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SYDNEY SHIELD Grand Final

FROM THE QRL

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Semi Finals

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 throughout the season, the focus is fully on this online zine acting as a match companion. We'd like to thank RugbyLeagueProject.org for their support and use of various statistics throughout this publication. Contact us by email - media@leagueunlimited.com. LeagueUnlimited.com © 2023.

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THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023

BRISBANE v MELBOURNE

7:50PM @ SUNCORP



NRL



FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

MANLY v WESTS TIGERS

6:00PM @ 4 PINES

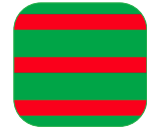


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SOUTH SYDNEY v SYDNEY

8:00PM @ ACCOR



NRL



SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023

CANBERRA v NEWCASTLE

11:05AM @ GIO



NRLW

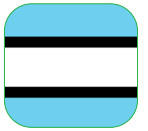


BRISBANE v CRONULLA

12:50PM @ QLD COUNTRY BANK



NRLW



DOLPHINS v WARRIORS

3:00PM @ SUNCORP



NRL



NORTH QUEENSLAND v ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

3:10PM @ QLD COUNTRY BANK



NRLW



PENRITH v NORTH QUEENSLAND

5:30PM @ BLUEBET



NRL



ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA v NEWCASTLE

7:35PM @ NETSTRATA JUBILEE



NRL



SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

GOLD COAST v WESTS TIGERS

12:00PM @ CBUS SUPER



NRLW



SYDNEY v PARRAMATTA

1:45PM @ INDUSTREE GROUP



NRLW



GOLD COAST v CANTERBURY

2:00PM @ CBUS SUPER



NRL



CRONULLA v CANBERRA

4:05PM @ POINTSBET



NRL



NRL BYE **PARRAMATTA**

NRL 2023 LADDER & LEADERS AFTER ROUND 26

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.	BRISBANE	11	7	4	-	284	187	97	12	11	1	-	333	206	127	23	18	5	-	3	617	393	42	+224
2.	PENRITH	11	8	3	-	290	137	153	12	9	3	-	311	163	148	23	17	6	-	3	601	300	40	+301
3.	WARRIORS	12	8	4	-	234	194	40	11	8	3	-	328	220	108	23	16	7	-	3	562	414	38	+148
4.	MELBOURNE	12	9	3	-	355	196	159	11	6	5	-	240	241	-1	23	15	8	-	3	595	437	36	+158
5.	NEWCASTLE	12	9	3	-	346	210	136	11	4	6	1	248	229	19	23	13	9	1	3	594	439	33	+155
6.	CRONULLA	11	6	5	-	330	201	129	12	7	5	-	265	290	-25	23	13	10	-	3	595	491	32	+104
7.	CANBERRA	12	7	5	-	249	334	-85	11	6	5	-	231	265	-34	23	13	10	-	3	480	599	32	-119
8.	SOUTHS	11	4	7	-	205	260	-55	12	8	4	-	347	219	128	23	12	11	-	3	552	479	30	+73
9.	NORTH QLD	12	8	4	-	333	247	86	11	4	7	-	201	251	-50	23	12	11	-	3	534	498	30	+36
10.	SYDNEY	12	8	4	-	254	238	16	11	4	7	-	192	246	-54	23	12	11	-	3	446	484	30	-38
11.	PARRAMATTA	12	7	5	-	275	248	27	12	5	7	-	312	326	-14	24	12	12	-	2	587	574	28	+13
12.	MANLY	11	5	5	1	241	231	10	12	5	7	-	250	296	-46	23	10	12	1	3	491	527	27	-36
13.	GOLD COAST	11	5	6	-	259	317	-58	12	3	9	-	234	306	-72	23	8	15	-	3	493	623	22	-130
14.	DOLPHINS	11	4	7	-	216	284	-68	12	4	8	-	270	337	-67	23	8	15	-	3	486	621	22	-135
15.	CANTERBURY	12	4	8	-	222	403	-181	11	3	8	-	186	332	-146	23	7	16	-	3	408	735	20	-327
16.	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA	11	5	6	-	262	300	-38	12	-	12	-	200	341	-141	23	5	18	-	3	462	641	16	-179
17.	WESTS TIGERS	12	3	9	-	245	289	-44	11	1	10	-	128	332	-204	23	4	19	-	3	373	621	14	-248

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Jamayne ISAAKO	Dolphins	23	23
2	Alex JOHNSTON	Souths	22	21
3	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	Warriors	17	21
4	Dominic YOUNG	Newcastle	22	21
5	Mikaele RAVALAWA	St Geo Illa	20	20
6	Maika SIVO	Parramatta	20	20
7	Selwyn COBBO	Brisbane	21	19
8	Clinton GUTHERSON	Parramatta	23	19
9	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA	Gold Coast	22	19
10	Greg MARZHEW	Newcastle	19	19
11	Ronaldo MULTALO	Cronulla	21	19
12	Xavier COATES	Melbourne	20	16
13	Campbell GRAHAM	Souths	20	16
14	Will WARBRICK	Melbourne	22	16
15	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	Dolphins	19	15
16	Brian TO'O	Penrith	19	15
17	William KENNEDY	Cronulla	19	14
18	Ezra MAM	Brisbane	22	14

TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G	Att	%	GPG
1	Nick MEANEY	Melbourne	22	88	110	80%	4.0
2	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla	19	81	102	79%	4.3
3	Adam REYNOLDS	Souths	20	79	100	79%	4.0
4	Shaun JOHNSON	Warriors	23	71	89	80%	3.1
5	Tanah BOYD	Gold Coast	21	69	86	80%	3.3
6	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	19	69	87	79%	3.6
7	Valentine HOLMES	North Qld	18	68	82	83%	3.8
8	Jamayne ISAAKO	Dolphins	23	68	95	72%	3.0
9	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	18	66	80	83%	3.7
10	Reuben GARRICK	Manly	21	63	83	76%	3.0
11	Jarrod CROKER	Canberra	15	59	68	87%	3.9
12	Matt BURTON	Canterbury	22	55	66	83%	2.5
13	Zac LOMAX	St Geo Illa	19	55	81	68%	2.9
14	Latrell MITCHELL	Souths	16	53	73	73%	3.3
15	Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I	Sydney	19	43	53	81%	2.3
16	Kalyn PONGA	Newcastle	18	40	52	77%	2.2
17	Brandon WAKEHAM	West's Tigers	15	27	33	82%	1.8
18	Blake TAAFFE	Souths	12	24	33	73%	2.0
19	Jamal FOGARTY	Canberra	22	23	26	88%	1.0
20	Lachlan MILLER	Newcastle	11	23	33	70%	2.1

TOP POINTSCORERS

^ denotes 1 x two point field goal

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Jamayne ISAAKO	Dolphins	23	23	68	2	230
2	Nick MEANEY	Melbourne	22	10	88	-	216
3	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla	19	5	81	1	183
4	Adam REYNOLDS	Brisbane	20	5	79	4	182
5	Shaun JOHNSON	Warriors	23	8	71	2	176
6	Reuben GARRICK	Manly	21	12	63	-	174
7	Valentine HOLMES	North Queensland	18	8	68	2	170
8	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	19	7	69	3	169
9	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	18	4	66	6	154
10	Tanah BOYD	Gold Coast	21	2	69	1	147
11	Latrell MITCHELL	Souths	16	9	53	1	143
12	Zac LOMAX	St George Illawarra	19	7	55	-	138
13	Jarrod CROKER	Canberra	15	3	59	-	130
14	Matt BURTON	Canterbury	22	4	55	2	128
15	Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I	Sydney	19	8	43	-	118
16	Kalyn PONGA	Newcastle	18	8	40	-	112
17	Clinton GUTHERSON	Parramatta	23	19	16	-	108
18	Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	20	13	20	-	92

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BRISBANE BRONCOS MELBOURNE STORM

VENUE	SUNCORP STADIUM	Ashley KLEIN	REFEREE
LOCATION	YUGGRA-TURRBAL MILTON, QLD	Phil HENDERSON, Chris SUTTON	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023 7:50PM AEST	Grant ATKINS	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
3	-	-	-	-	25	Tristan SAILOR 1
8	-	-	-	-	28	Corey OATES 2
16	8	-	-	32	24	Jesse ARTHARS 3
-	-	-	-	-	29	Delouise HOETER 4
-	-	-	-	-	30	Jordan PEREIRA 5
-	-	-	-	-	27	Josh ROGERS 6
4	-	-	-	-	23	Jock MADDEN 7
18	1	-	-	4	23	Thomas FLEGLER 8
9	-	-	-	-	24	Tyson SMOOTHY 9
20	-	-	-	-	29	Corey JENSEN 10
9	2	-	-	8	21	Brendan PIAKURA 11
18	5	-	-	20	23	Jordan RIKI 12
16	-	-	-	-	26	Keenan PALASIA 13
-	-	-	-	-	19	Blake MOZER 14
14	2	-	-	8	23	Cory PAIX 15
6	2	-	-	8	20	Xavier WILLISON 16
19	-	-	-	-	33	Martin TAUPAU 17
-	-	-	-	-	18	Benjamin TE KURA 18
-	-	-	-	-	19	Israel LEOTA 19
21	6	-	-	24	29	Kurt CAPEWELL 20
16	-	-	-	-	24	Kobe HETHERINGTON 21
21	19	-	-	76	21	Selwyn COBBO 22

Kevin WALTERS

FULLBACK

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RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	25	1	-	-	-	-
2	25	22	16	-	-	64
3	29	14	5	-	-	20
4	30	7	3	-	-	12
5	26	19	4	-	-	16
6	26	-	-	-	-	-
7	23	12	1	-	-	4
8	33	11	1	-	-	4
9	27	19	1	-	-	4
10	27	5	-	-	-	-
11	31	-	-	-	-	-
12	23	18	6	-	-	24
13	28	22	3	-	-	12
14	19	-	-	-	-	-
15	21	11	-	-	-	-
16	27	7	-	-	-	-
17	20	-	-	-	-	-
18	23	5	-	-	-	-
19	21	-	-	-	-	-
20	20	-	-	-	-	-
21	21	-	-	-	-	-
22	20	-	-	-	-	-

Craig BELLAMY

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: 1998 - 2023

	TOTAL	BRISBANE	MELBOURNE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	53	13	39	1
SUNCORP	20	3	17	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 4	MELBOURNE 40-6	AAMI Park	14,135
2021	Round 12	MELBOURNE 40-12	Suncorp Stadium	23,600
2022	Round 15	MELBOURNE 32-20	AAMI Park	18,586
2022	Round 23	MELBOURNE 60-12	Suncorp Stadium	42,612
2023	Round 11	MELBOURNE 24-16	AAMI Park	16,043

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2002	Round 21	BRISBANE 48-20	Olympic Park Stadium	10,308
2022	Round 23	MELBOURNE 60-12	Suncorp Stadium	42,612

THINGS TO KNOW

- Adam REYNOLDS has 49 NRL tries
- This will be Keenan PALASIA's 50th NRL game
- Nick MEANEY has 47 NRL tries, Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN has 48, Xavier COATES has 49
- Jahrome HUGHES has 49 tries for Melbourne
- Melbourne have won their last 13 games against the Broncos, and on 10 of those occasions they've scored at least 30 points, and by an average margin of 24 points.
- The last 7 games between these sides at Suncorp have all been won by Storm with an average score of 44-10

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
BRISBANE	PARRAMATTA W 54-10	BYE	CANBERRA W 29-18
MELBOURNE	CANBERRA W 48-2	ST GEO ILLA W 38-28	GOLD COAST W 37-16

FINALS EQUATION

BRISBANE BRONCOS

- WIN: 1st. Win minor premiership, host 4th in week one
LOSS, Penrith lose: 1st. Win minor premiership, host 4th in week one
LOSS, Penrith win: 2nd, host 3rd place in week one

MELBOURNE STORM

- WIN, Warriors lose: 3rd, away to 2nd in week one.
WIN, Warriors win: 4th, away to 1st in week one.
LOSS: 4th, away to 1st in week one.

Match stats courtesy of

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THE PREVIEW with Beth NICHOLLS

To open up the final round of the home-and-away season, the Storm travel up north to take on the Broncos for the second time this year, with the likelihood that they could face off again at Suncorp during Week One of the finals.

Brisbane are looking to secure their first minor premiership since 2000, if they manage to claim victory against Melbourne come Thursday night. The Broncos have had a stellar year, only dropping five games this year, and their win against Canberra last week has them on a winning streak of seven games. Although they struggled with defence against the Raiders, the Broncos side proved that they score points and play a dominant 80 minutes.

Mass changes have been made by Walters for the Broncos team, with Reece Walsh, Herbie Farnworth, Selwyn Cobbo, Ezra Mam, Billy Walters, Payne Haas and Kurt Capewell all being rested. Adam Reynolds and Pat Carrigan are also missing the match due to respective calf and foot injuries, which left them out of the squad for last round's clash in the nation's capital. Kotoni Staggs also sits out due to a one-match suspension. Josh Rogers and Blake Mozer make their NRL debuts in five-eighth and off the bench respectively. Tristan Sailor joins the squad at fullback for the fourth time this year, along Delouise Hoeter, Jordan Pereira, Cory Paix, Xavier Willison and Martin Taupau all returning to the squad. Jesse Arthars is shifted into right centre, whilst Tyson Smoothy is starting hooker.

Melbourne have locked in a home final and are almost destined to finish in fourth place, having won a total of 15 games and losing eight. Last week saw them blow out the score line against the Titans, despite only leading 18-10 at halftime. Their defence saw an improvement, only letting the Titans score once in the second half, after letting the Dragons leak a total of 28 points in the week prior.

Much like the Broncos, Bellamy has also made several mass changes to his side for this final round clash. Nick Meaney, Marion Seve, Xavier Coates, Cameron Munster, Christian Welch, Nelson Asofa-Solomona, Tui Kamikamica, Tom Eisenhuth and Trent Loiero are all being rested for this match, along with Harry Grant and Jahrome Hughes who are carrying respective shoulder and knee injuries. Ryan Papenhuyzen has been named as starting fullback after returning to the game off the bench last week. Jayden Nikorima and Tyran Wishart take over in the halves, whilst Justin Olam gets a recall to the centres after playing in the QLD Cup the past

few weeks. Sualauvi Faalogo makes his NRL debut off the bench alongside Alec MacDonald, Jack Howarth and Aaron Pene.

History is certainly on the side of the Storm this coming match, with Melbourne winning their past thirteen matches against the Broncos since 2017. Along with Brisbane not having claimed victory against the Storm at home at Suncorp Stadium since 2009. Based on these stats, you would have to think the Broncos would be defying all odds to win this one, however the starting sides could make all the difference in this matchup.

Between the two sides, 22 usual starting seventeen side players are sitting out of this matchup due to injury, suspension or simply just being rested. This means that both teams are fronting a less experienced side, included three NRL debutants, which really changes the nature of the usual Melbourne dominating clash. It's looking to be an interesting match which could go either way, but heaps of new and young talent to look out for in both sides, with many players getting a rare NRL match experience.

WHO TO WATCH: Now set to play his fourth game of the year for the Broncos at halfback, Jock Madden has settled into the role where Adam Reynolds usually sits in, as evident last week against the Raiders where he made two try assists, one line break and one tackle break. Despite lacking seniority and experience, Madden fits in well with the Broncos side and will be an important player to this "baby" Brisbane side, where he might hopefully get another try assist (or even try) to his name.

After suffering a devastating shattered kneecap in 2022, Ryan Papenhuyzen returned to the NRL, through the interchange bench, last week after 405 days since last playing, and this week he starts at fullback due to Meaney being rested. This will be a big game for Papenhuyzen, being on the starting side and most likely playing the full 80 minutes along with being one of the most experienced spine players in the side. It'll be good to see Paps start to get some minutes in, and hopefully see some of his signature plays and runs.

FAVOURITE: Brisbane are minorly favoured to make a rare win against Melbourne and lock in the minor premiership for 2023.

MY TIP: What is usually a dominant and competitive clash which ends in the Storm winning has kind of been turned on its head due to the mass team changes for both sides of the matchup. I truly believe it is anyone's game, however the Broncos have slightly more experience in their side between the forwards; along with the spine, where a few of the players have played several matches this year. My head and heart both feel like they've been split into pieces with this final round clash, but I think the Broncos boys will be able to bring it home. Brisbane by 4.

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

WESTS TIGERS

VENUE	4 PINES PARK	Belinda SHARPE	REFEREE
LOCATION	CAMMERAYGAL BROOKVALE, NSW	Matt NOYEN, Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 6:00PM AEST	Chris BUTLER	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
18	6	-	-	24	20	Toluta'u KOULA	1
18	12	-	-	48	22	Jason SAAB	2
18	5	-	-	20	26	Brad PARKER	3
8	-	-	-	-	24	Morgan HARPER	4
6	1	-	-	4	23	Raymond TUAIMALO VAEGA	5
6*	1	-	-	4	20	Jakob ARTHUR	6
21	8	13	1	59	34	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	7
14	2	-	-	8	28	Toafofoa SIPLEY	8
22	6	-	-	24	26	Lachlan CROKER	9
19	1	-	-	4	25	Sean KEPPIE	10
23	9	-	-	36	24	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	11
11	2	-	-	8	21	Ben TRBOJEVIC	12
17	-	-	-	-	29	Jake TRBOJEVIC	13
* includes 1 match for Parramatta							
1	-	1	-	2	-	Gordon CHAN KUM TONG	14
6	1	-	-	4	25	Dean MATTERSON	15
14	-	-	-	-	32	Aaron WOODS	16
22	-	-	-	-	23	Ethan BULLEMOR	17
17	1	-	-	4	24	Kelma TUILAGI	18
15	2	-	-	8	22	Josh SCHUSTER	19
4	1	-	-	4	22	Ben CONDON	20
5	-	-	-	-	19	Samuela FAINU	21
12	2	-	-	8	22	Christian TUIPULOTU	22

Anthony SEIBOLD

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3	Triston REILLY	24	2	1	-	-	4
4	Josh FELEDY	18	-	-	-	-	-
5	Junior TUPOU	20	21	6	-	-	24
6	Daine LAURIE	23	10	2	-	-	8
7	Apisai KOROISAU	30	20	5	16	-	52
8	Alex TWAL	27	21	1	-	-	4
9	Jake SIMPKIN	21	18	2	-	-	8
10	David KLEMMER	29	23	1	-	-	4
11	Isaiah PAPALI'I	24	22	2	-	-	8
12	Shawn BLORE	22	14	1	-	-	4
13	Justin MATAMUA	20	4	-	-	-	-
14	Asu KEPAOA	23	18	4	-	-	16
15	Kit LAULILII	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Fonua POLE	21	22	4	-	-	16
17	Alex SEYFARTH	24	13	1	-	-	4
18	Tallyn DA SILVA	18	4	-	-	-	-
19	Brandon WAKEHAM	24	15	2	27	-	62
20	Will SMITH	31	4	-	-	-	-
21	Aitasi JAMES	22	4	-	-	-	-
22	Tommy TALAU	23	12	1	-	-	4

Tim SHEENS

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LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 7	MANLY 40-6	Bankwest Stadium	14,095
2021	Round 19	MANLY 44-24	Suncorp Stadium	5,761
2022	Round 9	MANLY 36-22	4 Pines Park	17,385
2022	Round 14	MANLY 30-4	Campbelltown Stadium	10,231
2023	Round 8	MANLY 22-16	Campbelltown Stadium	10,033

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 7	MANLY 40-6	Bankwest Stadium	14,095
2003	Round 4	WESTS TIGERS 38-12	Brookvale Oval	11,174

THINGS TO KNOW

- This will be Jake TRBOJEVIC's 200th NRL game
- Reuben GARRICK has 347 NRL goals
- Jason SAAB has 49 NRL tries
- Balmain, Western Suburbs and the Wests Tigers combined have won just 24 of their 103 games at Brookvale.
- Manly have won their last 5 games against the Tigers

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
MANLY	PENRITH L 12-24	WARRIORS L 22-29	CANTERBURY W 42-24
WESTS TIGERS	WARRIORS L 22-30	DOLPHINS W 24-23	SYDNEY L 8-32

FINALS EQUATION

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES & WESTS TIGERS

Neither club can make the 2023 Finals Series.

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project

THE PREVIEW

with AJ LUCANTONIO

Both sides looking for winning end

After a disappointing season in which both sides fell short of expectations. The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles will look for a winning end to 2023 when they host the Wests Tigers at Brookvale Oval.

For Manly, it's season that might've been. After a strong start to the season, the Sea Eagles have deeply missed Tommy Turbo since his season ending pec injury. It's been a season full of ups and downs for the Sea Eagles, with their attack showing some signs of life without Turbo but the mere consistency and the problems plaguing Josh Schuster have reared their ugly heads all season long.

However, they can at least finish the year on a high and have showed some signs that 2024 will be a strong season. Tolu Koula has shown he can be a steady option no matter where he is in the side and could cause the Tigers some more issues at the back like he did last week. Jake Arthur has shown that the race to partner DCE in the halves isn't a foregone conclusion with a strong end to the season, while Tof Siplej has showcased his ability to lead the pack along with Jake Trbojevic. Look for a strong performance in Jake's 200th and finish the year strongly.

Just the one change to the side that beat the Bulldogs with Dean Matterson coming onto the bench for Kelma Tuilagi going to 18th Man. Tuilagi has been a disappointing signing this season for Manly and hasn't come as promised from Wests.

For the Tigers, it's been a season of drama both on and off the field as Tim Sheens has lost control quicker than most people thought he would've. With Benji Marshall set to take the reigns of the side next season, we are starting to see resemblance of a side that Benji will coach next season and the pieces are slowly in place for a renewed 2024.

Jahreem Bula has been the Rookie of the Year, with a renewed effort at the back giving all sides in the 2023 Telstra Premiership. Api Koroisau has tried in every game and every single second of the game, however has been let down at times by a lack of mongrel up front as was evident against the Roosters. Once one thing went against them, their heads went down and they fell away and dropped another game that they did lead. They will be looking to end 2023 on a high note and if results go their way, they could miss out on a wooden spoon.

Alex Twal and Jake Simpkin return for the final game of the season but Stefano Utoikamanu and John Bateman are out. Api Koroisau will play halfback. Josh Feledy makes his NRL debut at centre and Kit Laililii also gets his first shot at the big time off the bench.

WHO TO WATCH: Let's focus on damaging back-row forward Haumole Olakau'atu. It's been a year of mixed results for Olakau'atu on the edge for Manly. There's been times where he has looked like the most damaging edge forward in the competition such as last week against the Dogs. Then there has been games where his impact can resemble a tiny blip on the radar. A consistent Olakau'atu is what Manly needs to succeed and they haven't had enough of it in 2023, watch for him to end the season well and secure a test jumper for the 3 match series for Tonga v England.

