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THE EDITOR'S WORD

WELCOME

One of the most tumultuous weeks since the onset of the pandemic - and so much to talk about.

In this week's edition there's a focus on the Newcastle Knights who are reeling from a horror run of form - Paul Jobber ponders whether fans are finally starting to give up on the steel-city team.

We also have a two passionate opinion pieces.

Andrew Ferguson looks at how everything got us to where we ended up on Sunday night with the massive refereeing controversy around the Tigers-Cowboys fulltime incident

Then there's an anonymous column on what it means to the LGBTQIA+ community to have Manly don a Pride-themed jersey in this weeks match - and the heartbreak of the discourse that followed.

We hope you get a lot of this edition and on behalf of all our LU contributors, thanks to all Women in League.

Happy reading.

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KNIGHTMARE ON TURTON ROAD

HOW LONG UNTIL NEWCASTLE FANS DEPRIVE THEIR TEAM OF ITS SOURCE OF POWER?

IT'S the well-known 1984 horror film that involves a serial killer who torments his victims while they sleep which ultimately ends their life.

The Newcastle Knights' 2022 National Rugby League season has resembled its own horror movie where if you look hard enough you can draw some similarities to that movie in question.

For 21 years Knights fans have dreamed of one day returning to the top of the premiership, but in the meantime – especially this season – their side has dashed those dreams week after week.

Yet still they turn up, but for how much longer?

In their last 86 home appearances dating back to the start of the 2015 campaign, the Novocastrian faithful have departed their spiritual home just 32 times as winners.

Perhaps the way forward is to deprive the team of its source of power, which once upon a time were the 20,000-plus who made the turnstiles click.

Newcastle fans have traditionally been an extremely patient bunch where it could be argued their loyalty and devotion to their team is as much of a strength as it is a weakness.

During the Nathan Brown era there appeared to be a method to the madness, but right now there appears to be a feeling of torment for no particular reason.

They possess a roster too good to be sitting in third-last position.

On five different occasions this season either coach Adam Brien, fullback Kalyn Ponga or hooker Jayden Brailey have referenced how their performances at home are unacceptable.

But nothing has changed and the torment has continued.

It all started back in April and following a 39-2 hammering at the hands of Parramatta, O'Brien offered an apology of sorts in the post-match press conference.

"Not acceptable," he said of the performance.

"It's got nothing to do with personnel, injuries, [it's] just

not acceptable at this level. We know that's not the sort of performance we want to put in defensively anywhere, let alone here at home with over 25,000 watching us.

"We don't want to repeat that performance. I know there's enough care in us to not want to do that to those 25,000 [or] our whole region."

Unfortunately the nightmare was repeated seven days later when 15,895 fans turned up only to see their team thumped 50-2 by the Melbourne Storm.

This time the post-game narrative had slightly shifted to how the playing group were disappointed in their effort rather than directly saying sorry.

"I woke up today and I was thinking [about] how grateful I am to do this in front of the people that we get to," fullback Ponga said.

"And then to put that effort out there really hurt me, but we love our fans. For us we've got to work hard.

"We've got to work hard, stick together, that's what this city is about – working hard and sticking together and that's what we're going to do."

Unfortunately history again repeated six weeks later which resulted in a 42-6 shellacking at the hands of Penrith.

Coach O'Brien admitted at the time that no-one in the Knights' organisation set out to disappoint the supporters.

That would have come as little consolation for the 21,332 fans who once again parted with their hard-earned and jumped in the car – some of whom had to travel up to three hours one way – despite the soaring price of fuel.

"We appreciate them doing that (turning up week in week out)," O'Brien said.

"No-one's setting out to let them down or have them leave the stadium feeling disappointed in their footy team."

While there is no doubt the Newcastle Knights are not setting out to let their fan base down, they are. It's that simple.



There comes a time when it's best to just shut up and say nothing.

Three weeks after their 36-point towelling up by the Panthers, 18,621 fans once again gave their footy team another chance to redeem themselves.

They should have known better and despite daring to dream of a rare home victory when the Knights led 16-6, they fell in a heap and conceded 24 unanswered points on the way to a 40-28 loss to South Sydney.

It was then Jayden Brailey's turn to trot out the 'sorry' statements post-game.

"We always want to turn up here at home and play well in front of our fans," he said.

"There's been a number of our games this year where we probably haven't done that and lived up to our standard."

Perhaps the first sign of the team being deprived of its source of power came last week when just 13,701 fans trudged home from McDonald Jones Stadium after yet another loss.

"They don't want to lose here; they don't want to put in some of those performances that we have, so they do feel it," coach O'Brien said after the game.

"It looks like sometimes we don't care, but trust me they do."

Thankfully for the Knights they only have three more home games left - one of which is the club's annual Old Boys Day - which might stop the fans staying away in their droves.

But if the Knightmare on Turton Road continues into next season, the fans won't be quite so forgiving.

EPIC FAIL

ANDREW FERGUSON ON HOW THE GAME NEEDS TO HEAL AFTER YEARS OF DECAY - AND WHAT LED US HERE.

Cast your mind back to 2018. The NRL's referees were given a green light to crack down on ruck infringements, as wrestling was slowing down play too much.

Several rounds into that season, we saw punishing penalty counts and countless sin bins, revealing just how rife the issue was, and how the NRL was right to take action and were taking the right action.

Enter Phil Gould and Phil Rothfield.

Gould admittedly has a brilliant Rugby League brain - but had been in the media side of the game for so long, he had turned miserable.

Rothfield on the other hand, to me, is a nobody in Rugby League. He doesn't understand the game nor does he want to. His job is to complain, and get people talking about whatever inane squalid commentary he serves up to the masses.

These two complained loud and hard for a few weeks about the crackdown, how it was killing the game. Rothfield even tweeted that the game was shit before petulantly deleting it (but screenshots are forever...)



Then came the catalyst. Cronulla vs Melbourne. 33 penalties blown. Luke Lewis and Cameron Smith both spent time in the sin bin.

You can predict what came next. Then-NRL CEO Todd Greenberg rolled back the crackdown, demanding referees to 'only call the obvious penalties' - essentially echoing the demanding howls of Gould.

It was a weak decision by Greenberg, that signalled his eventual demise in 2020, when he was moved on by the golden child of the mainstream media, Peter V'landys. In his short time as Chair, V'landy's sided with the dinosaurs, cutting the number of on-field referees from two to one. He gave the NRL Bunker more authority to intervene in the game but reduced the number of officials in the Bunker to do so.

He oversaw the introduction of the Captain's Challenge system, which gave either side an opportunity to question an on-field decision. He also gave us set restarts and a few other weird rules that no one wanted or asked for. The Chairman then appointed Graham Annesley as Head of Football, giving him a platform every Monday to highlight every referee error and dole out apologies.

But the mainstream media applauded everything they did. Of course they did, they lobbied to have V'landy's there.

The game went from competitive and unpredictable - to horrid. Games were being decided by wider and wider margins. The gap between the poor and elite clubs was at its absolute widest than at any time in the salary cap era. And the officiating class struggled with the constant barrage of rule changes that were imposed upon them from above.

Then we reached 24 July 2022. The Cowboys beat the Wests Tigers by a solitary point, courtesy of a Captain's Challenge, on a decision that a referee hadn't made, after fulltime.

North Queensland trailed by a point at the time, but they received a penalty, kicked a penalty goal and won the game by 1.

Annesley explained the following day that referee Chris Butler was right to allow a captain's challenge after full time, but that the decision to award a penalty by the Bunker was wrong. Then came some head scratching comments.

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The referee and Bunker said a Captain's challenge was allowed because Butler had only blown a "short whistle" to stop play, not a long whistle to signal full time. *What?*

Annesley then said "The rules around a captain's challenge allow for a challenge of any decision made by a referee to stop a game." In this instance though, the stop in play was the end of the game. The game was over. The result was final. He then went on with some endless drivel about fulltime not being fulltime. Basically - trying to cover his own backside.

As for the penalty that was awarded, Annesley said, "We have examined that carefully this morning, we have looked at all of the available footage and we are just not satisfied that there was enough in that incident to warrant the decision of the Bunker to award the penalty."

Given it was the last play of the game and that the penalty goal was incorrectly allowed, why won't the NRL simply strike the goal from the record books and award the game to the Tigers?

Seems like a cut and dried case. The NRL has admitted the result was wrong by saying that the penalty, which cost the Tigers the game, never should have been awarded. Yet they refuse to right the wrong in what is a very clear and easy situation.

The sole referee in the middle failed. The Bunker intervention failed. The Captain's Challenge failed. Annesley failed. The NRL failed.

This whole sordid situation is the culmination of more than two years of having the NRL run by a populist who, much like the insufferable members of the mainstream media who lobbied for him to remove Greenberg, knows little about the game and even less about how to improve it.

His supporters are less passionate and dwindling in numbers at a rapid rate. And for good reason, his vision for the game looks more like Rugby Union than Rugby League - what with lopsided possession stats, blowout scorelines, increasing the value of field goals, and lord knows what next.

The game needs to go back to the not-so-distant future. Get rid of the clowns, stop listening to the mainstream media, because they don't know nor care about what is in the games best interests. Revert the rules back to what was in place in 2018, bring back two referees, revert the Bunker back to officiating only on what the referee asks them to, and lastly, put an end to this idiocy of taking points off the scoreboard after a try is scored - a move that only serves to anger fans.

Then and only then, will the game start to right itself.

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PRIDE OR PREJUDICE?

THE LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITY HAS BEEN FRONT AND CENTRE THIS WEEK AFTER THE REVEAL OF AND BACKLASH TO MANLY'S "EVERYONE IN LEAGUE" JERSEY.

The NRL likes to promote itself as a game for all, and it does a tremendous job in celebrating the many and varied aspects that make Rugby League the game that we all love: our Indigenous players, the different cultures that make up the NRL and our amazing Women who contribute so significantly to our game.

On Thursday, history will be made as the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles become the first team to wear a Pride jersey - their white stripes on their traditional maroon and white jumper replaced with rainbow colours to acknowledge the LGBTQIA+ community and the role they play in Rugby League.

As a gay rugby league fan, learning about this made me feel special. As somebody that has struggled with their sexuality and their place as a Rugby League fan, it made me feel welcome. Such a move is a big step to show that that everybody can play the game and be a part of what can be a family - where everybody is there for everyone else.

Growing up, there was never somebody in the sport that I loved the most which always made me question whether the game was there for me. Growing up with that struggle, I finally found my voice, taking me a long time to even tell someone I considered my best friend. Thankfully, I've been surrounded by many loving people - but many aren't so lucky. A gesture like this from Manly shows people that they can be who they are in Rugby League.

In the men's game, there have only been two people to publicly come out - Ian Roberts in 1995 and referee Matt Cecchin in 2012.

Sadly, this is not something that is unique to the NRL - because there has always been a stigma for male sport stars to come out. In only the past 12 months, NFL player Carl Nassib and Adelaide A-League player Josh Cavallo have come out, which has the potential to lead the way for others to follow suit.

While the Pride jersey is there to show everybody is welcome in our game, sadly the usual bigotry and narrow-minded comments have come as well.

Claims that such a jersey "brings politics in the game" ignore the game's history - it was built out of political unrest in the 1900's. Nor is it "virtue signalling" or "woke". It's about equality.

After the positive, joyful reveal of the jersey, I was almost reduced to tears reading that up to seven players would boycott Thursday's game - all because of the colour of the stripes on the jersey, based on religious reasons.

I'm not here to debate the merits of religion - I grew up in a religious family and have some very close personal friends and family who are religious. But to use religious beliefs to not wear a different coloured jersey comes across as highly hypocritical.

These same players who are used to promote our game each and every week are happy enough to play at a home ground that is sponsored by an alcohol company, or with a gambling company on the front of their jersey. The picking and choosing of which beliefs they draw the line at is incredibly frustrating.

Pride isn't about politics but just like our other special rounds, it's recognising the people that make our community and game

what is special. The decision by the Manly players in question goes against some of the amazing NRLW players who are proud and out LGBTQIA+ role models. These players are heroes of the game with stars like Ali Briggingshaw, Karina Brown and Vanessa Foliaki who made history after the 2018 Women's Origin, as well as the first married NRLW players Brittany Breayley-Nati and her wife Kimiora Breayley-Nati. In my eyes, these women are all greater role models than the seven players being discussed this week.

I would love to see each one of them face one of our NRLW stars and tell them why their religious beliefs are more important than these players or any other member of the community. These are young men who could take a stand and use the word of the religion they preach, to share love and compassion. Instead they've chosen hate and negativity.

The response for Manly to apologise about how the situation was handled should not have been an issue. The AFLW and A-League Women's competition pride rounds and matches have been welcomed without criticism but now in the NRL, it shows that there is still a long way to go. Reports of a young player that hasn't come out yet being disheartened and let down by his senior club mates shows that this situation may well allow hate to win and indicates that there is still a somewhat unwelcoming environment.

This situation could have been one that shows the NRL is a game for all but instead, it has shown that lip service is all that is being dished up right now - and that's not good for not just the game but the community as a whole.

