTH	19
15	4	-	-	16	24	Jaeman SALMON	20
3	3	-	-	12	22	Thomas JENKINS	21
9	6	-	-	24	31	Tyrone PEACHEY	22

Ivan CLEARY

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	22	18	9	-	-	36
2	-	5	3	-	-	12
3	21	15	5	-	-	20
4	19	16	1	1	-	6
5	24	1	-	-	-	-
6	23	17	4	40	1	97
7	24	11	1	7	-	18
8	26	17	-	-	-	-
9	25	18	3	-	-	12
10	29	13	-	-	-	-
11	21	5	-	-	-	-
12	21	18	6	-	-	24
13	26	16	2	-	-	12
14	22	7	1	-	-	4
15	23	10	1	-	-	4
16	27	12	1	-	-	4
17	26	15	2	-	-	8
19	22	4	-	-	-	-
20	24	16	2	-	-	12
21	21	2	-	-	-	-
22	27	10	8	-	-	32
23	28	4	-	-	-	-

Cameron CIRALDO

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	PENALTIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SCRUMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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HEAD TO HEAD: 1967 - 2022

	TOTAL	PENRITH	CANTERBURY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	100	44	53	3
BLUEBET STDM	48	24	23	1

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 20	PENRITH 42-0	ANZ Stadium	6,755
2021	Round 2	PENRITH 28-0	Bankwest Stadium	5,062
2021	Round 12	PENRITH 30-4	Bluebet Stadium	16,110
2022	Round 5	PENRITH 32-12	CommBank Stadium	11,157
2022	Round 13	PENRITH 30-18	Bluebet Stadium	16,906

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2004	Round 21	CANTERBURY 46-20	Telstra Stadium	21,644
2001	Round 18	CANTERBURY 40-14	Sydney Showground	8,217
1980	Round 3	CANTERBURY 40-14	Penrith Park	10,525
2020	Round 20	PENRITH 42-0	ANZ Stadium	6,755

THE PREVIEW

with AJ LUCANTONIO

Masters v Apprentices

The two time premiers in the Penrith Panthers do battle against a team that is trying to do their best copycat impressions in the Canterbury Bulldogs.

For the Penrith Panthers, despite numerous disruptions through the Origin period, which included the loss of Nathan Cleary to a hamstring injury threatened to bring their campaign unstuck. However, under the leadership of Jack Cogger and Dylan Edwards, the Panthers have steadied have only lost one game during the Origin period. Now, with their stars well rested during the Origin period, the premiers favourites are primed to join a rare company and claim their third premiership in a row.

Coming into the game against Canterbury, it's easy to look at this game as a victory on paper. However, there will be some personal scores to settle on both sides, with coaches, administrators and players leaving the premiers to go steady the sinking Belmore ship. This means the game could be a spiteful one, and they'll have to be careful not to lose their cool as teams have exposed Penrith for a lack of discipline on occasions this season.

On the team front. Their Origin contingent are back with the likes of To'o, Crichton, Luai, Martin and Yeo set to be a timely boost. Nathan Cleary returns for his 150th first grade fixture. Zac Hosking goes back to the bench and Jaeman Salmon drops out for Luke Garner to retain his bench spot while Cleary's understudy Jack Cogger is 18th Man.

Onto the boys from Belmore. What's promised so much as been overshadowed by a bad luck of injuries, but also to that, is some horrifying defensive efforts. Canterbury have conceded 66, 32 and 44 in the last three

THINGS TO KNOW

- Nathan CLEARY will play his 150th NRL game
- Stephen CRICHTON has 49 NRL tries
- Penrith have won 76 of their last 90 games (84.44%)
- Canterbury have won 19 of their last 86 games (22.09%)
- The last 4 games by the Bulldogs against the side at the top of the ladder, have all been against Penrith and they have lost all 4 with a combined score of 34-134.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
PENRITH	MELBOURNE W 34-16	BYE	DOLPHINS W 24-14
CANTERBURY	NEWCASTLE L 0-66	SOUTHS W 36-32	BRISBANE L 24-44

THE RUN HOME

PENRITH
CRONULLA (H), MELBOURNE (H), MANLY (A), GOLD COAST (A), PARRAMATTA (H), NORTH QLD (H)
CANTERBURY
DOLPHINS (H, BUNDEBERG), BYE, NEWCASTLE (A), CANBERRA (A), MANLY (H), GOLD COAST (A)

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weeks. For the defensive guru that Cam Ciraldo is, that will be something that will have to be fixed in order for the Dogs to show any signs moving forward for the future.

Onto the Penrith game, and as I touched on above. It will be a rivalry game as so many players have crossed the divide from Penrith to Belmore in recent seasons. It'll be a game in which Canterbury will have to be perfect to win. They showed some good attacking signs in the last fortnight with Toby Sexton steering the ship as well as Jacob Kiraz moving out to centre. Elsewhere, their pack needs to lift to match the juggernaut that is Penrith's so expect a big performance from Max King and Tevita Pangai Jr.

On the team front, Kyle Flanagan takes over at halfback from Toby Sexton (head knock) while Paul Alamoti comes in at centre for Braidon Burns (abdomen). Harrison Edwards has been added to the bench. Star back-rower Viliame Kikau is listed among the reserves as he nears a return from the pectoral injury that has sidelined him since Round 4. Josh Addo-Carr is also on the reserves list as he looks to prove his fitness.

WHO TO WATCH: After narrowly missing Origin selection for the dead-rubber. Izack Tago has shown his ability to become one of the game's strike centres. Since his return from a pectoral injury in the middle of the year, Tago has been a handful for defenders, making a whopping 36 tackle breaks since his return from injury. With that sort of tackle breaking ability against what's been a suspect Bulldogs defence, Tago could be set for a field day on Sunday.

Onto the Bulldogs. All eyes are on Matt Burton. Lining up against his former club where he became a star, Burton will be set on having a big game against his mates. With Sexton there to help steer the ship, Burton has been able to play a bit more off the cuff footy and this has encouraged a better player and one more willing to take risks. Dogs fans are hopeful it pays off on Sunday.

FAVOURITE: Penrith are overwhelmingly popular with the bookies in this one.

MY TIP: It's an easy one for me. Penrith to win and to win well. Their stars are back and despite the early fireworks with the forward exchanges. The Panthers quality of talent should be too much for an out of sorts Canterbury. Penrith by 16.

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

VENUE	POINTS BET STADIUM	Peter GOUGH	REFEREE
LOCATION	DHARAWAL WOOLLOOWARE, NSW	Drew OULTRAM, Belinda SHARPE	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023 4:05PM AEST	Grant ATKINS	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
17	13	-	-	52	26	William KENNEDY 1
17	9	-	-	36	25	Sione KATOA 2
17	8	-	-	32	26	Jesse RAMIEN 3
2	1	-	-	4	27	Connor TRACEY 4
17	15	-	-	60	23	Ronaldo MULITALO 5
5	1	10	-	24	23	Braydon TRINDALL 6
14	4	63	1	143	27	Nicho HYNES 7
15	-	-	-	-	23	Oregon KAUFUSI 8
17	1	-	-	4	24	Blayke BRAILEY 9
7	-	-	-	-	27	Toby RUDOLF 10
17	8	-	-	32	25	Briton NIKORA 11
2	-	-	-	-	21	Jesse COLQUHOUN 12
12	-	-	-	-	31	Dale FINUCANE 13
15	1	-	-	4	29	Cameron McINNES 14
15	5	1	-	22	26	Siosifa TALAKAI 15
16	1	-	-	4	26	Jack WILLIAMS 16
11	2	-	-	8	24	Thomas HAZELTON 17
-	-	-	-	-	23	Kayal IRO 18
-	-	-	-	-	24	Mawene HIROTI 19
12	2	-	-	8	27	Royce HUNT 20
-	-	-	-	-	22	Daniel ATKINSON 21
-	-	-	-	-	21	Tuku Hau TAPUHA 22
Craig FITZGIBBON						

- FULLBACK
- WING
- CENTRE
- CENTRE
- WING
- FIVE-EIGHTH
- HALFBACK
- FRONT ROW
- HOOKER
- FRONT ROW
- SECOND ROW
- SECOND ROW
- LOCK
- INTERCHANGE
- RESERVES
- COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	26	16	9	49	-	134
2	22	12	6	-	-	24
3	26	13	4	-	-	16
4	20	12	2	-	-	8
5	22	10	2	-	-	8
6	22	10	1	-	-	4
7	34	15	7	7	1	43
8	25	17	-	-	-	-
9	26	16	4	-	-	16
10	27	15	-	-	-	-
11	24	17	6	-	-	24
12	24	11	1	-	-	4
13	29	11	-	-	-	-
14	25	1	1	-	-	4
15	32	8	-	-	-	-
16	25	14	1	-	-	4
17	28	9*	-	-	-	-
^ includes 9 games for Sydney						
18	23	17	-	-	-	-
19	20	3*	-	-	-	-
20	28	9	-	-	-	-
21	23	2	-	-	-	-
22	-	-	-	-	-	-
* includes 1 match for Parramatta						
Anthony SEIBOLD						

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	PENALTIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SCRUMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SET RESTARTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

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HEAD TO HEAD: 1967 - 2023

	TOTAL	CRONULLA	MANLY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	97	28	67	2
POINTS BET	40	17	23	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 7	CRONULLA 40-22	Central Coast Stadium	178
2021	Round 20	MANLY 40-22	Suncorp Stadium	-
2022	Round 7	CRONULLA 34-22	Pointsbet Stadium	9,611
2022	Round 23	CRONULLA 40-6	4 Pines Park	12,243
2023	Round 11	CRONULLA 20-14	4 Pines Park	10,358

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2005	Round 24	CRONULLA 68-6	Toyota Park Stadium	13,325
1984	Round 6	MANLY 50-14	Brookvale Oval	8,117

THINGS TO KNOW

- Lachlan CROKER will play his 100th NRL game
- Sharks have won 18 of their last 20 games against bottom 8 sides, with an average score of 30-14
- Manly have won 10 of their last 13 games at Pointsbet Stadium
- Cronulla have scored 100 points in their last 2 games at Pointsbet Stadium.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 18	ROUND 19	ROUND 20
CRONULLA	ST GEO ILLA W 52-16	WESTS TIGERS W 36-12	WARRIORS L 12-44
MANLY	SYDNEY W 18-16	BYE	NORTH QLD L 8-19

THE RUN HOME

CRONULLA
PENRITH (A), SOUTHS (A, PERTH), GOLD COAST (H), NORTH QLD (A), NEWCASTLE (A), CANBERRA (H)
MANLY
ST GEO ILLA (A, WIN), SYDNEY (A, SCG), PENRITH (H), WARRIORS (A), CANTERBURY (A), WESTS TIGERS (H)

Match stats courtesy of



THE PREVIEW

with AJ LUCANTONIO

Sharks looking for a sharp bite out of Manly

This instalment of the Battle of the Beaches has some desperation about it when Cronulla Sutherland and Manly go head to head at Pointsbet Stadium.

Cronulla are this year's recipients of the crown of Flat Track Bullies with their wins coming at the expense of the lower clubs in the competition. They have been unable to put a game together when it really counts against top quality opposition and for the second year running, it could be their undoing. Their effort against the Warriors can only be described as putrid, and their left edge (not for the first time) was exposed for all to see with some woeful reads in defence.

Looking ahead, the effort will obviously need to be much improved. The left edge suffers a further blow with Teig Wilton's knee injury seeing him sidelined. It'll be up to the other members of the edge to lift their game defensively and contain Manly down that side of the field. Matt Moylan needed to and give support to Nicho Hynes instead of looking like Barbie's Boy Toy on the field, but has finally made way. If they can combine and showcase consistent effort, then they will look a more cohesive unit. Also, targeting the right edge of Manly will be pivotal as they've struggled for consistency in defence down that side of the field all season long.

On the team front, another big thrashing has finally seen some changes for the Sharks. Sifa Talakai has been demoted to the bench and Matt Moylan has been dropped in the aftermath of the horror show. Connor Tracey moves to centre and Braidon Trindall moves to 5/8. Elsewhere, Jesse Colquhoun moves to the edge while Dale Finucane goes to lock which in turn shifts Cam McInnes to the bench with Wade Graham being left out.

For Manly, their finals hope are alive... just, despite an 11 point loss to North Queensland. They had effective chances at the line throughout the second half to land an attacking blow. However, execution left a lot to be

desired at the critical moments. They let a Bunker overturn get their heads down, and conceded a try within a few minutes and the game was lost in that critical juncture of play. It's something that's cost Manly matches at times this season and it's something that must be addressed in the March to September.

Against the Sharks, they know that they can match it with them after only losing by a converted try in their earlier meeting at Brookvale Oval. But, what they will need to do on this occasion is to convert opportunities given to them. Cronulla will make mistakes on both sides of the ball given their recent run of form, it's up to the Sea Eagles and the creativity of Josh Schuster and DCE to give them the necessary platform in which they can deliver the vital two competition points.

On the team front, Tof Siplely has been left out of the side replaced up front by Josh Aloiai. Ethan Bullemor has also been left out which sees Sean Keppie and controversial signing Matt Lodge come onto the interchange bench.

WHO TO WATCH: A bright spot on a dull afternoon was again Briton Nikora. The New Zealand international has been in strong form for the Sharks in 2023 showing consistency that his team-mates could pick up on. Nikora's strong combination with Hynes has been a highlight this season and could be the spark the Sharks need to show some bite for the remainder of the season.

Replacing Tommy Turbo is no easy feat, but it's a challenge that Reuben Garrick has taken with open arms. Since his switch to fullback three weeks ago, Garrick's running the football at a high frequency with his late footwork causing all sorts of problems for opposing defences. With Garrick's touches increasing in frequency, expect more red-zone possessions for the Manly flyer, which could result in some more Try July celebrations.

FAVOURITE: Cronulla open up slight favourites in this one.

MY TIP: With the flat track bully mentality of the Sharks in this season. This is one that will be a Cronulla victory. However, as has been the case so often this season, the Sharks winning will simply gloss over the underlying issues that have plagued the side all season. For Manly, they will compete, but I suspect they will fall short. Sharks by 6.

THE WRAP NRL 2023 ROUND 20



NEWCASTLE	34	-	18	WESTS TIGERS
	18	HT	12	
	8	PENS	5	
Dominic YOUNG	2	Tries	2	Jahream BULA
Bradman BEST				Apisai KOROISAU
Tyson GAMBLE				
Greg MARZHEW				
Kalyn PONGA				
Daniel SAIFITI				
Kalyn PONGA	3/7	Goals	3/3	Brandon WAKEHAM
Jack HETHERINGTON		Bin		
Kalyn PONGA (c)	1	FB	1	Jahream BULA
Dominic YOUNG	2	W	2	Asu KEPAPA
Enari TUALA	19	C	3	Starford TO'A
Bradman BEST	4	C	4	Tommy TALAU
Greg MARZHEW	5	W	5	Junior TUPOU
Tyson GAMBLE	6	FE	6	Will SMITH
Jackson HASTINGS	7	HB	7	Brandon WAKEHAM
Daniel SAIFITI	8	FR	8	Stefano UTOIKAMANU
Phoenix CROSSLAND	9	HK	9	Apisai KOROISAU (c)
Leo THOMPSON	10	FR	10	David KLEMMER
Tyson FRIZELL	11	2R	11	Isaiah PAPALI'I
Lachlan FITZGIBBON	12	2R	12	John BATEMAN
Adam ELLIOTT	13	L	13	Fonua POLE
Kurt MANN	14	B	14	Jake SIMPKIN
Jacob SAIFITI	15	B	15	Shawn BLORE
Jack HETHERINGTON	16	B	16	Alex TWAL
Mat CROKER	17	B	17	Alex SEVFARTH
Adam O'BRIEN		COACH		Tim SHEENS

Venue
McDonald Jones Stadium New Lambton NSW Awabakal
Kickoff
Fri 14 Jul 8:00PM
Referee
Peter GOUGH
Crowd
18,470

KNIGHTS KEEP FINALS HOPE ALIVE WITH WIN OVER TIGERS

Newcastle has kept their faint finals hopes alive after they defeated the Wests Tigers by 34-18 at McDonald Jones Stadium tonight.

In his 100th game for the club, Knights skipper Kalyn Ponga was the star for the home side scoring a try and having a hand in three others in a superb performance. The only downside to Ponga's performance was his goalkicking which flattered the scoreline for the Tigers managing only to convert three out of his sides seven tries.

For Wests it was another worrying defensive performance from Tim Sheen's men, where they let in four first half tries to give the Knights too big a head start to ever seriously look like running them down. The shining light for the home side was fullback Jahream Bula who again put together another eye-catching display in his rookie season. Newcastle came into the match red hot favourites following their recent demolition of the Bulldogs and it looked like the Tigers were headed for the same fate when Kalyn Ponga was involved in both opening tries within the first seven minutes.

The first was through a superb cut out ball for his winger Greg Marzhev who strolled over down the left-hand side. This was followed by Blues hero Bradman Best, who cantered over the line untouched just minutes later for an 8-0 lead. Newcastle then went to the other side of the field, which saw Dominic Young race over in the corner for Newcastle's third try. This was then followed up by a try to Daniel Saifiti who crashed over close to the line for

the Knights fourth and Ponga finally nailed a conversion to make it 18-0 to the home side.

Then just as the flood gates looked to be wide open, Wests managed to finally get some good field possession and they made it count through rookie sensation Jahream Bula who dived over out wide to get his side back in the match. Then just before halftime, Tigers halfback Brandon Wakeham produced a desperate grubber on the last, which took a wicked bounce on Knights fullback Ponga. Apisai Koroisau then charged through to get the ball down first and slash the Knights lead to 18-12 at halftime following Wakeham's conversion.

The second half started in dramatic fashion when Knights firebrand Jack Hetherington was sent to the Sin Bin for a slap ironically on Tigers half Will Smith. This didn't hold back the Knights however, when Ponga managed to step his way through the Tigers defence to score the first try of the second half. The Tigers then returned serve when backrower Isaiah Papali'i made a bust through the middle and found Bula in support who raced away to score his second try and narrow the home sides lead to 22-18.

