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NRL 2024 LADDER & STATS LEADERS

LADDER - R24

POS	TEAM	HOME							AWAY							TOTAL										
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	PD	FPG	APG
1.	MELBOURNE	11	9	2	-	300	193	107	10	8	2	-	264	200	64	21	17	4	-	3	564	393	40	+171	26.86	18.71
2.	PENRITH	10	7	3	-	218	170	48	11	8	3	-	292	178	114	21	15	6	-	3	510	348	36	+162	24.29	16.57
3.	SYDNEY	11	8	3	-	330	162	168	10	6	4	-	312	237	75	21	14	7	-	3	642	399	34	+243	30.57	19.00
4.	CRONULLA	11	8	3	-	302	196	106	10	6	4	-	245	175	70	21	14	7	-	3	547	371	34	+176	26.05	17.67
5.	CANTERBURY	10	10	-	-	266	136	130	11	3	8	-	201	201	0	21	13	8	-	3	467	337	32	+130	22.24	16.05
6.	MANLY	11	9	2	-	319	171	148	10	3	6	1	235	254	-19	21	12	8	1	3	554	425	31	+129	26.38	20.24
7.	NORTH QLD	11	6	5	-	286	273	13	11	7	4	-	289	259	30	22	13	9	-	2	575	532	30	+43	26.14	24.18
8.	ST GEO ILLA	10	6	4	-	254	254	0	11	5	6	-	180	272	-92	21	11	10	-	3	434	526	28	-92	20.67	25.05
9.	DOLPHINS	11	5	6	-	293	278	15	10	5	5	-	232	232	0	21	10	11	-	3	525	510	26	+15	25.00	24.29
10.	BRISBANE	10	4	6	-	240	237	3	11	5	6	-	249	256	-7	21	9	12	-	3	489	493	24	-4	23.29	23.48
11.	NEWCASTLE	10	5	5	-	192	212	-20	11	4	7	-	192	262	-70	21	9	12	-	3	384	474	24	-90	18.29	22.57
12.	CANBERRA	11	6	5	-	238	270	-32	10	3	7	-	174	277	-103	21	9	12	-	3	412	547	24	-135	19.62	26.05
13.	GOLD COAST	11	4	7	-	260	290	-30	10	4	6	-	180	264	-84	21	8	13	-	3	440	554	22	-114	20.95	26.38
14.	WARRIORS**	11	6	4	1	246	227	19	11	2	9	-	218	285	-67	22	8	13	1	2	464	512	21	-48	21.09	23.27
15.	SOUTHS**	10	5	5	-	216	248	-32	11	2	9	-	222	328	-106	21	7	14	-	3	438	576	20	-138	20.86	27.43
16.	PARRAMATTA**	11	4	7	-	243	293	-50	10	1	9	-	190	327	-137	21	5	16	-	3	433	620	16	-187	20.62	29.52
17.	WESTS TIGERS**	10	4	6	-	222	246	-24	12	1	11	-	181	418	-237	22	5	17	-	2	403	664	14	-261	18.32	30.18

** team can no longer qualify for finals

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Alofiana Khan-Pereira	Gold Coast	18	20
2	Dominic Young	Sydney	17	18
	Kyle Feldt	North Qld	21	18
4	Deine Mariner	Brisbane	19	17
5	Daniel Tupou	Sydney	19	15
	Tommy Talau	Manly	19	15
	Ronaldo Mulitalo	Cronulla	19	15

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Valentine Holmes	North Qld	20	12	80	-	208
2	Jamayne Isaako	Dolphins	21	11	79	1	203
3	Sam Walker	Sydney	19	6	82	-	188
4	Nick Meaney	Melbourne	19	5	80	-	180
5	Matt Burton	Canterbury	20	9	64	3	167
6	Reuben Garrick	Manly	19	9	65	-	166
7	Zac Lomax	St George Illawarra	18	13	52	0/2	1

TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G/A	%
1	Sam Walker	Sydney	19	82 / 98	84%
2	Valentine Holmes	North Qld	20	80 / 97	82%
	Nick Meaney	Melbourne	19	80 / 101	79%
4	Jamayne Isaako	Dolphins	21	79 / 100	79%
5	Reuben Garrick	Manly	19	65 / 84	77%
6	Matt Burton	Canterbury	20	64 / 88	73%
7	Zac Lomax	St Geo Illa	18	52 / 67	78%

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NRL MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY ROUND 24

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	On Who	Base	Offence #	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	RESULT
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	Melbourne	1	Careless High Tackle	Daine Laurie	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Mitch KENNY	Penrith	2	Careless High Tackle	Grant Anderson	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match	Guilty - early plea	1 MATCH
Reuben GARRICK	Manly	1	Dangerous Contact	Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	Warriors	1	Crusher Tackle	Nathan Brown	\$2000	2nd	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Victor RADLEY	Sydney	1	Dangerous Contact	Shaun Lane	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Clint GUTHERSON	Parramatta	1	Dangerous Contact	James Tedesco	\$1500	1st ^	\$1000	\$750	Guilty - early plea	\$750
Wiremu GREIG	Parramatta	3	Careless High Tackle	Connor Watson	3 matches	1st	3 matches	2 matches	Guilty - early plea	2 MATCHES
Felise KAUFUSI	Dolphins	1	Dangerous Contact	Josh Curran	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000
Josh PAPALII	Canberra	1	Dangerous Contact	Valentine Holmes	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Emre GULER	Canberra	1	Dangerous Throw	Jordan McLean	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000
Richie KENNER	South Sydney	2	Careless High Tackle	Luke Laulili	2 matches	3rd +	4 matches	3 matches	Downgraded at judiciary	\$3000
Cam MURRAY	South Sydney	1	Dangerous Contact	Aidan Sezer	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000
Jack DE BELIN	St Geo Illa	1	Dangerous Contact	Kieran Foran	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000

Offences are counted in last 10 games for Grade 1 offences, last 20 games for Grade 2 offences, and last 30 games for Grade 3 offences

^ Denotes 3 year incident free discount ~ Development player - is able to opt for a 1 match suspension instead of monetary fine

STORM DAMPEN PANTHERS' RUN FOR THE TOP

ANDYP

It was a Thursday night thriller between a top-of-the-table clash which saw the Melbourne Storm hold out against the Penrith Panthers, 24-22 at BlueBet Stadium.

In a game that gave us plenty of headlines, from brain explosions in play, players on reports, a sin bin, HIA's and what will be the talk of the town, Nathan Cleary left the field injured, clutching his left shoulder.

The Panthers were showing uncharacteristic nerves early on in the game, as Daine Laurie made an error in the play of the ball in their quarter. The play for the scrum was an easy set move left, and Grant Anderson went over to start his team's scoring account for the night in the 6th minute. Melbourne kept the heat on the Panthers, marched back u the field, and set themselves up again in the Panthers red zone with a shoulder charge from Nathan Cleary on Nelson Asofa-Solomoma. In the next play, a bomb by Jahrome Hughes sees Will Warbrick leap high and tap the ball back to the ever-ready Eliesa Katoa for a try. Meaney's kick put the game at 10-0 in the 15th minute. But a turning point was Daine Laurie making a 40-metre break to breathe life into the Panthers attack after the kickoff. With an error in their subsequent attack, it looked like it wouldn't be the Panthers night, but Will Warbrick fumbled trying to get out, which gave Penrith another chance. And it was all they needed as a combination of Issah Yeo and Lindsay Smith took on the broken Storm defensive line for Smith to score a timely try. A rare miss at goal by Cleary and the game was 10-4 at 24 minutes.

Panthers showed class and ruthlessness by hitting back straight away; Casey McLean made a break, and a broken lazy Storm defensive line failed to kill a loose kick behind their line, which Izack Tago took full advantage of, and Cleary savoured a chance to put the conversion over, and we were deadlocked at the 25th minute. The back end of the first half is a dangerous time for teams locked up. And the Storm applied enough pressure to unhinge the Panthers defence with another Warbrick tap to katoa combo. Off the back of a Cameron Munster kick, Warbrick was too good, and Melbourne was looking good to go to the sheds 16-10.

But the end of the half is a dangerous place; with the ball going dead in goal off the Panthers, Ryan Papenhuyzen thought he would kick instead of a tap from the 20-metre line. In a move sure to make coach Craig Bellamy's heart stop, Grant Anderson was offside. Referee Ashley Klein gave Penrith a penalty and two easy points for halftime to be 16-12 for the Storm.

Penrith had their tails up early in the half and set the pace early after a break by Issah Yeo, who got the ball down their left edge. Casey McLean put in a cheeky grubber behind the line, and Dylan Edwards snagged a good try. And the Panthers were in front 18-16 at the 49th minute. There were scenes at BlueBet as Nelson Asofa-Solomona managed to get two high shots off in one tackle, one on Daine Laurie and one on Munster. With both those players going off for HIAs, referee Ashley Klein gave NAS 10 in the bin. The Panthers took quick advantage of their overlap, and in no time, Casey McLean went over, and the game was 22-16 after 57 minutes. It was quality footy on display as Tyran Wishart entered the fray and immediately gave the Storm the lift they needed. Wishart took on the Penrith line, and it seemed to rattle them. In a simple play in the 62nd minute, Wishart threw a big dummy, and the Penrith middle fell for it as he waltzed over. The game was 22 points all and setting up for a finish.

The 66th minute and a hush came over the stadium as Nathan Cleary came up from a



tackle clutching his left shoulder, and there were some long faces as the gun halfback came off the field, ending his night. A succession of penalties on both sides eventually came to a head as James Fisher-Harris hit Jahrome Hughes after he passed the ball. It was a gift of two points, and Meaney slotted it to edge the game out just a little for the Storm, 24-22. In the last 10 minutes, the teams threw everything they had left at each other, but the clock ran out, and the Storm came away with a win despite much adversity.

There was a lack of polish in the Panthers tonight, with Cleary even showing nerves. They had some big performances from Issah Yeo, Lindsay Smith, Jarome Luai and Casey McLean. Cleary was still prominent in keeping his team in the game, and we can only hope he'll be there come finals. Harry Grant was great up front, and Trent Loiero and Eliesa Katoa chimed in well. Jahrome Hughes and Munster were great in attack, and Will Warbrick showed his athleticism all game.

The game pretty much handed Melbourne Storm the Minor Premiership, and the team seemed to have come out of the game without any injuries as they prepare to host the Dolphins at AAMI Park next week. The Panthers will have a nervous wait to see the issue with Nathan Cleary's shoulder, and it's a damn shame as the kid was playing some good footy up until his injury.

PENRITH	22	-	24	MELBOURNE
Dylan EDWARDS		T	2	Eliesa KATOA
Casey McLEAN				Grant ANDERSON
Lindsay SMITH				Tyran WISHART
Izack TAGO				
Nathan CLEARY	3/5	G	4/5	Nick MEANEY
		BTN		Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA
TEAMSHEETS				
Dylan EDWARDS	20	FB	1	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN
Daine LAURIE	1	W	2	Will WARBRICK
Izack TAGO	3	C	3	Jack HOWARTH
Casey McLEAN	4	C	4	Nick MEANEY
Brian TO'O	5	W	5	Grant ANDERSON
Jarome LUAI	6	FE	6	Cameron MUNSTER
Nathan CLEARY (c)	7	HB	7	Jahrome HUGHES
Moses LEOTA	8	FR	8	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA
Mitch KENNY	9	HK	9	Harry GRANT (c)
James FISHER-HARRIS	19	FR	10	Josh KING
Mavrik GEYER	11	2R	11	Shawn BLORE
Lindsay SMITH	10	2R	12	Eliesa KATOA
Issah YEO	13	L	13	Trent LOIERO
Liam HENRY	12	B	14	Tyran WISHART
Trent TOELAU	14	B	15	Lazarus VAALEPU
Matt EISENHUTH	15	B	16	Tui KAMIKAMICA
Jack COLE	17	B	17	Alec MacDONALD
Ivan CLEARY		HC		Craig BELLAMY

Date: Thu, 15th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 16-12. Penalties: Penrith 8-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,516.

MANLY TURBO-CHARGED AS WARRIORS SPILL LAST CHANCE

AJ LUCANTONIO

Manly have solidified their position as a finals dark-horse after a strong 24-10 victory over a disappointing Warriors side before a big crowd at 4 Pines Park.

After the Warriors dominated the early field position, a 40/20 by Daly Cherry-Evans changed momentum for the Eagles. Following successive ruck infringements, the visitors had to crack and it was the ball playing of Tom Trbojevic who created the extra man and found Jason Saab to cross for the opener.

Despite throwing a lot of further attack at the Warriors, Manly was unable to muster up anymore attacking chances. The Warriors then marched up-field off a penalty and thought they hit back. It took strong attacking play down the left isolated Manly's right edge and Adam Pompey was able to outmuscle the defence to score. However, Kasey Badger ruled DCE was obstructed, and the try was overturned.

Fortunately, the visitors forced an error from Tommy Turbo and went back down that right edge of Manly's. Addin Fonua-Blake isolated the Manly edge one on one and got a great offload to Shaun Johnson who crossed in his last game at Brookvale to level the scores.

Manly hit back like the class outfit they are. A brilliant ball from Brooks cutting Tommy Talau underneath saw him into a yawning gap created by Johnson and Niukore. Talau found Turbo and Manly are back in front by a converted try.

After a scrappy period of football which saw both sides concede a plethora of ruck infringements. The Warriors capitalised with a trick shot down the right hand side which saw Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad combine with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak who dived in the corner to reduce the gap for the Warriors. Luke Metcalf put aside a poor first attempt to add the extras and level the scores. Both sides couldn't be split at the change of ends in an enterprising game of football.

After a stop, start opening to the second half. Manly capitalised best on the rain that was tumbling down. A great kick from DCE was well taken by Reuben Garrick and Manly regained the lead by a converted try midway through the second half. Both sides had their fair share of chances but it was a Pompey error which gave Manly the chance to seal the game. A brilliant cut-out ball from Tom Trbojevic found it's mark and it was Lehi Hopoate who put the game out of the Warriors reach. Garrick added a penalty goal

24 - 10

4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal

on full-time to make it a 14 point win. Eight players earned the wrath of the referee and bunker as being put on report.

Meanwhile the Warriors' season is done and dusted, with plenty of stars leaving there will be a substantial change of the guard in Auckland next year.

MANLY	24	-	10	WARRIORS
Reuben GARRICK		T		Shaun JOHNSON
Lehi HOPOATE				Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK
Jason SAAB				
Tom TRBOJEVIC				
Reuben GARRICK	4/5	G	1/2	Luke METCALF
TEAMSHEETS				
Tom TRBOJEVIC	1	FB	1	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD
Jason SAAB	2	W	2	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK
Tommy TALAU	3	C	3	Adam POMPEY
Reuben GARRICK	4	C	4	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK
Lehi HOPOATE	5	W	5	Marcelo MONTOYA
Luke BROOKS	6	FE	21	Luke METCALF
Daly CHERRY-EVANS (c)	7	HB	7	Shaun JOHNSON
Taniela PASEKA	8	FR	8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE
Lachlan CROKER	9	HK	14	Freddy LUSSICK
Josh ALOIAI	10	FR	10	Mitchell BARNETT (c)
Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	11	2R	11	Marata NIUKORE
Ben TRBOJEVIC	15	2R	12	Kurt CAPEWELL
Jake TRBOJEVIC	13	L	13	Dylan WALKER
Gordon CHAN KUM TONG	14	B	6	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA
Ethan BULLEMOR	16	B	15	Tom ALE
Nathan BROWN	17	B	16	Jazz TEVAGA
Toluta'u KOULA	18	B	17	Demitric SIFAKULA
Anthony SEIBOLD		HC		Andrew WEBSTER

Date: Fri, 16th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all.
Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 17,333.

HOME CROWD AVERAGES

Averages exclude neutral venue matches

Club	Average	Club	Average	Club	Average	Club	Average
Brisbane	40,710	Canterbury	19,566	Manly	16,372	Wests Tigers	12,212
Warriors	23,698	Melbourne	19,223	Gold Coast	15,936	Cronulla	11,609
Newcastle	21,748	Penrith	19,197	St Geo Illa	15,149		
Sydney	21,724	North Qld	19,144	Souths	14,472		
Dolphins	20,669	Parramatta	18,557	Canberra	13,602		

CROWD WATCH - ROUND 24

Timeslot	Match	Venue	Crowd
Thu 7:50pm	Penrith v Melbourne	BlueBet	20,516
Fri 6:00pm	Manly v Warriors	4 Pines	17,333
Fri 8:00pm	Sydney v Parramatta	Allianz	20,724
Sat 3:00pm	Canterbury v Dolphins	Salter	6,146
Sat 5:30pm	North Qld v Canberra	QLD C. Bank	17,920
Sat 7:35pm	W Tigers v Souths	Campbelltown	11,420
Sun 2:00pm	St Geo Illa v Gold Coast	WIN	9,240
Sun 4:05pm	Cronulla v Newcastle	Pointsbet	11,503

ROUND 24 AGGREGATE 114,802 Avg 14,350
SEASON AGGREGATE 3,421,357 Avg 19,008

TERRIFIC TEDDY TERRORISES EELS TO CEMENT ROOSTERS TOP 4 POSITION

SAM BOURKE

Sydney Roosters have cemented their Top 4 position on the NRL ladder after they thrashed Parramatta by 38-14 at Allianz Stadium tonight.

Skipper James Tedesco was the star for the home side scoring a try and having a hand in several others in a top shelf performance from the incumbent Australian fullback.

The home side were relentless, with an ill-disciplined Eels side losing two players to the Sin Bin early in both halves, with the Roosters making them pay running in multiple tries on both occasions. England winger Dominic Young scored a hat-trick following his return from injury, with halfback Sam Walker and backrower Angus Crichton also having strong games for the Tricolours.

Despite a strong performance last week against Penrith, the Eels simply looked tired and were simply out enthused by a relentless Roosters outfit in a disappointing performance from Trent Barrett's men.

The game commenced in wet conditions following a downpour of rain pre-match. The Roosters failed to adjust early, making several handling errors including from Roosters prop Spencer Leniu from the kick-off

Leniu managed to redeem himself, when he dived over for the first try of the night following a flat pass from Brandon Smith at dummy half which gave the Chooks an early lead. Things got rocky for Parramatta moments later, when prop Wiremu Greig was sent to the Sin Bin for a clumsy high shot on Connor Watson. Down an extra man, the Chooks took advantage almost immediately as Tedesco and Manu combined to put Dominic Young over in the corner.

This passage of play was followed up with two more tries in quick succession, firstly from Daniel Tupou who trampled over three Eels defenders to score a superb try. James Tedesco then sliced through some passive defence to run sixty metres to score under the posts to make it try number four for the Roosters and an ominous 24-0 lead.

Parramatta then managed to crash over for their first try of the night through interchange backrower Kelma Tuilagi to give the visitors some hope heading into halftime.

Following the break, it was deja vu for the Eels as Brendan Hands found himself in the Sin Bin for laying all over the player in the tackle.

Again, it was Dominic Young who crashed over for his second try following some quick hands from James Tedesco and this was followed up by a classy try to Sitili Tupouniua in his 100th game for the Roosters, following a neat chip kick from Sam Walker.

Young then completed his hat trick, as again Tedesco and Manu provided beautiful service for the rangy winger out wide.



Parramatta then had an opportunity against 12 men late in the match, when Roosters interchange player Naufahu Whyte was sent to the Sin Bin. The Eels took full advantage moments later when Sean Russell slid over for a try in the corner following a deft pass from Viliami Penisini. Eels hooker Joey Lussick then darted out of dummy half for a late consolation try for Parramatta to narrow the scoreline to 38-14 at fulltime.

The Roosters now head to the Gold Coast next Sunday, where they will face the Titans as they look to lock up their spot in the Top 4. Parramatta also head to Queensland, where they will face a desperate Broncos at Suncorp Stadium on Friday night.

SYDNEY	38	-	14	PARRAMATTA
Dominic YOUNG	3	T		Joey LUSSICK
Spencer LENIU				Sean RUSSELL
James TEDESCO				Kelma TUILAGI
Daniel TUPOU				
Sitili TUPOUNIUA				
Sam WALKER	5/7	G	1/3	Clinton GUTHERSON
Naufahu WHYTE		BIN		Wiremu GREIG
				Brendan HANDS
TEAMSHEETS				
James TEDESCO (c)	1	FB	1	Clinton GUTHERSON (c)
Daniel TUPOU	2	W	2	Jake TAGO
Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I	3	C	3	Will PENISINI
Joseph MANU	4	C	4	Blaize TALAGI
Dominic YOUNG	5	W	5	Sean RUSSELL
Luke KEARY	6	FE	6	Dylan BROWN
Sam WALKER	7	HB	7	Daejarn ASI
Spencer LENIU	8	FR	8	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD
Brandon SMITH	9	HK	9	Brendan HANDS
Lindsay COLLINS	10	FR	10	Wiremu GREIG
Angus CRICHTON	11	2R	11	Shaun LANE
Victor RADLEY	12	2R	12	Bryce CARTWRIGHT
Connor WATSON	13	L	15	Joe OFAHENGAUE
Sitili TUPOUNIUA	14	B	14	Joey LUSSICK
Naufahu WHYTE	15	B	16	Kelma TUILAGI
Terrell MAY	17	B	17	Dan KEIR
Siva WONG	19	B	19	Maika SIVO
Trent ROBINSON		HC		Trent BARRETT

Date: Fri, 16th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 24-4.
Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 20,724.

BULLDOGS BITE DOWN ON FINALS FOOTBALL IN BUNDABERG

LUKE JOBSON

A Matt Burton masterclass and Jacob Kiraz double sealing a 30-10 win over the Dolphins at Salter Oval, Bundaberg on Saturday afternoon.

The first game of Super Saturday saw the Canterbury Bulldogs annihilate the Dolphins at Salter Oval, with a Matt Burton masterclass and Jacob Kiraz double sealing a 30-10 win over the Dolphins at Salter Oval, Bundaberg on Saturday afternoon.

The win all but confirms that the Bulldogs play finals football, while the Dolphins nervously wait to see if they remain in the top eight at the end of the week.

The first ten minutes of the game saw the field territory battle remain even, but a crucial Matt Burton tackle on Jamayne Isaako as he started to streak down the right wing got the Dogs on the attack. The very next set, the Bulldogs went right and Stephen Crichton sent Jacob Kiraz over into the right corner - which is where Kiraz would see his lunch for the second time in a few hours. Matt Burton would leave that conversion attempt to the right for a 4-0 lead. Some ill-discipline from Felise Kaufusi allowed the Dogs to make it a 6-0 lead with a Burton penalty goal after 15 minutes... but the highlight of the year would happen after 23 minutes.

Tevita Pangai Jnr, looking to offload the ball on tackle one with the try-line in sight, turned the ball over and the Dogs sent Josh-Addo Carr flying along the left sideline with no one in sight. That was, until Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, who was on the kick off-spot as Addo-Carr crossed halfway, put to bed the debate of the fastest man in the league with a potentially finals saving tackle five metres out from the line. The very next set, the Dolphins would ride off that game-turning play, swinging to the right and with some beautiful quick passing, sent Jamayne Isaako over in the right corner. Isaako, who looked a little worse for wear post-try, would miss his conversion to leave it at 6-4. Another Felise Kaufusi high shot had the Bulldogs on the attack, and they made no mistake as Jacob Kiraz would yet again sail into the right corner. Matt Burton went right very late in the set, with Connor Tracey setting up Kiraz for his second of the day. Burton sent his second conversion attempt to the left, with the score staying at 10-4.

Ten minutes later, with the Dolphins building over halfway, Kodi Nikorima sent a ball out the back of the attack and Josh Addo-Carr swooped on it to run 50 metres and score to the left of the posts. Matt Burton would make no mistake this time for a 16-4 lead - only for Jake Averillo to intercept a pass from Toby Sexton and run 70 metres untouched on halftime to send the Dolphins into shed sheds down 16-10.

The Bulldogs had the bulk of the territory in the first ten minutes after half-time, with Addo-Carr nearly scoring if not for a foot landing out of bounds. The Bulldogs would get a penalty however, and Matt Burton extended the lead to 18-10 after 50 minutes. A Burton torpedo forced an error out Jamayne Isaako, with the Dogs playing some hot potato in the red zone. Matt Burton ended up on his back from Max Plath, flaring up the emotions for both sides as the final quarter of the game loomed large.



A Josh Curran charge down put the Dolphins on the back foot, with a Bulldog onslaught over the next five minutes coming to nothing. The Dolphins would look to rally with some strong defense, but Matt Burton would break through some flimsy defense to send Bronson Xerri over - Burton converting to make it 22-10 with 12 minutes left. The very next set, Viliame Kikau would break away from his own half to send Matt Burton running towards open field, with Connor Tracey the benefactor of a Burton freight train to bury the Dolphins and confirm that the Bulldogs would play in September barring a massive collapse.

A 30-10 win, in front of their fans at Salter Oval all but sealed that Bulldogs finals chances, putting the Dogs 6 points ahead of the 8th placed Dolphins. Should the Raiders, Dragons and Knights all lose this weekend, it would ensure that the Dogs qualify for September for the first time since 2016.

