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**THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023****WESTS TIGERS v NEWCASTLE**

7:45PM @ CAMPBELLTOWN



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**FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023**

SEMI FINAL

MELBOURNE v SYDNEY

7:50PM @ AAMI



NRL

**SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023**

SEMI FINAL

WARRIORS v NEWCASTLE

4:05PM @ MT SMART (6:05PM NZT)



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**SYDNEY v NORTH QUEENSLAND**

6:00PM @ NETSTRATA JUBILEE



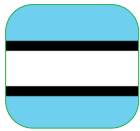
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**ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA v BRISBANE**

8:10PM @ NETSTRATA JUBILEE



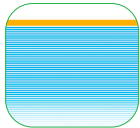
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**SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023****PARRAMATTA v CRONULLA**

1:05PM @ GIO



NRLW

**CANBERRA v GOLD COAST**

3:15pm @ GIO

THE PROGRAMME GAME DAY COMPANION

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NRL FINALS WEEK 2**NRLW ROUND 9****FROM THE UK**

SUPER LEAGUE Round 26

CHAMPIONSHIP Round 26

FROM THE NSWRL

NSW CUP Preliminary Final

JERSEY FLEGG Preliminary Final

FROM THE QRL

2023 QLD CUP Grand Final

2023 QRL U21 COLTS Grand Final

MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY NRL FINALS WEEK 1

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	On Who	Base	Offence #	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	Result
Tohu HARRIS	Warriors	1	Crusher Tackle	Luke Garner	\$2000	1st ^	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000
Sam WALKER	Sydney	1	Careless High Tackle	Braydon Trindall	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000
Briton NIKORA	Cronulla	1	Dangerous Contact	Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Wade GRAHAM	Cronulla	1	Careless High Tackle	Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Tom HAZELTON	Cronulla	1	Careless High Tackle	Billy Smith	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Jack WIGHTON	Canberra	N/A	Dangerous Contact	Tyson Gamble	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Referred. Not guilty	Guilty - 3 matches
Adam ELLIOTT	Newcastle	1	Careless High Tackle	Joe Tapine	\$1500	3rd+	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000

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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MELBOURNE STORM SYDNEY ROOSTERS

SECOND SEMI FINAL

VENUE	AAMI PARK	REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
LOCATION	WURUNDJERI MELBOURNE, VIC	TOUCH JUDGES	Drew OULTRAM, Chris SUTTON
DAY & TIME	FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023 7:50PM AEST	NRL BUNKER	Chris BUTLER

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
23	10	88	-	216	25	Nick MEANEY	1	FULLBACK	1	James TEDESCO	30	21	11	-	-	44
23	16	-	-	64	25	Will WARBRICK	2	WING	2	Fetalaiga PAUGA	27	8	3	-	-	12
8	2	-	-	8	28	Marion SEVE	3	CENTRE	3	Paul MOMIROVSKI	26	2	-	-	-	-
15	5	-	-	20	29	Justin OLAM	4	CENTRE	4	Corey ALLAN	25	12	1	-	-	4
20	5	-	-	20	26	Reimis SMITH	5	WING	5	Jaxson PAULO	23	11	6	-	-	24
20	8	1	-	34	28	Cameron MUNSTER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Luke KEARY	31	25	5	3	2	28
21	7	-	-	28	28	Jahrome HUGHES	7	HALFBACK	7	Sam WALKER	21	9	3	18	1	49
19	1	-	-	4	29	Tui KAMIKAMICA	8	FRONT ROW	8	Fletcher BAKER	23	15	1	-	-	4
23	9	-	-	36	25	Harry GRANT	9	HOOKER	9	Brandon SMITH	27	20	2	-	-	8
23	2	-	-	8	28	Christian WELCH	10	FRONT ROW	10	Lindsay COLLINS	27	24	2	-	-	8
24	2	-	-	8	22	Trent LOIERO	11	SECOND ROW	11	Joshua WONG	20	9	3	-	-	12
19	6	-	-	24	23	Eliesa KATO A	12	SECOND ROW	12	Nat BUTCHER	25	23	4	-	-	16
24	3	-	-	12	28	Josh KING	13	LOCK	13	Victor RADLEY	25	20	2	-	-	8
12	-	-	-	-	21	Alec MacDONALD	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Sandon SMITH	20	14	-	7	-	14
16	-	-	-	-	30	Tom EISENHUTH	15		15	Egan BUTCHER	23	20	2	-	-	8
18	3	-	-	12	27	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	16		16	Terrell MAY	24	16	1	-	-	4
13	1	-	-	4	33	Tariq SIMS	17		17	Angus CRICHTON	27	12	1	-	-	4
6	2	-	-	8	23	Grant ANDERSON	18	RESERVES	18	Drew HUTCHISON	28	17	4	-	-	16
20	1	-	-	4	27	Bronson GARLICK	19		19	Naufahu WHYTE	21	9	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	27	Tepai MOEROA	20		20	Zach DOCKAR-CLAY	28	-	-	-	-	-
13	1	-	-	4	23	Tyran WISHART	21		21	Jake TURPIN	26	15	-	-	-	-
1	2	-	-	8	19	Sualuvi FAALOGO	22		22	Nathan BROWN	30	10	-	-	-	-

Craig BELLAMY

COACH

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

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LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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HEAD TO HEAD: 1998 - 2023

	TOTAL	MELBOURNE	SYDNEY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	47	28	19	0
AAMI PARK	11	7	4	0
FINALS	4	1	3	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 16	MELBOURNE 46-0	McDonald Jones Stdm	4,289
2022	Round 14	MELBOURNE 26-18	Sydney Cricket Ground	12,925
2022	Round 24	SYDNEY 18-14	AAMI Park	25,308
2023	Round 6	MELBOURNE 28-8	AAMI Park	16,323
2023	Round 20	MELBOURNE 30-16	Sydney Cricket Ground	12,021

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	Round 14	MELBOURNE 46-0	Allianz Stadium (1988)	8,499
2021	Round 16	MELBOURNE 46-0	McDonald Jones Stdm	4,289
2000	Round 19	SYDNEY 41-6	Sydney F.S. (1988)	10,772

THINGS TO KNOW

- Nick MEANEY has 47 NRL tries
- Jahrome HUGHES has 49 tries for Melbourne
- Josh KING will play his 50th game for Melbourne
- Melbourne have won 14 of their last 20 games against the Roosters (dating back to 2015)
- Sydney have won 3 of their 4 finals games played against the Storm.
- The Storm (56) and Roosters (49) have played in 101 of the 233 Finals games played since 1998

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 26	ROUND 27	FINALS WEEK 1
MELBOURNE	GOLD COAST W 37-16	BRISBANE W 32-22	BRISBANE L 0-26
SYDNEY	WESTS TIGERS W 32-8	SOUTH SYDNEY W 26-12	CRONULLA W 13-12

WHAT'S NEXT

WINNER Preliminary Final v Penrith, away, Fri 22 Sep 7:50PM

LOSER Eliminated

Match stats courtesy of

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THE PREVIEW

with Nick BOYS

Melbourne look for bounce back victory against undermanned Chooks in elimination final at home.

The Melbourne Storm meet the Sydney Roosters at AAMI Park on Friday night with both teams coming off polar opposite performances. The Melbourne Storm were frankly deplorable in their 26-0 loss to Brisbane looking completely out of sync in attack especially through their spine and displaying some very uncharacteristic lackluster defence that I'm sure Craig Bellamy will have made a focus this week.

On the flip side, the Sydney Roosters while not outstanding in the footy department showed an unbelievable amount of grit to find a win at Shark Park 13-12. Losing Joseph Sua'ali'i at half time, then Joseph Manu 10 minutes after, followed shortly by James Tedesco sent to the sin bin nobody would have backed the Roosters for a win, but they somehow found a way. Brandon Smith probably had his best game as a Rooster and will no doubt want to continue his form against his former side.

The Storm unfortunately lost Ryan Papenhuyzen again through injury, this time with a lower leg fracture that he received surgery on over the weekend. The Storm will also be without Xavier Coates who picked up an ankle injury and Young Tonumaipa who will not take his place in the centres after a head injury. Coming into the side will be Alec MacDonald on the bench, Reimis Smith on the wing and Justin Olam in the centres.

The Roosters have no shortage of wounded soldiers themselves with the aforementioned Joey squared right side

duo not named after their injuries and Billy Smith is also out after it was found that he fractured his jaw during the second half against the Sharks and played on. Coming into the new look backline for the Roosters will be Paul Momirovski, Corey Allan and Jaxson Paulo on the wing.

With both sides having key outs it may just come down to who wants it more in this do or die final. I expect a much improved performance from the Storm as it's hard to imagine a Craig Bellamy coached side putting together two outings that poor in a row. The Roosters will need to rely on winning the middle third of the field given their second string backline. Look for guys like Lindsay Collins, Brandon Smith and Terrell May to continue their good form that has led the Roosters to 6 wins in a row.

WHO TO WATCH: For the Storm it's hard to go past Cameron Munster. I hate calling guys "big game players" but Munster continues to get it done when the stakes are high. He was visibly frustrated after the game last week with the team's and his own performance so I fully expect him to take charge for the Storm on Friday night and steer them to victory.

For the Roosters I think the key man will be Victor Radley. He has been in great form the last 4 weeks as it appears he has been given a directive to run the ball and play less of a "link man" lock role. This has led to great dividends as he gets through a mountain of work and really sets the tone for the whole forward pack. The Roosters will need to win the battle of the forwards to get their halves on the front foot and be any chance in this game so look for Radley to lead that charge.

FAVOURITE: The Storm are currently 10.5 point favourites.

MY TIP: I think the Storm will be just too classy at home and kick away in the end winning 26-12.

NEWCASTLE WARRIORS KNIGHTS

FIRST SEMI FINAL

VENUE	MT SMART STADIUM	Adam GEE	REFEREE	
LOCATION	AOTEAROA PENROSE, NZ	Phil HENDERSON, Dave MUNRO	TOUCH JUDGES	
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023 4:05PM AEST, 6:05PM NZT	Grant ATKINS	NRL BUNKER	

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
21	6	-	-	24	27	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	1
18	21	-	-	84	27	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2
14	2	-	-	8	22	Rocco BERRY	3
25	5	15	-	48	24	Adam POMPEY	4
25	9	-	-	36	27	Marcelo MONTOYA	5
7	-	-	-	-	27	Te Maire MARTIN	6
23	8	71	2	176	32	Shaun JOHNSON	7
24	8	-	-	32	27	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8
20	6	-	-	24	26	Wayde EGAN	9
13	2	-	-	8	29	Mitchell BARNETT	10
22	4	-	-	16	25	Jackson FORD	11
20	3	-	-	12	26	Marata NIUKORE	12
21	3	-	-	12	31	Tohu HARRIS	13
22	2	-	-	8	28	Dylan WALKER	14
9	1	-	-	4	27	Jazz TEVAGA	15
22	1	-	-	4	26	Bayley SIRONEN	16
21	4	-	-	16	24	Joshua CURRAN	17
14	1	-	-	4	22	Freddy LUSSICK	18
5	-	-	-	-	23	Taine TUAUPIKI	20
21	1	-	-	4	26	Bunty AFOA	21
19	1	-	-	4	24	Tom ALE	22
11	5	-	-	20	24	Edward KOSI	23

Andrew WEBSTER

- 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	Kalyn PONGA	25	19	9	45	-	126
2	Dominic YOUNG	21	24	25	-	-	100
3	Dane GAGAI	32	21	4	1	-	18
4	Bradman BEST	21	24	13	-	-	52
5	Greg MARZHEW	26	21	21	-	-	84
6	Tyson GAMBLE	27	23	6	1	1	27
7	Adam CLUNE	28	3	1	-	1	5
8	Jacob SAIFITI	27	20	1	-	-	4
9	Phoenix CROSSLAND	23	24	6	-	-	24
10	Leo THOMPSON	23	24	1	-	-	4
11	Tyson FRIZELL	31	21	4	-	-	16
12	Dylan LUCAS	22	6	1	-	-	4
13	Adam ELLIOTT	28	17	-	-	-	-
14	Kurt MANN	30	17	4	-	-	16
15	Daniel SAIFITI	27	22	2	-	-	8
16	Jack HETHERINGTON	27	25	1	-	-	4
17	Mat CROKER	23	23	3	-	-	12
18	Brodie JONES	25	10	-	-	-	-
19	Enari TUALA	24	6	3	-	-	12
20	Fa'amanu BROWN	28	7*	1	-	-	4
21	Lachlan MILLER	28	12	2	26	-	60
22	Jack JOHNS	25	5	1	-	-	4

* includes 5 games for Canterbury

Adam O'BRIEN

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HEAD TO HEAD: 1995 - 2023

	TOTAL	WARRIORS	NEWCASTLE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	48	23	24	1
GO MEDIA	23	13	9	1
FINALS (never met)	0	0	0	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 2	NEWCASTLE 20-16	Central Coast Stadium	4,595
2021	Round 15	NEWCASTLE 10-6	McDonald Jones Stdm	9,975
2022	Round 12	NEWCASTLE 24-16	Moreton Daily Stadium	4,265
2023	Round 1	WARRIORS 20-12	Sky Stadium, W'ton	16,676
2023	Round 6	NEWCASTLE 34-24	McDonald Jones	18,007

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1999	Round 25	WARRIORS 42-0	Ericsson Stadium	15,385
2007	Round 20	WARRIORS 52-10	Mt Smart Stadium	11,301
1995	Round 9	NEWCASTLE 48-6	Marathon Stadium	22,136

THINGS TO KNOW

- Kalyn PONGA has 48 tries for Newcastle
- The Knights have won 2 of their last 7 games against the Warriors.
- The Knights last 5 finals games has seen them concede an average of 31.6 points per game
- The Warriors have won 13 of their last 15 games against the Knights in New Zealand (dating back to 2006)

FORM - LAST THREE

	ROUND 26	ROUND 27	FINALS WEEK 1
WARRIORS	ST GEO ILLA W 18-6	DOLPHINS L 10-34	PENRITH L 6-32
NEWCASTLE	CRONULLA W 32-6	ST GEO ILLA W 32-12	CANBERRA W 30-28

WHAT'S NEXT

WINNER Preliminary Final, away, v Brisbane, Sat 23 Sep 7:50pm

LOSER Eliminated

Match stats courtesy of

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THE PREVIEW

with Rob CROSBY

Knights to discover it's a Wahs, Wahs, Wahs World in New Zealand

Finals football returns to New Zealand for the first time in 15 years as the New Zealand Warriors host the Newcastle Knights in a do-or-die semi final on Saturday evening.