The game then slipped away after Newcastle took back momentum off the back of another costly Tigers error which saw Dom Young race over for his second try. Young was again involved in the match sealer, when the England winger burst down the sideline and found Tyson Gamble in support and secure a valuable win for Newcastle.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:
3 points - Kalyn Ponga
2 points - Jahream Bula
1 points - Dominic Young

Match updated and wrap written by SAM BOURKE



CANTERBURY	24	-	44	BRISBANE
	18	HT	22	
	6	PENS	4	
Jake AVERILLO	2	Tries		Kurt CAPEWELL
Jacob PRESTON				Herbie FARNWORTH
Corey WADDELL				Ezra MAM
				Deine MARINER
				Brendan PIAKURA
				Adam REYNOLDS
				Billy WALTERS
				Xavier WILLISON
Matt BURTON	4/4	Goals	6/7	Adam REYNOLDS
			0/1	Kotoni STAGGS
				Selwyn COBBO
Jake AVERILLO	1	FB	1	Tristan SAILOR
Blake WILSON	2	W	16	Jesse ARTHARS
Braidon BURNS	3	C	3	Kotoni STAGGS
Jacob KIRAZ	4	C	4	Herbie FARNWORTH
Jeral SKELTON	20	W	5	Selwyn COBBO
Matt BURTON (c)	6	FE	6	Ezra MAM
Toby SEXTON	7	HB	7	Adam REYNOLDS (c)
Max KING	8	FR	8	Keenan PALASIA
Reed MAHONEY	9	HK	9	Billy WALTERS
Raymond FAITALA-MARINER	10	FR	10	Corey JENSEN
Jackson TOPINE	11	2R	11	Kurt CAPEWELL
Jacob PRESTON	12	2R	12	Brendan PIAKURA
Corey WADDELL	13	L	13	Kobe HETHERINGTON
Kyle FLANAGAN	14	B	14	Tyson SMOOTHY
Kurtis MORRIN	15	B	15	Xavier WILLISON
Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	16	B	17	Martin TAUPAU
Jayden OKUNBOR	17	B	18	Deine MARINER
Fa'amanu BROWN	19	B		
Cameron CIRALDO		COACH		Kevin WALTERS

Venue
Belmore Sports Ground Belmore NSW, Bidjigal
Kickoff
Sat 15 Jul 3:00PM
Referee
Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
Crowd
17,103

BRONCOS SECOND HALF BLITZ SEES OFF SPIRITED BULLDOGS AT BELMORE

On an afternoon that was meant to feature Josh Reynolds as the main event, instead it was the Broncos Adam Reynolds who starred and will dominate headlines.

The Broncos overcame the absence of three Origin props, and the suspended Reece Walsh, to record a comfortable 44-24 win at Belmore Sports Stadium.

The controversial sin bin of Selwyn Cobbo will dominate discussion in the coming hours and days however it should be the man of the match performance from Adam Reynolds that deserves to be talked about.

Reynolds crossed for a try, assisted two and had a hand in a handful of others. He was the difference on the day, especially after the Dogs lost Toby Sexton to a head injury right on half time.

Prior to the break, the game was super competitive and entertaining. It was raining points and saw the Broncos lead 22-18 as the siren sounded.

The Broncos overcame eight minutes sans their Origin winger in Cobbo, even crossing for a try of their own, to pull away late.

Herbie Farnworth's last minute try arguably put the final result a little beyond the true indication of the game but ultimately the Broncos were far too good.

With a Friday night blockbuster ahead of them, the Broncos attention turns to the MRC report to see if Cobbo will face a charge.

The Bulldogs, while brave, fell off late. You can absolutely question how the game would have ended up should Sexton have not been ruled out but it's back to the drawing board for the Doggies.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:
3 points - Adam Reynolds
2 points - Tristan Sailor
1 points - Brendan Piakura

Match updated and wrap written by Dan NICHOLS



MANLY	8	-	19	NORTH QLD
	4	HT	13	
	7	PENS	1	
Dean MATTERSON		Tries		Reuben COTTER
Brad PARKER				Scott DRINKWATER
				Jeremiah NANAI
Daly CHERRY-EVANS	0/1	Goals	3/3	Valentine HOLMES
Reuben GARRICK	0/1			
		FG	1	Chad TOWNSEND
Reuben GARRICK	1	FB	1	Scott DRINKWATER
Jason SAAB	2	W	2	Semi VALEMEI
Brad PARKER	3	C	3	Valentine HOLMES
Toluta'u KOULA	4	C	4	Peta HIKU
Christian TUIPULOTU	5	W	5	Murray TAULAGI
Josh SCHUSTER	6	FE	6	Tom DEARDEN
Daly CHERRY-EVANS (c)	7	HB	7	Chad TOWNSEND (c)
Taniela PASEKA	8	FR	8	Jordan McLEAN
Lachlan CROKER	9	HK	9	Reece ROBSON
Josh ALOIAI	17	FR	10	Coen HESS
Haumole OLAKAUATU	11	2R	11	Luciano LEILUA
Kelma TUILAGI	12	2R	12	Jeremiah NANAI
Jake TRBOJEVIC	13	L	14	Jake GRANVILLE
Toafofoa SIPLEY	10	B	13	Reuben COTTER
Dean MATTERSON	14	B	15	Griffin NEAME
Aaron WOODS	15	B	16	Jason TAUMALOLO
Ethan BULLEMOR	16	B	17	Kulikefu FINEFEUIAKI
Anthony SEIBOLD		COACH		Todd PAYTEN



SYDNEY	16	-	30	MELBOURNE
	4	HT	6	
	10	PENS	8	
Daniel TUPOU	2	Tries	3	Xavier COATES
Joshua WONG				Harry GRANT
				Jahrome HUGHES
Joseph SUA'ALI'I	2/4	Goals	5/5	Nick MEANEY
Joseph MANU	4	FB	1	Nick MEANEY
Daniel TUPOU	2	W	2	Will WARBRICK
Billy SMITH	3	C	3	Reimis SMITH
Joseph SUA'ALI'I	5	C	4	Justin OLAM
Junior PAUGA	21	W	5	Xavier COATES
Luke KEARY (c)	6	FE	6	Cameron MUNSTER
Sandon SMITH	7	HB	7	Jahrome HUGHES
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	8	FR	8	Tui KAMKAMICA
Jake TURPIN	9	HK	9	Harry GRANT
Lindsay COLLINS	10	FR	10	Christian WELCH (c)
Victor RADLEY	11	2R	11	Trent LOIERO
Nat BUTCHER	12	2R	12	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA
Nathan BROWN	13	L	13	Josh KING
Brandon SMITH	14	B	14	Tyran WISHART
Egan BUTCHER	15	B	15	Tom EISENHUTH
Joshua WONG	16	B	16	Tariq SIMS
Naufahu WHYTE	17	B	19	Alec MacDONALD
Trent ROBINSON		COACH		Craig BELLAMY

Venue
4 Pines Park Brookvale NSW Cammeraygal
Kickoff
Sat 15 Jul 5:30PM
Referee
Adam GEE
Crowd
13,240

Venue
Sydney Cricket Ground Moore Park NSW, Gadigal
Kickoff
Sat 15 Jul 7:35PM
Referee
Grant ATKINS
Crowd
12,021

COWBOYS GO FIVE STRAIGHT AS MANLY LOSE THEIR ATTACKING RADAR

The North Queensland Cowboys have kept their winning streak alive following their 19-8 victory over the Manly Sea Eagles at Brookvale Oval in front of a healthy crowd.

Things started slowly for both sides although the Cowboys had three big chances denied early on before it was the home side who were looking resplendent in their heritage jerseys who scored and it was debutant Dean Matterson who got over. The debutant found the space on the outside and was on the field via Reuben Garrick leaving the field after needing to undergo a HIA.

The Cowboys hit back just shy of the half-hour mark as they started to grow in dominance as Reuben Cotter backed up his strong Origin series with a try after Valentine Holmes went through the middle beating the defence easily before finding Cotter who was backing up.

It was starting to quickly become one-way traffic to close out the half as the North Queenslanders began to dominate field position and possession as they went over just a few minutes later when Tom Dearden broke through the line after the defence fell for a dummy and then the Cowboys five-eighth found Jeremiah Nanai who went through reasonably untouched.

A Chad Townsend field goal finished off the opening half of action with an angled strike hit sweetly to give the Cowboys a 13-4 lead at half-time.

Both sides had tries denied by the officials inside the first seven minutes with Reuben Garrick having an effort for Manly overturned by the bunker for a knock-on in the lead-up and then the Cowboys were denied for an attacker taking out a defender.

Back-to-back penalties put Manly into good attacking position off the back of a quick tap for Lachlan Croker and they finally took advantage when Brad Parker went over out wide. The Sea Eagles missed another conversion to keep the margin at 5 points.

The magic that Scott Drinkwater has shown this season has been remarkable and yet again he showed how he can change the game in an instant as he turned something into nothing to score the important try under the posts. Valentine Holmes went 3/3 with the boot for the night as he converted from in front.

Neither side could manage to break the others goal-line despite both sides having ample opportunities at the end to do so. The Cowboys held onto the 19-8 victory for a much important fifth straight win.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Scott Drinkwater
2 points - Lachlan Croker
1 points - Luciano Leilua

Match updated and wrap written by Josh ROBERTSON

SECOND HALF STORM FLURRY COOKS THE CHOOKS

The Sydney Roosters have been sent packing to the bottom four of the NRL ladder as the Melbourne Storm put on a show of second half dominance as they ran out 30-16 winners over the Roosters at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

It was a pretty dour start to the first half and it was Xavier Coates who created the first spark for either side when he read a poor pass from Luke Keary that was trying to be lobbed out to the winger and Coates used his height to pluck it out of the air and then race 90m downfield to score.

Neither side really could throw a punch at the other across the next twenty minutes until the Roosters finally were able to cross inside the final five minutes of the half when the Roosters were able to find some space in the Storm defence. The eventual space for the tricolours saw them take advantage out wide as Daniel Tupou scored.

A missed penalty goal from Suaalii meant that the Roosters couldn't level the scores just shy of the half-time break and the Storm held a 6-4 lead.

That was the closest that the Roosters were going to get because the Storm found their strength in the second half and despite being denied early on in the half by the bunker, Melbourne took advantage of the soft Roosters defence. Jahrome Hughes found space

between the Roosters defence that didn't seem to know what their targets were and the Storm halfback strolled through.

It was some luck that got Xavier Coates his second try after a cross-field kick intended for Coates came off Junior Puga's hand and then it bounced straight into Coates leg and the bounce favoured the Storm winger for his second.

The Roosters defence were struggling and the try to Harry Grant showed that as Grant didn't really need to pull out any tricks as he just looked to go one-way before the defence just opened up a gap for him to go through almost untouched. The conversion from Nick Meaney pushed the margin out to 20 points.

Xavier Coates finished his hat-trick with just over five minutes to go when the cross-field kick out to the Storm winger was absolutely perfect as Coates again outjumped Puga and after Nick Meaney converted it was a 30-4 lead.

The Roosters picked up two consolation tries both making history in their own ways when Daniel Tupou equalled Anthony Minichello's Roosters try scoring record and then Sua Wong got on the board for his first NRL try closing the gap to a 30-16 defeat.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Xavier Coates
2 points - Cameron Munster
1 points - Joseph Manu

Match updated and wrap written by Josh ROBERTSON

WARRIORS ON THE WAY TO SEPTEMBER AS SHARKS STUMBLE

The New Zealand Warriors have made a statement by handing the Cronulla Sharks a 44-12 thrashing at Go Media Stadium to move within striking distance of the top four.

Recording back-to-back victories over the Sharks for the first time since Andrew McFadden's tenure nearly a decade ago, the Warriors cemented their credentials as a genuine threat while the Sharks once again disappointed against top eight opposition.

Conceding the opening try after a penalty provided the Sharks with the field position for Nicho Hynes (9th minute) to strike with a show-and-go, the Warriors responded with Shaun Johnson delivering a superb pass to Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad which created space for Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (19th minute) to touch down in the corner.

Taking the lead courtesy of a well-placed pass from Johnson to Rocco Berry (25th minute) close to the line, a 40/20 from Johnson from the ensuing restart provided the home side with the momentum for Addin Fonua-Blake (28th minute) to power his way to the line.

Completing the first half rout with Wayde Egan splitting the Sharks defence before finding Luke Metcalf (31st minute) in support, the five-eighths almost had a second minutes late only for the bunker

to deem the former Cronulla fringe player offside.

The Warriors proved equally adept without the ball by denying Sione Katoa with desperate defence to take a 22-6 lead to the sheds at halftime.

Gaining several fortuitous calls following the resumption including regaining possession from a line drop out, the Warriors avoided the ignominy of Cronulla interchange forward Thomas Hazelton racing nearly 70 metres to score a solo effort due to a knock on in the lead up.

Securing the result after Johnson forced Ronaldo Multalo into touch despite a clear run to the try line, Rocco Berry produced an incisive run to link with Nicoll-Klokstad (56th minute) in support.

Taking the score past 30 after Josh Curran (59th minute) spun his way to the line, a right side shift saw Watene-Zelezniak (63rd minute) collect his second of the day to the delight of 24,012 supporters in attendance.

Conceding a late consolation four-pointer to Briton Nikora (73rd minute) that pushed the visitors into double figures, the home side took advantage of Hynes being sin binned with Adam Pompey (78th minute) crossing to run out 44-12 victors.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Shaun Johnson
2 points - Addin Fonua-Blake
1 points - Wayde Egan

Match updated and wrap written by Rob CROSBY



Venue
Go Media Stadium Penrose NZ / Aotearoa
Kickoff
Sun 16 Jul 2:00PM (4pm NZT)
Referee
Gerard SUTTON
Crowd
24,012

WARRIORS	44	-	12	CRONULLA
	22	HT	6	
	7	PENS	5	
Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2	Tries		Nicho HYNES
Rocco BERRY				Briton NIKORA
Joshua CURRAN				
Addin FONUA-BLAKE				
Luke METCALF				
Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD				
Adam POMPEY				
Shaun JOHNSON	5/7	Goals	2/2	Nicho HYNES
Luke METCALF	1/1			
		Bin		Nicho HYNES
Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	1	FB	1	William KENNEDY
Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2	W	2	Sione KATOA
Rocco BERRY	3	C	3	Jesse RAMIEN
Adam POMPEY	4	C	4	Siosifa TALAKAI
Marcelo MONTOYA	5	W	5	Ronaldo MULTALO
Luke METCALF	6	FE	6	Matt MOYLAN
Shaun JOHNSON	7	HB	7	Nicho HYNES (c)
Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8	FR	8	Oregon KAUFUSI
Wayde EGAN	9	HK	9	Blayne BRAILEY
Tom ALE	16	FR	10	Toby RUDDOLF
Jackson FORD	11	2R	11	Briton NIKORA
Mitchell BARNETT	10	2R	12	Teig WILTON
Tohu HARRIS (c)	13	L	13	Cameron MCINNIS
Joshua CURRAN	12	B	14	Wade GRAHAM
Freddy LUSSICK	14	B	15	Thomas HAZELTON
Bayley SIIRONEN	15	B	16	Jack WILLIAMS
Dylan WALKER	17	B	17	Jesse COLQUHOUN
Andrew WEBSTER		COACH		Craig FITZGIBBON

MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY NRL ROUND 20

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	Base	Offence #	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	Result
Reuben GARRICK	Manly	1	Dangerous Contact (tripping)	\$1500	1st^	\$1000	\$750	Guilty - early plea	\$750
Victor RADLEY	Sydney	1	Dangerous Contact	\$1500	3rd+	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Jared WAREA-HARGREAVES	Sydney	1	Dangerous Contact (tripping)	\$1500	3rd+	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Rocco BERRY	Warriors	1	Dangerous Throw	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000
Jarrold WALLACE	Dolphins	1	Shoulder Charge	\$2000	3rd+	4 matches	3 matches	Not guilty	Not guilty
Felise KAUFUSI	Dolphins	1	Careless High Tackle	\$1500	3rd+	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Maika SIVO	Parramatta	2	Careless High Tackle	2 matches	3rd+	4 matches	3 matches	Guilty - failed downgrade	4 matches
Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	Parramatta	3	Dangerous Contact	3 matches	3rd+	5 matches	4 matches	Guilty - early plea	4 matches
Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	Gold Coast	1	Shoulder Charge	\$2000	3rd+	4 matches	3 matches	Guilty - early plea	3 matches

Offences counted for the previous twelve months. ^ denotes 3 year incident free discount

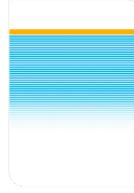
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Kayo Stadium Redcliffe QLD Kabi Kabi
Kickoff
Sun 16 Jul 4:05PM
Referee
Todd SMITH
Crowd
10,065

DOLPHINS	14	-	24	PENRITH
	4	HT	12	
	6	PENS	3	
Connelly LEMUELU		Tries	2	Thomas JENKINS
Kodi NIKORIMA			2	Izack TAGO
Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW				Moses LEOTA
				Murray TAULAGI
Jamayne ISAAKO	1/3	Goals	2/2	Dylan EDWARDS
			0/3	Jack COGGER
		Bin		Jack COGGER
Kodi NIKORIMA	1	FB	1	Dylan EDWARDS (c)
Jamayne ISAAKO	2	W	2	Sunia TURUVA
Euan AITKEN	3	C	3	Izack TAGO
Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	4	C	21	Tyrone PEACHEY
Valynce TE WHARE	19	W	22	Thomas JENKINS
Anthony MILFORD	16	FE	6	Jarome LUAI
Sean O'SULLIVAN	7	HB	7	Jack COGGER
Jesse BROMWICH (c)	8	FR	8	Moses LEOTA
Harrison GRAHAM	9	HK	9	Mitch KENNY
Mark NICHOLLS	15	FR	10	James FISHER-HARRIS
Felise KAUFUSI	11	2R	11	Scott SORENSEN
Connelly LEMUELU	12	2R	18	Zac HOSKING
Ray STONE	13	L	19	Matt EISENHUTH
Isaiya KATO	6	B	14	Soni LUKE
Kenny BROMWICH	10	B	15	Lindsay SMITH
Herman ESE'ESE	14	B	16	Spencer LENIU
Jarrold WALLACE	17	B	17	Jaeman SALMON
Wayne BENNETT		COACH		Ivan CLEARY



Venue
CommBank Stadium Parramatta NSW Burrumbidgee
Kickoff
Sun 16 Jul 6:15PM
Referee
Chris BUTLER
Crowd
12,599

PARRAMATTA	25	-	24	GOLD COAST
	14	HT	16	
	6	PENS	8	
Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD		Tries	2	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA
Bryce CARTWRIGHT				Tanah BOYD
Clinton GUTHERSON				Phillip SAMI
Will PENISINI				
Mitchell MOSES	4/5	Goals	4/6	Tanah BOYD
Mitchell MOSES	1	F.G.		
Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD		Bin		
Maika SIVO				
Clinton GUTHERSON (c)	1	FB	14	Jayden CAMPBELL
Maika SIVO	2	W	2	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA
Will PENISINI	3	C	3	Brian KELLY
Bailey SIMONSSON	4	C	17	Sofo FIFITA
Sean RUSSELL	5	W	5	Phillip SAMI
Daejarn ASI	6	FE	6	Kieran FORAN
Mitchell MOSES	7	HB	7	Tanah BOYD
Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	8	FR	8	Moekai FOTUAIKA
Brendan HANDS	9	HK	9	Sam VERRILLS
Junior PAULO	10	FR	15	Chris RANDALL
Shaun LANE	11	2R	11	David FIFITA
Bryce CARTWRIGHT	12	2R	12	Klese HAAS
J'maine HOPGOOD	13	L	13	Isaac LIU
Luca MORETTI	14	B	4	Aaron SCHOUPE
Joe OFAHENGAUE	15	B	10	Timo FAASUAMALEAUI (c)
Andrew DAVEY	16	B	16	Erin CLARK
Ryan MATTERSON	17	B	19	Jacob ALICK
Brad ARTHUR		COACH		Jim LENIHAN

PANTHERS GO BACK TOP DESPITE SECOND HALF SCARE

Despite resting all their Origin players and a major second half scare, the Penrith Panthers have returned to the top of the NRL ladder following their 24-14 win over the Dolphins in Redcliffe.