CANTERBURY	30	-	10	DOLPHINS
Jacob KIRAZ	2	T		Jake AVERILLO
Josh ADDO-CARR				Jamayne ISAAKO
Connor TRACEY				
Bronson XERRI				
Matt BURTON	5/7	G	1/2	Jamayne ISAAKO
TEAMSHEETS				
Connor TRACEY	1	FB	1	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW
Jacob KIRAZ	2	W	2	Jamayne ISAAKO
Bronson XERRI	3	C	3	Jake AVERILLO
Stephen CRICHTON (c)	4	C	4	Herbie FARNWORTH
Josh ADDO-CARR	5	W	5	Jack BOSTOCK
Matt BURTON	6	FE	6	Kodi NIKORIMA
Toby SEXTON	7	HB	7	Isaiya KATO
Josh CURRAN	8	FR	8	Jesse BROMWICH (c)
Reed MAHONEY	9	HK	9	Max PLATH
Samuel HUGHES	10	FR	16	Ray STONE
Viliame KIKAU	11	2R	11	Felise KAUFUSI
Jacob PRESTON	12	2R	12	Connelly LEMUELU
Kurt MANN	13	L	13	Kenny BROMWICH
Bailey HAYWARD	14	B	10	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR
Kurtis MORRIN	15	B	14	Oryn KEELEY
Harry HAYES	16	B	15	Lachlan HUBNER
Jaeman SALMON	17	B	17	Sean O'SULLIVAN
Cameron CIRALDO		HC		Wayne BENNETT

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-10.
Penalties: Canterbury 7-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 6,146.

NRL ROUND 24 WRAP

VALENTINE'S DAY IN TOWNSVILLE

JOSH ROBERTSON

Valentine's day has seemed to move to August 17 as a 26 point haul from Valentine Holmes helped the Cowboys to a 42-4 demolition over the Raiders.

Both sides were looking to bounce back from embarrassing losses and it was the Raiders who opened the scoring first inside five minutes when Jake Clifford made an immediate impact on his return to the Cowboys side.

The Raiders had two attacking opportunities but turned the ball over and ill-discipline hurt as Scott Drinkwater threw a beautiful cut out pass to Valentine Holmes who scored. The Dragons bound centre converted his own try for a 12-0 lead inside 20 minutes.

Repeat sets on the Cowboys line gave the Raiders another big attacking chance having already blown at least three but this time some twinkle toes footwork from Seb Kris to keep himself inside the field of play and get the ball down in the corner. Jamal Fogarty missed the conversion to keep the score at 12-4.

The Cowboys then put on a points scoring fest on either side of the halftime break with Kyle Feldt scoring after Jake Clifford found space, then Tom Dearden scored after again the Cowboys split the soft Raiders defence.

Leading 24-4 at the break, the Cowboys added another two tries on the other side of the break as Valentine Holmes sealed his hat-trick inside 50 minutes with two more tries one off a Raiders error and then beating the static Raiders defence in the air.

It was all going the home-side's way as an error at the back from the Raiders gave the Cowboys an attacking scrum and it was a stroll in the park for Kyle Feldt to score out wide. A seventh conversion for Valentine Holmes put the score out to 42-4.

Nothing went right for the Canberrans as they blew another three attacking opportunities with two errors and then Danny Levi being offside chasing through a Jamal Fogarty kick denying Canberra anymore points.

Neither side tested the scoreboard in the last twenty minutes and the Cowboys held on for a 42-4 win.



Queensland Country Bank Stadium, Townsville / Wulgurukaba

Next week, the Cowboys have the bye before a clash with the Melbourne Storm; Canberra return home but it doesn't get easier with the defending three time premiers, the Penrith Panthers coming to the ACT for a Saturday afternoon battle.

NORTH QLD	42	-	4	CANBERRA
Valentine HOLMES	3	T		Sebastian KRIS
Kyle FELDT	2			
Jake CLIFFORD				
Tom DEARDEN				
Valentine HOLMES	7/7	G	0/1	Jamal FOGARTY
TEAMSHEETS				
Scott DRINKWATER	1	FB	1	Kaao WEEKES
Kyle FELDT	2	W	2	Sebastian KRIS
Valentine HOLMES	3	C	3	Matthew TIMOKO
Viliami VAILEA	4	C	4	Ethan STRANGE
Murray TAULAGI	5	W	5	Xavier SAVAGE
Tom DEARDEN (c)	6	FE	6	Adam COOK
Jake CLIFFORD	7	HB	7	Jamal FOGARTY
Jordan McLEAN	8	FR	16	Ata MARIOTA
Reece ROBSON	9	HK	9	Tom STARLING
Sam McINTYRE	10	FR	10	Joseph TAPINE
Heilum LUKI	11	2R	11	Hudson YOUNG
Kulikefu FINEFEUIAKI	12	2R	12	Elliott WHITEHEAD
Reuben COTTER	13	L	13	Morgan SMITHIES
Harrison EDWARDS	14	B	8	Josh PAPALII
Thomas MIKAELE	15	B	14	Danny LEVI
Jaxon PURDUE	16	B	15	Emre GULER
Griffin NEAME	17	B	17	Simi SASAGI
Todd PAYTEN		HC		Ricky STUART

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Qld 24-4.

Penalties: North Qld 5-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 17,920.

MARSHALL'S MAGIC WEEK

ANDREW FERGUSON

After being inducted into the NRL Hall of Fame earlier this week, Wests Tigers coach Benji Marshall saw his side score its fifth win of the season, making 2024 their most successful season of the last 3 years.

The Tigers got the scoreboard attendant to work first, via some panicked play in the 10th minute, which saw Aidan Sezer get a hurried chip away just as he was being tackled, that Charlie Staines caught on the full in the Souths in-goal to score a good try. Sezer converted from the sideline.

Four minutes later, South Sydney replied when Taane Milne ran to the line, got his arm free and offloaded a sweet ball for Jye Gray who strolled between two goal-line defenders to score a good try. Fletcher Myers failed to convert from the sideline.

The Tigers extended their lead in the 20th minute when Lachlan Galvin sent an absolute peach of a long ball out to Luke Laulilii, who dived over to score in the left corner. Sezer narrowly missed the sideline conversion.

The Tigers tried the exact same play again in the 30th minute, this time with Sezer producing the pass. The Rabbitohs defence came across in numbers, however Richie Kennar hit Laulilii high forcing the Tigers winger off for an HIA. Kennar was then sent to the sin bin.

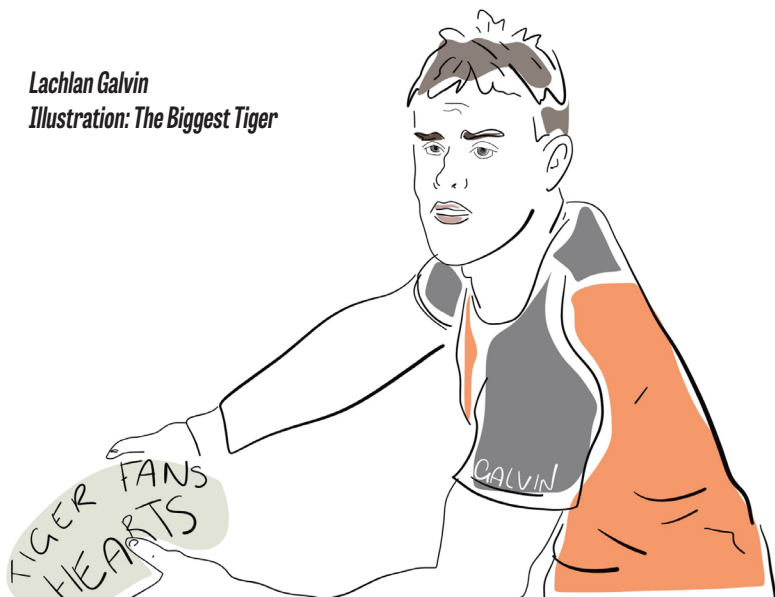
The Tigers wasted no time to take advantage of the extra man. A minute later, Galvin produced another brilliant long pass on the left side, this time sending Adam Doueihi over to score in the corner. Sezer converted and at halftime, the Tigers had a 16-4 lead.

A Cameron Murray high shot 9 minutes into the second half allowed Sezer to kick a penalty goal. The next 25 minutes saw Cody Walker step to the fore and get the Bunnies back into the contest. In the 56th minute he made a break and got his side into the Tigers half and on the front foot. A few plays after, Keaon Koloamatangi shrugged off a poor tackle attempt and scored a soft try. Myers added the extras.

Walker made another break before being brought down, however his side couldn't capitalize on the momentum. In the 75th minute, Walker cleaned up a loose ball close to the Tigers line, but got squished between two defenders which knocked him out. He was helped off the field.

Lachlan Galvin

Illustration: The Biggest Tiger



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Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal

Damien Cook walked out of tackle that saw no less than 5 defenders trying to get him to ground, to score under the posts. Myers converted to reduce the deficit to just 2 points.

Then with 30 seconds left on the clock, Davy Moale ran onto a crash ball close to the Tigers line and barged over to score, however the referee ruled rightly that the last pass was forward and the Rabbitohs snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

WESTS TIGERS	18	-	16	SOUTH SYDNEY
Adam DOUEIHI		T		Damien COOK
Luke LAULILII				Jye GRAY
Charlie STAINES				Keaon KOLOAMATANGI
Aidan SEZER	3/4	G	2/3	Fletcher MYERS
		BIN		Richard KENNAR
TEAMSHEETS				
Heath MASON	19	FB	1	Jye GRAY
Luke LAULILII	2	W	2	Fletcher MYERS
Solomona FAATAAPE	3	C	3	Taane MILNE
Adam DOUEIHI	4	C	4	Richard KENNAR
Charlie STAINES	5	W	5	Jacob GAGAI
Lachlan GALVIN	6	FE	6	Jack WIGHTON
Aidan SEZER	7	HB	7	Cody WALKER
Stefano UTOIKAMANU	8	FR	8	Davy MOALE
Apisai KOROISAU (c)	9	HK	9	Damien COOK
David KLEMMER	10	FR	10	Sean KEPPIE
Alex SEYFARTH	11	2R	11	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI
Samuela FAINU	12	2R	12	Tallis DUNCAN
Isaiah PAPALI'I	13	L	13	Cameron MURRAY (c)
Tallyn DA SILVA	14	B	14	Peter MAMOZELOS
Sione FAINU	15	B	15	Jacob HOST
Fonua POLE	16	B	16	Thomas BURGESS
Alex TWAL	17	B	17	Shaq MITCHELL
Benji MARSHALL		HC		Ben HORNBY

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 16-4.

Penalties: Wests Tigers 9-7. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 11,420.

DRAGONS CHARGE INTO THE EIGHT AFTER FIRST HALF RAMPAGE

AJ LUCANTONIO

The St George Illawarra Dragons have charged into the top eight with a commanding 32-16 victory over the Gold Coast Titans, spoiling Kieran Foran's 300th match at WIN Stadium.

The Dragons started very poorly with a poor kick chase allowing one of the game's most damaging kick returners to find open space. Keano Kini got through a poor tackle from Jacob Liddle, and he found Jojo Fifita to score under the posts for the opening try.

St George was able to capitalise relatively quickly on a Titans error. The Dragons went 90 metres from the counterattack and got their first try. A well-worked set move down the left edge saw a magnificent tip-on pass from Tyrell Sloan and Christian Tuipulotu had just enough pace to beat Phillip Sami to cross.

The home side went back-to-back after the Titans kick-off caught the wind and Luciano Leilua capitalised on the over-chase and got to within 20 metres of the Titans line. The visitors couldn't hold and Ben Hunt threw a dummy, fooled Jayden Campbell and put the home side in front by four points.

The game continued to develop as both sides failed to grab the ascendancy required to dominate proceedings. However, just shy of the half-hour mark, the Titans committed a cardinal sin. Brian Kelly was pinned for shoving Jaydn Su'A whilst in possession. From that set, Hunt got try-assist number 30 with a brilliant pass to Lomax. The Titans defence were on different islands and the NSW winger flies across in the right corner to make it a two-possession game.

Before the break, the Dragons again capitalised on some poor Titans defence. Liddle went down the hay diddle diddle, he got the pass away to Toby Couchman and despite Jayden Campbell's efforts, he got it down to make it 20-6. The late stages of the opening half became the Couchman show after a brilliant offload from Ryan Couchman to Leilua enabled him to score as the Dragons inflicted a hammer blow on the Titans on the half-time break.

Gold Coast started better in the second half and crossed for the opening try of the second half. A Foran pass in game 300 was initially lost by Campbell but it was negated by a kick before the ball hit the ground, Campbell chased through and score. The conversion reduced the gap to 14. Momentum appeared to be turning as Jack De Belin earned himself a trip to the sin-bin for a late shot to the head of Kieran Foran. However, the Titans attack which has been great at times this season sputtered and failed to capitalise on the extra man advantage.

Gold Coast capitalised on their dominance of field position with the breeze at their back to keep the game competitive in the dying moments of the second half. A wonderful

WIN Stadium, Wollongong / Dharawal

rainbow ball from Foran found Fifita on the fly and the winger crossed for his double to keep the Titans in it.

At the end of the match, the Dragons finally got some field position and capitalised to secure victory. A brilliant run from Liddle out of dummy half saw Francis Molo try a similar strategy. The referee had to squat and manoeuvre himself to see it on the line but the try was confirmed to give the Dragons a victory that gets them back in the eight.

ST GEO ILLA	32	-	16	GOLD COAST
Toby COUCHMAN		T	2	Sosefo FIFITA
Ben HUNT				Jayden CAMPBELL
Luciano LEILUA				
Zac LOMAX				
Francis MOLO				
Christian TUIPULOTU				
Zac LOMAX	4/6	G	2/3	Jayden CAMPBELL
Jack DE BELIN		BIN		
TEAMSHEETS				
Tyrell SLOAN	1	FB	1	Keano KINI
Zac LOMAX	2	W	2	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA
Mathew FEAGAI	3	C	3	Brian KELLY
Max FEAGAI	4	C	4	Phillip SAMI
Christian TUIPULOTU	5	W	5	Sosefo FIFITA
Jack BIRD	17	FE	6	Jayden CAMPBELL
Ben HUNT	7	HB	7	Kieran FORAN (c)
Francis MOLO	8	FR	8	Jaimin JOLLIFFE
Jacob LIDDLE	9	HK	9	Sam VERRILLS
Blake LAWRIE	16	FR	10	Erin CLARK
Luciano LEILUA	11	2R	11	David FIFITA
Jaydn SU'A	12	2R	12	Klese HAAS
Tom EISENHUTH	13	L	13	Chris RANDALL
Jack DE BELIN	10	B	14	AJ BRIMSON
Toby COUCHMAN	14	B	15	Isaac LIU
Ryan COUCHMAN	15	B	16	Josiah PAHULU
Lyhkan KING-TOGIA	19	B	17	Keenan PALASIA
Shane FLANAGAN		HC		Des HASLER

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 26-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 9,240.

ATKINSON LANDS ONE-POINT TO DELIVER TWO-POINTS FOR CRONULLA

ROB CROSBY

A golden point field goal to Daniel Atkinson proved the difference as the Cronulla Sharks secured a 19-18 win over the Newcastle Knights to move a step closer to a top four finish.

In a match which saw the Sharks start fast, the Knights recover to control proceedings and a field goal shootout to close out regulation time, Atkinson landed the decisive score in the 85th minute to the delight of 11,503 supporters at PointsBet Stadium.

The Sharks wasted little time in asserting their attacking intentions with Daniel Atkinson (3rd minute) producing a solo run before threading through a grubber for Briton Nikora (7th minute) to establish a 10-0 lead.

Newcastle debutant Kyle McCarthy made amends for a rough start by contesting a bomb which fortuitously ended up in the hands of Kai Pearce-Paul (21st minute), who broke through to score his first try in the NRL.

Momentum began to shift in favour of the visitors with Kalyn Ponga capitalising on Cronulla errors with a superb cut-out pass to send Greg Marzhev (30th minute) over for a lead-changing four-pointer.

Phoenix Crossland was sent to the sin bin for slowing down the play the ball close to the try line as the halftime siren sounded; Atkinson attempted to level the scores with a penalty goal only for his kick to hit the posts, leaving the Knights ahead 12-10 at the change of ends.

The Knights refused to wilt despite playing a man down with Ponga showing great desperation to deny Siosifa Talakai a try and adding a penalty goal to establish a four-point margin.

The one-way flow of points continued with Dane Gagai (49th minute) demonstrating his experience and footwork to put the visitors beyond a converted try.

A penalty goal to Atkinson on the hour mark proved fortuitous as Ronaldo Mulitalo (73rd minute) managed to ground the ball just before the dead ball line, allowing Atkinson to nail a sideline conversion to level the scores at 18-all.

Both Ponga and Atkinson were unable to land field goals as the clock approached 80 minutes, resulting in the third golden point meeting between the two clubs.

The Knights looked to secure victory in golden point with an intercept by Will Kennedy denying Ponga a try and Crossland attempting to land a one-pointer from close range only to fall wide of the mark.



The Sharks weren't to be denied as the first half of extra time drew to a close with Atkinson stepping up to land his second field goal of the season, sealing the 19-18 result to keep their top four hopes alive and all but end the Knights chances of playing finals football.

Next week, the Sharks will travel to Wollongong on Sunday afternoon for a local derby against the Dragons, while the Knights will face the Rabbitohs on Saturday night in Sydney.

CRONULLA	19	-	18	NEWCASTLE
Daniel ATKINSON		T		Dane GAGAI
Ronaldo MULTALO				Greg MARZHEW
Briton NIKORA				Kai PEARCE-PAUL
Daniel ATKINSON	3/5	G	3/4	Kalyn PONGA
Daniel ATKINSON		FG		
		BIN		Phoenix CROSSLAND
TEAMSHEETS				
William KENNEDY	1	FB	1	Kalyn PONGA (c)
Sione KATOA	2	W	2	Fletcher SHARPE
Jesse RAMIEN	3	C	3	Dane GAGAI
Siosifa TALAKAI	12	C	22	Kyle McCARTHY
Ronaldo MULTALO	21	W	5	Greg MARZHEW
Daniel ATKINSON	6	FE	6	Tyson GAMBLE
Blayne BRAILEY	7	HB	7	Phoenix CROSSLAND
Toby RUDOLF	8	FR	8	Daniel SAIFITI
Cameron McINNES	9	HK	9	Jayden BRAILEY
Oregon KAUFUSI	10	FR	10	Leo THOMPSON
Briton NIKORA	11	2R	11	Tyson FRIZELL
Royce HUNT	16	2R	12	Kai PEARCE-PAUL
Jack WILLIAMS	13	L	13	Adam ELLIOTT
Jayden BERRELL	14	B	14	Jack COGGER
Billy BURNS	15	B	15	Mat CROKER
Braden HAMLIN-UELE	19	B	16	Jack HETHERINGTON
Tuku HAU TAPUHA	22	B	17	Brodie JONES
Craig FITZGIBBON		HC		Adam O'BRIEN

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-10.
Penalties: Cronulla 9-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 11,503.

NRL **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** *after Round 24*

Our writers issue points every game for who they judge as the best player on the field. Includes points accumulated during State of Origin series.

29 points - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 26, Maroons 3)

23 points - Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

21 points - James Tedesco (Roosters)

19 points - Ben Hunt (Dragons)

17 points - Sam Walker (Roosters), Reece Walsh (Broncos)

16 points - Angus Crichton (Roosters 12, Blues 4)

15 points - Keano Kini (Titans), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Matt Burton (Bulldogs)

14 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins 12, Maroons 2)

13 points - Eliesa Katoa (Storm), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Mitchell Moses (Eels 10, Blues 3)

12 points - Te Maire Martin (Warriors), Isaaq Yeo (Panthers), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs 11, Blues 1)

11 points - Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), AJ Brimson (Titans), Apisai Koroisau (Wests Tigers), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles)

10 points - Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Brian To'o (Panthers), Harry Grant (Storm), Jarome Luai (Panthers 9, Blues 1)

9 points - Dane Gagai (Knights), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Dylan Brown (Eels), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Lachlan Galvin (Wests Tigers)

8 points - Josh Curran (Bulldogs), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Connor Tracey (Bulldogs), Kieran Foran (Titans), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Reed Mahoney (Bulldogs), Tom Dearden (Cowboys)

7 points - Ezra Mam (Broncos), Connor Watson (Roosters), Kalya Ponga (Knights), Herbie Farnworth (Dolphins), Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Terrell May (Roosters), Toby Sexton (Bulldogs), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm)

6 points - Jacob Preston (Bulldogs), Viliame Kikau (Bulldogs), Daniel Atkinson (Sharks), Joseph Manu (Roosters), William Kennedy (Sharks), Max Plath (Dolphins), Xavier Coates (Storm), Tyran Wishart (Storm), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors), Stephen Crichton (Bulldogs), Jackson Hastings (Knights), Kaeo Weekes (Raiders), David Fifita (Titans), Jaydn Su'A (Dragons 5, Maroons 1)

5 points - Dylan Lucas (Knights), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Jacob Liddle (Dragons), Bradman Best (Knights), Mitchell Barnett (Warriors), Kayal Iro (Sharks), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Jahream Bula (Wests Tigers), Luke Brooks (Sea Eagles), Lehi Hopoate (Sea Eagles), Trai Fuller (Dolphins), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Jack Williams (Sharks), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Hudson Young (Raiders)

4 points - David Armstrong (Knights), Victor Radley (Roosters), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Zac Hosking (Raiders), Dominic Young (Roosters), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), Jackson Ford (Warriors), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Ethan Strange (Raiders), Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys), Jake Clifford (Cowboys)

3 points - Euan Aitken (Dolphins), Jesse Marschke (Dragons), Shawn Blore (Storm), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Nathan Brown (Sea Eagles), Payne Haas (Broncos), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Tyson Gamble (Knights), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Sione Katoa (Sharks), Jamayne Isaako (Dolphins), Daejarn Asi (Eels), Zac Laybutt (Cowboys), Thomas Hazelton (Sharks), Thomas Flegler (Dolphins), Stefano Utoikamanu (Wests Tigers), Bryce Cartwright (Eels), Jack Cogger (Knights), Teig Wilton (Sharks), Junior Paulo (Eels), Fletcher Sharpe (Knights), Adam Elliott (Knights), William Warbrick (Storm), Wayde Egan (Warriors), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Morgan Smithies (Raiders), Ben Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Josh King (Storm), Cameron Munster (Storm), Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Warriors), Kyle Feldt (Cowboys), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans)

2 points - Tanah Boyd (Titans), Izack Tago (Panthers), Sualauvi Faalogo (Storm), Chanel Harris-Tavita (Warriors), Sandon Smith (Roosters), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Phillip Sami (Titans), Tevita Pangai Junior (Dolphins), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Tolutau Koula (Sea Eagles), Deine Mariner (Broncos), Liam Martin (Panthers), Taane Milne (Rabbitohs), Scott Sorensen (Panthers), J'maine Hopgood (Eels), Tommy Talau (Sea Eagles), Luke Garner (Panthers), Billy Walters (Broncos), Heilum Luki (Cowboys), Grant Anderson (Storm), Taine Tuapiki (Warriors), Samuela Fainu (Wests Tigers), Jojo Fifita (Titans), Jye Gray (Rabbitohs), Jock Madden (Broncos), Luke Keary (Roosters), Corey Waddell (Sea Eagles), Toafofoa Siple (Sea Eagles), Isaiah Papali'i (Wests Tigers)

1 point - Charlie Guymer (Eels), Harrison Edwards (Bulldogs), Lindsay Smith (Panthers), Samuel Stonestreet (Sharks), Beau Fermor (Titans), Harry Hayes (Bulldogs), Casey McLean (Panthers), Heath Mason (Wests Tigers), Bronson Garlick (Storm), Daine Laurie (Panthers), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Christian Tuipulotu (Dragons), Jamie Humphreys (Sea Eagles), Tallyn Da Silva (Wests Tigers), Max King (Bulldogs), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Bronson Xerri (Bulldogs), Brandon Smith (Roosters), Aidan Sezer (Wests Tigers), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Asu Kepaoa (Wests Tigers), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Josh Kerr (Dolphins), Rocco Berry (Warriors), Jack Bostock (Dolphins), Jesse Arthurs (Broncos), Blake Wilson (Bulldogs), Taylan May (Panthers), Griffin Neame (Cowboys), Justin Olam (Wests Tigers), Tristan Sailor (Broncos), Kurtis Morrin (Bulldogs), Brad Schneider (Panthers), Charlie Staines (Wests Tigers), Nick Meaney (Storm), Jack Wighton (Rabbitohs), Luciano Leilua (Dragons), Royce Hunt (Sharks), Alofiana Khan-Pereira (Titans), Cameron McInnes (Sharks), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Kulikefu Finefeuiaki (Cowboys), Jesse McLean (Panthers), Brodie Jones (Knights), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Erin Clark (Titans), Braidon Burns (Cowboys), Sam Verrills (Titans), Jack Cole (Panthers), Greg Marzheuw (Knights)

NRLW **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** *after Round 4*

Our writers issue points every game for who they judge as the best player on the field. Includes points accumulated during State of Origin series.