For the Tigers, I am going to focus on New Zealand back-rower Isaiah Papali'i. It's been a year of high expectations for Papali'i and it's safe to say he hasn't fully met those expectations. In 22 games, he's only had three line-breaks, well down on his 13 a season prior. His offload game has become somewhat redundant in the Tigers side and his running game has been severely impacted. Look for Papali'i to end 2023 on a high and try and score his test jumper back.

FAVOURITE: Manly is favoured to win this contest.

MY TIP: Short and sharp for me to finish. Firstly, we hope Belinda Sharpe's maiden NRL solo middle goes really well. She's worked so hard over the years to get to this point and her honour is well deserved. Secondly, Manly will want to do this milestone well for Jurbo so a comfortable home win appears likely even with Tim Sheens' coaching his last NRL match. Manly by 16.

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

SYDNEY ROOSTERS

VENUE	ACCOR STADIUM	Adam GEE	REFEREE	
LOCATION	WANNAL SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK, NSW	Dave MUNRO, Drew OULTRAM	TOUCH JUDGES	
DAY & TIME	FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 8:00PM AEST	Ashley KLEIN	NRL BUNKER	

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
12	3	24	-	60	24	Blake TAAFFE 1
22	21	-	-	84	28	Alex JOHNSTON 2
22	9	-	-	36	23	Isaiah TASS 3
20	16	-	-	64	24	Campbell GRAHAM 4
6	1	-	-	4	26	Izaac THOMPSON 5
21	9	-	-	36	33	Cody WALKER 6
23	4	-	1	17	23	Lachlan ILIAS 7
14	-	-	-	-	26	Tevita TATOLA 8
22	3	-	-	12	32	Damien COOK 9
10	1	-	-	4	27	Shaq MITCHELL 10
17	5	-	-	20	25	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI 11
15	-	-	-	-	31	Michael CHEE-KAM 12
20	3	-	-	12	25	Cameron MURRAY 13
13	-	-	-	-	27	Jai ARROW 14
6	1	-	-	4	-	Tallis DUNCAN 15
17	1	-	-	4	26	Hame SELE 16
16	-	-	-	-	20	Davvy MOALE 17
14	2	-	-	8	28	Taane MILNE 18
15	1	-	-	4	26	Jed CARTWRIGHT 19
2	-	-	-	-	22	Peter MAMOUZELOS 20
10	-	-	-	-	23	Daniel SULUKA-FIFITA 21
2	-	2	-	4	24	Dean HAWKINS 22

FULLBACK

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SECOND ROW

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	James TEDESCO	30	19	10	-	-	40
2	Daniel TUPOU	32	18	10	-	-	40
3	Billy SMITH	23	13	3	-	-	12
4	Joseph MANU	27	20	7	-	-	28
5	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I	19	19	8	43	-	118
6	Luke KEARY	31	23	5	3	2	28
7	Sam WALKER	21	7	2	17	-	42
8	Fletcher BAKER	23	13	1	-	-	4
9	Brandon SMITH	27	18	2	-	-	8
10	Lindsay COLLINS	27	22	2	-	-	8
11	Joshua WONG	20	7	2	-	-	8
12	Nat BUTCHER	25	21	4	-	-	16
13	Victor RADLEY	25	18	2	-	-	8
14	Sandon SMITH	20	12	-	7	-	14
15	Egan BUTCHER	23	18	2	-	-	8
16	Terrell MAY	24	14	1	-	-	4
17	Angus CRICHTON	27	10	1	-	-	4
18	Corey ALLAN	25	11	1	-	-	4
19	Naufahu WHYTE	21	9	-	-	-	-
20	Drew HUTCHISON	28	17	4	-	-	16
21	Fetalaiga PAUGA	27	6	2	-	-	8
22	Dylan NAPA	30	2	-	-	-	-

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
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
READ	LIVE BLOG - LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

HEAD TO HEAD: 1908 - 2023

	TOTAL	SOUTH SYDNEY	SYDNEY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	230	120	105	5
ACCOR STADIUM	18	9	9	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 24	SOUTH SYDNEY 54-12	Suncorp Stadium	5,136
2022	Round 3	SOUTH SYDNEY 28-16	Accor Stadium	18,245
2022	Round 25	SYDNEY 26-16	Allianz Stadium	41,906
2022	Elim Final	SOUTH SYDNEY 30-14	Allianz Stadium	39,498
2023	Round 3	SYDNEY 20-18	Allianz Stadium	36,639

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 20	SOUTH SYDNEY 60-8	ANZ Stadium	7,958
1996	Round 6	SYDNEY CITY 62-0	Sydney Football Stdm	15,103

THE PREVIEW

 with Adam HUXTABLE

Finals come early as old foes fight it out for a top eight spot

Before the start of the season, not many would've been surprised had they been told that the Rabbitohs and the Roosters would be playing out a hugely consequential match in the month of September.

Fast forward nine months and the pre-season masses have been proven correct, but not in the way they would've expected. The loser of Friday's grudge match will sensationally miss the top eight to cap off a disastrous season when compared with expectations, while the winner all but guarantee themselves a chance to salvage what will still be looked back on as an extremely poor campaign.

The ramifications of this game are made even more unbelievable when you consider where both sides, particularly the Rabbitohs, have been on the ladder earlier this season. After Round 10, Souths had just taken care of business against a lowly Tigers outfit to sit in first place. To say the wheels have fallen off since then would be an understatement; if they are to lose to the Roosters, they will become the first ever team leading the competition after 11 rounds to miss the finals series.

For the Roosters, it's been almost an entirely different story. At no point this season have they looked close to being the premiers contenders they were considered as pre-season, and the fact they were sitting in the bottom 4 just seven weeks ago should tell you all you need to know about the quality of footy they were playing. Since then, they have (kind of) gotten it together. The Roosters have won 5 of their last 6 games by an average margin of 18 points, however none of the victories have come against current top eight teams, while the one loss was a walloping at the hands of likely minor premiers the Broncos.

While no-one should be getting ahead of themselves and considering the Roosters a dark horse for the title, it can't be denied that their attack has turned a corner. Prior to round 20, they were the only team in the competition to not have scored 30 points or more in a game but have since done so 4 times. Their defence has also improved, going from 22.5 points conceded per game through 20 rounds to just 16.6 from Rounds 21-26.

While the Roosters turnaround has coincided with a relatively easy run home, those kinds of stats should still be of great concern to the Rabbitohs, who have seldom looked like a top eight team let alone a premiers contender since Round 11. Last year, they were able to put their average mid-season form behind them almost

THINGS TO KNOW

- Souths have won 7 of their last 11 games against the Roosters.
- 3 of the last 4 occasions where a top 8 Souths side played the Roosters outside the top 8, the Roosters won (including the last 2 occasions in 2016 and 2020)

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
SOUTH SYDNEY	ST GEO ILLA W 26-14	NEWCASTLE L 10-29	BYE
SYDNEY	DOLPHINS W 30-14	PARRAMATTA W 34-12	WESTS TIGERS W 32-8

FINALS EQUATION

SOUTH SYDNEY

WIN: qualify for finals in either 7th or 8th pending other results, away in an elimination final

LOSS: miss finals, finish 9th or 10th depending on Cowboys' result.

SYDNEY

WIN, Cowboys lose: qualify for finals in 7th or 8th pending Sharks v Raiders result

WIN, Cowboys win: miss finals, finish 9th

LOSE: finish 11th (behind Eels who have the bye)

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE

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immediately once Latrell Mitchell returned, and you can't help but wonder if this caused some complacency within Souths' playing group who may have thought that the same thing would happen again. Well, it hasn't. Since Mitchell's return, the Rabbitohs have gone 2-2, with two unconvincing wins to bottom 3 teams and two big losses to top eight teams. A late brain fade from the superstar fullback against Newcastle means he will miss this game through suspension. Souths have also been dealing with a flurry of off-field distractions of late, and it's fair to wonder whether they will continue to affect the team's performance, especially in such a critical game.

The Roosters will also be without a polarising international because of suspension, with Jared Waerea-Hargreaves copping a 7-week ban at the judiciary on Tuesday night. They do however regain James Tedesco from a head-knock, while Joey Manu has been named to play despite picking up a hamstring injury against the Tigers.

WHO TO WATCH: During Souths' period of contention over the last 4 or 5 years, Cameron Murray has always been a player you could count on for a very good performance at worst and a game changing performance at best. It's earned him the reputation as one of the best lock forwards in the game, however the Rabbitohs' recent slide has seen him have one of his worst 7 or 8 week stretches of his career. In the first 11 weeks of the season, Murray was only missing 1.5 tackles per game, a number which has more than doubled to 3.14 since round 17. He also struggled with ball in hand last start against Newcastle, running 17 times for only 105 metres. Obviously Murray is still a superstar and his bad games are better than a lot of players' best games, but the Rabbitohs will need him to get back to the form we all know he's capable of if they are to not only beat the Roosters but also make some noise in the finals.

For the Roosters, it hasn't been at all surprising to see Joseph Suaalii's best football come when Trent Robinson finally conceded that the centre experiment wasn't working and put him back into his preferred right-wing position. During the opening parts of the season, Suaalii was basically a non-factor, as playing at centre meant that the threat he provided in the air as well as on kick returns coming out of yardage was minimised. He also struggled to adapt defensively, with the Roosters edge defence being among the worst in the competition. Since returning to the wing though, Suaalii has reminded everyone of the talent he possesses and probably eased some concerns over at Rugby Union headquarters. Kicking high to him while inside the opposition has once again become a focal point of the Roosters attack, a strategy which will force Souths winger Alex Johnston to be on his A-game for the entire night.

FAVOURITE: After opening as a pick'em game, the Rabbitohs have moved into slight favouritism at the time of writing.

MY TIP: This game could easily go either way, but I'll go with the Roosters just because they're in better form at the moment. Roosters by 7.

BROADCAST

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

	TOTAL	DOLPHINS	WARRIORS	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	1	0	1	0
SUNCORP	0	0	0	0

LAST MEETING

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2023	Round 14	WARRIORS 30-8	Go Media Stadium	23,686

Match stats courtesy of



THINGS TO KNOW

- Dolphins have lost 10 of their last 11 games, conceding 346 points, which is almost identical to the last placed Wests Tigers (Tigers have same wins but have conceded 11 points more).
- Warriors have won 10 of their last 11 games and have conceded 178 points, almost half of the Dolphins.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
DOLPHINS	SYDNEY L 14-30	WESTS TIGERS 23-24	NORTH QLD L 10-34
WARRIORS	WESTS TIGERS W 30-22	MANLY W 29-22	ST GEO ILLA W 18-6

FINALS EQUATION

DOLPHINS

Cannot qualify for 2023 Finals Series

WARRIORS

WIN: Finish 3rd, away to 2nd in qualifying final
LOSE, Storm win: Finish 4th, away to 1st in qualifying final
LOSE, Storm lose: Finish 3rd, away to 2nd in qualifying final

THE PREVIEW

with Andrew JACKSON

The Dolphins have largely exceeded expectations this season and will look to end their inaugural NRL season on a positive note as they face one of the league's other big surprise packets this year.

The Warriors were tipped to be not much better than the NRL's newest franchise in 2023 but have instead locked in a spot inside the top four for the first time since 2007.

A victory this week, meanwhile, would see the New Zealand-based club seal its first top-three finish in 20 years while also equaling the club's longest winning streak of eight games set back in 2002.

They will have to do it without Tohu Harris though, with the inspiration skipper also in doubt for the finals with a back complaint, while Shaun Johnson, Addin Fonua-Blake, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, Wayde Egan and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak have all been rested.

Ronald Volkman fills in at halfback for Johnson while Dylan Walker has been named captain and presents a ball-playing option at lock in place of the injured Harris.

Taine Tuapiki and Edward Kosi are the new names in the backline, with the decision to rest Watene-Zelezniak meaning he can no longer finish the NRL's top try scorer.

Other changes see Te Maire Martin make a timely return from a broken leg to replace Luke Metcalf, who injured his hamstring in last week's 18-6 win over the Dragons.

Mitchell Barnett also is back after missing the last fortnight with a laceration to his knee, starting at prop for Fonua-Blake.

The Warriors can't go any higher on the ladder but they could drop down to fourth with a loss if Melbourne defeat Brisbane.

As for the Dolphins, Wayne Bennett's team are on a six-game losing skid after dropping last week's game against North Queensland 34-10. It is the longest losing streak of Bennett's coaching career.

For the most part though the Dolphins have been competitive down the stretch, falling just short without losing any admirers in the process.

Even last week the Dolphins had every right to give up a much bigger score after a Cowboys side with much more to play for ran out 24-0 leaders by halftime.

In team news, Jesse Bromwich returns from a groin injury with Jarrod Wallace going back to the bench while Max Plath joins the interchange in place of the suspended Josh Kerr.

The Warriors ran out big 30-8 winners earlier this year at Go Media Stadium.

WHO TO WATCH: Without a whole lot on the line, the battle of wingers Jamayne Isaako and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak shaped as particularly important. With Watene-Zelezniak out though, there is one contender out of the running for the Ken Irvine Medal. Isaako (23) currently leads Alex Johnston and Dominic Young (21), who have a chance to add to their tallies against the Roosters and Dragons respectively. One back on 20 is Mikaele Ravalawa though, who has a habit of scoring tries in bunches. Isaako will be hoping to make history for the Dolphins in their inaugural season. He has already sealed the crown as the league's top points scorer with a 14-point buffer over Melbourne's Nick Meaney, who is being rested this weekend.

Elsewhere for the Warriors, all eyes will be on Te Maire Martin in his long-awaited return from injury. Luke Metcalf had flashed his potential at stages when called upon but with his season now ended through injury, the Warriors will be hoping Martin won't need too long to adjust to playing first grade again. More than anything, he just needs to get through this weekend's game unscathed otherwise Dylan Walker shapes as another option in the halves to partner Johnson in the finals.

FAVOURITE: The Dolphins are slight favourites given the team changes.

MY TIP: This always felt like a bit of a banana peel game for the Warriors even before the host of changes that were confirmed on Tuesday. Those changes only further point towards this being the perfect chance for the Dolphins to find something back in Queensland to end their inaugural season on a winning note. Dolphins by 8.

PENRITH PANTHERS

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

VENUE	BLUEBET STADIUM	Todd SMITH	REFEREE
LOCATION	DHARUG PENRITH, NSW	Peter GOUGH, Jon STONE	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023 5:30PM AEST	Chris BUTLER	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
22	11	2	-	48	27	Dylan EDWARDS	1
22	7	-	-	28	20	Sunia TURUVA	2
13	10	-	-	40	31	Tyrone PEACHEY	3
20	13	20	-	92	22	Stephen CRICHTON	4
19	15	-	-	60	24	Brian TO'O	5
9	-	5	1	11	25	Jack COGGER	6
18	4	66	5	154	25	Nathan CLEARY	7
22	2	-	-	8	27	Moses LEOTA	8
1	-	-	-	-	23	Luke SOMMERTON	9
19	-	-	-	-	27	James FISHER-HARRIS	10
20	4	-	-	16	30	Scott SORENSEN	11
14	4	-	-	16	26	Liam MARTIN	12
20	4	-	-	16	28	Isaah YEO	13
20	1	-	-	4	27	Soni LUKE	14
19	-	-	-	-	23	Lindsay SMITH	15
17	1	-	-	4	22	Spencer LENIU	16
19	3	-	-	12	26	Zac HOSKING	17
17	4	-	-	16	24	Jaeman SALMON	18
13	10	-	-	40	21	Izack TAGO	19
5	5	-	-	20	22	Thomas JENKINS	20
7	1	-	-	4	27	Luke GARNER	21
11	-	-	-	-	30	Matt EISENHUTH	22

Ivan CLEARY

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SECOND ROW

LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Scott DRINKWATER	26	20	11	7	1	59
2	Kyle FELDT	31	17	13	-	-	52
3	Zac LAYBUTT	21	3	2	-	-	8
4	Peta HIKU	30	21	2	-	-	8
5	Murray TAULAGI	24	19	9	-	-	36
6	Tom DEARDEN	22	22	7	-	-	28
7	Chad TOWNSEND	32	23	2	6	5	25
8	Jordan McLEAN	31	21	1	-	-	4
9	Reece ROBSON	25	22	2	-	-	8
10	Jason TAUMALOLO	30	15	-	-	-	-
11	Luciano LEILUA	27	12	2	-	-	8
12	Heilum LUKI	22	12	3	-	-	12
13	Reuben COTTER	24	19	4	-	-	16
14	Jake GRANVILLE	34	23	-	-	-	-
15	Coen HESS	26	23	2	-	-	8
16	Griffin NEAME	22	16	-	-	-	-
17	Kulikefu FINEFEUIAKI	19	11	2	-	-	8
18	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	26	17	-	-	-	-
19	Robert DERBY	21	1	-	-	-	-
20	James TAMOU	34	3	1	-	-	4
21	Brendan ELLIOT	29	3	-	-	-	-
22	Jack GOSIEWSKI	29	7	2	-	-	8

Todd PAYTEN

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

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HEAD TO HEAD: 1995 - 2023

	TOTAL	PENRITH	NORTH QLD	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	45	24	21	0
BLUEBET STDM	21	12	9	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 19	PENRITH 32-12	QLD Country Bank	7,247
2021	Round 1	PENRITH 24-0	Bluebet Stadium	14,077
2022	Round 12	PENRITH 22-0	Bluebet Stadium	17,125
2022	Round 25	NORTH QLD 38-8	QLD Country Bank	23,840
2023	Round 16	NORTH QLD 27-23	QLD Country Bank	17,277

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2004	Round 24	PENRITH 56-6	Penrith Stadium	12,391
2013	Round 22	NORTH QLD 36-4	Centrebet Stadium	6,611

THINGS TO KNOW

- Chad TOWNSEND will play his 50th game for North Queensland.
- The last time Penrith lost back-to-back games at BlueBet Stadium was in 2019. Since then they've had 39 wins and 5 losses at their home ground.
- Penrith have kept the Cowboys scoreless at BlueBet Stadium for the last 197 minutes.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
PENRITH	MANLY W 24-12	GOLD COAST W 40-14	PARRAMATTA L 18-32
NORTH QLD	BYE	CRONULLA L 12-32	DOLPHINS W 34-10

FINALS EQUATION

PENRITH PANTHERS

- WIN, Brisbane lose: Finish 1st, minor premiers, host 4th in finals week one.
 WIN, Brisbane win: Finish 2nd, host 3rd in finals week one.
 LOSS: Finish 2nd, host 3rd in finals week one.

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

- WIN, Sydney, Cronulla win: Finish 7th, away to 6th in finals week one
 WIN, Sydney, Canberra win: Finish 8th, away to 5th in finals week one
 WIN, Souths, Cronulla win: Finish 8th, away to 5th in finals week one
 WIN, Souths, Canberra win: Miss top eight, finish 9th
 LOSE: Miss top eight, finish 9th or 10th

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THE PREVIEW

with Nick BOYS

Cowboys look to asso finals berth with win at Penrith

The Cowboys face a simple scenario on Saturday afternoon when they take on the Penrith Panthers on the road at Blue Bet stadium. Win or go home. Technically they could still be going home even if they win but I doubt that will be the prevalent messaging from Todd Payten this week. The Cowboys will be sweating the results of the Roosters v Rabbitohs match on Friday night and the Sharks v Raiders game on Sunday afternoon to inform their fate but all of that will be irrelevant if they cannot take down the mighty Panthers.

Payten has named the same squad of 17 that defeated the Dolphins last week and will look to keep their attacking brand of footy rolling in this must win game. Instrumental to that is Scott Drinkwater who has been in scintillating form this year elevating himself in the conversation of elite fullbacks around the competition. Maika Sivo had a field day down Penrith's right edge last week so look for the Drinkwater and the Cowboys to employ similar tactics as Penrith continue to juggle their edge defence pairings. The Cowboys will also aim to heavily involve their talented edge back rowers Luciano Leilua and Heilum Luki who can create breaks from anywhere on the field.

While some expected the Panthers to rest some of their stars for the final round clash, Ivan Cleary has named a near full strength side to steady the ship after last week's loss to Parramatta and potentially capture

another Minor Premiership. If the Broncos lose to the Storm on Thursday night in their glorified Q Cup clash at Suncorp a win will take Penrith back to top spot and make it back-to-back J.J. Giltinan Shield's and three of the last four. Dylan Edwards, Sunia Turuva and Scott Sorensen have all been named to return after resting's last week while Jack Cogger takes over for Jarome Luai at five-eighth. Izack Tago also looms in the reserves as he works his way back from a leg injury.

Penrith have not lost back-to-back games since April and have a very strong record at home so things will not come easy for the Cowboys. The Cowboys have also not travelled relatively well this year with a 4-7 record away from home. They will need to be at their very best to topple the Panthers, but they may have just enough off the cuff attacking prowess to make this one interesting.

WHO TO WATCH: I know I've mentioned him earlier, but it really is hard to go past Drinkwater who is the heartbeat of this Cowboys attack. His ability to play both structured and ad lib footy will be key to keeping Penrith off balance in defence and put on points. Drinkwater dazzled again last week with a try, a try assist and four line break assists and look for him to be heavily involved on Saturday afternoon.

Penrith will be very glad to have Dylan Edwards back this week. While not as flashy as some other fullbacks his tough carries and defensive structure are vital to the Panthers success. Edwards is as reliable as they come and expect another 200+ metre performance along with linking up with Penrith's other key strike members in attack.

FAVOURITE: Penrith are currently 11.5 point favourites.