The start for the Panthers was electric as they were able to put ill-discipline behind them in the early stages to run in three quick tries to open the game inside the first 17 minutes. The first one came off some luck for the Panthers as Moses Leota came out of the line to charge down a Sean O'Sullivan kick and the big man didn't know what to do when he regathered but did enough to score.

Adding a second soon after the Mountain Men started to spread the ball from their own end and Izack Tago got into space and had too much speed and strength to beat the Titans defence. Cogger missed a second kick and the Panthers could only lead 8-0.

Showing why he's a star of the future Izack Tago picked up a second try when Tom Jenkins outjumped the Dolphins defenders and then got the ball away to Tago to again use his strength to get to the try line to score in the corner. Jack Cogger finally got his radar right with the boot but didn't have the power and the Panthers could only lead 12-0.

A decision from Todd Smith to sin bin Jack Cogger for repeated infringements saw the Dolphins get into good field position and take full advantage of the extra man,

with Kodi Nikorima going over from close range.

Not long after, fans were left baffled by the bizarre thought process by the officials, which allowed Jarrod Wallace to stay on the field for a high shoulder charge on Moses Leota.

The Panthers couldn't get on the right side of the officials as ill-discipline put them on the backfoot and the Dolphins took advantage as the missed conversions hurt the Panthers as Connelly Leumelu went over chasing through his own kick to score. The Dolphins then took what looked like an unlikely lead when the Panthers couldn't clean up their behaviour when the Hammer went over in the corner.

Luck from the officials wasn't with the Panthers as a Dolphins got missed though it didn't hurt the Panthers who were able to regroup as they finally took advantage of being able to keep the ball alive inside the final 10 minutes and Tom Jenkins crossed for his first of the afternoon.

The points for Penrith gave them confidence as they were starting to get back into the groove and they finished things in the final two minutes when Tom Jenkins scored his second try in the corner. Dylan Edwards slotted the two conversions from out wide to seal the 24-14 win.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Izack Tago
2 points - Dylan Edwards
1 points - Moses Leota

Match updated and wrap written by Josh ROBERTSON

EELS PIP TITANS AS CONTROVERSY REIGNS SUPREME

The Parramatta Eels have bounced back to the winners circle although it comes with more than a hint of controversy following the 25-24 victory over the Gold Coast Titans.

Starting fast, the Eels crossed the stripe inside the first five minutes when Regan Campbell-Gillard was able to go through some soft defence from the Titans. The Eels were racing the clock inside the first 12 minutes as Will Penisini added a second for Parramatta off the back of Mitch Moses running the ball on the last tackle and it ended up with the centre

The Titans hit back soon after as Alofiana Khan-Pereira went over in the corner after the Titans were able to keep the ball alive on the last tackle. Things soon went from bad to worse for the Eels as they had not one but two players sin binned as Maika Sivo was the first to go for a high shot before Regan Campbell-Gillard drew the ire of Chris Butler for dangerous contact with the knees and he was given ten in the bin.

Despite having the two extra men advantage, the Titans had a scare almost instantly but they ended up taking advantage as Phillip Sami ran 80m to score and get the Gold Coast within two points.

Alofiana Khan-Pereira added a second try as again the Gold Coast took advantage of the two extra players as he went over in the corner. Tanah Boyd missed the conversion from out wide as the Titans lead 14-12.

Both sides kicked a penalty goal inside the last three

minutes of the half as the Titans were called offside and Mitch Moses levelled the scores before the Gold Coast went back in front after a scrum infringement from the Eels.

Parramatta opened the scoring in the second half and again there was some controversy there after a burrowing penalty was missed in the play prior and then Bryce Cartwright looked to be held before making a second effort to the line.

The Eels gave away two set restarts in a row and the Titans took advantage as Tanah Boyd went straight through to score. He then added a conversion followed by a Penalty goal and the Titans lead 24-18.

One of the more divisive moments came in the 67th minute when Clint Gutherson went over in the corner and looked like he went into touch but after a long deliberation by the bunker, the try was awarded much to the surprise of most people given the live decision of no try. Mitch Moses converted the try from the sideline to level the scores.

With five minutes to go the Eels went in front as Mitch Moses was calm under pressure and slotted a field goal. Titans fans were left with another bitter taste in their mouths after the circumstances of their lost last week and twice it looked as if they could be the beneficiary of the same ruling but instead referee Chris Butler elected not to blow the penalty despite both field goal misses being affected by offside players.

The Titans couldn't get the ball back to the other end and fell to a painful 25-24 defeat.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Bryce Cartwright
2 points - Junior Paulo
1 points - Tanah Boyd

Match updated and wrap written by Josh ROBERTSON

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ROUND 1							
Mar 2nd	Thu 8:00pm	Parramatta	12	Melbourne	16	CommBank	17,301
Mar 3rd	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	20	Newcastle	12	Sky Stadium	16,676
Mar 3rd	Fri 8:05pm	Penrith	12	Brisbane	13	Bluebet	17,125
Mar 4th	Sat 3:00pm	Manly	31	Canterbury	6	4 Pines Park	17,217
Mar 4th	Sat 4:30pm	North Qld	19	Canberra	18	QLD C.B.	19,855
Mar 4th	Sat 7:35pm	Cronulla	18	Souths	27	Pointsbet	12,757
Mar 5th	Sun 3:05pm	Dolphins	28	Sydney	18	Suncorp	32,177
Mar 5th	Sun 6:15pm	Wests Tigers	10	Gold Coast	22	Leichhardt	14,667
Bye: St Geo Illa							
ROUND 2							
Mar 9th	Thu 8:00pm	Penrith	16	Souths	10	Bluebet	16,906
Mar 10th	Fri 6:00pm	Parramatta	26	Cronulla	30	CommBank	16,663
Mar 10th	Fri 7:00pm	Brisbane	28	North Qld	16	Suncorp	43,162
Mar 11th	Sat 3:00pm	Sydney	20	Warriors	12	Allianz	16,267
Mar 11th	Sat 4:30pm	Dolphins	20	Canberra	14	Kayo Stadium	10,023
Mar 11th	Sat 7:35pm	Melbourne	12	Canterbury	26	AAMI Park	17,248
Mar 12th	Sun 4:05pm	Wests Tigers	12	Newcastle	14	Leichhardt	13,214
Mar 12th	Sun 6:15pm	St Geo Illa	32	Gold Coast	18	Netstrata	8,538
Bye: Manly							
ROUND 3							
Mar 16th	Thu 8:00pm	Manly	34	Parramatta	30	4 Pines Park	13,363
Mar 17th	Fri 6:00pm	Newcastle	20	Dolphins	36	McD. Jones	20,093
Mar 17th	Fri 8:00pm	Sydney	20	Souths	18	Allianz	36,639
Mar 18th	Sat 2:00pm	Gold Coast	38	Melbourne	34	Cbus	14,483
Mar 18th	Sat 4:30pm	North Qld	12	Warriors	26	QLD C.B.	17,818
Mar 18th	Sat 6:35pm	Brisbane	40	St Geo Illa	18	Suncorp	26,612
Mar 19th	Sun 4:05pm	Canterbury	26	Wests Tigers	22	Belmore	16,404
Mar 19th	Sun 6:15pm	Canberra	24	Cronulla	20	GIO Stadium	14,134
Bye: Penrith							
ROUND 4							
Mar 23rd	Thu 8:00pm	Parramatta	17	Penrith	16	CommBank	16,342
Mar 24th	Fri 6:00pm	Melbourne	24	Wests Tigers	12	AAMI Park	11,669
Mar 24th	Fri 7:00pm	Dolphins	12	Brisbane	18	Suncorp	51,047
Mar 25th	Sat 4:30pm	North Qld	24	Gold Coast	12	QLD C.B.	16,426
Mar 25th	Sat 7:35pm	Souths	13	Manly	12	Accor	18,379
Mar 26th	Sun 4:00pm	Warriors	16	Canterbury	14	Mt Smart	18,595
Mar 26th	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle	24	Canberra	14	McD. Jones	15,106
Mar 26th	Sun 6:15pm	St Geo Illa	8	Cronulla	40	Netstrata	15,126
Bye: Sydney							
ROUND 5							
Mar 30th	Thu 8:00pm	Sydney	28	Parramatta	20	Allianz	20,886
Mar 31st	Fri 6:00pm	Canberra	12	Penrith	53	GIO Stadium	15,334
Mar 31st	Fri 8:00pm	Souths	10	Melbourne	18	Accor	11,239
Apr 1st	Sat 3:00pm	Manly	32	Newcastle	32	Glen Willow	9,024
Apr 1st	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	38	Dolphins	12	WIN Stadium	16,472
Apr 1st	Sat 6:35pm	Brisbane	46	Wests Tigers	12	Suncorp	27,553
Apr 2nd	Sun 4:05pm	Cronulla	30	Warriors	32	Pointsbet	10,878
Apr 2nd	Sun 6:15pm	Canterbury	15	North Qld	14	Accor	9,626
Bye: Gold Coast							
ROUND 6							
Apr 6th	Thu 7:50pm	Melbourne	28	Sydney	8	AAMI Park	16,323
Apr 7th	Fri 4:05pm	Canterbury	16	Souths	50	Accor	35,211
Apr 7th	Fri 8:00pm	North Qld	22	Dolphins	32	QLD C.B.	22,811
Apr 8th	Sat 5:30pm	Penrith	44	Manly	12	Bluebet	20,312
Apr 8th	Sat 7:35pm	Brisbane	14	Canberra	20	Suncorp	31,962
Apr 9th	Sun 4:05pm	Gold Coast	20	St Geo Illa	18	Cbus	12,452
Apr 9th	Sun 6:15pm	Newcastle	34	Warriors	24	McD. Jones	18,007
Apr 10th	Mon 4:00pm	Wests Tigers	22	Parramatta	28	Accor	28,611
Bye: Cronulla							
ROUND 7							
Apr 13th	Thu 7:50pm	Dolphins	14	Souths	36	Suncorp	23,280
Apr 14th	Fri 6:00pm	Cronulla	22	Sydney	12	Pointsbet	11,489
Apr 14th	Fri 8:00pm	Manly	18	Melbourne	8	4 Pines Park	13,573
Apr 15th	Sat 5:00pm	Warriors	22	North Qld	14	Mt Smart	23,695
Apr 15th	Sat 5:30pm	Newcastle	15	Penrith	16	McD. Jones	26,084
Apr 15th	Sat 7:35pm	Gold Coast	26	Brisbane	43	Cbus	26,563
Apr 16th	Sun 2:00pm	Canberra	20	St Geo Illa	14	GIO Stadium	13,817
Apr 16th	Sun 4:05pm	Parramatta	30	Canterbury	4	CommBank	27,655
Bye: Wests Tigers							

ROUND 8							
Apr 20th	Thu 7:50pm	Souths	20	Penrith	18	Accor	19,548
Apr 21st	Fri 7:30pm	Parramatta	16	Brisbane	26	TIO Stadium	11,864
Apr 22nd	Sat 5:30pm	Canterbury	20	Cronulla	33	Accor	12,148
Apr 22nd	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld	18	Newcastle	16	QLD C.B.	17,970
Apr 23rd	Sun 2:00pm	Dolphins	28	Gold Coast	26	Suncorp	22,034
Apr 23rd	Sun 4:05pm	Wests Tigers	16	Manly	22	Campbelltown	10,033
Apr 25th	Tue 4:05pm	Sydney	27	St Geo Illa	26	Allianz	40,191
Apr 25th	Tue 7:00pm	Melbourne	30	Warriors	22	AAMI Park	23,469
Bye: Canberra							
ROUND 9							
Apr 27th	Thu 7:50pm	Cronulla	44	North Qld	6	Pointsbet	8,148
Apr 28th	Fri 6:00pm	Parramatta	43	Newcastle	12	CommBank	15,875
Apr 28th	Fri 8:00pm	Brisbane	6	Souths	32	Suncorp	40,102
Apr 29th	Sat 3:00pm	Canberra	31	Dolphins	30	Wagga	10,445
Apr 29th	Sat 5:30pm	Manly	10	Gold Coast	26	4 Pines Park	10,107
Apr 29th	Sat 7:35pm	Penrith	8	Wests Tigers	12	Carrington	11,055
Apr 30th	Sun 4:00pm	Warriors	0	Sydney	14	Mt Smart	20,395
Apr 30th	Sun 4:05pm	St Geo Illa	16	Canterbury	18	WIN Stadium	16,678
Bye: Melbourne							
ROUND 10							
May 5th	Fri 6:00pm	Canterbury	30	Canberra	34	Suncorp	41,462
May 5th	Fri 8:05pm	Manly	6	Brisbane	32	Suncorp	50,077
May 6th	Sat 3:00pm	Warriors	6	Penrith	18	Suncorp	38,035
May 6th	Sat 5:30pm	Cronulla	16	Dolphins	36	Suncorp	48,068
May 6th	Sat 7:45pm	Melbourne	12	Souths	28	Suncorp	50,183
May 7th	Sun 1:50pm	Wests Tigers	18	St Geo Illa	16	Suncorp	34,568
May 7th	Sun 4:00pm	Sydney	6	North Qld	20	Suncorp	45,085
May 7th	Sun 6:25pm	Gold Coast	26	Parramatta	24	Suncorp	46,835
Bye: Newcastle							
ROUND 11							
May 11th	Thu 7:50pm	Melbourne	24	Brisbane	16	AAMI Park	16,043
May 12th	Fri 6:00pm	Canterbury	12	Warriors	24	Accor	14,294
May 12th	Fri 8:00pm	Penrith	48	Sydney	4	Bluebet	20,255
May 13th	Sat 3:00pm	Souths	20	Wests Tigers	0	Accor	21,013
May 13th	Sat 5:30pm	North Qld	42	St Geo Illa	22	QLD C.B.	17,852
May 13th	Sat 7:35pm	Canberra	26	Parramatta	18	GIO Stadium	17,414
May 14th	Sun 2:00pm	Newcastle	46	Gold Coast	26	McD. Jones	13,064
May 14th	Sun 4:05pm	Manly	14	Cronulla	20	4 Pines Park	10,358
Bye: Dolphins							
ROUND 12							
May 18th	Thu 7:50pm	Brisbane	4	Penrith	15	Suncorp	33,343
May 19th	Fri 6:00pm	St Geo Illa	24	Sydney	22	Netstrata	9,007
May 19th	Fri 8:00pm	Souths	16	Parramatta	36	Allianz	27,432
May 20th	Sat 3:00pm	Cronulla	26	Newcastle	6	C.ex Coffs	10,156
May 20th	Sat 5:30pm	Wests Tigers	66	North Qld	18	Leichhardt	12,247
May 20th	Sat 7:35pm	Dolphins	16	Melbourne	24	Suncorp	28,325
May 21st	Sun 2:00pm	Canterbury	20	Gold Coast	18	Accor	10,815
May 21st	Sun 4:05pm	Canberra	14	Manly	42	GIO Stadium	14,730
Bye: Warriors							
ROUND 13							
May 25th	Thu 7:50pm	Dolphins	26	St Geo Illa	12	Kayo Stadium	10,047
May 26th	Fri 8:00pm	Parramatta	24	North Qld	16	CommBank	14,810
May 27th	Sat 7:30pm	Warriors	22	Brisbane	26	McLean Park	16,195
May 27th	Sat 7:35pm	Souths	26	Canberra	33	Accor	12,382
May 28th	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle	28	Manly	18	McD. Jones	20,661
Bye: Sydney, Penrith, Melbourne, Wests Tigers, Gold Coast, Cronulla, Canterbury							
MEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN I							
May 31st	Wed 7:35pm	NSW	18	QLD	26	Adelaide	48,613
WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN I							
June 1st	Thu 7:45pm	NSW	10	QLD	18	CommBank	12,972
ROUND 14							
Jun 2nd	Fri 8:00pm	Wests Tigers	19	Canberra	20	Campbelltown	11,201
Jun 3rd	Sat 5:00pm	Warriors	30	Dolphins	8	Go Media	23,686
Jun 3rd	Sat 5:30pm	Gold Coast	28	Souths	46	Cbus	18,736
Jun 3rd	Sat 7:35pm	Cronulla	12	Brisbane	20	Pointsbet	12,318
Jun 4th	Sun 2:00pm	Sydney	25	Canterbury	24	Ind. Group	18,338
Jun 4th	Sun 4:05pm	North Qld	45	Melbourne	20	QLD C.B.	18,867
Jun 4th	Sun 6:15pm	Penrith	26	St Geo Illa	18	Bluebet	16,912
Bye: Parramatta, Manly, Newcastle							