Earning the right to host a home final by virtue of finishing in the top four, the New Zealand Warriors will be looking to atone for a disappointing showing last week in front of a vocal home crowd.

Going down comprehensively to the Panthers in a 32-6 defeat last Saturday at Penrith, coach Andrew Webster will welcome back experienced halfback Shaun Johnson (calf) with Dylan Walker reverting to his favoured position off the bench.

Winning two out of three finals held in Auckland previously, Saturday will mark the first time that the Warriors have hosted a home final since 2008, in a match where Ruben Wiki produced an iconic hit on Iosia Soliola as part of a second-half fightback to down the Roosters.

Reaching the semi finals following a win 90 minutes in the making, the Newcastle Knights will face a huge test to back up in hostile territory six days later.

Outlasting the Raiders with a 30-28 win in extra time last Sunday, coach Adam O'Brien will be without Jackson Hastings (ankle) and Lachlan Fitzgibbon (shoulder) for the clash with Adam Clune and Dylan Lucas coming in at halfback and second-row respectively.

Holding a strong record against the Warriors with five wins from seven meetings during O'Brien's tenure at the club, the Knights boast a dreadful record across the Tasman with two wins from 15 appearances in New Zealand since 2006.

Returning to the second week of the play-offs a decade on from upsetting the Storm in Melbourne, the Knights will be hoping to avoid a repeat of the 2006 finals series where they were humbled by Brisbane a week after producing an iconic win on home soil.

WHO TO WATCH: Set to make a welcome return for the club's do-or-die contest in Auckland, Shaun Johnson will feel the weight on a nation on his shoulders as the Warriors look to create history. Leading the Warriors to their highest regular season finish in 16 years with 27 try assists in 23 appearances, the 33-year-old was sorely missed last week in a performance where errors were routinely compounded by conceding points. Playing in the second week of the finals for only the second time in his esteemed career, Johnson will need to play without apprehension if the Warriors are to book a preliminary final date with Brisbane next Saturday.

Coming off the finest performance of his first grade career last Sunday, Newcastle playmaker Tyson Gamble will need to deliver once again if the Knights are to produce a rare win across the Tasman. Taking on the responsibility of guiding the side home after Jackson Hastings aggravated an existing ankle injury prior to halftime, the 27-year-old delivered with a try-assist and a game-saving charge down in extra time. Rising to the challenge with the benefit of vocal home support last week, Gamble will be out to prove he can be just as effective in hostile territory on Saturday evening.

FAVOURITE: With an entire country on their side and an opposition coming off an exhaustive extra time epic, the Warriors are expected to be too strong on home soil.

MY TIP: The 2023 season began for the Knights with a loss against the Warriors in New Zealand. Six months on, the Novocastrians will be determined to ensure it doesn't end the same way. Knights by 6.

THE WRAP NRL 2023 FINALS WEEK 1



BRISBANE	26	-	0	MELBOURNE
	8	HT	0	
	10	PENS	5	
Selwyn COBBO		T		
Jordan RIKI				
Kotoni STAGGS				
Reece WALSH				
Adam REYNOLDS	5/5	G		
Reece WALSH	1	FB	1	Nick MEANEY
Jesse ARTHARS	2	W	2	Will WARBRICK
Kotoni STAGGS	3	C	3	Marion SEVE
Herbie FARNWORTH	4	C	4	Young TONUMAIPEA
Selwyn COBBO	5	W	5	Xavier COATES
Ezra MAM	6	FE	6	Cameron MUNSTER
Adam REYNOLDS (c)	7	HB	7	Jahrome HUGHES
Thomas FLEGLER	8	FR	8	Tui KAMIKAMICA
Billy WALTERS	9	HK	9	Harry GRANT
Payne HAAS	10	FR	10	Christian WELCH (c)
Kurt CAPEWELL	11	2R	11	Trent LOIERO
Jordan RIKI	12	2R	12	Eliesa KATO
Patrick CARRIGAN	13	L	13	Josh KING
Tyson SMOOTHY	14	B	15	Tom EISENHUTH
Brendan PIAKURA	15	B	16	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA
Kobe HETHERINGTON	16	B	17	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN
Keenan PALASIA	17	B	19	Tariq SIMS
Kevin WALTERS		COACH		Craig BELLAMY

Venue
Suncorp Stadium Milton, QLD Yuggera-Turrbal
Kickoff
Fri 8 Sep 7:50PM
Referee
Grant ATKINS
Crowd
50,197

BRONCOS END 14-YEAR HOODOO TO SHUT OUT STORM

The Brisbane Broncos have swept into their first Preliminary Final since 2017 after thrashing the Storm 26-0 in front of a sold-out Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Kevin Walters' men were simply clinical, as they raced in four unanswered tries and importantly keeping the Storm to nil to send out a message to the competition that not only is their attack slick but their defence is also resolute enough to lift the Provan-Summons trophy on the first Sunday in October. Brisbane's big guns all came to the fore this evening, with the up-front fire power of Patrick Carrigan, Tom Flegler and Payne Haas laying the platform to allow Adam Reynolds and Reece Walsh to wreak havoc in the second half and get their side one step closer to the big dance.

Melbourne had one of the worst nights in their history, failing to fire a shot in a clunky display from the renowned high performing and disciplined club. The loss was made so much worse with a catastrophic compound fracture to Ryan Papenhuyzen and a potential serious ankle injury to Xavier Coates who will be in doubt for next week's elimination final.

Despite their vast finals experience, it was the Storm who started nervously producing two handling errors to give the home side an excellent opportunity to open their account. Brisbane cashed in through blockbusting centre Kotoni Staggs, who charged through four Storm defenders to power over the try line and bring the home fans to their feet. Adam Reynolds converted and it was 6-0.

The game was being played at a frenetic semi-final pace, with quick play the balls and ferocious defence from both sides. Melbourne then looked to have hit back when the Broncos defence played a dangerous game by rushing Cameron Munster close to the line. Munster then stepped off his

left foot and flung a long pass to Xavier Coates who looked as though he had muscled his way over the line. However replays showed the Storm winger lost possession in the grounding of the ball and it was ruled no try.

Brisbane continued to build pressure nearing halftime through a neat Billy Walters kick that saw the home side earn a repeat set. However, the Storm got things wrong when Ryan Papenhuyzen put the dropout over the sideline on the full and Brisbane took the gift two points on offer through Reynolds to extend their lead to 8-0.

Following the break, hometown hero Reece Walsh made his presence known when received the ball in some space. The dynamic fullback then sliced through three Storm defenders to blow the roof off Suncorp Stadium and give his side a 14-0 lead following the conversion. Brisbane then made it back-to-back tries, with this time Walsh holding up the ball for his backrower Jordan Riki who steamed onto the ball to slide over the try line and give the Broncos a commanding lead.

The nightmare evening got even worse for Melbourne with an ankle injury to Xavier Coates which then was further compounded when Ryan Papenhuyzen then went down with a compound fracture to his lower leg in just his third NRL game after returning from a serious knee injury after 14 months on the sideline.

Brisbane then went into party mode moments later, as Selwyn Cobbo raced over to score a late try following a superb pass from Adam Reynolds. Reynolds converted to send the Broncos into the preliminary final with a dominant 26-0 win ending the Storm's 14-year hoodoo over the home side at Suncorp Stadium.

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3 points - Adam Reynolds
2 points - Patrick Carrigan
1 points - Reece Walsh

Match updated and wrap written by Sam BOURKE



PENRITH	32	-	6	WARRIORS
	20	HT	0	
	6	PENS	4	
Sunia TURUVA	2	T		Wayde EGAN
Nathan CLEARY				
Liam MARTIN				
Brian TO'O				
Nathan CLEARY	6/6	G	1/1	Adam POMPEY
Dylan EDWARDS	1	FB	1	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD
Sunia TURUVA	2	W	2	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK
Luke GARNER	21	C	3	Rocco BERRY
Stephen CRICHTON	4	C	4	Adam POMPEY
Brian TO'O	5	W	5	Marcelo MONTOYA
Jack COGGER	6	FE	14	Dylan WALKER
Nathan CLEARY (c)	7	HB	6	Te Maire MARTIN
Moses LEOTA	8	FR	8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE
Mitch KENNY	9	HK	9	Wayde EGAN
James FISHER-HARRIS	10	FR	10	Mitchell BARNETT
Scott SORENSEN	11	2R	11	Jackson FORD
Liam MARTIN	12	2R	12	Marata NIUKORE
Isaah YEO	13	L	13	Tohu HARRIS (c)
Tyrone PEACHEY	14	B	15	Jazz TEVAGA
Lindsay SMITH	15	B	16	Bayley SIRONEN
Spencer LENIU	16	B	17	Joshua CURRAN
Zac HOSKING	17	B	18	Freddy LUSSICK
Ivan CLEARY		COACH		Andrew WEBSTER

Venue
Bluebet Stadium Penrith, NSW Dharug
Kickoff
Sat 9 Sep 4:05PM
Referee
Adam GEE
Crowd
21,525

PANTHERS LEAVE WAHS IN TEARS WITH FINALS MASTERCLASS

The Penrith Panthers are 80 minutes away from the opportunity to defend their title after punishing an error-prone New Zealand Warriors with a 32-6 victory on Saturday afternoon.

Getting out to an early lead and making the most of repeated opportunities to use the ball in attack, the defending premiers confirmed a place in the preliminary final for the fourth consecutive season to the delight of a sold-out crowd.

Posting an eighth consecutive victory against their opponents, the reigning premiers were well served by their biggest names with captain Nathan Cleary producing a personal tally of 16 points.

The home side wasted little time in asserting their dominance with Brian To'o (4th minute) finishing off an early opportunity provided after Marcelo Montoya dropped a bomb inside his own half.

Surviving a scare moments later when stand-in halfback Dylan Walker was denied a try in response due to Adam Pompey obstructing Luke Garner in the lead up, the Panthers made their opponents pay for further errors with Cleary sending Liam Martin (20th minute) into space to establish a double-digit lead.

Continuing the one-way flow of points after a poor last-tackle kick from Tohu Harris was compounded by Rocco Berry's failed intercept attempt, a left-side shift saw Sunia Turuva (27th minute) dive over for his tenth try of the season.

The Warriors managed to repel several sets in succession on their own line late in the half, however a penalty goal to Cleary as the siren sounded saw the Panthers take a 20-0 halftime lead.

Needing to be first to score to have any chance of mounting a comeback, the Warriors weathered pressure after the resumption and were rewarded with Penrith alumni Wayde Egan (56th minute) supporting a long-range break by Dallin Watene-Zelezniak.

Securing the result after an inconclusive captain's challenge gave the Panthers an attacking scrum 30 metres out from the try line, Turuva (62nd minute) finished off a left-side sweep before Cleary (72nd minute) did it all himself with a solo effort.