MY TIP: will be looking to take some form into the finals especially if the Minor Premiership is up for grabs so I'll take them to win in a close one. Panthers win 22-18.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

VENUE	NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM	REFEREE	Ben CUMMINS
LOCATION	BIDJIGAL CARLTON, NSW	TOUCH JUDGES	Dan SCHWASS, Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023 7:35PM AEST	NRL BUNKER	Matt NOYEN

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
22	10	-	-	40	21	Tyrell SLOAN 1
22	4	-	-	16	22	Mathew FEAGAI 2
21	2	-	-	8	25	Moses SULI 3
19	7	55	-	138	23	Zac LOMAX 4
20	20	-	-	80	25	Mikaele RAVALAWA 5
18	1	-	-	4	21	Talatau AMONE 6
21	7	5	-	38	33	Ben HUNT 7
17	1	-	-	4	28	Francis MOLO 8
5	-	-	-	-	22	Connor MUHLEISEN 9
21	2	-	-	8	26	Blake LAWRIE 10
9	3	-	-	12	24	Billy BURNS 11
7	-	-	-	-	27	Daniel RUSSELL 12
15	1	-	-	4	32	Jack DE BELIN 13
21	3	-	-	12	26	Jacob LIDDLE 14
18	1	-	-	4	26	Michael MOLO 15
20	-	-	-	-	32	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA 16
4	-	-	-	-	19	Ryan COUCHMAN 17
15	2	-	-	8	19	Toby COUCHMAN 18
12	3	3	-	18	21	Jayden SULLIVAN 19
-	-	-	-	-	-	Alexander LOBB 20
7	1	-	-	4	24	Jaiyden HUNT 21
-	-	-	-	-	-	Viliani FIFITA 22

Ryan CARR

FULLBACK

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	28	11	2	23	-	54
2	21	22	21	-	-	84
3	24	5	2	-	-	8
4	21	22	13	-	-	52
5	26	19	19	-	-	76
6	27	21	6	-	1	25
7	28	2	1	-	1	5
8	27	18	-	-	-	-
9	28	6*	-	-	-	-
10	23	23	1	-	-	4
11	22	5	1	-	-	4
12	25	9	-	-	-	-
13	28	15	-	-	-	-

* includes 5 games for Canterbury

14	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	27	20	2	-	-	8
16	27	23	1	-	-	4
17	23	21	3	-	-	12
18	25	5	1	-	-	4
19	20	-	-	-	-	-
20	29	20	5	-	-	20
21	27	21	4	16	-	48
22	22	-	-	-	-	-

Adam O'BRIEN

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
READ	LIVE BLOG - LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

HEAD TO HEAD: 1999 - 2022

	TOTAL	ST GEO ILLA	NEWCASTLE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	42	29	13	0
NETSTRATA	9	6	3	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2019	Round 4	ST GEO ILLA 13-12	McDonald Jones Stdm	19,105
2019	Round 10	NEWCASTLE 45-12	Glen Willow, Mudgee	9,267
2020	Round 19	NEWCASTLE 42-18	McDonald Jones Stdm	6,659
2021	Round 4	ST GEO ILLA 22-13	McDonald Jones Stdm	21,770
2022	Round 6	ST GEO ILLA 21-16	WIN Stadium	11,113

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2004	Round 4	ST GEO ILLA 48-2	WIN Stadium	9,362
2006	Round 5	NEWCASTLE 54-6	WIN Stadium	17,467

THINGS TO KNOW

- The Dragons have won 18 of their last 24 games against the Knights.
- The last time the Knights were successful at NetStrata Stadium was in 2009. They've since lost all 5 games played there since.

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
ST GEO ILLA	SOUTH SYDNEY L 14-26	MELBOURNE 28-38	WARRIORS L 6-18
NEWCASTLE	CANTERBURY W 42-6	SOUTH SYDNEY W 29-10	CRONULLA W 32-6

FINALS EQUATION

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

Cannot qualify for 2023 Finals Series

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

WIN: finish 5th, home elim final against 8th
LOSS, Sharks v Raiders draw: finish 5th, home elim final against 8th
LOSS, Sharks or Raiders win: finish 6th, home elim final against 7th

Match stats courtesy of

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THE PREVIEW

with Rob CROSBY

Misery meets momentum at Kogarah

The St George Illawarra Dragons will be looking to halt the momentum of the high-flying Newcastle Knights at Netstrata Jubilee Oval on Saturday evening.

Returning to the spiritual home of the Red V for the last time in 2023, the St George Illawarra Dragons will be hoping for a positive finish to a miserable season that has yielded a club worst return of five wins.

Suffering an 18-6 loss to the Warriors in Auckland last Friday, Ryan Carr, in his final appearance as interim coach, will welcome back Mat Feagai and Jack de Belin from injury and suspension respectively with Michael Molo taking the place of Zane Musgrove on the bench.

In the face of the biggest mismatch of the final round, the Dragons will be looking to history for encouragement with the joint venture boasting a nice 69% success rate against the Knights with 29 wins from 42 meetings since 1999.

Unable to move above their current position of 16th, but unlikely to claim the wooden spoon barring a mathematical improbability requiring a heavy loss and the Tigers producing an emphatic win, the Dragons have performed strongly at Kogarah with three wins from four previous appearances this season.

Going from 14th at the end of June to securing a home final off the back of eight straight wins, the Newcastle Knights will be looking to head into September as the form team of the premiersip.

Posting five second half tries to run out 32-6 winners over the Sharks at home last Sunday, coach Adam O'Brien has opted to rest several of his stars with Lachlan Miller, Enari Tuala, Brodie Jones and debutant Riley Jones coming in for Kalyn Ponga, Dane Gaga, Tyson Frizell and Phoenix Crossland.

Winning four out of 14 visits to Kogarah over the past three decades, the Knights last prevailed at the venue when Adam MacDougall had the last laugh over Wendell Sailor in 2009.

Currently sitting in fifth position with a home ground advantage locked in for week one of the finals, the Knights are unable to move above their current standing with a win but will drop to sixth with a loss.

WHO TO WATCH: If not for success in the representative arena, 2023 would rate as the year that brought Ben Hunt the least joy as a professional footballer. Enduring an acrimonious fallout with club management following the mid-season dismissal of coach Anthony Griffin, the Dragons captain has been let down by a subpar pack and a backline that has underperformed given the talent on hand. Managing to produce 19 try assists, 11 forced drop out and seven tries in the face of adversity at club level, Hunt will be hoping to end what may prove to be his final game for the club on a positive note.

Going from a second-string playmaker to a first grade quality five-eighth over the course of the season, Tyson Gamble looms as a key figure in the Knights' bid to go nine-in-a-row. Scoring six tries, setting up a further six and nailing a field goal in 21 appearances this season, the 27-year-old Queenslander has flourished after earning an extended run in the top grade. Set to carry additional responsibility with Kalyn Ponga and Jackson Hastings sitting on the sidelines, a strong performance from Gamble will be the perfect springboard for bigger things to come when 17 becomes eight next weekend.

FAVOURITE: The Knights are expected to equal a club record of nine straight wins in a single season despite the absence of several stars.

MY TIP: With their first home final in 17 years in the offing next weekend, the Knights will be focused on the job at hand but cognisant of bigger things to come. Knights by 12.

GOLD COAST TITANS

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

VENUE	CBUS SUPER STADIUM	Kasey BADGER	REFEREE
LOCATION	YUGAMBEH ROBINA, QLD	Tyson BROUGH, Liam KENNEDY	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 2:00PM AEST	Gerard SUTTON	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
13	3	-	-	12	24	AJ BRIMSON 1
22	19	-	-	76	21	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA 2
20	6	-	-	24	27	Brian KELLY 3
17	2	1	-	10	22	Aaron SCHOUPP 4
14	3	-	-	12	20	Sosefo FIFITA 5
19	3	-	-	12	32	Kieran FORAN 6
2	-	1	-	2	20	Thomas WEAVER 7
20	-	-	-	-	23	Moeaki FOTUAIKA 8
21	4	-	-	16	27	Chris RANDALL 9
8	-	-	-	-	26	Jaimin JOLLIFFE 10
21	8	-	-	32	23	David FIFITA 11
14	3	-	-	12	21	Klese HAAS 12
18	6	-	-	24	23	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI 13
5	-	-	-	-	19	Keano KINI 14
9	1	-	-	4	27	Kruise LEEMING 15
22	2	-	-	8	27	Joe STIMSON 16
4	-	-	-	-	24	Jacob ALICK 17
12	1	-	-	4	21	Iszac FA'ASUAMALEAUI 18
8	1	-	-	4	24	Joseph VUNA 19
-	-	-	-	-	20	Tony FRANCIS 20
-	-	-	-	-	19	Josiah PAHULU 21
-	-	-	-	-	28	Ken MAUMALO 22

Jim LENIHAN

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	24	18	2	-	-	12
2	-	10	5	-	-	20
3	22	23	12	-	-	48
4	19	17	2	1	-	10
5	27	14	8	-	-	32
6	23	22	4	56	2	128
7	22	7*	3	-	-	12
8	28	3	-	-	-	-
9	25	23	4	-	-	16
10	28	9^	1	-	-	4
11	28	8	1	-	-	4
12	26	21	4	-	-	16
13	26	22	-	-	-	-
* includes 1 match, 1 try for Gold Coast						
14	24	16	2	7	-	22
15	22	5	-	-	-	-
16	23	11	1	-	-	4
17	26	18	2	-	-	8
^ includes 5 games for South Sydney						
19	24	3	1	-	-	4
20	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	22	3	-	-	-	-
22	27	12	-	-	-	-
23	29	14	-	-	-	-

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
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
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HEAD TO HEAD: 2007 - 2023

	TOTAL	GOLD COAST	CANTERBURY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	22	11	11	0
CBUS SUPER	8	5	3	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 17	GOLD COAST 18-14	ANZ Stadium	2,048
2021	Round 11	GOLD COAST 30-20	Cbus Super Stadium	11,315
2021	Round 20	GOLD COAST 34-6	Cbus Super Stadium	-
2022	Round 19	CANTERBURY 36-26	Commbank Stadium	11,726
2023	Round 12	CANTERBURY 20-18	Accor Stadium	10,815

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 20	GOLD COAST 34-6	Suncorp Stadium	-
2007	Round 19	CANTERBURY 36-12	Gold Coast Stadium	15,873

THINGS TO KNOW

- This will be: Isaac LIU's 250th NRL game
- Aaron SCHOUPP's 50th NRL game
- Kyle FLANAGAN's 50th game for Canterbury
- The Bulldogs have conceded 410 points in their last 10 games – comfortably the worst defence of all NRL sides over the same period.
- The Bulldogs have lost their last 5 games at Cbus Super Stadium

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
GOLD COAST	CRONULLA L 6-36	PENRITH L 14-40	MELBOURNE L 16-37
CANTERBURY	NEWCASTLE L 6-42	CANBERRA L 24-36	MANLY L 24-42

FINALS EQUATION

GOLD COAST TITANS & CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Neither team can qualify for the 2023 Finals Series

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THE PREVIEW

with Andy P

Titans and Bulldogs face off to end a forgettable season for both teams.

With both sides not in finals contention, it will be a battle for pride and a chance to finish the season on a high note. The year in review has provided few highlights for each team and their fan base. And with the teams finishing in 13th and 15th, there will be calls of expectations unfulfilled.

The Titans had some promising form against top teams early and late in the season but had failed to string together any momentum, winning only one out of their last seven games, with the back end-of-the-season performance dashing any hopes for a final's appearance. Coach Jimmy Lenihan found a silver lining on the Titan's back end of the season, saying it was a chance to get Tom Weaver and Keano Kini some game time.

With the Bulldogs still in the midst of rebuilding, it was another disappointing season for the fans and, if the last game was anything to go by, a disappointed coach in Cameron Ciraldo. Ciraldo was not mincing his words when talking about the team's Round 26 performance against the Sea Eagles. The Bulldogs coach was quick to point out he would fill positions in the run-on side with people who wanted to play.

With 11 games apiece in the history of these clubs meeting, this game will break the deadlock. But the Bulldogs have the honour of the worst defensive record in the competition and have not won at the Titan's

home ground in their last five outings to Cbus Super Stadium.

With the Bulldogs remaining in 15th position regardless, the Titans hope a win will keep them in 13th above the new kids in town, the Dolphins.

Injuries to Harrison Edwards will keep him out of this game, and his Bulldogs teammate, Tevita Pangai Jnr, has also seemingly played his last NRL game with an unspecified injury.

The Gold Coast will be without Isaac Liu due to a finger injury he picked up from the last round.

WHO TO WATCH: Josh Addo-Carr may be out to keep up his record of nine tries in the past five games against the Titans.

The Titans representative forwards of Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, David Fifita and Moeaki Fotuika will be present and ready to work off their main ball player, Kieran Foran.

In a first for the NRL, Kasey Badger will referee the game, becoming the second female to blow the whistle on-field after Belinda Sharpe on Friday's Manly vs. Tigers match.

FAVOURITE: The Titans will go into their home match as favourites. The Gold Coast team have shown more fight in their last few games, while the Bulldogs have averaged 40 points a game conceded and don't look like turning this trend around for their last game.

MY TIP: The Titans will put on a winning performance in front of the home crowd, Gold Coast, by 12.

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

CANBERRA RAIDERS

VENUE	POINTS BET STADIUM	Grant ATKINS	REFEREE
LOCATION	DHARAWAL WOOLLOOWARE, NSW	Dave MUNRO, Wyatt RAYMOND	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 4:05PM AEST	Ashley KLEIN	NRL BUNKER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
8	3	-	-	12	27	Connor TRACEY 1
23	11	-	-	44	25	Sione KATOA 2
23	10	-	-	40	26	Jesse RAMIEN 3
20	5	1	-	22	26	Siosifa TALAKAI 4
21	19	-	-	76	23	Ronaldo MULITALO 5
11	3	11	-	34	23	Braydon TRINDALL 6
19	5	81	1	183	27	Nicho HYNES 7
13	1	-	-	4	27	Toby RUDOLF 8
23	1	-	-	4	24	Blayne BRAILEY 9
18	1	-	-	4	28	Braden HAMLIN-UELE 10
23	8	-	-	32	25	Briton NIKORA 11
18	2	-	-	8	32	Wade GRAHAM 12
21	3	-	-	12	29	Cameron McINNES 13
1	-	-	-	-	-	
22	1	-	-	4	26	Jack WILLIAMS 14
18	3	-	-	12	27	Royce HUNT 15
16	3	-	-	12	24	Thomas HAZELTON 16
20	2	-	-	8	32	Matt MOYLAN 17
-	-	-	-	-	23	Kayal IRO 18
1	1	-	-	4	24	Mawene HIROTI 19
17	-	-	-	-	23	Oregon KAUFUSI 20
5	-	-	-	-	21	Jesse COLQUHOUN 21
-	-	-	-	-	22	Daniel ATKINSON 22

Craig FITZGIBBON

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Jordan RAPANA	33	19	10	-	40
2	Sebastian KRIS	24	20	7	-	28
3	Jack WIGHTON	30	20	7	-	28
4	Matthew TIMOKO	23	23	11	-	44
5	Nick COTRIC	24	11	3	-	12
6	Matt FRAWLEY	28	6	2	-	1*
7	Jamal FOGARTY	29	22	3	23	2 60
8	Emre GULER	25	23	1	-	4
9	Zac WOOLFORD	26	19	-	-	-
10	Joseph TAPINE	29	22	1	-	4
11	Hudson YOUNG	25	22	9	-	36
12	Elliott WHITEHEAD	33	21	3	-	12
13	Corey HORSBURGH	25	22	3	-	12
14	Tom STARLING	25	21	2	-	8
15	Ata MARIOTA	21	15	1	-	4
16	Jarrold CROKER	32	15	3	59	- 130
17	Hohepa PURU	21	-	-	-	-
18	Pasami SAULO	24	20	-	-	-
19	Albert HOPOATE	22	20	8	-	32
20	Trey MOONEY	21	2	-	-	-
21	Danny LEVI	27	4	-	-	-
22	James SCHILLER	21	3	-	-	-

Ricky STUART

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

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LISTEN	ABC SPORT, MIX CANBERRA, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
READ	LIVE BLOG - LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

HEAD TO HEAD: 1982 - 2023

	TOTAL	CRONULLA	CANBERRA	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	80	39	41	0
POINTS BET	34	21	13	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 2	CANBERRA 12-10	Netstrata Jubilee Stdm	3,145
2021	Round 18	CANBERRA 34-18	Cbus Super Stadium	3,874
2022	Round 1	CANBERRA 24-19	GIO Stadium Canberra	15,224
2022	Round 10	CANBERRA 30-10	Suncorp Stadium	30,453
2023	Round 3	CANBERRA 24-20	GIO Stadium Canberra	14,134

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1982	Round 10	CRONULLA 44-5	Seiffert Oval	11,955
1994	Round 16	CANBERRA 56-12	Bruce Stadium	11,901

THINGS TO KNOW

- Jordan RAPANA will play his 200th NRL game, and has scored 99 NRL tries
- Braydon TRINDALL will play his 50th NRL game
- Canberra have won their last 9 straight games against the Sharks.
- Cronulla have had more home ground sponsor names since 2014 than they've had wins over the Raiders at same said ground (4 names to 1 win)

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 24	ROUND 25	ROUND 26
CRONULLA	GOLD COAST W 36-6	NORTH QLD W 32-12	NEWCASTLE L 6-32
CANBERRA	MELBOURNE L 2-48	CANTERBURY W 36-24	BRISBANE L 18-29

FINALS EQUATION

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

WIN, Newcastle lose: Finish 5th, host 8th in elimination final
WIN, Newcastle win: Finish 6th, host 7th in elimination final
LOSS: Finish 7th, 8th or 9th pending results of both Sydney-Souths & Penrith-Nth Qld

CANBERRA RAIDERS

WIN, Newcastle lose: Finish 5th, host 8th in elimination final
WIN, Newcastle win: Finish 6th, host 7th in elimination final
LOSS: Finish 8th, 9th or 10th pending results of both Sydney-Souths & Penrith-Nth Qld

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THE PREVIEW

with Lachlan McINTYRE

Regular season comes to a close with a bang

Shark Park plays host to the final game of the 2023 regular season, with the Cronulla Sharks and the Canberra Raiders facing off on Sunday afternoon. With both clubs level on competition points, this game is critical to the make-up of next week's elimination finals. A home final is guaranteed for the winner, whilst the loser may find themselves dangerously close to dropping out of the eight entirely, depending on the other results across the weekend.

Cronulla will be very disappointed with their performance last week. Away in Newcastle, they were thrashed 32-6 by the Knights in what was a very important game for the finals make-up. Worryingly, they went scoreless in the second half, letting Newcastle put on 26 unanswered points. Now they head into the final round not entirely certain of their position in the eight, although some very odd results would be needed to see the Sharks miss the finals.

Nicho Hynes is a massive in for Cronulla, after missing their game last week through injury. He will pair up with Braydon Trindall in the halves, pushing Matt Moylan onto the bench. In a week with many odd team lists up and down the coast, the Sharks have relatively little changes.

The Canberra Raiders were in the top four just two months ago, but some careless losses have seen them drop down to seventh with one game remaining. Last week the Raiders put up a decent fight against the likely minor premiers Brisbane, going down 29-18 at home. Like the Sharks, they went tryless in their second half,

letting an 18-16 lead get away from them. They'll be desperate to get back in front of their home crowd for an elimination final next week.

Josh Papalii is out for the remainder of the season, so Hohepa Puru looks set to make his NRL debut off the bench. Corey Horsburgh has been found guilty at the NRL judiciary, and thus has been served a four game suspension for his shoulder charge. He was named at lock when team lists were released on Tuesday, so a late change will be required for the Raiders.

This is the second meeting between these two sides in 2023, with the Raiders prevailing 24-20 all the way back in round three.

WHO TO WATCH: A versatile back, 27 year old Connor Tracey has been handed the fullback jersey for the past month or so for the Sharks, and he looks set to hold that position into the finals series. Taking the number one spot due to William Kennedy suffering a torn hamstring, Tracey has made just eight NRL appearances this year, with half of those at centre/wing. He will have to be able to handle the pressure if the Sharks are to get back into the winners' circle, especially since Kennedy may not return this season.

Panthers junior Hohepa Puru is set to make his NRL debut off the bench this weekend for Canberra. Having joined the club at the start of the season after captaining the 2022 Panthers Jersey Flegg side to a premiership, Puru slotted straight into the starting forward pack in NSW Cup. Playing at lock, he has been a consistently strong performer throughout the season, even when shifted to hooker or into the halves. He regularly plays eighty minute games, and Raiders fans should be eager to see what he can serve up on the big stage this Sunday.

FAVOURITE: The Cronulla Sharks are the favourites by a significant margin heading into this match.

MY TIP: Cronulla have been known to go missing in big games, and in front of their home crowd I could see them squandering a chance to play there again the following week. Canberra by 8.

THE WRAP NRL 2023 ROUND 26



Venue
Bluebet Stadium Penrith, NSW Dharug
Kickoff
Thu 24 Aug 7:50PM
Referee
Ben CUMMINS
Crowd
21,525

PENRITH	18	-	32	PARRAMATTA
	4	HT	22	
	3	PENS	4	
Nathan CLEARY		T	4	Maika SIVO
Thomas JENKINS			2	Clinton GUTHERSON
Liam MARTIN				
Tyrone PEACHEY				
Nathan CLEARY	1/4	G	4/6	Clinton GUTHERSON
			0/1	Dylan BROWN
Jesse McLEAN	20	FB	1	Clinton GUTHERSON (c)
Thomas JENKINS	21	W	2	Maika SIVO
Tyrone PEACHEY	3	C	3	Will PENISINI
Stephen CRICHTON	4	C	4	Bailey SIMONSSON
Brian TOO	5	W	5	Sean RUSSELL
Jarome LUAI	6	FE	6	Daejarn ASI
Nathan CLEARY (c)	7	HB	7	Dylan BROWN
Moses LEOTA	8	FR	8	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD
Jack COGGER	9	HK	9	Joey LUSSICK
James FISHER-HARRIS	10	FR	16	Wiremu GREIG
Zac HOSKING	11	2R	11	Ryan MATTERSON
Liam MARTIN	12	2R	12	Bryce CARTWRIGHT
Isaah YEO	13	L	17	Joe OFAHENGAUJE
Soni LUKE	14	B	10	Junior PAULO
Lindsay SMITH	15	B	13	J'maine HOPGOOD
Spencer LENIU	16	B	14	Luca MORETTI
Luke GARNER	17	B	15	Shaun LANE
Ivan CLEARY		COACH		Brad ARTHUR



Venue
Go Media Stadium Penrose, NZ Aotearoa
Kickoff
Fri 25 Aug 6:00PM (8PM NZ)
Referee
Peter GOUGH
Crowd
25,095

WARRIORS	18	-	6	ST GEO ILLA
	10	HT	0	
	7	PENS	10	
Addin FONUA-BLAKE		T		Zac LOMAX
Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD				
Adam POMPEY				
Adam POMPEY	3/4	G	1/1	Zac LOMAX
Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	1	FB	1	Tyrell SLOAN
Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIK	2	W	21	Sione FINAU
Rocco BERRY	3	C	3	Moses SULI
Adam POMPEY	4	C	4	Zac LOMAX
Marcelo MONTOYA	5	W	5	Mikaele RAVALAWA
Luke METCALF	6	FE	6	Talatau AMONE
Shaun JOHNSON	7	HB	7	Ben HUNT (c)
Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8	FR	8	Francis MOLO
Wayde EGAN	9	HK	14	Connor MUHLEISEN
Bunty AFOA	10	FR	10	Blake LAWRIE
Joshua CURRAN	11	2R	11	Billy BURNS
Marata NIUKORE	12	2R	12	Daniel RUSSELL
Tohu HARRIS (c)	13	L	13	Michael MOLO
Dylan WALKER	14	B	9	Jacob LIDDLE
Jackson FORD	15	B	15	Ryan COUCHMAN
Bayley SIRONEN	16	B	16	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA
Freddy LUSSICK	17	B	17	Zane MUSGROVE
Andrew WEBSTER		COACH		Ryan CARR

EELS PUMP PANTHERS TO FINISH ON A HIGH

The Parramatta Eels will have six months to wonder what could have been after running out 32-18 victors in a match set to have major ramifications for the Penrith Panthers hopes of going three-in-a-row.