ROUND 15							
Jun 8th	Thu 7:50pm	Gold Coast	28	Wests Tigers	12	Cbus	10,232
Jun 9th	Fri 6:00pm	Canberra	14	Warriors	36	GIO Stadium	21,082
Jun 9th	Fri 8:00pm	Manly	58	Dolphins	18	4 Pines Park	14,598
Jun 10th	Sat 3:00pm	St Geo Illa	36	Souths	30	Netstrata	17,357
Jun 10th	Sat 5:30pm	Brisbane	24	Newcastle	20	Suncorp	35,814
Jun 10th	Sat 7:35pm	Sydney	6	Penrith	30	Allianz	23,610
Jun 11th	Sun 4:05pm	Melbourne	54	Cronulla	10	AAMI Park	20,253
Jun 12th	Mon 4:00pm	Canterbury	12	Parramatta	34	Accor	33,866
Bye: North Qld							
ROUND 16							
Jun 16th	Fri 8:00pm	North Qld	27	Penrith	23	QLD C.B.	17,277
Jun 17th	Sat 3:00pm	Newcastle	16	Sydney	18	McD. Jones	21,966
Jun 17th	Sat 5:30pm	Parramatta	34	Manly	4	CommBank	21,296
Jun 17th	Sat 7:35pm	Wests Tigers	6	Melbourne	28	Campbelltown	8,517
Jun 18th	Sun 4:05pm	Cronulla	48	Canterbury	10	Pointsbet	11,901
Bye: Dolphins, Canberra, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Souths, Warriors, St Geo Illa							
MEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN II							
Jun 21st	Wed 8:05pm	QLD	32	NSW	6	Suncorp	52,433
WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN II							
June 22nd	Thu 7:45pm	QLD	14	NSW	18	QLD C.B.	18,275
ROUND 17							
Jun 23rd	Fri 8:00pm	St Geo Illa	18	Warriors	48	WIN Stadium	9,275
Jun 24th	Sat 3:00pm	Dolphins	20	Parramatta	48	Sun. Coast	8,821
Jun 24th	Sat 5:30pm	Penrith	20	Newcastle	12	Bluebet	18,589
Jun 24th	Sat 7:35pm	Melbourne	24	Manly	6	AAMI Park	13,198
Jun 25th	Sun 2:00pm	Brisbane	12	Gold Coast	18	Suncorp	42,249
Jun 25th	Sun 4:05pm	Souths	6	North Qld	31	Accor	11,262
Jun 25th	Sun 6:15pm	Sydney	18	Canberra	20	Allianz	13,326
Bye: Wests Tigers, Cronulla, Canterbury							
ROUND 18							
Jun 29th	Thu 7:50pm	Cronulla	52	St Geo Illa	16	Pointsbet	10,267
Jun 30th	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	6	Souths	28	Go Media	22,612
Jun 30th	Fri 8:00pm	Melbourne	16	Penrith	34	Marvel	26,829
Jul 1st	Sat 3:00pm	Canberra	26	Gold Coast	22	GIO Stadium	11,659
Jul 1st	Sat 5:30pm	North Qld	74	Wests Tigers	0	QLD C.B.	20,535
Jul 1st	Sat 7:35pm	Brisbane	24	Dolphins	16	The Gabba	30,606
Jul 2nd	Sun 2:00pm	Canterbury	0	Newcastle	66	Accor	11,004
Jul 2nd	Sun 4:05pm	Manly	18	Sydney	16	4 Pines Park	17,385
Bye: Parramatta							
ROUND 19							
Jul 6th	Thu 7:50pm	Wests Tigers	12	Cronulla	36	CommBank	9,215
Jul 7th	Fri 8:00pm	St Geo Illa	26	Canberra	36	WIN Stadium	9,369
Jul 8th	Sat 5:30pm	Parramatta	10	Warriors	46	CommBank	21,696
Jul 8th	Sat 7:35pm	Souths	32	Canterbury	36	Accor	16,166
Jul 9th	Sun 4:05pm	Gold Coast	21	Dolphins	23	Cbus	18,335
Bye: Sydney, North Qld, Penrith, Brisbane, Melbourne, Manly, Newcastle							
MEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN III							
Jul 12th	Wed 8:05pm	NSW	24	QLD	10	Accor	75,342
ROUND 20							
Jul 14th	Fri 8:00pm	Newcastle	34	Wests Tigers	18	McD. Jones	18,470
Jul 15th	Sat 3:00pm	Canterbury	24	Brisbane	44	Belmore	17,103
Jul 15th	Sat 5:30pm	Manly	8	North Qld	19	4 Pines Park	13,240
Jul 15th	Sat 7:35pm	Sydney	16	Melbourne	30	SCG	12,021
Jul 16th	Sun 4:00pm	Warriors	44	Cronulla	12	Go Media	24,012
Jul 16th	Sun 4:05pm	Dolphins	14	Penrith	24	Kayo Stadium	10,065
Jul 16th	Sun 6:15pm	Parramatta	25	Gold Coast	24	CommBank	12,599
Bye: Canberra, Souths, St Geo Illa							
ROUND 21							
Jul 20th	Thu 7:50pm	St Geo Illa		Wests Tigers		WIN Stadium	
Jul 21st	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors		Canberra		Go Media	
Jul 21st	Fri 8:00pm	Souths		Brisbane		Sun. Coast	
Jul 22nd	Sat 3:00pm	Gold Coast		Sydney		Cbus	
Jul 22nd	Sat 5:30pm	Newcastle		Melbourne		McD. Jones	
Jul 22nd	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld		Parramatta		QLD C.B.	
Jul 23rd	Sun 2:00pm	Penrith		Canterbury		Bluebet	
Jul 23rd	Sun 4:05pm	Cronulla		Manly		Pointsbet	
Bye: Dolphins							

ROUND 22							
Jul 27th	Thu 7:50pm	Brisbane		Sydney		The Gabba	
Jul 28th	Fri 6:00pm	Wests Tigers		Souths		Scully Park	
Jul 28th	Fri 8:00pm	Melbourne		Parramatta		Marvel	
Jul 29th	Sat 3:00pm	Canberra		Newcastle		GIO Stadium	
Jul 29th	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa		Manly		WIN Stadium	
Jul 29th	Sat 7:35pm	Penrith		Cronulla		Bluebet	
Jul 30th	Sun 2:00pm	Canterbury		Dolphins		Salter Oval	
Jul 30th	Sun 4:05pm	Gold Coast		North Qld		Cbus	
Bye: Warriors							
ROUND 23							
Aug 3rd	Thu 7:50pm	Sydney		Manly		SCG	
Aug 4th	Fri 6:00pm	Gold Coast		Warriors		Cbus	
Aug 4th	Fri 8:00pm	Penrith		Melbourne		Bluebet	
Aug 5th	Sat 3:00pm	North Qld		Brisbane		QLD C.B.	
Aug 5th	Sat 3:30pm	Dolphins		Newcastle		Optus Stadium	
Aug 5th	Sat 5:35pm	Souths		Cronulla		Optus Stadium	
Aug 6th	Sun 2:00pm	Parramatta		St Geo Illa		CommBank	
Aug 6th	Sun 4:05pm	Canberra		Wests Tigers		GIO Stadium	
Bye: Canterbury							
ROUND 24							
Aug 10th	Thu 7:50pm	Manly		Penrith		4 Pines Park	
Aug 11th	Fri 6:00pm	Cronulla		Gold Coast		Pointsbet	
Aug 11th	Fri 8:00pm	Brisbane		Parramatta		The Gabba	
Aug 12th	Sat 3:00pm	Souths		St Geo Illa		Barlow Park	
Aug 12th	Sat 7:30pm	Wests Tigers		Warriors		FMG Stadium	
Aug 12th	Sat 7:35pm	Sydney		Dolphins		Allianz	
Aug 13th	Sun 2:00pm	Melbourne		Canberra		AAMI Park	
Aug 13th	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle		Canterbury		McD. Jones	
Bye: North Qld							
ROUND 25							
Aug 17th	Thu 7:50pm	North Qld		Cronulla		QLD C.B.	
Aug 18th	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors		Manly		Go Media	
Aug 18th	Fri 8:00pm	Parramatta		Sydney		CommBank	
Aug 19th	Sat 3:00pm	Wests Tigers		Dolphins		CommBank	
Aug 19th	Sat 5:30pm	Gold Coast		Penrith		Cbus	
Aug 19th	Sat 7:35pm	St Geo Illa		Melbourne		WIN Stadium	
Aug 20th	Sun 2:00pm	Newcastle		Souths		McD. Jones	
Aug 20th	Sun 4:05pm	Canberra		Canterbury		GIO Stadium	
Bye: Brisbane							
ROUND 26							
Aug 24th	Thu 7:50pm	Penrith		Parramatta		Bluebet	
Aug 25th	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors		St Geo Illa		Go Media	
Aug 25th	Fri 8:00pm	Dolphins		North Qld		Suncorp	
Aug 26th	Sat 3:00pm	Melbourne		Gold Coast		AAMI Park	
Aug 26th	Sat 5:30pm	Sydney		Wests Tigers		Allianz	
Aug 26th	Sat 7:35pm	Canberra		Brisbane		GIO Stadium	
Aug 27th	Sun 2:00pm	Canterbury		Manly		Accor	
Aug 27th	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle		Cronulla		McD. Jones	
Bye: Souths							
ROUND 27							
Aug 31st	Thu 7:50pm	Brisbane		Melbourne		Suncorp	
Sep 1st	Fri 6:00pm	Manly		Wests Tigers		4 Pines Park	
Sep 1st	Fri 8:00pm	Souths		Sydney		Accor	
Sep 2nd	Sat 3:00pm	Dolphins		Warriors		Suncorp	
Sep 2nd	Sat 5:30pm	Penrith		North Qld		Bluebet	
Sep 2nd	Sat 7:35pm	St Geo Illa		Newcastle		Netstrata	
Sep 3rd	Sun 2:00pm	Gold Coast		Canterbury		Cbus	
Sep 3rd	Sun 4:05pm	Cronulla		Canberra		Pointsbet	
Bye: Parramatta							
FINALS WEEK 1 - SEPTEMBER 8 TO 10							
	Qualifying 1	1ST		v	4TH		
	Qualifying 2	2ND		v	3RD		
	Elimination 1	5TH		v	8TH		
	Elimination 2	6TH		v	7TH		
FINALS WEEK 2 - SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17							
	Semi Final 1	L QF 1		v	W EF 1		
	Semi Final 2	L QF 2		v	W EF 2		
FINALS WEEK 3 - SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24							
	Prelim 1	W QF 1		v	W SF 2		
	Prelim 2	W QF 2		v	W SF 1		
GRAND FINAL - OCTOBER 1							
	Grand Final	W Prelim 1		v	W Prelim 2		

GOLD COAST TITANS V NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

SAT JULY 22 2023, 12:50PM

CBUS SUPER STADIUM, ROBINA / YUGAMBEH

REFEREE: Belinda Sharpe; Sideline Officials: Daniel Schwass, Tori Wilkie; Video Referee: Matt Noyen; **TV:** Nine Network, 9Now, Fox League, Kayo Sports

GOLD COAST TITANS: 1. Evania Pelite 2. Destiny Mino-Sinapati 3. Jaime Chapman 4. Niall Williams-Guthrie 5. Emily Bass 6. Taliah Fuimaono 7. Chantay Kiria-Ratu

8. Shannon Mato 9. Lauren Brown 10. Jessika Elliston 11. Zara Canfield 12. Shaylee Bent 13. Georgia Hale

Interchange: 14. Brittany Breayley-Nati 15. Stephanie Hancock 16. Hailee-Jay Maunsell 17. Laikha Clarke

Reserves: 18. Sienna Lofipo 19. Kaitlyn Phillips 20. Sophie Buller 21. Rilee Jorgensen 22. Sienna Laing

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS: 1. Francesca Goldthorp 2. China Polata 3. Jasmine Peters 4. Mia Middleton 5. Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly 6. Tahlulah Tillett 7. Kirra Dibb

8. Tallisha Harden 9. Emma Manzelmann 10. Tiana Raftstrand-Smith 11. Shaniah Power 12. Bree Chester 13. Makenzie Weale

Interchange: 14. Krystal Blackwell 15. Sareka Mooka 16. Shellie Long 17. Essay Banu

Reserves: 18. Sera Koroi 19. Jetaya Faifua 21. April Ngatupuna 22. Jessikah Reeves 24. Vitalina Naikore

PREVIEW

written by Josh ROBERTSON

The biggest season of NRLW gets underway on Saturday afternoon with a Queensland Derby as the Gold Coast Titans play host to one of the NRLW's newest teams the North Queensland Cowboys at Cbus Super Stadium.

The Gold Coast Titans have had very differing fortunes in their two seasons so far making the finals in the 2021 season and then finishing at the bottom of the ladder in 2022. The 2022 season was a struggle for the Titans who only managed one-win last year which came against the eventual Grand Finalists the Parramatta Eels. The Titans squad has a good mix of experience and youth for 2023 though some key losses could hurt their chances in 2023. The experience of Steph Hancock and Brittany Breayley-Nati will be a big asset this season. The signings of Shaylee Bent and Jaime Chapman are big gains for the Titans as they have also lost a number of key players. Titans coach Karyn Murphy has elected to mix her side with youth and experience as teenagers Chantay Kiria-Ratu and Destiny Mino-Sinapati are named to debut with Kiria-Ratu set to start in the halves alongside new recruit Taliah Fuimaono. Veterans Steph Hancock and Brittany Breayley-Nati named on the bench with another veteran in Lauren Brown left out of the squad.

One of the new kids on the NRLW block, the North Queensland Cowboys come into the competition with a wealth of experience and a strong foundation as they have a strong history through the Queensland BMD Premiership as the North Queensland Gold Stars. This experience is going to give the Cowboys a

big boost coming into the season. The majority of the squad are already connected with the structures in North Queensland but they have also picked up some key signings such as Tallisha Harden from the Broncos and Kirra Dibb from the Knights. The Cowboys have built a strong squad that could be a dangerous force in the NRLW competition this season. Before they even start a game, the Cowboys could be hit by injury with Kirra Dibb suffering from a hand injury but still named in the squad to start on the weekend. Fellow ex-Knights Emma Manzelmann, Makenzie Weale and Autumn-Rain Stephens Daly are named to make in the starting lineup whilst English star Fran Goldthorp is set to debut.

Player To Watch: Heading to the Titans in 2023, five-eighth Taliah Fuimaono will play a big role as she is paired up with debutant Chantay Kiria-Ratu. Fuimaono is a talented player but will take on an extra role of leadership with the Gold Coast but her experience at the top level with the Dragons and in the NSW side should put her in good stead.

If she overcomes her hand injury, Kirra Dibb is an underrated star of the NRLW and her omission from the NSW state of origin series was a complete shock. The poise and control of Dibb's game makes her one of the best signings that the Cowboys could make and despite never being the ultimate star, Townsville is where Dibb can truly star.

TIP: Both sides have plenty going for them and with plenty of new faces whatever judgment is made on paper can be completely thrown out the window. I'm putting the Cowboys on top, there is just something I like about their squad and I think they have enough to win a tight contest. **Cowboys by 4.**



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS V ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

SAT JULY 22 2023, 3:10PM

MCDONALD JONES STADIUM, NEW LAMBTON / AWABAKAL

REFEREE: Darian Furner; Sideline Officials: Billy Greatbach, Daniel Luttringer; Video Referee: Kasey Badger **TV:** Nine Network, 9Now, Fox Sports 506, Kayo Sports

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS: 1. Tamika Upton 2. Sheridan Gallagher 3. Shanice Parker 4. Abigail Roache 5. Jasmine Strange 6. Caitlin Moran 7. Jesse Southwell

8. Tayla Predebon 9. Olivia Higgins 10. Rima Butler 11. Caitlan Johnston 12. Yasmin Clydsdale 13. Laishon Albert-Jones

Interchange: 14. Nita Maynard 15. Kayla Romaniuk 16. Simone Karpani 17. Viena Tinao

Reserves: 18. Tiana Davison 19. Tamerah Leati 20. Jayde Herdegen 21. Felila Kia 22. Georgia Roche

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS: 1. Teagan Berry 2. Taylor Mapusua 3. Keele Browne 4. Bobbi Law 5. Shenai Lendill 6. Tyla Nathan-Wong 7. Raecene McGregor

8. Angelina Teakaraanga Katoa 9. Renee Targett 10. Tara McGrath-West 11. Sara Sautia 12. Roxy Murdoch 13. Alexis Tauaneai

Interchange: 14. Zali Hopkins 15. Ella Koster 16. Jamilee Bright 17. Maddison Weatherall

Reserves: 18. Kaarla Cowan 19. Sophie Clancy 20. Cortez Te Pau 21. Margot Vella 22. Sarah Riorden

PREVIEW

written by Josh ROBERTSON

The second of Saturday's NRLW triple header comes from Newcastle as two familiar faces battle it out as the Knights play host to the St George Illawarra Dragons.

In their two seasons, the Newcastle Knights probably have had the biggest contrast in fortunes that the game has ever seen after losing every game in their first season to becoming NRLW premiers in just their second season losing just one game on the way to the premiership. Things don't come easy for the Knights this season with several of their key personnel from their premiership winning season departing the club including Millie Boyle to the Roosters as well as Kirra Dibb and Emma Manzelmann heading to the Cowboys for season 2023. The Knights are boosted though by Hannah Southwell return to the squad after a serious injury ruled her out of most of the 2022 season. The Knights will have 9 players from their NRLW grand final winning squad lining up for Round 1 though they are still without Hannah Southwell who is still on the comeback trail after her knee injury suffered last year. Polarising figure Caitlan Moran has been given the job of partnering Jesse Southwell in the halves with new English recruit Georgia Roache given another week to acclimatise to Australia after only recently arriving.

The ultimate thereabouts team of the NRLW across its history, the St George Illawarra Dragons again made it to the NRLW Finals finishing third on the ladder with three wins from their five matches. The Dragons struggled in the final round and then in the first week of the finals against the Knights so they will be looking for revenge against the team that ended their season. There has been a big turnover of players for the Dragons both good and bad as they have lost plenty of experience and firepower but then brought in some of their own big stars. The biggest losses for the Dragons include Emma Tonegato's

departure to Cronulla, Kezie Apps to the Tigers as well as Rachael Pearson and Elsie Albert to the Eels. The Dragons have been boosted though with the signing of 2022 Dally M winner Raecene McGregor and NZ rugby star Tyla Nathan-Wong. A new look halves combination has been named by Jamie Soward with an all-Kiwi duo of Raecene McGregor and Tyla Nathan-Wong playing in the halves. Joining Nathan-Wong are four other debutants in the squad with Shenai Lendill and Alexis Tauaneai starting with Ella Koster and Jamilee Bright coming off the bench.

PLAYER TO WATCH: Knights youngster Jesse Southwell so far has seen everything she has touched turn to gold and she's not even 20 yet. Southwell was a Rugby 7s star and turned her hand to Rugby League where she starred immediately helping lead the Knights to a premiership. A flat Origin series may show she is human as now the spotlight will be well and truly on her as the Knights want to get off to a good start.