8 points - Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

6 points - Tiana Penitani (Sharks), Kirra Dibb (Cowboys)

5 points - Teagan Berry (Dragons), Tamika Upton (Knights), Jessica Sergis (Roosters)

4 points - Isabelle Kelly (Roosters), Elsie Albert (Eels), Evania Pelite (Titans), Rachael Pearson (Eels), Jakiya Whitfield (Cowboys)

3 points - Talei Holmes (Sharks), Quincy Dodd (Sharks), Mele Hufanga (Broncos), Georgia Hale (Titans), Stacey Waaka (Broncos), Tarryn Aiken (Roosters), Hannah Southwell (Knights), Simaima Taufa (Raiders), Lauren Brown (Titans), Zahara Temara (Raiders), Lilly-Ann White (Knights)

2 points - Amber Hall (Roosters), Ellie Johnston (Sharks),

Brooke Anderson (Sharks), Christian Pio (Wests Tigers), Julia Robinson (Broncos), Ali Briggingshaw (Broncos), Alexis Tauaneai (Dragons), Abbi Church (Eels), Madison Bartlett (Raiders)

1 point - Laishon Albert-Jones (Knights), Tess Staines (Wests Tigers), Shenae Ciesiolka (Broncos), Shannon Mato (Titans), Lily Peacock (Cowboys), Rosemarie Beckett (Eels), Tazmin Rapana (Broncos), Emily Bass (Titans), Millie Elliott (Roosters), Olivia Kernick (Roosters), Mackenzie Wiki (Raiders), Keilee Joseph (Broncos), Kezie Apps (Wests Tigers), Jesse Southwell (Knights)

NRLW 2024 FIXTURES

ROUND 1

JUL 25	Thu 7:45pm	NEWCASTLE	SYDNEY	12 - 10	McDonald Jones	3,921
JUL 27	Sat 11:05am	CRONULLA	NORTH QLD	14 - 0	Pointsbet Stadium	1,257
JUL 27	Sat 12:45pm	BRISBANE	PARRAMATTA	10 - 22	Suncorp Stadium	10,382
JUL 28	Sun 12:00pm	ST GEO ILLA	GOLD COAST	10 - 18	WIN Stadium	10,728
JUL 28	Sun 1:45pm	WESTS TIGERS	CANBERRA	12 - 32	Campbelltown	1,506

ROUND 2

AUG 3	Sat 11:05am	CANBERRA	NEWCASTLE	20 - 26	GIO Stadium	1,791
AUG 3	Sat 12:45pm	GOLD COAST	WESTS TIGERS	28 - 12	Cbus Super Stadium	11,105
AUG 4	Sun 12:00pm	PARRAMATTA	CRONULLA	16 - 18	Allianz Stadium	1,166
AUG 4	Sun 1:45pm	SYDNEY	BRISBANE	28 - 12	Allianz Stadium	2,899
AUG 4	Sun 6:10pm	NORTH QLD	ST GEO ILLA	38 - 34	QLD Country Bank	2,427

ROUND 3

AUG 10	Sat 11:05am	SYDNEY	WESTS TIGERS	20 - 4	Industree Group	1,898
AUG 10	Sat 12:45pm	CANBERRA	CRONULLA	12 - 24	GIO Stadium	5,831
AUG 11	Sun 12:00pm	NORTH QLD	PARRAMATTA	6 - 20	Totally Workwear	1,393
AUG 11	Sun 1:45pm	BRISBANE	GOLD COAST	44 - 4	Totally Workwear	1,788
AUG 11	Sun 6:10pm	NEWCASTLE	ST GEO ILLA	10 - 18	McDonald Jones	9,479

ROUND 4

AUG 17	Sat 11:05am	BRISBANE	CANBERRA	28 - 22	Totally Workwear	
AUG 17	Sat 12:45pm	NORTH QLD	GOLD COAST	11 - 10	QLD Country Bank	1,458
AUG 18	Sun 12:00pm	ST GEO ILLA	SYDNEY	8 - 28	WIN Stadium	
AUG 18	Sun 1:45pm	CRONULLA	NEWCASTLE	14 - 12	Pointsbet Stadium	
AUG 18	Sun 6:10pm	WESTS TIGERS	PARRAMATTA	10 - 12	Campbelltown	

ROUND 5

AUG 24	Sat 11:05am	PARRAMATTA	NEWCASTLE		Eric Tweedale	
AUG 24	Sat 12:45pm	CANBERRA	NORTH QLD		GIO Stadium	
AUG 25	Sun 12:00pm	GOLD COAST	SYDNEY		Cbus Super	
AUG 25	Sun 1:45pm	WESTS TIGERS	BRISBANE		Leichhardt Oval	
AUG 25	Sun 6:10pm	ST GEO ILLA	CRONULLA		WIN Stadium	

ROUND 6

AUG 31	Sat 11:05am	GOLD COAST	CRONULLA		Cbus Super Stadium	
AUG 31	Sat 12:45pm	PARRAMATTA	ST GEO ILLA		CommBank Stadium	
SEP 1	Sun 12:00pm	NEWCASTLE	WESTS TIGERS		McDonald Jones	
SEP 1	Sun 1:45pm	BRISBANE	NORTH QLD		Totally Workwear	
SEP 1	Sun 6:10pm	SYDNEY	CANBERRA		Allianz Stadium	

ROUND 7

SEP 7	Sat 11:05am	NORTH QLD	WESTS TIGERS		QLD Country Bank	
SEP 7	Sat 12:45pm	ST GEO ILLA	CANBERRA		Netstrata	
SEP 8	Sun 12:00pm	CRONULLA	SYDNEY		Pointsbet Stadium	
SEP 8	Sun 1:45pm	PARRAMATTA	GOLD COAST		Eric Tweedale	
SEP 8	Sun 6:10pm	NEWCASTLE	BRISBANE		McDonald Jones	

ROUND 8

SEP 12	Thu 7:45pm	WESTS TIGERS	ST GEO ILLA		Leichhardt Oval	
SEP 14	Sat 12:00pm	BRISBANE	CRONULLA		Cbus Super Stadium	
SEP 14	Sat 1:45pm	GOLD COAST	NEWCASTLE		Cbus Super Stadium	
SEP 15	Sun 12:00pm	SYDNEY	NORTH QLD		Industree Group	
SEP 15	Sun 1:45pm	CANBERRA	PARRAMATTA		GIO Stadium	

ROUND 9

SEP 19	Thu 7:45pm	CRONULLA	WESTS TIGERS		Pointsbet Stadium	
SEP 21	Sat 1:30pm	ST GEO ILLA	BRISBANE		QLD Country Bank	
SEP 21	Sat 3:15pm	NORTH QLD	NEWCASTLE		QLD Country Bank	
SEP 22	Sun 1:30pm	CANBERRA	GOLD COAST		CommBank Stadium	
SEP 22	Sun 3:15pm	PARRAMATTA	SYDNEY		CommBank Stadium	

SEMI FINALS

SEP 27-29	TBC	1ST	4TH		Venue TBC
SEP 27-29	TBC	2ND	3RD		Venue TBC

GRAND FINAL

OCT 6	Sun 3:55pm	WINNER SF 1	WINNER SF 2		Accor Stadium
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NRLW ROUND 4 WRAP

BRISBANE PIP RAIDERS TO SURGE INTO THE TOP FOUR BETH NICHOLLS

Broncos go back-to-back in wins and find themselves inside the top four, whilst the Raiders slump to their third loss in a row.

Doubles to three Bronco players, led the Brisbane side to their second win of the season, in a game that was right down to the wire. The first half started off in poor shape for the Raiders, with the side giving away a dropout after letting the kick-off go dead. The Broncos very quickly capitalised, working the ball down the field with an end of the set cross field kick from Ali Brigginsaw, caught by Stacey Waaka which then eventually found Sheneae Ciesiolka, to put the Brisbane side on the board less than two minutes into the game. Ciesiolka then very quickly found her second try of the game in the eleventh minute, after a 10m scrum, which saw Ciesiolka take on the line herself. The Raiders then got their first points on the board in the 21st minute through Mackenzie Wiki who powered through two Broncos defenders and got herself over the line. Zahara Temara then converted to make it a two-point difference. Catch up didn't last too long for the visitors though, with Stacey Waaka getting her first NRLW try. Another cross-field kick from Brigginsaw was taken by Waaka after a leap into the air before she successfully ran around Raiders defenders to get her first try in just her second NRLW match. Going into halftime, the Broncos were leading three tries to one, however with Romy Teitzel having a rough day out with the boot, it was only a 12-6 score line.

Canberra came out strong in the second half, scoring their first try in the opening two minutes of the half, with Apii Nicholls throwing a perfectly timed pass to winger Shakiah Tungai. An acrobatic try from Broncos winger Julia Robinson then saw the Broncos take back the lead just several minutes later, which then quickly turned into an eight-point lead after Robinson then caught an intercept pass and score a length of the field try underneath the posts. The Broncos lead didn't last for very long though. Kerehitina Matua made a hit and spin, missing many Broncos defenders, before she spun in the other direction and plant the ball down for the Raiders, closing the gap between them and the home side. The 57th minute then saw the Raiders capitalise on a lost ball deep in their own territory, with Emma Barnes then diving low midway through the set, to even the score after the successful kick from Temara. The score remained at 22 all until the 65th minute, until golden girl Stacey Waaka crossed over for her second try of the day, giving the Broncos a much-needed lead, which eventually saw them take home the win minutes later.

With the Raiders not having won since Round 1, they now look towards next week when they take on the Cowboys back at home who are just sitting one stop above them on the ladder. For the winners, the Broncos take on the last placed Tigers in Leichhardt who are yet to get their first win of the season.

BRISBANE	28	-	22	CANBERRA
Sheneae CIESIOLKA	2	T		Emma BARNES
Julia ROBINSON	2			Kerehitina MATUA
Stacey WAAKA	2			Shakiah TUNGAI
				Mackenzie WIKI
Romy TEITZEL	2/6	G	3/4	Zahara TEMARA
TEAMSHEETS				
Haylee MADDICK	1	FB	1	Apii NICHOLLS-PUALAU
Julia ROBINSON	2	W	2	Madison BARTLETT
Mele HUFANGA	3	C	3	Cheyelle ROBINS-RETI
Sheneae CIESIOLKA	4	C	4	Mackenzie WIKI
Stacey WAAKA	5	W	5	Shakiah TUNGAI
Gayle BROUGHTON	6	FE	6	Zahara TEMARA (c)
Ali BRIGGINSHAW (c)	7	HB	7	Ashleigh QUINLAN
Keilee JOSEPH	8	FR	8	Tommaya KELLY-SINES
Jada FERGUSON	9	HK	9	Chante TEMARA
Chelsea LENARDUZZI	10	FR	10	Sophie HOLYMAN
Tazmin GRAY	11	2R	11	Monalisa SOLIOLA
Romy TEITZEL	12	2R	12	Hollie-Mae DODD
Jasmine FOGAVINI	13	L	13	Simaima TAUFU
Destiny BRILL	14	B	14	Emma BARNES
Tafto LAFAELE	15	B	15	Grace KEMP
Lavinia GOULD	16	B	16	Kerehitina MATUA
Lauren DAM	17	B	17	Sereana NAITOKATOKA
Scott PRINCE		HC		Darrin BORTHWICK

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-6.

Penalties: Brisbane 7-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

NRLW ROUND 4 WRAP

COWBOYS DOWN TITANS IN THRILLER *TIM COSTELLO*

A field-goal to Kirra Dibb five minutes from fulltime has delivered the Cowboys a vital one-point victory at home against Queensland rivals the Gold Coast, with the final scoreline 11-10 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Cowboys' UK import Fran Goldthorp got the scoreboard ticking over first when she snatched an attacking kick out of the air and overcame a defender. Gold Coast hit back soon after when Georgia Gray opened the visitors' account pouncing on a kick into the in-goal.

While centre Jaime Chapman thought she'd scored to put the visitors ahead, it would be chalked out by the Bunker due to the grounding not being neat. Instead, North Queensland went to the break 10-4 ahead after Jakiya Whitfield going over thanks to a clever short ball from Dibb. Laikha Clarke scored the Titans' second try twenty minutes into the second half and with Lauren Brown's conversion levelling the scores, a tense final 15 minutes were in prospect.

Step up Dibb - her field goal five minutes from time put the hosts ahead, and try as they might, the Titans couldn't overcome that one-point margin in the final minutes. Brown's attempt to level scores going wide and the Cowboys grabbing the two points.

ROOSTERS RAILROAD ROUGH DRAGONS *AJ LUCANTONIO*

The Sydney Roosters have won three on the trot after a 28-8 win over St George Illawarra at WIN Stadium.

For the second week in a row, the Roosters were slow out of the blocks. Raecene McGregor found a hole and busted open midway through the first half. The Dragons then went wide and found Kim Hunt who crossed in the corner for an early advantage.

That seemed to wake the Roosters up and they hit the lead with a charging Amber Hall crossing for the Tri-Colours and they led 6-4. Before the half-time break, they hit a double blow to extend their margin to 14 before the break.

First it was quick hands across the backs which saw the ball in Isabelle Kelly's hands and she crossed. The second was a throwback of sorts from Sam Bremner with a brilliant opening through the line, she eventually found Jayme Fressard to make it 18-4 at the change of ends.

It was business as usual from the Roosters when Hall charged across for her second try. She tried again moments later, but it took an incredible tackle from the Dragons to deny her a third.

The game entered a lull and there was only one lady that could charge the Dragons back and it was Teagan Berry. She trucked the Roosters defence to score a brilliant individual try. However, it was in vain as the Roosters sealed the deal late. Fressard broke through and had the Dragons fatigued, from the next play, Kelly broke through for her second try to seal the deal for the visitors.

NORTH QLD	11	-	10	GOLD COAST
Fran GOLDTHORP		T		Laikha CLARKE
Jakiya WHITFIELD				Georgia GREY
Kirra DIBB	1/2	G	1/2	Lauren BROWN
Kirra DIBB		FG		
TEAMSHEETS				
Krystal BLACKWELL	1	FB	1	Evania PELITE
Fran GOLDTHORP	2	W	2	Georgia GREY
Jakiya WHITFIELD	3	C	3	Jaime CHAPMAN
Jasmine PETERS	4	C	6	Taliah FUIMAONO
Libby SURHA	5	W	5	Emily BASS
Tahlulah TILLET	6	FE	4	Lailani MONTGOMERY
Kirra DIBB (c)	7	HB	7	Lauren BROWN
Lily PEACOCK	15	FR	8	Shannon MATO
Emma MANZELMANN	9	HK	9	Brittany BREAYLEY-NATI
Essay BANU	10	FR	10	Jessika ELLISTON
China POLLATA	11	2R	11	Rilee JORGENSEN
Tiana RAFTSTRAND-SMITH	12	2R	12	Shaylee BENT
Bree CHESTER	13	L	13	Georgia HALE
Talisha HARDEN	8	B	14	Lily KOLC
Jetaya FAIFUA	14	B	15	Laikha CLARKE
Sareka MOOKA	16	B	16	Matekino GRAY
Harata BUTLER	18	B	17	Dannii PERESE
Ricky HENRY		HC		Karyn MURPHY

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: North QLD 10-4. Penalties: Gold Coast 10-8. Referee: Jordan Morel. Crowd: 1,458.

ST GEO ILLA	8	-	28	SYDNEY
Teagan BERRY		T	2	Amber HALL
Kimberley HUNT			2	Isabelle KELLY
				Jayne FRESSARD
			X	XXXX
Raecene MCGREGOR	0/1	G	4/5	Jocelyn KELLEHER
Tyla NATHAN-WONG	0/1			
TEAMSHEETS				
Teagan BERRY	1	FB	1	Sam BREMNER
Alice GREGORY	19	W	2	Jayne FRESSARD
Keele BROWNE	3	C	6	Isabelle KELLY (c)
Bobbi LAW	4	C	4	Jasmin STRANGE
Kimberley HUNT	5	W	5	Mia WOOD
Tyla NATHAN-WONG	6	FE	13	Jocelyn KELLEHER
Raecene MCGREGOR (c)	7	HB	7	Tarryn AIKEN
Angelina TEAKARAANGA-KATO	8	FR	8	Millie ELLIOTT
Kasey REH	9	HK	9	Keeley DAVIS
Madison MULHALL	10	FR	10	Mya HILL-MOANA
Shenai LENDILL	11	2R	11	Otesa PULE
Charlotte BASHAM	12	2R	12	Olivia KERNICK
Alexis TAUANEAI	13	L	14	Aliyah NASIO
Zali HOPKINS	14	B	15	Kalosipani HOPOATE
Ella KOSTER	15	B	18	Tavarna PAPALII
Bronte WILSON	16	B	19	Tiana DAVISON
Jamilee BRIGHT	22	B	21	Amber HALL
Jamie SOWARD		HC		John STRANGE

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-4. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Luke Saldern.

EELS CONTINUE STRONG START *JOSH ROBERTSON*

The Parramatta Eels kept their strong start to the NRLW season going with a 12-10 win over the Wests Tigers at Campbelltown Stadium.

The hosts opened the scoring in the third minute although it did not come without it's controversy when Christian Pio crossed. The initial decision onfield from referee Damian Brady was no try on the basis that there was an obstruction and replays seemed to back up the live decision however the bunker ruled no obstruction and the try was awarded leaving many stunned. An equaliser came for the Eels just shy of the 20 minute mark when an error off a kick by Bo Vette-Welsh sat up nicely for the chasing Monique Donovan who was able to clean up the ball and score untouched. The kick from Rachael Pearson levelled the scores at 6-6.

Neither side could push the scoreboard again in the remainder of the first half and well into the second half as both sides were able to match each other in both attack and defence with both coaches set to be pleased with their sides scramble defence as both sides were tested but were able to scramble. Inside the final 15 minutes, the Eels put themselves in front when an error from the Tigers gave Parramatta a strong attacking opportunity and it was their captain that put the Blue and Gold ahead when Kennedy Cherrington scored. Rachael Pearson converted from close range to put the Eels up 12-6. The Tigers hit back just five minutes later when the Eels defence couldn't quite scramble when Rebecca Pollard was able to get over in the corner after a quick play the ball gave the hosts an overlap and Pollard was able to get over. Pauline Piliae-Rasabale couldn't convert from out wide with the conversion attempt dropping just short of the posts. Despite having attacking chances, the Tigers couldn't put themselves ahead and fell to the 12-10 defeat.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Parramatta 7-4. Referee: Damian Brady.

PARRAMATTA	12	-	10	WESTS TIGERS
Christian PIO		T		Kennedy CHERRINGTON
Rebecca POLLARD				Monique DONOVAN
Pauline PILIAE-RASABALE	1/2	G	2/2	Rachael PEARSON
TEAMSHEETS				
Botille VETTE-WELSH (c)	1	FB	1	Abbi CHURCH
Rebecca POLLARD	2	W	2	Zali FAY
Leianne TUFUGA	3	C	3	Rory OWEN
Rikeya HORNE	4	C	4	Rosie KELLY
Tess STAINES	5	W	5	Monique DONOVAN
Pauline PILIAE-RASABALE	6	FE	6	Cassey TOHI-HIKU
Losana LUTU	7	HB	7	Rachael PEARSON
Sarah TOGATUKI	8	FR	8	Elsie ALBERT
Salma NOUR	9	HK	9	Taneka TODHUNTER
Christian PIO	10	FR	10	Madeline JONES
Brooke TALATAINA	11	2R	11	Chloe JACKSON
Shaienne MCGLONE	12	2R	12	Mahalia MURPHY (c)
Najvada GEORGE	13	L	13	Kennedy CHERRINGTON
Sophie CURTAIN	14	B	14	Rosemarie BECKETT
Natasha PENITANI	15	B	16	Jade FONUA
Tara REINKE	16	B	18	Tafao ASUAU
Jessica KENNEDY	17	B	19	Breanna EALES
Brett KIMMORLEY		HC		Steve GEORGALLIS

SHARKS SLIDE PAST KNIGHTS TO MAINTAIN PERFECT START TIM COSTELLO

Cronulla are firming as surprise favourites for the 2024 NRLW title after winning their fourth game from four, holding on against a tenacious Newcastle to finish 14-12 victors at Pointsbet Stadium.

Newcastle led 8-6 at the break after Laishon Albert-Jones opened the scoring for the visitors, a superb try laid on by the elite work of Dally M medallist Tamika Upton. Upton went from hero to villain quickly though, with Quincy Dodd beating the Knights fullback to a ball which saw the Sharks score themselves. The Sharks led 6-4 at this point and it wasn't until Rugby Sevens convert Tenika Willison's try on debut that the visitors had the lead they'd take into the break.

Cronulla wasted little time after the resumption striking back and reclaiming the lead when Tegan Dymock crossed the line, but the tit-for-tat nature of the contest again was on show, with Newcastle levelling the scores when Upton made a superb break and laid on Laishon-Jones' second four-pointer of the day. Ultimately Jesse Southwell's goalkicking cost the Knights significantly, a 0/3 performance contrasting with Tayla Preston's 3/3, the third being a penalty at the 50-minute mark which ultimately proved the match-winner as neither side troubled the scorers for the final twenty minutes of the contest. There was a moment of concern late in the match when Cronulla's Talei Holmes was injured, with a long break in play for her to be attended to. Cronulla held on for a two-point win, strengthening their hold on the top spot.

CRONULLA		14	-	12	NEWCASTLE	
Quincy DODD			T	2	Laishon ALBERT-JONES	
Tegan DYMOCK					Tenika WILLISON	
Tayla PRESTON	3/3	G		0/3	Jesse SOUTHWELL	
TEAMSHEETS						
Cassie STAPLES	1	FB	1	Tamika UPTON		
Nakia DAVIS-WELSH	2	W	2	Tenika WILLISON		
Tiana PENITANI (c)	3	C	3	Shanice PARKER		
Annessa BIDDLE	4	C	4	Abigail ROACHE		
Georgia RAVICS	5	W	5	Lilly-Ann WHITE		
Emma TONEGATO	21	FE	6	Georgia ROCHE		
Tayla PRESTON	7	HB	7	Jesse SOUTHWELL		
Ellie JOHNSTON	8	FR	16	Rima BUTLER		
Quincy DODD	9	HK	9	Olivia HIGGINS		
Holli WHEELER	10	FR	10	Kayla ROMANIUK		
Talei HOLMES	11	2R	11	Laishon ALBERT-JONES		
Vanessa FOLIAKI	12	2R	12	Yasmin CLYDSDALE		
Brooke ANDERSON	13	L	13	Hannah SOUTHWELL (c)		
Sharni SMALE	14	B	8	Tayla PREDEBON		
Chloe SAUNDERS	15	B	14	Nita MAYNARD		
Manilita TAKAPAUTOLO	16	B	15	Simone KARPANI		
Tegan DYMOCK	17	B	17	Grace KUKUTAI		
Tony HERMAN		HC		Ben JEFFRIES		

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 8-6.
Penalties: Newcastle 7-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

NRLW 2024 LADDER & STATS LEADERS

LADDER - R4

POS	TEAM	HOME						AWAY						TOTAL											
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD	FPG	APG
1.	CRONULLA	2	2	-	-	28	12	16	2	2	-	-	42	28	14	4	4	-	-	70	40	8	+30	17.50	10.00
2.	SYDNEY	2	2	-	-	48	16	32	2	1	1	-	38	20	18	4	3	1	-	86	36	6	+50	21.50	9.00
3.	PARRAMATTA	1	-	1	-	16	18	-2	3	3	-	-	54	26	28	4	3	1	-	70	44	6	+26	17.50	11.00
4.	BRISBANE	3	2	1	-	82	48	34	1	-	1	-	12	28	-16	4	2	2	-	94	76	4	+18	23.50	19.00
5.	NEWCASTLE	2	1	1	-	22	28	-6	2	1	1	-	38	34	4	4	2	2	-	60	62	4	-2	15.00	15.50
6.	GOLD COAST	1	1	-	-	28	12	16	3	1	2	-	32	65	-33	4	2	2	-	60	77	4	-17	15.00	19.25
7.	NORTH QLD	3	2	1	-	55	64	-9	1	-	1	-	-	14	-14	4	2	2	-	55	78	4	-23	13.75	19.50
8.	CANBERRA	2	-	2	-	32	50	-18	2	1	1	-	54	40	14	4	1	3	-	86	90	2	-4	21.50	22.50
9.	ST GEO ILLA	2	-	2	-	18	46	-28	2	1	1	-	52	48	4	4	1	3	-	70	94	2	-24	17.50	23.50
10.	WESTS TIGERS	2	-	2	-	22	44	-22	2	-	2	-	16	48	-32	4	-	4	-	38	92	0	-54	9.50	23.00

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Jessica Sergis	Sydney	3	4
	Kimberley Hunt	St Geo Illa	3	4
	Julia Robinson	Brisbane	4	4
	Mele Hufanga	Brisbane	4	4
	Jayne Fressard	Sydney	4	4
	Teagan Berry	St Geo Illa	4	4
	Madison Bartlett	Canberra	4	4

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Zahara Temara	Canberra	4	2	11	-	30
2	Jocelyn Kelleher	Sydney	4	1	11	-	26
3	Romy Teitzel	Brisbane	4	2	8	-	24
4	Tayla Preston	Cronulla	4	-	9	-	18
	Rachael Pearson	Parramatta	4	-	9	-	18

TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G/A	%
1	Jocelyn Kelleher	Sydney	4	11 / 15	73%
	Zahara Temara	Canberra	4	11 / 16	69%
3	Tayla Preston	Cronulla	4	9 / 14	64%
	Rachael Pearson	Parramatta	4	9 / 14	64%

NRL MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY ROUND 4

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	On Who	Base	Offence #	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	RESULT
China POLATA	North Qld	1	Dangerous Contact	Shaylee Bent	1 match	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	WARNING
Bree CHESTER	North Qld	1	Dangerous Contact	Taliah Fuimaono	1 match	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	WARNING
Pani HOPOATE	Sydney	1	Dangerous Contact	Alexis Tauaneai	1 match	2nd	2 matches	1 match~	Guilty - early plea 39A	\$400
Chloe SAUNDERS	Cronulla	1	Crusher Tackle	Tamika Upton	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match~	Guilty - early plea 39A	\$400
Tasha PENITANI	Wests Tigers	1	Careless High Tackle	Zali Fay	1 match	1st	1 match	Warning	Guilty - early plea	WARNING

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

- Can opt for \$400 fine instead of suspension with early plea under Rule 39A



**PARRAMATTA
EELS**

**NEWCASTLE
KNIGHTS**



VENUE	Eric Tweedale Stadium (Granville Park)	Belinda SHARPE	REFEREE	WATCH	Nine / 9Now / Fox / Kayo
LOCATION	Dharug Merrylands, NSW	Ethan KLEIN, Brad KIEHNE	TOUCH JUDGES	LISTEN	ABC Sport
DAY & TIME	Sat 24 Aug 2024 11:05am AEST	Kasey BADGER	NRL BUNKER	ONLINE	twitter.com/LeagueUnlimited