The 32-6 result - a record margin in finals football for Penrith - was the third time the Panthers prevailed over the Warriors in finals football following victories in 2003 and 2018.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Nathan Cleary
2 points - Isaah Yeo
1 points - Sunia Turuva

Match updated and wrap written by Rob CROSBY



CRONULLA	12	-	13	SYDNEY
	6	HT	0	
	6	PENS	4	
Sione KATOA		T		Joseph MANU
Ronaldo MULTALO				Joshua WONG
Nicho HYNES	2/3	G	1/1	Billy SMITH
Braydon TRINDALL	0/1		1/1	Sam WALKER
		FG		Sam WALKER
		BIN		James TEDESCO
Connor TRACEY	1	FB	1	James TEDESCO (c)
Sione KATOA	2	W	2	Junior PAUGA
Jesse RAMIEN	3	C	3	Billy SMITH
Siosifa TALAKAI	4	C	4	Joseph MANU
Ronaldo MULTALO	5	W	5	Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I
Braydon TRINDALL	6	FE	6	Luke KEARY
Nicho HYNES	7	HB	7	Sam WALKER
Toby RUDOLF	8	FR	15	Egan BUTCHER
Blayke BRAILEY	9	HK	9	Brandon SMITH
Royce HUNT	15	FR	10	Lindsay COLLINS
Briton NIKORA	11	2R	11	Joshua WONG
Wade GRAHAM (c)	12	2R	12	Nat BUTCHER
Cameron McINNES	13	L	13	Victor RADLEY
Jack WILLIAMS	14	B	8	Fletcher BAKER
Thomas HAZELTON	16	B	14	Sandon SMITH
Oregon KAUFUSI	17	B	16	Terrell MAY
Jesse COLQUHOUN	20	B	17	Angus CRICHTON
Craig FITZGIBBON		COACH		Trent ROBINSON

Venue
Pointsbet Stadium Woolooware, NSW Dharawal
Kickoff
Sat 9 Sep 7:50PM
Referee
Gerard SUTTON
Crowd
12,567

WALKER BREAKS SHARKS' HEARTS IN AN ENTHRALLING FINALS CLASH

A late Sam Walker field-goal has secured one of the bravest finals victories in their history, eliminating the Cronulla Sharks by 13-12 at PointsBet Stadium.

It was a frantic start from the home side, despite a defensive stronghold in the first minute. Ronaldo Multalo spilled the kick and were under immediate pressure. However, they held firm with Joey Manu denied thanks to an obstruction ruling with Siva Wong taking out Braydon Trindall. Cronulla had their own early chance off a Roosters error with Cam McInnes denied by the man upstairs.

Despite an early too and frow start. Cronulla camped down the Roosters end and after a four minute extended run at the Roosters line, Nicho Hynes turned provider with a lovely cut-out pass to Sione Katoa to cross. Trindall did however miss a relatively easy shot at goal, the score remained at 4-0. More territory came for the home side and points came. Sam Walker took Trindall high and after the disaster of the first kick from him, he gave the penalty shot to Hynes who converted for 6-0.

The rest of the first half saw the Roosters have some attacking chances, but due to some sheer bad luck and attacking incompetence. They remained on a duck egg for the remainder of the first half despite some defensive resilience.

It would become a hard task in the second half with Joey Sualii failing his HIA and not returning forcing a reshuffle. Billy Smith was hit high by Tom Hazleton and the big cult hero was placed on-report. On the ensuing set, Terrell May made his presence felt drawing multiple defenders across before finding Walker who got a rainbow pass out to Manu to cross for the tri-colours.

Worse luck would continue for the visitors with Manu leaving the field shortly after with a hamstring injury. This was compounded when Braydon Trindall sprinted away after a poor last tackle kick. Tedesco was guilty of a professional foul and sent to the sin-bin by referee Gerard Sutton on the advice of touch-judge Wyatt Raymond.

Their was all of a sudden a distinct lack of troops and lack of positional familiarity for the Roosters. This saw Sandon Smith revert to full-back where he played a handful of NSW Cup matches. Cronulla capitalised, quick hands down the left saw Hynes combine with Multalo down the left hand side and it looked as if the Sharks were going to run away with it. However, the tenacious and gritty Roosters hung in there, especially a knock on by Blayke Brailey. They only conceded a further penalty goal when Nat Butcher picked up a ball batted down in an offside position. The decision to go for goal will be talked about all off-season for the Sharks faithful and coaching staff.

The Roosters hung in the contest and were rewarded when Sandon Smith put in a grubber which was played at by the Sharks. The loose ball went straight to Siva Wong who crashed over to score for the visitors. Billy Smith landed the goal, and we were into a field-goal shoot-out. Following a set after points which was perfect, Walker delivered the dagger to give the Roosters their first lead of the night. Hynes had two attempts which were charged down and the Roosters wound down the clock to secure a trip to Melbourne next weekend.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Siva Wong
2 points - Victor Radley
1 points - Nicho Hynes

Match updated and wrap written by AJ LUCANTONIO



NEWCASTLE	30	-	28	CANBERRA
	6	HT	16	
	5	PENS	7	
Dominic YOUNG	2	T	2	James SCHILLER
Dane GAGAI				Matt FRAWLEY
Greg MARZHEW				Trey MOONEY
Kalyn PONGA				Tom STARLING
Kalyn PONGA	5/6	G	4/5	Jamal FOGARTY
Kalyn PONGA (c)	1	FB	1	Jordan RAPANA
Dominic YOUNG	2	W	2	James SCHILLER
Dane GAGAI	3	C	3	Jack WIGHTON
Bradman BEST	4	C	4	Matthew TIMOKO
Greg MARZHEW	5	W	5	Nick COTRIC
Tyson GAMBLE	6	FE	6	Matt FRAWLEY
Jackson HASTINGS	7	HB	7	Jamal FOGARTY
Jacob SAIFITI	8	FR	8	Ata MARIOTA
Phoenix CROSSLAND	9	HK	9	Zac WOOLFORD
Leo THOMPSON	10	FR	10	Joseph TAPINE
Tyson FRIZELL	11	2R	11	Hudson YOUNG
Lachlan FITZGIBBON	12	2R	12	Elliott WHITEHEAD (c)
Adam ELLIOTT	13	L	13	Hohepa PURU
Kurt MANN	14	B	14	Tom STARLING
Daniel SAIFITI	15	B	15	Emre GULER
Jack HETHERINGTON	16	B	16	Pasami SAULO
Mat CROKER	17	B	17	Trey MOONEY
Adam O'BRIEN		COACH		Ricky STUART

Venue
McDonald Jones Stadium New Lambton, NSW Awabakal
Kickoff
Sun 10 Sep 4:05PM
Referee
Ashley KLEIN
Crowd
29,548

KNIGHTS NEED THE FULL 90 TO BOOK WEEK 2 SLOT

It took them a full 90 minutes but the Newcastle Knights have extended their winning streak to 10 in a row and booked themselves a trip to New Zealand as they pick up a 30-28 Extra time win over the Canberra Raiders.

The home side started the game strongly and had early dominance but they could only manage one the one four pointer and that came inside the first five minutes when the Knights found their groove on the left with Greg Marzhev going over in the corner.

Despite being dominated, the Raiders had an Ata Mariota effort denied by the bunker who couldn't overturn the live Held Up ruling from Ashley Klein. That didn't stop the Raiders though and it was an error from the Knights that gifted the Green Machine possession and they took advantage of their overlap with James Schiller going into score. The Raiders added a second try when the Knights couldn't regather a short dropout and Trey Mooney forced his way to the line and got the ball down to score. The third Raiders try came again through James Schiller when yet another Newcastle error gifted Canberra field position and they took advantage out wide. Jamal Fogarty added a conversion from the sideline to push the Green Machine out to a 16-6 lead at half time.

Newcastle needed to find something in the second half and Jack Wighton gave them the fire when the Raiders star allegedly bit Tyson Gamble much to the furore of the Knights and the crowd. The referees took their time as Adam Gee in the bunker couldn't determine conclusively that there was a definite bite so the incident went on report as procedures state it should do.

The Knights were fired up as Kalyn Ponga left his mark on the game as he got the ball and ran straight to the line and got the ball down. With a fired up crowd behind them, the

Knights set the game alight as they started to take advantage of the fragilities of the Raiders on the right as first it was Dom Young and then Dane Gagai who took advantage as they scored.

The Raiders had a rare attacking opportunity but they were left to watch the ball go back the other way as an attacking kick ended up with the Knights as Tyson Gamble swooped on the ball before finding Dom Young who was unstoppable racing away. Newcastle had opened up 28-16 lead but things weren't done.

As possession mounted in favour of the Raiders, Matt Frawley elected not to put the ball to boot but running the ball paid off as he was able to get the ball over the try line. Jamal Fogarty converted from close range to close the gap to six points. The Canberrans continued to attack with the ball as they eventually cracked the line inside the final two minutes when Tom Starling was able to go over. Fogarty converted to level the scores.

An 80th minute penalty put the Raiders into field goal range but they couldn't take advantage of the two shots and extra time awaited. The Green Machine started the first half of Extra Time with the better of the field position but elected not to go for a one-point advantage until the last few seconds of the half which was charged down.

The second half was all Newcastle as they were gifted field position after a Jamal Fogarty kick went out on the full as the Knights went on the attack as a result. The home side went on the attack late but it was a penalty against Hudson Young that decided the game when he was clearly offside and penalised for it. Ponga kicked the field goal to give the home side the match-winning 30-28 lead.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYERS OF THE MATCH:

3 points - Kalyn Ponga
2 points - Greg Marzhev
1 points - Jordan Rapana

Match updated and wrap written by Josh ROBERTSON

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 25 RECAP with AJ LUCANTONIO

CATALANS 18 (T. Davies, T. Johnstone, A. Keighran tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 10** (L. Kershaw, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Jowitz goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 12-0. Penalties: Catalans 8-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. **WAKEFIELD** (Trinity): Jowitz, Senior, Griffin, Croft, Kershaw; Lino, Gale; Atoni, Hood, Battye, Proctor, Ashurst, Pitts. Int: Kay, Tanginoa, Fifita, Eseh. **CATALANS**: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; Tomkins, Pearce; McMeeken, McIlorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Da Costa, Chan, Ma'u.

Wakefield's chances of avoiding the drop appear to be slim to none after falling by 18-10 to Catalans. Catalans dominated the match and if it wasn't for two late tries, it would've been another score-less outing for the home side. A familiar face came back to bite when Tom Johnstone crossed, diving on a Sam Tomkins grubber after just 7 minutes of play. Adam Keighran's goal crossed the uprights for a 6-0 lead. Ten minutes later, Keighran collected some early ball and capitalised on some poor defence. He beat four Wildcats on his way to the line and with his conversion it was 12-0. That would be our score as the teams turned to the sheds for the break, and for Wakefield it was 40 minutes to save their chances of being relegated. It was a lethargic second half, with both sides being guilty of squandering chances, and the seconds kept ticking down the clock as Wakefield were stuck on 0. That's been a familiar theme this season for the home side. Fortunately, Tom Davies crossed for the visitors after 62 minutes. Keighran's conversion missed, but he atoned with a penalty goal seven minutes later. Wakefield did cross for tries, but they came in a quick period where the game was over. Kelepi Tanginoa crossed when Mason Lino drew in the defence and found his back-rower charging into a gaping hole for an 18-4 score. The consolation final try came to Lee Kershaw when he intercepted Keighran's pass to score and reduce the gap to 8 as they appear certain to be relegated.

HULL KR 26 (J. Abdull, S. Kenny-Dowall, K. Linnett, L. Senior tries; B. Schneider 5 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 18** (S. Halsall, J. McGillvary, W. Pryce tries; J. Connor 3 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 14-6. Penalties: Hull KR 9-5. Referee: Tom Grant. **HUDDERSFIELD**: Pryce, Halsall, Marsters, Naiqama, McGillvary; Connor, Lolohea; Ikahihifo, Peats, Ashworth, Hewitt, Livett, Yates. Int: O'Brien, Wilson, McQueen, Greenwood. **HULL KR**: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Keinhorst, Linnett, Hadley. Int: Abdull, Litten, Storton, Luckley.

Hull KR have rebounded nicely winning their third game on the run beating Huddersfield by 26-18. It was a fast start by the home side with future NRL star Will Pryce taking the ball from the scrum and turning on the jets after 7 minutes. Pryce ran close to 50 metres untouched to score the opening try and the score was 4-0. Huddersfield knocked over a quick penalty goal to get the margin at a converted try. After a lull, Rovers captain Shaun Kenny-Dowall charged over. SKD beat three of them to the line and although the grounding wasn't the best, the try was awarded and levelled the scores. Brad Schnieder knocked over a penalty goal to give Rovers a narrow lead. With 7 to go before the break, Jordan Abdull fooled them all out of dummy half to score and it was a comfortable 14-6 lead for Rovers at the change of ends. After the break, it was experienced man Kane Linnett that gave the away fans something to cheer about. Mikey Lewis provided a great pass and Linnett crashed through the space for a 20-6 lead. The Giants hit back when Jermaine McGillvary crossed. McGillvary scooped up the low pass and beat the cover to score a vital try out-wide and it was a 20-12 game. Rovers eventually sealed it with just under 10 minutes to play. It had a touch of controversy when Schneider ran behind his own player and took advantage to pass and find Louis Senior to cross outwide. Despite the valid complaints, Tom Grant pointed to the spot. Sam Halsall crossed with just 5 minutes to play to give the Giants hope, but a late penalty goal sealed the win for Rovers by 26-18.