Raecene McGregor has been a strong performer since the NRLW started and 2022 saw her light up the field both in the delayed 2021 season but then truly showing how much of a superstar she is by winning the 2022 Dally M medal. Leading the Dragons halves will be a new experience for McGregor but the colours certainly aren't as she is looking to lead the Dragons to a maiden premiership.

TIP: This is an extremely hard game to pick, both sides are coming off NRLW trial losses but trial form isn't everything and what happens in Round 1 can be completely different to what happens. This game is the most likely to end up in golden point and if any team wins by more than a converted try I'll be surprised. The Knights might just have the edge but it will be close. **Knights by 2.**



BRISBANE BRONCOS V SYDNEY ROOSTERS

SAT JULY 22 2023, 7:45PM

SUNSHINE COAST STADIUM, BOKARINA / KABI KABI

REFEREE: Wyatt Raymond; Sideline Officials: Jack Ebert, Jack Klein; Video Referee: Ben Cummins **TV:** Nine Network, 9Now, Fox Sports 507, Kayo Sports
BRISBANE BRONCOS: 1. Hayley Maddick 2. Julia Robinson 3. Mele Hufanga 4. Sheneae Ciesiolka 5. Ashleigh Werner 6. Gayle Broughton 7. Ali Briggingshaw 8. Annetta Nuausala 9. Destiny Brill 10. Chelsea Lenarduzzi 11. Tazmin Gray 12. Romy Teitzel 13. Mariah Denman
Interchange: 14. Jada Ferguson 15. Filomina Hanisi 16. Tafito Lafaele 17. Lauren Dam
Reserves: 18. Lavinia Gould 19. Jasmine Fogavini 20. Breanna Eales 21. Grace Griffin 22. Toni Hunt
SYDNEY ROOSTERS: 1. Corban Baxter 2. Brydie Parker 3. Jessica Sergis 4. Isabelle Kelly 5. Jayme Fressard 6. Tarryn Aiken 7. Jocelyn Kelleher 8. Millie Boyle 9. Keeley Davis 10. Mya Hill-Moana 11. Amber Hall 12. Olivia Kernick 13. Keilee Joseph
Interchange: 14. Shawden Burton 15. Kalosipani Hopoate 16. Otesa Pule 17. Joeli Morris
Reserves: 18. Alexandra Kiriwi 19. Teuila Fotu-Moala 20. Lily Rogan 21. Tyler Bentley 22. Amelia Pasikala

PREVIEW

written by Josh ROBERTSON

The final of Saturday's three NRLW games comes from the Sunshine Coast as the Brisbane Broncos look to pick themselves up from a season of disaster as they take on another familiar face in the Sydney Roosters.

After dominating the competition for so long, the Brisbane Broncos have come back to the field big time as other clubs have begun to build structures that rival what the Broncos have had in place. The 2022 season for the Broncos can only be called a disaster as they won just one game for the season which came against Queensland rivals, the Titans. The Broncos have had a pretty mixed off-season when it has come to player movement with a number of big signings which have been matched by big departures. Brisbane have brought in young star Destiny Brill into the squad along with electric fullback Gayle Broughton from the Eels as well as Knights premiership winner Romy Teitzel. These signings have been countered by the experienced and firepower lost with Amber Hall, Tarryn Aiken and Jaime Chapman. New Brisbane Coach Scott Prince has put his faith in three debutants to make their debut in Round 1 with Mele Hufanga and Ash Werner named to start on the edges whilst ex NZ Rugby star Tafito Lafaele comes off the bench. The Broncos have gone with Gayle Broughton and Ali Briggingshaw in the halves after Broughton was fullback for the Eels and Briggingshaw has spent most of her time in the 9 jersey including in Origin.

Going through the season undefeated, the Sydney Roosters crashed and burned when it came to the NRLW finals in 2022 going down to the Parramatta Eels by 14 points. The regular season for the

Roosters was almost perfection winning all five games with four coming by 20 points or more. The Roosters have fared pretty well in the off-season transfers despite losing reigning Dally M Player of the Year Raecene McGregor as well as losing Destiny Brill. The Tricolours have been able to sign star forward Millie Boyle on a long term deal from the Knights along with Amber Hall and Tarryn Aiken from the Broncos and Keeley Davis from the Dragons. The star-studded Roosters team is filled with experience across the park with their four new recruits all named in the 17 by Tricolours coach John Strange. The Roosters side is boosted with the returns of Corbin Baxter and Keely Davis who both missed last season through pregnancy and a knee injury respectively.

PLAYER TO WATCH: Gayle Broughton came with big wraps to Parramatta and it took her a while to get her game going last season but once she found her feet she became a big star for the Eels. Coming into the Broncos side in the halves, Broughton will be in the front line of the attack and will be a big part of any success for the Broncos.

Coming against her old side first-up, Tarryn Aiken is going to have a big impact for the Roosters side that has plenty of talent across the park. Holding more experience than most sides, the one area of weakness for the Roosters could be considered to be the halves and Aiken can fill a need for the Tricolours.

TIP: It's hard to look past the experience right across the park for the Roosters with the strongest backline and forward pack in the competition. The Broncos are also highly experienced but I just think stability for the Roosters will be enough to get them the win. **Roosters by 10.**



PARRAMATTA EELS V WESTS TIGERS

SUN JULY 23 2023, 12:00PM

COMMBANK STADIUM, PARRAMATTA / BURRAMATTAGAL

REFEREE: Rochelle Tamarua; Sideline Officials: Clayton Wills, Luke Saldern; Video Referee: Todd Smith **TV:** Nine Network, 9Now, Fox League, Kayo Sports
PARRAMATTA EELS: 1. Abbi Church 2. Zali Fay 3. Mahalia Murphy 4. Shontelle Stowers 5. Cassey Tohi-Hiku 6. Pihuka Berryman-Duff 7. Rachael Pearson 8. Elsie Albert 9. Rueben Cherrington 10. Ruby-Jean Kennard 11. Amelia Mafi 12. Talesha Quinn 13. Kennedy Cherrington
Interchange: 14. Capri Paekau 15. Jade Fonua 16. Shannon Muru 17. Madeline Jones
Reserves: 18. Monique Donovan 19. Kyra Simon 20. Kimberley Hunt 21. Rosemarie Beckett 22. Nakia Davis-Welsh
WESTS TIGERS: 1. Botille Vette-Welsh 2. Jakiya Whitfield 3. Rikeya Horne 4. Leianne Tufuga 5. Josephine Lenaz 6. Pauline Piliae 7. Emily Curtain 8. Sarah Togatuki 9. Ebony Prior 10. Christian Pio 11. Kezie Apps 12. Eliza Siilata 13. Najvada George
Interchange: 14. Sophie Curtain 15. Losana Lutu 16. Taylor Osborne 17. Folau Vaki
Reserves: 18. Jessica Kennedy 19. Rebecca Pollard 20. Bianca Bennetts 21. Salma Nour 22. Imogen Gobran

PREVIEW

written by Josh ROBERTSON

The first of Sunday's two NRLW games is the first Western Sydney derby (although not a true Western Sydney Derby until the NRL do the right thing and have a proper representation of the West) as the Parramatta Eels play host to the Wests Tigers.

The Parramatta Eels in their second season surprised many as they came from the clouds to make the finals series let alone making the Grand Final. The Eels came into the final round of last season needing to win to avoid the wooden spoon and then scoring an unlikely 12-point victory against the Broncos. The Eels managed to pull off that upset then pulled off an even bigger upset beating the previously undefeated Roosters to qualify for the grand final. For the 2023 season, the Eels have lost more players than they have gained which could be a concern having lost a number of key players such as Gayle Broughton, Simaima Taufa, Ellie Johnston and Tiana Penitani. The signings that the Eels have made though are key ones with NSW halfback Rachael Pearson and PNG international Elsie Albert joining the Blue and Gold for season 2023. The upheaval at the Eels is on show with just six players from the Eels grand final losing squad remaining for Round 1 this season. The key though is fan favourite Kennedy Cherrington is still there and moves into the lock role. Rachael Pearson takes the halfback role as expected with exciting youngster Pihuka Berryman-Duff alongside her in the halves. An inexperienced bench sees all four players set to make their debut.

Another of the NRL's newest teams, the Wests Tigers have had a strong foundation over many years in the NSW Women's Premiership and it's that foundation that they have used to step up into the NRLW competition for season 2023. The step-up into the NRLW is going to be a big one for the Tigers who have had success as recently as 2022 in the HNWP competition in NSW and it's the base of that squad that

they have built around the future for. The biggest gains for the Tigers in their squad this season would be the leadership of Kezie Apps and Botille Vette-Welsh who missed all last season suffering a serious injury. The Tigers have a predominantly young squad surrounded by these two as well as Australian and NSW representative Sarah Togatuki who will anchor the squad. The Wests Tigers will field seven debutants in their squad as announced by coach Brett Kimmorley including former NSW Waratahs Rugby star Pauline Piliae-Rasabale who will take the five-eighth role along side former Eel Emily Curtain. The Tigers have named veterans Apps and Togatuki in the forwards whilst exciting young playmaker Losana Lutu comes off the bench.

PLAYER TO WATCH: If you don't love Kennedy Cherrington, then there is something wrong with you because the loveable Eels captain is going to be a key player for Parramatta this season. Cherrington makes a big impact on the field and going forward she possesses both strength and speed that could help the Blue and Gold have a step forward.

Wests Tigers co-captain Botille Vette-Welsh is one of the most exciting players in the NRLW but sadly a serious ACL injury meant that she missed the entire 2022 season and was a big loss for the Eels. Returning to Rugby League via the NSWRL Women's Premiership, Vette-Welsh had a big season for the Tigers and it's expected that she will have another this time in the NRLW.

TIP: The Tigers side could surprise many, but personally it feels one of the weakest sides in the NRLW and could struggle big time. Despite losing a number of key players, the spine for the Eels can be very strong and I think they can pick up the victory here. **Eels by 10.**



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS V CANBERRA RAIDERS

SUN JULY 23 2023, 1:50PM

POINTS BET STADIUM, WOOLLOOWARE / DHARAWAL

REFEREE: Kasey Badger; **Sideline Officials:** Mitchell Currie, Karra-Lee Nolan; **Video Referee:** Matt Noyen **TV:** Nine Network, 9Now, Fox Sports 506, Kayo Sports

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS: 1. Jada Taylor 2. Annessa Biddle 3. Tiana Penitani 4. Kiana Takairangi 5. Andie Robinson 6. Emma Tonegato 7. Tayla Preston

8. Ellie Johnston 9. Quincy Dodd 10. Tegan Dymock 11. Talei Holmes 12. Vanessa Foliaki 13. Brooke Anderson

Interchange: 14. Sereana Naitokatoka 15. Harata Butler 16. Rhiannon Byers 17. Jazmon Tupou Witchman

Reserves: 18. Cassie Staples 19. Chloe Saunders 20. Maddie Studdon 21. Fiona Jahnke 22. Georgia Ravics

CANBERRA RAIDERS: 1. Apii Nicholls 2. Madison Bartlett 3. Cheyelle Robins-reti 4. Mackenzie Wiki 5. Shakiah Tungai 6. Zahara Temara 7. Ash Quinlan

8. Tommaya Kelly-Sines 9. Chante Temara 10. Sophie Holyman 11. Monalisa Soliola 12. Hollie Dodd 13. Simaima Taufa

Interchange: 14. Emma Barnes 15. Grace Kemp 16. Kerehitina Matua 17. Tara Reinke

Reserves: 18. Elise Smith 19. Ahlivia Ingram 20. Ella Ryan 21. Ua Ravu 22. Jessica Gentle



PREVIEW

written by Josh ROBERTSON

The final match of Round 1 of the NRLW sees the only battle of two of the newest NRLW sides as the Cronulla Sharks play host to the Canberra Raiders at Shark Park on Sunday afternoon.

Despite being one of the new sides in the competition, the Cronulla Sharks look like they've been there since day 1 with a successful structure in the lower grades that makes them more ready for success than any of the newest sides so far. The Sharks were contenders to be one of the first four sides in the first season but it's taken them until now to be entered. The Sharks have gone heavy into the market but most of their signings from other teams for 2023 are all players with a strong connection to the Sharks NSWRL Women's Premiership squad. The squad that the Sharks have built could be considered one of the strongest with the likes of Emma Tonegato, Maddie Studdon leading the charge for Cronulla in 2023. The experience that is in the Sharks side is massive which has seen Maddie Studdon only listed in the reserves with Emma Tonegato and Tayla Preston given the halves job for Round 1. The backbone for the Sharks has speed with Jada Taylor and Andie Robinson set to set things alight. Harata Butler and Rhiannon Byers are set to make their debuts from the bench.

The Canberra Raiders are probably the most mysterious of the teams in 2023 given they are fresh faces in the competition but at the same time despite a number of signings from other teams, they have recruited locally from the ACT with plenty of new names. Despite focusing a lot on local talent, the Raiders have also gone for experience with Zahara Temara making the move down South giving

some much needed experience in the halves as well as bringing the likes of Simaima Taufa and NZ international Apii Nicholls to the nations capital. A number of young signings gives the Raiders an exciting future and the clubs passion for the English stretches to the NRLW as Hollie-Mae Dodd joins from York. The Raiders squad for Round 1 sees seven NRLW debutants with Hollie-Mae Dodd named in the second row leading the charge along side exciting Rugby convert Cheyelle Robins-Reti named in the centre as well as Mackenzie Wiki the daughter of Raiders legend Reuben Wiki. The experience in the Raiders spine will hold them in good stead with the likes of Zahara Temara and Apii Nicholls.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: One of the most exciting players in the NRLW, Emma Tonegato faces a new challenge being named in the halves this weekend after having played her whole NRLW career at fullback. The new position for Tonegato is going to be interesting for both her and the Sharks given her electricity at the back with the ball but if things don't go right, there is plenty of competition.

Canberra halfback Zahara Temara is going to be the controlling part of a Raiders team that will need a cool and calm head leading the ship. Temara has been a strong performer for the Roosters and Broncos in the past and she has been the behind the scenes performer that has kept their ships going with bigger name stars.

TIP: It's hard to go past the Sharks who could be one of the competition favourites, they have more than enough to put on a big score against the Raiders. The Sharks are the fastest team in the league and this should put them well ahead of many of the other teams. [Sharks by 20.](#)

2023 FIXTURES

ROUND 1					
Jul 22nd	Sat 12:50pm	Gold Coast	North QLD	Cbus	
Jul 22nd	Sat 3:10pm	Newcastle	St George Illa	McDonald Jones	
Jul 22nd	Sat 7:45pm	Brisbane	Sydney	Sunshine Coast	
Jul 23rd	Sun 12:00pm	Parramatta	Wests Tigers	CommBank	
Jul 23rd	Sun 1:50pm	Cronulla	Canberra	Pointsbet	
ROUND 2					
Jul 27th	Thu 5:40pm	Brisbane	Gold Coast	The Gabba	
Jul 29th	Sat 12:50pm	Canberra	Sydney	GIO Stadium	
JUL 29TH	Sat 3:10pm	St George Illa	Parramatta	WIN Stadium	
Jul 30th	Sun 12:00pm	Newcastle	North QLD	Belmore	
Jul 30th	Sun 1:50pm	Wests Tigers	Cronulla	Belmore	
ROUND 3					
Aug 3rd	Thu 5:40pm	Sydney	St George Illa	SCG	
Aug 5th	Sat 12:50pm	North QLD	Brisbane	QLD Country Bank	
Aug 5th	Sat 3:10pm	Cronulla	Gold Coast	Pointsbet	
Aug 6th	Sun 12:00pm	Parramatta	Newcastle	CommBank	
Aug 6th	Sun 1:50pm	Canberra	Wests Tigers	GIO Stadium	
ROUND 4					
Aug 12th	Sat 11:05am	St George Illa	Canberra	WIN Stadium	
Aug 12th	Sat 12:40pm	Brisbane	Parramatta	Totally Workwear	
Aug 12th	Sat 3:10pm	North QLD	Wests Tigers	Totally Workwear	
Aug 13th	Sun 12:00pm	Cronulla	Sydney	Pointsbet	
Aug 13th	Sun 1:50pm	Newcastle	Gold Coast	McDonald Jones	
ROUND 5					
Aug 19th	Sat 11:05am	North QLD	Cronulla	QLD Country Bank	
Aug 19th	Sat 12:50pm	Wests Tigers	St George Illa	CommBank	
AUG 19TH	Sat 3:10pm	Gold Coast	Sydney	Cbus	
Aug 20th	Sun 12:00pm	Newcastle	Brisbane	McDonald Jones	
Aug 20th	Sun 1:50pm	Canberra	Parramatta	GIO Stadium	

ROUND 6					
Aug 26th	Sat 11:05am	Parramatta	North QLD	Netstrata	
Aug 26th	Sat 1:15pm	St George Illa	Gold Coast	Netstrata	
Aug 26th	Sat 3:10pm	Sydney	Wests Tigers	Allianz	
Aug 27th	Sun 12:00pm	Brisbane	Canberra	Totally Workwear	
Aug 27th	Sun 1:50pm	Newcastle	Cronulla	McDonald Jones	
ROUND 7					
Sep 2nd	Sat 11:05am	Canberra	Newcastle	GIO Stadium	
Sep 2nd	Sat 12:50pm	Brisbane	Cronulla	QLD Country Bank	
Sep 2nd	Sat 3:10pm	North QLD	St George Illa	QLD Country Bank	
Sep 3rd	Sun 12:00pm	Gold Coast	Wests Tigers	Cbus	
Sep 3rd	Sun 1:50pm	Sydney	Parramatta	Industree Group	
ROUND 8					
Sep 7th	Thu 7:45pm	Cronulla	St George Illa	Pointsbet	
Sep 9th	Sat 11:30am	Wests Tigers	Brisbane	McDonald Jones	
SEP 9TH	Sat 1:30pm	Newcastle	Sydney	McDonald Jones	
Sep 10th	Sun 11:30am	North QLD	Canberra	Cbus	
Sep 10th	Sun 1:30pm	Gold Coast	Parramatta	Cbus	
ROUND 9					
Sep 14th	Thu 7:45pm	Wests Tigers	Newcastle	Campbelltown	
Sep 16th	Sat 1:05pm	Sydney	North QLD	Netstrata	
Sep 16th	Sat 3:15pm	St George Illa	Brisbane	Netstrata	
Sep 17th	Sun 1:05pm	Parramatta	Cronulla	GIO Stadium	
Sep 17th	Sun 3:15pm	Canberra	Gold Coast	GIO Stadium	
SEMI FINALS					
22/23 Sep	Semi Final 1	1st	v	4th	Venue TBC
22/23 Sep	Semi Final 2	2nd	v	3rd	Venue TBC
GRAND FINAL					
Oct 1st	Sun Time TBC	Winner SF 1	v	Winner SF 2	Venue TBC