Winning their final match of the regular season to remain the most optimistic of mathematical chance of featuring in September, the Eels stole the show with winger Maika Sivo crossing for four tries, while the Panthers face an anxious wait with playmaker Jarome Luai at risk of missing the remainder of the season with a dislocated shoulder.

Beginning the first half ambush from a scrum play presented by an early Penrith error, Dylan Brown managed to get a flick pass away before being taken over the sideline, allowing Sivo (4th minute) to open the scoring.

Going close to hitting double figures inside the opening ten minutes, Daejarn Asi split the defence with a dummy and found Ryan Matterson in support; the bunker overruled the on-field call with debutant Jesse McLean deemed to have dislodged the ball from Matterson's grasp before reaching the try line.

The Panthers were quick to capitalise on their good fortune with Tyrone Peachey (12th minute) finishing off a left-side shift, however the side's luck soon took a turn for the worse.

The Eels continued to attack down the left edge and were rewarded with a possible eight-point try to Sivo (19th minute) following high contact from McLean while scoring.

Extending the lead out to 18-4 after Sivo (23rd minute) collected his hat-trick, the Panthers were dealt the biggest blow of the night with Luai dislocating his shoulder over the try-line.

Completing a stunning first half by denying Isaah Yeo a certain four-pointer, the Eels took a 22-4 lead to the shed with Clinton Gutherson (36th minute) exposing the home side's defence on the right side of the field.

Continuing the one-way flow of points after the break with Gutherson (42nd minute) collecting his second, the Panthers tried to get back into the contest only to be thwarted by the Parramatta captain repeatedly executing short line drop-outs to perfection.

The Panthers finally hit double figures after Nathan Cleary (65th minute) streaked onto a short drop out, but any chance of a comeback was extinguished after Sivo (72nd minute) crashed over for his fourth try of the night.

Late tries to Liam Martin (75th minute), playing his 100th game for the club in first grade, and Thomas Jenkins (78th minute) provided little consolation for the 21,525 strong crowd as the Eels finished their season with a 32-18 victory.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Clinton Gutherson
2 points - Maika Sivo
1 points - Ryan Matterson

Match updated and wrap written by Rob CROSBY

WARRIORS SECURE TOP 4 WITH SCRAPPY WIN OVER TENACIOUS DRAGONS

The New Zealand Warriors have secured a top 4 spot with a scrappy and unconvincing 18-6 win over a determined and brave St George Illawarra Dragons side at Go Media Stadium.

The Warriors started poorly for the second week in a row after failing to get to the ball off the kick-off. Fortunately, Zac Lomax failed to gather it in cleanly and the Dragons were unlucky not to cross inside the first 15 seconds of action.

Off the back of a last tackle set-restart. The Warriors have built some field position and crossed for the first try after 13 minutes. A clever Luke Metcalf pass found Adam Pompey who hit the gap perfectly and stepped inside some poor Dragons defence to score his 5th of the season. Pompey converted for an early 6-0 lead. However, as has been the case so often in recent weeks, mistakes on their own end gave the home side some tackling practice on their own line.

Six minutes later, the Warriors punished the visitors for a cheap error from Connor Muhleisen. Wayde Egan combined with Shaun Johnson to send Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad away, and CNK beat a pathetic attempt of tackle from Lomax to cross out-wide for the home side. Pompey's conversion was waved away.

St George imploded when Moses Suli lost the ball coming out of yardage, subjecting the Dragons to more goal-line defence. Egan went within inches of the line before being denied by the Bunker and would hold them out for the remainder of the set.

Things went from bad to worse with debutant Sione Finau carried from the field injured and Zac Lomax leaving for a HIA. Despite these setbacks, the Warriors didn't add to their advantage with Addin Fonua-Blake dropping the ball over the line and only led by 10 at the change of ends.

The second half began horribly for the home side with Luke Metcalf coming off with a hamstring injury. Metcalf was looking a dejected figure on the sideline it looks serious for the young 5/8 who's worked so hard to come back into the side this season. Both sides had early chances but each time, the attack came away without points.

Off the back of some sloppy discipline from the Warriors. St George Illawarra capitalised, and it was Jacob Liddle who found the Warriors asleep at the wheel at marker and crossed for what appeared to be the visitors first of the evening... But the Bunker found a knock on and denied Liddle's try on this occasion. From the penalty that came off that knock-on, Ryan Couchman spilt possession and the attacking charge came to an end.

Despite that setback, the Dragons ended up crossing at last after an hour of being on 0. After a spirited carry from Suli, Ben Hunt went to the skies which saw Dallin Watene-Zelezniak put it down, recovered by Billy Burns and find Lomax for their first try of the evening. Lomax converted to reduce the gap to just 4 points.

With time running out, the Dragons had chances to draw level or even take the lead, but the final pass and moments were going away from the visitors. The game was secured through a moment of madness at the back. Johnson's grubber appeared to be grounded by Tyrell Sloan but he was going to pick it up and couldn't. Fonua-Blake redeemed his earlier sins to cross for the home side. Pompey's kick was successful for a 10-point lead before adding a penalty goal on full-time as the Warriors escaped in a game that will be quickly forgotten by many.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Addin Fonua-Blake
2 points - Blake Lawrie
1 points - Shaun Johnson

Match updated and wrap written by AJ LUCANTONIO



DOLPHINS	10	-	34	NORTH QLD
	0	HT	24	
	4	PENS	4	
Jamayne ISAAKO	2	T	2	Zac LAYBUTT
				Scott DRINKWATER
				Kyle FELDT
				Peta HIKU
				Murray TAULAGI
Jamayne ISAAKO	1/2	G	5/6	Scott DRINKWATER
Josh KERR		BIN		
Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	1	FB	1	Scott DRINKWATER
Jamayne ISAAKO	2	W	2	Kyle FELDT
Tesi NIU	3	C	3	Zac LAYBUTT
Euan AITKEN	16	C	4	Peta HIKU
Jack BOSTOCK	5	W	5	Murray TAULAGI
Kodi NIKORIMA	6	FE	6	Tom DEARDEN
Sean O'SULLIVAN	7	HB	7	Chad TOWNSEND (c)
Jarrold WALLACE	14	FR	8	Jordan McLEAN
Harrison GRAHAM	9	HK	9	Reece ROBSON
Mark NICHOLLS	10	FR	10	Jason TAUMALOLO
Felise KAUFUSI (c)	11	2R	11	Luciano LEILUA
Connelly LEMUELU	12	2R	12	Heilum LUKI
Kenny BROMWICH	13	L	13	Reuben COTTER
Josh KERR	15	B	14	Jake GRANVILLE
Herman ESE'ESE	17	B	15	Coen HESS
JJ COLLINS	18	B	16	Griffin NEAME
Isaiya KATO	19	B	17	Kulikefu FINEFEUIAKI
Wayne BENNETT		COACH		Todd PAYTEN

Venue
Suncorp Stadium Milton, QLD Yuggera-Turrbal
Kickoff
Fri 25 Aug 8:00PM
Referee
Gerard SUTTON
Crowd
33,449

COWBOYS SHOOT DOWN DOLPHINS TO KEEP FAINT FINALS HOPES ALIVE

The North Queensland Cowboys season remains alive after a convincing 34-10 win over the Dolphins at Suncorp Stadium.

The Cowboys were superb running in six tries to two, with fullback Scott Drinkwater and five eighth Tommy Deardon the stars for the visitors with the win leaving the Townsville based side on the edge of the eight, needing a win over the premiers Penrith and hope other results go their way in the final round of the season to progress to the finals.

The Dolphins were never in the match but can take some solace into the final round with star winger Jamayne Isaako racing over for two late tries to take the Kivi flyer to the summit of both the top pointscorer and tryscorer list with one round remaining.

North Queensland scored the first try of the match through rookie centre Zac Laybutt, who was the beneficiary of a Dolphins dropped ball which saw halfback Chad Townsend pick up the scraps to shift the ball and give Laybutt an easy run to the try line. The Cowboys made it back-to-back tries minutes later when Kyle Feldt touched down in the corner following some slick hands from the Cowboys outside backs. Scott Drinkwater nailed his second conversion from the sideline to make it 12-0.

The visitors took it up a notch when Tom Dearden put Murray Taulagi away down the sideline. The hulking winger then found Drinkwater on the spot who raced away to score the Cowboys' third try.

The Redcliffe based side just couldn't get into the match and were further hindered when interchange prop Josh Kerr was sent to the Sin Bin for a hip drop tackle. The Cowboys made the 12-man Dolphins pay when Laybutt scored his second try, hitting a great line and beating two would be tacklers to extend the lead to 24-0 at halftime.

North Queensland picked up where they left off after the break, and after earning back-to-back repeat sets, Tom Dearden then threw a superb cut out pass for Murray Taulagi to race away to score and extend the lead to 28-0.

The Dolphins finally gave the home fans something to cheer about with 15 minutes remaining, when Kodi Nikorima put Jamayne Isaako away down the right wing. The explosive Kivi winger then beat two Cowboys defenders to score and become the outright leading NRL tryscorer.

The Cowboys respond immediately to the Dolphins try, when interchange forward Kulikefu Finefeuiaki produced a superb offload for Peta Hiku to score in NRL game 200 and put the visitors out to a commanding 34-6 lead.

The Dolphins finished a disappointing game on a positive note when Isaako scored his second try of the night following a superb cut out ball from Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow to narrow the scoreline to 34-10 at fulltime.

North Queensland now face an enormous task in Round 27, needing to beat the Panthers at Penrith next Saturday to advance to this year's finals series. While the Dolphins will finish their inaugural season back at Suncorp Stadium where they host the Warriors.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Scott Drinkwater
2 points - Tom Dearden
1 points - Jamayne Isaako

Match updated and wrap written by Sam BOURKE



MELBOURNE	37	-	16	GOLD COAST
	18	HT	10	
	9	PENS	7	
Xavier COATES	3	T		Sosefo FIFITA
Eliesa KATO				Brian KELLY
Will WARBRICK				Chris RANDALL
Christian WELCH				
Nick MEANEY	6/7	G	1/2	Aaron SCHOUPE
			1/1	Thomas WEAVER
Cameron MUNSTER	1	FG		
Nick MEANEY	1	FB	1	AJ BRIMSON
Will WARBRICK	2	W	2	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA
Marion SEVE	3	C	3	Brian KELLY
Young TONUMAIPEA	4	C	4	Aaron SCHOUPE
Xavier COATES	5	W	5	Sosefo FIFITA
Cameron MUNSTER	6	FE	6	Kieran FORAN
Jahrome HUGHES	7	HB	7	Thomas WEAVER
Tui KAMIKAMICA	8	FR	15	Isaac LIU
Bronson GARLICK	14	HK	9	Chris RANDALL
Christian WELCH (c)	10	FR	10	Jaimin JOLLIFFE
Trent LOIERO	11	2R	11	David FIFITA
Eliesa KATO	12	2R	12	Klese HAAS
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	13	L	13	Tino FAASUAMALEAUI (c)
Harry GRANT	9	B	14	Kruise LEEMING
Tom EISENHUTH	15	B	16	Joe STIMSON
Tepai MOEROA	16	B	17	Jacob ALICK
Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	19	B	18	Keano KINI
Craig BELLAMY		COACH		Jim LENIHAN

Venue
AAMI Park Melbourne, VIC Wurundjeri
Kickoff
Sat 26 Aug 3:00PM
Referee
Chris BUTLER
Crowd
18,072

STORM PUNISH TITANS IN PAPENHUYZEN'S RETURN

Melbourne Storm triumphed 37-16 in their win over Gold Coast Titans in front of 18,072 fans at AAMI Park on Saturday afternoon.

This result helps the Storm in their chase for a top four finish for the regular season. It was a dominant performance from the hosts with Xavier Coates scoring a hat-trick alongside another wonderful display from Harry Grant.

It was a big game for the Storm's top four hopes and they started in fine fashion. Jahrome Hughes punched a kick low, while falling, which saw Will Warbrick add another four-pointer to his tally.

Titans were marched downfield after some errors and penalties which saw them lead 6-4. Chris Randall scooped up the ball after a firm carry from Jaimin Joliffe to slam the ball down.

Xavier Coates has a fantastic record scoring against the Titans and continued it in this contest. He was on the end of a superb pass from Nick Meaney to stroll over in the corner.

Gold Coast Titans revelled in their role as spoiler and brought the game back to 10-all. Brian Kelly kept running and running before he found the line and touched down in the left corner.

Storm restored their lead from the tee. Meaney piloted through the kick to make it 12-10. Cameron Munster then sliced through and sent Coates over for his second for an eight-point lead at half-time.

Titans needed a quick start in the second half. They broke upon the arm wrestle through AJ Brimson. He sliced through the line, flicked it to Jojo Fifita who touched down for 18-16.

The moment everyone in purple had waited for came in the 61st minute. Ryan Papenhuyzen is back! He was involved in their fourth score, getting a quick play-the-ball for Harry Grant to find Christian Welch to go over.

Grant was on fire in the second half, after shaking off a shoulder injury. He provided another try assist from the boot this time, seeing Eli Katoa plant the ball down for 30-16.

Storm rounded off their display with another aerial act. Coates out-jumped his opposite number and swooped to get his hat-trick and make it 36-16 for the top four chasing Storm.

Munster decided to add one final cherry on top. Grant spun around like a top before he found the halfback, who kicked a field goal to give us the unusual scoreline of 37-16 on a happy afternoon for the Storm.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Jahrome Hughes
2 points - Harry Grant
1 points - Eliesa Katoa

Match updated and wrap written by Justin DAVIES



SYDNEY	32	-	8	WESTS TIGERS
	14	HT	8	
	5	PENS	9	
Terrell MAY		T		Triston REILLY
Victor RADLEY				
Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I				
Daniel TUPOU				
Sam WALKER				
Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I	6/6	G	2/2	Apisai KOROISAU
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES		BIN		
Joseph MANU	1	FB	1	Jahreem BULA
Daniel TUPOU	2	W	2	David NOFOALUMA
Billy SMITH	3	C	3	Triston REILLY
Corey ALLAN	4	C	4	Asu KEPADA
Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I	5	W	5	Junior TUPOU
Luke KEARY (c)	6	FE	6	Daine LAURIE
Sam WALKER	7	HB	7	Will SMITH
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	8	FR	8	Stefano UTOIKAMANU
Brandon SMITH	9	HK	9	Apisai KOROISAU (c)
Lindsay COLLINS	10	FR	10	David KLEMMER
Joshua WONG	11	2R	11	Isaiah PAPALI'I
Nat BUTCHER	12	2R	12	John BATEMAN
Victor RADLEY	13	L	13	Fonua POLE
Sandon SMITH	14	B	14	Justin MATAMUA
Fletcher BAKER	15	B	15	Shawn BLORE
Terrell MAY	16	B	17	Alex SEYFARTH
Egan BUTCHER	19	B	18	Aitaisi JAMES
Trent ROBINSON		COACH		Tim SHEENS

Venue
Allianz Stadium Moore Park NSW Gadigal
Kickoff
Sat 26 Aug 5:30PM
Referee
Todd SMITH
Crowd
22,511



CANBERRA	18	-	29	BRISBANE
	16	HT	16	
	3	PENS	7	
Nick COTRIC		T	3	Selwyn COBBO
Matt FRAWLEY				Ezra MAM
Hudson YOUNG				Kotoni STAGGS
				Reece WALSH
Jamal FOGARTY	3/4	G	2/5	Kotoni STAGGS
			0/1	Reece WALSH
		FG		Reece WALSH
Jordan RAPANA		BIN		
Jack WIGHTON	20	FB	1	Reece WALSH
Jordan RAPANA	1	W	2	Corey OATES
Sebastian KRIS	21	C	3	Kotoni STAGGS
Matthew TIMOKO	4	C	4	Herbie FARNWORTH
Nick COTRIC	5	W	5	Selwyn COBBO
Matt FRAWLEY	6	FE	6	Ezra MAM
Jamal FOGARTY	7	HB	7	Jock MADDEN
Emre GULER	15	FR	8	Thomas FLEGLER
Zac WOOLFORD	9	HK	9	Billy WALTERS
Joseph TAPINE	10	FR	10	Payne HAAS
Hudson YOUNG	11	2R	11	Kurt CAPEWELL (c)
Elliott WHITEHEAD	12	2R	12	Jordan RIKI
Corey HORSBURGH	13	L	19	Keenan PALASIA
Jarrold CROKER (c)	3	B	14	Tyson SMOOTHY
Josh PAPALI'I	8	B	15	Brendan PIAKURA
Tom STARLING	14	B	16	Kobe HETHERINGTON
Ata MARIOTA	17	B	17	Corey JENSEN
Ricky STUART		COACH		Kevin WALTERS

Venue
GIO Stadium Canberra Bruce, ACT Ngunnawal
Kickoff
Sat 26 Aug 7:35PM
Referee
Adam GEE
Crowd
19,400

ROOSTERS START SLOW BUT FIND THEIR CROW

The Sydney Roosters have kept their outside chances of finals alive with a 32-8 win over the Wests Tigers at Allianz Stadium.

Things started brightly for the Tigers as they opened the scoring in the seventh minute when with crisp hands they spread the ball right and in game two, Triston Reilly was able to get his first NRL try. Koroisau converted for a 6-0 lead.

Sam Walker was able to dart through some soft defence from the Tigers as he couldn't be stopped from close range and after the Suaalii conversion the sides were locked up at 6-6. The Tigers and Roosters then matched each other with penalty goals to level the scores at 8-8.

A late try to the Roosters just shy of the half-time break gave them a 14-8 lead when Daniel Tupou went over in the corner after the Tricolours shifted the ball and the Tigers defence was left in two minds what to do and Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii converted from wide out.

The second half was all Red, Blue and White as the Roosters dominated with three unanswered tries in the 40 minutes. Roosters forward Terrell May went over from close range as the field position favoured the home side and May had too much power to be stopped.

Some poor defence again from the Tigers hurt them as Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii went through after he was allowed to run and brush through some soft defence to score. The Roosters youngster converted his own try to extend the lead to 26-8.

Victor Radley was able to pounce on some skill and luck off a Luke Keary kick as his kick to the in-goal came off the upright and despite the presence of Tigers defenders, the deflection favoured Radley.

The 32-8 win for the Roosters didn't come without major issues though with Sam Walker, Victor Radley and Billy Smith all failing to finish the game after coming off through the HIA system whilst Jared Warea-Hargreaves was sent to the sin bin for a high shot and was placed on report for that and a headbutt.

The Roosters have a big potential top 8 deciding contest against arch-rivals the South Sydney Rabbitohs as the Tigers finish their season with a clash against Manly.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:
3 points - Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii
2 points - Brandon Smith
1 points - Billy Smith

Match updated and wrap written by Josh ROBERTSON

BRONCOS FINISH STRONG TO CLAIM TOP SPOT

Brisbane and Canberra put on a brilliant hour of football before the Broncos eventually got the upper hand and ran away with the victory in a very physical contest in Canberra.

The Broncos got the scoring started after just 5 minutes when Reece Walsh fired a cut-out pass across to Selwyn Cobbo, who scored out wide. Kotoni Staggs failed to convert from out wide.

Almost 10 minutes of persistent pressure by the Raiders eventually saw them respond in the 18th minute when Elliott Whitehead got a great offload away to Matt Frawley and the Raiders half scored. Jamal Fogarty converted the try.

The Broncos reclaimed the lead in the 28th minute when Staggs got a superb inside run to score on the right edge for the Broncos, before converting his own try.

The Broncos play became sloppy, inviting the Raiders back into the game and in the 32nd minute, they took full advantage when Nick Cotric took advantage of some weak Broncos defence to score on the left side. Fogarty failed to convert.

Brisbane immediately hit back when Ezra Mam crossed 4 minutes before the break. His try was converted by Staggs to give the Broncos a 6 point lead.

Canberra locked the scores up just before the break when Hudson Young broke through the Broncos defence to score on the left edge. Fogarty converted and at halftime, the scores were locked at 16 all.

4 minutes into the second half, Fogarty landed a penalty goal to give the Raiders the lead.

The Raiders defence proved impenetrable for the next 20 minutes, but eventually the Broncos created an overlap which allowed Selwyn Cobbo to score out wide, leaping over Jordan Rapana, whose cover tackle attempt was deemed to be an attempted trip and he was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes. Staggs failed to convert from out wide.

Reece Walsh made a brilliant kick return 6 minutes later, evading defenders and running almost 40 metres to get into the Raiders half. On the next tackle, the Broncos shifted the ball quickly out to Cobbo who used his blistering speed to outpace the defence to score in the corner. Staggs was again unable to convert.