- ANONYMOUS

LU PLAYER OF THE YEAR

AFTER NRL ROUND 19

26 points - Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)

23 points - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

22 points - Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)

18 points - Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)

17 points - James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW), Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)

15 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels), Jarome Luai (Panthers/NSW), Joseph Manu (Roosters.NZ)

14 points - Joseph Tapine (Raiders)

13 points - Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

12 points - Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Matt Burton (Bulldogs/NSW)

11 points - Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Jackson Hastings (Wests Tigers), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)

10 points - Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Jack Wighton (Raiders/NSW), Kalyn Ponga (Knights/QLD)

9 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Payne Haas (Broncos), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys/QLD)

8 points - Matt Moylan (Sharks), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), AJ Brimson (Titans), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), Jake Clifford (Knights), Taylan May (Panthers/Samoa)

7 points - Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Will Kennedy (Sharks), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Harry Grant (Storm), Josh Curran (Warriors), Junior Paulo (Eels)

6 points - Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Luke Keary (Roosters), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

5 points - Dylan Brown (Eels), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Siosiaua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Sam Walker (Roosters), Reece Walsh (Warriors), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Adam Elliott (Raiders), Hudson Young (Raiders), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos),

Tom Dearden (Cowboys), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Peta Hiku (Cowboys), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers/NZ)

4 points - Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Kurt Capewell (Broncos), Dane Gagai (Knights), Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Zac Hosking (Broncos), Tesi Niu (Broncos), Liam Martin (Panthers), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Cody Ramsey (Dragons), David Klemmer (Knights), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), David Nofoaluma (Wests Tigers/Samoa)

3 points - Anthony Milford (Knights), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Daejarn Asi (Cowboys), Te Maire Martin (Broncos), Tom Gilbert (Cowboys), Toby Sexton (Titans), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), Wayde Egan (Warriors), Jock Madden (Wests Tigers), Dale Finucane (Sharks), Brad Schneider (Raiders), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Matt Frawley (Raiders), Erin Clark (Titans), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Cameron McInnes (Sharks), Moses Suli (Dragons), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Marion Seve (Storm), Ezra Mam (Broncos), Lachlan Croker (Sea Eagles), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Sean O'Sullivan (Panthers), Shaun Lane (Eels), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Lachlan Lam (PNG/Roosters), Justin Olam (Storm/PNG)

2 points - Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Tevita Pangai Junior (Bulldogs), Morgan Harper (Sea Eagles), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Edrick Lee (Knights), Kyle Feldt (Cowboys), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Nick Meaney (Storm), Ken Maumalo (Wests Tigers), Corey Oates (Broncos), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Phillip Sami (Titans), Izack Tago (Panthers), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Liam Knight (Rabbitohs), Joseph Suaalii (Roosters), Talatau Amone (Dragons), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Jaydn Su'A (Dragons), Luke Garner (Wests Tigers), Teig Wilton (Sharks), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Greg Marzhew (Titans), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Dylan Walker (Sea Eagles), Adam Doueih (Wests Tigers), Sunia Turuva (Fiji/Panthers)

1 point - Connor Tracey (Sharks), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Aiden Tolman (Sharks), Brandon Smith (Storm), James Schiller (Raiders), Declan Casey (Bulldogs), Marcelo Montoya (Warriors), Joe Ofahengaue (Wests Tigers), Adam Clune (Knights), Victor Radley (Roosters), Corey Horsburgh (Raiders), Josh McGuire (Dragons), Matt Dufty (Bulldogs), Ben Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Xavier Coates (Storm), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Dominic Young (Knights), Matt Eisenhuth (Panthers), Max King (Bulldogs), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Nathan Brown (Eels), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Kelma Tuilagi (Wests Tigers), Blake Taaffe (Rabbitohs), Brian To'o (Panthers), Corey Waddell (Bulldogs), Jack Murchie (Warriors), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Toafofoa Siple (Sea Eagles), Siliva Havili (Rabbitohs), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Lachlan Miller (Sharks), Kenny Bromwich (Storm), Adam Pompey (Warriors), Tyrone Roberts (Broncos), Josh Schuster (Samoa/Sea Eagles)

THE WRAP

NRL 2022 ROUND 19

THURSDAY 21 JULY, 7:50PM

BRISBANE 36 PARRAMATTA 14

SCORERS

BRISBANE BRONCOS (36) Tries: Corey Oates (2), Adam Reynolds, Payne Haas, Jordan Riki, Kurt Capewell; Conversions: Adam Reynolds (6/6) **def** **PARRAMATTA EELS (14)** Tries: Maika Sivo (2), Waqa Blake; Conversions: Mitchell Moses (1/3)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: CommBank Stadium; **Crowd:** 11017; **Halftime Score:** Parramatta 10 Brisbane 24; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - Adam Reynolds, 2 points - Corey Oates, 1 points - Ezra Mam

FINAL TEAMLISTS

PARRAMATTA: 1. Clinton Gutherson 2. Maika Sivo 3. Viliami Penisini 4. Waqa Blake 5. Bailey Simonsson 6. Dylan Brown 7. Mitchell Moses 8. Reagan Campbell-Gillard 9. Reed Mahoney 10. Junior Paulo 11. Shaun Lane 12. Isaiah Papali'i 13. Ryan Matterson

INTERCHANGE 14. Makahesi Makatoa 15. Jakob Arthur 16. Oregon Kaufusi 17. Marata Niukore **18TH PLAYER** 18. Ky Rodwell

BRISBANE: 1. Tesi Niu 2. Corey Oates 3. Kotoni Staggs 4. Brenko Lee 5. Jordan Pereira 6. Ezra Mam 7. Adam Reynolds 16. Thomas Flegler 9. Jake Turpin 10. Payne Haas 11. Kurt Capewell 12. Jordan Riki 13. Patrick Carrigan

INTERCHANGE 8. Corey Jensen 14. Cory Paix 15. Kobe Hetherington 17. Keenan Palasia **18TH PLAYER** 18. Deine Mariner



BRONCOS SWEEP PAST EELS TO MOVE INTO THE TOP FOUR

Brisbane Broncos produced a fabulous effort to win 36-14 against fellow top four challengers Parramatta Eels to kick off the round at Western Sydney Stadium on Thursday night.

The Broncos were in scintillating form with a six tries to three win which has launched the side into the top four ahead of the Melbourne Storm in another masterful display from off-season recruit Adam Reynolds.

After they conceded the first try to Eels winger Maiko Sivo, the Broncos put on a 15 minute passage of play where they scored three times and took the game by the scruff of the neck in the wet. Corey Oates started the run with a soccer-style effort from Brenko Lee in the set up.

Next, it was a simple run from Payne Haas through some flimsy Eels defence which saw him touch down. Adam Reynolds got himself involved with a low kick that was pounced upon by Jordan Riki, making it 18-4.

Broncos built on their advantage in the 33rd minute. Ezra Mam with the lovely slight of hand pass to a charging Kurt Capewell to stretch the advantage to 20-4. Eels did pull one back through Waqa Blake on half-time to get within two scores.

Parramatta Eels have shown at times this year they can pile on points and that they can implode with the best of them. Dropping the kick-off to second half which led to Oates second try of the evening fell into the latter category.

Western Sydney stadium has become Sivo's playground. The Fijian winger has become a fixture on the try-scorers list for the Eels and added another to his total with quick hands down the left to make it 30-14 and sniff a comeback.

The Eels did start to gather some possession and thought they might have further reduced the advantage when Blake crossed for his second. It was sent to the bunker for review and chalked off for obstruction on a downbeat night for the blue-and-gold.

That was on display in the Broncos final four-pointer of the night. Clint Gutherson tried to create something from his own end, spills the ball into the path of Reynolds who toed ahead for himself and complete the 36-14 score line.

For the Broncos, they move into the top four and the vibes around Red Hill have been immaculate in 2022. Similar to a time 16 years ago when they won their last Premiership? they sit in fourth and in a prime spot to make a charge at the title this season.

Moving onto the Eels. How do you solve a riddle like the Parramatta Eels? Some weeks, they look like world beaters then sometimes it looks like they have never played rugby league before in their life? It doesn't get easier with a game against Western Sydney rivals Penrith next week. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

FRIDAY 22 JULY, 6:00PM

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 20 MANLY-WARRINGAH 6

SCORERS

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (20) Tries: Ben Hunt (2), Mathew Feagai; Conversions: Zac Lomax (3/3); Penalty Goals: Zac Lomax (1/1) **def** **MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (6)** Tries: Josh Aloiai; Conversions: Reuben Garrick (1/1)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: Netstrata Jubilee Stadium; **Crowd:** 7137; **Halftime Score:** St George Illawarra 14 Manly-Warringah 0; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Talatau Amone, 1 points - Josh Aloiai

FINAL TEAMLISTS

ST GEO ILLA: 1. Cody Ramsey 2. Mathew Feagai 3. Moses Mbye 4. Zac Lomax 5. Tautau Moga 6. Talatau Amone 7. Ben Hunt 8. Jack de Belin 9. Andrew McCullough 10. Blake Lawrie 11. Billy Burns 12. Jaydn Su'A 13. Jack Bird **INTERCHANGE** 14. Jayden Sullivan 15. Tariq Sims 16. Francis Molo 17. Josh Mccuire **18TH PLAYER** 18. Aaron Woods



MANLY: 1. Reuben Garrick 2. Jason Saab 3. Morgan Harper 4. Tolutau Koula 5. Christian Tuipulotu 6. Kieran Foran 7. Daly Cherry-Evans 8. Sean Keppie 14. Dylan Walker 10. Josh Aloiai 11. Haumole Olakau'atu 18. Ben Trbojevic 13. Toafofoa Siple

INTERCHANGE 15. Josh Schuster 16. Martin Taupau 17. Taniela Paseka 21. Kaeo Weekes **18TH PLAYER** 20. Ethan Bullemor



HUNT SHINES AS DRAGONS BREATHE FIRE IN THE RACE FOR THE 8

Ben Hunt has continued his purple patch of form with a superb individual performance to help his St George Illawarra Dragons defeat the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 20-6 to kick off Friday Night Footy from Nestrata Jubilee Oval.

It was a trying opening twenty minutes with St George suffocating Manly down their own end with Manly being their own worst enemy conceding three set restarts and two penalties continuously giving the Dragons a chance to attack and place pressure on an already weakened Manly. The night began on a sour note when Cody Ramsey fell awkwardly in a tackle and failed to return. But, following another cheap piggyback downfield, Ben Hunt took the footy to the line and stepped back past Christian Tuipulotu to get down low to burrow his way to the line for the first try and the early lead.

As the field position started to favour the Dragons, Manly was hanging on for dear life and it was a clever grubber from Talatau Amone and Hunt won the race to the footy and the Dragons extended their lead out to twelve points. Manly fans were having flashbacks to the Sharks game when Daly Cherry-Evans lost the ball in the in-goal and Jack Bird claimed a try, luckily for them, the video referee ruled DCE grounded the ball just in time and the Dragons held a 12-point advantage.

The last twenty minutes were a comedy of errors as Manly struggled the second they got into good ball territory with elementary mistakes from Josh Schuster halting any attacking momentum. The Dragons' forwards were rewarded with their strong runs and Manly's poor first-half discipline came to bite when Marty Taupau was pinned for the second time in as many minutes for stripping the ball. Lomax converted from point-blank range and St George led 14-0 at the change of ends.

The second 40 was a strong start from Manly when a cheap penalty went their way after Francis Molo was ruled out of play. Off the back of the 'out of play' penalty, their goal line defence fell apart at the seams and Josh Aloiai crashes underneath Francis Molo and Billy Burns to crash over and give Manly some hope in the second 40 and the margin was reduced to eight.

As Manly was warming into the contest, one thing became noticeably apparent, their obsession with going down the left-hand side. Although they were creating chances, nothing was eventuating for Manly and they were clearly missing the direction that Croker, Davey and Jurbo provide in the middle as DCE was unable to carry the Manly attack on his back as he has in the previous few weeks.

Ben Hunt was applying the blow-torch forcing four-line drop-outs and being instrumental in St George's play tonight which is good signs after last week's disaster in Gosford. It was an uneventful second forty in terms of attacking footy with defence really taking the centre stage in the wet and slippery conditions. St George ended this match with a lovely set play which saw Jack Bird provide a magic pass to Mathew Feagai to give the Dragons a 14-point victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

FRIDAY 22 JULY, 7:55PM

SYDNEY 42 NEWCASTLE 12

SCORERS

SYDNEY ROOSTERS (42) Tries: Luke Keary, Joseph Suaalii (2), James Tedesco (2), Daniel Tupou, Angus Crichton, Egan Butcher; Conversions: Sam Walker (5/8) **def** **NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (12)** Tries: Edrick Lee, Phoenix Crossland; Conversions: Anthony Milford (1/2); Penalty Goals: Kalyn Ponga (1/1)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium; **Crowd:** 13701; **Halftime Score:** Newcastle 2 Sydney 16; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - James Tedesco, 2 points - Joseph Suaalii, 1 points - Sam Walker

FINAL TEAMLISTS

NEWCASTLE: 1. Kalyn Ponga 2. Edrick Lee 3. Dane Gagai 4. Enari Tuala 5. Hymel Hunt 6. Anthony Milford 7. Adam Clune 8. David Klemmer 9. Jayden Brailey 10. Daniel Saifiti 11. Tyson Frizell 12. Lachlan Fitzgibbon 13. Mitchell Barnett

INTERCHANGE 15. Jacob Saifiti 16. Pasami Saulo 17. Brodie Jones 19. Phoenix Crossland **18TH PLAYER** 18. Leo Thompson

SYDNEY: 1. James Tedesco 2. Daniel Tupou 3. Paul Momirovski 16. Drew Hutchison 5. Joseph Suaalii 6. Luke Keary 7. Sam Walker 8. Jared Waerea-Hargreaves 9. Sam Verrills 10. Matthew Lodge 11. Angus Crichton 12. Nat Butcher 13. Victor Radley

INTERCHANGE 14. Connor Watson 15. Egan Butcher 17. Terrell May 20. Adam Keighran **18TH PLAYER** 19. Naufahu Whyte



TERRIFIC TEDESCO TERRORISES HAPLESS KNIGHTS

The Sydney Roosters have put the competition on notice by moving back into the Top 8 with a dominant display to thrash the Newcastle Knights by 42-12 at McDonald Jones Stadium tonight.

Skipper James Tedesco was outstanding for the visitors scoring two tries and producing some breathtaking touches for several others in a blistering performance from the NSW Blues skipper. Despite the Roosters missing last week's superstar Joey Manu, the rest of the backline were sparkling following premiership winning half Luke Keary's return, with both Joseph Suaalii and Daniel Tupou both crossing for two tries each.

The Knights loss was further compounded by the loss of marquee fullback Kalyn Ponga who was sensationally ruled out of the match with concussion after just ten minutes, following a seemingly innocuous late hit by Roosters prop Matt Lodge. Newcastle immediately lost confidence after Ponga's departure and simply lost their way, with the relentless Roosters continually attacking the Knights on the edges to score at will. The loss will see pressure intensify on coach Adam O'Brien for another week as he searches for answers with their season now on life support.

It was a fiery start with both forward packs testing each other out in the early exchanges. This resulted in a late shot from Roosters backrower Angus Crichton on Anthony Milford whose acting should have been nominated for a Logie at best. The ensuing penalty resulted in the Knights getting on the board first, taking the two points on offer through Kalyn Ponga to lead 2-0. Ponga was then collected high moments later by Roosters debutant Matt Lodge and sent for a Head Injury Assessment. Ponga then failed his assessment, and was ruled out of the match. On the back of this news, Connor Watson then broke the line against his former club and found the returning Luke Keary in support, who scored the first try of the night to take a 6-2 lead for the visitors.

The Roosters then picked up their second try following an attempted Edrick Lee intercept. The Roosters backline however recovered the rushing attempt for Tedesco to combine with Suaalii who scored in the corner to make it 10-2. The Tricolours then picked up a crucial try before halftime when Sam Walker kicked high for Suaalii on the last. The young superstar then caught the ball and delivered a classy offload for his skipper Tedesco to score and take a 16-2 lead into the break. The Roosters got the jump early in the second half, when Keary then went to the left-hand side of the field to kick high for the original wing target in Daniel Tupou. The NSW winger then leapt high to collect the ball in the air and scored under the posts to make it 22-6 following Sam Walker's conversion.