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STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 20

28 points - **Shaun Johnson (Warriors)**

20 points - Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

19 points - Payne Haas (Broncos), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

17 points - Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs/Blues)

16 points - Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

15 points - Cameron Munster (Storm)

14 points - James Tedesco (Roosters)

13 points - Dylan Edwards (Panthers), David Fifita (Titans), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Corey Horsburgh (Raiders)

12 points - Isiah Yeo (Panthers)

11 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers), AJ Brimson (Titans), Hudson Young (Raiders), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

10 points - Izack Tago (Panthers), Harry Grant (Storm), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors)

9 points - Matt Burton (Bulldogs), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys/Maroons)

8 points - Jahream Bula (West Tigers), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), William Kennedy (Sharks), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins), Blayke Brailey (Sharks),

J'maine Hopgood (Eels)

7 points - Jamayne Isaako (Dolphins), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Dylan Brown (Eels), Jeremy Marshall-King (Dolphins)

6 points - Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Anthony Milford (Dolphins), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Luke Keary (Roosters), Nick Meaney (Storm), Luke Brooks (West Tigers), Bradman Best (Knights/Blues)

5 points - Wayde Egan (Warriors), Phillip Sami (Titans), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Lachlan Croker (Sea Eagles), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Jacob Liddle (Dragons), Brian To'o (Panthers), Kieran Foran (Titans), Greg Marzhev (Knights), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys/Maroons)

4 points - Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Tanah Boyd (Titans), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Jonah Pezet (Storm), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Jacob Preston (Bulldogs), Bryce Cartwright (Eels), Tom Dearden (Cowboys), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Xavier Coates (Storm), William Warbrick (Storm), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Scott Sorensen (Panthers), Reed Mahoney (Bulldogs), Brandon Wakeham (West Tigers), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Lindsay Collins (Roosters)

3 points - Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Jackson Hastings (Knights), Jarome Luai (Panthers), Viliami Penisini (Eels), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors), Tyrone Peachey (Panthers), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Luke Metcalf (Warriors), Tevita Pangai Junior (Bulldogs), Eliesa Katoa (Storm), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Taane Milne (Rabbitohs), Heilum Luki (Cowboys), Brandon Smith (Roosters), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Charnzee Nicoll-Klokstad (Warriors), Sean O'Sullivan (Dolphins), Lachlan Miller (Knights), Dane Gagai (Knights), Junior Tupou (West Tigers), Alofiana Khan-Pereira (Titans), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Dominic Young (Knights), Sam Walker (Roosters), Keaton

Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Tyson Gamble (Knights), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys/Maroons)

2 points - Ezra Mam (Broncos), Jack Cogger (Panthers), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Jaeman Salmon (Panthers), Luciano Leilua (Cowboys), Tom Gilbert (Dolphins), Tolutau Koula (Sea Eagles), Egan Butcher (Roosters), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Starford To'a (West Tigers), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Isaiiah Papali'i (West Tigers), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Tesi Niu (Dolphins), John Bateman (West Tigers), Keenan Palasia (Broncos), Marcelo Montoya (Warriors), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Felise Kaufusi (Dolphins), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Mitchell Barnett (Warriors), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Blake Taaffe (Rabbitohs), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Junior Paulo (Eels), Tristan Sailor (Broncos), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Moses Leota (Panthers), Cameron McInnes (Sharks), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Braidon Burns (Bulldogs), Apisai Koroisau (West Tigers), Jackson Ford (Warriors), Connelly Lemuelu (Dolphins), Valynce Te Whare (Dolphins)

1 point - Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Josh King (Storm), Mason Teague (Dolphins), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Tyrone Munro (Rabbitohs), Albert Hopoate (Raiders), Dale Finucane (Sharks), Lachlan Fitzgibbon (Knights), Brendan Piakura (Broncos), Alex Twal (West Tigers), Jaxson Paulo (Roosters), Tautau Moga (Dragons), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs), Edward Kosi (Warriors), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Josh Reynolds (Bulldogs), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Brendan Hands (Eels), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), Charlie Staines (West Tigers), Jazz Tevaga (Warriors), Adam Doueihi (West Tigers), Jayden Sullivan (Dragons), Ethan Bullemor (Sea Eagles), Junior Puga (Roosters), Josh Curran (Warriors), Semi Valemei (Raiders), Leo Thompson (Knights), Hayze Perham (Bulldogs), Wiremu Greig (Eels), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Freddy Lussick (Warriors), Cory Paix (Broncos), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Lindsay Smith (Panthers), Liam Martin (Panthers/Blues)

QRL RESULTS

HOSTPLUS CUP

RESULTS - ROUND 18 (COUNTRY WEEK)

Norths Devils (44) Tries: Jonathon Reuben 2, Connor Broadhurst, Sam Elliott, Liam Horne, Manase Kaho, Zachery Mcminn; Goals: Bryce Donovan 8/8 **def Wynnum Manly Seagulls (32)** Tries: Kyle Foxwell 2, Darius Farmer, Joshua Stuckey, Oliver Pascoe; Goals: Josh Rogers 6/6 **at Wondai Sports Ground, Wondai / Waka Waka**

Redcliffe Dolphins (38) Tries: Trai Fuller 3, Sheldon Pitama, Brayden Mcgrady, Jeremiah Simbiken, Max Plath; Goals: Brenton Baira 5/7 **def Burleigh Bears (6)** Tries: Sami Sauliluma; Goals: Tom Steadman 1/1 **at Centenary Oval, Miles / Barungam**

Central Queensland Capras (46) Tries: Blake Moore 3, Brandon Roberts 2, Aaron Moore, Nicholas Halalilo, Cooper Marshall; Goals: Trey Brown 7/8 **def Ipswich Jets (6)** Tries: Denzel Burns; Goals: Dray Ngatuere-Wroe 1/1 **at Biloela Sporting Complex, Biloela / Gangulu**

Tweed Seagulls (38) Tries: Lindon Mcgrady 2, Will Brimson, Ryland Jacobs, Treymain Spry, Kaleb Ngamanu; Goals: Lindon Mcgrady 7/7 **def Brisbane Tigers (12)** Tries: Corey Thompson, Leivaha Pulu; Goals: Tristan Hope 2/2 **at Kilcoy Sports Centre, Kilcoy / Jimibara**

Sunshine Coast Falcons (24) Tries: Bronson Garlick, Tepai Moeroa, Jayden Nikorima, Jack Gibbons; Goals: Jack Wright 2/2, Jai Smoothy 2/2 **def Northern Pride (8)** Tries: Rashaun Denny, Daniel Woodhouse **at Andoom Oval, Weipa / Alingith**

Souths Logan Magpies (14) Tries: Tyler Coburn, Jesse Jennings, Byron Johnson; Goals: Jack Campagnolo 1/3 **def Mackay Cutters (12)** Tries: Adam Cook, Joshua Smith; Goals: Brandon Finnegan 2/2 **at Les Stagg Oval, Proserpine / Gia**

Townsville Blackhawks (42) Tries: Jodeci Baker-Tiraha 2, Brendan Elliot, Mitchell Dunn, McKenzie Baker, Robert Derby, Taniela Sadrug; Goals: Thomas Duffy 7/7 **def Western Clydesdales (12)** Tries: Hnaloan Budden, Esom Ioka; Goals: Bessie Toomaga 2/2 **at Sullivan Oval, Stanthorpe / Kambuwal**

BYE: PNG Hunters

LADDER: ROUND 18	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES	17	13	2	2	1	496	318	178	30
2. BURLEIGH BEARS	16	12	4	0	2	448	326	122	28
3. WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS	16	11	5	0	2	524	352	172	26
4. REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS	17	10	4	3	1	484	363	121	25
5. BRISBANE TIGERS	17	11	5	1	1	474	370	104	25
6. CQ CAPRAS	16	9	5	2	2	401	309	92	24
7. TWEED SEAGULLS	17	10	7	0	1	506	397	109	22
8. SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS	16	8	7	1	2	396	338	58	21
9. NORTHERN PRIDE	16	8	7	1	2	257	338	-81	21
10. TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS	16	7	8	1	2	382	363	19	19
11. PNG HUNTERS	16	7	8	1	2	368	404	-36	19
12. NORTH DEVILS	16	6	8	2	2	418	388	30	18
13. WESTERN CLYDESDALES	16	2	14	0	2	362	564	-202	8
14. MACKAY CUTTERS	17	2	15	0	1	278	518	-240	6
15. IPSWICH JETS	17	0	17	0	1	290	736	-446	2

HOSTPLUS CUP AND HASTINGS DEERING COLTS RESUME ON JULY 29

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 19 WRAP with AJ LUCANTONIO

CATALANS 14 (M. Ikuvalu, T. Johnstone tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 12** (L. Dodd, M. Percival tries; J. Lussick, M. Percival goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 13th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 8-6. Penalties: St Helens 9-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,193. **ST HELENS**: Welsby, Hopoate, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby, Lees, Mata'utia, Bell, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Delaney. **CATALANS**: Tomkins, Davies, Ikuvalu, Keighran, Johnstone; May, Pearce; Navarrete, McIlorum, McMeeken, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Chan, Dezaria, Ma'u.

Catalans have hung on for a determined two point victory over defending champs St Helens to move four points clear at the top of the Super League ladder. It was a game that was played at a frantic pace and showcased both sides deserved to be competing for the top spots in 2023. It took 15 minutes for the scorers table to be put to work, showcasing both sides tenacity in defence. Adam Keighran knocked over a penalty goal. Six minutes later, Johnny Lomax's kick was intercepted by Keighran who found the flying Tom Johnstone who raced away for the first try of the match. Saints crossed for a try just before the break. Mark Percival latched onto a Lewis Dodd grubber to cross for a deserved try working through several defensive sets on their own line before working their way down field. Percival added the extras and only trailed by two at the break. Five minutes after the resumption. Catalans added to their advantage when Matt Ikuvalu squeezed his way through several defenders to score in the corner. Keighran again nailed his conversion from the sideline to extend the margin beyond two scores. Saints lost Percival and James Roby to failed HIA's leaving them in doubt for the Challenge Cup semi. Will Hopoate finally unlocked the Dragons defence with a clever ball inside to send Dodd over with six minutes left. Joey Lussick's conversion made it a two-point game and Saints almost snatched it on the hooter when Hopoate blazed down the right but a costly mistake saw the Tongan fling his final pass and the game away.

HUDDERSFIELD 34 (T. Lolohea 2, S. Halsall, J. McGillivray, C. McQueen, K. Naiqama tries; O. Russell 5 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 6** (S. Langi try; M. Jowitt goal) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 16-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 4-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,872. **HUDDERSFIELD**: Connor, McGillivray, Bibby, Naiqama, Halsall; Lolohea, Russell; Hill, Milner, Wilson, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates. Int: Peats, Greenwood, English, Hewitt. **WAKEFIELD**: Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Langi, Kershaw; Dagger, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Battye, Ashurst, Pitts, Kay. Int: Bowes, Fifta, Atoni, Proctor.

Wakefield's two game winning streak has come to an end after getting thrashed 34-6 by the Huddersfield Giants who kick started a two game winning streak of their own. The Giants opened the scoring inside the first five minutes. Chris McQueen crashed his way through some would be attempts of tackle to score the first try of the game. Oliver Russell's conversion made the score 6-0. Wakefield showed signs of their recent defensive resilience holding Huddersfield at bay throughout the first half. However, in the latter stages of the half. Their resilience began to crumble. Kevin Naiqama crossed seven minutes from the break, showcasing his footwork when he stepped past the defence to go over to make it 12-0. Huddersfield increased their advantage with seconds left before the interval, as a good passing move resulted in Sam Halsall gliding over in the corner to lead 16-0 at the break. Two minutes after the resumption. The Giants continued from where they left off. Jermaine McGillivray got the ball over the line within 90 seconds of the restart and Russell made no mistake from the kick this time extending the margin to 22. Five minutes later, it was beginning to look like a cricket score. Tui Lolohea reacted first after Trinity mistake, but he made no mistake in getting the try and neither did Russell with his conversion. Wakefield avoided yet another Super League duck egg this season when Sanisoni Langi lunging over from close range, making it to the line. Max Jowitt added the extras. Lolohea added a second try in the closing stages to make the score look like the domination it was at 34-6.

HULL KR 19 (T. Opacic, B. Schneider, L. Senior tries; R. Milnes 3 goals; B. Schneider field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 18** (A. Handley, C. Johnson, J. O'Connor tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 18-12. Penalties: Leeds 5-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 13,728. **LEEDS**: Myler, Fusitu'a, Martin, Macdonald, Handley, Edgell, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, Bentley, McDonnell, Smith. Int: Lisone, Holroyd, Sangaré, Johnson. **HULL KR**: Ryan, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Milnes, Schneider; Kennedy, Litten, King, Batchelor, Keinhorst, Hadley. Int: Parcell, Storton, Johnson, Luckley.

A golden point field goal capped a dream debut for mid-season signing Brad Schneider as Hull KR slithered to a 19-18 victory over the Leeds Rhinos. The fresh signing from Canberra opened the scoring inside 7 minutes. Shaun Kenny-Dowall broke through before offloading to Schneider to collect the opening try on his Super League debut. Rowan Milnes converted for a 6-0 score. Leeds soon countered the fast start from the visitors. Jarrod O'Connor darted over from close range beating some sloppy defence from the visitors who should've done a better job at containing the little man. Rhysie Martin converted to level the scores. Rovers responded in the 17th minute of the game when fellow Australian Tom Opacic was on the end of Schneider's kick to touch down for the visitors. Milnes converted to extend the margin back out to six for the visitors. Ten out from the break, brilliant quick hands from Ethan Ryan and Opacic put Louis Senior away to the corner to extend the margin to 10. Just before the break, Leeds were able to bring the margin back to four points. Nene Macdonald stepped inside SKD and put Corey Johnson over the line to score. Martin's excellent conversion saw the margin reduce to four. Milnes added a penalty goal to make it 18-12 at the break. 13 minutes after the resumption. Leeds were able to level the scores. It took a beautiful kick by Aidan Sezer and Ash Handley had the pace to get there ahead of Senior to score for the home side. Martin converted from touch to level the scores at 18 apiece. Both sides tried their hand at winning the game in regulation through attacking plays and the humble drop-goal. But, both sides failed at that task and the game was sent to golden point. Rovers' new signing proved to be the hero that they needed with Schneider nailing a field goal in the opening period of golden point to secure victory for the visitors.

WIGAN 26 (L. Farrell, B. French, L. Marshall, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 12** (D. Clark, J. Harrison tries; S. Ratchford 2 goals) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 12-11. Penalties: Wigan 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,105. **WIGAN**: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Shorrocks, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Pearce-Paul, Mago, Hill, Nsemba. **WARRINGTON**: Dufty, Russell, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Minikin; Walker, Drinkwater; Dudson, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Harrison, Philbin. Int: Kasiano, Bullock, Whitehead, Holroyd.

Warrington have continued their spectacular Super League collapse dropping five of their last six, including a 26-12 loss to Wigan. The visitors started so well when James Harrison crossed inside the opening ten minutes. But it was Wigan who'd dominate the remainder of the match. They set up camp in Warrington's end of the ground and after wave after wave of attack they finally breached the Wire's line. Liam Marshall crossed and it looked as if the Warriors would continue their domination. However, Wolves took advantage of their limited possession and capitalised. Daryl Clark crossed from short distance and with Ratchford's conversion. They look poised to be in front at the break. However, the Wolves counted their chickens before they hatched and Bevan French capitalised on a break from Jake Wardle to score and level the scores at 12-12. Wigan capitalised on a penalty when Marshall was taken out off the ball. Matty Smith calmly slotted a penalty goal to give the Warriors a 14-12 lead. Future Newcastle Knight Kai Pearce-Paul continued to show his future club why they paid for him in advance with several strong runs up the middle. One of these runs put Wigan on the front foot. This saw the ball go wide and Wardle crossed to put his side ahead beyond two scores. Wigan sealed the game 10 minutes from time when Liam Farrell crossed to submit Wolves to an embarrassing run of recent form which has their final position in jeopardy.

HULL FC 36 (C. Scott 2, A. Swift 2, D. Litten, T. Satae, C. Tuimavave tries; L. Sutcliffe 4 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 18** (J. Broadbent, B. Faraimo, E. Wallis tries; G. Widdop 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 8-11. Penalties: Hull FC 5-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 12,352. **HULL FC**: Litten, Swift, Sutcliffe, Tuimavave, Barron; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Sao, Scott, Savello, Cator. Int: Dwyer, Lane, Satae, Taylor. **CASTLEFORD**: Widdop, Faraimo, Fonua, Broadbent, Wallis; Dean, Miller, Watts, Johnstone, Vete, Mellor, Edwards, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Sutcliffe, Mustapha, Hall.

A second half onslaught from Hull FC has stormed the home side to a 36-18 victory over a struggling Castleford Tigers placing further relegation pressure on the visitors. The home side got off to a fast start crossing after just seven minutes of play. Adam Swift was jolly on the spot when Jake Clifford's crossfield kick was batted back by Davy Litten into the waiting arms of Swift for the first try. The Tigers hit back five minutes later when Elliot Wallis finished off a clever back-line play and beat the cover defence to score in the corner to take a 6-4 lead. Hull didn't panic despite trailing early and it was their other half that gave the lead back to the home side. Carlos Tuimavave crashed onto a Jake Trueman pass and the lead was back in Hull's hand, although the goal-kicking could do with some work. Cas drew level when Gareth Widdop added a penalty goal and it was 8-8 at the break. It was a furious start to the second half from the home side scoring consecutive tries. Chris Satae charged onto a Brad Fash pass and stretching

to ground on the line. From the restart, Satae again exposed some horror Cas defence before finding Swift to complete his double. The 20-8 margin was cut in half thanks to Joe Westerman poking through a gap before finding Jack Broadbent to cross. Broadbent turned from hero to villain after dropping the ensuing restart. Litten scored easily from the ensuing scrum. Cameron Scott would add a further two tries making a dull afternoon for the visitors, but they would leave the scoreboard looking a bit respectable thanks to Bureta Faraimo crossing late.