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts					Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
26	4	1	-	-	4	Abbi CHURCH	1	FULLBACK	1	Tamika UPTON	27	4	2	-	-	8
23	4	1	-	-	4	Zali FAY	2	WING	2	Tenika WILLISON	-	1	1	-	-	4
-	4	2	-	-	8	Rory OWEN	3	CENTRE	3	Shanice PARKER	26	4	-	-	-	-
24	4	1	-	-	4	Rosie KELLY	4	CENTRE	4	Abigail ROACHE	23	4	1	-	-	4
-	4	3	-	-	12	Monique DONOVAN	5	WING	5	Lilly-Ann WHITE	-	3	1	-	-	4
20	4	-	-	-	-	Cassey TOHI-HIKU	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Georgia ROCHE	23	4	-	-	-	-
30	4	-	9	-	18	Rachael PEARSON	7	HALFBACK	7	Evie JONES	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	4	-	-	-	-	Elsie ALBERT	8	FRONT ROW	8	Tayla PREDEBON	23	4	-	-	-	-
-	4	-	-	-	-	Taneka TODHUNTER	9	HOOKER	9	Olivia HIGGINS	31	4	1	-	-	4
-	4	-	-	-	-	Madeline JONES	10	FRONT ROW	10	Kayla ROMANIUK	22	4	-	-	-	-
20	3	-	-	-	-	Chloe JACKSON	11	SECOND ROW	11	Laishon ALBERT-JONES	26	4	2	-	-	8
30	4	-	-	-	-	Mahalia MURPHY	12	SECOND ROW	12	Yasmin CLYDSDALE	30	4	-	-	-	-
25	4	3	-	-	12	Kennedy CHERRINGTON	13	LOCK	13	Hannah SOUTHWELL	25	4	1	-	-	4
-	3	2	-	-	8	Rosemarie BECKETT	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Nita MAYNARD	32	4	-	-	-	-
-	3	-	-	-	-	Tyla AMIATU	15		15	Simone KARPANI	27	1	-	-	-	-
-	4	-	-	-	-	Jade FONUA	16		16	Rima BUTLER	26	4	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	-	-	Tafao ASUAU	18		17	Grace KUKUTAI	27	3	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	-	-	Breanna EALES	19	RESERVES	18	Sheridan GALLAGHER	22	3	2	-	-	8
20	3	-	-	-	-	Ruby-Jean KENNARD	17		19	Jacinta CARTER	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	Lindsay TUI	20		20	Viena TINAO	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	Kate FALLON	21		21	Jules KIRKPATRICK	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pihuka BERRYMAN-DUFF	22		22	Isabella WATERMAN	24	2	-	-	-	-
56	4	-	-	-	-	Steve GEORGALLIS		COACHES		Ben JEFFRIES	43	13	-	-	-	-

HEAD TO HEAD since 2022

	TOTAL	PARRAMATTA	NEWCASTLE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	4	1	3	0
ERIC TWEEDALE	0	0	0	0
BELINDA SHARPE	1	0	1	0

LAST THREE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2022	Round 3	NEWCASTLE 18-16	McD. Jones	-
2022	Grand Final	NEWCASTLE 32-12	Accor	-
2023	Round 3	NEWCASTLE 38-4	CommBank	23596

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
PARRAMATTA	3RD	4	0	3-1-0	70	44
NEWCASTLE	5TH	4	0	2-2-0	60	62

NEXT FOUR MATCHES

TEAM	ROUND 6	ROUND 7	ROUND 8	ROUND 9
PARRAMATTA	ST GEO ILLA (H)	GOLD COAST (H)	CANBERRA (A)	SYDNEY (H)
NEWCASTLE	WESTS TIGERS (H)	BRISBANE (H)	GOLD COAST (A)	NORTH QLD (A)

Match stats courtesy of





CANBERRA RAIDERS

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS



VENUE	GIO Stadium Canberra (Canberra Stadium)	LUKE SALDERN	REFEREE		WATCH	Nine / 9Now / Fox / Kayo
LOCATION	Ngunnawal Bruce, ACT	Billy GREATBATCH, Dillian WELLS	TOUCH JUDGES		LISTEN	ABC Sport
DAY & TIME	Sat 24 Aug 2024 12:45pm AEST	Matt NOYEN	NRL BUNKER		ONLINE	twitter.com/LeagueUnlimited

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
31	4	-	-	-	-	Apii NICHOLLS-PUALAU	1	FULLBACK	1	Fran GOLDTHORP	21	4	2	-	-	8
29	4	4	-	-	16	Madison BARTLETT	2	WING	2	Krystal BLACKWELL	21	4	-	-	-	-
27	4	-	-	-	-	Cheyelle ROBINS-RETI	3	CENTRE	3	Jakiya WHITFELD	23	4	3	-	-	12
22	4	3	-	-	12	Mackenzie WIKI	4	CENTRE	4	Jasmine PETERS	22	4	1	-	-	4
20	1	1	-	-	4	Alanna DUMMETT	5	WING	5	Libby SURHA	-	2	-	-	-	-
27	4	2	11	-	30	Zahara TEMARA	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Tahlulah TILLET	25	4	-	-	-	-
29	4	-	-	-	-	Ashleigh QUINLAN	7	HALFBACK	7	Kirra DIBB	27	4	-	7	1	15
29	4	-	-	-	-	Tommaya KELLY-SINES	8	FRONT ROW	8	Tallisha HARDEN	32	4	-	-	-	-
23	4	-	-	-	-	Chante TEMARA	9	HOOKER	9	Emma MANZELMANN	22	4	-	-	-	-
26	4	-	-	-	-	Sophie HOLYMAN	10	FRONT ROW	10	Essay BANU	22	4	-	-	-	-
24	4	1	-	-	4	Kerehitina MATUA	11	SECOND ROW	11	China POLATA	22	4	1	-	-	4
21	4	-	-	-	-	Hollie-Mae DODD	12	SECOND ROW	12	Tiana RAFTSTRAND-SMITH	21	4	2	-	-	8
30	4	1	-	-	4	Simaima TAUFA	13	LOCK	13	Bree CHESTER	22	4	-	-	-	-
20	4	1	-	-	4	Emma BARNES	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Jetaya FAIFUA	21	1	-	-	-	-
23	4	-	-	-	-	Grace KEMP	15		15	Lily PEACOCK	19	4	1	-	-	4
18	-	-	-	-	-	Relna WURUKI-HOSEA	16		16	Makenzie WEALE	22	1	-	-	-	-
23	4	-	-	-	-	Sereana NAITOKATOKA	17		17	Harata BUTLER	31	3	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-	-	Felice QUINLAN	18	RESERVES	18	Shellie LONG	24	-	-	-	-	-
19	-	-	-	-	-	Georgia WILLEY	19		19	Sareka MOOKA	24	3	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	Tatiana FINAU	20		20	Lillian YARROW	20	1	-	-	-	-
18	-	-	-	-	-	Jaida FALEONO	21		21	Vitalina NAIKORE	23	1	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	Amelia PASIKALA	22		23	Shaniah POWER	27	1	-	-	-	-
-	13	-	-	-	-	Darrin BORTHWICK		COACHES		Ricky HENRY	-	4	-	-	-	-

HEAD TO HEAD since 2023

	TOTAL	CANBERRA	NORTH QLD	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	1	1	0	0
GIO	0	0	0	0
LUKE SALDERN	0	0	0	0

MATCH HISTORY

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2023	Round 8	CANBERRA 34-12	Cbus Super	1096

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
CANBERRA	8TH	4	0	1-3-0	86	90
NORTH QLD	7TH	4	0	2-2-0	55	78

NEXT FOUR MATCHES

TEAM	ROUND 6	ROUND 7	ROUND 8	ROUND 9
CANBERRA	SYDNEY (A)	ST GEO ILLA (A)	PARRAMATTA (H)	GOLD COAST (H)
NORTH QLD	BRISBANE (A)	WESTS TIGERS (H)	SYDNEY (A)	NEWCASTLE (H)

Match stats courtesy of





**GOLD COAST
TITANS**

**SYDNEY
ROOSTERS**



VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium (Robina Stadium)	Daniel SCHWASS	REFEREE		WATCH	Nine / 9Now / Fox / Kayo
LOCATION	Yugambah Robina, QLD	Rochelle TAMARUA, Izzy DAVIDSON	TOUCH JUDGES		LISTEN	ABC Sport
DAY & TIME	Sun 25 Aug 2024 12:00pm AEST	Matt NOYEN	NRL BUNKER		ONLINE	twitter.com/LeagueUnlimited

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
29	4	2	-	-	8	Evania PELITE	1	FULLBACK	1	Sam BREMNER	32	3	-	-	-	-
-	3	1	-	-	4	Georgia GREY	2	WING	2	Jayne FRESSARD	27	4	4	-	-	16
22	4	3	-	-	12	Jaime CHAPMAN	3	CENTRE	3	Jasmin STRANGE	21	4	-	-	-	-
36	3	-	-	-	-	Niall WILLIAMS-GUTHRIE	4	CENTRE	4	Isabelle KELLY	27	4	2	-	-	8
25	4	3	-	-	12	Emily BASS	5	WING	5	Mia WOOD	25	4	-	-	-	-
25	4	-	-	-	-	Taliah FUIMAONO	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Jocelyn KELLEHER	24	4	1	11	-	26
29	4	1	6	-	16	Lauren BROWN	7	HALFBACK	7	Tarryn AIKEN	25	4	2	-	-	8
26	4	-	-	-	-	Shannon MATO	8	FRONT ROW	8	Millie ELLIOTT	26	4	-	-	-	-
33	4	-	-	-	-	Brittany BREAYLEY-NATI	9	HOOKER	9	Keeley DAVIS	24	4	-	-	-	-
26	4	-	-	-	-	Jessika ELLISTON	10	FRONT ROW	10	Mya HILL-MOANA	22	4	-	-	-	-
-	3	-	-	-	-	Rilee JORGENSEN	11	SECOND ROW	11	Amber HALL	29	3	2	-	-	8
23	4	-	-	-	-	Shaylee BENT	12	SECOND ROW	12	Olivia KERNICK	23	4	1	-	-	4
29	4	-	-	-	-	Georgia HALE	13	LOCK	13	Tiana DAVISON	23	1	-	-	-	-
-	4	-	-	-	-	Lily KOLC	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Tavarna PAPALII	19	1	-	-	-	-
22	4	1	-	-	4	Laikha CLARKE	15		15	Kalosipani HOPOATE	20	4	-	-	-	-
20	4	-	-	-	-	Dannii PERESE	16		16	Samantha ECONOMOS	30	3	-	-	-	-
20	1	-	-	-	-	Matekino GRAY	17		17	Otesa PULE	21	4	-	-	-	-
19	-	-	-	-	-	Sienna LOFIPO	18	RESERVES	18	Shannon ROSE	27	-	-	-	-	-
20	2	1	-	-	4	Hailee-Jay MAUNSELL	19		19	Taina NAIVIDI	23	1	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	-	-	Ngatokotoru ARAKUA	20		20	Aliyah NASIO	18	4	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	Georgia SIM	21		21	Eliza LOPAMAUA	19	1	-	-	-	-
23	1	-	-	-	-	Zara CANFIELD	22				-	-	-	-	-	-
54	20	-	-	-	-	Karyn MURPHY		COACHES		John STRANGE	49	27	-	-	-	-

HEAD TO HEAD since 2022

	TOTAL	GOLD COAST	SYDNEY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	4	2	2	0
CBUS SUPER	1	0	1	0
DANIEL SCHWASS	0	0	0	0

LAST THREE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2022	Round 5	SYDNEY 38-12	Central Coast	4776
2023	Round 5	SYDNEY 30-8	Cbus Super	6943
2023	Semi Final	GOLD COAST 12-0	Allianz	3028

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
GOLD COAST	6TH	4	0	2-2-0	60	77
SYDNEY	2ND	4	0	3-1-0	86	36

NEXT FOUR MATCHES

TEAM	ROUND 6	ROUND 7	ROUND 8	ROUND 9
GOLD COAST	CRONULLA (H)	PARRAMATTA (A)	NEWCASTLE (H)	CANBERRA (A)
SYDNEY	CANBERRA (H)	CRONULLA (A)	NORTH QLD (H)	PARRAMATTA (A)

Match stats courtesy of



**WESTS
TIGERS****BRISBANE
BRONCOS**

VENUE	Leichhardt Oval	Daniel LUTTRINGER	REFEREE		WATCH	Nine / 9Now / Fox / Kayo
LOCATION	Wanngal Lilyfield, NSW	Karra-Lee NOLAN, Luke SALDERN	TOUCH JUDGES		LISTEN	ABC Sport
DAY & TIME	Sun 25 Aug 2024 1:45pm AEST	Chris BUTLER	NRL BUNKER		ONLINE	twitter.com/LeagueUnlimited

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts					Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
27	4	1	-	-	4	Botille VETTE-WELSH	1	FULLBACK	1	Hayley MADDICK	32	4	1	-	-	4
25	1	1	-	-	4	Rebecca POLLARD	2	WING	2	Julia ROBINSON	26	4	4	-	-	16
24	4	1	-	-	4	Rikeya HORNE	3	CENTRE	3	Mele HUFANGA	29	4	4	-	-	16
22	4	-	-	-	-	Leianne TUFUGA	4	CENTRE	4	Shenae CIESIOLKA	27	2	2	-	-	8
19	-	-	-	-	-	Tiana LEE-THORNE	5	WING	5	Stacey WAAKA	-	2	2	-	-	8
31	4	-	5	-	10	Pauline PILIAE-RASABALE	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Gayle BROUGHTON	28	2	-	-	-	-
20	4	1	-	-	4	Losana LUTU	7	HALFBACK	7	Ali BRIGGINSHAW	34	4	-	-	-	-
26	4	-	-	-	-	Sarah TOGATUKI	8	FRONT ROW	8	Brianna CLARK	29	2	-	2	-	4
21	4	1	-	-	4	Salma NOUR	9	HOKKER	9	Jada FERGUSON	22	4	1	-	-	4
24	4	1	-	-	4	Christian PIO	10	FRONT ROW	10	Chelsea LENARDUZZI	28	4	1	-	-	4
20	4	-	-	-	-	Brooke TALATAINA	11	SECOND ROW	11	Tazmin GRAY	29	4	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	Montana CLIFFORD	12	SECOND ROW	12	Romy TEITZEL	25	4	2	8	-	24
25	4	-	-	-	-	Najvada GEORGE	13	LOCK	13	Keilee JOSEPH	22	4	-	-	-	-
23	4	-	-	-	-	Sophie CURTAIN	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Destiny BRILL	21	3	1	-	-	4
25	4	-	-	-	-	Tara REINKE	15		15	Tafto LAFAELE	-	2	-	-	-	-
-	4	-	-	-	-	Natasha PENITANI	16		16	Lavinia GOULD	41	3	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	Ebony PRIOR	17		17	Lauren DAM	27	4	-	-	-	-
29	4	-	-	-	-	Shaienne McGLONE	18	RESERVES	18	Skyla ADAMS	19	2	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	Imogen GOBRAN	19		19	Bree SPREADBOROUGH	25	2	-	-	-	-
22	4	1	-	-	4	Tess STAINES	20		20	Hannah LARSSON	21	-	-	-	-	-
21	1	-	-	-	-	Jessica KENNEDY	21		21	Ashleigh WERNER	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	Emily CURTAIN	22				-	-	-	-	-	-
47	13	-	-	-	-	Brett KIMMORLEY		COACHES		Scott PRINCE	44	14	-	-	-	-

HEAD TO HEAD since 2023

	TOTAL	WESTS TIGERS	BRISBANE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	1	0	1	0
LEICHHARDT	0	0	0	0
DANIEL LUTTRINGER	0	0	0	0

MATCH HISTORY

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2023	Round 8	BRISBANE 22-18	McD. Jones	3634

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
WESTS TIGERS	10TH	4	0	0-4-0	38	92
BRISBANE	4TH	4	0	2-2-0	94	76

NEXT FOUR MATCHES

TEAM	ROUND 6	ROUND 7	ROUND 8	ROUND 9
WESTS TIGERS	NEWCASTLE (A)	NORTH QLD (A)	ST GEO ILLA (H)	CRONULLA (A)
BRISBANE	NORTH QLD (H)	NEWCASTLE (A)	CRONULLA (H)	ST GEO ILLA (A)

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE
project



ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS



VENUE	WIN Stadium (Wollongong Showground)	Clayton WILLS	Clayton WILLS	REFEREE	Clayton WILLS	WATCH	Nine / 9Now / Fox / Kayo
LOCATION	Dharawal Wollongong, NSW	Billy GREATBATCH, Dillian WELLS	Billy GREATBATCH, Dillian WELLS	TOUCH JUDGES	TOUCH JUDGES	LISTEN	ABC Sport
DAY & TIME	Sun 25 Aug 2024 6:10pm AEST	Dave MUNRO	Dave MUNRO	NRL BUNKER	NRL BUNKER	ONLINE	twitter.com/LeagueUnlimited

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
22	4	4	-	-	16	Teagan BERRY	1	FULLBACK	1	Cassie STAPLES		31	4	2	-	-	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Maria PASEKA	2	WING	2	Nakia DAVIS-WELSH		-	2	1	-	-	4
22	4	1	-	-	4	Keele BROWNE	3	CENTRE	3	Tiana PENITANI		28	4	2	-	-	8
27	4	1	-	-	4	Bobbi LAW	4	CENTRE	4	Annessa BIDDLE		-	4	2	-	-	8
26	1	-	-	-	-	Alice GREGORY	5	WING	5	Georgia RAVICS		-	4	-	-	-	-
-	2	-	-	-	-	Tyla NATHAN-WONG	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Emma TONEGATO		29	2	-	-	-	-
26	4	-	7	-	14	Raecene MCGREGOR	7	HALFBACK	7	Tayla PRESTON		24	4	-	9	-	18
22	4	-	-	-	-	Angelina TEAKARAANGA-KATOA	8	FRONT ROW	8	Ellie JOHNSTON		23	4	2	-	-	8
22	4	-	-	-	-	Zali HOPKINS	9	HOOKER	9	Quincy DODD		24	4	1	-	-	4
20	2	-	-	-	-	Madison MULHALL	10	FRONT ROW	10	Holli WHEELER		34	4	1	-	-	4
24	4	-	-	-	-	Shenai LENDILL	11	SECOND ROW	11	Vanessa FOLIAKI		31	4	-	-	-	-
18	4	-	-	-	-	Charlotte BASHAM	12	SECOND ROW	12	Rhiannon BYERS		-	3	-	-	-	-
19	4	1	-	-	4	Alexis TAUANEAI	13	LOCK	13	Brooke ANDERSON		28	4	-	-	-	-
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42	3	-	-	-	-	Stephanie HANCOCK	17		17	Tegan DYMOCK		22	4	1	-	-	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Jordyn PRESTON	18	RESERVES	18	Filomina HANISI		23	-	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-	-	Kaarla COWAN	19		19	Leki LEILUA		-	-	-	-	-	-
18	4	-	-	-	-	Bronte WILSON	20		20	Pia TAPSELL		-	-	-	-	-	-
21	2	-	-	-	-	Sophie CLANCY	21		21	Talei HOLMES		24	4	-	-	-	-
25	2	-	-	-	-	Maatuleio FOTU-MOALA	22		22	Dominique DU TOIT		-	-	-	-	-	-
39	26	-	-	-	-	Jamie SOWARD		COACHES		Tony HERMAN		57	13	-	-	-	-

HEAD TO HEAD since 2023

	TOTAL	ST GEO ILLA	CRONULLA	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	1	0	1	0
WIN	0	0	0	0
CLAYTON WILLS	0	0	0	0

MATCH HISTORY

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2023	Round 8	CRONULLA 16-8	Pointsbet	1630

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
ST GEO ILLA	9TH	4	0	1-3-0	70	94
CRONULLA	1ST	4	0	4-0-0	70	40

NEXT FOUR MATCHES

TEAM	ROUND 6	ROUND 7	ROUND 8	ROUND 9
ST GEO ILLA	PARRAMATTA (A)	CANBERRA (H)	WESTS TIGERS (A)	BRISBANE (H)
CRONULLA	GOLD COAST (A)	SYDNEY (H)	BRISBANE (A)	WESTS TIGERS (H)

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NRLW PREVIEWS: ROUND 5

EELS v KNIGHTS: Luke JOBSON

The opening game of Round 5 in the NRLW sees the most improved side in 2024 take on the reigning premiers, as Parramatta and Newcastle do battle at Eric Tweedale Stadium on Saturday morning.

The Parramatta Eels come into this game with a 3-1 record, amounting for as many wins this season as they have in the last two seasons (including the famous 2022 finals win against the Roosters). As a matter of fact, a win against the Knights would give Parramatta as many wins this season as they have in their NRLW history prior to 2024. Last weeks 12-10 win against the Tigers may not have come as easily as this writer suggested, however the Eels found a way to win in a gritty game against a tough Tigers outfit. Arguably, the Eels of the past would have lost that game, with some gritty defense holding off a desperate Tigers attack. The Parramatta attack was not as crisp as previous weeks, but the resolve of the Eels is something that has not been seen at all in the time they've been in the competition. That said, a clunky attack won't go far against a much stronger side in the Newcastle Knights.

In what could very well be a finals preview, the Knights went down in a ding-dong battle against the ladder-leading Cronulla Sharks 14-12. The Knights did outscore the Sharks with three tries to two, but the lacklustre goal-kicking cost the Premiers, sinking to their second loss and their first week outside of the top four. The loss of Jesse Southwell and the second-half HIA of Lilly-Ann White did not help the Knights last week, who will rue the missed conversions early in the game would've won it for them in the end. As they move into the second half of the season, the Knights come up against two of the top four sides (Eels, Broncos) and would need to win at least three of their next five games to try and keep their finals chances alive.

Parramatta have named the same starting line-up as they have since round 2, with the only change coming via the interchange bench. Tafao Asaua comes back onto the bench after missing last week through illness, with Breanna Eales heading back to the bench. Jesse Southwell misses this game for the Knights having come off the ground under the concussion protocol last weekend, with Evie Jones stepping in for her debut. Tayla Predebon will start this week, with Rima Butler coming off the bench. Sheridan Gallagher may come into the side on gameday as she works her way back from injury.

WHO TO WATCH: Cassey Tohi-Hiku has been the perfect foil partner to Rachael Pearson this season, backed up by the breakout season of Abbi Church in the Parramatta outfit. Tohi-Hiku's running game has started to trouble the right edge of every team she's seen this season, averaging over 115 running metres a game as a dynamic five-eighth. Defensively, she only misses 1.25 tackles per game, supporting an Eels side that only concedes 11 points per game while encapsulating the best part of Parramatta in 2024 - a style that grinds opponents down and drives the Eels on the front foot. Expect plenty of running for the Eels number six, especially at debutant Evie Jones.

Wherever Tamika Upton goes, premiership glory follows. A four-time premiership winner, an NRLW record, Upton has a stunning game of pace that breaks the spine of opposition teams quicker than you can say line break. She has at least one try involvement (two tries, three try assists) in every game this season, as well as two line breaks and 10 tackle busts in 2024. Needless to say, without Jesse Southwell in the spine it will be Upton who will inevitably step up to fill that attacking void.

MY TIP: The biggest improvers against the reigning premiers who need the win to potentially get back into the top four. It's a Parramatta home game, with a decent crowd expected at the adopted home of the Eels NRLW side. As tempting as Parramatta are here, they've never beaten the Knights. Tamika Upton has always scored against the Eels (3/3) and you'd have to imagine that there is a long range Upton try coming this week - one that just might break the Eels backs. **Knights by 6.**

RAIDERS v COWBOYS:

Tim COSTELLO

After starting the season with a strong performance, the Raiders have found themselves falling short for three straight weeks... while the Cowboys are riding high into Saturday afternoon's contest after pipping the Titans by a field goal at home last Sunday.

With the halfway point of the season hitting this round, the stakes are high for both clubs who sit outside the top four. A win for the Cowboys puts them well in contention for the pointy end, while the Raiders need the two competition points just to keep pace.

In terms of team news the Raiders lose Monalisa Soliola (shoulder), which sees Kerehitina Matua start in the second row, and Reina Wuruki-Hosea - 18th player for the last several weeks - finally getting a crack and set to debut on the bench. Elsewhere in the Green Machine lineup, Shakiah Tungai is out with Alana Dummett replacing her.

The Cowboys welcome back Queensland Origin forward Makenzie Weale, who has been named on the bench. Out since the opening round with a head injury, she pushes Sareka Mooka out of the side. English import Fran Goldthorp moves to fullback and pushes Krystal Blackwell to the wing.

WHO TO WATCH: Zahara Temara has seen plenty of NRLW success across her career but so far has yet to really have a strong impact on the Raiders in the halves. If she can recapture the form that helped her guide the Roosters to the 2021 title, it could be the tonic the team from the capital need to crack their first finals series.

Kirra Dibb is an obvious choice to focus on for the Cowboys ahead of Saturday's clash, given her vital role in securing victory for the Townsville club last weekend. A 75th minute field goal proved the difference over a tenacious Gold Coast team, as well as playing a key role throughout the contest - it'll be her presence that provides the visitors the impetus to get their third victory of the season.

MY TIP: Home ground advantage is important and this will be a tight, hard-fought contest but the Raiders sadly have shown an inability to ice the contest this year - while the Cowboys have. Dibb to star again. **Cowboys by 2.**

DRAGONS v SHARKS:

Josh ROBERTSON

Dragons winger Teagan Berry is having a strong season as she is one of seven players to have scored four tries this season which is the most in the competition. Berry has also lead the competition in both linebreaks and tackle breaks this season which will be needed by the Red 'V' coming up against the best defensive side in the NRL.

Sharks speedster Emma Tonegato made her return last week from injury and played well. Whilst not being a first choice half, Tonegato will play an important role for the Sharks coming up against an experience pairing of King and McGregor.