Joseph Suaalii then went over for his second try in the corner, following some quick hands from Tedesco and Paul Momirovski to take the game away from the home side. The frustration then boiled over with Knights centre Dane Gagai sent to the sin bin for dissent. The flood gates then opened as the Roosters had a field day, with three quick tries to Tupou for his second. This was followed by Angus Crichton and Egan Butcher then getting in on the action to threaten to run up a cricket score. Newcastle then rallied late to score two late consolation tries to Dolphins bound winger Edrick Lee. It was all to no avail however with the Roosters running out 42-12 winners in a dominant display. **SAM BOURKE**

SATURDAY 16 JULY, 3:00PM

CANBERRA 26 WARRIORS 14

SCORERS

CANBERRA RAIDERS (26) Tries: Albert Hopoate, Sebastian Kris, Corey Harawira-Naera (2); Conversions: Jamal Fogarty (3/4); Penalty Goals: Jamal Fogarty (2/2) **def** **WARRIORS (14)** Tries: Jack Murchie, Daejarn Asi; Conversions: Shaun Johnson (2/2); Penalty Goals: Shaun Johnson (1/1)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: GIO Stadium Canberra; **Crowd:** 11915; **Halftime Score:** Canberra 0 Warriors 14; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - Jack Wighton, 2 points - Corey Harawira-Naera, 1 points - Sebastian Kris

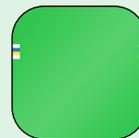
FINAL TEAMLISTS

CANBERRA: 1. Xavier Savage 2. Nick Cotric 3. Matthew Timoko 4. Sebastian Kris 5. Albert Hopoate 6. Jack Wighton 7. Jamal Fogarty 8. Josh Papali'i 9. Zac Woolford 10. Joseph Tapine 11. Hudson Young 12. Elliott Whitehead 13. Adam Elliott

INTERCHANGE 14. Tom Starling 15. Ryan Sutton 16. Emre Guler 17. Corey Harawira-Naera **18TH PLAYER** 21. Ata Mariota

WARRIORS: 1. Chanel Harris-Tavita 2. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak 3. Jesse Arthurs 4. Adam Pompey 5. Marcelo Montoya 6. Daejarn Asi 7. Shaun Johnson 8. Addin Fonua-Blake 9. Wayne Egan 10. Tohu Harris 11. Euan Aitken 17. Jack Murchie 13. Jazz Tevaga

INTERCHANGE 12. Josh Curran 14. Reece Walsh 15. Bunty Afoa 18. Eliesa Katoa **18TH PLAYER** 23. Jackson Frei



REMARKABLE RAIDERS DOWN WARRIORS IN CAPITAL COMEBACK

Canberra Raiders kept their finals hopes alive with a 26-14 win against New Zealand Warriors on Saturday afternoon at Canberra Stadium.

The Raiders scored 26 unanswered points in the second half in a wild second half to register back-to-back wins and keep themselves in the hunt for the top eight headed into the final six weeks of the NRL competition.

In the first half, the Raiders looked anything but the side that knocked over the Storm last week. Warriors came out full of purpose and dominated the first 10 minutes of the contest and didn't allow the hosts to touch the ball.

Jack Murchie crawled his way over for the opener then a huge kick from Daejarn Asi gave the Warriors position. The five-eighth then sliced through himself to build up a 12-nil lead for the visitors as they raced the clock.

Shaun Johnson piloted home a 40-metre penalty goal to put their advantage past two scores. Warriors were good value for their lead at the break with some wonderful scramble defence which repelled the Raiders several times on their goal-line.

Coming out of the break, the Raiders needed to step up and enter Jack Wighton. The representative five-eighth kicked two 40/20s which turned the tide of the contest and got the faithful involved.

His first within the first set of the restart allowed Albert Hopoate to dive over from some strong Matt Timoko work to make it 14-4. The second was enough to put the Raiders into the lead when Corey Haerea-Naera steamed over from a short ball.

Haerea-Naera was a force whenever he got the ball coming off the bench. He made it a double when an airswing from Chanel Harris-Tavita left the ball prone for him to slam down alongside Sebastian Kris between the interchange mans two tries were enough tonight.

Raiders kept ticking the scoreboard over late in the contest. Fogarty who was solid from the tee after his first miss and sent through a pair of penalty goals which pushed the margin to a dozen and a valuable win for the Green Machine.

Warriors must be thinking how they let this game slip from 14 points up. They failed to fire a shot in the second half and the late interjection of Reece Walsh was reduced to the utility having to repeatedly kick the ball from under the posts due to the Raiders pressure. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

THE WRAP

NRL 2022 ROUND 19

SATURDAY 23 JULY, 5:30PM

PENRITH 20 CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 10

SCORERS

PENRITH PANTHERS (20) Tries: Izack Tago, Dylan Edwards, Jarome Luai; Conversions: Nathan Cleary (3/3); Penalty Goals: Nathan Cleary (1/1) **def** **CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (10)** Tries: Connor Tracey, Matt Moylan; Conversions: Nicho Hynes (1/2)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: BlueBet Stadium; **Crowd:** 17426; **Halftime Score:** Penrith 8 Cronulla-Sutherland 10; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - Jarome Luai, 2 points - Apisai Koroisau, 1 points - Connor Tracey

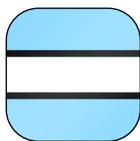
FINAL TEAMLISTS

PENRITH: 1. Dylan Edwards 2. Taylan May 3. Izack Tago 4. Stephen Crichton 5. Brian To'o 6. Jarome Luai 7. Nathan Cleary 16. Matt Eisenhuth 9. Apisai Koroisau 10. James Fisher-Harris 11. Viliame Kikau 12. Liam Martin 13. Isaah Yeo

INTERCHANGE 14. Mitch Kenny 15. Scott Sorensen 17. Jaeman Salmon 19. Spencer Leniu **18TH PLAYER** 21. Sunia Turuva

CRONULLA: 1. Will Kennedy 2. Connor Tracey 3. Jesse Ramien 4. Siosifa Talakai 5. Ronaldo Mulitalo 6. Matt Moylan 7. Nicho Hynes 8. Toby Rudolf 9. Blayke Brailey 10. Royce Hunt 11. Briton Nikora 12. Wade Graham 13. Dale Finucane

INTERCHANGE 14. Teig Wilton 15. Cameron McInnes 16. Braden Hamlin-Uele 17. Andrew Fifita **18TH PLAYER** 18. Braydon Trindall



PANTHERS PROWL PAST COURAGEOUS SHARKS

The Penrith Panthers have prowled to their ninth straight victory downing a courageous Cronulla Sharks outfit 20-10, coming back from an early deficit in front of a vocal home crowd at Bluebet Stadium tonight.

It was billed as a semi-final dress rehearsal and the opening exchanges didn't disappoint. Cronulla repeatedly placed Penrith under pressure early and their efforts were rewarded when Nicho Hynes put in a clever cross-field kick which was batted back by Briton Nikora and after silky hands from Jesse Ramien, Connor Tracey stepped inside four Panthers and slammed the footy down for the first try of the evening. Nicho Hynes failed to convert the try from the sideline which was going to be an impressive feat in the wet and windy conditions at the foot of the mountains.

On the back of the next set, Dylan Edwards put down a Matt Moylan bomb which put the Sharks back on the attack. Off the ensuing tackle, Moylan's kick saw him rewarded with a try. Referee Ashley Klein had no hesitations in awarding the try, but replays seemed to suggest he was short of the line. However, Grant Atkins in the Bunker ticked it off and confirmed the try for the Cronulla 5/8 and the Sharks were taking a bite out of the Panthers early. Hynes converted this try and all of a sudden, Cronulla were up 10-0. But as the match wore on, Penrith started to assert their dominance through strong carries of the footy which repeatedly set the Panthers up in a good attacking position. There was just one small problem, their execution was incredibly poor with many good opportunities going to waste. As the rain continued to tumble, Penrith cashed in off a great pass from Jarome Luai which saw Izack Tago cross for the premiers' first of the evening. A late penalty conceded by the Sharks allowed Cleary to pot over a penalty goal from point-blank range and the Sharks held a narrow but well-deserved two-point lead at half-time.

Craig Fitzgibbon would've been pulling his front teeth out after a poor defensive read saw Penrith fly down their noted left edge with Luai onto Kikau onto Tago onto May before linking up with Dylan Edwards and Penrith hit the lead following a spectacular team try that we've seen so often in 2022. After such a frantic opening to the game, from there both sides struggled in a game of who made the most errors in good attacking opportunities.

Cronulla began to build some pressure and momentum but unfortunately, the final pass wasn't landing in the right arms as Brian To'o intercepted Nicho Hynes' pass and Penrith went right back on the attack which like most of the second 40 amounted to nothing. Dale Finucane ignited fresh energy by putting a monster shot on Stephen Crichton, the two clashed heads and Crichton left to undergo an HIA. But in the final moments, Jarome Luai took a step straight off the left foot and steam-rolls over the top of the Shark's defence to seal their ninth straight victory.

Penrith was scrappy but feisty, these wins will be invaluable for their march to a third straight Grand Final appearance. Cronulla was far from disgraced and are definitely one of the form sides in the competition this season and will definitely match it with Penrith again in the semi-finals. Penrith takes on Parramatta next Friday night and will be desperate for revenge after their Rd 9 upset loss. Cronulla takes on South Sydney as they return home to Pointsbet Stadium. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SATURDAY 23 JULY, 7:35PM

SOUTH SYDNEY 24 MELBOURNE 12

SCORERS

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (24) Tries: Keon Koloamatangi, Alex Johnston (2), Lachlan Ilias, Jaxson Paulo; Conversions: Latrell Mitchell (2/5) **def** **MELBOURNE STORM (12)** Tries: Marion Seve, Dean Ileremia; Conversions: Nick Meaney (2/2)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: Accor Stadium; **Crowd:** 11217; **Halftime Score:** South Sydney 10 Melbourne 6; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - Latrell Mitchell, 2 points - Keon Koloamatangi, 1 points - Alex Johnston

FINAL TEAMLISTS

SOUTHS: 1. Latrell Mitchell 2. Alex Johnston 3. Jed Cartwright 4. Isaiah Tass 5. Jaxson Paulo 6. Cody Walker 7. Lachlan Ilias 8. Tevita Tatola 9. Damien Cook 10. Mark Nicholls 11. Keon Koloamatangi 12. Jai Arrow 13. Cameron Murray

INTERCHANGE 14. Kodi Nikorima 15. Davvy Moale 16. Siliva Havili 17. Thomas Burgess **18TH PLAYER** 18. Daniel Suluka-Fifita

MELBOURNE: 1. Nick Meaney 2. Dean Ileremia 3. Marion Seve 4. Justin Olam 14. Grant Anderson 6. Cameron Munster 7. Jahrome Hughes 8. Jesse Bromwich 9. Harry Grant 10. Nelson Asofa-Solomona 11. Felise Kaufusi 12. Kenny Bromwich 13. Josh King

INTERCHANGE 5. Tyran Wishart 15. Tui Kamikamica 16. Alec MacDonald 21. Tom Eisenhuth **18TH PLAYER** 20. Young Tonumaiepa



MELBOURNE OUT-OF-FORM OUTPLAYED BY (THEIR) IMPRESSIVE BUNNIES

Souths recorded just their 6th ever win against the Storm in most emphatic performance. The Storm attack was panicked all game as the enthusiastic Souths defence refused to give them space.

In the very first set of the game, Nelson Asofa-Solomona was put on report for an accidental hit on Cameron Murray's ducking head. Souths received a penalty and marched deep into the Storm half. Lachlan Ilias drifted right late in the set, engaged the edge defenders and then passed to what looked like a casually jogging Keon Koloamatangi, who strolled through a huge gap and scored a very soft try. Latrell Mitchell converted from out wide.

After Souths went close to scoring again in the 10th minute, Melbourne responded courtesy of a 40/20 kick from Jahrome Hughes. Harry Grant forced a drop out at the end of the set. Mitchell though opted for the short restart and Souths got the ball back.

Three minutes later and a Munster grubber forced another Souths drop out, which Mitchell again kicked short. This time the Storm got the ball back only for Jesse Bromwich to drop it a few plays later. Back to back set restarts for Souths lead to their next points in the 28th minute, when Mitchell lobbed a cut-out ball to the unmarked Alex Johnston, who dived over to score in the corner. Mitchell failed to convert from the sideline. Johnston very nearly scored again 4 minutes later, but was put into touch.

With 3 minutes left before halftime, the Storm finally got on the board. From the back of a scrum win on halfway, Melbourne sent the ball to Marion Seve, who stepped infield to straighten his run, bumped through the defenders and then raced away to score. Nick Meaney converted from in front. Souths lead 10-6 at halftime.

Souths crossed six minutes into the second half courtesy of some Mitchell magic. Latrell grubbered into Seve's feet, then reached down to pick it up before getting away a bonkers pass to Johnston who scored yet another try. Mitchell's sideline conversion was waved away.

Three minutes after that, Souths piled more misery on the Storm, when Ilias finished off a lovely piece of play through the middle before sliding to the in-goal and only just getting the ball down for the try. Mitchell converted from in front.

Johnston very nearly scored a genuine try-of-the-year contender in the 54th minute when he toed ahead a Mitchell kick and very nearly grounding the ball just inside the dead ball line. Souths added more points in the 56th minute when Souths sent the ball to right and caught the Storm rushing defence short, allowing Jaxson Paulo to score out wide. Mitchell failed to convert from the sideline.

Melbourne hit back with a similar try in the 64th minute when Dean Ileremia scored untouched in the corner. Meaney converted from touch to get the Storm back within two converted tries. Try as they might though, the Storm attack simply could not build any pressure. They plagued themselves with too much poor handling, much of which was caused by the impressive Souths defence who were unrelenting for the entire game. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SUNDAY 24 JULY, 2:00PM

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 36 GOLD COAST 26

SCORERS

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (36) Tries: Matt Burton (2), Josh Addo-Carr (3), Jeremy Marshall-King; Conversions: Matt Burton (5/6); Penalty Goals: Matt Burton (1/1) **def** **GOLD COAST TITANS (26)** Tries: Toby Sexton, David Fifita, Phillip Sami, Patrick Herbert, Sosefo Fifita; Conversions: Toby Sexton (3/5)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: CommBank Stadium; **Crowd:** 11726; **Halftime Score:** Canterbury-Bankstown 26 Gold Coast 10; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - Matt Burton, 2 points - Josh Addo-Carr, 1 points - Jeremy Marshall-King

FINAL TEAMLISTS

CANTERBURY: 3. Declan Casey 2. Jacob Kiraz 19. Aaron Schoupp 4. Braidon Burns 5. Josh Addo-Carr 6. Matt Burton 7. Kyle Flanagan 8. Max King 9. Jeremy Marshall-King 10. Paul Vaughan 11. Josh Jackson 12. Corey Waddell 17. Raymond Faitala-Mariner

INTERCHANGE 13. Tevita Pangai Junior 14. Zach Dockar-Clay 16. Joe Stimson 23. Chris Patolo **18TH PLAYER** 15. Kurtis Morrin

GOLD COAST: 1. AJ Brimson 2. Sosefo Fifita 3. Phillip Sami 4. Patrick Herbert 5. Corey Thompson 6. Tanah Boyd 7. Toby Sexton 8. Moeaki Fotuauka 9. Aaron Booth 10. Isaac Liu 11. David Fifita 12. Beau Farmor 13. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui

INTERCHANGE 14. Erin Clark 15. Jaimin Jolliffe 16. Herman Ese'ese 17. Jayden Campbell **18TH PLAYER** 18. Sam McIntyre



BULLDOGS TURN ON THE STYLE AS TITANS SINK TO EIGHTH STRAIGHT LOSS

Parramatta might as well have been home to a pencil factory because there were plenty of points on show at CommBank Stadium following the Bulldogs 36-26 victory over the Gold Coast Titans.