CASTLEFORD 29 (J. Qareqare 2, G. Eden, A. Foster, J. Turner tries; G. Widdop 4 goals; B. Austin field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 12** (A. Swift 2 tries; D. McIntosh 2 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 18-6. Penalties: Castleford 4-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 7,947. **CASTLEFORD**: Widdop, Qareqare, Turner,

Broadbent, Wallis; Eden, Austin; Watts, Johnstone, Mustapha, Mellor, Edwards, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Massey, Robb, Foster. **HULL FC**: Litten, Swift, Scott, Tuimavave, McIntosh; Lovodua, Hoy; Fash, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Brown, Dwyer, Satae, Staveley.

The Castleford Tigers have all but secured safety for another season with a comprehensive 29-12 victory over Hull FC. It was a fast start for the home side when Jason Qareqare crossed after quick hands saw him break away. He was able to beat the cover to score after just three minutes. Gareth Widdop converted from out-wide for the early lead. Not to be outdone, Hull hit back 8 minutes later courtesy of Adam Swift. A well worked set play saw the Cas defence scrambling and the winger crossed out-wide. Darnell McIntosh levelled the scores up at 6-6. Following a scrum, Tex Hoy's pass was intercepted by Qareqare who sprinted 90 metres untouched to score for the home side. That intercept proved to be a turning point in the game. Castleford would pick up a late try before the break to give the home side an 18-6 lead at the main change. Greg Eden pounced on a grubber that was spilled in-goal when Hoy and Liten collided in the in-goal. The second half began frustratingly for both sides, failing to get the break-throughs they needed to get the match in their favour. Tired of waiting, Blake Austin knocked over a field goal in the 64th minute to expand the lead beyond two possessions. Off the back of that field goal, Eden collected the ball and grubbered ahead and it was Alex Foster who had the pace to ground it. Hull grabbed a consolation try when Swift collected his second try. He ran from dummy-half exposing some poor defence and crossing out-wide. The conversion reduced the gap to 25-12. However, Castleford had the last laugh when Jordan Turner crossed with five to play to seal a convincing 17 point win and their survival in 2023.

ST HELENS 22 (T. Makinson 2, J. Batchelor, J. Lomax tries; M. Percival 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 12** (O. Gildart, R. Mulhern tries; B. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Leigh 4-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,428. **ST HELENS**: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Davies, Bennis; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby, Knowles, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Bell. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Royle, Delaney, Mbye. **LEIGH**: O'Brien, Briscoe, Chamberlain, Hardaker, Gildart; Reynolds, Lam; Amonie, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Davis. Int: Mellor, Halton, Nakubuwai, Wardle.

St Helens have drawn level with Wigan and Catalans at the top of the Super League ladder downing Leigh by 22-12. It was a frantic start to the clash as Leigh opened the scoring after just 9 minutes of play. It was quick hands down the blindside which saw Gareth O'Brien find Oliver Gildart to cross in the corner. Ben Reynolds converted from touch for a 6-0 lead. Saints responded 8 minutes later. Mark Percival's pass set Tommy Makinson away down the wing, finding Jonny Lomax in support on his inside who found Joe Batchelor before getting it to Makinson again alone on the wing, to stroll over for the first score of the game. Percival levelled the scores up. Both sides struggled for ascendancy and the scores were level at 6-6 at the main change of ends. Saints capitalised with two tries in a ten minute period following the break. In the 51st minute, a bomb from Lewis Dodd was spilled by Leigh. James Roby recovered and worked up field before giving a wonderful offload for Makinson to cross for his second try. Seven minutes later, Dodd turned provider again by finding Lomax to extend the margin to 12. Leigh hit back to set-up a grandstand finish. Edwin Ipape found Rob Mulhern who crashed over underneath the posts. Reynolds' goal made it 18-12. Saints secured the match with less than 10 to go. James Bell charged close to the line and was able to offload to ball to Batchelor who dove over from close range. Saints had a two-score lead as we entered the final two minutes. Percival added an extra two points for a well deserved victory.

WIGAN 50 (J. Wardle 3, L. Farrell, J. Field, L. Marshall, A. Miski, K. Pearce-Paul tries; H. Smith 7 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 0 AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 2:45 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-0. Penalties: Leeds 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,861. **LEEDS**: Hooley, Fusitu'a, Newman, Martin, Handley; Gannon, Sinfield; Oledzki, O'Connor, Holroyd, McDonnell, Walters, Smith. Int: Donaldson, Lisone, Johnson, Ruan. **WIGAN**: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Powell, Nsemba, Mago, Dupree.

The Wigan Warriors have put 50 on the Leeds Rhinos and their third score above 50 for the year as they cemented their top spot on the ladder. Wigan opened the scoring after a tight opening 15 minutes of play. Jake Wardle crossed for the first of his hattrick when he collected Matty Smith's high

kick. Jai Field grounded the ball to score in the 22nd minute and despite the ref ruling no try, the video ref overruled his middle man to award the try. Wardle soon turned provider providing silky hands finding Liam Marshall who sped over unchallenged in the corner. When Wardle added his second shortly before the break, the home fans began to make their frustration known booing their side off the park shortly after Matty Smith landed his third goal. Morgan Smithies reacted very quick to scoop up the charge down and send incoming Newcastle Knight Kai Pearce-Paul over for Wigan's fifth. James Donaldson's low drive over the line was penalised for a forward pass and Wigan continued to exploit their opposition, with Wardle completing his hat-trick then Abbas Miski cutting in for his side's seventh. They were still not done, Farrell and Patrick Mago also crossing late on before Smith's final kick brought up the 50, and led to the final whistle being blown on Leeds' finals chances. They were roundly booed off Headingly by their disgruntled fans.

SALFORD 24 (B. Croft 2, B. Hellewell, S. Stone tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 20** (B. Currie, M. Nicholson, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals) **AT SALFORD STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-6. Penalties: Warrington 7-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,252. **SALFORD**: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Singleton, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Hellewell, Stone, Atkin. Int: Vuniyayawa, Dixon, Addy, Bourouh. **WARRINGTON**: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Harrison. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Dudson, Crowther.

A golden try by Sam Stone in the opening period of golden point has secured a 24-20 victory for Salford keeping their play-off chances alive. Warrington players were keen to impress new coach Sam Burgess watching in Sydney. They started with intent and crossed after just two minutes of play. Matty Nicholson collected a Josh Drinkwater grubber which was spilled in the in-goal by Joe Burgess to score. Stefan Ratchford converted for an early lead. Salford hit back twenty minutes later after near chances went begging. Deon Cross had a try disallowed, penalised for a double movement, and Ken Sio two tested Warrington's left edge defence. It took a delightful pass to sent Ben Hellewell into a yawning gap for the equaliser. Marc Sneyd converted for a 6-6 score-line. Eight minutes later, Ratchford spilled the ball in his own end and Salford took the lead. Chris Atkin set up Brodie Croft to stroll over. The video ref denied the Wire before the break when Josh Thewlis' boot touched the line and they trailed 12-6 at the break. The second half was a tense affair with both sides claiming the momentum at stages of the match. However, it wasn't sustained enough for the full 40 minutes of the second period. George Williams' kick was dropped by Sio and was scooped up by Ben Currie to cross. Ratchford converted and we remained level. Ratchford added a further long range penalty goal to recapture the lead at 14-12. Salford refused to surrender. Croft grabbed a fortunate second try 15 minutes from full-time. However, Warrington hit back four minutes later, Matt Dufty broke through before off-loading to Williams to cross and it was 20-18. A late penalty was awarded to Salford for an offside play when Gil Dudson was involved. Sneyd converted and it was 20-20. Golden point showcased tense, survival style footy as these sides needed a win for their finals lives. Sneyd's attempt at field goal in the 83rd minute rebounded back into play before Stone proved the unlikelyst of match winners keeping their finals chances alive.

TABLE: R25	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. WIGAN	25	18	7	0	664	348	316	36
2. CATALANS	25	18	7	0	642	412	230	36
3. ST HELENS	25	18	7	0	565	348	217	36
4. LEIGH	25	15	10	0	559	479	80	30
5. HULL KR	25	14	11	0	521	486	35	28
6. WARRINGTON	25	13	12	0	571	486	85	26
7. SALFORD	25	13	12	0	486	481	5	26
8. LEEDS	25	11	14	0	489	473	16	22
9. HUDDERSFIELD	25	10	15	0	413	512	-99	20
10. HULL FC	25	10	15	0	444	572	-128	20
11. CASTLEFORD	25	6	19	0	317	680	-363	12
12. WAKEFIELD	25	4	21	0	272	666	-394	8

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 25 RESULTS

SHEFFIELD 38 (C. Aston, J. Glover, B. Jones-Bishop, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e, A. Murphy, R. Oakes, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Aston 3, I. Farrell 2 goals) **DEFEATED KEIGHLEY 10** (L. Young 2 tries; H. Spence goal) **AT SHEFFIELD OLYMPIC LEGACY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 16-6. Penalties: Keighley 10-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 932. **SHEFFIELD**: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Hansen, Dickinson, Murphy, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Farrell, Broadbent, Wood, Hird. **KEIGHLEY**: Young, Graham, Sa'u, Storey, Agoro; Spence, Rush; Ioane, Doyle, Nicholson-Watton, Robson, Adebisi, Trout. Int: Walker, Lynam, Thomas, Bibby.

FEATHERSTONE 56 (G. Gale 3, C. Hall 2, M. Cozza, B. Day, E. Longstaff, E. Taylor, M. Wildie tries; C. Hall 8 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 22** (G. Bofo 2, D. Balmforth, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 3 goals) **AT KINGSTON PARK**. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 28-6. Penalties: Featherstone 6-3. Referee: Michael Smill. Crowd: 747. **NEWCASTLE**: Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Bofo; Balmforth, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Bailey, Burns, Clark. Int: Simons, Lightowler, Walton, Rushworth. **FEATHERSTONE**: Aekins, Hall, Longstaff, Jones, Gale; Lacans, Chisholm; Kopczak, Wildie, Cozza, Day, Taylor, Smith. Int: Khairallah, Davies, Moors, Springer.

HALIFAX 26 (B. Kavanagh, J. Saltonstall, L. Walmsley, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 18** (R. Brochon, P. Lima, Z. Santo tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) **AT THE SHAY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Halifax 4-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 1,437. **HALIFAX**: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, McComb, Crooks, Walmsley; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Larroyer, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Inman, Tangata, Lannon, Sutcliffe. **TOULOUSE**: Santo, Marcon, Laguerre, Armitage, Laguerre; Shorrocks, Brochon; Hansen, Gahan, Belmas, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Skoundri, Silva, Peyroux.

BARROW 32 (K. Brand 2, L. Broadbent 2, A. Bulman, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) **DEFEATED SWINTON 14** (D. Abram, A. Badrock tries; D. Abram 3 goals) **AT MATT JOHNSON PRESTIGE STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 16-2. Penalties: Swinton 9-2. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,117. **BARROW**: Cresswell, Shaw, Brand, Broadbent, Bulman; Sammut, Johnston; Burke, Wood, Worthington, Emslie, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Carter, Corkill, Evans, Billington. **SWINTON**: Lowe, Romeo, Spedding, Badrock, Butt; Abram, Gibson; Brogan, Hall, Bennion, Lloyd, Cox, Foster. Int: Baker, Case, Roby, Rodden.

BATLEY 25 (J. Meadows 2, D. Morton 2 tries; D. Morton 4 goals; J. Woods field goal) **DEFEATED WHITEHAVEN 12** (D. Aiye, D. Eccleston tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) **AT FOX'S BISCUITS STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-0. Penalties: Batley 2-1. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 1,122. **BATLEY**: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Gledhill, White, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak, Ward, Kibula, Flynn. **WHITEHAVEN**: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Dixon, Teare; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, Lanskey, Hill. Int: Phillips, Aiye, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks.

YORK 20 (C. Fitzsimmons, M. Harrison, A. Towse tries; L. Harris 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRADFORD 10** (C. Wynne try; J. Lilley 3 goals) **AT ODSAL STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: York 6-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 3,603. **BRADFORD**: Wynne, Tindall, Arundel, Gill, Foggini-Johnston; Holmes, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan, Doro, Butler, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: England, Scurr, Appo, Jowitt. **YORK**: Harrison, Pratt, Dee, Clarkson, Towse; Daley, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Ta'ai, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Fitzsimmons, Michael, Pauli, Pemberton.