LEIGH 24 (E. Chamberlain, Z. Hardaker, L. Lam, R. Leutele tries; B. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 22** (A. Ackers, B. Hellewell, K. Sio, K. Vuniyayawa tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals) **AT SALFORD STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 16-10. Penalties: Leigh 10-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 6,892. **SALFORD**: Brieryle, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Dupree, Addy, Stone, Atkin. Int: Vuniyayawa, Sidlow, Bourouh, Hellewell. **LEIGH**: O'Brien, Charnley, Leutele, Hardaker, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Mellor, Mulhern, Chamberlain, Hughes, Asiata. Int: Nakubwai, Holmes, Davis, Wilde.

A late Ben Reynolds penalty goal has sealed victory for the Leigh Leopards with a narrow 24-22 verdict over Salford to record their first away win over the Red Devils since 1983. The home side dominated early possession and was rewarded by crossing the stripe first after 11 minutes of play. Ken Sio was on the end of a well worked backline play and crossed out wide. Marc Sneyd's conversion was waved away. Leigh crossed for two quick tries to quickly evaporate the control the home side had on the clash. John Asiata made a strong carry but was taken short of the line, before offloading to Ed Chamberlain to cross against his former club. Reynolds converted for a slender lead. This was added to when Ricky Leutele charged over after a clever link-up play with Asiata and Lachie Lam. The tide changed soon after when a Sneyd 40/20 changed momentum back to the home side. Salford capitalised on the field position which allowed King Vuniyayawa to cross from point blank range. With just two minutes before the break, Andy Ackers exploited some poor Leigh defence to cross and with Sneyd's conversion it was 16-10 at the break to the home side. Salford soon extended this margin at the start of the second half. A clever kick from man in demand Brodie Croft was grounded by Ben Hellewell and it was looking ominous for the high flying Leopards. But, like all good sides they were gearing up for the fight. 29 minutes from time, Lam crashed over after supporting a strong run from Tom Amone and being on the end of his late and clever offload. With 15 minutes to go, the scores were locked at 22 all. Zak Hardaker was quickest to react to a loose ball close to the Salford line and with Reynolds' conversion the scores were once again locked up, this time at 22-22. A chance at field goal from Sneyd faded wide and in the following set Salford were then pulled up for offside. This was then compounded by another penalty for dissent towards referee Ben Thaler giving Reynolds the chance to go for goal. The effort sailed through the posts to seal the Leopards' come from behind victory.

TABLE: R19	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. CATALANS	19	14	5	0	504	318	186	28
2. LEIGH	19	13	6	0	458	309	149	26
3. WIGAN	19	12	7	0	433	304	129	24
4. ST HELENS	18	11	7	0	377	259	118	22
5. WARRINGTON	19	11	8	0	429	350	79	22
6. HULL KR	19	10	9	0	371	332	39	20
7. SALFORD	19	10	9	0	387	367	20	20
8. LEEDS	19	9	10	0	401	333	68	18
9. HULL FC	19	9	10	0	350	461	-111	18
10. HUDDERSFIELD	18	7	11	0	285	364	-79	14
11. CASTLEFORD	19	4	15	0	228	494	-266	8
12. WAKEFIELD	19	3	16	0	188	520	-332	6

TOP TRIES				P	T
1	Tom JOHNSTONE	Catalans	19	22	
=	Josh CHARNLEY	Leigh	19	22	
3	Liam MARSHALL	Wigan	16	16	

TOP POINTS					P	T	G	F	Pts
1	Rhysie MARTIN	Leeds	19	9	56	-	148		
2	Marc SNEYD	Salford	19	3	65	3	145		
3	Stefan RATCHFORD	Warrington	19	1	67	-	138		

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 16 RESULTS

TOULOUSE 34 (Z. Santo 2, B. Laguerre, A. Marion, J. Ralph, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 5 goals) **DEFEATED BATLEY 12** (J. Meadows, M. Reilly tries; L. Hooley 2 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Batley 6-2. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 3,557. **TOULOUSE**: Santo, Marcon, Jussaume, Laguerre, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Richards, Bretherton, Akauola, Pelissier. **BATLEY**: Hooley, Morton, Hodgson, Senior, Campbell; Meadows, Woods; Brown, White, Kibula, Manning, Buchanan, Reilly. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Gledhill.

FEATHERSTONE 20 (L. Briscoe, G. Gale, C. Hall, A. Hau tries; M. Kheirallah 2 goals) **DEFEATED BARROW 10** (A. Bulman, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw goal) **AT MATT JOHNSON PRESTIGE STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Featherstone 7-6. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,361. **BARROW**: Broadbent, Shaw, Eckersley, Toal, Bulman; Archer, Johnston; Evans, Wood, Makin, Langtree, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Saunders, Cresswell, Rothwell, Burke. **FEATHERSTONE**: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Hall, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Chisholm; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Taylor, Hau, Smith. Int: Jones, Kopczak, Davies, Cozza.

HALIFAX 50 (M. Gee 2, L. Walmsley 2, B. Crooks, B. Kavanagh, Z. McComb, B. Moore, D. Murray tries; L. Jouffret 7 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 12** (J. Chapelhow 2 tries; J. Miller 2 goals) **AT THE SHAY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-0. Penalties: Halifax 6-1. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,453. **HALIFAX**: Pickersgill, Walmsley, McComb, Crooks, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Inman; Calcott, O'Brien, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Moore, Lannon, Fleming, Larroyer. **NEWCASTLE**: Donaghy, Young, Walker, Clegg, Boaf; Miller, Bailey; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Tuliata, Gallagher, Clark. Int: Balmforth, Staveley, Walton, Simons.

WIDNES 38 (M. Roberts 2, M. Fozard, T. Gilmore, A. Lawton, J. Lyons, S. Wilde tries; K. Dixon 5 goals) **DEFEATED KEIGHLEY 22** (C. Graham, E. Robson, L. Roby, J. Sa'u tries; B. Walker 3 goals) **AT COUGAR PARK**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 14-6. Penalties: Widnes 5-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. **KEIGHLEY**: Young, Stephenson, Storey, Sa'u, Graham; Laulu-Togaga'e, Roby; Bibby, Kesik, Everett, Robson, Levy, Walker. Int: Scully, Doyle, Trout, Laidlaw. **WIDNES**: Edge, Dixon, Roberts, Fleming, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Davies. Int: Farnworth, Forber, Walker, Jones.

LONDON 12 (I. Macani 2 tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) **DEFEATED SWINTON 6** (K. Baker try; D. Abram goal) **AT HEYWOOD ROAD**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 10-0. Scrums: Swinton 10-8. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 940. **SWINTON**: Abram, Romeo, Badrock, Spedding, Hutton; Olds, Gibson; Brogan, Eaves, Bennion, Lloyd, Cox, Hall. Int: Roby, Baker, Foster, Case. **LONDON**: Walker, Ulberg, Raiwalui, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Butler, Davis, Stock, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Leyland, Bienek, Williams, Gannon.

BRADFORD 44 (K. Appo, B. Blackmore, C. Butler, K. Gill, M. Matongo, D. Patton, J. Segeyaro, A. Wallace tries; D. Patton 6 goals) **DEFEATED WHITEHAVEN 18** (D. Aiye, C. Holliday, R. King tries; J. Rourke 3 goals) **AT LEL ARENA**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 18-10. Penalties: Bradford 6-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,257. **WHITEHAVEN**: Rourke, Eccleston, Teare, Taylor, Groves; Carter, Aiye; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Lanskey, Holliday, King. Int: Hill, Tabu, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks. **BRADFORD**: Wynne, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Patton; Lawrence, Segeyaro, Matongo, Wallace, Butler, Baitieri. Int: Lilley, Appo, Scurr, Okoro.

YORK 23 (J. Bass, J. Dee, L. Harris, J. Thompson tries; L. Harris 3 goals; L. Harris field goal) **DEFEATED SHEFFIELD 18** (M. Dawson-Jones, B. Jones-Bishop, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Aston 3 goals) **AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-6. Penalties: Sheffield 4-3. Referee: James Vella. **YORK**: Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Dee, Bass; Cunningham, Harris; Tai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: Hingano, Teanby, Santi. **SHEFFIELD**: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Glover, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Gwaze, Farrell, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Oakes, Broadbent, Kirk, Hansen.

TABLE: ROUND 19	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	19	18	1	0	792	190	602	36
2. TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII	19	13	6	0	596	268	328	26
3. BATLEY BULLDOGS	19	13	6	0	391	317	74	26
4. SHEFFIELD EAGLES	19	12	7	0	559	383	176	24
5. BRADFORD BULLS	19	11	7	1	500	456	44	23
6. HALIFAX PANTHERS	19	10	8	1	506	394	112	21
7. LONDON BRONCOS	19	10	9	0	392	434	-42	20
8. WIDNES VIKINGS	19	9	10	0	423	398	25	18
9. YORK RLFC KNIGHTS	19	8	10	1	343	403	-60	17
10. WHITEHAVEN RLFC	19	6	12	1	299	568	-269	13
11. KEIGHLEY COUGARS	19	6	13	0	388	594	-206	12
12. SWINTON LIONS	19	6	13	0	278	546	-268	12
13. BARROW RAIDERS	19	5	13	1	324	473	-149	11
14. NEWCASTLE THUNDER	19	3	15	1	278	645	-367	7

TOP POINTS		P	T	G	F	Pts
1	Jake SHORROCKS Toulouse	18	4	74	-	164
2	Cory ASTON Sheffield	18	5	69	-	158
3	Dec PATTON Bradford	19	1	74	-	152
	Oli LEYLAND London	19	4	56	-	128

TOP TRIES		P	T
1	Lachlan WALMSLEY Halifax	18	30
2	Gareth GALE Featherstone	19	21
3	Guy ARMITAGE Toulouse	14	18
4	Connor JONES Featherstone	19	17

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 6 RESULTS

WIGAN (W) 20 (A. Davies 2, H. Speakman, R. Thompson tries; M. Jones, J. Morris goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON (W) 12** (A. Johnston, C. Mullaney, S. Stephens tries) **AT ROBIN PARK ARENA**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan (W) 10-8. Referee: Carl Hughes. **WIGAN (W)**: Salihi, Greenfield, Davies, Jones, Hilton; Banks, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Jones, Molyneux, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Burrows, Bardsley, Hayes, Morris. **WARRINGTON (W)**: Stephens, Johnston, Kerrigan, Williams, Nixon; Davis, Magraw; McCosh, Jelves, Davies, Westwood, Haley, Latchford. Int: Mullaney, Downs, Seddon, Bound.

YORK (W) 12 (R. Marshall, S. Rihari tries; T. Stanley 2 goals) **DREW WITH LEEDS (W) 12** (Z. Hornby, L. Murray, S. Nuttall tries) **AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York (W) 12-4. Referee: Freddie Lincoln. **YORK (W)**: Stanley, Hyde, Renouf, Owen, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Field, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Wood, Bell. Int: Taylor, Marshall, Sanderson, Akpa. **LEEDS (W)**: Enright, Hayward, Beavers, Butcher, Nuttall; Casey, Greening; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Hardcastle, Murray, Dainton. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Glynn, Anderson, Robinson.

TABLE: ROUND 6	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. YORK VALKYRIE	6	5	0	1	204	48	156	11
2. ST HELENS	5	4	1	0	196	54	142	8
3. LEEDS RHINOS	6	3	2	1	262	84	178	7
4. WIGAN WARRIORS	6	2	3	1	82	172	-90	5
5. WARRINGTON WOLVES	6	1	4	1	76	258	-182	3
6. HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	5	0	5	0	52	256	-204	0

TOP TRIES		P	T
1	Amy HARDCASTLE Leeds	6	7
2	Caitlin CASEY and Izzy NORTROP (Leeds) Shona HOYLE, Emily RUDGE, Luci McCOLM (St Helens) Emma KERSHAW (York)	6 5, 5, 4 4	5 5 5

TOP POINTS		P	T	G	F	Pts
1	Tara-Jane STANLEY York	5	4	20	-	56
2	Amy TAYLOR St Helens	5	-	26	-	52
3	Caitlin CASEY Leeds	6	5	13	-	46

BETFRED CHALLENGE CUP

SEMI FINAL FIXTURES

22-23 JULY

CUP	Time	TV	Match	Venue	Referee
Women's	Sat 11:45am	BBC UK	ST HELENS v YORK VALKYRIE	Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington	Aaryn BELAFONTE
Men's	Sat 2:30pm	BBC UK / Fox AU	LEIGH LEOPARDS v ST HELENS	Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington	Chris KENDALL
Women's	Sun	BBC UK / Fox AU	WIGAN WARRIORS v LEEDS RHINOS	Headingley Stadium, Leeds	Elliott BURROW
Men's	Sun 5:00pm	BBC UK / Fox AU	HULL KR v WIGAN WARRIORS	Headingley Stadium, Leeds	Liam MOORE

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NSWRL TEAMLISTS & RESULTS

KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP - ROUND 21

WARRIORS V CANBERRA RAIDERS

Fri July 21 2023, 3:30pm at Go Media Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa

WARRIORS: 1. Taine Tuupiki 2. Setu Tu 3. Moala Graham-Taufa 4. Viliani Vailea 5. Sanele Aukusitino 6. Ben Farr 7. Ronald Volkman 8. Zyon Mai'u 9. Michael Sio 10. Tanner Stowers-Smith 11. Kalani Going 12. Selumiela Halasima 13. Demitric Sifakula 14. Eiden Ackland 15. Isaiah Vagana 16. Maia Sands 17. Jacob Laban 18. Eddie Ileremia
CANBERRA: 1. Chevy Stewart 2. Prinston Esera 3. Ethan Strange 4. Brad Morkos 5. Utuloa Asouma 7. Joshua James 8. Trey Mooney 9. Adrian Trevilyan 10. Peter Hola 11. Mitchell Spencer 12. Clay Webb 13. Hohepa Puru 14. Toby Thorburn 15. Logan Lewis 16. Jayden Clarkson 17. Joshua Allen

Referee: Cameron Paddy; Sideline Officials: Paki Parkinson, Joseph Green

NEWTOWN JETS V BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES

Sat July 22 2023, 3:00pm at Henson Park, Marrickville / Gadigal-Wanngal

NEWTOWN: 1. Manaia Waitere 2. Jenson Taumoepeau 3. Kai Parker 4. Trentham Petersen 5. Thomas Rodwell 6. Daniel Atkinson 7. Niwhai Puru 8. Caleb Uele 9. Jayden Berrell 10. Rhys Dakin 11. Kyle Pickering 12. Charbel Tasipale 13. Blake Hosking 14. Kurt Dillon 15. Bradley Fearnley 17. Tuku Hau Tapuha 21. Wesley Lolo 22. Tyler Slade
BLACKTOWN: 1. Kaeo Weekes 2. Jackson Ferris 3. Morgan Harper 4. Clayton Faulalo 5. Jake Toby 6. Cooper Johns 7. Brad Abbey 8. Morgan Boyle 9. Nathaniel Roache 10. Austin Dias 11. Zac Fulton 12. Samuela Fainu 13. Ben Condon 14. Vea Tapaoutai 15. Jacob Sykes 16. Denzal Tonise 17. Kobe Rugless 18. Ryan Garner

Referee: Clayton Wills; Sideline Officials: Nathan Loveday, Tom Cambourne

NORTH SYDNEY BEARS V ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

Sat July 22 2023, 5:00pm at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney / Cammeraygal

NORTH SYDNEY: 1. Josh Bergamin 2. Alfred Smalley 3. Kieran Hayman 4. Toa Mata'afa 5. Allan Fitzgibbon 6. Jesse Marschke 7. Ben Stevanovic 8. Regan Hughes 9. Tyrann Ott 10. Fletcher Baker 11. Elie El-Zakhem 12. Reuben Porter 13. Zach Dockar 14. Ben Marschke 15. Ben Thomas 16. Kurt De Luis 17. Jerry Key 18. Ben Seufale
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: 1. Treigh Stewart 2. Alexander Lobb 3. Savelio Tamale 4. Max Feagai 5. Sione Finau 6. Paul Turner 7. Zach Herring 8. Jayden Hunt 9. Connor Muhleisen 10. Zane Musgrove 11. Nicholas Tsougranis 12. Ryan Couchman 13. Alec Tuitavake 14. Haele Finau 15. Jackson Shereb 16. Nick Lui-Toso 17. Hamish Stewart

Referee: Damian Brady; Sideline Officials: Mitchell Currie, Nick Beashel

RESULTS - ROUND 20

Newcastle Knights (46) Tries: David Armstrong 3, Laitia Moceidreke 2, Hymel Hunt, Dane Aukafolau, Cooper Jenkins; Goals: Lachlan Miller 7/8 **def**
Western Suburbs Magpies (10) Tries: Brent Naden, Israel Ogden; Goals: Zane Camroux 1/2 **at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal**

North Sydney Bears (30) Tries: Allan Fitzgibbon 2, Reuben Porter, Ben Stevanovic, Alfred Smalley, Terrell May; Goals: Kieran Hayman 3/6 **def**
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (6) Tries: Hayze Perham; Goals: Bailey Hayward 1/1 **at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal**

St George Illawarra Dragons (36) Tries: Treigh Stewart 2, Sione Finau 2, Zane Musgrove, Benjamin Johnson; Goals: Alexander Lobb 6/6 **def**
Penrith Panthers (16) Tries: Matt Stimson, Daeon Amituanai, Liam Henry; Goals: Kurt Falls 2/3 **at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal**

Newtown Jets (26) Tries: Kyle Pickering, Caleb Uele, Samuel Healey, Tom Rodwell, Daniel Atkinson; Goals: Mawene Hiroto 3/6 **def**
Warriors (18) Tries: Setu Tu, Sanele Aukusitino, Patrick Moimoi, Selumiela Halasima; Goals: Ronald Volkman 1/4 **at Go Media Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa**

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (24) Tries: Matthew Lodge, Jake Arthur, Samuela Fainu, Clayton Faulalo, Raymond Tuaimalo Vaega; Goals: Cooper Johns 2/5 **def**
Canberra Raiders (18) Tries: Hohepa Puru, Trey Mooney, Adrian Trevilyan; Goals: Joshua James 3/3 **at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug**

South Sydney Rabbitohs (30) Tries: Jacob Gagai 2, Leonard Skelton 2, Dean Hawkins; Goals: Dean Hawkins 5/5 **def**
Parramatta Eels (10) Tries: Jayden Yates, Samuel Loizou; Goals: Jordan Rankin 1/2 **at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta / Burramattagal**

BYE: Sydney Roosters

BYE: Western Suburbs Magpies

PENRITH PANTHERS V CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Sun July 23 2023, 11:30am at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug

PENRITH: 1. Isaiah Longi 2. Thomas Jenkins 3. Tyrone Peachey 4. Matt Stimson 5. Jesse McLean 6. Jack Cole 7. Trent Toelau 8. Eddie Blacker 9. Luke Sommerton 10. Liam Henry 11. Mavrik Geyer 12. Jaeman Salmon 13. Matt Eisenhuth 14. Kurt Falls 15. Ativalu Lisati 16. Chris Smith 17. John Faiumu

CANTERBURY: 1. Khaled Rajab 2. Jonathan Sua 3. Eli Clark 4. Ethan Quai-Ward 5. Joash Papali'i 6. Bailey Hayward 7. Bailey Biondi-Odo 8. Billy Tsikrikas 9. Ryan Gray 10. Jayden Tanner 11. Zac Montgomery 12. Harry Hayes 13. Fa'amanu Brown 14. Zac Hetherington 15. Joshua Kalati 16. Jack Todd 17. Lipoi Hopoi
 Referee: Jake Sutherland; Sideline Officials: John Woods, Bradley Kiehne

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS V NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

Sun July 23 2023, 3:00pm at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal

SOUTH SYDNEY: 1. Jacob Gagai 2. Tom Carr 3. Bayleigh Bentley-Hape 4. Josiah Karapani 5. Leonard Skelton 6. Shannon Gardiner 7. Dean Hawkins 8. Davvy Moale 9. Peter Mamouzelos 10. Shaquai Mitchell 11. Ben Lovett 12. Jed Cartwright 13. Tallis Duncan 14. Matthew French 15. Liam Knight 16. Brock Gray 17. Vileen Gordon 18. Zac Makelim

NEWCASTLE: 1. David Armstrong 2. Hymel Hunt 3. Enari Tuala 4. Simi Sasagi 5. Laitia Moceidreke 6. Lachlan Miller 7. Adam Clune 8. Callan Burgess 9. Riley Jones 10. Brodie Jones 11. Dylan Lucas 12. Dane Aukafolau 13. Jack Johns 14. Toni Tupouniua 15. Liam Wilkinson 16. John Toleafao 17. Thomas Cant
 Referee: Chris Sutton; Sideline Officials: Cameron Mitchell, Ben Teague

SYDNEY ROOSTERS V PARRAMATTA EELS

Sun July 23 2023, 3:15pm at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

SYDNEY: 1. Ethan King 2. Ethan Clark-Wood 3. Jaxson Paulo 4. Corey Allan 5. Jade Anderson 7. Drew Hutchison 8. Dylan Napa 9. Thomas Deakin 10. Penioni Tohi 11. Riley Meyn 12. Xavier Va'a 13. Jack Stringer 14. Tyrell Neuiufi 15. Edenn Rogers-Smith 16. Luke Hodge 17. Coby Thomas

PARRAMATTA: 1. Arthur Miller-Stephen 2. Haze Dunster 3. Waqa Blake 4. Samuel Loizou 5. Isaac Lumelume 6. Zac Cini 7. Jordan Rankin 8. Ky Rodwell 9. Jayden Yates 10. Makahesi Makatoa 11. Jack Murchie 12. Jock Brazel 13. Dan Keir 14. Jacob Davis 15. Jontay-Junior Betham-Misa 16. Jirah Momoisea 17. Brock Parker
 Referee: Daniel Luttringer; Sideline Officials: Luke Heckendorf, Liam Nicholls

LADDER: R20	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. NORTH SYDNEY	18	12	6	0	2	463	358	105	28
2. CANTERBURY	19	11	5	3	1	475	321	154	27
3. NEWTOWN	18	11	6	1	2	496	355	141	27
4. WARRIORS	19	10	8	1	1	503	376	127	23
5. CANBERRA	18	9	8	1	2	364	371	-7	23
6. BLACKTOWN	18	8	8	2	2	455	412	43	22
7. PENRITH	18	9	9	0	2	402	364	38	22
8. SOUTH SYDNEY	19	10	9	0	1	406	457	-51	22
9. ST GEO ILLA	19	9	9	1	1	474	422	52	21
10. WESTERN SUBURBS	19	7	10	2	1	388	507	-119	18
11. NEWCASTLE	18	7	11	0	2	394	523	-129	18
12. PARRAMATTA	19	7	11	1	1	344	565	-221	17
13. SYDNEY	18	4	14	0	2	378	511	-133	12

RON MASSEY CUP ROUND 16 RESULTS

Kaiviti Silktails (28) Tries: Sirilo Lovokuro 2, Tsuyoshi Jennings, Tomasi Seru, Simone Cakaunigiq; Goals: Tomasi Seru 4 **def**
Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (10) Tries: Cougar Wheeler, Liam Scolari; Goals: Zach Mackay 1 **at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji**

Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs (28) Tries: Eric Vaafusuaga 2, Samuel Inoke, Daniel Corcoran, Sione Moala; Goals: Sione Moala 4 **def**
Mounties (26) Tries: David Soakai 2, Brandon Racoma Ngata, Haimona Hiroto, Roman Ioelu; Goals: Roman Ioelu 3 **at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal**

St Marys (44) Tries: Tony Satini 2, Samuel Mcgregor, Mason Iaria, Anthony Layoun, Todd Sapienza, Atonio Tauiliili Pelesasa, Christian Crichton; Goals: Zac Greene 6 **def**
Wentworthville Magpies (16) Tries: Ryan Pritchard, Josh Delailoa, Keaton Walkington-Meads; Goals: Liam O'Brien 2 **at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora**

Glebe Dirty Reds (32) Tries: Harrison Mckean 3, Noel Aukafolau, Michael Coleman, Bilal Maarbani; Goals: Devon Makoare-Boyce 4 **def**
Hills Bulls (26) Tries: James Roberts 2, Logan Aldridge 2, Sean Garner; Goals: Brad Keighran 3 **at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal**

BYE: Penrith Brothers

LADDER: ROUND 16	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. ST MARYS	14	14	0	0	2	402	190	212	32
2. GLEBE DIRTY REDS	14	9	5	0	2	358	340	18	22
3. WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES	14	8	5	1	2	317	280	37	21
4. RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS	15	8	7	0	1	336	245	91	18
5. KAIVITI SILKTAILS	14	7	7	0	2	319	311	8	18
6. HILLS BULLS	14	6	8	0	2	354	354	0	16
7. PENRITH BROTHERS	14	4	9	1	2	267	371	-104	13
8. MOUNTIES	15	4	11	0	1	328	356	-28	10
9. CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	14	3	11	0	2	266	500	-234	10

ROUND 17 FIXTURES

22-23 JULY

When	Match	Venue	Referee
Sat 10am	KAIVITI v WENTWORTHVILLE	Prince Charles Park, Nadi	Dillian WELLS
Sat 5pm	BROTHERS v CANTERBURY	Parker Street Reserve	Cameron TURNER
Sun 11:45am	GLEBE v ST MARYS	Wentworth Park	Martin JONES
Sun 3pm	RYDE-EASTWOOD v HILLS	TG Milner Field	Nathan LOVEDAY
BYE	MOUNTIES		

U21 JERSEY FLEGG CUP - ROUND 18

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS V MELBOURNE STORM

Sat July 22 2023, 2:00pm at Ziems Park, Corrimal / Dharawal

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: 1. Benjamin Rumble 2. Te Umuariki Heremia-Tukere 3. Ben Johnson 4. Campbell Watchirs 5. Wesley Pring 6. Lyhkan King-Togia 7. Ashton Ward 8. Bryce Magnone 9. Declan Purcell 10. Loko Jnr Pasifiki Tonga 11. Phoenix Vetenibua-Finnerty 12. Harry Rudd 13. Travis Barrett-Hancock 14. Kyan Hjalton 15. Jett Liu 16. Callum Leikvoll 17. Thomas Phillips

MELBOURNE: 1. Matthew Hill 2. Maanaima Aмоса 3. Coby Williamson 4. Ali Okusitino 5. Siulagi Pio 6. Stanley Huen 7. Keagan Russell-Smith 8. Jordan Wilson 9. Gabriel Satrick 10. Poasi Manu 11. Mitchell Jennings 12. Angus Hinchey 13. Sheldon Diaz 14. Suliasi Prescott 15. Jerry Musu 16. Zayvian Langkilde-Fale 17. Jayden Weir 18. De'ontae Perese
Referee: Adam Sirianni; Sideline Officials: Ethan Murray, John Woods;

PENRITH PANTHERS V CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Sat July 22 2023, 6:00pm at Windsor Sporting Complex, Windsor / Dharug

PENRITH: 1. Liam Ison 2. Timothy Sielaff-Burns 3. Luke Philp 4. Samuel Lane 5. Daeon Amituanai 6. Blake Moore 7. Joseph Nohra 8. Sunita Lotoaniu 9. Connor Mason 10. Peter Taateo 11. Harrison Hassett 12. Zac Lipowicz 13. Billy Scott 14. Ryley Smith 15. Luron Patea 16. John Sagaga 17. Billy Phillips 18. Cody Lawson 19. Luke Hanson 20. Riley Wake 21. Jack Garrod

CANTERBURY: 1. Cameron Lawrence 2. Jordi Mazzone 3. Eric Vaafusuaga 4. Michael Gabrael 5. William Afualo 6. Jonah Glover 7. Joseph O'Neil 8. Tim Johannssen 9. Reuben Moyle 10. Bayley Cox 11. Luke Smith 12. Lachlan Vale 13. Damon Marshall 15. Jack Underhill 17. Epeli Sukanaivalu
Referee: Blake Williams; Sideline Officials: Brandon Mani, Mitchell Robinson

BYE: Canberra Raiders, Wests Tigers

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS V MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

Sun July 23 2023, 11:35am at PointsBet Stadium, Wooloware / Dharawal

CRONULLA: 1. Chaz Jarvis 2. Te Wehi Waitere 3. Benjamin Lavender 4. Chris Veaila 5. Kristian Dixon 6. Max Riolo 7. Noah Lester 8. Jayden Foye 9. Samuel Healey 10. Salei Ataata 11. John-Thomas Manuofetoa 12. Henry O'Kane 13. Lachlan Crouch 14. Kobie Wilson 15. Felix Faatili 16. Toby Boothroyd 17. Ethan Cocco 18. Paaua Papuni-Abbott 19. Tully Wilton 20. Siteni Taukamo

MANLY: 1. Lehi Hopoate 2. Charlie Thompson 3. Koby Douglas 4. Viliani Kuli 5. Cameron Brown 6. Latu Fainu 7. Harradyn Wilson 8. James Uesele 9. Jamie Humphreys 10. Kylan Mafoa 11. Max Hayley 12. Broden Konz 13. Caleb Navale 14. Blake Metcalfe 15. Iverson Mapu-Satiu 16. Devante Mihini 17. Connor Cromarty 19. Jake Watmough
Referee: Micheal Ford; Sideline Officials: Ethan Klein, Joel Pitscheider

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS V NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

Sun July 23 2023, 1:00pm at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal

SOUTH SYDNEY: 1. Dane Towns 2. Aaron Macey 3. Jude Saldanha 4. Ethan Ferguson 5. Carson Kaho 6. Jye Gray 7. Brent Hawkins 8. Jaxson Rahme 9. Romano Cook 10. Isaiah Vailalo 11. Louis Grossemey 12. Taine Woodford 13. Liam Le Blanc 14. TJ Herring 15. Charles Vaka 16. James Kokkinos 17. Travis Petersen 18. Douglas Levi 19. Etuate Laui

NEWCASTLE: 1. Fletcher Sharpe 2. Jahoiyakira Afoa 3. Kyle McCarthy 4. Freeman Forsythe 5. Luke Pietzner 6. Jye Linnane 7. Liam Sutton 8. Sebastian Su'a 9. Malachi Smith 10. Jack Cullen 11. Oryn Keeley 12. Elijah Leaumoana 13. Myles Martin 14. Braye Guyan 15. Edward Hampson 16. Rory Whitby 17. Jermaine McEwen 18. Jayden Harris 19. Taj Blackman 20. Declan Pettet
Referee: Paul Eden; Sideline Officials: Cameron Mitchell, Ben Teague;

SYDNEY ROOSTERS V PARRAMATTA EELS

Sun July 23 2023, 1:30pm at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

SYDNEY: 1. Owen Flaherty 2. Xavier Chatfield-Mooka 3. Kyrion Fekitoa 4. Jordan Swann 5. Tavita Henare-Schuster 6. Jack Smith 7. Christian Abal 8. Corey Ross 9. Alan Holten 10. Xavier Va'a 11. Phoenix Steinwede 12. Max McCathie 13. Caleb Tohi 14. Angus Fahey 15. Watasoni Waqanisaravi 16. Salei Foketi 17. Sione Vaenuku

PARRAMATTA: 1. Te Hurinui Twidle 2. Matthew Komolafe 3. Richard Penisini 4. Lachlan Blackburn 5. Turoa Williams 6. Blaize Talagi 7. Ethan Sanders 8. Noah Reed 9. Matthew Arthur 10. Toni Mataele 11. Charlie Gwymer 12. William Latu 13. Nicholas Lenaz 14. John Martin 15. Lance Fuaema 16. Saxon Pryke 17. Sam Tuivaiti 18. Lachlan Mears-Crabbe
Referee: Brandon Mani; Sideline Officials: Luke Heckendorf, Liam Nicholls

RESULTS - ROUND 20

St George Illawarra Dragons (26) Tries: Cooper Roberts 3, Nicholas Quinn, Harry Rudd; Goals: Ashton Ward 3/5 **def Penrith Panthers (20)** Tries: Liam Ison, Luke Hanson, Samuel Lane, Bayden Moran; Goals: Joseph Nohra 2/4 at **Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal**

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20) Tries: Toby Boothroyd, Manaia Waitere, Max Riolo, Salei Ataata; Goals: Max Riolo 2/4 **def South Sydney Rabbitohs (12)** Tries: Romano Cook, Jye Gray; Goals: Emmanuel Di Bartolo 2/2 at **Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal**

Melbourne Storm (24) Tries: Suliasi Prescott 2, Maanaima Aмоса, Matthew Hill; Goals: Keagan Russell-Smith 4/4 **def Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16)** Tries: Cameron Brown, Charlie Thompson, Jamie Humphreys; Goals: Jamie Humphreys 2/3 at **4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal**

Sydney Roosters (36) Tries: Watasoni Waqanisaravi 2, Phoenix Steinwede, Sione Vaenuku, Xavier Chatfield-Mooka, Jack Smith; Goals: Alan Holten 3/3, Owen Flaherty 3/4 **def Newcastle Knights (14)** Tries: Jahoiyakim Afoa 2, Braydon Guyan; Goals: Liam Sutton 1/3 at **Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal**

Canberra Raiders (18) Tries: Mitch Henderson, Siamani Leuluai, Josh Billing; Goals: Mitch Henderson 3/3 **def Wests Tigers (8)** Tries: Jay Kirk, Tony Sukkar at **Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug**

BYE: Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Parramatta Eels

LADDER: R20	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. SYDNEY	17	14	3	0	3	526	282	244	34
2. CANTERBURY	16	12	4	0	4	412	253	159	32
3. PENRITH	17	10	6	1	3	362	321	41	27
4. CRONULLA	17	10	7	0	3	355	309	46	26
5. MELBOURNE	17	9	8	0	3	362	362	0	24
6. ST GEO ILLA	17	8	9	0	3	380	422	-42	22
7. SOUTH SYDNEY	17	7	9	1	3	319	416	-97	21
8. PARRAMATTA	17	7	10	0	3	332	368	-36	20
9. MANLY	16	6	10	0	4	374	437	-63	20
10. CANBERRA	17	6	11	0	3	290	388	-98	18
11. WESTS TIGERS	17	6	11	0	3	332	430	-98	18
12. NEWCASTLE	17	5	12	0	3	356	412	-56	16

SYDNEY SHIELD - ROUND 16 RESULTS

Mounties (30) Tries: Thomas Menzies 3, Kaylib Savage, Samuel Iese, Filemu Logai-Lusiano; Goals: Hamze El Masri 2, Kaylib Savage 1 **def Moorebank Rams (16)** Tries: Jordan McGrath, Josese Lanyon, William Tuitupou; Goals: Andrew Mikhael 2 at **Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal**

St Marys (44) Tries: Michael Tuavao 2, Daniel Sykes 2, Samuel Radovu, Kaleb Farr, Fred Pupu, Viliani Pupu; Goals: Riley Stokes 6 **def Wentworthville United (14)** Tries: Liam Davidson, Jake Kusto, Katoa Mairi; Goals: Lewis Habkoku 1 at **Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora**

Ryde Eastwood Hawks (40) Tries: Elijah Mataale 2, James Valevatu 2, Moussa Kabalan, Jacob Wright, William Malloy; Goals: Jacob Wright 6 **def Cabramatta (28)** Tries: Dermot McKeever King 3, Samuel Squire, Lachlan Mears-Crabbe; Goals: Riley Lack 4 at **New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal**

Hills Bulls (30) Tries: Bradley Avery 2, David Baumann, Joshua Rizk, Damien Chandler, Ceiza James; Goals: Joshua Rizk 2, Bradley Avery 1 **def Glebe Dirty Reds (28)** Tries: Emery Jolliffe 3, Shaiquan Terekia, Dean Kulevski, Lafitani Tuinauvali; Goals: Jacob Tautaiolofua 1, Benaiah Ioelu 1 at **Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal**

BYE: Penrith Brothers

LADDER: ROUND 16	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. ST MARYS	14	13	1	0	2	532	246	286	30
2. PENRITH BROTHERS	14	10	4	0	2	415	252	163	24
3. HILLS BULLS	13	9	4	0	2	390	274	116	22
4. CABRAMATTA RLFC	14	6	7	1	2	369	393	-24	17
5. RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS	15	6	8	1	1	368	454	-86	15
6. MOUNTIES	15	6	9	0	1	317	434	-117	14
7. GLEBE DIRTY REDS	13	4	8	1	2	308	385	-77	13
8. WENTWORTHVILLE UNITED	14	4	9	1	2	340	436	-96	13
9. MOOREBANK RAMS	14	3	11	0	2	277	442	-165	10

ROUND 17 FIXTURES

JULY 22-23

When	Match	Venue	Referee
Sat 3pm	BROTHERS v MOOREBANK	Parker Street Reserve	Louis MATHESON
Sat 4pm	CABRAMATTA v WENTY UNITED	New Era Stadium	Luke SALDERN
Sun 9:45am	GLEBE v ST MARYS	Wentworth Park	Tom STINDL
Sun 1pm	RYDE-EASTWOOD v HILLS	TG Milner Field	Charlie SUTERS
BYE	MOUNTIES		



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