Walsh then calmly potted a field goal in the 73rd minute to give the Broncos an important 7 point lead. Three minutes later, the Broncos went right again, but this time it was Walsh who outpaced the defence to score. Staggs failed to convert again, but the victory was now secured by the Broncos.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:
3 points - Reece Walsh
2 points - Selwyn Cobbo
1 points - Elliott Whitehead

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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2023 NRL SEASON

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	18	Wests Tigers	14	WIN Stadium	7,246
Jul 21st	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	21	Canberra	20	Go Media	19,112
Jul 21st	Fri 8:00pm	Souths	20	Brisbane	36	Sun. Coast	8,931
Jul 22nd	Sat 3:00pm	Gold Coast	18	Sydney	36	Cbus	15,362
Jul 22nd	Sat 5:30pm	Newcastle	26	Melbourne	18	McD. Jones	20,392
Jul 22nd	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld	24	Parramatta	16	QLD C.B.	20,710
Jul 23rd	Sun 2:00pm	Penrith	44	Canterbury	18	Bluebet	21,525
Jul 23rd	Sun 4:05pm	Cronulla	26	Manly	30	Pointsbet	10,634
Bye: Dolphins							

ROUND 22							
Jul 27th	Thu 7:50pm	Brisbane	32	Sydney	10	The Gabba	21,641
Jul 28th	Fri 6:00pm	Wests Tigers	18	Souths	32	Scully Park	10,453
Jul 28th	Fri 8:00pm	Melbourne	46	Parramatta	16	Marvel	20,429
Jul 29th	Sat 3:00pm	Canberra	6	Newcastle	28	GIO Stadium	15,487
Jul 29th	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	18	Manly	24	WIN Stadium	14,872
Jul 29th	Sat 7:35pm	Penrith	28	Cronulla	0	Bluebet	20,694
Jul 30th	Sun 2:00pm	Canterbury	23	Dolphins	22	Salter Oval	5,130
Jul 30th	Sun 4:05pm	Gold Coast	22	North Qld	13	Cbus	16,516
Bye: Warriors							
ROUND 23							
Aug 3rd	Thu 7:50pm	Sydney	26	Manly	16	SCG	12,197
Aug 4th	Fri 6:00pm	Gold Coast	18	Warriors	28	Cbus	20,877
Aug 4th	Fri 8:00pm	Penrith	26	Melbourne	6	Bluebet	19,953
Aug 5th	Sat 3:00pm	North Qld	14	Brisbane	30	QLD C.B.	22,659
Aug 5th	Sat 3:30pm	Dolphins	28	Newcastle	30	Optus Stadium	42,042
Aug 5th	Sat 5:35pm	Souths	16	Cronulla	26	Optus Stadium	45,814
Aug 6th	Sun 2:00pm	Parramatta	26	St Geo Illa	20	CommBank	23,596
Aug 6th	Sun 4:05pm	Canberra	22	Wests Tigers	18	GIO Stadium	12,841
Bye: Canterbury							
ROUND 24							
Aug 10th	Thu 7:50pm	Manly	12	Penrith	24	4 Pines Park	10,102
Aug 11th	Fri 6:00pm	Cronulla	36	Gold Coast	6	Pointsbet	9,753
Aug 11th	Fri 8:00pm	Brisbane	54	Parramatta	10	The Gabba	29,005
Aug 12th	Sat 3:00pm	Souths	26	St Geo Illa	14	Barlow Park	8,378
Aug 12th	Sat 7:30pm	Wests Tigers	22	Warriors	30	FMG Stadium	25,118
Aug 12th	Sat 7:35pm	Sydney	30	Dolphins	14	Allianz	13,704
Aug 13th	Sun 2:00pm	Melbourne	48	Canberra	2	AAMI Park	17,369
Aug 13th	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle	42	Canterbury	6	McD. Jones	23,464
Bye: North Qld							
ROUND 25							
Aug 17th	Thu 7:50pm	North Qld	12	Cronulla	32	QLD C.B.	17,318
Aug 18th	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	29	Manly	22	Daniel Anderson	24,112
Aug 18th	Fri 8:00pm	Parramatta	12	Sydney	34	CommBank	20,076
Aug 19th	Sat 3:00pm	Wests Tigers	24	Dolphins	23	CommBank	9,245
Aug 19th	Sat 5:30pm	Gold Coast	14	Penrith	40	Cbus	19,106
Aug 19th	Sat 7:35pm	St Geo Illa	28	Melbourne	38	WIN Stadium	8,326
Aug 20th	Sun 2:00pm	Newcastle	29	Souths	10	McD. Jones	29,018
Aug 20th	Sun 4:05pm	Canberra	36	Canterbury	24	GIO Stadium	12,402
Bye: Brisbane							
ROUND 26							
Aug 24th	Thu 7:50pm	Penrith	18	Parramatta	32	Bluebet	21,525
Aug 25th	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	18	St Geo Illa	6	Go Media	25,095
Aug 25th	Fri 8:00pm	Dolphins	10	North Qld	34	Suncorp	33,449
Aug 26th	Sat 3:00pm	Melbourne	37	Gold Coast	16	AAMI Park	18,072
Aug 26th	Sat 5:30pm	Sydney	32	Wests Tigers	8	Allianz	22,511
Aug 26th	Sat 7:35pm	Canberra	18	Brisbane	29	GIO Stadium	19,400
Aug 27th	Sun 2:00pm	Canterbury	24	Manly	42	Accor	13,074
Aug 27th	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle	32	Cronulla	6	McD. Jones	29,423
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		

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 23 RECAP with AJ LUCANTONIO

SALFORD 20 (R. Brierley 2, A. Ackers tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 0 AT SALFORD STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Salford 8-0. Penalties: Wakefield (Trinity) 7-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,836. **SALFORD**: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Singleton, Ackers, Partington, Watkins (C), Stone, Addy. Int: Ormondroyd, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Hellewell. **WAKEFIELD** (Trinity): Jowitt, Senior, Griffin, Lyne, Lineham; Lino, Gale; Bowden, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst (C), Pitts, Kay. Int: Dagger, Fifita, Atoni, Proctor.

Salford have given Wakefield's relegation hopes a slight bite of reality, thrashing the Wildcats by 20-0 tonight. It was a game that only the purists would enjoy and a game that would be quickly forgotten about by both sides. However, it was Salford that opened the scoring after just three minutes. Ryan Brierley crossed under the posts beating some sloppy defence on his way to the line. Marc Sneyd added the extras for a 6-0 lead. A penalty for offside gave Sneyd an opportunity to add a gift two points which was converted for an 8-0 cushion going into the sheds for half-time. Nine minutes into the second half, Andy Ackers eventually grabbed the second try after Trinity had attempted a short drop-out from their own line which bobbed kindly for the hooker to stroll through. With the score now at 14-0 and Wakefield's fluttering attack again stuttering, it appeared Salford were going to be safely home. Brierley's second try with a few minutes to go sealed a comprehensive home victory for the Red Devils. Tonight's result saw Wakefield held to nil for an incredible 6th occurrence this season.

ST HELENS 34 (T. Makinson 2, J. Batchelor, J. Bennison, J. Lomax, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 4** (J. Turner try) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 30-0. Penalties: Castleford 4-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 6,868. **CASTLEFORD**: Widdop, Wallis, Tasipale, Turner, Tate; Westerman (C), Miller; Watts, Horne, Griffin, Mellor, Edwards, Lawler. Int: Hall, Johnstone, Foster, Tsirikas. **ST HELENS**: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Davies, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Knowles, Roby (C), Delaney, Batchelor, Mata'utia, Bell. Int: Royle, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Norman, Mbye.

St Helens have thrashed Castleford by 34-4 to keep their top 3 hopes alive. The Saints opened the scoring after just 11 minutes. A move down the right edge saw the ball moved through the hands as Jonny Lomax found Mark Percival who shifted it to Tommy Makinson who got it back inside to Percival for the first try. Seven minutes later, Saints were at it again when Makinson burrowed over from close range and it was soon 12-0 to the visitors. Six minutes later, the first half rampage continued. Saints shifted to the left where Jon Bennison was on the end of a well-worked set play to cross and run it round under the posts. Percival's conversion made it 1000 points as a Saint for the man and an 18-0 lead. Two minutes later, Joe Batchelor was on the end of a break from Jack Welsby to score. Makinson completed his double in the shadows of half-time when Welsby delivered a peach of a pass to his right winger to cross out-wide. Just like that, it was 30-0 at the break. It took the Saints just 5 minutes to add to their half-time lead when Lomax was on the end of another well-worked move down the right which sent Makinson away. The jolly half just had to accept the pass to score and make the margin 34-0. Despite the warning of more points, Castleford's defence held firm and didn't concede again. They did add their one try of the game just on the hour mark. Former Saint Jordan Turner crossed out-wide for a rare bit of consolation for the home side and it's where the score finished at 34-4.

HULL KR 52 (R. Hall 2, M. Lewis 2, K. Linnett 2, S. Kenny-Dowall, E. Minchella, L. Senior tries; B. Schneider 8 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 10** (J. Charnley, E. Ipape tries; Z. Hardaker goal) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 30-0. Penalties: Hull KR 8-2. Referee: Jack Smith. **HULL KR**: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Litten, Storton, Hadley, Luckley. **LEIGH**: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Gildart, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Nakubuwai, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Asiata. Int: Amone, Davis, Mellor, Wardle.

Hull KR have atoned their Challenge Cup heartache by thrashing the same opposition by 52-10 to kick-off Round 23 of the Super League. Rovers opened the scoring with a penalty goal to Brad Schneider in the seventh minute. Four minutes later, Shaun Kenny-Dowall crossed for the first try crashing onto a lovely pass and began the Hull KR onslaught. Another five minutes passed before Elliot Minichella crashed over from short range to keep Leigh shell-shocked. Rovers were scoring at will and it was Ryan Hall who continued the fun with an acrobatic finish in the 20th minute. Two further tries in the first half through Louis Senior and Mikey Lewis capped off a comprehensive opening half. This saw Rovers lead 30-0 at half-time and the hope Leigh had of a top 3 finish was fading away. The second half began just the way the first had gone. Lewis crossed for his second try in what was the best individual effort of the game beating four defenders on his way to the line. Leigh got on the board in the 55th minute when Lachie Lam provided a lovely pass to Josh Charnley to cross in the left corner. But Rovers continued running riot with three tries in the final twenty minutes of play. Hall collected his second just after the hour mark. Kane Linnett finished off a great team effort with 10 minutes to play before Jez Litten brought up the half-century with a few minutes to play.

TOP SIX: ROUND 22	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. CATALANS DRAGONS	23	17	6	0	606	376	230	34
2. WIGAN WARRIORS	23	16	7	0	588	340	248	32
3. ST HELENS	23	16	7	0	511	320	191	32
4. LEIGH LEOPARDS	23	14	9	0	513	441	72	28
5. WARRINGTON WOLVES	23	12	11	0	485	450	35	24
6. SALFORD RED DEVILS	23	12	11	0	454	435	19	24

Edwin Ipape collected the last try as consolation for what was a poor Leigh performance as Rovers charged towards the play-offs emphatically.

WARRINGTON 18 (M. Ashton, M. Dufty, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 4** (A. Swift try) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-4. Penalties: Hull FC 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,624. **HULL FC**: Litten, Swift, Sutcliffe, Scott, McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford (C); Fash, Dwyer, Satae, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Brown, Gardiner, Lovodua, Shaal. **WARRINGTON**: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Harrison. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Philbin, Crowther.

Warrington have given incoming coach Sam Burgess something to think about, with their first league win since June recording an 18-4 win over Hull FC. The Wire conceded early when Adam Swift crossed for Hull after just 15 minutes of play. Swift scooped up a loose George Williams pass and sprinted 90 metres for the opening try. Hull couldn't build on the lead and were dealt a major blow losing half Jake Trueman to a season ending Achilles injury in the first half. Wire capitalised on the lack of organisation in the home team's ranks, keeping the ball alive, with a couple of offloads seeing Williams make amends for his earlier blunder by diving over under the sticks after good work from Josh Thewlis to cut back inside. Matt Dufty broke away in the shadows of half-time sprinting away to score. Stefan Ratchford added the extras to give the Wire a 12-4 lead at the break. There was just one try in the second half, and it was scored nine minutes into the final period. Williams turned provider for Matty Ashton to finish in the corner after a miraculous spiralling pass. Williams added the extras as Warrington celebrated their first SL win since early June.

WIGAN 34 (A. Miski 3, B. French, T. King, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 5 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 0 AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,614. **CATALANS**: Tomkins, Davies, Romano, Keighran, Johnstone; May, Pearce; McMeeken, McLorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Mourgue, Bousquet, Taukeiaho, Ma'u. **WIGAN**: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Powell, Mago, Nsemba, Dupree.

Wigan have thrashed Catalans by a remarkable 34-0 score-line away from the DW Stadium, putting Catalans title hopes in serious jeopardy. Wigan dominated from start to finish and begun their scoring adventure in the first ten minutes. Abbas Miski crossed for the first of his three tries after the video referee confirmed he grounded the ball first. Catalans did have their chances with Tom Johnstone denied by some brilliant Wigan defence. Wigan struck back immediately when Miski turned provider to put centre Toby King over in the 25th minute, Harry Smith was on target with the conversion from wide to give the Warriors a 10-0 advantage. Bevan French capitalised on some poor Dragons defence with an incredible individual try to go up 16-0. Miski added his second on the stroke of half-time and the game was quickly getting away from the Dragons down 22-0 at the break and would need yet another great escape. However, Steve McNamara's men wouldn't even trouble the scorer in the second half as Wigan continued to run riot away from home. Another cheap turn-over allowed the visitors to strike and again it was Miski who crossed for a hat-trick finishing off a set move to lead by 28. Jake Wardle poured on the misery for home supporters with a try five minutes from time and Smith finished off the scoring with the conversion from in front of the posts.

HUDDERSFIELD 21 (S. Halsall, T. Lolohea, K. Naiqama tries; W. Pryce 2, O. Russell 2 goals; J. Connor field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 12** (A. Handley, L. Hooley tries; R. Martin 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 16-12. Penalties: Leeds 7-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,621. **HUDDERSFIELD**: Connor, Marsters, Naiqama, Bibby, Halsall; Russell, Lolohea; Hill, Milner, Ashworth, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Greenwood, Ikahihifo, Hewitt, Pryce. **LEEDS**: Hooley, Olpherts, Roberts, Newman, Handley; Martin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Holroyd, Bentley, Walters, Smith (C). Int: Gannon, Lisone, Donaldson, Ruan.

The Huddersfield Giants have kept their Super League finals hopes alive with a 21-12 victory over the Leeds Rhinos at home. It was a game played at a frantic pace and the Giants crossed three times in the first 25 minutes. Sam Halsall crossed after 11 minutes after being on the receiving end of a lovely cut-out pass from Jake Connor. Olly Russell landed the conversion from touch for 6-0. Play was stopped for a lengthy period after James Bentley went down following a heavy collision with Connor and he was stretchered from the field. The Rhinos forward was put in a neck brace and taken in an ambulance to hospital. When play resumed, Huddersfield took full advantage. Kevin Naiqama crossed from short range. Russell added the extras for a 12-0. Four minutes later and they were in again, this time Lolohea swooping on the ball after Leeds fumbled his kick, but Russell was unable to convert. Leeds took advantage of limited possession and crossed in the shadows of half-time. But with seven minutes left a nice interchange of close passing between saw Luke Hooley score, with the try converted by Rhyse Martin, in his 100th appearance for the club, to reduce the lead to 16-6. Then right on half-time Sam Lisone brushed through some weak tackling to put Ash Handley over in the left-hand corner. Martin's conversion putting the Rhinos right back in it at the interval only trailing by 16-12 at the main change. In a try-less second half, Huddersfield knocked over two penalty goals through Russell to extend the margin out to 8 points. Connor's field goal with limited time remaining sealed a 21-12 victory for the home side in this contest.

BOTTOM SIX: ROUND 22	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
7. HULL KR	23	12	11	0	469	450	19	24
8. LEEDS RHINOS	23	10	13	0	461	411	50	20
9. HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	23	10	13	0	379	452	-73	20
10. HULL FC	23	10	13	0	420	515	-95	20
11. CASTLEFORD TIGERS	23	5	18	0	276	602	-326	10
12. WAKEFIELD TRINITY	23	4	19	0	246	616	-370	8

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 23 RESULTS

SHEFFIELD 49 (A. Thackeray 3, B. Jones-Bishop 2, R. Oakes 2, B. Liu tries; C. Aston 6, J. Hansen 2 goals; A. Thackeray field goal) **DEFEATED BATLEY 6** (J. Meadows try; D. Morton goal) **AT FOX'S BISCUITS STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-6. Penalties: Batley 3-2. Referee: Liam Rush. **BATLEY:** Meadows, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; White, Woods; Kibula, Kaye, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int: Blake, Ward, Senior, Leak. **SHEFFIELD:** Lulu-Togagaé, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Wood, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Liu, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Murphy, Hansen.

YORK 20 (M. Harrison 2, W. Jubb tries; L. Harris 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 6** (G. Bofo try; N. Williams goal) **AT KINGSTON PARK**. Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: York 6-0. Penalties: Newcastle 5-3. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 788. **NEWCASTLE:** Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Bofo; Balmforth, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Moore, Clegg, Tuliatu, Bailey. Int: Simons, Lightowler, Walton, Clark. **YORK:** Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Pratt, Bass; Dee, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Harrison, Michael, Pemberton, Warren.

TOULOUSE 34 (É. Pélissier 2, B. Laguerre, A. Marion, G. Richards, Z. Santo tries; J. Shorrocks 4, R. Brochon goals) **DEFEATED BARROW 10** (A. Bulman 2 tries; R. Shaw goal) **AT STADE MAZICOU**. Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,487. **TOULOUSE:** Santo, Marcon, Lima, Laguerre, Laguerre; Shorrocks, Brochon; Hansen, Gahan, Bretherton, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Richards, Akoula, Silva. **BARROW:** Cresswell, Carter, Brand, Toal, Bulman; Jackson, Johnston; Burke, Sammut, Worthington, Emslie, Shaw, Wood. Int: Saunders, Evans, Billington, Corkill.

FEATHERSTONE 36 (G. Gale 2, C. Jones 2, M. Kheirallah 2, J. Leilua tries; M. Kheirallah 4 goals) **DEFEATED KEIGHLEY 6** (S. Adebijiy try; O. Thomas goal) **AT MILLENNIUM STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 18-0. Penalties: Featherstone 5-1. Referee: James Vella. **FEATHERSTONE:** Kheirallah, Briscoe, Hankinson, Leilua, Gale; Aekins, Chisholm; Lockwood, Jones, Kopczak, Hau, Taylor, Smith. Int: Ford, Davies, Moors, Cozza. **KEIGHLEY:** Young, Graham, Sa'u, Storey, Agoro; Thomas, Rush; Ioane, Kesik, Laidlaw, Robson, Adebijiy, Trout. Int: Parker, Gaylor, Bibby, Nicholson-Watton.

WIDNES 28 (R. Ince 3, D. Craven, J. Owens tries; K. Dixon 4 goals) **DEFEATED HALIFAX 26** (B. Crooks 2, J. Saltonstall, A. Tangata tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) **AT THE SHAY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Penalties: Widnes 8-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. **HALIFAX:** Pickersgill, Walmsley, Sutcliffe, Crooks, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Murray, Moore, Calcott, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: McComb, Tangata, Lannon, O'Brien. **WIDNES:** Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Farnworth, Wilde, Grady, Brown. Int: Forber, Davies, Worthington, Roberts.

LONDON 34 (J. Bassett 2, D. Grant 2, B. Leyland, O. Leyland, D. Whare tries; C. Norman 2, O. Leyland goals) **DEFEATED WHITEHAVEN 18** (D. Eccleston, L. Lanskey, J. Rourke tries; J. Rourke 3 goals) **AT CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 24-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 3-1. Referee: Nick Bennett. **LONDON:** Walker, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Bienek, Leyland, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Horsman, Albert, Williams, Stock. **WHITEHAVEN:** Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Holroyd; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Spencer-Tonks, Holliday, Lanskey, Graham. Int: Aiye, Tabu, Singleton, Hill.

BRADFORD 42 (D. Foggin-Johnston 2, K. Appo, K. Gill, J. Lilley, J. Myers, F. Rogers, E. Scurr tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) **DEFEATED SWINTON 26** (M. Butt, J. Hatton, R. Lepori, G. Rodden, J. Spedding tries; D. Abram 3 goals) **AT HEYWOOD ROAD**. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 22-8. Penalties: Bradford 9-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,073. **SWINTON:** Abram, Hatton, Spedding, Butt, Lepori; Butterworth, Gibson; Brogan, Robb, Bennion, Lloyd, Cox, Gregson. Int: Roby, Case, Hall, Rodden. **BRADFORD:** Holmes, Wynne, Myers, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan, Rogers, Arundel, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Jowitt, Appo, Scurr, Doro.