LONDON 52 (D. Whare 2, W. Albert, J. Bassett, O. Leyland, H. Raiwalui, M. Stock, A. Walker, J. Williams tries; C. Norman 8 goals) **DEFEATED WIDNES 12** (O. Davies, K. Dixon tries; K. Dixon 2 goals) **AT CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 18-0. Penalties: London 4-3. Referee: James Vella. **LONDON**: Walker, Grant, Raiwalui, Whare, Bassett; Leyland, Norman; Albert, Davis, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Stock, Williams, Waine, Leyland. **WIDNES**: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Gilmore; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Wilde, Grady, Brown. Int: Davies, Forber, Lawton, Worthington.

TABLE: ROUND 25	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	25	23	2	0	988	269	719	46
2. TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII	25	18	7	0	792	340	452	36
3. SHEFFIELD EAGLES	25	15	10	0	726	525	201	30
4. LONDON BRONCOS	25	15	10	0	566	524	42	30
5. BRADFORD BULLS	25	14	10	1	648	546	102	29
6. BATLEY BULLDOGS	25	14	11	0	460	486	-26	28
7. HALIFAX PANTHERS	25	13	11	1	655	528	127	27
8. YORK RLFC KNIGHTS	25	13	11	1	487	499	-12	27
9. WIDNES VIKINGS	25	13	12	0	593	554	39	26
10. BARROW RAIDERS	25	8	16	1	429	605	-176	17
11. KEIGHLEY COUGARS	25	8	17	0	466	790	-324	16
12. WHITEHAVEN RLFC	25	7	17	1	419	736	-317	15
13. SWINTON LIONS	25	7	18	0	383	707	-324	14
14. NEWCASTLE THUNDER	25	4	20	1	361	864	-503	9

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

FINAL ROUND RESULTS

LEEDS (W) 24 (A. Hardcastle 2, Z. Hornby 2, C. Casey tries; S. Hulme 2 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN (W) 0** **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 12:15 PM. Halftime: Leeds (W) 4-0. Referee: Matty Clayton. **LEEDS (W)**: Nuttall, Hulme, Hardcastle, Robinson, Gaines; Casey, Butcher; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Murray, Frain, Dainton. Int: Glynn, Greening, Lockwood, Sykes. **WIGAN (W)**: Salihi, Greenfield, Davies, Hunter, Hilton; Banks, Marsh; Speakman, Harborow, Johnson, Molyneux, Coleman, Doria. Int: Hayes, Jones, Morris, Jones.

ST HELENS (W) 56 (P. Travis 3, S. Hoyle 2, F. Gaskin, T. Jones, E. Partington, E. Stott tries; A. Taylor 8 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON (W) 6** (C. Magraw try; M. Davis goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens (W) 32-0. Referee: Josh Pemberton. **ST HELENS (W)**: Rotheram, Stott, Travis, Williams, Partington; Taylor, Gaskin; Crowl, Jones, Sutherland, Hoyle, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Stott, Birchall, Mottershead. **WARRINGTON (W)**: Simpson, Johnston, Tandy, Williams, Nixon; Davis, Magraw; Downs, Bound, Daniels, Westwood, Haley, Latchford. Int: Seddon, Mullaney, Friery, Millan.

YORK (W) 60 (C. Roberts 3, G. Hetherington 2, S. Rihari 2, S. Andrade, J. Bell, R. Marshall, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 7 goals; T. Stanley 2 field goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD (W) 4** (A. Brown try) **AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York (W) 32-0. Referee: Sam Jenkinson. **YORK (W)**: Stanley, Kershaw, Renouf, Roberts, Hetherington; Rihari, Gale; Akpa, Peach, Sharp, Andrade, Wood, Bell. Int: Staveley, Marshall, Hyde, Sanderson. **HUDDERSFIELD (W)**: Curley, Coates, Preston, Arrowsmith, Brown; Townend, Grady; Armstrong, Millward, Wilkinson, Thompson, Naidole, Fisher. Int: Barker, Simister, Morgan, Da Silva.

FINAL TABLE	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. YORK VALKYRIE	10	9	0	1	376	74	302	19
2. ST HELENS	10	7	3	0	362	116	246	14
3. LEEDS RHINOS	10	6	3	1	394	136	258	13
4. WIGAN WARRIORS	10	3	6	1	116	250	-134	7
5. WARRINGTON WOLVES	10	2	7	1	128	450	-322	5
6. HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	10	1	9	0	102	452	-350	2

WEEKEND FIXTURES

All times BST

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 26

Time	Match	Venue
Fri 8:00PM	WIGAN v CASTLEFORD	DW Stadium
	LEIGH v WAKEFIELD	Leigh Sports Village
	WARRINGTON v ST HELENS +	Halliwel Jones Stadium
Sat 3:00PM	HULL FC v HUDDERSFIELD	MKM Stadium
Sat 5:00PM	CATALANS v LEEDS +	Stade Gilbert Brutus
Sat 7:30PM	HULL KR v SALFORD +	Sewell Group Craven Park

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

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 26

Time	Match	Venue
Sat 3:00PM	NEWCASTLE v BARROW	Kingston Park
Sat 6:00PM	TOULOUSE v FEATHERSTONE	Stade Arnaune
Sun 3:00PM	WIDNES v SHEFFIELD	DCBL Stadium Halton
	KEIGHLEY v HALIFAX	Cougar Park
	LONDON v BRADFORD	Cherry Red Records Stadium
	SWINTON v WHITEHAVEN	Heywood Road
Mon 7:45PM	YORK v BATLEY +	LNER Community Stadium

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

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

COMMENCE SEPTEMBER 23

WESTS TIGERS

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

VENUE	CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM	Rochelle TAMARUA	REFEREE
LOCATION	DHARAWAL LEUMEAH, NSW	Daniel LUTTRINGER, Karra-Lee NOLAN	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 7:45PM AEST	Kasey BADGER	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

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

Brett KIMMORLEY

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	8	4	-	-	16
2	21	8	4	-	-	16
3	25	8	5	-	-	20
4	22	8	4	-	-	16
5	20	8	3	-	-	12
6	23	6	1	-	-	4
7	18	8	3	26	-	64
8	22	8	3	-	-	12
9	30	8	2	-	-	8
10	22	7	-	-	-	-
11	25	7	-	-	-	-
12	29	8	3	-	-	12
13	24	5	-	-	-	-
14	31	8	-	-	-	-
15	-	1	-	-	-	-
16	21	8	2	-	-	8
17	22	3	-	-	-	-
18	19	3	-	-	-	-
19	19	1	-	-	-	-
20	18	-	-	-	-	-
21	26	2	-	-	-	-
22	-	-	-	-	-	-

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
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

SYDNEY ROOSTERS NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

VENUE	NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM	Wyatt RAYMOND	REFEREE
LOCATION	BIDJIGAL CARLTON, NSW	Rochelle TAMARUA, Daniel LUTTRINGER	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023 6:00PM AEST	Todd SMITH	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
8	6	-	-	24	29	Corban BAXTER	1	FULLBACK	1	Fran GOLDTHORP		20	8	1	-	-	4
8	4	-	-	16	23	Brydie PARKER	2	WING	2	Vitalina NAIKORE		22	7	3	-	-	12
5	5	-	-	20	26	Jayne FRESSARD	3	CENTRE	3	Jasmine PETERS		21	8	3	-	-	12
8	4	-	-	16	26	Isabelle KELLY	4	CENTRE	4	Shellie LONG		22	7	1	-	-	4
-	-	-	-	-	25	Tyler BENTLEY	5	WING	5	Krystal BLACKWELL		20	6	1	-	-	4
8	3	-	-	12	24	Tarryn AIKEN	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Tahlulah TILLET		24	5	-	-	-	-
8	1	26	-	56	23	Jocelyn KELLEHER	7	HALFBACK	7	Kirra DIBB		26	8	-	16	1	33
7	2	-	-	8	25	Millie BOYLE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Tallisha HARDEN		31	8	-	-	-	-
8	2	-	-	8	23	Keeley DAVIS	9	HOOKER	9	Emma MANZELMANN		21	8	3	-	-	12
6	-	-	-	-	29	Teuila FOTU-MOALA	10	FRONT ROW	10	April NGATUPUNA		20	7	1	-	-	4
8	4	-	-	16	20	Otesa PULE	11	SECOND ROW	11	Bree CHESTER		21	7	1	-	-	4
8	1	-	-	4	22	Olivia KERNICK	12	SECOND ROW	12	Lily PEACOCK		-	2	-	-	-	-
8	1	-	-	4	21	Keilee JOSEPH	13	LOCK	13	Tiana RAFTSTRAND-SMITH		20	7	2	-	-	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Millicent SCUTT	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Jetaya FAIFUA		20	5	1	-	-	4
5	-	-	-	-	31	Grace HAMILTON	15		15	Sera KOROI		20	7	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	21	Mya HILL-MOANA	16		16	Mia MIDDLETON		20	3	-	-	-	-
3	1	-	-	4	21	Joeli MORRIS	17		17	Jessikah REEVES		22	4	-	-	-	-
6	1	-	-	4	19	Kalosipani HOPOATE	18	RESERVES	18	Alisha FOORD		-	-	-	-	-	-
3	4	-	-	16	-	Mia WOOD	19		19	Sareka MOOKA		23	5	1	-	-	4
1	-	-	-	-	19	Lily ROGAN	20		20	Merewalesi ROKOUONO		28	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	26	Alexandra KIRIWI	21		21	Essay BANU		21	1	-	-	-	-
6	2	-	-	8	19	Amelia PASIKALA	22		22	Shaylee JOSEPH		18	-	-	-	-	-

John STRANGE

COACH

Ben JEFFRIES

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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ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

BRISBANE BRONCOS

VENUE	NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM	Belinda SHARPE	REFEREE
LOCATION	BIDJIGAL CARLTON, NSW	Billy GREATBATCH, Clayton WILLS	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023 8:10PM AEST	Matt NOYEN	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	Played 6, Brisbane 5, St George Illawarra 1. Last met: 2022 Round 4 - St George Illawarra 19-18 at AAMI		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age	
8	10	-	-	40	21	Teagan BERRY 1
7	5	-	-	20	24	Margot VELLA 2
8	1	-	-	4	23	Shenai LENDILL 3
7	2	-	-	8	18	Ella KOSTER 4
3	3	-	-	12	22	Cortez TE POU 5
8	3	4	-	20	29	Tyla NATHAN-WONG 6
8	-	12	-	24	25	Raecene McGREGOR 7
8	-	-	-	-	21	Angelina TEAKARAANGA KATOA 8
5	-	-	-	-	28	Renee TARGETT 9
7	1	-	-	4	31	Roxette MURDOCH-MASILA 10
2	1	-	-	4	-	Madison MULHALL 11
-	-	-	-	-	-	Ellie WILLIAMSON 12
6	-	3	-	6	25	Jamilee BRIGHT 13
6	2	-	-	8	21	Zali HOPKINS 14
-	-	-	-	-	-	Charlotte BASHAM 15
1	-	-	-	-	21	Macie CARLILE 16
6	1	-	-	4	21	Maddison WEATHERALL 17
4	-	-	-	-	25	Kaarla COWAN 18
7	-	-	-	-	22	Tara McGRATH-WEST 19
4	-	-	-	-	31	Sarah RIORDAN 20
2	2	-	-	8	25	Taylor-Adeline MAPUSUA 21
6	-	-	-	-	21	Keele BROWNE 22

Jamie SOWARD

FULLBACK

WING

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LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	31	8	2	-	-	8
2	25	4	2	-	-	8
3	28	8	8	-	-	32
4	26	8	2	-	-	8
5	-	5	2	-	-	8
6	27	6	4	-	-	16
7	33	8	4	22	-	52
8	-	3	-	-	-	-
9	20	7	2	-	-	8
10	28	6	1	-	-	4
11	27	8	3	-	-	12
12	24	8	-	-	-	-
13	26	8	1	-	-	4
14	40	3	-	-	-	-
15	26	5	-	-	-	-
16	27	8	2	-	-	8
17	26	8	5	-	-	20
18	21	7	-	-	-	-
19	32	2	-	-	-	-
20	28	-	-	-	-	-
21	23	-	-	-	-	-

Scott PRINCE

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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PARRAMATTA EELS