After opening the scoring with a penalty goal, the Bulldogs had dominance over the opening stages of the contest as Josh Addo-Carr scored his first of the afternoon as he connected with Matt Burton after the Dogs number six broke through a gap in the defence. The Titans hit back soon after stopping the momentum when Toby Sexton chased through an Aaron Booth kick to score under the posts.

Despite the temporary halt in momentum, the Bulldogs went on a point scoring spree starting with Jeremy Marshall-King burrowing over from dummy half under the sticks and then Josh Addo-Carr showed his injury issues from last week were over as he ran 95m to take an intercept and score.

Matt Burton then added his name to the try scorers list on the half-hour mark after some great work from Jacob Kiraz to find space down the touchline before slinging the ball back infield and on the next play Burton was able to get over.

The Titans grabbed the final points of the first half when David Fifita chased through a kick to score and close the gap to 26-10 at the half-time interval.

Josh Addo-Carr started the second half the same way he did the first half with an intercept that saw the fox reading the play perfectly and taking a grab and racing away 80m to score and push the lead back to 16 points following Burton's conversion.

Momentum then shifted to the Titans as they were able to score two quick tries back-to-back with Phillip Sami firstly chasing through a grubber kick from Toby Sexton before Patrick Herbert outjumped the Bulldogs defence to take a Tanah Boyd bomb to score.

A selfless Josh Addo-Carr set up the second for Matt Burton who scored after the Bulldogs spread the ball to their lethal left and the Fox found himself in space and easily could've had a fourth but instead put it to Burton to score his second of the afternoon.

Regathering the ball from the short kick-off the Titans took advantage of the field position with Jojo Fifita scored in the corner giving the Gold Coast plenty of hope of a comeback.

Strangely for a game that didn't lack points, the last thirteen minutes became a mini-drought with both sides able to cross the line despite both sides going very close at times.

Next weekend, the Bulldogs have a trip to Newcastle for a Sunday afternoon battle against the Knights while the Titans head back to the Gold Coast for a clash with the Raiders. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SUNDAY 24 JULY, 4:05PM

NORTH QUEENSLAND 27 WESTS TIGERS 26

SCORERS

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (27) Tries: Tom Dearden, Valentine Holmes, Jeremiah Nanai (2); Field Goals: Valentine Holmes (1/1); Conversions: Valentine Holmes (4/4); Penalty Goals: Valentine Holmes (1/1) **def** **WESTS TIGERS (26)** Tries: Brent Naden (2), Fa'amanu Brown, Asu Kepaoa, Starford To'a; Conversions: Adam Doueichi (2/5); Penalty Goals: Adam Doueichi (1/1)

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium; **Crowd:** 14910; **Halftime Score:** North Queensland 6 Wests Tigers 16; **LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:** 3 points - Jeremiah Nanai, 2 points - Luke Brooks, 1 points - Daine Laurie

FINAL TEAMLISTS

NORTH QLD: 1. Scott Drinkwater 2. Kyle Feldt 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Peta Hiku 5. Murray Taulagi 6. Tom Dearden 7. Chad Townsend 8. Coen Hess 9. Reece Robson 16. Jamayne Taunua-Brown 11. Tom Gilbert 12. Jeremiah Nanai 13. Jason Taumalolo

INTERCHANGE 10. Luciano Leilua 14. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow 15. Jake Granville 17. Griffin Neame **18TH PLAYER** 19. Brendan Elliot

WESTS TIGERS: 1. Daine Laurie 2. Brent Naden 3. Starford To'a 4. Asu Kepaoa 5. Ken Maumalo 6. Adam Doueichi 7. Luke Brooks 8. James Tamou 9. Fa'amanu Brown 10. Joe Ofahengaue 11. Luke Garner 12. Kelma Tuilagi 13. Jackson Hastings

INTERCHANGE 14. Fonua Pole 15. Zane Musgrove 16. Alex Seyfarth 17. Tyrone Peachey **18TH PLAYER** 18. Austin Dias



COWBOYS CONJURE A MIRACLE TO LEAVE TIGERS HEARTBROKEN

A penalty goal after the fulltime siren has seen the North Queensland Cowboys pull off a 27-26 victory over the Wests Tigers in one of the most remarkable games of the season.

Snatching victory from the jaws of defeat after Starford To'a seemingly secured a famous win for the last-placed visitors, a contentious captains challenge allowed Valentine Holmes to kick the Cowboys home after the bunker deemed Asu Kepaoa impeded Kyle Feldt from contesting a short kick-off with one second remaining on the clock.

Moving into outright second on the ladder following the result, North Queensland were well below their best in a match which saw James Tamou, a member of the Cowboys inaugural premiership-winning side, play his 300th game in first grade.

Getting off to a perfect start in a rare afternoon appearance in Townsville, Tom Dearden (2nd minute) touched down underneath the posts following strong work from Jason Taumalolo and Reece Robson with the side's first set with the ball.

Levelling the scores at 6-all with Luke Brooks delivering a superb pass to send returning outside back Brent Naden (11th minute) over for his first try in Tigers colours, the visitors snatched an unlikely lead midway through the half with Fa'amanu Brown (20th minute) burrowing over from close range.

Taking a shock ten-point lead to the change of ends with Brooks producing a similar pass for Kepaoa (36th minute) to cross in the corner, the Tigers managed to repel a late bust with Feldt deemed to have put a foot into touch prior to grounding the ball.

Conceding a penalty goal shortly after the resumption, which put the visitors up by two converted tries, the Cowboys struck back with Holmes (47th minute) using footwork to get the home side back in the contest.

Tying the scores up at 18-all with Jeremiah Nanai (55th minute) streaking away for his 13th try of the season, the Tigers managed to hold their line whilst playing a man down after Ken Maumalo was sent to the sin bin for making shoulder contact to the head of Dearden.

Retaking the lead mere minutes after Maumalo completed his stint in the sin bin, Nanai (67th minute) capitalised on an error to race 50 metres for his second of the afternoon.

Seemingly wrapping up the result with Holmes kicking a field goal to put the home side beyond a converted try, Naden (75th minute) collected his second to reduce the deficit to three points.

Appearing to pull off a miracle with Adam Doueichi and Daine Laurie combining to send To'a (78th minute) over in the corner, Doueichi's conversion attempt ultimately proved costly with the ball fading back only to strike the post. The Cowboys ultimately had the final say with Holmes kicking a long-range penalty goal after the siren with the bunker producing a deus ex machina to the delight of the Townsville faithful.

Next week, the Cowboys will face the Dragons at Kogarah on Sunday afternoon, while the Tigers will take on the Broncos in Brisbane on Saturday evening. **ROB CROSBY**

SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 20 WRAP

Match wraps by JUSTIN DAVIES

Rhinos trample Warriors in massive upset

Leeds Rhinos were comfortable 42-12 winners against Wigan Warriors in an upset on Thursday night at the Headingley Stadium.

The Rhinos were never headed in the one-sided affair and got the game going with a four-pointer to centre Liam Sutcliffe followed by James Bentley touching down for 12-0.

Wigan Warriors hit back through their Australian connection. Jai Field darted down the right side before he unfurled a pass for Bevan French to dive over.

Rhys Martin who had a perfect night with the boot going seven from seven and added a four-pointer himself just before the half hour mark to restore the 12-point lead.

It's been a good few weeks for Cameron Smiths in sport and the Rhinos halfback got himself on the scoresheet late in the first half to make it 24-6 at the break.

Leeds picked up right where they left off when Harry Newman finished off a long break for the Rhinos fifth try of the contest before the Warriors hit back through Jake Bibby.

Interchange players flourished in the late stages with Brad Dwyer and Muizz Mustapha both got themselves across the whitewash after coming off the bench to make it 42-12.

Leeds Rhinos (42) Tries: Liam Sutcliffe, James Bentley, Rhys Martin, Cameron Smith, Harry Newman, Brad Dwyer, Muizz Mustapha; Goals: Rhys Martin 7 **def Wigan Warriors (12)** Tries: Bevan French, Jake Bibby; Goals: Harry Smith 2 **at Headingley Stadium, Thu 21 Jul 8pm; Referee: Liam Moore; Attendance: 13368 // LEEDS:** Hardaker, Fusitu'a, Newman, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Myler, Smith; Oledzki, O'Connor, Thompson, Bentley, Martin, Donaldson. **Int:** Dwyer, Gannon, Mustapha, Aydin **WIGAN:** Field, French, Isa, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Havard, Powell, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. **Int:** Ellis, Partington, Shorrocks, Cooper

Hull KR post comeback for a crucial win against worried Warrington Wolves

Hull KR kept their finals hopes alive with a 30-22 win against Warrington Wolves on Friday night at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

The Wolves were howling in the first half. The hosts scored the first two tries of the contest through a double to Jake Wardle to make it 14-0.

Stefan Ratchford kept the scoreboard ticking in the first half with four goals from the boot in the first half and helped them to a 16-12 lead at the break.

The Rovers helped reduce their deficit with tries to centres Ben Crooks and Sam Wood helped by the sin bin of Peter Matautia just before the half hour mark.

Warrington extended their lead out to ten through interchange forward Thomas Mikaele which much like the Robins scores came with the opponents down to 12.

Headed into the final 15 minutes Hull KR piled on three tries to overcome the Wolves and take the two points to keep themselves in the top six hunt.

Matt Parcell, Ethan Ryan and Will Dagger all were try scorers for the visitors as the traveling fans enjoyed their trip home in a Friday night delight.

Hull Kingston Rovers (30) Tries: Ben Crooks, Sam Wood, Matt Parcell, Ethan Ryan, Sam Royle; Goals: Lachlan Coote 4, Will Dagger 1 **def Warrington Wolves (22)** Tries: Jake Wardle 2, Thomas Mikaele; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 3 **at Halliwell Jones Stadium, Fri 22 July 8pm; Referee: Jack Smith; Attendance: 7551 // WARRINGTON:** Thewlis, Minikin, Matautia, Wardle, Ashton; Ratchford (C), Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Harrison, Currie, Holmes, Clark. **Int:** Bullock, Walker, Amor, Mikaele **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Wood, Crooks, Hall; Dagger, Lewis; Sims, Litten, King, Royle, Keinhorst, Minchella (C). **Int:** Parcell, Maher, Richards, Tate

Tigers consolidate fifth spot with huge win against Hull FC

Castleford Tigers led by a second half surge prevailed 46-18 against a disappointing Hull FC side on Friday night.

The Tigers hit the scoreboard first through a Danny Richardson penalty goal from an offside followed by in-form winger Derrell Olpherts diving over to make it 8-0.

Hull FC steadied themselves after a scuffle saw both Tigers Olpherts and Hull's Connor Wynne sent to the bin. The hosts scored all 18 of their points in the first half on Friday.

Miteli Vulikijapani, Darnell McIntosh and Danny Houghton all crossed the stripe for Hull FC to give them a 18-14 lead at half-time as they try to keep their spot in the top six.

Olpherts continued his superb try-scoring form recently on Friday night with three tries in the second half to help the Tigers blow away the hosts and give them a four-point gap to sixth.

The Tigers were reduced to 12 again early in the second half when Jake Mamo was binned for dissent but it didn't stop them finding Bureta Faraimo out wide to take the lead.

Faraimo completed his double three minutes later alongside scores from Suaia Matagi and Alex Sutcliffe alongside Olpherts continued feats helped them run out convincing winners.

In a feisty game which saw 5 cards handed out including a red card to Hull FC's Ligi Sao for a dangerous tackle in the second half. George Lawler was also binned late for the Tigers.

Castleford Tigers (46) Tries: Derrell Olpherts 4, Bureta Faraimo 2, Suaia Matagi, Alex Sutcliffe; Goals: Danny Richardson 7 **def Hull FC (18)** Tries: Miteli Vulikijapani, Darnell McIntosh, Danny Houghton; Goals: Luke Gale 3 **at MKM Stadium, Fri 22 Jul 8pm; Referee: Chris Kendall; Attendance: 9550 // HULL:** Walker, Simm, Vulikijapani, Wynne, McIntosh; Connor, Gale (C); Sao, Houghton, Evans, Lane, Lovodua, Fash. **Int:** Brown, Johnstone, Taylor, Longstaff **CASTLEFORD:** Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; O'Brien, Richardson; Griffin, McShane (C), Lawler, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. **Int:** Mamo, Milner, Smith, Matagi

Catalans go third with tense win against Giants

Sam Tomkins drop goal was enough to settle Catalans Dragons 13-12 win over Huddersfield Giants on Saturday afternoon.

The win sees the Dragons leap over the Giants into third spot on the Super League ladder and snap their recent losing streak in dramatic fashion.

Huddersfield Giants were the first side to score when Chris McQueen cleaned up from a kick which hit the ground and touched down for the visitors. Catalans went close through winger Mathieu Laguerre who was held up before they swung it wide on the right for Arthur Romano to level the scores at 4-4.

Buoyed by their four-pointer before the break, Catalans hit the front through Benjamin Jullien who steamed onto a soft pass from Mitchell Pearce to make it 10-4 good buddy.

It was a tight contest so the Giants hit back through second rower Danny Levi before a conversion from Oliver Russell had the game locked up at 10-all. Both sides then traded penalty goals through Sam Tomkins and Will Pryce to keep the game tighter than a new pair of jeans at 12-all.

Much of the attack in the final ten was for the hosts. The Dragons were camped in the Giants half and missed their first field goal when Pearce hit the post.

The Dragons took home the vital two points in the final minute. Tomkins stepped up and piloted home the one-pointer to send a majority of the 6,845 fans home happy.

Catalans Dragons (13) Tries: Arthur Romano, Benjamin Jullien; Goals: Sam Tomkins 2; Field Goals: Sam Tomkins 1 **def Huddersfield Giants (12)** Tries: Chris McQueen, Danny Levi; Goals: Olly Russell 2 **at Stade Gilbert Brutus, Sat 23 Jul 6pm; Referee: James Child; Attendance 6845 // CATALANS:** Tomkins, Laguerre, Langi, Whare, Romano; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dudson, Da Costa, Séguier, Chan, Jullien, Garcia (C). **Int:** Mourgue, Goudemand, Cozza, Kasiano **HUDDERSFIELD:** Pryce, Golding, Cudjoe, King, Senior; Russell, Fages; Greenwood, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). **Int:** Lawrence, English, Wilson, Hewitt

Red Devils surge into top six in tight Toulouse tussle

Salford Red Devils kept up their recent good form with a 24-11 win against Toulouse Olympique on Saturday night in Toulouse.

This was a clash between two sides in good form and Toulouse freshly removed from the relegation zone struck first through Matieu Jussaume for a 6-0 lead.