TABLE: ROUND 22	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	22	20	2	0	880	233	647	40
2. TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII	22	16	6	0	704	288	416	32
3. BRADFORD BULLS	22	13	8	1	588	484	104	27
4. SHEFFIELD EAGLES	22	13	9	0	621	483	138	26
5. BATLEY BULLDOGS	22	13	9	0	425	413	12	26
6. LONDON BRONCOS	22	12	10	0	454	476	-22	24
7. HALIFAX PANTHERS	22	11	10	1	573	474	99	23
8. WIDNES VIKINGS	22	11	11	0	541	472	69	22
9. YORK RLFC KNIGHTS	22	10	11	1	421	461	-40	21
10. WHITEHAVEN RLFC	21	7	13	1	359	624	-265	15
11. KEIGHLEY COUGARS	22	7	15	0	424	696	-272	14
12. SWINTON LIONS	22	7	15	0	321	607	-286	14
13. BARROW RAIDERS	21	6	14	1	344	509	-165	13
14. NEWCASTLE THUNDER	22	4	17	1	317	752	-435	9

WEEKEND FIXTURE

All times BST

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 23

Time	Match	Venue
Fri 8pm	WIGAN v SALFORD +	DW Stadium
	LEIGH v HUDDERSFIELD	Leigh Sports Village
	HULL KR v CATALANS	Sewell Group Craven Park
Sat 3pm	HULL FC v LEEDS	MKM Stadium
	WARRINGTON v CASTLEFORD +	Halliwell Jones Stadium
Sun 3pm	WAKEFIELD v ST HELENS	Be Well Support Stadium

+ denotes match broadcast live on Sky Sports (UK) and Fox League (AU)

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 23

Time	Match	Venue
Sat 3pm	NEWCASTLE v TOULOUSE	Kingston Park
Sun 3pm	WIDNES v BATLEY	DCBL Stadium Halton
	YORK v SWINTON	LNER Community Stadium
	BRADFORD v FEATHERSTONE	Odsal Stadium
	WHITEHAVEN v HALIFAX	LEL Arena
	SHEFFIELD v LONDON	Olympic Legacy Park
	KEIGHLEY v BARROW	Cougar Park

+ denotes match broadcast live on Viaplay Sports (UK) and Fox League (AU)

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 9

Time	Match	Venue
Sun 1pm	ST HELENS v LEEDS	Totally Wicked Stadium
Sun 2:30pm	WIGAN v HUDDERSFIELD	Robin Park Arena

CANBERRA RAIDERS

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

VENUE	GIO STADIUM CANBERA	Wyatt RAYMOND	REFEREE
LOCATION	NGUNNAWAL BRUCE, ACT	Luke SALDERN, Billy GREATBATCH	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023 11:05AM AEST	Dave MUNRO	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
5	-	-	-	-	30	Apii NICHOLLS-PUALAU	1
6	3	-	-	12	28	Madison BARTLETT	2
6	4	-	-	16	26	Cheyelle ROBINS-RETI	3
4	-	-	-	-	21	Mackenzie WIKI	4
6	3	-	-	12	26	Shakiah TUNGAI	5
6	-	16	1	33	26	Zahara TEMARA	6
6	1	-	-	4	28	Ashleigh QUINLAN	7
6	1	-	-	4	22	Grace KEMP	8
6	1	-	-	4	22	Chante TEMARA	9
6	1	-	-	4	25	Sophie HOLYMAN	10
1	-	-	-	-	30	Elise SMITH	11
5	1	-	-	4	20	Hollie-Mae DODD	12
6	2	-	-	8	29	Simaima TAUFA-KAUTAI	13
2	-	-	-	-	26	Ua RAVU	14
3	-	-	-	-	22	Ahllivia INGRAM	15
6	-	-	-	-	23	Kerehitina MATUA	16
5	-	-	-	-	24	Tara REINKE	17
1	-	-	-	-	20	Petesa LIO	18
1	-	-	-	-	20	Ella RYAN	19
5	2	-	-	8	19	Monalisa SOLIOLA	20
1	1	-	-	4	27	Jessica GENTLE	21
5	-	-	-	-	28	Tommya KELLY-SINES	22

Darrin BORTHWICK

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

Ronald GRIFFITHS

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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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

BRISBANE BRONCOS

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

VENUE	QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM	Nick PELGRAVE	REFEREE
LOCATION	WULUGURKABA SOUTH TOWNSVILLE, QLD	Josh EATON, Tori WILKIE	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023 12:50PM AEST	Belinda SHARPE	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
6	1	-	-	4	31	Hayley MADDICK 1
2	1	-	-	4	25	Julia ROBINSON 2
6	8	-	-	32	28	Mele HUFANGA 3
6	1	-	-	4	26	Shenae CIESIOLKA 4
3	2	-	-	8	-	Ashleigh WERNER 5
5	2	-	-	8	27	Gayle BROUGHTON 6
6	4	18	-	52	33	Ali BRIGGINSHAW 7
5	-	-	-	-	28	Annetta NU'UAUSALA 8
5	-	-	-	-	20	Destiny BRILL 9
4	-	-	-	-	28	Brianna CLARK 10
6	3	-	-	12	27	Tazmin GRAY 11
6	-	-	-	-	24	Romy TEITZEL 12
6	1	-	-	4	26	Mariah DENMAN 13
5	-	-	-	-	21	Jada FERGUSON 14
1	-	-	-	-	-	Tafito LAFAELE 15
6	1	-	-	4	27	Chelsea LENARDUZZI 16
6	5	-	-	20	26	Lauren DAM 17
5	-	-	-	-	26	Jasmine FOGAVINI 18
2	1	-	-	4	34	Toni HUNT 19
1	-	-	-	-	32	Grace GRIFFIN 20
-	-	-	-	-	23	Keisha-Leigh COOLWELL 21

Scott PRINCE

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	Jada TAYLOR	20	3	1	-	4
2	Georgia RAVICS	-	2	2	-	8
3	Tiana PENITANI	27	6	1	-	4
4	Cassie STAPLES	30	2	-	-	-
5	Kiana TAKAIRANGI	31	4	2	-	8
6	Emma TONEGATO	28	6	2	-	8
7	Tayla PRESTON	23	6	-	11	22
8	Ellie JOHNSTON	22	6	3	-	12
9	Quincy DODD	23	6	3	-	12
10	Chloe SAUNDERS	-	6	1	-	4
11	Talei HOLMES	23	6	-	-	-
12	Vanessa FOLIAKI	30	6	1	-	4
13	Holli WHEELER	33	4	1	-	4
14	Sereana NAITOKATOKA	-	6	1	-	4
15	Harata BUTLER	-	5	-	-	-
16	Brooke ANDERSON	27	6	1	-	4
17	Tegan DYMOCK	21	5	-	-	-
18	Fatafehi HANISI	-	-	-	-	-
19	Maddie STUDDON	28	1	-	-	-
20	Jazmon TUPOU-WITCHMAN	19	2	-	-	-
21	Fiona JAHNKE	20	1	-	-	-
22	Grace-Lee WEEKES	-	-	-	-	-

Tony HERMAN

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NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

VENUE	QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM	Liam KENNEDY	REFEREE
LOCATION	WULUGURKABA SOUTH TOWNSVILLE, QLD	Jack EBERT, Josh EATON	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023 3:10PM AEST	Belinda SHARPE	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
6	-	-	-	-	20	Fran GOLDTHORP	1
5	2	-	-	8	22	Vitalina NAIKORE	2
6	3	-	-	12	21	Jasmine PETERS	3
5	1	-	-	4	22	Shellie LONG	4
4	-	-	-	-	20	Krystal BLACKWELL	5
3	-	-	-	-	24	Tahlulah TILLET	6
6	-	12	1	25	26	Kirra DIBB	7
6	-	-	-	-	31	Tallisha HARDEN	8
6	2	-	-	8	21	Emma MANZELMANN	9
6	1	-	-	4	21	Makenzie WEALE	10
5	1	-	-	4	21	Bree CHESTER	11
5	1	-	-	4	20	Tiana RAFTSTRAND-SMITH	12
6	1	-	-	4	21	China POLATA	13
3	1	-	-	4	20	Jetaya FAIFUA	14
5	-	-	-	-	20	Sera KOROI	15
5	1	-	-	4	23	Sareka MOOKA	16
3	-	-	-	-	22	Jessikah REEVES	17
-	-	-	-	-	-	Lily PEACOCK	18
1	-	-	-	-	21	Essay BANU	19
-	-	-	-	-	18	Shaylee JOSEPH	20
5	1	-	-	4	20	April NGATUPUNA	21
3	-	-	-	-	20	Mia MIDDLETON	24

Ben JEFFRIES

- FULLBACK** **1**
- WING** **2**
- CENTRE** **3**
- CENTRE** **4**
- WING** **5**
- FIVE-EIGHTH** **6**
- HALFBACK** **7**
- FRONT ROW** **8**
- HOOKER** **9**
- FRONT ROW** **10**
- SECOND ROW** **11**
- SECOND ROW** **12**
- LOCK** **13**

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	21	6	9	-	-	36
2	24	5	4	-	-	16
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4	-	2	-	-	-	-
5	22	2	2	-	-	8
6	29	6	2	4	-	16
7	25	6	-	6	-	12
8	21	6	-	-	-	-
9	28	3	-	-	-	-
10	22	5	-	-	-	-
11	18	5	1	-	-	4
12	25	4	-	3	-	6
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14	21	4	1	-	-	4
15	25	4	-	-	-	-
16	31	5	1	-	-	4
17	21	1	-	-	-	-
18	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	20	4	-	-	-	-
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21	25	1	-	-	-	-
22	21	4	-	-	-	-

Jamie SOWARD

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GOLD COAST TITANS

WESTS TIGERS

VENUE	CBUS SUPER STADIUM	Rochelle TAMARUA	REFEREE
LOCATION	YUGAMBEH ROBINA, QLD	Dan MUNROE, Jack KLEIN	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 12:00PM AEST	To be confirmed	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
6	3	-	-	12	28	Evania PELITE	1
4	1	-	-	4	34	Karina BROWN	2
4	2	-	-	8	21	Jaime CHAPMAN	3
6	1	-	-	4	-	Niall WILLIAMS-GUTHRIE	4
5	2	-	-	8	-	Destiny MINO-SINAPATI	5
6	-	2	-	4	-	Chantay KIRIA-RATU	6
6	-	5	2	12	28	Lauren BROWN	7
6	-	-	-	-	25	Shannon MATO	8
6	-	-	-	-	32	Brittany BREAYLEY-NATI	9
6	2	-	-	8	25	Jessika ELLISTON	10
5	1	-	-	4	22	Zara CANFIELD	11
6	1	-	-	4	23	Shaylee BENT	12
6	-	-	-	-	28	Georgia HALE	13
5	1	-	-	4	-	Sienna LOFIPO	14
6	-	-	-	-	41	Stephanie HANCOCK	15
3	-	-	-	-	-	Rilee JORGENSEN	16
3	-	-	-	-	21	Laikha CLARKE	17
3	-	-	-	-	26	Kaitlyn PHILLIPS	18
1	-	-	-	-	22	Sophie BULLER	19
-	-	-	-	-	-	Sienna LAING	20
2	-	-	-	-	-	Dannii PERESE	21
2	1	-	-	4	19	Hailee-Jay MAUNSELL	24

Karyn MURPHY

FULLBACK

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Botille VETTE-WELSH	26	5	1	-	-	4
2	Jakiya WHITFELD	22	6	3	-	-	12
3	Rikeya HORNE	24	6	3	-	-	12
4	Leianne TUFUGA	21	6	5	-	-	20
5	Tess STAINES	21	1	-	-	-	-
6	Pauline PILIAE-RASABALE	30	6	-	12	-	24
7	Brooke TALATAINA						
8	Imogen GOBRAN	19	2	-	-	-	-
9	Ebony PRIOR	20	6	1	-	-	4
10	Christian PIO	23	6	-	-	-	-
11	Kezie APPS	32	6	4	-	-	16
12	Eliza SIILATA	19	6	-	-	-	-
13	Najvada GEORGE	24	6	-	-	-	-
14	Sophie CURTAIN	21	6	-	-	-	-
15	Bianca BENNETTS	22	-	-	-	-	-
16	Jessica KENNEDY	20	4	-	-	-	-
17	Salma NOUR	20	1	-	-	-	-
18	Hope TEVAGA	21	-	-	-	-	-
19	Rebecca POLLARD	24	3	-	-	-	-
20	Josie LENA Z	23	6	1	-	-	4
21	Taylor OSBORNE	26	5	-	-	-	-
22	Jae PATU	-	-	-	-	-	-

Brett KIMMORLEY

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SYDNEY ROOSTERS

PARRAMATTA EELS

VENUE	INDUSTREE GROUP STADIUM	Darian FURNER	REFEREE
LOCATION	DARKINJUNG GOSFORD, NSW	Mitch CURRIE, Tom CAMBOURN	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 1:50PM AEST	Todd SMITH	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	Played 3: Sydney 2, Parramatta 1. Last met: 2022 Semi Final: Parramatta 24-10 at Suncorp		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
6	5	-	-	20	29	Corban BAXTER	1
6	4	-	-	16	23	Brydie PARKER	2
6	5	-	-	20	26	Jessica SERGIS	3
6	4	-	-	16	26	Isabelle KELLY	4
1	3	-	-	12	-	Mia WOOD	5
6	3	-	-	12	24	Tarryn AIKEN	6
6	1	19	-	42	23	Jocelyn KELLEHER	7
6	2	-	-	8	25	Millie BOYLE	8
6	1	-	-	4	23	Keeley DAVIS	9
4	-	-	-	-	21	Mya HILL-MOANA	10
6	2	-	-	8	20	Otesa PULE	11
6	1	-	-	4	22	Olivia KERNICK	12
6	1	-	-	4	21	Keilee JOSEPH	13
2	1	-	-	4	21	Joeli MORRIS	14
3	-	-	-	-	31	Grace HAMILTON	15
4	-	-	-	-	19	Kalosipani HOPOATE	16
4	1	-	-	4	19	Amelia PASIKALA	17
4	5	-	-	20	26	Jayme FRESSARD	18
5	-	-	-	-	29	Teuila FOTU-MOALA	19
2	-	-	-	-	26	Alexandrea KIRIWI	20
-	-	-	-	-	19	Lily ROGAN	21
-	-	-	-	-	25	Tyler BENTLEY	22

John STRANGE

FULLBACK

WING

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INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	25	6	1	-	-	4
2	22	6	2	-	-	8
3	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	19	6	2	-	-	8
5	30	4	3	-	-	12
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7	29	3	-	7	-	14
8	34	6	-	-	-	-
9	20	6	1	-	-	4
10	-	3	-	-	-	-
11	28	6	1	-	-	4
12	29	6	2	-	-	8
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14	-	5	-	-	-	-
15	-	1	-	-	-	-
16	20	5	-	-	-	-
17	-	6	-	-	-	-
18	27	2	-	-	-	-
19	21	3	-	-	-	-
20	-	1	-	-	-	-
21	-	5	2	-	-	8
22	-	4	-	-	-	-

Dean WIDDERS

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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ROUND 7 PREVIEWS

RAIDERS V KNIGHTS, SATURDAY

JOSH ROBERTSON

NRLW action for Round 7 gets underway in the Nations capital when the Canberra Raiders play host to the second placed Newcastle Knights on Saturday morning in Canberra. The Raiders come into the contest sitting in fourth spot after a good season that has defied plenty of expectations but concerns would be raised in the Nations capital because a good start to the season could be undone following their heavy 40-8 defeat to the Brisbane Broncos last week in Brisbane. Things actually started well for the Raiders as they were able to open the scoring within the first five minutes when Jess Gentle scored and then inside they were able to score again and take an 8-0 before the Broncos were

able to hit back taking a 10-8 lead. The concerning factor for the Green Machine would be their second half where they conceded six unanswered tries. A boost for the Raiders with Apii Nicholls returning from a foot injury after missing last weeks contest, this sees Nicholls back at Fullback with Shakhiah Tungai moving back to the wing and last week's try scorer Jessica Gentle dropping out of the 17. Canberra are confident that second rower Sophie Holyman can overcome a leg injury naming her at prop. Elise Smith comes back into the side in the second row. The Newcastle Knights have had another strong season looking to defend their NRLW title as they sit second with just one loss so far in the competition with five wins from their first six matches this season. The Knights continued their winning form with a 22-14 win last week. Despite

an important win, the Knights would be concerned about their second half performance after leading 22-0 up until the opening they conceded three tries in a thirteen-minute period which would be a big concern. The Knights have been defensively sound in 2023 but the second half slip up shows other teams that there could be fragility in the Newcastle side. The Knights head into the contest against the Raiders with just one change and that comes on the bench with coach Ron Griffiths bringing Tiana Davison coming back onto the bench with Felila Kia who drops back the reserves. Other than this change, the Knights remain the same to last weeks win over the Sharks. **Player To Watch:** Returning to the Raiders team, Apii Nicholls has been a strong performer this season and yet again she is a vital cog and coming back into the side Canberra will

need her efforts at the back. The performance last week looked disconnected at times from the Green Machine and Nicholls can make the big impact that is needed. A top level Soccer representative, Sheridan Gallagher wasn't a household name coming into the NRLW season for the Knights but she has quickly stamped herself as a player to watch for the future on the edges for Newcastle. Leading the linebreaks stats in 2023, Gallagher has shown that she is a threat on the outside that the opposition need to watch out for. **TIP:** It's hard to go past the Knights in this one, the Raiders have been strong in their two matches in Canberra but Newcastle are in good form and it's hard to shake-off whether the Raiders have peaked in the competition following their heavy loss last week. The game should be close but the Knights have too much. **Knights by 8.**

BRONCOS V SHARKS, SATURDAY

KELLY HOLLIS

The Broncos are coming off a big win to take on the Sharks in the must-watch game of the round! In their Round 6 clash with the Newcastle Knights, the Sharks headed in for the break at half-time, down 16-0, despite throwing a lot at the Knights' defence. Early in the second half, the team from Cronulla were able to get on the board when fullback, Jada Taylor, threw a pearly of a pass to Georgia Ravics who was able to get across the stripe. Once the Sharks were on the board, they were then able to run in two more tries in the 52nd and 59th minute to close in on the Novacastrians. Unfortunately, Tayla Preston had an off day with the boot and could only convert one of their three tries, seeing the

game end with the Knights 22 and Cronulla 14. The Brisbane Broncos put on a second-half try-scoring masterclass against the Canberra Raiders in their Round 6 meeting at Totally Workwear Stadium in Brisbane. With only two of their 8 tries scored in the first half, the Raiders were still in the match at the break, going into the sheds only two points behind. However, once the Broncos returned to the field, they turned it on - and fast! Captain, Ali Briginshaw, opened the scoring in the second half with a try in the 41st minute and this was followed by five more tries in the next 27 minutes. The Broncos side finished the game with a 40-8 point win, equaling their highest-ever points scored for the club. The only concerning news for the home side was that Ali Briginshaw left the game in the 63rd minute with a suspected broken nose. In what

could be the most important games of the season for both teams, the Cronulla Sharks head north to meet the Broncos as part of the NRLW doubleheader at Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville. With the team from Brisbane sitting in 5th position and the Sharks in 6th, this is a must-win game for both teams to stay in contention for the finals in just 3 weeks' time. The Sharks will head into this clash without two key backline players with Anessa Biddle missing the match with a one-game suspension for a hip-drop and winger Andie Robinson who has been sidelined for the remainder of the season with a significant knee injury. The Broncos have named Briginshaw in their starting 17 as she passed her HIA protocols, but a photo shared on social media showed her extremely swollen and may be a late withdrawal closer to kick-off. Winger,

Ash Werner, will return after her 11-day mandatory HIA stand-down after a significant head knock in Round 5. **Player To Watch:** Brisbane winger Lauren Dam may have had a bit of a shocker dropping a high-ball that resulted in the first Raiders try, but she definitely made up for it by crossing twice in 10 minutes to help her side trump the Raiders with a solid second half showing. Cronulla centre Tiana Penitani was an absolute workhorse in a losing side running 160 metres, making 5 tackle breaks and providing a quick pass to see her front rower-come-winger, Chloe Saunders, cross for her first NRLW try in the corner. **TIP:** The Broncos appear to have more points in them than the Sharks, but the team from Cronulla have proved that they won't go down without a fight. This could be the game of the round! **Broncos by 4.**

COWBOYS V DRAGONS, SATURDAY

JOSH ROBERTSON

The second of Saturday's Townsville double header sees the North Queensland Cowboys playing host to the St George Illawarra Dragons as both teams look to kick their seasons into gear. The Cowboys have had a mixed season showing both plenty of promise but also plenty of disappointment as they come into Round 7 down in 9th place with just two wins for the season though it does include a big win over the Knights earlier in the season. Last weekend, the Cowboys found themselves 14-0 down against the Eels but despite signs of a comeback they ultimately fell to a disappointing 16-12 defeat to the previously winless Knights. Things haven't gone well for the North Queenslanders in recent weeks

with injuries and inconsistent performances which was the case with an error riddled performance again last week. The Cowboys have a number of changes to their line-up with Libby Surha ruled out with a shoulder injury sustained in last weeks loss. The reshuffle sees Tiana Raftstrand-Smith moving to the second row with China Polata to lock and Makenzie Weale comes back into the starting side after being benched last week. Promising so much in the pre-season, the St George Illawarra Dragons have so far been a disappointment as they sit in 8th spot on the NRLW ladder also with just two wins this season but a better points difference puts them just ahead of the Cowboys on the ladder. Last week, the St George Illawarra Dragons had a big chance to pull out back-to-back wins but a brain snap in the last minute with the game consigned fell to a 23-22

loss. A four try haul to Teagan Berry got the Dragons in the game with a try within the last five to equal the scores but a field goal to the Titans and then a poor option early from the Red 'V' cost them the victory. Dragons Coach Jamie Soward isn't afraid to change his team around and this week injury forces his hand with Keele Browne ruled out due to a leg injury. Shenai Lendill moves to the centres whilst Cortez Te Pou moves to the wing. Renee Targett also returns into the starting side at hooker. **Player To Watch:** Cowboys halfback Kirra Dibb has been one of the best performers in a disappointing season and this is another chance for the NSW representative to show how good she is. The Cowboys have been lacking that x-factor this season and it hasn't been through Dibb's efforts. If the Cowboys win this one, it'll be down to Dibb. Coming off the back of

a 4 try special, Teagan Berry proved how much of an attacking weapon that she is and that weapon is going to be one that the Dragons will use again. If the Dragons want to have a successful trip to Townsville then the skills of Berry are going to need to be an important part of the game plan. **TIP:** This is a game that could go either way with both sides lacking consistency across their games at the moment. The halfback work of Kirra Dibb could make a difference but then you could say the same about the reigning Player of the Year Raecene McGregor who will also be a big part. This game could go to golden point or could be one-sided that's the way these two sides have been playing. I think the Dragons will win but I'm tipping with no confidence. **Dragons by 4**

TITANS V WESTS TIGERS, SUNDAY

TIM COSTELLO

Top four consolidation on the line for the Titans while the Tigers are risking losing touch. The Gold Coast will go into Sunday's early contest as hot favourites after picking up their fourth win out of six games, downing the Dragons by a solitary point at WIN Stadium last Saturday. The Titans led the contest 14-0, but crumbled under the star power of firebrand St George Illawarra fullback Teagan Berry, the Red V number 1 crossing for a record four tries to leave the Titans stunned. While the Titans bounced back and eventually won the game with a

late Lauren Brown field-goal, coach Kayrn Murphy will be keen to see a full performance from her charges on Sunday when they host a Wests Tigers outfit which started brightly but is fast fading from semi-final contention. The Tigers went to Allianz Stadium last Saturday and were soundly beaten by a star-studded Sydney Roosters outfit, falling 48-10 - their biggest loss out of the four in their short history. In team news, the Gold Coast welcome back Rilee Jorgensen and Dannii Perese on the bench, with Kaitlyn Phillips and Sophie Buller back out of the 17. Lauren Brown will remain in the halfback role after being a late change to the #7 position for last week's game. The Tigers have some forced

changes with Sarah Togatuki out suspended. Imogen Gorban is her replacement in the front row, while Botille Vette-Welsh will resume the fullback role, Tess Staines shifting to the wing and young Brooke Talataina earning a call-up as a debutant halfback. Centre Rikeya Horne and second rower Kezie Apps are both facing nervous waits after going through concussion protocol - consequently Tévaga and Osborne are on standby in case either fails to pass fit for Sunday's match.