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

VENUE	GIO STADIUM CANBERRA	Darian FURNER	REFEREE
LOCATION	NGUNNAWAL BRUCE, ACT	Mitch CURRIE, Tori WILKIE	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 1:05PM AEST	Belinda SHARPE	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
8	1	-	-	4	25	Abbi CHURCH	1
8	2	-	-	8	22	Zali FAY	2
3	-	-	-	-	-	Lindsay TUI	3
8	2	-	-	8	19	Cassey TOHI-HIKU	4
6	5	-	-	20	30	Kimberley HUNT	5
8	-	1	-	2	-	Pihuka BERRYMAN-DUFF	6
5	-	10	-	20	29	Rachael PEARSON	7
8	-	-	-	-	34	Talesha O'NEILL	8
8	1	-	-	4	20	Rueben CHERRINGTON	9
5	1	-	-	4	-	Tyla AMIATU	10
8	1	-	-	4	28	Amelia MAFI	11
8	3	-	-	12	29	Mahalia MURPHY	12
4	1	-	-	4	24	Kennedy CHERRINGTON	13
3	-	-	-	-	-	Taneka TODHUNTER	14
3	-	-	-	-	-	Naoria KAPUA	15
7	-	-	-	-	20	Ruby-Jean KENNARD	16
4	-	-	-	-	-	Jade FONUA	17
2	-	-	-	-	27	Nakia DAVIS-WELSH	18
5	2	-	-	8	-	Monique DONOVAN	19
7	-	-	-	-	-	Madeline JONES	20
3	-	-	-	-	21	Kyra SIMON	21
5	-	-	-	-	-	Capri PAEKAU	22

Dean WIDDERS

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	20	5	2	-	-	8
2	-	4	3	-	-	12
3	27	8	2	-	-	8
4	-	7	-	-	-	-
5	30	4	1	-	-	4
6	28	8	3	-	-	12
7	23	8	-	17	-	34
8	22	8	3	-	-	12
9	23	8	3	-	-	12
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11	23	8	-	-	-	-
12	30	8	1	-	-	4
13	33	6	1	-	-	4
14	-	8	2	-	-	8
15	-	7	-	-	-	-
16	27	8	2	-	-	8
17	-	8	1	-	-	4
18	28	1	-	-	-	-
19	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	31	5	2	-	-	8
21	20	1	-	-	-	-
22	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tony HERMAN

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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CANBERRA RAIDERS

GOLD COAST TITANS

VENUE	GIO STADIUM CANBERRA	Kasey BADGER	REFEREE
LOCATION	NGUNNAWAL BRUCE, ACT	Luke SALDERN, Daniel SCHWASS	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 3:15PM AEST	Peter GOUGH	NRL BUNKER
HISTORY	First meeting		

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
7	-	-	-	-	30	Apii NICHOLLS-PUALAU	1
8	6	-	-	24	28	Madison BARTLETT	2
8	4	-	-	16	26	Cheyelle ROBINS-RETI	3
6	-	-	-	-	21	Mackenzie WIKI	4
8	4	-	-	16	26	Shakiah TUNGA	5
8	1	21	1	47	26	Zahara TEMARA	6
8	1	-	-	4	28	Ashleigh QUINLAN	7
6	-	-	-	-	28	Tommaya KELLY-SINES	8
8	1	-	-	4	22	Chante TEMARA	9
8	2	-	-	8	25	Sophie HOLYMAN	10
7	3	-	-	12	19	Monalisa SOLIOLA	11
2	-	-	-	-	30	Elise SMITH	12
8	2	-	-	8	29	Simaima TAUFA-KAUTAI	13
4	2	-	-	8	19	Emma BARNES	14
8	1	-	-	4	22	Grace KEMP	15
7	1	-	-	4	23	Kerehitina MATUA	16
6	-	-	-	-	24	Tara REINKE	17
1	-	-	-	-	20	Ella RYAN	18
2	1	-	-	4	19	Alanna DUMMETT	19
4	-	-	-	-	22	Ahllivia INGRAM	20
2	1	-	-	4	27	Jessica GENTLE	21
2	-	-	-	-	26	Ua RAVU	22

Darrin BORTHWICK

COACH

FULLBACK
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FIVE-EIGHTH
HALFBACK
FRONT ROW
HOOKER
FRONT ROW
SECOND ROW
SECOND ROW
LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

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

Karyn MURPHY

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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ROUND 9 PREVIEWS

TIGERS V KNIGHTS, THURSDAY KELLY HOLLIS

Can the new kids on the block cause the upset of the 2023 NRLW season? Kezie Apps, Rikeya Horne and Sarah Togatuki returned from a week on the sideline to play huge roles in the Wests Tigers' narrow loss to the Brisbane Broncos in Round 8. Apps scored her fifth try in Wests Tigers colours, Horne ran for almost 200 metres and made 8 tackle breaks and although she only played 35 minutes, Togatuki ran over 165 metres, made 3 tackle breaks and 18 tackles. Although the Broncos were the first to score and went into the break 2 points in front, the Tigers scored first in the second half and saw their lead extend to 16-6 with 8 minutes on the clock. The Broncos were able to get back on top of the young and inexperienced Wests Tigers side to score two tries to see them win in the last 2 minutes of the match. The Wests Tigers were gallant in defeat, leaving nothing on the field and giving the highly experienced Broncos side a run for their money. In the Newcastle Knights' 20 - 4 win over the Sydney Roosters, Tamika Upton put on an absolute masterclass to give the Novacastrians the outright top-of-the-table position going into the final round of the regular season. Upton ran over 267 metres and scored two of the four Knights tries that were scored on the day. Jasmine Strange was also able to bag her own try against not only her old club but the club that is coached by her dad, John. Crafty halfback, Jesse Southwell, rounded out the tryscoring by scoring a beautiful try that demonstrated not only her sheer strength and power but her footwork and speed at the line as well. The Knights

were not up to their usual high completion, making 13 errors in the 70 minutes but they were able to capitalise on every situation they were presented with. The plays that led to both of Upton's tries could be described as nothing but freaky, demonstrating that she is possibly the number one player in the NRLW at the moment. Round 9 sees the Wests Tigers host the Newcastle Knights at Campbelltown Stadium during just the second Thursday night game in the NRLW season. Newcastle Knights Head Coach Ronald Griffiths has named an unchanged 17 to the side that comfortably beat the premiership favourites in Round 8. Last week's win against the Roosters was the Knights' 6th win in a row and firmly cements them in the top 4 to play semi-finals. Another win this weekend would secure the Minor Premiership as they are two points clear of the second-placed Roosters side. On the other side of the park, Brett Kimmorely has named quite a different side to the one that took the field and tested the Broncos last weekend. Sarah Togatuki will be a huge loss, again, after succumbing to the ankle injury she sustained in the hip drop from Annetta-Claudia Nu'uausala and is believed to be undergoing surgery later this week. Eliza Silata is also out of the side as a result of a failed head injury assessment after a head knock in the 6th minute of last week's game. Folau Vaki is set to replace Togatuki at prop with Hope Tevaga slotting into the second row for Silata. There are other changes throughout the starting 17 with Emily Curtain returning in the halves and Sophie Curtain starting in the hooker position. This will be the first NRLW game where the Curtain twins will both be starting. Rebecca

Pollard will also be replacing Tess Staines on the wing. This game will be set to be a great game to watch, being only the second NRLW game held under lights this year. The Knights are safe in the top four and the Wests Tigers are, unfortunately, out of the finals race - so there is really nothing on the line for this game. With the young and experienced Wests Tigers side putting up a solid fight against the much more experienced Broncos side, fans should expect to see a similar match-up this weekend with the Tigers hoping to end their season on a high. **Player To Watch:** Kezie Apps will be vying for her 6th try in her 8th appearance in Wests Tigers colours. Apps is the most experienced player to take the field for the Tigers with 26 NRLW appearances under her belt, not including representative honours. In her 19 games for the Dragons, Kezie had only crossed the stripe twice proving that her combinations with the Wests Tigers halves and middles have been fruitful! Although she is only 18, halfback Jesse Southwell plays well above her years. In just her second year in the NRLW, Southwell has achieved a lot winning the premiership with the Newcastle side in 2022, being crowned the NRLW Rookie of the Year, 2022 Club Person of the Year, earning a Sky Blue jersey and committing to the Knights until the end of the 2027 NRLW season. Southwell can not only score tries from anywhere, but she can also convert them from anywhere. **TIP:** The heart says the Wests Tigers, but the head says the Newcastle Knights. If the Tigers girls can get off to a good start and defend well, they may be in the hunt for their third win of the season. **Newcastle by 6.**

ROOSTERS V COWBOYS, SATURDAY JOSH ROBERTSON

The first of Saturday night's NRLW header at Kogarah sees the Sydney Roosters who are looking to ensure their second spot on the ladder when they take on the North Queensland Cowboys who are wanting to finish the season on a high with a big upset. Sitting second on the NRLW ladder, the Sydney Roosters have had another strong season with six wins from their 8 games this season with defeats against the Raiders in Round 2 and the Newcastle Knights last weekend. Having the chance to jump into the Minor Premiers spot, the Roosters were outplayed against the Knights especially in the second half when they couldn't match the attack of the Knights conceding 16 unanswered points which would be a concern. The Roosters form has been strong but a heavy loss that way would be a concern even with the fact that key players were missing.

The Roosters have named Isabelle Kelly despite her concussion issues from last weeks contest against Newcastle. The Tricolours are boosted by Millie Boyle's return after her impact was missed last week with a Shoulder injury. Tyler Bentley and Millicent Scutt are set to make their debuts. The North Queensland Cowboys have had a disappointing season so far picking up just the two wins from their 8 games so far though they were able to pick up a big win back in Round 2 when they beat the Knights and then in Round 4 when they beat the Wests Tigers. Last weekend, the North Queenslanders were yet again outplayed when they fell to a 34-12 defeat to the Canberra Raiders in Townsville. The first half was where all the damage was done as the Cowboys conceded 22 points in the opening 35 minutes. The Cowboys were able to have a closer second half but in the end the game was already done. Despite the heavy loss, Cowboys coach Ben Jeffries has kept his side pretty much

the same with English fullback Fran Goldthorpe named after leaving the field last week with an elbow injury. The only change sees China Polata ruled out with Mia Middleton coming into the side. **Player To Watch:** Roosters five-eighth Tarryn Aiken has been a key buy for the Tricolours and again she is going to play a key role. Aiken was on the quiet side last weekend and will want to step it up putting on a show for her side right before the finals. The Cowboys will be hoping that Kirra Dibb can pull out one big final performance of the year to get the North Queenslanders one big last upset for the season. Dibb has been a strong performer all year for the Cowboys in what has been a disappointing season. **TIP:** The Roosters should win this game easily on paper though anything can happen especially if there are late changes to the side. The Cowboys have struggled and the difference in strength of the side shows that the Tricolours should dominate the contest. **Roosters by 18.**

BRONCOS V DRAGONS, SATURDAY BETH NICHOLLS

The Broncos travel down south to take on Dragons to attempt to secure a place in the finals if they claim victory. Having only won three games of eight this season, the Dragons are unfortunately out of the race to make it to finals, they will be looking to finish their season on a high and claim victory over Brisbane. Jamie Soward and the Dragons side currently face one of the largest casualty wards in the competition. Ellie Williamson and Charlotte Basham are set to make their NRLW debut. Cortez Te Poa is named despite suffering a hand injury, with Tara McGrath-West moving to the reserves. Ella Koster returns to the centres

in place of Sarah Riordan. The Broncos have now won three on the trot, with their last two victories being within a four-point margin. Brisbane sit inside the top four and a win secures them a finals campaign after missing out for the first time last year. After missing last week, Gayle Broughton returns to five-eighth position. Tafto Lafaele comes into the starting 17 after Annetta Nu'uausala received a two-match suspension. Lavinia Gould also joins the bench again, with Jada Ferguson being moved the 18th player. **Player To Watch:** Having joined the Broncos this year, Gayle Broughton has scored four tries in six appearances, along with three try assists and three line break assists. Throughout the season so far, Broughton has brought experience and skill to the

team, partnering with veteran Ali Briggshaw in the halves. Currently leading the 2023 competition with tries scored, totalling ten, Teagan Berry is a force to be reckoned with and holds a special place in NRLW history. Berry is currently one of the few NRLW players to score four tries in one match and holds the record for most tries in Dragons history. She has blistering speed, and we'll sure see her score a try or two come this weekend. **TIP:** Brisbane will be sharp and looking to consolidate their position in finals. After losing to the Dragons for the first-time last year in golden point, the Broncos will be looking to right their wrongs. **Broncos by 16.**

EELS V SHARKS, SUNDAY LACHLAN McINTYRE

Season finale comes early for Eels and Sharks. The Parramatta Eels and the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks will close the curtain on their respective 2023 campaigns on the final match-day of the regular season. Opening the double header in Canberra at just past midday, the two clubs have had a year to forget. Cronulla will be looking to build upon their inaugural season into 2024, whilst the Eels will likely finish with their first wooden spoon. The Eels are the home team on paper for this game, despite support likely being sparse for them down in the nation's capital. In fact, Parramatta have only played two games in their home stadium. Last week they fell to the Titans on the Gold Coast, failing to capitalise on an early try to Kimberly Hunt. With a final score of 34-12, the Eels

will be looking to bounce back this Sunday to end their season on a high. The Sharks have been left wondering what could have been, with the finals now well out of reach. Sitting four points off fourth in seventh, Cronulla-Sutherland showed their potential last week with a strong 16-8 victory over a very credible Dragons side. Unfortunately for them, their inaugural season will come to an end after this game, but they will want to keep the momentum of that big victory last week going into 2024. Both sides line up unchanged from their respective results last week. This will be another NRLW match for the history books, no matter the result, with this being the first clash between these two well-respected clubs at NRLW level. Despite being outside of finals contention, the Sharks are the fairly comfortable favourites to beat the struggling Eels.