Both sides went close to adding to their scores but some superb defence denied them any further. The Red Devils did lock the game up when Joe Burgess touched down from a high kick.

Toulouse took a three-point advantage into the break. Tony Gigot slotted a field goal to give the hosts the lead before a late hit after a break allowed Chris Hankinson to pilot home the penalty for a 9-6 lead.

Hankinson raised the flags again from the tee to give Toulouse the advantage again in the contest before a late rally from Salford Red Devils sent the points back over the channel.

Ken Sio moved into second spot on the Super League top scorers list with a pair of tries in the Salford success which takes his season total to 19 just behind Wigan's Bevan French on 20.

Burgess also completed his double in the second half alongside some precise kicking from Marc Sneyd was enough to move the Red Devils into the top six.

Salford Red Devils (24) Tries: Joe Burgess 2, Ken Sio 2; Goals: Marc Sneyd 4 **def Toulouse Olympique XIII (11)** Tries: Mathieu Jussaume; Goals: Chris Hankinson 3; Field Goals: Tony Gigot 1 **at Stade Ernest Wallon, Sat 23 Jul 7pm; Referee: Rob Hicks; Attendance: 3706 // TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Jussaume, Russell; Norman, Gigot (C); Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux, Bretherton, Paulo. **Int:** Albert, Hansen, Sangaré, Belmas **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Gerrard, Ackers, Lannon, Watkins, Taylor (C), Hellewell. **Int:** Addy, Atkin, Burke, Ormondroyd

Saints survive scare to record golden win against Wakefield

St Helens stirred late to win in Golden Point 13-12 against a gallant Wakefield Trinity side on Sunday afternoon.

The golden win pushes St Helens advantage at the top of the Super League ladder to six points as the Saints eye off another Minor Premiership.

The leaders didn't have it all their own way on Sunday afternoon. Wakefield Trinity scored first through mid-season signing Jorge Taufua in the left corner.

Trinity added to their advantage when Jacob Miller tried to boot a 40/20 which was kept in by the Saints defence which gave enough time for Jack Croft to make it 10-0.

Mason Lino who was two from four from the boot on the windy afternoon extended Trinity's lead to a dozen as Wakefield Trinity looked to get themselves out of the drop zone again.

The old saying is 'Never Write Off The Saints' and the Champions hit back through Reagan Grace in the left corner and then a similar move on the right for Jon Bennisson to make it 12-all.

Neither side were able to break the deadlock in regulation time which meant we headed to Golden Point. Trinity had the first attempt through Lino who sent it wide of the mark.

St Helens were steady under pressure. Jonny Lomax fumbled the ball when set for a field goal before he shuffled it to Jack Welsby to give the Saints a 13-12 win.

St Helens (13) Tries: Jon Bennisson, Reagan Grace; Goals: Jonny Lomax 2; Field Goals: Jack Welsby 1 **def Wakefield Trinity (12)** Tries: Jorge Taufua, Jack Croft; Goals: Mason Lino 2 **at Be Well Support Stadium, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Ben Thaler; Attendance: 4162 // WAKEFIELD:** Shaul, Murphy, Croft, Gaskell, Taufua; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Tanginoa, Batchelor. **Int:** Batty, Crowther, Fifita, Bowden **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Bennisson, Hurrell, Davies, Grace; Lomax, Roby (C); Walmsley, Lussick, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Wingfield. **Int:** McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Bell, Norman

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SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 20

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	20	17	3	0	480	220	260	34
2	Wigan	20	14	6	0	570	385	185	28
3	Catalans	20	13	7	0	405	317	88	26
4	Huddersfield	20	12	7	1	439	348	91	25
5	Castleford	20	11	9	0	461	442	19	22
6	Salford	20	9	11	0	471	466	5	18
7	Hull KR	20	9	11	0	360	430	-70	18
8	Hull FC	20	9	11	0	378	485	-107	18
9	Leeds	20	8	11	1	405	390	15	17
10	Warrington	20	7	13	0	404	487	-83	14
11	Toulouse	20	5	15	0	333	511	-178	10
12	Wakefield	20	5	15	0	327	552	-225	10

ROUND 21 FIXTURES ALL TIMES BST (UK)

THURSDAY 28 JULY

8PM (SKY) WIGAN v HULL KR
DW Stadium Referee: Marcus Griffiths

FRIDAY 29 JULY

6PM (7pm FR) TOULOUSE v HULL FC
Stade Ernest Wallon Referee: Ben Thaler

7PM (SKY) CASTLEFORD v WAKEFIELD
Mend-A-Hose Jungle Referee: Rob Hicks

SATURDAY 30 JULY

3PM HUDDERSFIELD v WARRINGTON
John Smith's Stadium Referee: Tom Grant

6PM (7pm FR) CATALANS v LEEDS
Stade Gilbert Brutus Referee: Chris Kendall

SUNDAY 31 JULY

3PM SALFORD v ST HELENS
AJ Bell Stadium Referee: Jack Smith

CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 20 RESULTS

Newcastle Thunder (24) Tries: Gideon Baofu 2, Ollie Roberts, Jack Johnson, Sam Halsall; Goals: Jake Shorrocks 2 **drew with Dewsbury Rams (24)** Tries: Lewis Carr 2, Paul Sykes, Reiss Butterworth; Goals: Paul Sykes 4 at Kingston Park, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Nick Bennett;

Attendance: 593 // NEWCASTLE: Mullen, Johnson, Nokes, Halsall, Boafu; Shorrocks, Bailey; Peachey, Eaves, Chapelhow, Robson, Day, Roberts. **Int:** Ta'ai, Clark, Gallagher, Forber **DEWSBURY:** Turner, Blackmore, Graham, Tomlinson, Carr; Sykes, Gill; Morris, Butterworth, Kirby, Davies, Knowles, Mathiou. **Int:** Sweeting, Blagbrough, Beckett, Magrin

Featherstone Rovers (30) Tries: Gadwin Springer, Matty Wildie, Jack Bussey, Connor Jones, Tom Lineham; Goals: Craig Hall 5 **def York City Knights (22)** Tries: AJ Towse, Joe Brown, Brad Ward, Brendan O'Hagan; Goals: Liam Harris 2, James Glover 1 at Millennium Stadium, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Marcus Griffiths; Attendance: 2248 // **FEATHERSTONE:** Broadbent, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Lineham; Smith, Jacks; Moors, Wildie, Springer, Ferres, Hardcastle, Bussey. **Int:** Jones, Eseh, Davies, Cooper **YORK:** Brown, Ward, Glover, Edwards, Towse; O'Hagan, Harris; Pauli, Jubb, Michael, Kirmood, Ogden, Thompson. **Int:** Inman, Teanby, Dixon, Porter

Sheffield Eagles (64) Tries: Anthony Thackeray 4, Liam Kirk, Kris Welham, Ben Jones-Bishop 2, Matty Chrimes, Brandon Douglas, Quentin Laulu-Togagae, Tom Holmes; Goals: Josh Guzdek 8 **def Workington Town (6)** Tries: Jordan Thomson; Goals: Carl Forber 1 at Olympic Park Legacy Community Stadium, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Liam Rush; Attendance: 644 // **SHEFFIELD:** Laulu-Togagae, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Guzdek, Chrimes; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Liu, Hodgson. **Int:** Douglas, Wood, Broadbent, Holmes **WORKINGTON:** Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young, Henson, Forber; Thomson, Simons, Weetman, Steele, Fitzsimmons, Doran. **Int:** Scholey, Clarke, Hutchings

Barrow Raiders (30) Tries: Tee Ritson 2, Jarrod Sammut, Ellis Gillam, Luke Cresswell; Goals: Ryan Shaw 5 **def Bradford Bulls (4)** Tries: Kieran Gill at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Cameron Worsley; Attendance: 2259 // **BARROW:** Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Brooks, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. **Int:** Mossop, Forster, Emslie, Crellin **BRADFORD:** Flanagan Jr, Kear, Evans, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Evans, Doyle, Crossley, England, Butler, Hallas. **Int:** Walker, Flanagan, Murphy, Gannon

Widnes Vikings (24) Tries: Danny Craven, Kenny Baker, Steve Tyrer, Ryan Ince, Joe Edge; Goals: Ste Tyrer 2 **def Batley Bulldogs (18)** Tries: Kieran Buchanan, Alistair Leak, Michael Ward; Goals: Tom Gilmore 3 at Fox's Biscuits Stadium, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Tom Grant // **BATLEY:** Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Reilly, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. **Int:** Meadows, Ward, Leak, Blake **WIDNES:** Fleming, Dixon, Roberts, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Davies, Bent. **Int:** Lyons, Edge, Baker, Johnson

London Broncos (38) Tries: Dalton Grant, Paul Ulberg, Iliess Macani 2, Will Lovell, Dean Parata, Alex Walker; Goals: Olly Leyland 5 **def Halifax Panthers (10)** Tries: James Woodburn-Hall, James Saltonstall; Goals: Joe Keyes 1 at Cherry Red Records Stadium, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Matt Rossleigh; Attendance: 950 // **LONDON:** Walker, Ulberg, Moccidecke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. **Int:** Oakley, Bienek, Pelligra, Foster **HALIFAX:** Woodburn-Hall, McComb, Tibbs, Arundel, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Oakley, Garside, Tangata. **Int:** Wood, Mason, Fairbank, Martin

Leigh Centurions (64) Tries: Krisnan Inu 3, Edwin Ipape 2, Sam Stone, Joe Mellor, Caleb Aekins 2, James McDonnell, Kai O'Donnell; Goals: Krisnan Inu 10 **def Whitehaven RLFC (4)** Tries: Perry Singleton at LEL Arena, Sun 24 Jul 3pm; Referee: Mike Small; Attendance: 1010 // **WHITEHAVEN:** Martin, Eccleston, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; McAvoy, Davies, Graham, King, Singleton, Wilkinson. **Int:** Walker, Bradley, Hudson, Olstrom **LEIGH:** Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Inu, Charnley; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Ipape, Nakubuawai, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. **Int:** O'Donnell, McDonnell, Smith, Ioane

CHAMPIONSHIP LADDER AFTER ROUND 20

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Leigh	20	19	1	0	884	152	732	38
2	Featherstone	20	17	2	1	798	318	480	35
3	Halifax	20	14	6	0	613	336	277	28
4	Batley	19	13	4	2	528	333	195	28
5	Barrow	20	13	6	1	513	407	106	27
6	York	20	13	7	0	490	406	84	26
7	Widnes	20	10	10	0	452	497	-45	20
8	Bradford	20	9	11	0	405	506	-101	18
9	Sheffield	19	8	11	0	483	466	17	16
10	Newcastle	20	7	12	1	479	578	-99	15
11	London	20	5	14	1	378	542	-164	11
12	Whitehaven	20	4	15	1	302	726	-424	9
13	Dewsbury	20	2	17	1	269	694	-425	5
14	Workington	20	1	19	0	204	837	-633	2

SUMMER BASH FIXTURES - ROUND 21

ALL MATCHES at HEADINGLEY STADIUM, BROADCAST LIVE ON PREMIER SPORTS UK / FOX LEAGUE AU. ALL TIMES BST (UK)

SATURDAY 23 JULY

12:45PM LONDON BRONCOS v SHEFFIELD EAGLES

Referee: James Vella

3:00PM BATLEY BULLDOGS v DEWSBURY RAMS

Referee: Nick Bennett

5:15PM BRADFORD BULLS v HALIFAX PANTHERS

Referee: Mike Small

7:30PM FEATHERSTONE ROVERS v LEIGH CENTURIONS

Referee: Liam Moore

SUNDAY 24 JULY

1:45PM BARROW RAIDERS v WIDNES VIKINGS

Referee: James Child

4:00PM WHITEHAVEN RLFC v WORKINGTON TOWN

Referee: Scott Mikalauskas

6:15PM NEWCASTLE THUNDER v YORK CITY KNIGHTS

Referee: Liam Rush

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PENRITH PANTHERS 26 18 ROOSTERS

Full Time 80:00
7:55pm Fri July 1, 2022
Round 16 - BlueBet Stadium, Penrith - Crowd: 16725
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PRE-MATCH TEAMS PLAY BY PLAY SCORERS WRAP UP

80 It is Fulltime and it's Penrith who have overcome a determined Roosters outfit by 26-18 to send them six points clear at the top of the NRL Ladder. Stay tuned for the 3,2,1's and Match Report @LeagueUnlimited!

76 Penalty Penrith - Against Nat Butcher for passing off the ground. Penrith find the line just short of halfway.

74 Nathan Cleary knocks on a kick and the Roosters with a faint chance here, just 10m out.

73 Conversion: Panthers Kicked by Nathan Cleary. Nathan Cleary converts and they extend the lead now. Panthers lead 26 - 18

72 Try: Panthers Scored by Apisai Koroisau. Kick to come. Apisai Koroisau jumps out of dummy half close to the line, catching the markers napping to score. Panthers lead 24 - 18

71 Jarome Luai with a deft grubber on the last and Sam Walker manages to ground the ball. Dropout Roosters.

67 Conversion: Panthers Kicked by Nathan Cleary. Nathan Cleary converts to give his side the lead. Panthers lead 20 - 18

65 Try: Panthers Scored by Izack Tago. Kick to come. Nathan Cleary delivers a clutch ball on the last tackle to hit an unmarked Izack Tago to score and tie up the score. Tied up at 18 - 18

Referees & scorers:
Referee: Gerard Sutton
Touch Judges: Wyatt Raymond, Kasey Badger
Video Referee: Ashley Klein
PENRITH PANTHERS (26)
Tries: Brian To'o, Wilame Kikau, Izack Tago, Apisai Koroisau
Conversions: Nathan Cleary (4/4)
Penalty Goals: Nathan Cleary (1/1)
SYDNEY ROOSTERS (18)
Tries: Sam Walker, Siosua Taukelaho, Sam Verrills
Conversions: Sam Walker (3/3)

THE PROGRAMME

NRL ROUND 20 GAME DAY COMPANION
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THURSDAY 28 JULY 2022



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES
v **SYDNEY ROOSTERS**
4 PINES PARK, 7:50PM



FRIDAY 29 JULY 2022



WARRIORS v
MELBOURNE STORM
MT SMART STADIUM, 6:00PM (8PM NZT)



PARRAMATTA EELS v
PENRITH PANTHERS
BLUEBET STADIUM, 7:55PM



SATURDAY 30 JULY 2022



GOLD COAST TITANS
v **CANBERRA RAIDERS**
CBUS SUPER STADIUM, 3:00PM



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS
v **SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS**
POINTS BET STADIUM, 5:30PM



BRISBANE BRONCOS
v **WESTS TIGERS**
SUNCORP STADIUM, 7:35PM



SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS v
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS
McDONALD JONES STADIUM, 2:00PM



ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS
v **NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS**
NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM, 4:05PM



MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY NRL ROUND 19

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	Base	2022 Offence	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	Result
Matt LODGE	Sydney	1	Careless High Tackle	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Dale FINUCANE	Cronulla	3	Dangerous Contact	3 matches	1st	3 matches	2 matches	Guilty - downgraded	2 matches
Viliame KIKAU	Penrith	1	Shoulder Charge	\$2000	1st	\$2000	\$1500	Guilty - early plea	\$1500
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	Melbourne	1	Careless High Tackle	\$1500	3rd+	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	Melbourne	1	Dangerous Contact	\$1500	3rd+	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Corey WADDELL	Canterbury	N/A	Dangerous Contact	Referred	N/A	N/A	N/A	Guilty	5 matches
Ken MAUMALO	Wests Tigers	1	Shoulder Charge	\$2000	1st [^]	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty - early plea	\$1000

[^] denotes 7-year incident free discount

NRL 2022 LADDER & STATS

AFTER ROUND 19

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

Pos	Team	Home							Away							Total								
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	PD
1.	Penrith Panthers	10	9	1	-	286	124	+162	8	8	-	-	234	78	+156	18	17	1	-	1	520	202	36	+318
2.	North Queensland Cowboys	10	7	3	-	246	156	+90	8	6	2	-	211	119	+92	18	13	5	-	1	457	275	28	+182
3.	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	9	7	2	-	201	134	+67	9	5	4	-	197	158	+39	18	12	6	-	1	398	292	26	+106
4.	Brisbane Broncos	8	6	2	-	184	147	+37	10	6	4	-	238	192	+46	18	12	6	-	1	422	339	26	+83
5.	Melbourne Storm	10	7	3	-	311	156	+155	8	4	4	-	186	176	+10	18	11	7	-	1	497	332	24	+165
6.	South Sydney Rabbitohs	9	7	2	-	250	172	+78	9	4	5	-	202	209	-7	18	11	7	-	1	452	381	24	+71
7.	Parramatta Eels	8	5	3	-	194	188	+6	10	6	4	-	227	219	+8	18	11	7	-	1	421	407	24	+14
8.	Sydney Roosters	8	5	3	-	213	170	+43	10	4	6	-	220	184	+36	18	9	9	-	1	433	354	20	+79
9.	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	9	7	2	-	248	178	+70	9	2	7	-	156	208	-52	18	9	9	-	1	404	386	20	+18
10.	Canberra Raiders	9	6	3	-	178	169	+9	9	3	6	-	148	182	-34	18	9	9	-	1	326	351	20	-25
11.	St George Illawarra Dragons	9	7	2	-	163	136	+27	9	2	7	-	166	291	-125	18	9	9	-	1	329	427	20	-98
12.	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	10	4	6	-	208	206	+2	8	1	7	-	92	211	-119	18	5	13	-	1	300	417	12	-117
13.	Warriors	9	4	5	-	172	214	-42	9	1	8	-	130	275	-145	18	5	13	-	1	302	489	12	-187
14.	Newcastle Knights	9	2	7	-	132	295	-163	9	3	6	-	142	203	-61	18	5	13	-	1	274	498	12	-224
15.	Gold Coast Titans	9	3	6	-	124	187	-63	9	-	9	-	160	283	-123	18	3	15	-	1	284	470	8	-186
16.	Wests Tigers	8	2	6	-	139	198	-59	10	1	9	-	121	261	-140	18	3	15	-	1	260	459	8	-199

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	South Sydney	17	21
2	Corey OATES	Brisbane	16	16
3	Josh ADDO-CARR	Canterbury	17	14
	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	Melbourne	12	14
	Sione KATOA	Cronulla	16	14
	Taylan MAY	Penrith	16	14
	Jeremiah NANAI	North Qld	15	14

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Valentine HOLMES	North Queensland Cowboys	16	7	67	2	164
2	Reuben GARRICK	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	18	11	48	-	140
3	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	Melbourne Storm	12	14	41	1	139
	Sam WALKER	Sydney Roosters	18	6	57	1	139
5	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta Eels	18	5	58	1	137
6	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith Panthers	13	2	61	-	130
7	Zac LOMAX	St George Illawarra Dragons	18	5	51	1	123
8	Adam REYNOLDS	Brisbane Broncos	14	6	49	-	122
9	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	17	3	49	3	113
10	Matt BURTON	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	18	5	39	-	98
11	Nick MEANEY	Melbourne Storm	17	9	29	-	94
12	Alex JOHNSTON	South Sydney Rabbitohs	17	21	-	-	84
13	Reece WALSH	Warriors	16	1	37	-	78
14	Blake TAAFFE	South Sydney Rabbitohs	9	2	30	-	68
15	Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith Panthers	16	9	15	-	66
16	Corey OATES	Brisbane Broncos	16	16	-	-	64
17	Latrell MITCHELL	South Sydney Rabbitohs	8	3	23	1+	60

+ denotes 2 point field goal

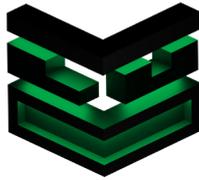
TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G	Att	%
1	Valentine HOLMES	North Qld	16	67	80	84%
2	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	13	61	71	86%
	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	18	58	76	76%
4	Sam WALKER	Sydney	18	57	76	75%
5	Zac LOMAX	St Geo Illa	18	51	64	80%
6	Adam REYNOLDS	Brisbane	14	49	58	84%
	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla	17	49	74	66%
8	Reuben GARRICK	Manly	18	48	64	75%
9	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	Melbourne	12	41	51	80%
10	Matt BURTON	Canterbury	18	39	50	78%

Statistics provided by



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



SYDNEY ROOSTERS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
25	18	11	48	-	140	Reuben GARRICK	1
28	-	-	-	-	-	Pio SECI	2
23	15	4	-	-	16	Morgan HARPER	3
27	17	-	-	-	-	Dylan WALKER	4
23	-	-	-	-	-	Alfred SMALLEY	5
31	18	2	-	-	8	Kieran FORAN	6
33	16	3	11	2	36	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	7
24	9	2	-	-	8	Taniela PASEKA	8
25	17	4	-	-	16	Lachlan CROKER	9
26	2	-	-	-	-	Kurt DE LUIS	10
22	7	1	-	-	4	Ethan BULLEMOR	11
30	14	2	-	-	8	Andrew DAVEY	12
28	17	-	-	-	-	Jake TRBOJEVIC	13
31	-	-	-	-	-	James SEGEYARO	14
24	17	-	-	-	-	Sean KEPPIE	15
32	15	1	-	-	4	Martin TAUPAU	16
26	-	-	-	-	-	Morgan BOYLE	17
19	-	-	-	-	-	Zac FULTON	18
20	1	-	-	-	-	Kao WEEKES	19
22	-	-	-	-	-	James ROUMANOS	20
						Des HASLER	

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COACH

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
29	17	10	-	-	40	James TEDESCO	1
31	16	8	-	-	32	Daniel TUPOU	2
25	14	5	3	-	26	Paul MOMIROVSKI	3
26	17	9	-	-	36	Joseph MANU	4
18	13	10	-	-	40	Joseph SUAALII	5
30	15	1	-	-	4	Luke KEARY	6
20	18	6	52	1	129	Sam WALKER	7
33	13	2	-	-	8	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	8
23	8	1	-	-	4	Sam VERRILLS	9
26	14	-	-	-	-	Lindsay COLLINS	10
26	18	-	-	-	-	Angus CRICHTON	11
24	18	3	-	-	12	Nat BUTCHER	12
24	13	2	-	-	8	Victor RADLEY	13
26	14	2	-	-	8	Connor WATSON	14
22	6	-	-	-	-	Egan BUTCHER	15
27	18	1	-	-	4	Drew HUTCHISON	16
27	10^	-	-	-	-	Matt LODGE	17
25	2	-	-	-	-	Adam KEIGHRAN	18
23	5	-	-	-	-	Terrell MAY	19
20	-	-	-	-	-	Naufahu WHYTE	20
24	-	-	-	-	-	Ben THOMAS	21
33	5	2	-	-	8	Kevin NAIQAMA	22
						^ played 8 matches for Warriors	
						Trent ROBINSON	

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#NRLMANLYROOSTERS

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	THURSDAY 28 JULY 2022
KICKOFF	7:50PM AEST
VENUE	4 PINES PARK BROOKVALE NSW / CAMMERAYGAL
WATCH	NINE NETWORK & 9 NOW FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	GRANT ATKINS
TOUCH JUDGES	CHRIS SUTTON DAVE MUNRO
NRL BUNKER	GERARD SUTTON

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 137	MANLY 86 // SYDNEY 49 / DRAWN 2
4 PINES 51	MANLY 36 // SYDNEY 15

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2019	R2	SYDNEY 26-18	LOTTOLAND, 9664
2020	R2	MANLY 9-8	LEICHHARDT, NONE
2021	R1	SYDNEY 46-4	SCG, 15097
2021	SF	MANLY 42-6	BB PRINT, 5824
2022	R2	SYDNEY 26-12	SCG, 11872

BIGGEST WINS

1999	R2	SYDNEY 46-0	SFS, 9128
2007	R17	MANLY 56-0	BROOKVALE, 9932

NOTABLES

MAN	BEN TRBOJEVIC	URNS 21 ON AUGUST 1
	DALY CHERRY EVANS	HAS 147 NRL/CLUB GOALS
SYD	JOSEPH SUAALII	URNS 19 ON AUGUST 1
	JOSEPH MANU	HAS 49 NRL TRIES

FORM

MAN	W L W W L	9TH, 20 PTS
SYD	L L L W W	8TH, 20 PTS

THE RUN HOME

MAN	PARRAMATTA (H), GOLD COAST (A), CRONULLA (H), CANBERRA (A), CANTERBURY (A)
SYD	BRISBANE (H), NORTH QLD (H), WESTS TIGERS (H), MELBOURNE (A), SOUTHS (H), ALLIANZ)

MATCH STATS COURTESY OF

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THE PREVIEW

with Rob Crosby

The times they are a-changin'...

Finals football arrives early on Thursday evening with the ninth-placed Manly Sea Eagles and the eighth-placed Sydney Roosters facing off in a clash set to have major ramifications on the make-up of the top eight.

Sitting alongside a cluster of four teams on 20 competition points respectively, the two sides will be treating the highly anticipated contest as a must-win encounter in light of matches to come and the threat posed by Canberra and St George Illawarra nipping closely behind.

Squandering an opportunity to establish distance inside the top eight with a defeat on the road last Friday, the Manly Sea Eagles have been plunged into chaos with seven players electing to stand down in response to the club's decision to wear a rainbow-themed pride jersey celebrating diversity and inclusion.

The seven players - Josh Aloiai, Jason Saab, Christian Tuipulotu, Josh Schuster, Haumole Olakau'atu, Tolu Koula and Toafofoa Siple - have all withdrawn from the match citing cultural and religious reasons.

Forced to field a vastly different roster from the team that went down to the Dragons 20-6 six days earlier, coach Des Hasler will welcome back Jake Trbojevic, Andrew Davey and Lachlan Croker from illness, while Pio Seci, Alfred Smalley, Kurt De Luis, Morgan Boyle and James Segeyaro are among the new faces to benefit from the sensational turn of events.

Winning six of their seven appearances at 4 Pines Park in 2022, the Sea Eagles have struggled against quality opposition this season with one win from nine clashes against current top eight teams.

Stringing together back-to-back wins for the first time in two months to move back inside the top eight, the Sydney Roosters will be vying to build momentum ahead of a difficult run of matches to close out the regular season.

Making a mockery of the Knights during last Friday's 42-12 victory in Newcastle, coach Trent Robinson will welcome back superstar outside back Joey Manu and Queensland prop Lindsay Collins as part of a reshuffle that sees Drew Hutchison and Matt Lodge revert to the interchange.

Winning five of their past seven matches against the Sea Eagles, including a comprehensive victory at the Sydney Cricket Ground earlier this season, the Tricolours have performed strongly at 4 Pines Park during Trent Robinson's tenure with four wins from six visits.

WHO TO WATCH: Tasked with the unenviable responsibility of filling the shoes of the reigning Dally M medallist, Reuben Garrick has more than held his own since shifting to fullback. Running for the third most metres of any player in the premiership, the 25-year-old has been similarly potent as a point-scorer with 11 tries and 48 goals to sit second on the leader board. Facing off against James Tedesco in a crucial personal duel on Thursday evening, Garrick will need to produce the game of his life if the Sea Eagles hope to keep their top eight hopes alive.

Making a successful return last Friday following a month on the sidelines, the Roosters will be looking for Luke Keary to draw upon his big game experience in a bid to reach the finals. Crossing for a try and setting up another during the dominant win over Newcastle, the 30-year-old playmaker appeared rejuvenated while wearing his customary number six jersey after spending the bulk of 2022 at halfback. Playing a leading role in the side's big win over Manly earlier in the year, Keary will be aiming to produce a similar effort in order to lift the Roosters to three straight wins for the second time this season.

FAVOURITE: Scoring 96 points in their past two matches in a warning sign to rival teams, the Roosters are fancied to keep the points rolling against their depleted opponents.

MY TIP: "Your old road is rapidly agin' / please get out of the new one / if you can't lend your hand / for the times they are a-changin'". Roosters by 20.

NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS



MELBOURNE STORM

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
20	16	1	37	-	78	Rreece WALSH	1
26	12	7	-	-	28	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2
26	14	5	-	-	20	Marcelo MONTOYA	3
23	17	5	-	-	20	Adam POMPEY	4
23	5	2	-	-	8	Edward KOSI	5
23	14	1	-	-	4	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	6
31	16	1	13	2	32	Shaun JOHNSON	7
26	15	-	-	-	-	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8
25	15	4	-	-	16	Wayde EGAN	9
30	9	1	-	-	4	Tohu HARRIS	10
27	16	3	-	-	12	Euan AITKEN	11
23	12	2	-	-	8	Joshua CURRAN	12
26	16	1	-	-	4	Jazz TEVAGA	13
21	5	-	-	-	-	Freddy LUSSICK	14
25	18	1	-	-	4	Bunty AFOA	15
22	10	1	-	-	4	Eliesa KATOA	16
24	-	-	-	-	-	Jackson FREI	17
23	-	-	-	-	-	Tom ALE	18
21	5	2	-	-	8	Daejarn ASI	20
20	2	-	-	-	-	Ronald VOLKMAN	21
19	6	5	-	-	20	Viliani VAILEA	22
20	4	-	-	-	-	Taniela OTUKOLO	23
						Stacey JONES	

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PENALTIES
SCRUMS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
24	17	9	29	-	94	Nick MEANEY	1
20	10	3	-	-	12	Dean IEREMIA	2
27	9	3	-	-	12	Marion SEVE	3
28	18	7	-	-	28	Justin OLAM	4
22	5	2	-	-	8	Grant ANDERSON	5
27	15	7	-	-	28	Cameron MUNSTER	6
27	16	10	-	-	40	Jahrome HUGHES	7
33	16	1	-	-	4	Jesse BROMWICH	8
24	13	4	-	-	16	Harry GRANT	9
26	16	2	-	-	8	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	10
30	16	3	-	-	12	Felise KAUFUSI	11
30	17	2	-	-	8	Kenny BROMWICH	12
27	18	1	-	-	4	Josh KING	13
22	11	-	-	-	-	Tyran WISHART	14
28	9	1	-	-	4	Tui KAMIKAMICA	15
20	11	1	-	-	4	Alec MacDONALD	16
27	3	-	-	-	-	Jordan GRANT	17
30	12	1	-	-	4	Chris LEWIS	18
23	1	-	-	-	-	Cooper JOHNS	19
29	-	-	-	-	-	Young TONUMAIPEA	20
29	1	-	-	-	-	Tom EISENHUTH	21
19	-	-	-	-	-	Sualauvi FAALOGO	22
						Craig BELLAMY	

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MATCH DETAILS

DATE	FRIDAY 29 JULY 2022
KICKOFF	6:00PM AEST // 8:00PM NZT
VENUE	MT SMART STADIUM PENROSE NZ / AOTEAROA
WATCH	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	PETER GOUGH
TOUCH JUDGES	ZIGGY PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI LIAM KENNEDY
NRL BUNKER	ADAM GEE

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 48	WARRIORS 16 // MELBOURNE 30 // DRAWS 2
MT SMART 21	WARRIORS 9 // MELBOURNE 12

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2019	R13	MELBOURNE 32-10	MT SMART, 12957
2020	R7	MELBOURNE 50-6	NETSTRATA, 90
2021	R7	MELBOURNE 42-20	AAMI, 20320
2021	R14	MELBOURNE 42-16	CEN. COAST, 8105
2022	R7	MELBOURNE 70-10	AAMI, 22696

BIGGEST WINS

2022	R7	MELBOURNE 70-10	AAMI, 22696
2002	R11	WARRIORS 28-12	OLYMPIC, 8873

NOTABLES

WAR	EUAN AITKEN	HAS 49 NRL TRIES
MEL	LAST LOST 5 IN A ROW IN 2012	

FORM

WAR	L L W L L	13TH, 12 PTS
MEL	W L L L L	5TH, 24 PTS

THE RUN HOME

WAR	SOUTHS (A), CANTERBURY (H), NORTH QLD (A), PENRITH (A), GOLD COAST (H)
MEL	GOLD COAST (H), PENRITH (A), BRISBANE (A), SYDNEY (H), PARRAMATTA (A)

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THE PREVIEW

with Adam Huxtable

Warriors Look To Maintain Perfect Mt Smart Record Against Struggling Storm

The Warriors and the Storm come into this Friday evening match with different stakes that are both important in their own right. The Warriors, whilst not setting the world on fire, have looked a better team since their 20-point victory in their return home to New Zealand and will be hoping to provide some more joy to their loyal supporters, who for only the second time in three years will have the opportunity to watch their team live.

The Storm have not only lost their last four matches, they have lost them convincingly, and are in desperate need of a win to hopefully see them regain the blistering form they were in to start the season. Granted, injuries to regular starting members of their backline haven't been ideal, but their side on paper should not have performed as poorly as they have since Round 16. The run of losses has seen them finish Round 18 outside of the top four for the first time since 2015, when they also sat fifth. Melbourne's recent poor form has seen them drop back to the pack in terms of ladder positioning. After 9 weeks, they were equal first on the table with a 2 game advantage on the next non-Penrith team in the Cowboys. They now find themselves 2 games behind North Queensland and tied with the Eels and Rabbitohs, two sides they have lost to this season with a rematch against Parramatta looming. If they are to miss the top four, the next best thing would be to lock in a home elimination final by finishing 5th or 6th.

The Warriors are a team who are all but finished in 2022, remaining only a dreaded mathematical chance at making the finals, with the analytics giving them less than a 3% chance at returning to the 8 for the first time since 2018. It's fair to say that the best case scenario for them is to win their remaining three home games against the Storm, Bulldogs and Titans to give their long suffering supporters some source of optimism for 2023. While the days of the Warriors being a bogey side for Melbourne are long gone, the Kiwi franchise will probably give themselves a fair shot at causing the upset against their out of sorts opponents. Last week, the Warriors jumped out to a 14-0 halftime lead against the more fancied Raiders, however collapsed in the second forty, giving up 26 unanswered points to lose by 12. Their first 12 points came before the Raiders even had a chance to possess the ball in the first 8 minutes, and for the rest of the half their defence held up. The second half was complete one-way traffic, with the Warriors only having 31% of possession and completing a total of 9 sets. Once momentum swung against them, they couldn't find a way to overcome it. The Storm themselves haven't been great at taking advantage of statistical dominance in recent weeks, with their usually crisp attack faltering more often than not. Two rounds ago, the Storm led the Raiders at half time in runs, run metres, tackle busts, post-contact metres and line-breaks, but found themselves down by 8-points on the scoreboard. They are going to need to be better in this department against a Warriors side who, while susceptible to longer periods of poor defensive play, have no trouble converting opportunities into quick points, having scored two tries inside a five-minute period for two consecutive weeks now. With two teams who have shown that they struggle to turn the tide in their favour when things start going against them, you get the feeling that whoever starts the better of the two sides is going to be at a huge advantage.

In team news, Reece Walsh's stint on the bench was a short run, the Broncos-bound youngster returning to start at fullback, with Chanel Harris-Tavita back at five-eighth and Daejarn Asi into the reserves. Jesse Arthurs is out with a thigh injury, with Marcelo Montoya moving to the centres as a result and Edward Kosi coming in on the wing. Jack Murchie is out, with Josh Curran returning to the back row, while Freddy Lussick and Jackson Frei the two new faces on the bench. For the Storm, Jordan Grant comes onto the bench in place of Tom Eisenhuth in the only change to the 17 that went down to South Sydney. Brandon Smith remains suspended until Round 21, while Xavier Coates is expected to be back from an ankle injury in Round 22.

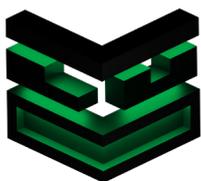
WHO TO WATCH: Despite suffering two losses in a row, Marcelo Montoya has found himself in near career best form for the Warriors on the wing, and will this week move into the centres as cover for the injured Jesse Arthurs. It's a move I am not 100% sold on; one of the best aspects of Montoya's game recently has been just how hard he runs the ball back on kick returns and the metres he makes for his side coming out of yardage as a result. Last week, Montoya had 19 runs for 144 metres (54 post contact) while also breaking 4 tackles, while the week before that he ran 16 times for 177 metres (59 post contact), a line break and three tackle breaks, while also producing a hit on Clinton Gutherson that had the King seeing his lunch for the second time that day. Montoya's kick return game will obviously not be as prevalent in the centres, but he is coming up against a bits and pieces backline missing a few regular starters. Of the 20 tries the Storm have conceded during their losing streak, a whopping 17 have been scored by opposing outside backs. Look for Montoya to either add to that himself or assist in doing so.

Considering the results, it's to be expected that a few Storm players who are usually elite are in a bit of a rough patch, and that is more true for Harry Grant than anyone else, the Queensland hooker undoubtedly in the worst form of his career. In my opinion, it stems from the talented dummy half trying/having to do too much for his team when the opposition is on top. There were numerous occasions last Saturday against Souths where he was overplaying his hand in order to try and get something going in attack to the point where it was hard to watch. He finished with the mediocre statline of 8 runs for 61 metres and zero line-breaks, line-break assists, try-assists or tackle busts. The two main reasons for his ineffectiveness are that his forwards are not laying the platform they usually do, with Melbourne's starting pack combining for just 285 metres all game, and that Grant's defensive workload is simply too much for him to have the energy to be as electric as he usually is. Last week, he made 59 tackles while missing 8, meaning all up he attempted a whopping 67 tackles, which is 26 more than the next highest amount of attempts made by an individual. At his best, there's no doubt Grant can be the number 1 hooker and maybe even player in the competition, but in order for that to happen, Melbourne need to make things easier around him by sharing the defensive load and providing a platform for him to work off in attack.

FAVOURITE: The Storm are 12.5 point favourites over the Warriors at the time of writing.

MY TIP: If I'm being honest, I haven't seen anything from the Storm in recent weeks that has warranted me tipping them. Obviously they are the more talented side on paper, but the fact that they are so out of form and are up against an improved Warriors side at home is enough for me to take the upset. Warriors by 4.

**PARRAMATTA
EELS**



**PENRITH
PANTHERS**

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
27	18	10	4	-	48	Clinton GUTHERSON	1
28	6	5	-	-	20	Maika SIVO	2
19	18	4	-	-	16	Will PENISINI	3
27	12	7	-	-	28	Waqā BLAKE	4
24	18	3	-	-	12	Bailey SIMONSSON	5
22	18	7	-	-	28	Dylan BROWN	6
27	18	5	58	1	137	Mitchell MOSES	7
28	18	1	-	-	4	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	8
24	18	6	-	-	24	Reed MAHONEY	9
28	16	-	-	-	-	Junior PAULO	10
27	16	2	-	-	8	Shaun LANE	11
23	18	8	-	-	32	Isaiah PAPALI'I	12
27	13	3	-	-	12	Ryan MATTERSON	13
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29	18	-	-	-	-	Makahesi MAKATOĀ	14
27	5	-	-	-	-	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	15
22	18	-	-	-	-	Oregon KAUFUSI	16
25	9	1	-	-	4	Marata NIUKORE	17
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19	6	-	-	-	-	Jakob ARTHUR	18
26	-	-	-	-	-	Ofahiki OGDEN	19
23	4	-	-	-	-	Ky RODWELL	20
27	11	2	-	-	8	Tom OPACIC	21
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PENALTIES															
SCRUMS															

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
26	18	6	-	-	24	Dylan EDWARDS	1
20	16	14	-	-	56	Taylan MAY	2
20	18	12	-	-	48	Izack TAGO	3
26	2	-	-	-	-	Robert JENNINGS	4
23	10	6	-	-	24	Brian TO'O	5
23	5	-	1	-	2	Sean O'SULLIVAN	6
24	13	2	61	-	130	Nathan CLEARY	7
29	12	-	-	-	-	Matt EISENHUTH	8
29	17	3	-	-	12	Api KOROISAU	9
26	17	2	-	-	8	James FISHER-HARRIS	10
27	18	8	-	-	32	Viliame KIKAU	11
25	15	5	-	-	20	Liam MARTIN	12
27	15	3	-	-	12	Isaah YEO	13
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23	18	1	-	-	4	Jaeman SALMON	14
29	17	1	-	-	4	Scott SORENSEN	15
21	17	4	-	-	16	Spencer LENIU	16
21	10	2	-	-	8	Charlie STAINES	17
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19	-	-	-	-	-	Sunia TURUVA	18
22	3	-	-	-	-	Lindsay SMITH	19
28	3	1	-	-	4	Christopher SMITH	20
21	-	-	-	-	-	Thomas JENKINS	21
26	10	1	-	-	4	Moses LEOTA	22
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#NRLEELSPANHERS

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	FRIDAY 29 JULY 2022
KICKOFF	7:55PM AEST
VENUE	COMMBANK STADIUM PARRAMATTA NSW / BURRAMATTAGAL
WATCH	NINE NETWORK & 9NOW FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	TODD SMITH
TOUCH JUDGES	MATT NOYEN KASEY BADGER
NRL BUNKER	GRANT ATKINS

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 104	PARRAMATTA 59 // PENRITH 44 // DRAWS 1
COMMBANK 2	PARRAMATTA 1 // PENRITH 1

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2020	R18	PENRITH 20-2	BLUEBET 3955
2021	R16	PENRITH 13-12	BLUEBET, NONE
2021	R25	PENRITH 40-6	CBUS, 8580
2021	SF	PENRITH 8-6	MACKAY, 6011
2022	R9	PARRAMATTA 22-20	BLUEBET, 21548

BIGGEST WINS

2002	R1	PARRAMATTA 64-6	PIRTEK, 13348
2021	R25	PENRITH 40-6	CBUS, 8580

NOTABLES

PAR	REAGAN CAMPBELL-GILLARD	TURNS 29 ON JULY 27
	MARATA NIUKORE	TURNS 26 ON JULY 29
	WILL PENISINI	TURNS 20 ON JULY 31
	RYAN MATTERSON	50TH CLUB GAME
	MITCHELL MOSES	HAS 349 NRL GOALS
		HAS 995 NRL POINTS
PEN	NATHAN CLEARY	HAS 48 NRL/CLUB TRIES

FORM

PAR	W L W W L	7TH, 24 PTS
PEN	W W W W W	1ST, 36 PTS

THE RUN HOME

PAR	MANLY (A), SOUTHS (H), CANTERBURY (H), BRISBANE (A), MELBOURNE (H)
PEN	CANBERRA (A), MELBOURNE (H), SOUTHS (A) WARRIORS (H), NORTH QLD (A)

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THE PREVIEW

with Josh Robertson

One of the fiercest rivalries in the NRL heats back up and the Panthers will be wanting revenge for their only defeat of the season when they head to Parramatta to take on the Eels at Commbank Stadium.

Back in Round 9, the Eels pulled off one of the biggest upsets in the NRL when they went to Penrith and because the first team in over 1,000 days to pull off victory against the reigning premiers following their 22-20 victory. The win highlighted how good the Eels can be on their day with the win but also highlighted their inconsistencies in the fact that they could take victory against the Panthers but struggle against other sides.

The Eels come into the contest sitting in seventh spot on the ladder with 11 victories from their 18 games but it's the lack of consistency that has hurt them this season. Last weekend, the Eels lack of consistency came back to bite them when they were comprehensively outplayed by the Broncos last week in their 36-14 defeat. In wet conditions, it took the Eels along time to turn up at the races and despite staging a strong showing during the second half, they were no match for the Broncos.

Parramatta coach Brad Arthur has made one change to his line-up with Bryce Cartwright set to return for the clash against his junior club returning from a rib injury. Jakob Arthur drops back to the interchange bench in an otherwise unchanged line up.

The Penrith Panthers have only lost 1 game this season and as mentioned that came against the Eels back in round 9 in a defeat that left a sting in the tail of the Premiers who want revenge given the somewhat controversial nature of the result in the eyes of some Panthers fans.

Last weekend, the Panthers were up against in their 20-10 after the Mountain Men had to fight their way back from 10-0 down to get back into the contest and ultimately take victory in tough conditions. The Panthers were outplayed in the first 20 minutes in the contest with pure dominance from the Sharks putting Penrith on the back foot before finding their groove and getting back into the contest for victory.

The Panthers have suffered a minor injury crisis after last weekend's clash with Origin stars Stephen Crichton and Jarome Luai both out of the contest. Crichton will miss at least this week's clash with that nasty ear injury that saw him undergo plastic surgery yesterday while Jarome Luai misses six weeks with a knee injury. Coach Ivan Cleary has named Robert Jennings in the centres while Sean O'Sullivan replaces Luai in the halves. The other notable change that has left many Panthers fans stunned is the addition of Charlie Staines to the bench though could just be a cover with Moses Leota named in the reserves after being ruled out late last week.