Player To Watch: Lauren Brown's move to halfback proved a masterstroke from coach Murphy last weekend, and her crafty passing game will be vital for the Titans if they're to chalk up this match as a

victory. The experienced 28-year-old finally earned a starting spot after coming off the bench for five straight rounds and played the entire 70 for the first time this season. In a side where stability has been hard to come by, five-eighth Pauline Pilae-Rasabale has been a steady hand in the Tigers spine. The former Wallaroo has managed two try assists this season and will need to expand on that to keep the Wests Tigers in the finals race. **TIP:** It was hard to watch the Tigers as the Roosters ran roughshod last Saturday, and they'll certainly be keen to bounce back. They won't win this game but they'll certainly compete harder than they did last round. **Titans by 8.**

ROOSTERS V EELS, SUNDAY

KELLY HOLLIS

The Roosters will be aiming to keep their winning streak going, while the Eels hope to build on their first win of the season. The Sydney Roosters entered the record books in their Round 6 game against the Wests Tigers with the most points scored in an NRLW match with a 48 - 10 thumping at Allianz Stadium. A hat trick to debutant, Mia Wood, was just one of the many highlights of the game with the tri-colours running in 10 tries with 8 different players crossing the stripe. The Roosters dominated all of the stats, chalking up almost 800 more run metres, 12 more line breaks and 22 more tackle busts than their opponent. The massive win helped to cement the side's position at the top of

the ladder with their fifth straight win and a points differential of 122 with just three games remaining of the regular season. The Parramatta Eels broke their five-game losing streak by taking down the North Queensland Cowboys at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium during Round 6. After getting off to a shaky start with only 44% completion in the first 20 minutes the Eels pulled it together and the game management and kicking performance of halfback Racheal Pearson proved to be the difference. Winger, Kim Hunt, dropped the ball twice leading to her side needing to spend a large chunk of the first half defending but she made it up to her teammates by crossing for a double in the second half and essentially helping the Eels to their first win of the year. In Round 7, the Roosters will host the Eels at

Industree Group Stadium in a semi-final rematch. One of the biggest differences to note between these two sides from the 2022 semi-final and now is that the Eels side has seen a number of players move on, resulting in a very different side taking the field this week. Roosters coach, John Strange, has needed to make two changes to his side with Shawden Burton being ruled out of the remainder of the season with an ACL injury and Teulia Fotu-Moala also missing Round 7. Both players are replaced by Joeli Morris and Grace Hamilton, while the rest of the team is unchanged. The side who beat the Cowboys will only see one change with Capri Paekau set to replace Nakia Davis-Welsh on the bench. Parramatta will enter this game with some newfound confidence, however, the Roosters

have scored an average of 32 points in each game this season. **Player To Watch:** Roosters centre Mia Wood - the 24-year-old burst onto the NRLW scene in Round 6, being the first debutant to score a hat trick. Forming a dynamic duo with her centre partner, Jess Sergis, Wood made 2 line breaks and 2 tackle busts in her amazing start to what will no doubt be a successful NRLW career. Scoring a double and running over 120 metres in Round 6, Eels back Kimberly Hunt has now scored 3 tries in just four appearances. Each week she is constantly improving in all areas and was able to overcome some early errors to have a solid game against the Cowboys. **TIP:** It's really hard to see anyone beating the Roosters at this point, they are just class from 1 to 17! **Roosters by 20.**

NRLW RESULTS **ROUND 6**

PARRAMATTA (W) 16 (K. Hunt 2, M. Murphy tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD (W) 12** (T. Raftstrand-Smith, L. Surha tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 11:05 AM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 10-0. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 11-5. Referee: Cameron Paddy. Crowd: 520. **PARRAMATTA (W):** Church, Fay, Tui, Tohi-Hiku, Hunt; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Amiatu, Mafi, Murphy, Fonua. Int: Kapua, Davis-Welsh, Kennard, Jones. **NORTH QLD (W):** Goldthorp, Naikore, Peters, Long, Blackwell; Tillett, Dibb (C); Harden, Manzelmann, Polata, Chester, Surha, Raftstrand-Smith. Int: Weale, Faifua, Reeves, Mooka.

GOLD COAST (W) 23 (J. Chapman 2, K. Brown, J. Elliston, E. Pelite tries; L. Brown goal; L. Brown field goal) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 22** (T. Berry 4 tries; R. McGregor 2, J. Bright goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 1:15 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 14-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 5-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,312. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W):** Berry, Vella, Browne, Amone, Lendill; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Riordan, Clancy, McGrath-West, Koster, Bright, Tauaneai. Int: Teakaraanga Katoa, Hopkins, Cowan, Murdoch-Masila. **GOLD COAST (W):** Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Phillips, Buller.

SYDNEY (W) 48 (M. Wood 3, C. Baxter, M. Boyle, J. Kelleher, I. Kelly, B. Parker, A. Pasikala, J. Sergis tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS (W) 10** (R. Horne, S. Togatuki tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale goal) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 28-10. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 6-4. Referee: Mitchell Currie. Crowd: 8,161. **SYDNEY (W):** Baxter, Parker, Sergis, Kelly (C), Wood; Aiken, Kelleher; Boyle, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Fotu-Moala, Hopoate, Pasikala. **WESTS TIGERS (W):** Staines, Whitfeld, Horne, Tufuga, Lenaz; Piliae-Rasabale, Vette-Welsh (C); Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps, Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Gobran, Kennedy, Pollard.

BRISBANE (W) 40 (L. Dam 2, M. Hufanga 2, A. Briggins, G. Broughton, S. Ciesiolka, J. Robinson tries; A. Briggins 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA (W) 8** (J. Gentle, C. Robins-Reti tries) **AT TOTALLY WORKWEAR STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 12:03 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 10-8. Penalties: Canberra (W) 5-4. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. **BRISBANE (W):** Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Dam; Broughton, Briggins (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Gould, Lafaele, Lenarduzzi, Fogavini. **CANBERRA (W):** Tungai, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Gentle; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kemp, Temara, Holyman, Matua, Dodd, Taufua-Kautai. Int: Ingram, Reinke, Lio, Ryan.

NEWCASTLE (W) 22 (S. Parker 2, Y. Clydsdale, T. Predebon tries; J. Southwell 3 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA (W) 14** (E. Johnston, G. Ravics, C. Saunders tries; T. Preston goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 16-0. Penalties: Cronulla (W) 6-3. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 19,519. **NEWCASTLE (W):** Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Romaniuk, Maynard, Kia, Tinao. **CRONULLA (W):** Taylor, Ravics, Penitani (C), Biddle, Robinson; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Saunders, Holmes, Foliaki, Wheeler. Int: Naitokatoka, Butler, Anderson, Dymock.

MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY **NRLW ROUND 6**

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	Base	Offence #	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	Result
Brittany BREAYLEY-NATI	Gold Coast	1	Crusher Tackle	2 matches	1st ^	2 matches	1 match ~	Guilty - early plea	\$200
Sarah TOGATUKI	Wests Tigers	2	Dangerous Contact	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match	Guilty - early plea	1 match
Annessa BIDDLE	Cronulla	2	Dangerous Contact	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match	Guilty - early plea	1 match
Laishon ALBERT-JONES	Newcastle	1	Careless High Tackle	1 match	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	Warning
Vanessa FOLIAKI	Cronulla	1	Dangerous Throw	2 matches	2nd	2 matches	1 match ~	Guilty - early plea	\$400

Offences counted for the previous twelve months ^ Denotes 3 year incident free discount ~ Can opt for fine instead of suspension

NRLW 2023 LADDER & LEADERS

AFTER ROUND 6

PREMIERSHIP LADDER		Home							Away							Total							
Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1.	SYDNEY (W)	2	2	-	-	78	10	68	4	3	1	-	116	62	54	6	5	1	-	194	72	10	+122
2.	NEWCASTLE (W)	5	4	1	-	118	91	27	1	1	-	-	38	4	34	6	5	1	-	156	95	10	+61
3.	GOLD COAST (W)	2	1	1	-	24	36	-12	4	3	1	-	60	68	-8	6	4	2	-	84	104	8	-20
4.	CANBERRA (W)	3	3	-	-	80	58	22	3	1	2	-	41	86	-45	6	4	2	-	121	144	8	-23
5.	BRISBANE (W)	4	2	2	-	96	73	23	2	1	1	-	60	34	26	6	3	3	-	156	107	6	+49
6.	CRONULLA (W)	3	1	2	-	48	60	-12	3	1	2	-	54	44	10	6	2	4	-	102	104	4	-2
7.	WESTS TIGERS (W)	2	1	1	-	26	20	6	4	1	3	-	80	100	-20	6	2	4	-	106	120	4	-14
8.	ST GEORGE ILLA (W)	3	1	2	-	78	54	24	3	1	2	-	36	78	-42	6	2	4	-	114	132	4	-18
9.	NORTH QLD (W)	3	1	2	-	40	92	-52	3	1	2	-	49	52	-3	6	2	4	-	89	144	4	-55
10.	PARRAMATTA (W)	3	1	2	-	28	86	-58	3	-	3	-	46	88	-42	6	1	5	-	74	174	2	-100

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Teagan BERRY	St George Illawarra	6	9
2	Mele HUFANGA	Brisbane	6	8

TOP POINTSCORERS

^ denotes 1 x two point field goal

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Ali BRIGGINSHAW	Brisbane	6	4	18	-	52
2	Jesse SOUTHWELL	Newcastle	6	1	20	-	44
3	Jocelyn KELLEHER	Sydney	6	1	19	-	42
4	Teagan BERRY	St George Illawarra	6	9	-	-	36

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2023 FIXTURES

ROUND 1							
Jul 22nd	Sat 12:50pm	Gold Coast	16	North QLD	6	Cbus	7,926
Jul 22nd	Sat 3:10pm	Newcastle	32	St George Illa	16	McDonald Jones	8,109
Jul 22nd	Sat 7:45pm	Brisbane	18	Sydney	36	Sunshine Coast	2,832
Jul 23rd	Sun 12:00pm	Parramatta	8	West's Tigers	36	CommBank	2,095
Jul 23rd	Sun 1:50pm	Cronulla	28	Canberra	14	Pointsbet	10,634
ROUND 2							
Jul 27th	Thu 5:40pm	Brisbane	16	Gold Coast	17	The Gabba	7,279
Jul 29th	Sat 12:45pm	Canberra	24	Sydney	14	GIO Stadium	8,034
JUL 29TH	Sat 3:10pm	St George Illa	38	Parramatta	12	WIN Stadium	5,872
Jul 30th	Sun 12:00pm	Newcastle	20	North QLD	31	Belmore	1,584
Jul 30th	Sun 1:50pm	West's Tigers	10	Cronulla	0	Belmore	2,196
ROUND 3							
Aug 3rd	Thu 5:40pm	Sydney	30	St George Illa	0	SCG	4,201
Aug 5th	Sat 12:50pm	North QLD	12	Brisbane	40	QLD Country Bank	22,659*
Aug 5th	Sat 3:10pm	Cronulla	8	Gold Coast	10	Pointsbet	3,021
Aug 6th	Sun 12:00pm	Parramatta	4	Newcastle	38	CommBank	23,596*
Aug 6th	Sun 1:50pm	Canberra	28	West's Tigers	22	GIO Stadium	7,140
ROUND 4							
Aug 12th	Sat 11:05am	St George Illa	18	Canberra	19	WIN Stadium	1,521
Aug 12th	Sat 12:40pm	North QLD	16	West's Tigers	12	Totally Workwear	1,173
Aug 12th	Sat 3:10pm	Brisbane	22	Parramatta	10	Totally Workwear	1,811
Aug 13th	Sun 12:00pm	Cronulla	12	Sydney	36	Pointsbet	1,920
Aug 13th	Sun 1:50pm	Newcastle	22	Gold Coast	10	McDonald Jones	12,889
ROUND 5							
Aug 19th	Sat 11:05am	North QLD	12	Cronulla	40	QLD Country Bank	-
Aug 19th	Sat 12:50pm	West's Tigers	16	St George Illa	20	CommBank	-
AUG 19TH	Sat 3:10pm	Gold Coast	8	Sydney	30	Cbus	6,943
Aug 20th	Sun 12:00pm	Newcastle	22	Brisbane	20	McDonald Jones	17,043
Aug 20th	Sun 1:50pm	Canberra	28	Parramatta	22	GIO Stadium	-

ROUND 6							
Aug 26th	Sat 11:05am	Parramatta	16	North QLD	12	Netstrata	520
Aug 26th	Sat 1:15pm	St George Illa	22	Gold Coast	23	Netstrata	1,312
Aug 26th	Sat 3:10pm	Sydney	48	West's Tigers	10	Allianz	8,161
Aug 27th	Sun 12:00pm	Brisbane	40	Canberra	8	Totally Workwear	-
Aug 27th	Sun 1:50pm	Newcastle	22	Cronulla	14	McDonald Jones	19,519
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		West's 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	West's 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	West's 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	

* crowd figure supplied for NRL-NRLW double header

NSWRL FINALS TEAMLISTS & RESULTS

KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP | FINALS WEEK 1

QUALIFYING FINAL (2 V 3) | SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS V WARRIORS

Sat September 2 2023, 1:00pm at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney / Cammeraygal

SOUTH SYDNEY: 1. Jacob Gagai 2. Tom Carr 3. Josiah Karapani 4. Taane Milne 5. Tyrone Munro 6. Dion Teapua 7. Dean Hawkins 8. Daniel Suluka Fifita 9. Peter Mamouzelos 10. Brock Gray 11. Ben Lovett 12. Jed Cartwright 13. Jaxson Rahme 14. Shannon Gardiner 17. Yileen Gordon 21. Matthew French 22. Ethan O'Neill 18. Tristian Alvarado

WARRIORS: 1. Geronimo Doyle 2. Setu Tu 3. Patrick Moimoi 4. Ben Farr 5. Sanele Aukusitino 6. Paul Roache 7. Eiden Ackland 8. Zyon Mai'u 9. Michael Sio 10. James Gavet 11. Kalani Going 12. Jacob Laban 13. Tanner Stowers-Smith 14. Maia Sands 15. Isaiah Vagana 16. Eddie Ieremia 17. Makaia Tafua

Referee: Kieren Irons; Sideline Officials: Nick Beashel, Nathan Loveday

ELIMINATION FINAL: 4 V 5 | CANBERRA RAIDERS V BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES

Sat September 2 2023, 3:00pm at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney / Cammeraygal

CANBERRA: 1. Chevy Stewart 2. Utuloo Asouma 3. Harley Smith-Shields 4. Brad Morkos 5. Xavier Savage 6. Ethan Strange 7. Joshua James 19. Loghan Lewis 9. Adrian Trevilyan 10. Peter Hola 11. Clay Webb 12. Luke Webley 21. Mitchell Spencer 15. Jake Clydsdale 16. Jayden Clarkson 17. Jed Stuart 20. Danny Levi

BLACKTOWN: 1. Kaeo Weekes 2. Jake Toby 3. Brad Abbey 4. Clayton Faulalo 5. Ryan Garner 6. Cooper Johns 7. Latu Fainu 8. Morgan Boyle 9. Jamie Humphreys 10. Austin Dias 11. Zac Fulton 12. Kobe Rugless 13. Denzal Tonise 14. Vea Tapaatoutai 15. Jordan Main 16. Nathaniel Roache 17. James Uesele 18. Joey Tramontana

Referee: Cameron Paddy; Sideline Officials: Liam Nicholls, Tom Cambourne

RESULTS - ROUND 26

Warriors (42) Tries: Brayden Wiliame 2, Kalani Going 2, Paul Roache, Taine Tuapiki, Ronald Volkman, Ben Farr; Goals: Ronald Volkman 5/5 **def St George Illawarra Dragons (12)** Tries: Zach Herring, Treigh Stewart; Goals: Alexander Lobb 2/2 at **Ziems Park, Corrimal / Dharawal**

Parramatta Eels (34) Tries: Zac Cini 2, Makahesi Makatooa, Brendan Hands, Lachlan Blackburn, Arthur Miller-Stephen; Goals: Jordan Rankin 5/6 **def Penrith Panthers (24)** Tries: Daon Amituanai 2, Jack Cole, Isaiah Iongi, Samuel Lane; Goals: Jack Cole 2/5 at **BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug**

Newtown Jets (48) Tries: Kayal Iro 3, Samuel Stonestreet 2, Jenson Taumoepeau, Kyle Pickering, Manaia Waitere, Brad Fearnley; Goals: Niwhai Puru 6/9 **def Newcastle Knights (10)** Tries: David Armstrong, Kyle Mccarthy; Goals: Liam Sutton 1/2 at **McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal**

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (32) Tries: Clayton Faulalo 2, Morgan Boyle, Jake Toby, Ben Condon, Zac Fulton; Goals: Jamie Humphreys 4/6 **def Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)** Tries: Franklin Pele, Kurtis Morrin, Khaled Rajab, Harry Hayes; Goals: Jonathan Sua 3/4 at **Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal**

Western Suburbs Magpies (44) Tries: Semisi Kioa 2, Sione Hopoate, James Roumanos, Tommy Talau, James Valevatu, Jack Boyling, Jay Kirk; Goals: Brandon Wakeham 5/7, James Roumanos 1/1 **def Sydney Roosters (32)** Tries: Riley Meyn 2, Jade Anderson, Tyrell Neiufi, Noel Aukafolau, Naufahu Whyte; Goals: Jaxson Paulo 3/5, Jade Anderson 1/1 at **Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal**

Canberra Raiders (36) Tries: Danny Levi, Clay Webb, Brad Morkos, Xavier Savage, Chevy Stewart; Goals: Chevy Stewart 5/5, Joshua James 3/3 **def North Sydney Bears (14)** Tries: Zach Dockar-Clay, Fetalaiga Pauga; Goals: Ben Stevanovic 3/3 at **North Sydney Oval, North Sydney / Cammeraygal**

BYE: South Sydney Rabbitohs

FINAL KOE NSW CUP LADDER	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. NORTH SYDNEY BEARS	24	16	8	0	2	637	474	163	36
2. SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	24	15	9	0	2	584	535	49	34
3. WARRIORS	24	14	9	1	2	630	470	160	33
4. CANBERRA RAIDERS	24	14	9	1	2	560	476	84	33
5. BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES	24	13	9	2	2	629	524	105	32
6. NEWTOWN JETS	24	13	10	1	2	646	511	135	31
7. PENRITH PANTHERS	24	13	11	0	2	564	482	82	30
8. CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	24	11	10	3	2	569	501	68	29
9. PARRAMATTA EELS	24	11	12	1	2	480	685	-205	27
10. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	24	9	14	1	2	572	624	-52	23
11. WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	24	8	14	2	2	508	685	-177	22
12. NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	24	8	16	0	2	516	749	-233	20
13. SYDNEY ROOSTERS	24	5	19	0	2	492	671	-179	14



U21 JERSEY FLEGG CUP | FINALS WEEK 1

ELIMINATION FINAL: 4 V 5 | PENRITH PANTHERS V PARRAMATTA EELS

Sat September 2 2023, 11:00am at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney / Cammeraygal

PENRITH: 1. Liam Ison 2. Timothy Sielaff-Burns 3. Angelis Hotere-Papalii 4. Samuel Lane 5. Casey McLean 6. Luke Hanson 7. Joseph Nohra 8. Sunita Lotoaniu 9. Billy Scott 10. Zac Lipowicz 11. Peter Taateo 12. Harrison Hassett 13. Billy Phillips 14. Ryley Smith 15. Adam Runchel 16. Riley Wake 17. Aston Warwick 18. Ilai Tuia 19. Wilson De Courcey 20. Jack Garrod 22. Tyreece Tonga

PARRAMATTA: 1. Te Hurinui Twidle 2. Matthew Komolafe 3. Samuel Loizou 4. Richard Penisini 5. John Martin 6. Joshua Lynn 7. Ethan Sanders 8. Brock Parker 9. Matthew Arthur 10. Jontay-Junior Betham-Misa 11. Jock Brazel 12. Max Topou 13. Nicholas Lenaz 14. Blaize Talagi 15. Sam Tuivaiti 16. William Latu 17. Noah Reed 18. Charlie Guymre
Referee: Damian Brady; Sideline Officials: Mitchell Currie, John Woods

QUALIFYING FINAL: 2 V 3 | CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS V CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Sat September 2 2023, 11:00am at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal

CANTERBURY: 1. Joash Papalii 2. Jordi Mazzone 3. Danny Gabrael 4. Eli Clark 5. William Afualo 6. Karl Oloapu 7. Joseph O'Neil 8. Jack Todd 9. Reuben Moyle 10. Lipoi Hopoi 11. Harry Hayes 12. Luke Smith 13. Damon Marshall 14. Jonah Glover 15. Tim Johannssen 16. Fahmy Toilalo 24. Lajuan Vito 17. Epeli Sukanaivalu 19. Joseph Teaua 20. Jonathan Sua

CRONULLA: 1. Manaia Waitere 2. Siteni Taukamo 3. Benjamin Lavender 4. Chris Veaila 5. Kristian Dixon 6. Tully Wilton 7. Noah Lester 8. Lachlan Crouch 9. Samuel Healey 10. Salesi Ataata 11. Toby Boothroyd 12. Henry O'Kane 13. Blake Hosking 14. Kobie Wilson 15. Felix Faatili 16. Jayden Foye 17. Ethan Cocco 18. John-Thomas Manuofetoa 19. Max Bradbury 20. Te Wehi Waitere 21. Paaua Papuni-Abbott
Referee: Jake Sutherland; Sideline Officials: Karra-Lee Nolan, Cameron Turner

RESULTS - ROUND 26

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (28) Tries: Jordi Mazzone 2, Joash Papalii, William Afualo, Jack Underhill; Goals: Joash Papalii 4/5 **def Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (6)** Tries: Daniel O'Donnell; Goals: Charlie Thompson 1/1 at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal

Parramatta Eels (26) Tries: Ethan Sanders 2, Ethyn Martin 2, William Latu; Goals: Ethan Sanders 3/5 **def Penrith Panthers (14)** Tries: Joseph Nohra, Riley Wake, Timothy Sielaff-Burns; Goals: Timothy Sielaff-Burns 1/3 at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug

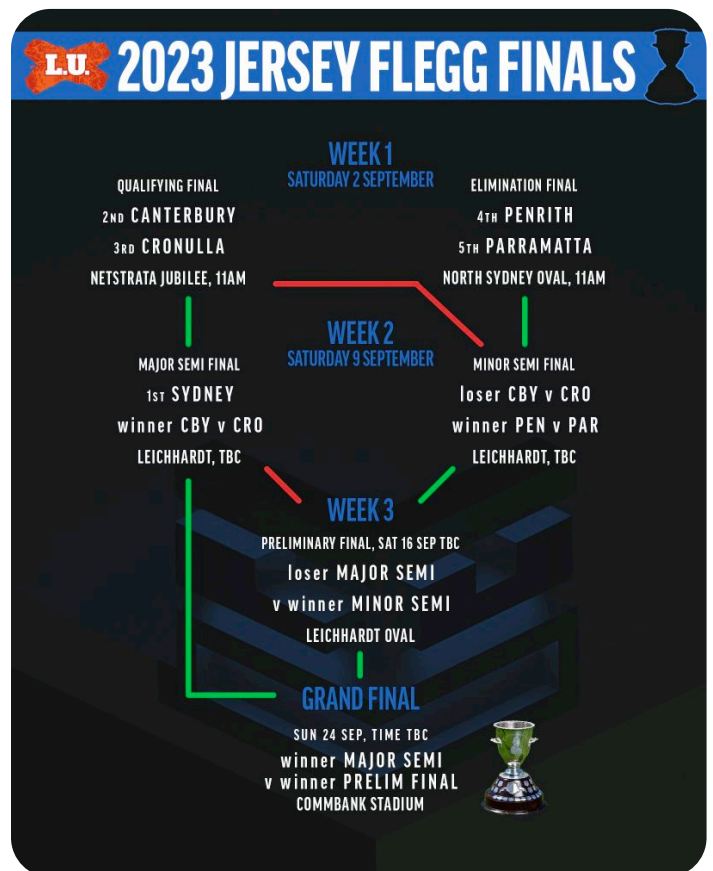
Canberra Raiders (20) Tries: Livai Kaloutolu, Mitchell Prest, Kane Rushton, Siamani Leuluai; Goals: Mitch Henderson 2/4 **def Melbourne Storm (16)** Tries: Jayden Weir, Mitchell Jennings, De'Ontae Perese; Goals: Keagan Russell-Smith 2/3 at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri

Sydney Roosters (34) Tries: Christian Abal 2, Braith Alexander, Sione Vaenuku, Salesi Foketi, Tavita Henare-Schuster; Goals: Vaiala Tamati 5/6 **def Wests Tigers (14)** Tries: Joseph Delle 2, Herman Tofaono; Goals: Michael Tannous 1/3 at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (30) Tries: Henry O'Kane, Toby Boothroyd, Kristian Dixon, Ethan Cocco, Tully Wilton; Goals: Kristian Dixon 5/5 **def Newcastle Knights (26)** Tries: Luke Pietzner 2, Noah Nailagoliva, Jack Cullen, Logan Aoake; Goals: Jahoyiakim Afoa 3/5 at St John Oval, Charlestown / Awabakal

BYE: St George Illawarra Dragons, South Sydney Rabbitohs

FINAL JERSEY FLEGG LADDER	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. SYDNEY ROOSTERS	22	17	4	1	4	648	378	270	43
2. CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	22	15	6	1	4	550	383	167	39
3. CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS	22	14	8	0	4	495	399	96	36
4. PENRITH PANTHERS	22	12	9	1	4	472	419	53	33
5. PARRAMATTA EELS	22	11	11	0	4	484	460	24	30
6. MELBOURNE STORM	22	11	11	0	4	462	472	-10	30
7. CANBERRA RAIDERS	22	10	12	0	4	398	478	-80	28
8. MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES	22	9	13	0	4	500	539	-39	26
9. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	22	9	13	0	4	450	598	-148	26
10. SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	22	8	13	1	4	401	594	-193	25
11. NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	22	7	15	0	4	492	522	-30	22
12. WESTS TIGERS	22	7	15	0	4	440	550	-110	22



LCA RON MASSEY CUP FINALS SERIES PRELIMINARY FINAL RESULT

Major Semi Final: St Marys (52) Tries: Jake Tago 2, Zac Greene, Anton Iaria, Anthony Layoun, Steven Tavita, Antonio Tauilili Pelesasa, Christian Crichton, David Fale; Goals: Zac Greene 8 **def Glebe Dirty Reds (0)** at HE Laybutt Fields

2023 GRAND FINAL

Time	Match	Venue	Referee
Sun 3pm	WENTWORTHVILLE v ST MARYS	Netstrata Jubilee	Clayton WILLS

SYDNEY SHIELD FINALS SERIES PRELIMINARY FINAL RESULT

Major Semi Final: Hills Bulls (22) Tries: Kruz Niutili-Schmidt 2, Dylan Marshall, Isaac Gorman; Goals: Bradley Avery 2, Joshua Rizk 1 **def Penrith Brothers (18)** Tries: Siaoisi Sisifa, Jack Kenny, Mitchell Owen; Goals: Donovan Boney 3 at HE Laybutt Fields

2023 GRAND FINAL

Time	Match	Venue	Referee
Sun 1pm	ST MARYS v HILLS BULLS	Netstrata Jubilee	Daniel LUTTRINGER

QRL FINALS TEAMLISTS & RESULTS

HOSTPLUS CUP | SEMI FINALS

SEMI FINAL | SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES V WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS

Sat September 2 2023, 2:10pm at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera

SOUTHS LOGAN: 1. Byron Johnson 2. Joseph Tapine 3. Jezzy Ioane 4. Jesse Jennings 5. Jack Smith 6. Albert Kelly 7. Jack Campagnolo 8. Logan Bayliss-Brow 9. Blake Moore 10. Jack Svendsen 11. Kobe Tararo 12. Tyler Coburn 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Issac Luke 15. Cruise Ten 16. Justin Fai 17. Jacob Elmore 18. Kingstimer Paraia

WYNNUM MANLY: 1. Matthew Milson 2. Blake Anders 3. Bailey Hartwig 4. Delouise Hoeter 5. Joshua Simm 6. Joshua Rogers 7. Brendan O'Hagan 8. Xavier Willison 9. Kyle Foxwell 10. Cooper Page-Wilson 11. Darius Farmer 12. Joshua Stuckey 13. Luke Gale 14. Kalolo Saitaua 15. Jack Martin 16. William Samuel 17. Caius Faatili 18. Kitron Laka

Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Dan Munroe, Jack Klein; Video Referee: Vic Collins

SEMI FINAL | CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS V SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

Sun September 3 2023, 2:10pm at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal

CENTRAL: 1. Blake Moore 2. Brendon Roberts 3. Larson Dale-Doyle 4. Cooper Marshall 5. Tom Farr 6. Anthony Milford 7. Jack Madden 8. Bailey Butler 9. Trey Browne 10. JJ Collins 11. Nicholas Halalilo 12. Nixon Putt 13. Kurt Donoghoe 14. Aaron Moore 15. Lachlan Hubner 16. Zev John 17. Tyler Szepanowski 18. Roarke Christensen 19. Jeremy McLachlan 20. Jack White

SUNSHINE COAST: 1. Zachariah Miles 2. Scott Galeano 3. Kane Jackson 4. Grant Anderson 5. Jason Gillard 7. Jack Wright 18. Lazarus Vaalepu 9. Danny Heenan 10. Max Bailey 11. Jack Gibbons 12. Louis Geraghty 13. Sam Burns 14. Jai Smoothy 15. Javvier Pitovao 16. Campbell Duffy 17. Wyatt Reynolds 19. Kaleb Sutton 20. Luke Jurd 22. Mason Peut

Referee: Jarrod Cole; Sideline Officials: Marcus Fitzgerald, Jordan Morel; Video Referee: Tim Rutherford

RESULTS - FINALS WEEK 1

Qualifying Final: Brisbane Tigers (34) Tries: Tariq Sims, Leivaha Pulu, Max Lehmann, Tristan Hope, Nat Mcgavin, Solomona Faataape; Goals: Tristan Hope 5/6 **def Souths Logan Magpies (26)** Tries: Jack Smith 2, Rory Ferguson, Blake Mozer, Jezzy Ioane; Goals: Jack Campagnolo 3/5 at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera

Qualifying Final: Burleigh Bears (38) Tries: Tyrone Roberts, Sami Sauluma, Kea Pere, Tony Francis, Dante Lusio, Creedence Toia, Joshua Patston; Goals: Tyrone Roberts 5/7 **def Central Queensland Capras (12)** Tries: Edrick Lee, Lachlan Hubner; Goals: Trey Brown 2/2 at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambah

Elimination Final: Sunshine Coast Falcons (42) Tries: Tyran Wishart 2, Jayden Nikorima, Justin Lam, Grant Anderson, Sualauvi Faalogo, Scott Galeano; Goals: Tyran Wishart 7/8 **def Redcliffe Dolphins (36)** Tries: Max Plath 2, Sheldon Pitama, Jarrett Boland, Brayden Mcgrady, Trai Fuller; Goals: Brayden Mcgrady 6/6 at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi

Elimination Final: Wynnum Manly Seagulls (15) Tries: Kyle Foxwell, Xavier Willison; Goals: Josh Rogers 3/3; Field Goals: Josh Rogers 1 **def Northern Pride (14)** Tries: Denzel King, Will Partridge, Kenneth Fonoti; Goals: Will Partridge 1/3 at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka

U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS | SEMI FINALS

SEMI FINAL | TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS V SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

Sat September 2 2023, 12:00pm at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba

TOWNSVILLE: 1. Ragarive Wavik 2. Jesse Yallop 3. Elekana Suavai 4. Dudley Dotoi 5. Cathane Hill 6. Reece Foley 7. Zack Lamont 8. Jeremiah Matautia 9. Joel Baldwin 10. Henry Teutau 11. Kurt Fisher 12. Jamal Shibusaki 13. Luke Jack 14. Matthew Hunter 15. Tajshon Santo-Messa 16. Sean Bource 17. Tyrone Gunn-James

SUNSHINE COAST: 1. Taine Couper 2. Ethan Akers 3. Pat Mcginn 4. Mason Peut 5. Elliot Smethills 6. Corey Herdegen 7. Joshua Chappell 18. Blake Woodford 9. Blake Ginman 10. Jackson Shotton 11. Jett Elich 12. Brendan Siebhur 13. Riley Boaza 14. Logan Puohotaua 15. Jayden Taufa 16. Jimi Parsons 17. Harry Dwyer 19. Oska Boyd

Referee: Cody Kwik; Sideline Officials: Dylan Lawrence, Cameron Wegner

SEMI FINAL | BURLEIGH BEARS V REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

Sat September 2 2023, 4:00pm at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambah

BURLEIGH: 1. Hunter Ploegsma 2. Jeremiah Tamepo 3. Cruz Lasike 4. Tuvalli Pereira 5. Zac Munn 6. Tuakana Rangiaheata 7. Boston Tagg 8. T.J Devery 9. Lachlan Adamson 10. Carsen Patu 11. Adam Christensen 12. Siua Fotu 13. Kaden Somerville 14. Zachery Alley 15. Edward Finau 16. Joseph Shannon 17. James Pere

REDCLIFFE: 1. Brenton Baira 2. Tyrone Nean 3. Marcus Spence 4. Will Starling 5. Siosifa Kava 6. Corey Thomas 7. Connor Williams 8. Jak Goulding 9. Taniela Otukolo 10. Tuhirangi Ratana 11. Caleb Pffingst 12. Manassah Timu 13. Noah Lutui 14. Elijah Rasmussen 15. Hunter Dever 16. Tevita Toloi 17. Ayden Hoad

Referee: Matt Gannon; Sideline Officials: Izzy Davidson, Nick McEwa

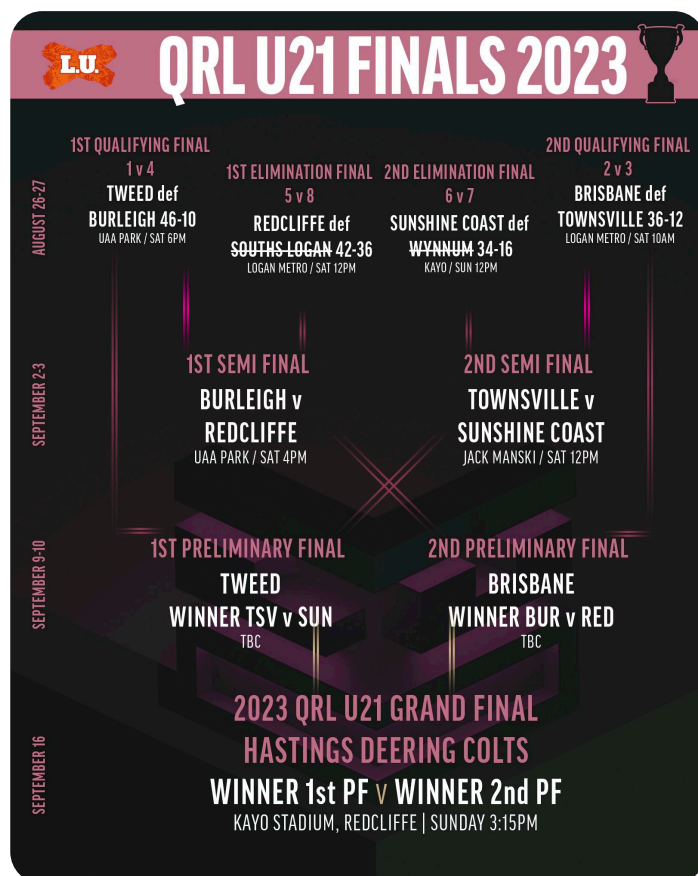
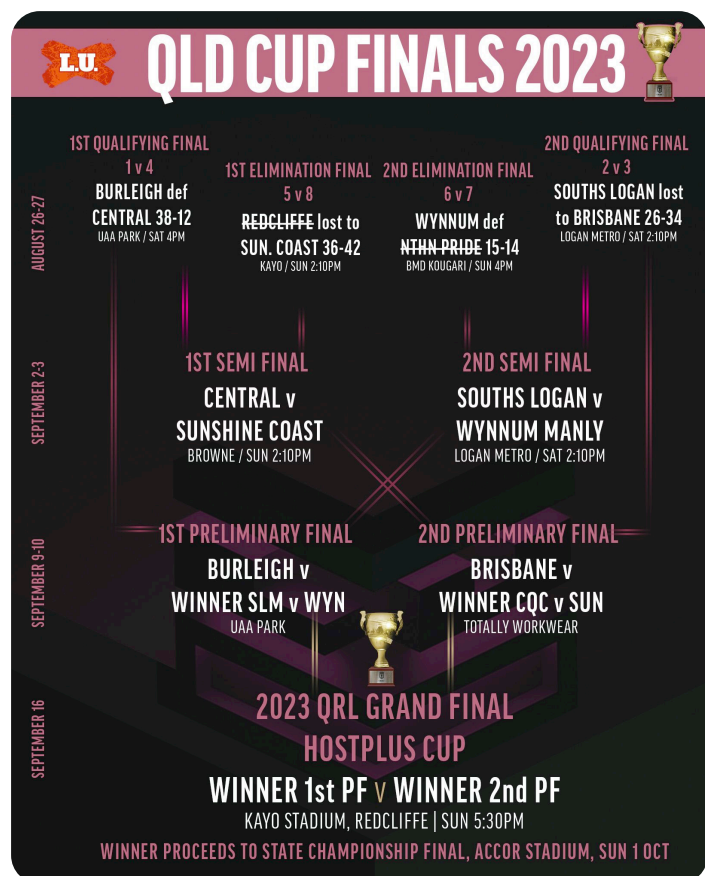
RESULTS - FINALS WEEK 1

Qualifying Final: Brisbane Tigers (36) Tries: Jackson Chang 2, Lachlan West, Braydon Seu-Easthope, Brock Ashton, Glen Fisher; Goals: Bailey Black 6/6 **def Townsville Blackhawks (12)** Tries: Cathane Hill 2; Goals: Ragarive Wavik 2/2 at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera

Elimination Final: Redcliffe Dolphins (42) Tries: Connor Williams 3, Brenton Baira 2, Tevita Toloi, Taniela Otukolo, Corey Thomas; Goals: Brenton Baira 5/8 **def Souths Logan Magpies (36)** Tries: Zion Waaka 2, Ricardo Evenis, Lokea Motufoua, Max Pakai, Dylan Cross; Goals: Garlen Peace 6/6 at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera

Qualifying Final: Tweed Seagulls (46) Tries: Logan Radziewicz 2, Tanu Nona 2, Malakhi Donovan, Jaylan De Groot, Oskar Bryant, Parker Bryant; Goals: Elliott Speed 7/8 **def Burleigh Bears (10)** Tries: Zac Munn, Cruz Lasike; Goals: Boston Tagg 1/2 at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambah

Elimination Final: Sunshine Coast Falcons (34) Tries: Mason Peut 2, Pat Mcginn, Josh Chappell, Harry Dwyer, Elliot Smethills; Goals: Josh Chappell 5/7 **def Wynnum Manly Seagulls (16)** Tries: Jed Bignell, Cooper Hewett, Calum Pereira; Goals: Jordan Davies 2/3 at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi



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2023 LEADERBOARD AFTER ROUND 26

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

29 points - **Kalyn Ponga (Knights)**

25 points - **Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)**

22 points - **Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Nathan Cleary (Panthers)**

21 points - **Payne Haas (Broncos)**

20 points - **James Tedesco (Roosters), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)**

19 points - **Mitchell Moses (Eels), Cameron Munster (Storm)**

17 points - **Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs/Blues)**

16 points - **Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Ben Hunt (Dragons)**

15 points - **Harry Grant (Storm)**

13 points - **Corey Horsburgh (Raiders), David Fifita (Titans), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)**

12 points - **Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Apisai Koroisau (Wests Tigers), AJ Brimson (Titans), Blayne Brailey (Sharks), Matt Burton (Bulldogs)**

11 points - **Hudson Young (Raiders)**

10 points - **Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Izack Tago (Panthers), Jamayne Isaako (Dolphins), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs)**

9 points - **Dane Gagai (Knights), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys/Maroons)**

8 points - **J'maine Hopgood (Eels), Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Jahream Bula (Wests Tigers), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), William Kennedy (Sharks), Jordan Rapana (Raiders)**

7 points - **Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Lachlan Croker (Sea Eagles), Kieran Foran (Titans), Nick Meaney (Storm), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors), Jeremy Marshall-King (Dolphins), Dylan Brown (Eels)**

6 points - **Greg Marzhev (Knights), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Keano Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Alofiana Khan-Pereira (Titans), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Eliesa Katoa (Storm), Jarome Luai (Panthers), Anthony Milford (Dolphins), Tom Dearden (Cowboys), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Luke Keary (Roosters), Brian To'o (Panthers), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Bradman Best (Knights/Blues), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys/Maroons)**

5 points - **Jackson Hastings (Knights), Phoenix Crossland (Knights), Joseph-Aukoua Suaalii (Roosters), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Brandon Smith (Roosters), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Tanah Boyd (Titans), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Phillip**

Sami (Titans), Ezra Mam (Broncos), Tolutau Koula (Sea Eagles), Wayde Egan (Warriors), Jacob Liddle (Dragons), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys/Maroons), Lindsay Collins (Roosters/Maroons)

4 points - **William Warbrick (Storm), Jacob Preston (Bulldogs), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Scott Sorensen (Panthers), Tyson Gamble (Knights), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Jack Wightton (Raiders), Bryce Cartwright (Eels), Egan Butcher (Roosters), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Sean O'Sullivan (Dolphins), Starford To'a (Wests Tigers), Taane Milne (Rabbitohs), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Xavier Coates (Storm), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Jonah Pezet (Storm), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Reed Mahoney (Bulldogs), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Brandon Wakeham (Wests Tigers)**

3 points - **Sam Walker (Roosters), Billy Smith (Roosters), Heilum Luki (Cowboys), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Junior Tupou (Wests Tigers), Tevita Pangai Junior (Bulldogs), Tyrone Peachey (Panthers), Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Warriors), Lachlan Miller (Knights), Luke Metcalf (Warriors), Viliami Penisini (Eels), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Drew Hutchison (Roosters), Isaiah Tass (Rabbitohs), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Dominic Young (Knights), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs)**

2 points - **Jackson Ford (Warriors), Maika Sivo (Eels), Valynce Te Whare (Dolphins), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Jaeman Salmon (Panthers), Jack Cogger (Panthers), Isaiah Papali'i (Wests Tigers), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Marcelo Montoya (Warriors), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Moses Leota (Panthers),**

Mitchell Barnett (Warriors), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Blake Taaffe (Rabbitohs), Cameron McInnes (Sharks), Junior Paulo (Eels), Luciano Leilua (Cowboys), Jacob Saifiti (Knights), Tesi Niu (Dolphins), Connelly Lemuelu (Dolphins), Jarrod Wallace (Dolphins), Tristan Sailor (Broncos), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Keenan Palasia (Broncos), Adam Elliott (Knights), Kurt Capewell (Broncos), Felise Kaufusi (Dolphins), Joey Lussick (Eels), John Bateman (Wests Tigers), Young Tonumaipea (Storm), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Braidon Burns (Bulldogs), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Tom Gilbert (Dolphins), Liam Martin (Panthers/Blues)

1 point - **Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Terrell May (Roosters), Thomas Hazelton (Sharks), Chris Randall (Titans), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Blake Wilson (Bulldogs), Arthur Miller-Stephen (Eels), Siva Wong (Roosters), Billy Burns (Dragons), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Sione Katoa (Sharks), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Adam Pompey (Warriors), Lindsay Smith (Panthers), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Mason Teague (Dolphins), Jayden Sullivan (Dragons), Freddy Lussick (Warriors), Adam Doueihii (Wests Tigers), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Josh Reynolds (Bulldogs), Hayze Perham (Bulldogs), Tautau Moga (Dragons), Brendan Hands (Eels), Charlie Staines (Wests Tigers), Cory Paix (Broncos), Leo Thompson (Knights), Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs), Wiremu Greig (Eels), Edward Kosi (Warriors), Dale Finucane (Sharks), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Albert Hopoate (Raiders), Tyrone Munro (Rabbitohs), Lachlan Fitzgibbon (Knights), Ethan Bullemor (Sea Eagles), Josh King (Storm), Jaxson Paulo (Roosters), Junior Pauga (Roosters), Josh Curran (Warriors), Semi Valemei (Raiders), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), Jazz Tevaga (Warriors), Brendan Piakura (Broncos)**

MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY NRL ROUND 26

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	On Who	Base	Offence #	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	Result
Jesse McLEAN	Penrith	1	Careless High Tackle	Maika Sivo	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000
Josh KERR	Dolphins	2	Dangerous Contact	Murray Taulagi	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match	Guilty - early plea	1 match
Luke KEARY	Sydney	1	Dangerous Throw	John Bateman	\$2000	2nd	2 matches	\$2500	Guilty - early plea	\$2500
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	Sydney	2	Dangerous Contact	Api Koroisau	2 matches	3rd+	4 matches	3 matches	Guilty - seeking downgrade	Unsuccessful - 4 matches
		1	Striking	Stefao Utoikamanu	\$2000	3rd+	4 matches	3 matches	Guilty - early plea	3 matches
Kotoni STAGGS	Brisbane	2	Dangerous Contact	Jordan Rapana	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match	Guilty - early plea	1 match
Zac WOOLFORD	Canberra	1	Crusher Tackle	Kobe Hetherington	\$2000	2nd	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Jordan RAPANA	Canberra	1	Dangerous Contact (trip)	Selwyn Cobbo	\$1500	3rd+	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Corey HORSBURGH	Canberra	1	Shoulder Charge	Corey Jensen	\$2000	3rd+	4 matches	3 matches	Not guilty	Guilty - 4 matches
Tom HAZELTON	Cronulla	1	Crusher Tackle	Mat Croker	\$2000	1st	\$2000	\$1500	Guilty - early plea	\$1500

Offences counted for the previous twelve months.

^ Denotes 3 year incident free discount

~ Development player - is able to opt for a 1 match suspension instead of monetary fine



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