Player To Watch: Parramatta Eels winger Kimberly Hunt has five tries in her past four games, and she'll be keen to add to that tally in the final game of the season. In her first season of NRLW she has made six appearances for the Eels, playing in every game since her debut in round three. Hunt will want to secure a spot in an NRLW roster for 2024 by continuing her good form. Star of the game Emma Tonegato has been a massive contributor for the Sharks all season, but especially over the past handful of games. The former Australian Rugby 7s representative has plenty of experience in league now, with three full NRLW seasons under her belt. This is her first season with Cronulla-Sutherland, so she too will want to end the season on a high. **TIP:** The Sharks should have one final comprehensive performance in them to end their first season on a high. **Sharks by 14.**

RAIDERS V TITANS, SUNDAY AJ LUCANTONIO

Last Round Shoot-Out to decide finals places. It'll be a final round shoot-out when the Canberra Raiders play host to the Gold Coast Titans in the final round of the NRLW season. Canberra have had a strong season but sit with a negative for-and-against thanks in large part to the thrashing they copped at the hands of Brisbane. Their only one of the new sides to be anywhere near a finals birth and it's something Darrin Borthwick should be commended for. For the game against the Titans, expect Zahara Tamara to dictate terms with a strong kicking game forcing the likes of Evania Pelite to turn and chase the footy. Elsewhere they need to contain that pack that has been so brutal and ruthless against opposition sides in recent weeks. Simaima Taufa's battle with Shannon Mato will be of particular interest for followers of the women's game. On the team front, they did suffer the unfortunate injury to Hollie-May Dodd who left early with a knee injury. Elise Smith comes into the back-row alongside Monalisa Soliola. Tommaya Kelly-Sines retains her starting spot

with Grace Kemp to come off the bench once again. After finishing last season with the wooden spoon. Not much was expected from the Titans in 2023, but they have shocked all with a solid season this year and with their win over Parramatta. It has given them the box seat to seal a finals place. However, they do need a result to go their way to avoid the anxious nerves with Brisbane needing to lose to St George to confirm their status. Evania Pelite has been a revelation at the back, causing all sorts of problems running the football. Chantay Kiria-Ratu has stood up in a big way in the absence of Taliah Fuimaono this season, while Shannon Mato continues to press her claim to be the dominant prop of this NRLW season. Canberra's edge defence has looked vulnerable all year in patches, so if they can get early ball to Jaime Chapman and Niall Williams-Guthrie. Points will flow for the visitors. On their team front. Karyn Murphy has named an unchanged 17 with Taliah Fuimaono (ankle) and Emily Bass (shoulder) included in the reserves as they look to make their way back for the finals.

Player To Watch: Focusing on Canberra's dynamic fullback Apii Nicholls. She was outstanding against the Cowboys last start, setting up a try and breaking the line once running for 143 metres. Her ability to create space and cause problems out wide for opposing defences present a huge challenge for the visitors. Up front, Shannon Mato has had an amazing year. Mato has averaged 186 running metres this year, for a forward in the NRLW. It's an amazing achievement, this included a near 300m effort against the Tigers. Tackling at 94% this season, she has been a handful for the opposition all season long. It looks set to continue for the big front rower, who has a near lock on the Dally M Women's Prop of the Year. **TIP:** I like the Titans in this one. Canberra have done well to rally after two straight losses, but the consistency of this side all season long has been a standout to me. Their pack of forwards are consistent with Mato, Bent and Hale causing problems all year long. Canberra will just struggle to match the engine room up front. **Titans by 8**

NRLW RESULTS ROUND 8

CRONULLA (W) 16 (B. Anderson, T. Penitani, C. Staples tries; T. Preston 2 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 8** (T. Nathan-Wong, C. Te Pou tries) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM. Date: Thu, 7th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 6-4. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 7-4. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 1,630.** **CRONULLA (W):** Taylor, Ravics, Penitani (C), Biddle, Staples; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Anderson, Dymock, Holmes, Foliaki, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, Naitokatoka, Butler, Saunders. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W):** Berry, Te Pou, Lendill, Riordan, Vella; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Murdoch-Masila, Targett, McGrath-West, Mulhall, Koster, Bright. Int: Teakaraanga Katoa, Hopkins, Weatherall.

BRISBANE (W) 22 (D. Brill, S. Ciesiolka, B. Clark, C. Lenarduzzi tries; A. Briggins 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS (W) 18** (K. Apps, S. Nour, J. Whitfeld tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 3 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM. Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 6-4. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 11-2. Referee: Darian Furner.** **WESTS TIGERS (W):** Vette-Welsh, Whitfeld, Horne, Tufuga, Staines; Piliae-Rasabale, Talataina; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps (C), Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Patu, Kennedy, Nour, Bennetts. **BRISBANE (W):** Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner, Griffin, Briggins (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Ferguson, Lafaele, Lenarduzzi, Dam.

NEWCASTLE (W) 20 (T. Upton 2, J. Southwell, J. Strange tries; J. Southwell 2 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY (W) 4** (C. Baxter try) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM. Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 6-5. Referee: Kasey Badger.** **NEWCASTLE (W):** Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Davison, Carter. **SYDNEY (W):** Baxter, Parker, Fressard, Kelly (C), Wood; Aiken, Kelleher; Hamilton, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Rogan, Hopoate, Pasikala, Fotu-Moala.

CANBERRA (W) 34 (E. Barnes, M. Bartlett, S. Holyman, K. Matua, M. Soliola, Z. Temara, S. Tungai tries; Z. Temara 3 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD (W) 12** (E. Manzelmann, T. Raftstrand-Smith tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 22-0. Penalties: Canberra (W) 5-1. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.** **NORTH QLD (W):** Goldthorp, Naikore, Peters, Long, Blackwell; Tillett, Dibb (C); Koro, Manzelmann, Ngatupuna, Chester, Raftstrand-Smith, Polata. Int: Harden, Faifua, Peacock, Reeves. **CANBERRA (W):** Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa-Kautai. Int: Kemp, Barnes, Matua, Reinke.

GOLD COAST (W) 34 (J. Chapman 3, C. Kiria-Ratu 2, Z. Canfield, J. Elliston tries; L. Brown 3 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 12** (T. Amiatu, K. Hunt tries; P. Berryman-Duff, R. Pearson goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 20-6. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-4. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua.** **GOLD COAST (W):** Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Jorgensen, Perese. **PARRAMATTA (W):** Church, Fay, Tui, Tohi-Hiku, Hunt; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Amiatu, Mafi, Murphy, Cherrington. Int: Todhunter, Kapua, Kennard, Fonua.

MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY NRLW ROUND 8

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	Base	Offence #	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	Result
Cortez TE POU	St Geo Illa	1	Contrary Conduct	Tiana Penitani	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	Warning
Holli WHEELER	Cronulla	1	Dangerous Contact	Sarah Riordan	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	Warning
Brianna CLARK	Brisbane	1	Dangerous Throw	Sophie Curtain		2 matches	1 match ~	Guilty - early plea	\$400
Annetta NUUAUSALA	Brisbane	1	Dangerous Contact	Kezie Apps	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	Warning
		3	Dangerous Contact	Sarah Togatuki	1st	3 matches	2 matches	Guilty - early plea	2 matches
Chelsea LENARDUZZI	Brisbane	1	Careless High Tackle	Bianca Bennetts	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	Warning

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 8

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.	NEWCASTLE (W)	6	5	1	-	138	95	43	2	2	-	-	58	16	42	8	7	1	-	196	111	14	+85
2.	SYDNEY (W)	3	3	-	-	124	22	102	5	3	2	-	120	82	38	8	6	2	-	244	104	12	+140
3.	GOLD COAST (W)	4	3	1	-	74	52	22	4	3	1	-	60	68	-8	8	6	2	-	134	120	12	+14
4.	BRISBANE (W)	5	3	2	-	128	101	27	3	2	1	-	82	52	30	8	5	3	-	210	153	10	+57
5.	CANBERRA (W)	4	3	1	-	92	78	14	4	2	2	-	75	98	-23	8	5	3	-	167	176	10	-9
6.	ST GEORGE ILLA (W)	3	1	2	-	78	54	24	5	2	3	-	92	110	-18	8	3	5	-	170	164	6	+6
7.	CRONULLA (W)	4	2	2	-	64	68	-4	4	1	3	-	82	76	6	8	3	5	-	146	144	6	+2
8.	WESTS TIGERS (W)	3	1	2	-	44	42	2	5	1	4	-	84	116	-32	8	2	6	-	128	158	4	-30
9.	NORTH QLD (W)	5	1	4	-	68	174	-106	3	1	2	-	49	52	-3	8	2	6	-	117	226	4	-109
10.	PARRAMATTA (W)	3	1	2	-	28	86	-58	5	-	5	-	70	168	-98	8	1	7	-	98	254	2	-156

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Teagan BERRY	St George Illawarra	8	10
2	Mele HUFANGA	Brisbane	8	8
3	Jess SERGIS	Sydney	6	7
4	Madison BARTLETT	Canberra	8	6
-	Corban BAXTER	Sydney	8	6

TOP POINTSCORERS

^ denotes 1 x two point field goal

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Ali BRIGGINSHAW	Brisbane	8	4	25	-	66
2	Jesse SOUTHWELL	Newcastle	8	3	26	-	64
3	Jocelyn KELLEHER	Sydney	8	1	26	-	56
4	Zehara TEMARA	Canberra	8	1	21	1	47
5	Teagan BERRY	St George Illawarra	8	10	-	-	40

STATISTICS PROVIDED BY **RUGBY LEAGUE project**

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	1,692
Aug 27th	Sun 1:50pm	Newcastle	22	Cronulla	14	McDonald Jones	19,519
ROUND 7							
Sep 2nd	Sat 11:05am	Canberra	12	Newcastle	20	GIO Stadium	1,962
Sep 2nd	Sat 12:50pm	Brisbane	32	Cronulla	28	QLD Country Bank	1,478
Sep 2nd	Sat 3:10pm	North QLD	16	St George Illa	48	QLD Country Bank	2,479
Sep 3rd	Sun 12:00pm	Gold Coast	16	West's Tigers	4	Cbus	4,790
Sep 3rd	Sun 1:50pm	Sydney	46	Parramatta	12	Industree Group	3,756
ROUND 8							
Sep 7th	Thu 7:45pm	Cronulla	16	St George Illa	8	Pointsbet	1,630
Sep 9th	Sat 11:30am	West's Tigers	18	Brisbane	22	McDonald Jones	-
Sep 9th	Sat 1:30pm	Newcastle	20	Sydney	4	McDonald Jones	-
Sep 10th	Sun 11:30am	North QLD	12	Canberra	34	Cbus	1,096
Sep 10th	Sun 1:30pm	Gold Coast	34	Parramatta	12	Cbus	2,086
ROUND 9							
Sep 14th	Thu 7:45pm	West's Tigers		Newcastle		Campbelltown	
Sep 16th	Sat 6:00pm	Sydney		North QLD		Netstrata	
Sep 16th	Sat 8:10pm	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 3

PRELIMINARY FINAL

NORTH SYDNEY BEARS V WARRIORS

Sat September 16 2023, 2:00pm at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

NORTH SYDNEY: 1. Josh Bergamin 2. Allan Fitzgibbon 3. Jerry Key 4. Toa Mata'afa 5. Alfred Smalley 6. Jesse Marschke 7. Ben Stevanovic 8. Regan Hughes 9. Jake Turpin 10. Kurt De Luis 11. Elie El-Zakhem 12. Reuben Porter 13. Zach Dockar-Clay 14. Ben Marschke 15. Ben Thomas 16. Ben Talty 17. Ben Seufale