A Sunday night local derby finishes off Round 5 of the NRLW as the St George Illawarra Dragons play host to the undefeated Cronulla Sharks at WIN Stadium in Wollongong making it not so true local derby.

The St George Illawarra Dragons have had on paper what looks to be a disappointing season and it probably has been as they have only notched up one win from their four games so far this season. Coming off the back of a victory against the Knights, the Dragons would've been confident of going back-to-back but they put in another poor performance going down to the Roosters 28-8. Despite opening the scoring, it was a 15-minute burst that wiped the game away.

Starting their season without superstar Tyla King didn't help the Red'V' with the NZ international competing for New Zealand in the Rugby Sevens at

TITANS v ROOSTERS:

Beth NICHOLLS

The Roosters travel North to take on the Titans and look to take their fourth win in a row.

The Titans have had an up and down year so far, currently sitting in 6th place, having started their season on a high beating the Dragons and Tigers, before losing to the Broncos with a high points margin, followed by a one-point loss to the Cowboys last week.

The tricolours make a few changes to their line-up that defeated the Dragons last week, with Tiana Davison moving into the starting side at lock, and Samantha Economos coming onto the bench, after being 18th player last week. Amber Hall also moves into the starting second row, with Otesa Pule moving to the bench in her place.

Despite losing their Round 1 clash with the reigning premiers, the Roosters have had a solid season so far, winning every game since. They are sitting in second place, tied with the Eels who have also won three of four games this year.

Gold Coast welcome back Niall Williams-Guthrie to the centres, which sees Taliah Fuimaono reverts to preferred position, five-eighth, and Lailani Montgomery to drop out of the side. Other than these changes, the Titans remain unchanged.

These two sides last met in the Grand Final qualifier match in 2023, where the Titans kept the Roosters scoreless, with a final score of 12-0.

WHO TO WATCH: Scoring a hattrick at home against the Tigers in Round 2, Jaime Chapman is a speedy centre who cannot be stopped once she's off. Along with the three tries so far this season, Chapman has also made 21 tackle breaks and five line breaks.

Playing a dominant role in QLD's Origin series win this year, Tarryn Aikin is having a ripper of a season at the Roosters so far this season, being an important member of the spine. She has scored two tries whilst also having three try assists and three line break assists.

MY TIP: Both teams have the potential to get the job done, but the Roosters are having a strong season and have only lost the one game so far, whilst the Titans had a good start and have hit a bit of a rough patch. **Roosters by 8.**

the Paris Olympics. The Dragons went 0-2 to start the season with narrow losses to the Titans and Cowboys before coming from behind to beat the Knights 18-10 in a shock result where King's impact was on show but last week couldn't have that same impact.

The Dragons have been boosted with Tyla King and Raecene McGregor cleared to play after leaving the field late last week as has Bobbi Law who was also forced from the field for a HIA. Coach Jamie Soward has tweaked his line up with Zali Hopkins moving into the hooker role with Kasey Reh moving to the bench. Maria Paseka will make her debut being named on the wing replacing Kimberley Hunt.

Things haven't gone smoothly so far in 2024 for the Cronulla Sharks with injuries to key players looking as if they could put a dent in the roll but they haven't as the Sharks sit top of the NRLW ladder as the only undefeated team.

If you asked round prior to the NRLW season, not many people would have had the Sharks sitting undefeated in top spot on the NRLW leader but they are right now. Cronulla were probably lucky to win last week as goalkicking made a difference as the perfect boot of Tayla Preston helped the Sharks to a 14-12 win over Newcastle. The Knights had scored 3 tries to the Sharks two but missed goals hurt Newcastle and the second half penalty goal put the Sharks ahead having to manage a two-point lead.

Whilst being undefeated, the Sharks have sort of been up and down in their season opening up with a 14-0 win over the Cowboys at home before just getting home

TIGERS v BRONCOS:

Beth NICHOLLS

Brisbane travel down to Leichhardt chasing their third straight win of the season, whilst the Tigers are still trying to find their first win of the year.

The home side have had a rough start to the season, sitting in last place and not having recorded a win yet. Although, last week they came the closest to winning all season, a conversion being the only difference between them and the Eels.

The Tigers make a few changes to the side that was defeated last week, with two more players set to make their NRLW debuts. Montana Clifford makes her debut, playing in the second row where she replaces Shaienne McGlone. Tiana-Lee Thorne also makes her debut, after being on a developmental contract in 2023, and is playing on the wing in place of Tess Staines. Ebony Prior also joins the bench after spending a Round 2-4 on the sidelines due to a calf injury.

The Broncos had a slow start to the season, losing their first two matches, but they have now turned it around, after convincingly beating the Titans in Round 3 and then followed by a nail-biting clash against the Raiders last week, with Stacey Waaka scoring the match winning try in the final minutes.

Scott Prince makes minimal changes to his side, with Brianna Clark's return to prop after a two-match suspension sees Keilee Joseph move to lock and Jasmine Fogavini drop out of the side.

These two sides met once in the Tigers inaugural 2023 season which saw the Broncos come out on top, 22-18.

WHO TO WATCH: Captaining the Tigers both in their inaugural year as well as this year, fullback Botille Vette-Welsh is a core senior player in the side. She scored the club's first try of the year against the Raiders, whilst having eleven tackle breaks and two-line breaks so far this season.

Making the code switch from rugby union to rugby league after the Paris Olympics and joining the Broncos in Round 3, Stacey Waaka is indeed the golden girl. Excellent under the high ball, Waaka scored two tries last week in just her second NRLW match, one of which decided the game for the Broncos.

MY TIP: Brisbane are on a role and only hungry for more, looking to better their defensive record and continue to climb up the ladder. The Tigers are desperate for a win, and the tides are close to turning after almost getting a win last week, but I don't think they will be able to stop the efforts of the Broncos. **Broncos by 18.**

against the Parramatta Eels getting home in the final five minutes there. The Sharks then bounced back to come from behind against the Raiders in Canberra before the narrow win last week against the Knights. The best thing for the Sharks has been their defence with the least amount of points conceded in the comp.

The Sharks have only made one change to their side with second rower Talei Holmes ruled out after a neck injury last week saw her stretchered from the field. Thankfully, scans ruled out a serious injury but her return is still unclear meaning that Rhiannon Byers comes straight into the second row in the only change.

WHO TO WATCH: Dragons winger Teagan Berry is having a strong season as she is one of seven players to have scored four tries this season which is the most in the competition. Berry has also lead the competition in both linebreaks and tackle breaks this season which will be needed by the Red 'V' coming up against the best defensive side in the NRL.

Sharks speedster Emma Tonegato made her return last week from injury and played well. Whilst not being a first choice half, Tonegato will play an important role for the Sharks coming up against an experience pairing of King and McGregor.

MY TIP: It's hard to go past the Sharks in this one, defensively they have been strong which will be the biggest asset and for the Dragons their attacking inconsistencies doesn't allow me to have any confidence in tipping them. A red 'V' win wouldn't shock but they are probably less likely to win against a side like the Sharks. **Sharks by 4.**



WESTS TIGERS

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



VENUE	Leichhardt Oval	Peter GOUGH	REFEREE
LOCATION	Wanngal Lilyfield, NSW	Belinda SHARPE, Matt NOYEN	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Thu 22 Aug 2024 7:50pm AEST	Ashley KLEIN	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
-	6	-	-	-	-	Heath MASON	1	FULLBACK	1	Tom TRBOJEVIC		27	16	13	-	-	52
28	7	2	-	-	8	Solomon ALAIMALO	2	WING	2	Jason SAAB		23	15	10	-	-	40
23	15	5	-	-	20	Solomona FAATAAPE	3	CENTRE	3	Toluta'u KOULA		21	16	5	-	-	20
22	6	1	-	-	4	Junior TUPOU	4	CENTRE	4	Reuben GARRICK		27	19	9	65	-	166
23	20	8	-	-	32	Charlie STAINES	5	WING	5	Lehi HOPOATE		19	9	6	-	-	24
19	19	4	-	-	16	Lachlan GALVIN	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Luke BROOKS		29	21	5	-	-	20
33	16	-	18	1	37	Aidan SEZER	7	HALFBACK	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS		35	19	7	16	2	62
24	22	3	-	-	12	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	8	FRONT ROW	8	Taniela PASEKA		26	18	1	-	-	4
31	20	4	38	-	92	Apisai KOROISAU	9	HOOKER	9	Lachlan CROKER		27	11	2	-	-	8
30	18	-	-	-	-	David KLEMMER	10	FRONT ROW	10	Josh ALOIAI		28	17	-	-	-	-
25	21	3	-	-	12	Alex SEYFARTH	11	SECOND ROW	11	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU		25	16	5	-	-	20
20	21	4	-	-	16	Samuela FAINU	12	SECOND ROW	12	Karl LAWTON		28	20	-	-	-	-
25	14	4	-	-	16	Isaiah PAPALI'I	13	LOCK	13	Jake TRBOJEVIC		30	19	2	-	-	8
19	7	-	-	-	-	Latu FAINU	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Gordon CHAN KUM TONG		22	9	-	-	-	-
23	10	2	-	-	8	Sione FAINU	15		15	Ben TRBOJEVIC		23	17	5	-	-	20
22	21	4	-	-	16	Fonua POLE	16		16	Ethan BULLEMOR		24	18	2	-	-	8
28	16	1	-	-	4	Alex TWAL	17		17	Nathan BROWN		31	17	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	-	-	Tim JOHANNSEN	18	RESERVES	18	Corey WADDELL		27	16	3	-	-	12
19	6	1	-	-	4	Tallyn DA SILVA	19		19	Toafofoa SIPLEY		29	13	1	-	-	4
27	8	-	-	-	-	Reuben PORTER	20		20	Jamie HUMPHREYS		-	1	1	3	-	10
19	1	-	-	-	-	Josh FELEDY	21		21	Clayton FAULALO		-	2	1	-	-	4
20	-	-	-	-	-	Tanous SUKKAR	22		22	Matt LODGE		29	5	-	-	-	-
39	22	-	-	-	-	Benji MARSHALL		COACHES		Anthony SEIBOLD		49	110	-	-	-	-

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	TOTAL	WESTS TIGERS	MANLY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	36	14	22	0
LEICHHARDT	9	7	2	0
PETER GOUGH	1	0	1	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 19	MANLY 44-24	Suncorp	5761
2022	Round 9	MANLY 36-22	4 Pines	17385
2022	Round 14	MANLY 30-4	Campbelltown	10231
2023	Round 8	MANLY 22-16	Campbelltown	10033
2023	Round 27	MANLY 54-12	4 Pines	16503

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2003	Round 4	WESTS TIGERS 38-12	Brookvale	11174
2018	Round 6	WESTS TIGERS 38-12	Lottoland	15456
2023	Round 27	MANLY 54-12	4 Pines	16503

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
WESTS TIGERS	17TH	22	2	5-17-0	403	664
MANLY	6TH	21	3	12-8-1	554	425

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
WESTS TIGERS	NORTH QLD	L 30-48	NEWCASTLE	L 18-34	SOUTHS	W 18-16
MANLY	BYE	-	CANBERRA	W 46-24	WARRIORS	W 24-10

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
WESTS TIGERS	(BYE)	PARRAMATTA (H)
MANLY	CANTERBURY (A)	CRONULLA (H)

THINGS TO KNOW

- The Tigers have won their last 4 games against Manly at Leichhardt and overall, have won 7 of their 9 games against Manly there.
- Since 1998, Manly have won 3 of their 12 games at Leichhardt (against the Tigers in 2003 and 2007 and against the Roosters in 2020)
- The last 8 games between these two sides have seen Manly score 7 wins and rack up 36.25 points per game in the process.
- Aidan SEZER (Wests Tigers) has kicked 197 NRL goals

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MATCH PREVIEW

Andrew FERGUSON

Will Brooks BBQ some big cats?

This weeks NRL action kicks off on Thursday night at Leichhardt Oval with two sides eager to win, for vastly different reasons. Manly needs to win purely to stay in front of the Cowboys on the ladder, who will be gifted 2 points for doing nothing this week. While the Tigers, fresh off a win last weekend, and with a bye in hand, will effectively see a win here as giving them 4 competition points, which they desperately want so as to give Parramatta something they've made a habit of collecting throughout their history - wooden spoons.

Manly have won their last 6 straight games against the Tigers (since 2021), however when it comes to playing the Tigers at Leichhardt Oval, the Tigers have won the last 4 clashes (2014, 2016, 2017 & 2019) and overall, 7 of their 9 bouts at the eighth wonder. Manly won their last game at Leichhardt, which was against the Roosters during the 2020 season, and a win here would mean the first time they've won back-to-back games at the venue since the three in a row they won from 1992-1997.

Manly's 2024 campaign has been awfully stop-start, never getting on a roll of more than 3 weeks of strong performances at a time. And given they come into this match having won their last two games, their form line this year suggests they're due a loss. After belting the Raiders in Round 23, Manly were somewhat more subdued in their 24-10 win over the struggling Warriors last weekend.

For the Sea-Eagles, they'll be without former Tiger Tommy Talau. His place in the centres will be filled by Toluta'u Koula. Karl Lawton returns and will slot into the back row, pushing Ben Trbojevic to the bench.

The Tigers last weekend secured their 5th win for the year. A feat they failed to achieve in 2022 and 2023. They also went past the 400 points scored for the year, which they also failed to achieve in the previous two seasons. Defensively though, they can either keep their last 2 opponents (Manly and Parramatta) to a combined score of 10 points or less and be better than their previous 3 seasons, or they can let in a combined total of 83 points or more to have their worst defensive season ever. One might think conceding an average of 42 points in 2 games is a bit high, but given the 11 games prior to last weeks win saw the Tigers concede an average of 38.4 points per game, well...

The Tigers wins have all come in pairs in 2024 and a win last week suggests they're due here. However there's been some changes, again, for the beleaguered Tigers. Winger Luke Lauilili is out, replaced by Solomon Alaimalo. Junior Tupou replaces Adam Doueih at centre, while Latu Fainu comes onto the bench.

WHO TO WATCH: This will be the first time Luke Brooks will be at Leichhardt Oval since the Tigers destroyed the Cowboys there last year, he's been solid and reliable all year for Manly, relishing his role of playing freely besides a world class halfback.

Heath Mason was brilliant last weekend at fullback for the Tigers, safe as houses fielding kicks and chiming into the backline nicely when needed. He also looks to be cool under pressure and has plenty of pace.

FAVOURITE: Manly should get the biscuits here. Surely....surely....Tigers are a chance though. Manly need to remain numbered up on the left edge and that should almost be enough to keep the Tigers scoring to an absolute minimum. The game should then fall Manly's way.

MY TIP: The Wests Tigers could very well sneak home with a narrow win here. However the smart money would likely be on a comfortable win for the Silvertails. **Manly by 18.**

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WARRIORS

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN
BULLDOGS



VENUE	Shaun Johnson (Go Media) Stadium (Mt Smart Stadium)	Wyatt RAYMOND	REFEREE
LOCATION	Aotearoa Penrose, Auckland NZ	Jarrold COLE, Michael WISE	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Fri 23 Aug 2024 6:00pm AEST 8:00pm NZT	Liam KENNEDY	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
29	15	5	-	-	20	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	1	FULLBACK	1	Connor TRACEY		28	18	7	-	-	28
29	20	12	-	-	48	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2	WING	2	Jacob KIRAZ		22	21	10	-	-	40
26	14	2	24	-	56	Adam POMPEY	3	CENTRE	3	Bronson XERRI		23	16	9	-	-	36
31	17	5	-	-	20	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK	4	CENTRE	4	Stephen CRICHTON		23	18	8	-	-	32
28	17	6	-	-	24	Marcelo MONTOYA	5	WING	5	Josh ADDO-CARR		29	12	9	-	-	36
25	5	2	9	-	26	Luke METCALF	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Matt BURTON		24	20	9	64	3	167
33	14	5	23	-	66	Shaun JOHNSON	7	HALFBACK	7	Toby SEXTON		23	12	-	4	-	8
28	21	8	-	-	32	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Josh CURRAN		25	21	3	-	-	12
27	18	-	-	-	-	Wayde EGAN	9	HOOKER	9	Reed MAHONEY		26	21	2	-	-	8
30	21	3	-	-	16	Mitchell BARNETT	10	FRONT ROW	10	Samuel HUGHES		23	21	2	-	-	8
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31	16	3	-	-	12	Kurt CAPEWELL	12	SECOND ROW	12	Jacob PRESTON		22	14	5	-	-	20
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28	17	1	-	-	4	Jazz TEVAGA	16		16	Harry HAYES		-	5	-	-	-	-
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24	5	1	3	-	10	Taine TUAUPIKI	21		21	Eli CLARK		-	-	-	-	-	-
25	5	3	-	-	12	Edward KOSI	22		22	Drew HUTCHISON		29	12	-	-	-	-
28	9	-	-	-	-	Bunty AFOA	23		23	Max KING		27	15	-	-	-	-
42	52	-	-	-	-	Andrew WEBSTER		COACHES		Cameron CIRALDO		39	52	-	-	-	-

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	TOTAL	WARRIORS	CANTERBURY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	44	20	22	2
SJ STADIUM	19	11	8	0
WYATT RAYMOND	0	0	0	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2021	Round 22	WARRIORS 24-10	Moreton Daily	3332
2022	Round 22	WARRIORS 42-18	Mt Smart	16212
2023	Round 4	WARRIORS 16-14	Mt Smart	18595
2023	Round 11	WARRIORS 24-12	Accor	14294
2024	Round 18	CANTERBURY 13-12	Accor	27223

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2004	Round 26	CANTERBURY 54-10	Ericsson	9930
2019	Round 1	WARRIORS 40-6	Mt Smart	18795

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
WARRIORS	14TH	22	2	8-13-1	464	512
CANTERBURY	5TH	21	3	13-8-0	467	337

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
WARRIORS	PARRAMATTA	L 20-30	DOLPHINS	L 32-34	MANLY	L 10-24
CANTERBURY	CANBERRA	W 22-18	ST GEOILLA	W 28-10	DOLPHINS	W 30-10

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
WARRIORS	CRONULLA (A)	BYE
CANTERBURY	MANLY (H)	NORTH QLD (H)

THINGS TO KNOW

- Go Media Stadium is known as Shaun Johnson Stadium for this week only.
- The Bulldogs last win at Mt Smart was in 2012. They've lost all 4 games since.
- The Bulldogs have conceded 4 or more tries in a game just twice since Round 6 (4 by Canberra and 4 by Roosters)
- Kurt MANN (Bulldogs) and Marcelo MONTOYA (Warriors) have both scored 47 NRL tries
- Dallin WATENE ZELEZNIAK (Warriors) has scored 98 NRL tries, 49 for Warriors
- This is Matt BURTON's (Bulldogs) 100th NRL game
- This is Freddy LUSSICK's (Warriors) 50th NRL game

MATCH PREVIEW

Rhys SULLIVAN

Shaun Johnson will line up for the final home game of his NRL career as the Warriors take on a Bulldogs side still in the hunt for a top 4 berth.

The Warriors were officially eliminated from finals contention after last week's loss to Manly, however are determined to send their inspirational halfback and skipper out on a high as he concludes a remarkable 14 season career.

They will have Wayne Egan back on deck in this one, the star hooker returning from an elbow injury to relegate Freddy Lussick to the bench and Chanel Harris-Tevita to 18th man.

The Dogs meanwhile sit two points outside the top 4 and 4 inside the 8 with 3 matches remaining. A win over the Warriors could not only guarantee a first finals appearance since 2016, but also give them a real chance at getting that critical second life in September.

It's an unchanged 17 for the Dogs, with Josh Curran named despite a shoulder concern. Max King has been named on the reserves as he closes in on a return from a wrist injury.

The Warriors this season have been balanced but not spectacular - averaging 21 points scored per game and 23 conceded. The Dogs on the other hand hold the reputation as the best defensive team in the NRL, allowing just 16 points per game while scoring 22.

WHO TO WATCH: All eyes will be on Shaun Johnson as he edges closer to bidding farewell to rugby league. 2024 has not been SJ at his best, dealing with injury issues as the Warriors struggled to 3 wins from 14 games with him in the side. Yet he still has 17 try contributions, is averaging his most running metres per game since 2015, and has still been one of the best in play kickers in the competition. Bowing out while still around his best, the league will be lighter without Johnson and his final home game will surely be a celebration of an amazing career.

For the Dogs I believe we should give his flowers to Jacob Kiraz, who I think has been the most underrated player of their charge to the finals. Last week against the Dolphins he was incredible, running for almost 300 metres, breaking 4 tackles and scoring two tries. That's a vein of form that's been evident since he moved back to the wing in Round 5. While many point out Zac Lomax's move to the wing as a potential career defining moment, Kiraz does not get that attention. Which is a shame for a guy averaging 200 metres a game and in the double digits for tries scored.

FAVOURITE: The Dogs are favoured in this one as you'd expect.

MY TIP: As much as the emotional value of SJ's last home game brings, the Bulldogs will be coming out hungry for that top 4 berth. **Bulldogs by 10.**

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BRISBANE BRONCOS

PARRAMATTA EELS



VENUE	Suncorp Stadium (Lang Park)	Todd SMITH	REFEREE
LOCATION	Yuggera-Turrbal Milton, QLD	Phil HENDERSON, Dan SCHWASS	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Fri 23 Aug 2024 8:00pm AEST	Chris BUTLER	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
26	9	-	-	-	-	Tristan SAILOR	1	FULLBACK	1	Clinton GUTHERSON		29	18	5	33	-	86
22	16	5	-	-	20	Selwyn COBBO	2	WING	2	Maika SIVO		30	9	11	-	-	44
25	19	7	17	-	62	Kotoni STAGGS	3	CENTRE	3	Will PENISINI		22	20	6	-	-	24
21	19	17	-	-	68	Deine MARINER	4	CENTRE	4	Blaize TALAGI		19	17	11	-	-	44
26	16	4	-	-	16	Jesse ARTHARS	5	WING	5	Sean RUSSELL		22	19	5	3	-	26
28	3	1	-	-	4	Josh ROGERS	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Dylan BROWN		24	21	4	-	-	16
34	10	-	36	-	72	Adam REYNOLDS	7	HALFBACK	7	Daejarn ASI		24	11	2	7	1	23
30	21	1	-	-	4	Corey JENSEN	8	FRONT ROW	8	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD		31	21	1	-	-	4
30	20	3	-	-	12	Billy WALTERS	9	HOKKER	9	Brendan HANDS		25	16	-	-	-	-
22	17	3	-	-	12	Xavier WILLISON	10	FRONT ROW	10	Shaun LANE		29	21	2	-	-	8
22	16	3	-	-	12	Brendan PIAKURA	11	SECOND ROW	11	Kelma TUILAGI		25	14	3	-	-	12
24	19	3	-	-	12	Jordan RIKI	12	SECOND ROW	12	Bryce CARTWRIGHT		29	17	3	-	-	12
26	19	1	-	-	4	Patrick CARRIGAN	13	LOCK	13	Joe OFAHENGAUE		28	21	1	-	-	4
20	5	1	-	-	4	Blake MOZER	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Joey LUSSICK		28	17	4	-	-	16
25	21	1	-	-	4	Kobe HETHERINGTON	15		15	Makahesi MAKATO		31	7	-	-	-	-
22	8	-	-	-	-	Josiah KARAPANI	16		16	Luca MORETTI		24	10	1	-	-	4
34	10	1	-	-	4	Martin TAUPAU	17		17	Dan KEIR		-	4	-	-	-	-
-	1	1	-	-	4	Benjamin TE KURA	18	RESERVES	18	Jake TAGO		25	6	3	-	-	12
24	11	-	-	-	-	Fletcher BAKER	19		19	Matt DOOREY		24	4	-	-	-	-
26	4	-	-	-	-	Jaiyden HUNT	20		20	Ethan SANDERS		-	2	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-	-	Cory PAIX	21		21	Morgan HARPER		25	8	4	-	-	16
29	14	3	-	-	12	Corey OATES	22		22	Ofahiki OGDEN		28	-	-	-	-	-
56	96	-	-	-	-	Kevin WALTERS		COACHES		Trent BARRETT		46	118	-	-	-	-

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	TOTAL	BRISBANE	PARRAMATTA	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	66	37	28	1
SUNCORP	19	9	10	0
TODD SMITH	0	0	0	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2022	Round 19	BRISBANE 36-14	CommBank	11017
2022	Round 24	PARRAMATTA 53-6	Suncorp	30371
2023	Round 8	BRISBANE 26-16	TIO	11864
2023	Round 24	BRISBANE 54-10	The Gabba	29005
2024	Round 10	BRISBANE 30-14	CommBank	17393

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1995	Round 13	BRISBANE 60-14	Parramatta	9058
2019	Qualifying Final	PARRAMATTA 58-0	Bankwest	29372

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
BRISBANE	10TH	21	3	9-12-0	489	493
PARRAMATTA	16TH	21	3	5-16-0	433	620

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
BRISBANE	GOLD COAST	L 18-46	NORTH QLD	W 42-18	BYE	
PARRAMATTA	WARRIORS	W 30-20	PENRITH	L 34-36	SYDNEY	L 14-38

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
BRISBANE	DOLPHINS (A)	MELBOURNE (H)
PARRAMATTA	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA (H)	WESTS TIGERS (A)

THINGS TO KNOW

- Brisbane have won their last 3 games against the Eels. They've only done better against them once prior, back in 1989-1992 when they won 7 straight.
- Since Brad Arthur got replaced after Round 11, Parramatta has won just 18% of their games, and conceding on average, 30 points per game. In the same period, the last placed Tigers have won 25% of their games.
- Adam REYNOLDS (Brisbane) has 49 NRL tries
- Clinton GUTHERSON (Parramatta) has kicked 147 NRL goals
- Maika SIVO (Parramatta) has scored 98 NRL tries

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MATCH PREVIEW

Rob CROSBY

Which motivation is stronger: hope or redemption?

The Brisbane Broncos will be hoping to keep their season alive when they host a Parramatta Eels side eyeing redemption for their previous appearance at Suncorp Stadium.

Coming off a bye with a simple equation of needing to win all three remaining matches to stand a remote mathematical chance of playing finals football, the Brisbane Broncos will be holding onto hope of making a late surge towards September.

Coach Kevin Walters has made minimal changes from the side the triumphed in Townsville a fortnight ago with Tristan Sailor replacing Reece Walsh at fullback and Selwyn Cobbo returning in a reshuffle that sees Josiah Karapani drop to the bench.

Eyeing off consecutive wins for the first time since Magic Round, the Broncos have won two of their past nine matches to hold the second-worst winning percentage, ahead of only the Eels, since the start of the Origin period.

The Broncos have enjoyed a strong record over the Eels in recent years with four wins from five meetings, including a decisive victory during the club's strongest period this season.

Returning to Suncorp Stadium for the first time since a disastrous showing in Magic Round, the Parramatta Eels will be out to atone for the final straw that resulted in Brad Arthur dismissal as coach.

Producing a miserable effort in rain-soaked conditions during last Friday's 38-14 defeat to the Roosters, interim coach Trent Barrett has recalled Luca Moretti and Makahehi Makatoa in a revamped forward pack with Wiremu Greig out suspended and Maika Sivo returning on the wing.

The Eels have lost three of their past four appearances at Suncorp Stadium against all opposition, however they do hold an above average record of 10 wins from 19 matches against the Broncos at the hallowed venue.

Sitting level with the Wests Tigers on five wins – and a superior for-and-against differential – the Eels will be hoping to avoid the prospect of a final round 'Spoon Bowl' by securing only their second win away from home this season.

WHO TO WATCH: Following in the footsteps of club greats by starting in the formidable number 10 jersey, Xavier Willison will be determined to showcase his development as the Broncos fight for their season. Enjoying a breakout campaign with the vast majority of his 17 appearances coming off the bench, the 22-year-old Māori representative has averaged over 100 running metres to go with three tries and 36 tackle breaks. Set to become available to negotiate with rival clubs on 1 November, look for Willison to make the most of a rare start as he looks to cement his status as a first-grade calibre forward.

In a challenging year that has seen Parramatta's cult hero spend more time on the sidelines than on the field, Maika Sivo will be hoping to finish strongly and achieve a personal piece of glory. Returning from a hamstring injury to play only his ninth game for the season in last week's loss to the Roosters, the 30-year-old winger has remained a formidable attacking threat with 11 four-pointers and 40 tackle-breaks. Needing two tries to become just the fourth man to score a century of tries for the blue and golds, Sivo will be hoping his strike rate against the Broncos – 13 tries in 11 matches – paves the way for a rare moment of joy in 2024.

FAVOURITE: The Broncos are expected to break a run of five consecutive home losses with their first win at Suncorp since May.

MY TIP: The Broncos must win to remain a hope of playing finals football. A win will see the Eels go a long way towards avoiding the wooden spoon. In a contest of desperation and motivation, the Broncos should have too much to play for to let this one slip. **Broncos by 14.**

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**CANBERRA
RAIDERS**

**PENRITH
PANTHERS**



VENUE	GIO Stadium Canberra (Canberra Stadium)	Grant ATKINS	REFEREE
LOCATION	Ngunnawal Bruce, ACT	Daniel LUTTRINGER, Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Sat 24 Aug 2024 3:00pm AEST	Adam GEE	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
35	16	6	19	2	64	Jordan RAPANA	1	FULLBACK	1	Dylan EDWARDS		28	14	9	28	-	92
23	6	-	-	-	-	Albert HOPOATE	2	WING	2	Daine LAURIE		25	14	1	-	-	4
24	21	4	-	-	16	Matthew TIMOKO	3	CENTRE	3	Izack TAGO		22	20	9	-	-	36
25	18	5	-	-	20	Sebastian KRIS	4	CENTRE	4	Casey McLEAN		-	6	3	-	-	12
22	21	11	-	-	44	Xavier SAVAGE	5	WING	5	Brian TO'O		26	18	11	-	-	44
22	14	7	3	-	34	Kaeo WEEKES	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Brad SCHNEIDER		23	9	3	1	-	14
30	12	-	41	2	84	Jamal FOGARTY	7	HALFBACK	7	Jarome LUAI		27	18	3	-	-	12
32	20	2	-	-	8	Josh PAPALII	8	FRONT ROW	8	Moses LEOTA		29	20	2	-	-	8
26	20	-	-	-	-	Tom STARLING	9	HOOKER	9	Luke SOMMERTON		24	2	-	-	-	-
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26	11	-	-	-	-	Emre GULER	15		15	Lindsay SMITH		24	21	4	-	-	16
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23	5	-	-	-	-	Adam COOK	18	RESERVES	18	Matt EISENHUTH		32	16	-	-	-	-
28	1	-	-	-	-	Zac WOOLFORD	19		19	Paul ALAMOTI		20	11	5	9	-	38
22	15	1	-	-	4	Trey MOONEY	20		20	Luke GARNER		28	11	3	-	-	12
-	-	-	-	-	-	Jed STUART	21		21	Luron PATEA		-	3	-	-	-	-
26	2	-	-	-	-	Corey HORSBURGH	22		22	Sunia TURUVA		21	18	14	-	-	56
57	513	-	-	-	-	Ricky STUART		COACHES		Ivan CLEARY		53	445	-	-	-	-

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	TOTAL	CANBERRA	PENRITH	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	81	37	43	1
GIO	31	19	12	0
GRANT ATKINS	4	1	3	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 13	PENRITH 28-12	Panthers Stadium	3468
2021	Round 5	PENRITH 30-10	BlueBet	20890
2022	Round 7	PENRITH 36-6	BlueBet	20612
2022	Round 21	PENRITH 26-6	GIO	16912
2023	Round 5	PENRITH 53-12	GIO	15334

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2008	Round 22	CANBERRA 74-12	Canberra Stadium	6500
2023	Round 5	PENRITH 53-12	GIO	15334

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
CANBERRA	12TH	21	3	9-12-0	412	547
PENRITH	2ND	21	3	15-6-0	510	348

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
CANBERRA	CANTERBURY	L 18-22	MANLY	L 24-46	NORTH QLD	L 4-42
PENRITH	NEWCASTLE	W 22-14	PARRAMATTA	W 36-34	MELBOURNE	L 22-24

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
CANBERRA	SYDNEY (A)	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA (A)
PENRITH	SOUTH SYDNEY (H)	GOLD COAST (H)

THINGS TO KNOW

- The last time Canberra had a win at home over Penrith was during the 2016 Finals series. Penrith have won all 4 contests at GIO Stadium since.
- Canberra have scored 8 tries in their last 5 games against Penrith. Penrith scored 9 tries in their last game against Canberra

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MATCH PREVIEW

Andrew JACKSON

Only a week ago the Penrith Panthers looked to be on the verge of competing for another minor premiership.

Now, they are walking a delicate tightrope in the final month of the season with star halfback Nathan Cleary injured and a home final suddenly no longer guaranteed.

While their opposition this week, the Canberra Raiders, look virtually eliminated from the finals race after last Saturday's heavy defeat to the Cowboys, they remain a mathematical chance of making it.

It means, as much as this looks like a straight-forward win for the visitors, it could turn out to be anything but against a Raiders outfit with everything – including pride – to play for at GIO Stadium.

Canberra was comprehensively outclassed 42-4 by the Cowboys last week, marking three straight losses for the Green Machine.

Ricky Stuart's men now find themselves four points adrift of the top eight with the fourth-worst for-and-against in the league.

Penrith, meanwhile, went down 24-22 in a thriller to Melbourne and sit two points ahead of the Roosters and Sharks.

But both teams have a better points differential, meaning a loss here could see the Panthers tumble all the way down to fourth.

In team news, Brad Schneider returns to face his former club in place of Cleary while Liam Martin is back from suspension. Elsewhere, Luke Sommerton starts for the suspended Mitch Kenny at hooker. Paul Alamoti (arm) and Luke Garner (hamstring) are on the extended bench and could also figure to be late inclusions.

As for Canberra, Jordan Rapana (concussion) returns at fullback with Kao Weekes moving to five-eighth and Adam Cook dropping to 18th man. Albert Hupoate is named on the wing, with Seb Kris shifting to the centres while Ethan Strange (calf) is sidelined.

WHO TO WATCH: For the home side, the Raiders have a mobile forward pack that could match Penrith and so they could be a chance of an upset if Josh Papalii sets the tone early. Papalii is the kind of front rower who can cause issues for the Panthers' defence given he is already hard enough to tackle as is without the threat of a late offload, which can in turn give the likes of Tom Starling and Danny Levi the space to run through the middle. That is particularly true this week with Kenny sidelined. Sommerton is a zippy attacking threat but has been targeted in defence in his limited NRL games and the Raiders will be well-served playing the power game early and Papalii is the man to lead the way in that regard.

As for the Panthers, all eyes once again will turn to Jarome Luai as he prepares to shoulder more responsibility as the team's chief playmaker. Luai has thrived with the extra responsibility, both in club land and the representative arena, stepping up to give Tigers fans an early glimpse into what he could look like as the team's marquee man in 2025. Luai's long-range kicking game, decision-making in attack and general leadership has gone to another level without Cleary and the Panthers will need him to maintain that in what shapes as a potential banana peel game against a desperate Raiders side.

FAVOURITE: The Panthers are well-supported to bounce back from last week's loss.

MY TIP: This has danger game written all over it for the Panthers. The Raiders have been hopelessly out of form in recent weeks and while they are only a mathematical chance of making the finals at this point, a win this week and favourable results around them could make things interesting. Add in the fact they are returning home and the Panthers are coming off a gruelling loss to the Storm and this could end up being a lot closer than many expect. I'm still going to lean towards Penrith given the premiers' superior defensive structure, but an upset here would not surprise at all. **Panthers by 4.**

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MELBOURNE STORM DOLPHINS



VENUE	AAMI Park (Melbourne Rectangular Stadium)	Gerard SUTTON	REFEREE
LOCATION	Wurundjeri Melbourne, VIC	Drew OULTRAM, Dave MUNRO	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Sat 24 Aug 2024 5:30pm AEST	Matt NOYEN	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
26	15	11	-	-	44	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	1	FULLBACK	1	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW		22	13	12	-	-	48
26	19	10	-	-	40	Will WARBRICK	2	WING	2	Jamayne ISAAKO		28	21	11	79	1	203
21	11	2	-	-	8	Jack HOWARTH	3	CENTRE	3	Jake AVERILLO		24	20	8	-	-	32
26	19	5	80	-	180	Nick MEANEY	4	CENTRE	4	Herbie FARNWORTH		24	17	6	-	-	24
24	20	10	8	-	56	Tyran WISHART	5	WING	5	Jack BOSTOCK		20	20	14	-	-	56
29	11	2	-	-	8	Cameron MUNSTER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Kodi NIKORIMA		30	19	3	1	-	14
29	18	5	-	-	20	Jahrome HUGHES	7	HALFBACK	7	Isaiya KATOA		20	20	2	1	-	10
28	15	1	-	-	4	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	8	FRONT ROW	8	Jesse BROMWICH		35	20	1	-	-	4
26	18	6	-	-	24	Harry GRANT	9	HOOKER	9	Max PLATH		22	18	4	-	-	16
29	21	2	-	-	8	Josh KING	10	FRONT ROW	10	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR		28	7	2	-	-	8
24	19	2	-	-	8	Shawn BLORE	11	SECOND ROW	11	Felise KAUFUSI		32	15	2	-	-	8
24	20	10	-	-	40	Eliesa KATOA	12	SECOND ROW	12	Connelly LEMUELU		26	15	1	-	-	4
23	21	-	-	-	-	Trent LOIERO	13	LOCK	13	Kenny BROMWICH		32	17	2	-	-	8
21	11	6	-	-	24	Sualauvi FA'ALOGO	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Oryn KEELEY		21	5	1	-	-	4
25	5	-	-	-	-	Lazarus VAALEPU	15		15	Mark NICHOLLS		34	20	3	-	-	12
30	17	1	-	-	4	Tui KAMIKAMICA	16		16	Ray STONE		27	19	-	-	-	-
22	16	-	-	-	-	Alec MacDONALD	17		17	Sean O'SULLIVAN		26	7	1	-	1	6
29	-	-	-	-	-	Marion SEVE	18	RESERVES	18	Mason TEAGUE		21	-	-	-	-	-
24	3	-	-	-	-	Kane BRADLEY	19		19	Tesi NIU		23	7	4	-	-	16
23	1	1	-	-	4	Dean IEREMIA	20		20	Trai FULLER		27	9	4	-	-	16
32	4	-	-	-	-	Chris LEWIS	21		21	Kurt DONOGHOE		22	10	1	-	-	4
30	15	-	-	-	-	Christian WELCH	22		22	Josh KERR		28	18	2	-	-	8
64	573	-	-	-	-	Craig BELLAMY		COACHES		Wayne BENNETT		74	933	-	-	-	-

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	TOTAL	MELBOURNE	DOLPHINS	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	2	2	0	0
AAMI	0	0	0	0
GERARD SUTTON	0	0	0	0

MATCH HISTORY

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2023	Round 12	MELBOURNE 24-16	Suncorp	28325
2024	Round 16	MELBOURNE 30-24	Suncorp	25167

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
MELBOURNE	1ST	21	3	17-4-0	564	393
DOLPHINS	9TH	21	3	10-11-0	525	510

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
MELBOURNE	ST GEO ILLA	L 16-18	SOUTHS	W 28-16	PENRITH	W 24-22
DOLPHINS	SYDNEY	L 34-40	WARRIORS	W 34-32	CANTERBURY	L 10-30

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
MELBOURNE	NORTH QLD (A)	BRISBANE (A)
DOLPHINS	BRISBANE (H)	NEWCASTLE (A)

THINGS TO KNOW

- Queensland teams have lost their last 15 games against Melbourne at AAMI Park (since 2016 finals series)
- The first goal kicked in this game will be the 1000th kicked at AAMI Park (in NRL games)
- Also Nick Meaney needs to kick 1 goal in this game to bring up his 100th goal at AAMI Park
- This is Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA's (Melbourne) 200th NRL game and Tyran WISHART's (Melbourne) 50th NRL game
- Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW has scored 48 NRL tries

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MATCH PREVIEW

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Saturday night at AAMI Park will see top-of-the-ladder Melbourne Storm take on the Dolphins, who have struggled to find their early season form, as they slump out of the top 8.

Melbourne proved they were worth as top dog on the ladder with a gritty performance against the Penrith Panthers last round, cutting it close at 24-22 to the Panthers at home.

In a clash that saw blood, sin bins and officiating controversy, the Storm managed to hold off the Panthers elite and register the win. Admittedly, the loss of Nathan Cleary to a shoulder injury would have dented the hopes for the Panthers 15 minutes before the end of the game. Still, just as likely, Penrith should have tightened the screws when the Storm were down to 12 after Nelson Asofa-Solomona was sent off for a high shot. Nelson Asofa-Solomona doing such a good job he took out Daine Laurie and Cameron Munster in one fell swoop. Munster seems to be showing no issues with the nagging groin injury from mischief in the shower while in Fiji, putting on a performance that was gearing him and the team up for a solid finals run. Storm coach Craig Bellamy was disappointed the team gave up a 10-0 lead on the Panthers and will surely tighten this up for the next game. When quizzed about whether he'll be resting players, he said it is up to the individual and won't stand in the way of those who want to play. But Bellamy's hand has been played regarding Grant Anderson, who will miss a match due to a head knock during the last round. His place is the super utility, Tyran Wishart.

The Dolphins were at Bundaberg last round and could not rally anything going down 30-10 to the Canterbury Bulldogs. The biggest disappointment was how quiet the team was in the second half, a worrying trend that has seen them slip from finals hopes to fighting desperately for a spot in the eight. When asked how the team lost the fight it had at the start of the year, coach Wayne Bennett said it was because of other teams lifting to the occasion. He also said the team doesn't lack belief but rather that they lack execution. The Dolphins have let themselves down in their second-half performances, and instead of keeping themselves in the contest, they have just let teams run over them. But like with any team, set completions and dogged defence will help you stay in the game, and you will be that team pressuring the opposition on their goal line with a minute to go down only by two points. Mark Nicholls returns from concussion protocols to take a spot on the bench.

WHO TO WATCH: A fully operational Cameron Munster will razzle and dazzle a team into submission, weaving his magic and taking the opposition's attention; the other class players around him cut through, such as Jahrome Hughes, Ryan Papenhuyzen and Harry Grant. Josh King and Eliesa Katoa are both the workhorses of the side; Katoa, as an edge forward, has found fantastic form in the way coach Bellamy has been playing him. His efforts in the chase for the ball continue to be rewarded as his fingers glue to anything that comes his way. And it's been the athleticism of Will Warbrick that has helped to unlock Katoa's game. Warbrick will run hard, jump high, and generally doesn't seem to know when to stop making a contest for the ball.

Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow will be the Dolphins biggest X-factor; the Hammer will hunt you down, the Hammer will pop up from a break in play, and he has the energy to make a play that can turn the game in the Dolphins favour. They have to find that mojo that was getting them the accolades and the points and a name teams were giving attention to. Isaiya Katoa will have to bring his kicking game on Saturday. It's safe to say on his day, Katoa will kick on par with the likes of Hughes, but he will have to try that little bit harder than his opposite number; as Hughes gets a front foot, so does the rest of the team

FAVOURITE: If you've been at the top of the ladder since round 15, have beaten the next real threat in the competition and have the best lineup on the field in weeks, you will be tipped as the favourite, and rightfully so.

MY TIP: The Dolphins will put on a solid performance, but the Storm are in that zone; they have shown they can take it to the best and will be in no mood to let the Johnny-come-lately's tarnish their road to the finals. The Dolphins are yet to beat the Storm, and even though they've come close, they are off their mark at the moment; although they may get a chance to recalibrate their attack potential, there is just too much behind the Storm for them not to take the win at AAMI Park, **Storm by 12.**

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**SOUTH SYDNEY
RABBITOHS**

**NEWCASTLE
KNIGHTS**



VENUE	Accor Stadium (Stadium Australia)	Chris BUTLER	REFEREE
LOCATION	Wanngal Sydney Olympic Park, NSW	Damian BRADY, Jon STONE	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Sat 24 Aug 2024 7:35pm AEST	Peter GOUGH	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
20	10	4	-	-	20	Jye GRAY	1	FULLBACK	1	Kalyn PONGA		26	12	1	31	-	66
-	3	2	5	-	18	Fletcher MYERS	2	WING	2	Fletcher SHARPE		-	8	6	-	-	24
29	18	3	1	-	14	Taane MILNE	3	CENTRE	3	Dane GAGAI		33	18	6	10	-	44
29	11	4	-	-	16	Richard KENNAR	4	CENTRE	4	Dylan LUCAS		24	17	5	-	-	20
28	14	9	-	-	36	Jacob GAGAI	5	WING	5	Greg MARZHEW		27	18	7	-	-	28
31	19	5	-	-	20	Jack WIGHTON	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Jack COGGER		27	13	-	-	-	-
25	6	1	7	-	18	Dean HAWKINS	7	HALFBACK	7	Phoenix CROSSLAND		24	20	-	-	-	-
21	20	3	-	-	12	Davy MOALE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Daniel SAIFITI		28	19	3	-	-	12
33	20	4	7	-	30	Damien COOK	9	HOOKER	9	Jayden BRAILEY		28	19	-	-	-	-
26	18	1	-	-	4	Sean KEPPIE	10	FRONT ROW	10	Leo THOMPSON		24	19	-	-	-	-
26	21	5	-	-	20	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	11	SECOND ROW	11	Tyson FRIZELL		32	16	5	-	-	20
22	17	1	-	-	4	Tallis DUNCAN	12	SECOND ROW	12	Kai PEARCE-PAUL		23	20	1	-	-	4
26	13	2	-	-	8	Cameron MURRAY	13	LOCK	13	Adam ELLIOTT		29	19	3	-	-	12
23	16	1	-	-	4	Peter MAMOUELOS	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Will PRYCE		21	4	1	2	-	8
27	11	1	-	-	4	Jacob HOST	15		15	Mat CROKER		24	13	1	-	-	4
32	21	3	-	-	12	Thomas BURGESS	16		16	Jack HETHERINGTON		28	17	1	-	-	4
28	5	-	-	-	-	Shaq MITCHELL	17		17	Brodie JONES		26	14	1	-	-	4
31	13	1	-	-	4	Siliva HAVILI	18	RESERVES	18	Thomas CANT		22	2	-	-	-	-
19	4	-	-	-	-	Liam LE BLANC	19		19	Sebastian SU'A		-	-	-	-	-	-
32	16	1	-	-	4	Michael CHEE-KAM	20		20	Jackson HASTINGS		28	16	3	19	-	50
27	4	3	-	-	12	Izaac THOMPSON	21		21	Kyle McCARTHY		-	1	-	-	-	-
19	1	-	-	-	-	Tyrone MUNRO	22		22	David ARMSTRONG		23	6	5	-	-	20
44	15	-	-	-	-	Ben HORNBY		COACHES		Adam O'BRIEN		46	117	-	-	-	-

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	TOTAL	SOUTH SYDNEY	NEWCASTLE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	47	19	28	0
ACCOR	8	6	2	0
CHRIS BUTLER	1	1	0	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 10	NEWCASTLE 20-18	Bankwest	4249
2020	Qualifying Final	SOUTH SYDNEY 46-20	ANZ	17212
2021	Round 14	SOUTH SYDNEY 24-10	ANZ	12156
2022	Round 17	SOUTH SYDNEY 40-28	McD. Jones	18621
2023	Round 25	NEWCASTLE 29-10	McD. Jones	29018

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1999	Round 23	NEWCASTLE 60-0	Marathon	21820
2015	Round 20	SOUTH SYDNEY 52-6	ANZ	14603

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
SOUTH SYDNEY	15TH	21	3	7-14-0	438	576
NEWCASTLE	11TH	21	3	9-12-0	384	474

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
SOUTH SYDNEY	CRONULLA	L 6-20	MELBOURNE	L 16-28	W TIGERS	L 16-18
NEWCASTLE	PENRITH	L 14-22	W TIGERS	W 34-18	CRONULLA	L 18-19

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
SOUTH SYDNEY	PENRITH (A)	SYDNEY (H)
NEWCASTLE	GOLD COAST (H)	DOLPHINS (H)

THINGS TO KNOW

- Knights have won just 3 of their last 15 games against Souths (since 2012)
- Souths have 3 of their last 4 games at Accor Stadium, but just 4 of their last 12 games there
- This is Richie KENNAR's (South Sydney) 50th NRL game
- Cody WALKER (South Sydney) has scored 98 NRL tries
- Kalyn PONGA (Newcastle) has scored 49 tries for the club

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MATCH PREVIEW

Adam HUXTABLE

2024 underachievers look to end on a high

There's no way around it, this season has been a failure for both South Sydney and Newcastle. Two sides who were expected at a minimum to make the finals and potentially a deep run once they got there have dished up performances that are leaving fans wondering where they go from here.

The Rabbitohs, despite a mini resurgence in the middle of the year where they won 6 of 7 games, have slipped back to the form that saw them anchored to the bottom of the table for the first 8 or so rounds, a slide that has them no longer a mathematical chance of making the top 8. They now have nothing but pride to play for, and Ben Hornby will be hoping that's does a better job of getting them up than whatever their motivations been the last 4 weeks.

The Knights are still in with an extremely slim shot at returning to the finals, however have no-one but themselves to blame for the way they bottled last week against Cronulla. Getting out to an 8-point lead early in the second half, Newcastle seemed intent on handing the Sharks possession until they made them pay, which they did with 5 minutes to go before kicking a field goal to steal it in golden point.

The equation for the Knights is simple, win and live to fight another day. A loss, coupled with a Dragons win on Sunday, would see them officially eliminated, licking their wounds with a 9-13 record and still two games to play.

It's been well documented how much the Knights have struggled in attack this year, but recently they've shown some signs of life. While they only scored 18 points against the Sharks, they looked dangerous whenever they were attacking the line, with the low number largely attributable to the 40% of possession they had in the second half, a number which only increases to 42 over the entire game.

As for Souths, it's been a season from hell, and with games against the Panthers and Roosters to conclude the run home, the players would be forgiven for counting down the days until mad Monday. Last start against the Tigers, they had what would've been a match winning try denied due to a forward pass, so it'll be interesting to see whether they come out firing ready to atone or if the heartbreak has drained the little air that was remaining in the balloon of their 2024 campaign.

WHO TO WATCH: One of the few bright spots for Souths this year has been the emergence of Jye Gray as a genuine first grader. Gray has been the spearhead of the Rabbitohs attack ever since he started filling in at fullback for injured superstar Latrell Mitchell, and while the wins haven't been there, Gray has shown enough flashes to indicate he can contribute to winning Rugby League in the future. Last week, he put up the numbers of 18 runs for 167 metres, making a line break, 11 tackle breaks, an offload as well as scoring a try.

For the Knights, English recruit Kai Pearce-Paul has been a bit of a mixed bag this season. He started the year off strong, establishing himself as someone who belongs at this level and who could one day be a star, but the consistency just hasn't been there. Last week was perhaps an encapsulation of this; he broke through for his first try of the season while making a line break and 4 tackle breaks, but defensively he left a lot to be desired, making with 3 of his 33 tackles being ineffective and missing a further 5. His matchup against Rabbitohs star Keaton Koloamatangi on the weekend will be an intriguing one.