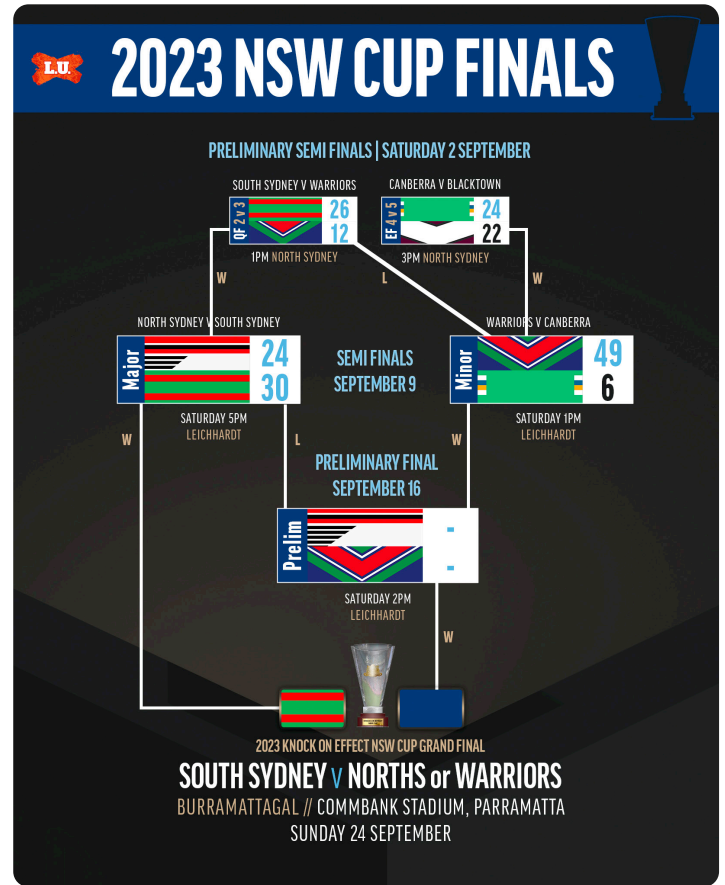
WARRIORS: 1. Taine Tuapiki 2. Setu Tu 3. Ali Leiataua 4. Moala Graham-Taufa 5. Edward Kosi 6. Ben Farr 7. Ronald Volkman 8. Zyon Mai'u 9. Paul Roache 10. Isaiah Vagana 11. Kalani Going 12. Jacob Laban 13. Tom Ale 14. Michael Sio 15. Tanner Stowers-Smith 16. Maia Sands 17. Eddie Jeremia

Referee: Cameron Paddy; Sideline Officials: Nick Beashel, Tom Cambourn

RESULTS - FINALS WEEK 2

Minor Semi Final | Warriors (49) Tries: Maia Sands 2, Kalani Going, Eiden Ackland, Tom Ale, Isaiah Vagana, Setu Tu, Ben Farr, Jacob Laban; Goals: Ronald Volkman 5/8, Ben Farr 1/1; Field Goals: Ronald Volkman 1 **def Canberra Raiders (6) Tries:** Brad Morkos; Goals: Chevy Stewart 1/1 at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

Major Semi Final | South Sydney Rabbitohs (30) Tries: Tyrone Munro 2, Izaac Tu'Itupou Thompson, Tom Carr, Dion Teapa; Goals: Dean Hawkins 5/6 **def North Sydney Bears (24) Tries:** Allan Fitzgibbon 3, Reuben Porter, Regan Hughes; Goals: Ben Stevanovic 2/5 at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal



U21 JERSEY FLEGG CUP FINALS WEEK 3

PRELIMINARY FINAL

SYDNEY ROOSTERS V PARRAMATTA EELS

Sat September 16 2023, 12:30pm at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

SYDNEY: 1. Owen Flaherty 2. Vaiala Tamati 3. Kyron Fekitoa 4. Jordan Swann 5. Tavita Henare-Schuster 6. Jake Elliott 7. Braith Alexander 8. Corey Ross 9. Alan Holten 10. Lafi Tuinauvai 11. Phoenix Steinwede 12. Max McCathie 13. Caleb Tohi 14. Angus Fahey 15. Taylor Logan 16. Blake Steep 17. Salesi Foketi 18. Sione Vaenuku 20. Benaiah Ioelu

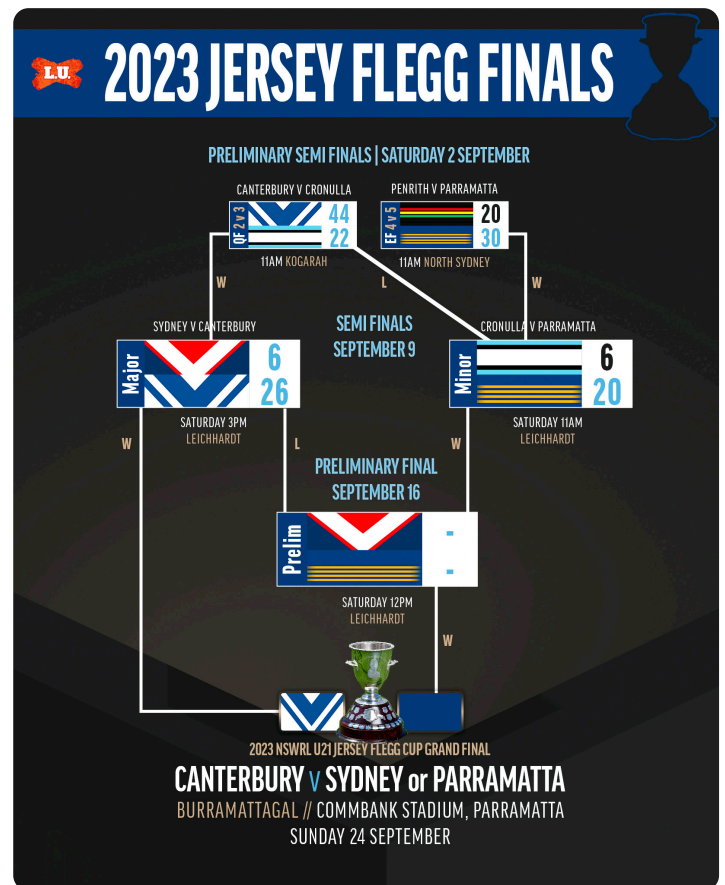
PARRAMATTA: 1. Apa Twidle 2. Matthew Komolafe 3. Samuel Loizou 4. Blaize Talagi 5. John Martin 6. Joshua Lynn 7. Ethan Sanders 8. Brock Parker 9. Matthew Arthur 10. Jontay-Junior Betham-Misa 11. Jock Brazel 12. Max Topou 13. Nicholas Lenaz 14. Charlie Guymr 15. Sam Tuivaiti 16. William Latu 17. Noah Reed 18. Saxon Pryke 19. Lachlan Blackburn 20. Lance Fualema 21. Araz Nanva

Referee: Kieren Irons; Sideline Officials: Liam Nicholls, Nathan Loveday

RESULTS - FINALS WEEK 2

Minor Semi Final | Parramatta Eels (20) Tries: Samuel Loizou, Matthew Komolafe, William Latu, Ethyn Martin; Goals: Ethan Sanders 2/5 **def Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6) Tries:** Manaia Waitere; Goals: Kristian Dixon 1/1 at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

Major Semi Final | Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (26) Tries: Jordi Mazzone 3, Luke Smith, Damon Marshall; Goals: Joash Papalii 3/5 **def Sydney Roosters (6) Tries:** Owen Flaherty; Goals: Vaiala Tamati 1/1 at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal



QRL GRAND FINAL DAY

2023 HOSTPLUS CUP GRAND FINAL

BURLEIGH BEARS V BRISBANE TIGERS

Sunday 17 September 2023, 5:30pm at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi

BURLEIGH		V		BRISBANE
Keano Kini	1	FB	1	Corey Thompson
Tony Francis	2	W	2	Max Lehmann
Sami Sauiuluma	3	C	3	Solomona Faataape
Kea Pere	4	C	4	Kane Bradley
Ken Maumalo	5	W	5	George Jennings
Tyrone Roberts	6	FE	6	Ryley Jacks
Guy Hamilton	7	HB	7	Jack Miers
Iszac Fa'asumaleaui	8	FR	8	Jordan Grant
Pat Politoni	9	HK	9	Tristan Hope
Matthew Koellner	10	FR	10	Tristan Powell
Jacob Alick	11	2R	11	Thomas Rafter
Joshua Patston	12	2R	12	Leivaha Pulu
Sam Coster	13	L	13	Charlie Murray
Creedence Toia	14	INT	14	Cole Geyer
Vaka Sikahele	15		15	Bennett Leslie
Dylan Kelly	16		16	Joe Chan
Tom Steadman	17		17	Jack Natapu
Emry Pere	18	RES	18	Jonah Pezet
Josiah Pahulu	19		19	Alec MacDonald
Hayden Schwass	20		20	Brayden Torpy
Toby McIntosh	21		21	Nat McGavin



RESULTS - HOSTPLUS CUP PRELIMINARY FINALS

Burleigh Bears (57) Tries: Matthew Koellner 2, Keano Kini 2, Joshua Patston 2, Ken Maumalo, Emry Pere, Tony Francis, Creedence Toia; Goals: Tyrone Roberts 7/9, Dylan Kelly 1/1; Field Goals: Dylan Kelly 1 **def Wynnum Manly Seagulls (8)** Tries: Delouise Hoeter, Blake Anders; Goals: Jock Madden 0/2 at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

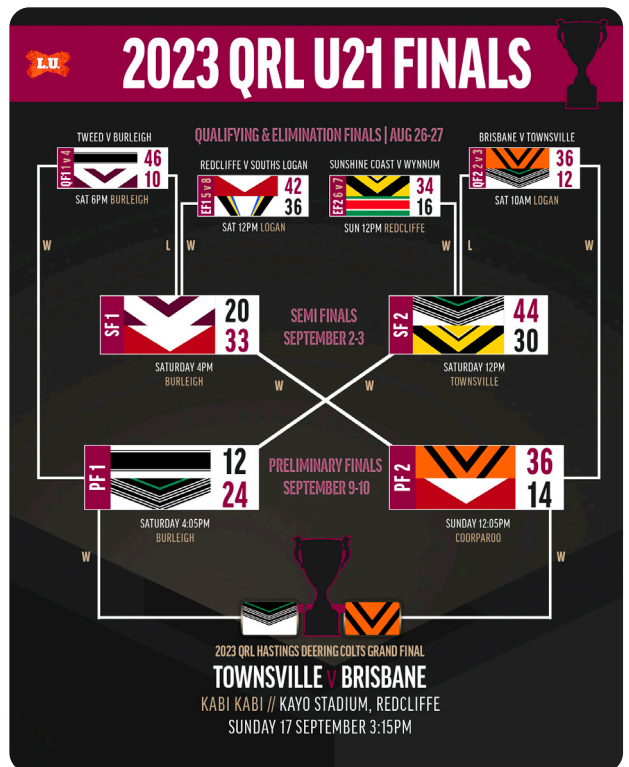
Brisbane Tigers (14) Tries: George Jennings, Solomona Faataape, Kane Bradley; Goals: Tristan Hope 1/2 **def Central Queensland Capras (6)** Tries: Kurt Donoghoe; Goals: Trey Brown 1/1 at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal

2023 U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS GRAND FINAL

BRISBANE TIGERS V TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

Sunday 17 September 2023, 3:15pm at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi

BRISBANE		V		TOWNSVILLE
Lachlan West	1	FB	1	Ragarive Wavik
Tea-Rani Woodman Tuhoro	2	W	2	Jesse Yallop
Samuela Vakadula	3	C	3	Elekana Suavai
Antioch Faitala	4	C	4	Dudley Dotoi
Glen Fisher	5	W	5	Cathane Hill
Bailey Black	6	FE	6	Matthew Hunter
Jake House	7	HB	7	Zack Lamont
Madison Beckett	8	FR	8	Jeremiah Matautia
Braydon Seu-Easthlope	9	HK	9	Joel Baldwin
Casey Morgan	10	FR	10	Henry Teutau
Simon Pratt	11	2R	11	Wil Sullivan
Trent Veukiso	12	2R	12	Jamal Shibasaki
Brock Ashton	13	L	13	Luke Jack
Jackson Chang	14	INT	14	Lachlan Lerch
Joe Nadenic	15		15	Darnell Geia
Jack McCosker	16		16	Kurt Fisher
Jordan Penquitt	17		17	Tyrone Gunn-James
Hayden Molkentien	18	RES	18	Reece Foley
Gabriel Reedy-Bartlett	19		21	Sean Bourke
Liam Fitzsimmons	20		22	Jack Taylor



RESULTS - HASTINGS DEERING COLTS PRELIMINARY FINALS

Townsville Blackhawks (24) Tries: Jesse Yallop 2, Dudley Dotoi 2, Cathane Hill; Goals: Ragarive Wavik 2/5 **def Tweed Seagulls (12)** Tries: Ryan Foran 2; Goals: Elliott Speed 2/2 at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

Brisbane Tigers (36) Tries: Simon Pratt 3, Lachlan West 2, Trent Veukiso; Goals: Bailey Black 6/6 **def Redcliffe Dolphins (14)** Tries: James Walsh, Brenton Baira, Caleb Jackson; Goals: Brenton Baira 1/3 at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal



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