FAVOURITE: The Knights are 7 point favourites at the time of writing.

MY TIP: Both sides are coming off heartbreaking losses, but the Knights have more to play for and should get this one done if they can hold the ball. **Knights by 12.**

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**GOLD COAST
TITANS**

**SYDNEY
ROOSTERS**



VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium (Robina Stadium)	Adam GEE	REFEREE
LOCATION	Yugambah Robina, QLD	Chris SUTTON, Nick MOREL	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Sun 25 Aug 2024 2:00pm AEST	Wyatt RAYMOND	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
20	15	5	4	-	28	Keano KINI	1	FULLBACK	1	James TEDESCO		31	19	11	-	-	44
22	18	20	-	-	80	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA	2	WING	2	Daniel TUPOU		33	19	15	-	-	60
28	20	5	10	-	40	Brian KELLY	3	CENTRE	3	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I		21	16	4	14	-	44
27	13	5	-	-	20	Phillip SAMI	4	CENTRE	4	Joseph MANU		28	17	10	-	-	40
21	16	8	-	-	32	Sosefo FIFITA	5	WING	5	Dominic YOUNG		23	17	18	-	-	72
24	12	4	28	-	72	Jayden CAMPBELL	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Luke KEARY		32	20	4	1	-	18
34	18	2	-	1	9	Kieran FORAN	7	HALFBACK	7	Sam WALKER		22	19	5	82	-	188
24	17	-	-	-	-	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	8	FRONT ROW	8	Jared WAAREA-HARGREAVES		35	15	-	-	-	-
25	21	1	-	-	4	Sam VERRILLS	9	HOOKER	9	Brandon SMITH		28	19	2	-	-	8
27	13	2	-	-	8	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	10	FRONT ROW	10	Lindsay COLLINS		28	18	1	-	-	4
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33	20	-	-	-	-	Isaac LIU	15		15	Spencer LENIU		23	11	1	-	-	4
26	21	1	-	-	4	Erin CLARK	16		16	Sitili TUPOUNIUA		27	15	5	-	-	20
22	19	3	-	-	12	Klese HAAS	17		17	Terrell MAY		25	21	5	-	-	20
24	8	2	16	1	41	Tanah BOYD	18	RESERVES	18	Michael JENNINGS		36	8	3	-	-	12
27	12	3	-	-	12	Keenan PALASIA	19		19	Naufahu WHYTE		22	18	1	-	-	4
28	6	-	-	-	-	Joe STIMSON	20		20	Siua WONG		21	7	-	-	-	-
24	5	-	-	-	-	Jacob ALICK	21		21	Zach DOCKAR-CLAY		29	2	-	-	-	-
21	2	1	-	-	4	Tony FRANCIS	22		22	Robert TOIA		20	-	-	-	-	-
63	479	-	-	-	-	Des HASLER		COACHES		Trent ROBINSON		47	305	-	-	-	-

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	TOTAL	GOLD COAST	SYDNEY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	24	8	16	0
CBUS SUPER	8	2	6	0
ADAM GEE	2	0	2	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	Round 12	SYDNEY 18-12	SCG	3149
2021	Round 14	SYDNEY 35-34	Cbus Super	15111
2021	Qualifying Final	SYDNEY 25-24	QLD C. Bank	15237
2022	Round 9	SYDNEY 44-16	BB Print Stadium	5527
2023	Round 21	SYDNEY 36-18	Cbus Super	15362

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2012	Round 21	GOLD COAST 36-16	Allianz	8134
2016	Round 10	GOLD COAST 26-6	Cbus Super	9363
2019	Round 20	SYDNEY 58-6	SCG	9763

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
GOLD COAST	13TH	21	3	8-13-0	440	554
SYDNEY	3RD	21	3	14-7-0	642	399

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
GOLD COAST	BRISBANE	W 46-18	CRONULLA	L 0-44	ST GEO ILLA	L 16-32
SYDNEY	DOLPHINS	W 40-34	BYE	-	PARRAMATTA	W 38-14

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
GOLD COAST	NEWCASTLE (A)	PENRITH (A)
SYDNEY	CANBERRA (H)	SOUTH SYDNEY (A)

THINGS TO KNOW

- Roosters have won all of their last 10 games against the Titans
- Easts have won 12 of their 17 games played on the Gold Coast since 1988.
- Luke KEARY (Sydney) has scored 48 NRL tries
- David FIFITA (Gold Coast) has scored 49 NRL tries

MATCH PREVIEW

Justin DAVIES

Kicking off Sunday afternoon is the Gold Coast Titans hosting third place Sydney Roosters in the sunshine state.

Gold Coast Titans finals chances have been dashed like many of a lucky punter's chance at a Surfers Paradise club on Saturday night so they can play with a weight off their chest in the final three games of the season.

Trying to predict what the Titans might do is an exercise in madness but let's try! There is so much talent in their backline which should scream points and some welcome returns in the forwards as well (Mo Foutaika and Beau Fermor).

Des Hasler still has his glorious mane but how long will he keep it coaching the Titans who are rugby league's version of Jekyll and Hyde. So, tune in for this game because it could be a close affair or a blowout - we can all find out together!

Sydney Roosters on the other hand are like re-reading a book you have been through several times as the plot remains the same - lose to the top two and beat anyone teams outside the top eight.

So, Sunday sounds like a fait accompli, right? Probably but the Roosters can be inflicted by the 'one of those days' bugs which Football Manager fans will know. They can turn up a stinker and against a Titans team full of spark it might be a recipe for disaster.

The return of triple centurion Jared Wearea-Hargreaves will give them some further punch going forward and set the platform for their star-studded backline to peck away at the Titans defense all afternoon.

WHO TO WATCH: Keano Kini has lit up the fullback position for the Titans in the last month including setting up a four-pointer with his first touch of the ball. He also had 300+ metres against the Dragons and will need another huge performance against the star-studded Roosters. Looking up front for the hosts Mo Fotuaika is back and he will be needed to muscle up against the Roosters pack and cause an upset.

For the Roosters, it is a welcome return for Jared Wearea-Hargreaves after he suspended against the Dragons a month ago and he will be ready to rip in against David Fifita. At the back, it is harder to pick than a broken nose for someone to spotlight but let's give Dom Young the rub as he will be dueling against leading try-scorer Alofiana Khan-Pereira on the edges.

FAVOURITE: This is easier than my last eye exam and I think the Roosters will head into this game as warm favourites to continue their record of stomping teams outside the top eight.

MY TIP: Can't go past a big Tricolours victory here. **Roosters by 20.**

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ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS



VENUE	WIN Stadium (Wollongong Showground)	Ashley KLEIN	REFEREE
LOCATION	Dharawal Wollongong, NSW	Liam KENNEDY, Kieren IRONS	TOUCH JUDGES
DAY & TIME	Sun 25 Aug 2024 4:05pm AEST	Grant ATKINS	NRL BUNKER

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts							Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
22	20	11	-	-	44	Tyrell SLOAN	1	FULLBACK	1	William KENNEDY		27	20	4	-	-	16
24	18	13	52	2	160	Zac LOMAX	2	WING	2	Samuel STONESTREET		22	3	4	-	-	16
23	6	3	-	-	12	Mathew FEAGAI	3	CENTRE	3	Jesse RAMIEN		27	21	5	-	-	20
23	10	-	-	-	-	Max FEAGAI	4	CENTRE	4	Kayal IRO		24	17	4	-	-	16
23	11	7	-	-	28	Christian TUIPULOTU	5	WING	5	Ronaldo MULITALO		24	19	15	-	-	60
29	12	3	-	-	12	Jack BIRD	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Daniel ATKINSON		23	14	4	14	2	46
34	19	4	-	-	16	Ben HUNT	7	HALFBACK	7	Braydon TRINDALL		25	14	10	20	-	80
29	20	1	-	-	4	Francis MOLO	8	FRONT ROW	8	Toby RUDOLF		28	15	1	-	-	4
27	20	4	-	-	16	Jacob LIDDLE	9	HOOKER	9	Blayke BRAILEY		25	21	3	-	-	12
33	21	3	-	-	12	Jack DE BELIN	10	FRONT ROW	10	Oregon KAUFUSI		25	21	2	-	-	8
28	15	3	-	-	12	Luciano LEILUA	11	SECOND ROW	11	Briton NIKORA		26	19	6	-	-	24
26	19	8	-	-	32	Jaydn SU'A	12	SECOND ROW	12	Teig WILTON		24	17	4	-	-	16
32	21	1	-	-	4	Tom EISENHUTH	13	LOCK	13	Cameron McINNES		30	20	1	-	-	4
20	8	2	-	-	8	Toby COUCHMAN	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Jack WILLIAMS		27	19	1	-	-	4
20	4	-	-	-	-	Ryan COUCHMAN	15		15	Royce HUNT		29	14	1	-	-	4
27	18	-	-	-	-	Blake LAWRIE	16		16	Braden HAMLIN-UELE		29	10	1	-	-	4
31	18	2	-	-	8	Raymond FAITALA-MARINER	17		17	Thomas HAZELTON		25	19	6	-	-	24
-	1	-	-	-	-	Lyhkan KING-TOGIA	18	RESERVES	18	Mawene HIROTI		25	-	-	-	-	-
26	11	3	-	-	12	Mikaele RAVALAWA	19		19	Billy BURNS		25	4	-	-	-	-
27	4	-	-	-	-	Michael MOLO	20		20	Tuku HAU TAPUHA		22	10	1	-	-	4
27	6	-	-	-	-	Jesse MARSCHKE	21		21	Chris VEA'ILA		-	-	-	-	-	-
23	3	-	-	-	-	Connor MUHLEISEN	22		22	Niwhai PURU		22	-	-	-	-	-
58	206	-	-	-	-	Shane FLANAGAN		COACHES		Craig FITZGIBBON		47	72	-	-	-	-

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

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	TOTAL	ST GEO ILLA	CRONULLA	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	53	23	29	1
WIN	8	6	2	0
ASHLEY KLEIN	4	3	1	0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2022	Round 3	CRONULLA 36-12	WIN	10122
2022	Round 21	CRONULLA 24-18	Pointsbet	11427
2023	Round 4	CRONULLA 40-8	Netstrata	15126
2023	Round 18	CRONULLA 52-16	Pointsbet	10267
2024	Round 9	CRONULLA 20-10	Pointsbet	9731

BIGGEST WINS

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2007	Round 4	CRONULLA 40-4	Toyota	19137
2023	Round 18	CRONULLA 52-16	Pointsbet	10267
2010	Round 8	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 38-0	WIN	15779

STATE OF PLAY: 2024 SEASON

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
ST GEO ILLA	8TH	21	3	11-10-0	434	526
CRONULLA	4TH	21	3	14-7-0	547	371

LAST THREE

TEAM	ROUND 22	RESULT	ROUND 23	RESULT	ROUND 24	RESULT
ST GEO ILLA	MELBOURNE	W 18-16	CANTERBURY	L 10-28	GOLD COAST	W 32-16
CRONULLA	SOUTHS	W 20-6	GOLD COAST	W 44-0	NEWCASTLE	W 19-18

THE RUN HOME

TEAM	ROUND 26	ROUND 27
ST GEO ILLA	PARRAMATTA (A)	CANBERRA (H)
CRONULLA	WARRIORS (H)	MANLY (A)

THINGS TO KNOW

- Cronulla have won their last 2 games at WIN Stadium, a feat they've managed just twice previously (1985/86 and 1988/89), however they've never won 3 straight games there.
- Cronulla have won the last 8 straight matches against the Dragons and 10 of their last 11 games (since 2019)
- Zac LOMAX (St Geo Illa) has scored 47 NRL tries

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MATCH PREVIEW

AJ LUCANTONIO

Top eight spot on the line as Sharks circle top 4 security

The St George Illawarra Dragons will be looking to feel secure inside the NRL top eight when they take on arch rivals Cronulla in what is billed as the match of the round from WIN Stadium.

St George Illawarra have been the NRL's surprise packet in 2024, after being predicted by most (including yours truly) as being certain wooden spooners. The Dragons have completed quite the rebuild under new coach Shane Flanagan. Despite a shaky start against the Titans last weekend, Flanagan's side was able to bounce back despite the early setback and complete the job and climb up into eighth position. Defensively, they had to do a lot of work in the second half and they were able to do that to secure victory.

To beat the Sharks, it will take an improved showing on last week's effort. Despite winning, they had to do so much unnecessary work without the football as they were running into a gale in that second half. An even share of the football should be enough to make the game competitive. Out wide, the Sharks outside backs have done incredible work coming out of their own end, so expect a point of emphasis to limit the work guys like Katoa, Ramien, Iro do out of yardage. Execution will also need to improve if they want to taste victory in this clash.

Onto team news, the Dragons are still without the services of Kyle Flanagan following his suspension for biting. Jack Bird who did an admirable job and scrambled magnificently will keep his six jersey. --Ray Faitala-Mariner returns to the bench for Lykian King-Togia.

Cronulla had a brilliant win over Newcastle in golden point last Sunday, they were low on troops and had every reason to lose a game of football. But, they stuck to their processes and managed to find a way to win. Dan Atkinson had a terrific game, leading his team brilliantly around the park and again showing his case to partner Nicho Hynes for the conduct of the semi-finals.

To beat the Dragons, they need to frustrate the Dragons in attack like other teams in the top four (Melbourne excluded of course). If they can create early chances and get into the Dragons heads, then this will be over relatively quickly. Their forwards need to lift too, Oregon Kaufusi had his best game as a Shark last weekend, but he needs his supporting cast to lift with him.

Team news time, Braydon Trindall is back on deck at halfback which means Blayke Brailey returns to hooker and Cameron McInnes to lock. Kayal Iro returns at centre after missing last week due to illness while forwards Teig Wilton (hamstring) and Tom Hazelton (illness) are also back on deck. Winger Sione Katoa is replaced by Sam Stonestreet. A new-look bench includes Jack Williams and Royce Hunt, who started the game last week, with Billy Burns and Tuku Hau Tapuha dropping to the reserves.

WHO TO WATCH: For the Dragons, the focus remains on Tyrell Sloan. Sloan has had a troubled season but ever since Shane Flanagan gave him a demotion to the KOE NSW Cup, he has delivered in spades. Most impressive, his defensive mindset. Sloan made a number of critical tackles on the weekend and got himself involved, something he wasn't doing prior to the bye weekend.

Let's put the blowtorch on Blayke Brailey. Sharks supporters have an on again, off again relationship with Brailey. Some weeks he is to blame for everything Cronulla does wrong, other weeks, he is the hero and saviour. Brailey needs to continue to become creative out of dummy half, something that has been lacking with only 11 assists (try or linebreak) this season. If the Sharks are going to figure prominently in September, Brailey needs to continue to improve with ball in hand.

FAVOURITE: Cronulla are the favourites here but have had a difficult record at WIN Stadium, only winning three of nine at this stadium. They have won the last two clashes at this venue though.

MY TIP: I don't see a world in which Cronulla loses this game, they need to keep winning in order to keep pace with the Roosters to avoid a trip to Melbourne. The Dragons will compete for the entirety of the contest, but they will just fall short in my view. **Sharks by 12.**

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BYE: PARRAMATTA

WARRIORS V CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Fri 23 Aug 3:15PM at Shaun Johnson (Go Media) Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa
Officials yet to be announced.

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	WARRIORS	CANTERBURY	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
24	10	5	34	-	88	Taine TUAIPIKI 1 1	Joash PAPALII - 19 3 4 - 20						
25	16	4	-	-	16	Setu TU 2 2	Jonathan SUA - 9 10 - - 40						
22	16	12	-	-	48	Moala GRAHAM-TAUFA 3 3	Hayze PERHAM 25 21 6 - - 24						
-	22	6	-	-	24	Eddie IEREMIA-TOEAVA 4 4	Jordan SAMRANI - 15 6 - - 24						
25	17	7	-	-	28	Edward KOSI 5 5	Jeral SKELTON 25 13 10 - - 40						
23	21	7	8	-	44	Ben FARR 6 6	Drew HUTCHISON 29 5 3 - - 12						
25	12	1	-	-	4	Paul ROACHE 7 7	Joseph O'NEILL - 18 1 - - 4						
20	20	1	-	-	4	Tanner STOWERS-SMITH 8 8	Poasa FA'AMAUSILI 28 14 4 - - 16						
-	14	4	-	-	16	Makaia TAFUA 9 9	Romano COOK - 17 1 - - 4						
28	6	-	-	-	-	Bunty AFOA 10 10	Daniel SULUKA-FIFITA 25 3 - - -						
20	11	5	-	-	20	Jacob LABAN 11 11	Kitone KAUTOGA 21 17 8 - - 32						
-	9	3	-	-	12	Selumiel HALASIMA 12 12	Luke SMITH - 3 - - -						
27	22	2	-	-	8	Kalani GOING 13 13	Liam KNIGHT 29 15 2 - - 8						
-	15	5	-	-	20	Luke HANSON 14 14	Reuben MOYLE - 6 1 - - 4						
-	12	1	-	-	4	Harry DURBIN 15 15	Lipoi HOPOI 22 12 1 - - 4						
21	13	1	-	-	4	Zyon MAI'U 16 16	Chris PATOLO 23 11 - - -						
-	20	2	-	-	8	Maia SANDS 17 17	Jack UNDERHILL - 12 - - -						
27	11	3	-	-	12	Geronimo DOYLE 18							
43	72	-	-	-	-	David TANGATA-TOA	Michael POTTER 60 50 - - -						

WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES V BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES

Sat 24 Aug 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
Officials yet to be announced.

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	WESTS	BLACKTOWN	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
-	3	1	-	-	4	Faaletino TAVANA 1 1	Jahoiyakim AFOA 22 1 - - -						
-	-	-	-	-	-	Max TAOTUA 2 2	Watson HELETA - 18 14 - - 56						
24	21	7	1	-	30	Declan CASEY 3 3	Brad PARKER 27 20 4 - - 16						
19	19	12	-	-	48	Josh FELEDY 4 4	Jaxson PAULO 24 11 10 9 - 58						
-	2	-	-	-	-	Jimmy NGUTLIK 5 5	Nepote TAUFA - - - - -						
28	10	-	-	-	-	Brent NADEN 6 6	Dean MATTERSON 26 15 - - -						
-	19	4	-	-	16	James VALEVATU 7 7	Brad ABBEY 27 7 1 - - 4						
-	14	3	-	-	12	Tim JOHANNSEN 8 8	Aaron WOODS 33 11 - - -						
19	10	1	10	-	24	Tallyn DA SILVA 9 9	Jake SIMPKIN 22 7 1 - - 4						
-	6	-	-	-	-	Vaka AHO 10 10	Aitasi JAMES 23 19 2 - - 8						
27	12	2	-	-	8	Reuben PORTER 11 11	Jacob SYKES - 14 - - -						
20	14	-	-	-	-	Tanos SUKKAR 12 12	Ben CONDON 24 20 4 - - 16						
19	18	-	-	-	-	Kit LAULILII 13 13	James UESELE - 16 1 - - 4						
-	-	-	-	-	-	TBC 14 14	Ben SEUFALE - 6 - - -						
21	10	2	-	-	8	Justin MATAMUA 15 15	Kayne KALACHE 26 2 - - -						
-	13	1	-	-	4	Lachlan BROEDERLOW 16 16	Kobe RUGLESS - 14 1 - - 4						
-	18	3	-	-	12	Jordan MILLER 17 17	Eparama NAVALE - 6 - - -						
						18	Harrison GERAGHTY - - - - -						
41	23	-	-	-	-	Aaron PAYNE	Wayne LAMBKIN - 75 - - -						

HEAD TO HEAD

Last met: 2024 R18 - Canterbury 46-16 at Accor

	TOTAL	WARRIORS	CANTERBURY	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	16	4	11	1
SHAUN JOHNSON	6	3	3	0

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS V NEWTOWN JETS

Sat 24 Aug 1:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
Officials yet to be announced.

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	ST GEO ILLA	NEWTOWN	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
24	22	5	-	-	20	Haele FINAU 1 1	Liam ISON 19 12 10 - - 40						
-	22	11	-	-	44	Savelio TAMALE 2 2	Tom RODWELL - 21 6 - - 24						
-	13	7	-	-	28	Benjamin JOHNSON 3 3	Chris VE'ATLA - 17 6 - - 24						
-	5	1	-	-	4	Hayden BUCHANAN 4 4	Jordan SWANN - 7 - - -						
26	6	6	-	-	24	Mikaele RAWALAWA 5 5	Siteni TAUAMO 19 5 3 - - 12						
27	8	2	12	-	32	Jesse MARSCHKE 6 6	Khaled RAJAB 22 12 2 - - 8						
-	20	6	38	-	100	Jonah GLOVER 7 7	Nivhai PURU 22 21 5 49 1 119						
-	21	1	-	-	4	Joshua CORIC 8 8	Rhys DAKIN - 18 1 - - 4						
23	18	1	-	-	4	Connor MUHLEISEN 9 9	Jayden BERRELL 29 13 1 - - 4						
-	6	-	-	-	-	Loko Jnr PASIFIKI TONGA 10 10	Tuku HAU TAPUHA 22 9 3 - - 12						
-	22	6	-	-	24	Dylan EGAN 11 11	Kyle PICKERING - 16 5 - - 20						
28	18	2	-	-	8	Daniel RUSSELL 12 12	Jordin LEIU - 19 1 - - 4						
27	12	-	-	-	-	Michael MOLO 13 13	Blake HOSKING - 22 4 - - 16						
-	3	1	-	-	4	Declan PURCELL 14 14	Lachlan Jake CROUCH - 2 - - -						
23	20	2	-	-	8	Alec TUTAVAKE 15 15	Kurt DILLON 30 1 - - -						
23	15	1	-	-	4	Viliami FIFITA 16 17	Billy MAGOULIAS 27 20 5 - - 20						
-	17	-	-	-	-	Jackson SHERB 17 18	Josh COOK 25 11 1 - - 4						
-	7	1	-	-	4	Hamish STEWART 18							
-	22	-	-	-	-	Ben WOOLF	George NDAIRA 39 46 - - -						

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Last met: 2024 R9 - Newtown 26-10 at Henson

	TOTAL	ST GEO ILLA	NEWTOWN	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	22	10	12	0
COLLEGIANS	0	0	0	0

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Last met: 2024 R12 - Blacktown 50-30 at HE Laybutt

	TOTAL	WESTS	BLACKTOWN	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	12	8	3	1
LIDCOMBE	0	0	0	0

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS V NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

Sat 24 Aug 5:10PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
Officials yet to be announced.

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	SOUTHS	NEWCASTLE	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
-	18	5	-	-	20	Bayleigh BENTLEY-HAPE 1 1	David ARMSTRONG 23 10 12 - - 48						
19	1	2	-	-	8	Tyrone MUNRO 2 21	Hayden SUTTON - 9 6 - - 24						
27	11	4	-	-	16	Izaak THOMPSON 3 3	Thomas JENKINS 23 16 6 - - 24						
22	16	3	-	-	12	Leonard SKELTON 4 4	Kyle MCCARTHY - 18 9 - - 36						
21	12	4	-	-	16	Leon TE HAU 5 5	Laitia MOCEIDREKE 23 16 9 - - 36						
22	12	1	14	-	32	Dion TEAUPA 6 6	Riley JONES 22 16 3 - - 12						
-	7	-	17	-	34	Brent HAWKINS 7 7	Jackson HASTINGS 28 5 - - -						
29	13	2	-	-	8	Billy TSIKRIKAS 8 8	Jack CULLEN - 7 - - -						
26	21	9	-	-	36	Ryan GRAY 9 9	Zach HERRING - 19 1 - - 4						
19	11	-	-	-	-	Liam LE BLANC 10 10	Jaxson RAHME - 21 1 - - 4						
-	13	-	-	-	-	Brock GRAY 11 11	Brock GREACEN - 12 2 - - 8						
-	20	1	-	-	4	Adam CHRISTENSEN 12 12	Clay WEBB 21 12 1 - - 4						
31	1	-	-	-	-	Siliva HAVILI 13 13	Thomas CANT 22 14 8 14 - 60						
24	16	4	2	-	20	Jarrett SUBLOO 14 14	Temple KALEPO - 6 - - -						
24	18	3	-	-	12	Matt FRENCH 15 15	Bailey HARTWIG 26 3 - - -						
24	22	2	-	-	8	Chase CHAPMAN 16 16	Blake WOODFORD - - - - -						
37	22	1	-	-	4	Yileen GORDON 17 17	Taj RIDLEY - - - - -						
-	7	-	-	-	-	Gordon WHIPPY 18							
-	5	4	-	-	16	Codey KENNEDY 19							
-	48	-	-	-	-	Joe O'CALLAGHAN	Ron GRIFFITHS - 22 - - -						

HEAD TO HEAD

Last met: 2024 R8 - Newcastle 34-12 at Newc. COE

	TOTAL	SOUTHS	NEWCASTLE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	10	6	3	1
ACCOR	1	0	1	0

SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 22 WRAP *with AJ LUCANTONIO*

LONDON RAISE THE CURTAIN WITH SOLID WIN AT ELLAND ROAD

The London Broncos have kept their chances of avoiding relegation thanks to a 29-4 win over the London Broncos to kick-start Magic Weekend.

The Broncos crossed for the first try after just 6 minutes. A well worked set play saw Josh Rourke beat some disappointing defensive efforts from Hull FC to cross for the first try of the contest and make it 6-0. Hull have been savaged by injury, suspension, player unrest, you name it. But they stayed in the game, and countered thanks to a Lewis Martin try after an early kick was well grounded by the Hull winger. Despite getting to within two points, that was as close as Hull got as London dictated terms for the remainder of the contest. A brilliant kick from London saw Hull go without it, some brilliant offloads under immense pressure saw the ball end up in the lap of Jack Campagnolo to score for London and the scores remained 12-4 at the break.

A penalty whilst in possession coming out of yardage allowed London to take a gift shot from in front. London extended the margin out to ten points. Hull had chances but the execution continued to let the black and whites down. A cheap escort penalty allowed London to add another penalty goal and extend the gap to two converted tries. A field goal put the game beyond doubt. Rourke continued his brilliant game when he leapt high and picked the pocket of the Hull fullback to make it 23-4. A last try in the dying moments to Campagnolo capped what was a brilliant victory for London.

HULL FC	4	-	29	LONDON
Lewis MARTIN		T	2	Josh ROURKE
				Jack CAMPAGNOLO
				Oliver LEYLAND
Jack CHARLES	0/1	G	6/6	Oliver LEYLAND
		FG		Oliver LEYLAND
TEAMSHEETS				
Jack WALKER	31	FB	23	Josh ROURKE
Harvey BARRON	25	W	2	Lee KERSHAW
Carlos TUIMAVAVE	3	C	3	Jarred BASSETT
Tom BRISCOE	44	C	12	Ethan NATOLI
Lewis MARTIN	26	W	4	Hakim MILOUDI
Jack CHARLES	40	FE	6	Jack CAMPAGNOLO
Morgan SMITH	19	HB	20	Oliver LEYLAND
Herman ESE'ESE	8	FR	19	Rhys KENNEDY
Jordan LANE (c)	15	HK	9	Sam DAVIS
Ligi SAO	12	FR	8	Robert BUTLER
Ed CHAMBERLAIN	43	2R	11	Will LOVELL (c)
Jed CARTWRIGHT	48	2R	17	Sadiq ADEBIYI
Yusuf AYDIN	45	L	15	Marcus STOCK
Denive BALMFORTH	28	B	18	Emmanuel WAINE
Sam ESEH	53	B	34	Ugo TISON
Brad FASH	13	B	10	Lewis BIENEK
Zach JEBSON	27	B	29	Jacob JONES
Simon GRIX		HC		Mike ECCLES

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: London 12-4.
Penalties: London 9-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 30,810.

WIRE DOWN RHINOS TO END DAY 1 AT ELLAND ROAD

The Warrington Wolves capped the first night of Magic Weekend with a superb 24-6 victory over the Leeds Rhinos.

Warrington capitalised on some early ill-discipline Rhinos defence to knock over a penalty goal and make it 2-0. Both sides had their chances early, but it was Warrington who capitalised to score for the first try. A crunching tackle by Roderick Tai forced the ball loose and it was George Williams who busted through to score the first try of the contest in the shadows of half-time to make it 8-0 at the break.

The second half began with a frantic pace as Warrington continued to search for the hammer blow. A near try for Matty Ashton saw him taken off the ball by David Fusitu'a. The winger was denied a penalty try and the Leeds winger went to the sin-bin. Matt Dufty capitalised on the extra man advantage almost immediately and added to Warrington's commanding advantage.

The Warrington spine combined to put Williams away again before he found Dufty and the flying Australian fullback scored and it was 18-0 in the blink of an eye. Warrington put the game beyond doubt as Fusitu'a failed to defuse a bomb and Ashton crossed to make it 24-0. Leeds did get a consolation try through Paul Momirovski but it was in vain as Warrington continued to push Wigan and Rovers all the way at the top of the table.

WARRINGTON	24	-	6	LEEDS
Matt DUFTY	3	T		Paul MOMIROVSKI
George WILLIAMS				
Josh THEWLIS	4/6	G	1/1	Rhyse MARTIN
Rodrick TAI		BIN		David FUSITU'A
				Sam LISONE

WIGAN CLAIM DERBY SPOILS ON MAGIC WKND AT ELLAND ROAD

Wigan have continued to put the pressure on Hull KR at the top of the table as they continued St Helens' mid-year collapse courtesy of a 20-0 verdict.

The Warriors set the tone early as Jacob Wardle found some space, a desperate Saints ankle tap was enough to deny the centre a certain try. On the ensuing possession, Adam Keighran took matters into his own hands with a magnificent cut-out pass to Liam Marshall and the flying winger continued his scoring run to touch down in the left corner. Jack Farrimond continued his strong cameo with a brilliant individual try. A clever grubber kick saw him win the bounce of the ball to score an individual try and make it 12-0 for the Warriors. Keighran added a penalty goal in the shadows of half-time to extend the gap for Wigan going into the change of ends.

It was a tense second half as both sides tried to jostle for the momentum. But, the Saints had the better of the early second half scoring chances. A break saw St Helens in good scoring position but unfortunately Matt Whitely put it down with the line wide open. Wigan eventually did enough to claim victory in the dying stages when Sam Walters crossed to put an exclamation point on an emphatic victory for the Warriors.

WIGAN	20	-	0	ST HELENS
Jack FARRIMOND		T		
Liam MARSHALL				
Sam WALTERS				
Adam KEIGHRAN	4/4	G		
Kaide ELLIS		BIN		
TEAMSHEETS				
Jai FIELD	1	FB	33	Harry ROBERTSON
Abbas MISKI	2	W	2	Thomas MAKINSON
Zach ECKERSLEY	26	C	3	Waga BLAKE
Jacob WARDLE	4	C	12	Joe BATCHELOR
Liam MARSHALL	5	W	25	Theerapol RITSON
Jack FARRIMOND	30	FE	21	Ben DAVIES
Adam KEIGHRAN	3	HB	14	Moses MBEYE
Ethan HAVARD	8	FR	20	George DELANEY
Kruise LEEMING	17	HK	15	James BELL
Luke THOMPSON	16	FR	10	Matty LEES (c)
Junior NSEMBA	21	2R	19	Matt WHITLEY
Sam WALTERS	22	2R	16	Curtis SIRONEN
Kaide ELLIS (c)	13	L	17	Agnatius PAASI
Liam BYRNE	10	B	8	Alex WALMSLEY
Patrick MAGO	15	B	24	Jake BURNS
Tyler DUPREE	19	B	30	Jonny VAUGHAN
Tom FORBER	27	B	31	Noah STEPHENS
Matt PEET		HC		Paul WELLENS

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 14-0.
Penalties: Wigan 9-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 30,810.

WARRINGTON	24	-	6	LEEDS
TEAMSHEETS				
Matt DUFTY	1	FB	1	Lachlan MILLER
Josh THEWLIS	2	W	2	David FUSITU'A
Rodrick TAI	14	C	4	Paul MOMIROVSKI
Toby KING	3	C	3	Harry NEWMAN
Matthew ASHTON	5	W	5	Ash HANDLEY
George WILLIAMS (c)	6	FE	21	Jack SINFIELD
Josh DRINKWATER	7	HB	7	Matt FRAWLEY
Paul VAUGHAN	10	FR	17	Justin SANGARÉ
Sam POWELL	32	HK	9	Andy ACKERS
Luke YATES	41	FR	15	Sam LISONE
John BATEMAN	42	2R	16	James McDONNELL
Matthew NICHOLSON	13	2R	12	Rhyse MARTIN
Ben CURRIE	11	L	13	Cameron SMITH (c)
Zane MUSGROVE	16	B	11	James BENTLEY
James HARRISON	8	B	14	Jarrold O'CONNOR
Danny WALKER	9	B	25	James DONALDSON
Jordan CROWTHER	17	B	30	Tom NICHOLSON-WATTON
Sam BURGESS		HC		Brad ARTHUR

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Warrington 8-0.
Penalties: Warrington 7-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 30,810.

LEOPARDS KEEP ALIVE WITH IMPORTANT WIN AT ELLAND ROAD

Leigh have kept pace with the bottom half of the top six after an impressive 26-0 shut-out win over the Salford Red Devils.

Leigh started the game with intent and with purpose. This was rewarded when Edwin Ipape capitalised out of dummy half after six minutes for the opening try. Salford suffered further blows when they had two players sent to the sin-bin for separate incidents within five minutes of each-other for high tackles. The Leopards eventually capitalised on the extra men advantage when Umya Hanley burst through some pedestrian defence to make it 12-0 at half-time.

Salford did try their hardest but they eventually strung too close to the mark with their kick pressure. A late tackle penalty gave the Leopards a penalty next to the posts, Zak Hardaker made no mistakes with the penalty goal and Leigh led 14-0.

The Leopards put the game beyond doubt in the dying moments of the second half when Ipape broke into space, he found Hardaker in support. Hardaker raced away under the posts to seal the deal for Leigh. Ricky Leutele added another in the dying moments to score in the left corner to keep in touch with the top six.

LEIGH	26	-	0	SALFORD
Umyla HANLEY		T		
Zak HARDAKER				
Edwin IPAPE				
Ricky LEUTELE				
Zak HARDAKER	5/5	G		
TEAMSHEETS				
Zak HARDAKER	3	FB	1	Ryan BRIERLEY
Darnell McINTOSH	34	W	2	Ethan RYAN
Umyla HANLEY	24	C	12	Kallum WATKINS (c)
Ricky LEUTELE	4	C	4	Tim LAFAI
Keanan BRAND	22	W	5	Deon CROSS
Gareth O'BRIEN	1	FE	32	Jayden NIKORIMA
Lachlan LAM	7	HB	7	Marc SNEYD
Tom AMONE	8	FR	8	Brad SINGLETON
Edwin IPAPE	9	HK	24	Joe MELLOR
Robbie MULHERN	10	FR	15	Shane WRIGHT
Kai O'DONNELL	11	2R	11	Sam STONE
Frankie HALTON	16	2R	3	Nene MACDONALD
John ASIATA (c)	13	L	13	Oliver PARTINGTON
Jack HUGHES	12	B	16	Joe SHORROCKS
Owen TROUT	17	B	23	Chris HANKINSON
Brad DWYER	33	B	29	Loghan LEWIS
Aaron PENE	35	B	31	Joe BULLOCK
Adrian LAM		HC		Paul ROWLEY

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Leigh 12-0.
Penalties: Leigh 8-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 22,293.

KR CULL CATALANS ON SUNDAY AT ELLAND ROAD

The Hull Kingston Rovers have returned to the top of the ladder after recording a 36-4 win over fellow finalists hopefuls the Catalans Dragons in the penultimate match of Magic Weekend.

It was a tight start to the game with both sides struggling to gain ascendancy. Rovers crossed for the first try after capitalising on some disappointing edge defence which allowed Peta Hiku to break away. On the next play, Elliot Minchella charged across to score first. The Dragons hit back brilliantly following a brilliant set play which allowed Bayley Sironen to cross and level the scores at 4-4. Rovers were the dominant side throughout the first half and eventually, the weight of possession took its toll and we saw two tries in the shadow of half-time break the spirit of the Dragons. Peta Hiku had too much class on the outside of the makeshift left edge of Catalans (after Matt Ikuvalu left injured). Right before the break, Ryan Hall crossed out wide, continuing his good run of scoring at Magic Weekend. However, the goal-kicking of Mikey Lewis kept the Dragons firmly in touch.

Rovers started brilliantly as Minchella went straight through some paper-thin Catalans defence to score and make it a three possession game. It was one-way traffic in the second half as Kelepi Tanginoa went across after some terrific lead up work down the left edge of the Dragons. Hall's try-scoring form at Magic Weekend continued when he crossed after 61 minutes, Tanginoa again charged across following a brilliant short-ball from Lewis. Catalans hung firm for the rest of the game before a brilliant chip from Tyrone May which found Niall Evalds to put an exclamation point on the win. However, there was a biting allegation from Mikey Lewis against Cesar Rouge which will ring familiar for those in Australia after the recent Kyle Flanagan case.

CATALANS	4	-	36	HULL KR
Bayley SIRONEN		T	2	Ryan HALL
			2	Elliot MINCHELLA
			2	Kelepi TANGINOA
				Niall EVALDS
				Peta HIKU
Arthur MOURGUE	0/1	G	2/8	Mikey LEWIS
TEAMSHEETS				
César ROUGÉ	17	FB	2	Niall EVALDS
Tom DAVIES	2	W	35	Joe BURGESS
Arthur ROMANO	3	C	1	Peta HIKU
Reimis SMITH	34	C	4	Oliver GILDART
Matt IKUVALU	21	W	5	Ryan HALL
Arthur MOURGUE	1	FE	27	Tyrone MAY
Théo FAGES	7	HB	7	Mikey LEWIS
Jordan DEZARIA	23	FR	8	Sauaso SUE
Alrix DA COSTA	14	HK	14	Matt PARCELL
Romain NAVARRETE	16	FR	16	Jai WHITBREAD
Benjamin GARCIA (c)	13	2R	11	Dean HADLEY
Bayley SIRONEN	15	2R	12	James BATCHELOR
Julian BOUSQUET	10	L	13	Elliot MINCHELLA (c)
Paul SÉGUIER	12	B	9	Jez LITTEN
Tevita SATAE	20	B	15	Sam LUCKLEY
Franck MARIA	28	B	17	Matthew STORTON
Jarrold WALLACE	33	B	20	Kelepi TANGINOA
Steve McNAMARA		HC		Willie PETERS

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 12-4.
Penalties: Hull KR 7-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 22,293.

GIANT SUCCESS TO END MAGIC WKND AT ELLAND ROAD

A brilliant first half from Jake Connor has set the Huddersfield Giants up for success with a 20-12 win over the Castleford Tigers.

The Giants started well and with intent and were rewarded early. Connor dug deep into the line and found Sam Halsall who finished off the movement brilliantly with an acrobatic finish in the corner. Connor nailed the conversion from touch for an early lead. In the ensuing sets, Connor nailed a 40/20 to keep the Tigers on the back foot. Sam Hewitt crashed across the line to give the Giants a 12-0 lead. The Huddersfield defence held brilliantly in a sin-bin period after a high tackle by Tui Lolohea and the score remained 12-0 at half-time.

Jason Qareqare had a rough start under the high ball in the first half. Unfortunately, that continued to start the second when a bomb was dropped, which led to Esan Marsters scoring in the 48th minute. Fenton Rogers mistimed his tackle and also went to the sin-bin. This time, the Tigers responded as Tex Hoy created the extra number and Qareqare rebounded nicely to score the Tigers first try. Castleford were looking to mount a late comeback when Qareqare crossed for his second try. Some brilliant second phase play saw Liam Horne chip to a corner and Qareqare caught it on the full to make it a one possession game. Unfortunately, a high tackle 40m out allowed Connor to nail a penalty goal to make it a 20-12 win for the Giants.

HUDDERSFIELD	20	-	12	CASTLEFORD
Sam HALSALL		T	2	Jason QAREQARE
Sam HEWITT				
Esan MARSTERS				
Jake CONNOR	4/4	G	2/2	Rowan MILNES
Tui LOLOHEA		BIN		
Fenton ROGERS				

HUDDERSFIELD	20	-	12	CASTLEFORD
TEAMSHEETS				
Jake CONNOR	1	FB	34	Tex HOY
Jake BIBBY	5	W	23	Jason QAREQARE
Esan MARSTERS	3	C	35	Corey HALL
Kevin NAIQAMA	4	C	28	William TATE
Sam HALSALL	24	W	5	Innes SENIOR
Tui LOLOHEA	6	FE	16	Rowan MILNES
Oliver RUSSELL	23	HB	7	Jacob MILLER
Chris HILL	8	FR	20	Muizz MUSTAPHA
Adam MILNER	9	HK	14	Liam HORNE
Andre SAVELIO	33	FR	32	Daniel HINDMARSH
Harry RUSHTON	16	2R	12	Alex MELLOR
Sam HEWITT	12	2R	11	Elie EL-ZAKHEM
Leroy CUDJOE (c)	21	L	13	Joe WESTERMAN (c)
Matty ENGLISH	15	B	8	Liam WATTS
Sebastine IKAHIHIFO	18	B	21	Sylvester NAMO
Fenton ROGERS	25	B	25	Brad MARTIN
Kieran RUSH	27	B	29	George HILL
Luke ROBINSON		HC		Craig LINGARD

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 12-0.
Penalties: Castleford 6-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 22,293.

MEN'S BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 22 TABLE	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Diff	Pts
1. HULL KR	22	17	5	0	0	575	268	307	34
2. WIGAN WARRIORS	22	17	5	0	0	549	296	253	34
3. WARRINGTON WOLVES	22	16	6	0	0	564	295	269	32
4. ST HELENS	22	13	9	0	0	518	298	220	26
5. CATALANS DRAGONS	22	13	9	0	0	402	344	58	26
6. SALFORD RED DEVILS	22	13	9	0	0	393	425	-32	26
7. LEIGH LEOPARDS	22	11	10	1	0	466	326	140	23
8. LEEDS RHINOS	22	11	11	0	0	407	392	15	22
9. HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	22	8	14	0	0	392	490	-98	16
10. CASTLEFORD TIGERS	22	6	15	1	0	354	579	-225	13
11. HULL FC	22	3	19	0	0	290	683	-393	6
12. LONDON BRONCOS	22	3	19	0	0	261	775	-514	6

ROUND 23 FIXTURES

ALL TIMES BST

TIME	MATCH	VENUE	REFEREE
Fri 8:00pm	CASTLEFORD v WARRINGTON	The Jungle, Castleford	Tom GRANT
	LEEDS v HULL KR	AMT Headingley Stadium	Liam MOORE
Sat 3:00pm	ST HELENS v HULL KR	Totally Wicked Stadium	Chris KENDALL
Sat 5:30pm	SALFORD v HUDDERSFIELD	Salford Stadium	Marcus GRIFFITHS
Sun 3:00pm	LONDON v LEIGH	Cherry Red Records Stadium	Jack SMITH
	WIGAN v HULL FC	The Brick Community Stadium	Aaron MOORE

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MOST TRIES

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Liam Marshall	Wigan	21	22
2	Matt Dufty	Warrington	21	17
3	Ash Handley	Leeds	18	14
	Matthew Ashton	Warrington	18	14
	Josh Charnley	Leigh	20	14
	Mikey Lewis	Hull KR	21	14
	Peta Hiku	Hull KR	22	14

MOST GOALS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G	%
1	Marc Sneyd	Salford	22	71 / 80	89%
2	Rhyse Martin	Leeds	22	65 / 80	81%
3	Arthur Mourgue	Catalans	21	60 / 74	81%
4	Mark Percival	St Helens	18	55 / 72	76%
5	Mikey Lewis	Hull KR	21	50 / 75	67%

MOST POINTS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Mikey Lewis	Hull KR	21	14	50	-	156
2	Rhyse Martin	Leeds	22	6	65	-	154
3	Marc Sneyd	Salford	22	2	71	3	153
4	Arthur Mourgue	Catalans	21	5	60	1	141
5	Mark Percival	St Helens	18	5	55	-	130

MEN'S BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 20 RESULTS

BATLEY 24 (L. Hooley 3, E. Kear tries; J. Woods 4 goals) **DEFEATED SHEFFIELD 14** (J. Glover, B. Jones-Bishop, K. Welham tries; C. Aston goal) **at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium**. Date: Fri, 16th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Batley 18-4. Penalties: Batley 5-2. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 877. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Millar; Aston, Farrell; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Foster, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Clark, Wood, Roberts, Sene-Lefao. Batley: Hooley, Kear, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak, Flynn, Brown, Butterworth.

YORK 20 (J. Brown, W. Dagger, N. Williams tries; W. Dagger 3, A. Hingano goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 12** (A. Marion, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) **at Stade Ernest Wallon**. Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: York 14-6. Penalties: Toulouse 11-2. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 2,181. Toulouse: Brochon, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Lima, Roumanos, Akauola, Armitage. York: Dagger, Ward, Field, Lav, Brown; Hingano, Williams; Michael, Jubb, Thompson, Bailey, Gannon, Cunningham. Int: Daley, Santi, Fitzsimmons, Teanby.

FEATHERSTONE 22 (J. Hardcastle, B. Reynolds, G. Springer tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED BRADFORD 21** (F. Pele 2, J. Myers, J. Okunbor tries; J. Lilley 2 goals; J. Lilley field goal) **at Bartercard Odsal Stadium**. Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 14-12. Penalties: Bradford 6-4. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 3,099. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Lehmann, Taufua; Sammut, Lilley, Bayliss-Brow, Ott, Lawrence, Fulton, Appo, Doro. Int: Pele, Davies, Souter, Makin. Featherstone: Eden, Wynne, Hardcastle, Minikin, Gale; Reynolds, Addy; Nakubuwai, Jones, Lockwood, Bussey, Day, Beckett. Int: Springer, Albert, Arnold, Kibula.

BARROW 31 (R. Shaw, S. Toal, B. Walker, J. Wood tries; R. Shaw 7 goals; B. Walker field goal) **DEFEATED DEWSBURY 24** (B. O'Connor 2, P. Whiteley 2 tries; C. Turner 4 goals) **at FLAIR Stadium**. Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 14-12. Penalties: Barrow 10-8. Referee: Andy Sweet. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Graham, Walker, Whiteley; Turner, Hookem; Morris, Davies, Walker, Billington, Garside, Summers. Int: Dawson, Briggs, Silk, Tomlinson. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Toal, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Wood; Gillam, Smith, Burke, Greenwood, Stack, Brown. Int: Wilkinson, Walker, Carter, Pye.

SWINTON 20 (J. Hatton, G. Rodden, J. Spedding, R. Williams tries; J. Gibson 2 goals) **DEFEATED HALIFAX 6** (G. Widdop try; L. Jouffret goal) **at Heywood Road**. Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 10-0. Penalties: Halifax 10-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,037. Swinton: Lepori, Spedding, Badrock, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Gibson; Bennion, Roby, Houghton, Rodden, Cox, Cowen. Int: Eaves, Case, Walker, Cooper. Halifax: Widdop, Saltonstall, Tibbs, Crooks, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, Inman, Foster, Kavanagh, Davies, Johnson. Int: O'Brien, Fairbank, Hird, Boyer.

WAKEFIELD 36 (L. Hood, M. Jowitt, J. McGillvary, D. Olpherts, K. Rodwell, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 6 goals) **DEFEATED WIDNES 12** (Z. Bardsley-Rowe, R. Sumner tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) **at DIY Kitchens Stadium**. Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 10-6. Penalties: Wakefield 7-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 5,036. Wakefield: Walmsley, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Jowitt, Kay; Rodwell, Hood, Bain, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Boothroyd, Doyle, Shaw, Smith. Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Bardsley-Rowe, Sumner; Lyons, Gilmore; Murray, Johnstone, Bent, Roberts, Lannon, Wilde. Int: Grady, Green, Kirk, Brooks.

WHITEHAVEN 28 (J. Romeo 2, L. Hanneghan, J. Maizen, S. Web-Campbell tries; L. Hanneghan 4 goals) **DEFEATED DONCASTER 24** (L. Briscoe 2, J. Lovodua, P. Pauli tries; C. Robinson 4 goals) **at The Ortus REC**. Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 18-14. Penalties: Whitehaven 6-5. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 699. Whitehaven: Romeo, Shaw, Corkill, Teare, Walsh; Maizen, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Hursley-Hord, McCarron, King. Int: Web-Campbell, Worthington, Singleton. Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Tali, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Baxter, Lovodua, Knowles-Tagg, Wallace, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Hey, Sutcliffe, Pauli, Mafi.

ROUND 21 FIXTURES

ALL TIMES BST

TIME	MATCH	VENUE	REFEREE
Sat 6:00pm	FEATHERSTONE v TOULOUSE	Millennium Stadium	James VELLA
Sun 3:00pm	BARROW v SWINTON	Northern Competitions Stadium	Kevin MOORE
	HALIFAX v WAKEFIELD	The Shay Stadium	Liam RUSH
	WIDNES v SHEFFIELD	DCBL Stadium Halton	Scott MIKALASKAS
	YORK v BATLEY	LNER Community Stadium	Ryan COX
	DEWSBURY v WHITEHAVEN	FLAIR Stadium	Warren TURLEY
	DONCASTER v BRADFORD	Eco-Power Stadium	Matty LYNN

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ROUND 20 TABLE	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Diff	Pts
1. WAKEFIELD TRINITY	20	19	1	0	0	704	240	464	38
2. TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE	20	13	6	1	0	584	280	304	27
3. SHEFFIELD EAGLES	20	13	7	0	0	530	369	161	26
4. BRADFORD BULLS	20	11	7	2	0	504	343	161	24
5. WIDNES VIKINGS	20	11	8	1	0	446	363	83	23
6. FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	20	11	9	0	0	494	396	98	22
7. YORK KNIGHTS	20	10	10	0	0	520	411	109	20
8. BATLEY BULLDOGS	20	10	10	0	0	350	410	-60	20
9. DONCASTER RLFC	20	9	10	1	0	382	478	-96	19
10. HALIFAX PANTHERS	20	8	12	0	0	400	509	-109	16
11. BARROW RAIDERS	20	7	12	1	0	338	582	-244	15
12. SWINTON LIONS	20	7	13	0	0	372	502	-130	14
13. WHITEHAVEN RLFC	20	6	12	2	0	376	662	-286	14
14. DEWSBURY RAMS	20	1	19	0	0	272	727	-455	2

MOST TRIES

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Lachlan Walmsley	Wakefield	19	18
	Derrell Olpherts	Wakefield	19	18
3	Joe Burton	Batley	20	15
	Joe Brown	York	20	15
5	Kieran Gill	Bradford	18	13
	Zac Fulton	Bradford	18	13
	Matty Dawson-Jones	Sheffield	18	13

MOST GOALS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G	%
1	Max Jowitt	Wakefield	19	95 / 121	79%
2	Cory Aston	Sheffield	19	74 / 92	80%
	Jordan Lilley	Bradford	20	74 / 102	73%
4	Tom Gilmore	Widnes	20	65 / 89	73%

MOST POINTS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Max Jowitt	Wakefield	19	12	95	-	238
2	Cory Aston	Sheffield	19	4	74	-	164
	Jordan Lilley	Bradford	20	3	74	4	164
4	Tom Gilmore	Widnes	20	4	65	4	150



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