WHO TO WATCH: Leading into State Of Origin 3, there was a lot of commentary around the omission of Reagan Campbell-Gillard and his relationship with the Panthers contingent in the NSW squad and whether that played a role in his omission. There is no doubt that RCG and the Panthers have a frosty relationship since his departure at the end of 2019 and the relationship has yet to thaw and that means RCG will be looking to put on a performance.

With the loss of Jarome Luai, the Panthers have recalled Sean O'Sullivan into the side to replace the NSW representative. O'Sullivan has been a handy replacement for Penrith this season initially for Nathan Cleary when he was out injured and then over the Origin period leading the Panthers through an undefeated stretch. The man nicknamed SOS has answered the call before for the Panthers and can do it again.

FAVOURITE: Penrith's ladder position and form have them favourites despite the teamsheet drama.

MY TIP: This is a tough game to tip because the Eels always turn up for a Panthers contest and have pushed Penrith a long way and were only minutes away from victory in the finals last week. The Panthers have a couple of key players out but I still think there is just enough for them to get victory though it'll go down to the wire. Panthers by 4.

MONDAY'S EXPERT

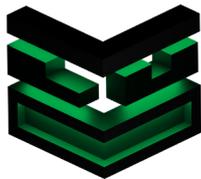
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WOMEN IN LEAGUE ROUND

2022 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP ROUND 20

GOLD COAST TITANS



CANBERRA RAIDERS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
23	16	4	-	-	16	AJ BRIMSON	1
19	2	1	-	-	4	Sosefo FIFITA	2
24	9	6	-	-	24	Phillip SAMI	3
26	13	4	-	-	16	Brian KELLY	4
25	15	1	-	-	4	Patrick HERBERT	5
21	12	1	-	-	4	Tanah BOYD	6
21	18	2	21	-	50	Toby SEXTON	7
22	17	-	-	-	-	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	8
26	2	-	-	-	-	Aaron BOOTH	9
22	17	4	-	-	16	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	10
22	12	4	-	-	16	David FIFITA	11
23	17	5	-	-	20	Beau FERMOR	12
24	18	2	-	-	8	Erin CLARK	13
22	8	1	-	-	4	Jayden CAMPBELL	14
27	7	1	-	-	4	Herman ESE'ESE	15
31	17	-	-	-	-	Isaac LIU	16
25	13	1	-	-	4	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	17
24	9	-	-	-	-	Sam McINTYRE	18
32	10	1	-	-	4	Corey THOMPSON	19
25	12	7	-	-	28	Greg MARZHEW	20
20	-	-	-	-	-	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA	21
22	4	-	-	-	-	Paul TURNER	22
Justin HOLBROOK							

FULLBACK

WING

CENTRE

CENTRE

WING

FIVE-EIGHTH

HALFBACK

FRONT ROW

HOOKER

FRONT ROW

SECOND ROW

SECOND ROW

LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

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

PENALTIES
SCRUMS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
20	12	4	-	-	16	Xavier SAVAGE	1
23	15	4	-	-	16	Nick COTRIC	2
22	18	6	-	-	24	Matthew TIMOKO	3
23	12	8	-	-	32	Sebastian KRIS	4
21	2	1	-	-	4	Albert HOPOATE	5
29	14	3	-	-	12	Jack WIGHTON	6
28	7	-	22	-	44	Jamal FOGARTY	7
30	17	2	-	-	8	Josh PAPALII	8
25	9	-	-	-	-	Zac WOOLFORD	9
28	18	1	-	-	4	Joseph TAPINE	10
24	16	6	-	-	24	Hudson YOUNG	11
32	15	2	-	-	8	Elliott WHITEHEAD	12
27	17	2	-	-	8	Adam ELLIOTT	13
24	18	1	-	-	4	Tom STARLING	14
26	13	-	-	-	-	Ryan SUTTON	15
24	8	-	-	-	-	Emre GULER	16
27	13	4	1	-	18	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	17
27	7	1	-	-	4	Matt FRAWLEY	18
26	11	2	-	-	8	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	19
21	-	-	-	-	-	Ata MARIOTA	20
23	8	3	-	-	12	Semi VALEMEI	21
23	-	-	-	-	-	Peter HOLA	22
Ricky STUART							

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MATCH DETAILS

DATE	SATURDAY 30 JULY 2022
KICKOFF	3:00PM AEST
VENUE	CBUS SUPER STADIUM ROBINA QLD / YUGAMBEH
WATCH	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, MIX CANBERRA, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	BEN CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	WYATT RAYMOND NICK MOREL
NRL BUNKER	KASEY BADGER

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 28	GOLD COAST 13 // CANBERRA 15
CBUS SUPER 13	GOLD COAST 7 // CANBERRA 6

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2020	R1	CANBERRA 24-6	GIO, 10610
2020	R15	CANBERRA 36-16	CBUS, 6561
2021	R4	CANBERRA 20-4	NETSTRATA, 5117
2021	R16	GOLD COAST 44-6	GIO, 7646
2022	R3	CANBERRA 24-22	GIO, 11457

BIGGEST WINS

2007	R18	CANBERRA 56-10	CANBERRA, 9136
2021	R16	GOLD COAST 44-6	GIO, 7646

NOTABLES

GLD	TANAH BOYD	TURNS 22 ON JULY 28
	JOSEPH VUNA	TURNS 24 ON JULY 31
	PHIL SAMI	TURNS 25 ON AUGUST 2
CAN	CHARNZE NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	TURNS 27 ON AUGUST 2
	RYAN SUTTON	TURNS 27 ON AUGUST 2
	EMRE GULER	49TH NRL MATCH

FORM

GLD	L L L L L	15TH, 8 PTS
CAN	L W L W W	10TH, 20 PTS

RUN HOME - NEXT 5 FIXTURES

GLD	MELBOURNE (A), MANLY (H), ST GEO ILLA (A), NEWCASTLE (H), WARRIORS (A)
CAN	PENRITH (H), ST GEO ILLA (H), NEWCASTLE (A) MANLY (H), WESTS TIGERS (A)

MATCH STATS COURTESY OF

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THE PREVIEW

with Lachlan McIntyre

Titans trouble as Holbrook hopes to snap losing streak

Saturday afternoon sees the Gold Coast Titans host the Canberra Raiders at CBUS Super Stadium with both teams having plenty to play for. The goal for the Canberra Raiders is a return to the finals, and with plenty of teams in the fight they will have to be clinical from here on out. As for the Titans, the wooden spoon is a very real possibility, and the club will be desperate to avoid a last place finish. Currently sitting in 10th, the Raiders are one of four teams with twenty competition points on the ladder. The Roosters, Sea Eagles, and the Dragons are all just as motivated to clinch that 8th and final spot, and with just six games left in the regular season anything could happen. If Canberra are to make a return to playing finals football, this weekend against the Titans is two points that they simply cannot drop.

Ricky Stuart's side are coming off a couple of very important wins since their bye. A gritty victory over the Storm in round 18 was a massive confidence-booster for the club, and they showed plenty of spirit last weekend to mount a comeback against the Warriors at home. Down 14-0 at the break, there was plenty of work to do in the second half, but Canberra responded strongly, piling on 26 unanswered points to take a twelve point win. The fightback was largely thanks to an outstanding second forty of football by Canberra's five-eighth Jack Wighton, who produced two incredibly important 40/20s that significantly shifted the momentum of the game. Both of these kicks gave his team the field position that led to tries, with bench forward Corey Harawira-Naera crossing for a second half double and being denied a hat trick by the bunker. He will be important off the bench again this weekend. But despite the strong second half showing there are still plenty of question marks over the Raiders. Struggling with inconsistency for a long time now, Canberra will need to be able to string together some full eighty minute performances if they want to go deeper into the competition, and there's no doubt that the Gold Coast can make them pay if they don't produce their best level of footy for the whole match. Canberra have named the same 17 this Tuesday, with the recovering Semi Valamei making an appearance in the reserves.

After such high hopes at the start of the season the Gold Coast Titans sit in 15th following 19 rounds. With the wooden spoon a serious possibility, pressure is mounting on their coach Justin Holbrook to find something to inspire his side with the regular season coming to a close. With rumours circling and fans angry, a win this weekend in front of a home crowd might be just what the Titans need to calm things down a little. A win is easier said than done however. With eight consecutive losses, the Titans have not been in the winners circle since round ten. Last weekend was a great opportunity to find just their fourth win of the season, playing against the lowly Bulldogs. But Gold Coast's defence let them down yet again, leaking 36 points in a ten point loss to Canterbury.

A major area that has come under scrutiny for the Gold Coast recently is their inexperienced spine. Losing Jamal Fogarty over the off-season has left a void, with a lot of trust being placed in the young Toby Sexton. Aaron Booth will play at hooker and AJ Brimson seems to be staying at fullback for now with Jayden Campbell on the bench. It's been a tough week for the Titans and rugby league in general, with a number of controversial issues gaining media attention. Senior player and former Gold Coast captain Kevin Proctor was sacked earlier this week for vaping in the dressing sheds at halftime, and in a team that is already lacking experienced players and leaders, it'll be interesting to see how the team responds this weekend. There are a number of changes in the Titans line up this week, with captain Tino Fa'asuamaleaui shifting to prop giving Erin Clark the chance to start at lock. Corey Thompson has not been included in the 17 with Brian Kelly moving into the centres and Patrick Herbet shifting out to the wing.

The last time these two teams met was back in round three, with Gold Coast roaring to a huge early lead before imploding in the second half. Canberra Raiders stole the win late in the match, getting over the line by a margin of just two points. Both sides will want to play with a lot more consistency throughout the eighty minutes this weekend. The Titans have won just one of their last seven meetings with the Canberra Raiders.

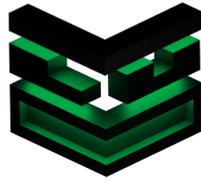
WHO TO WATCH: Young outside back Sosefo Fifita has been named to keep his spot on the wing in what will be just his third NRL appearance this weekend. Playing for Queensland in the Under 19s State of Origin game back in representative round, he has since made his NRL debut and scored his first try in the top grade last week. He is certainly one to watch not just for this weekend, but as his career develops also.

Titan-turned-Raider Jamal Fogarty will have a lot to play for this Saturday against his old club. Despite making his NRL debut in 2017 (at the Gold Coast), Fogarty spent a few more years in reserve grade before becoming a mainstay in the top grade. Now approaching 50 NRL appearances, he seems to be fitting in well at his new club. His combination with five-eighth Jack Wighton will be crucial for the Raiders in attack.

FAVOURITE: The Canberra Raiders are the favourites to win this Saturday on the Gold Coast.

MY TIP: The Titans defence has been absolutely atrocious for a long time now, and with things seemingly only going downhill at the club I can't see how they could challenge a confident Canberra outfit. Raiders by 20.

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
25	16	5	-	-	20	Will KENNEDY	1
26	9	5	-	-	20	Connor TRACEY	2
25	15	8	-	-	32	Jesse RAMIEN	3
25	16	6	-	-	24	Siosifa TALAKAI	4
22	16	12	-	-	48	Ronaldo MULITALO	5
31	18	4	-	1	17	Matt MOYLAN	6
26	17	3	49	3	113	Nicho HYNES	7
26	17	-	-	-	-	Toby RUDOLF	8
23	18	3	-	-	12	Blayke BRAILEY	9
26	13	1	-	-	4	Royce HUNT	10
24	16	2	-	-	8	Briton NIKORA	11
31	10	-	-	-	-	Wade GRAHAM	12
30	13	-	-	-	-	*Dale FINUCANE	13
22	17	5	-	-	20	Teig WILTON	14
28	17	1	-	-	4	Cameron McINNES	15
27	9	1	-	-	4	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	16
33	15	-	-	-	-	Andrew FIFITA	17
-	-	-	-	-	-	Kade DYKES	18
33	15	1	-	-	4	Aiden TOLMAN	19
22	11	-	2	-	4	Braydon TRINDALL	20
-	1	-	-	-	-	Jesse COLQUHOUN	21
28	2	1	-	-	4	Matt IKUVALU	22
* subject to judiciary							
Craig FITZGIBBON							

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

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
1	25	8	3	23	1	60	Latrell MITCHELL
2	27	17	21	-	-	84	Alex JOHNSTON
3	25	3	-	-	-	-	Jed CARTWRIGHT
4	22	7	2	-	-	8	Isaiah TASS
5	22	13	6	-	-	24	Jaxson PAULO
6	32	18	9	-	-	36	Cody WALKER
7	22	18	3	-	-	12	Lachlan ILIAS
8	25	17	2	-	-	8	Tevita TATOLA
9	31	16	7	-	-	28	Damien COOK
10	22	9^	-	-	-	-	Daniel SULUKA-FIFITA
11	24	18	5	-	-	20	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI
12	26	17	1	-	-	4	Jai ARROW
13	24	14	3	-	-	12	Cameron MURRAY
14	28	14^	1	10	-	24	Kodi NIKORIMA
15	19	9	-	-	-	-	Davy MOALE
16	29	15	1	-	-	4	Siliva HAVILI
17	30	17	1	-	-	4	Thomas BURGESS
18	23	9	2	30	-	68	Blake TAAFFE
19	32	5	2	-	-	8	Josh MANSOUR
20	27	15	6	-	-	24	Taane MILNE
21	21	-	-	-	-	-	Zane BIJORAC
22	26	3	-	-	-	-	Shaq MITCHELL
^ played 5 matches for Warriors							
Jason DEMETRIOU							

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#NRLSHARKSSOUTHS

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	SATURDAY 30 JULY 2022
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LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	GERARD SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	DREW OULTRAM JON STONE
NRL BUNKER	CHRIS BUTLER

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 90	CRONULLA 46 // SOUTHS 41 // DRAWS 3
POINTSBET 44	CRONULLA 31 // SOUTHS 12 // DRAWS 1

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2017	R20	CRONULLA 26-12	SC GROUP, 12123
2018	R13	SOUTHS 22-14	ANZ, 10410
2019	R20	CRONULLA 39-24	SHARKS, 13523
2020	R1	SOUTHS 22-18	ANZ, 6235
2021	R10 (M)	SOUTHS 32-22	SUNCORP, 42821

BIGGEST WINS

1969	R3	SOUTHS 43-4	REDFERN, 7822
1994	R22	CRONULLA 42-0	CALTEX 14,012

NOTABLES

CRO	WADE GRAHAM	HAS 47 NRL TRIES
	NICHO HYNES	HAS 49 CLUB GOALS
	CONNOR TRACEY	50TH CLUB GAME
SOU	CAMPBELL GRAHAM	HAS 47 NRL/CLUB TRIES

FORM

CRO	W W W W L	3RD, 26 PTS
SOU	L W W W W	6TH, 24 PTS

THE RUN HOME

CRO	ST GEO ILLA (H), WESTS TIGERS (A), MANLY (A) CANTERBURY (H), NEWCASTLE (A)
SOU	WARRIORS (H, SCS), PARRAMATTA (A), PENRITH (H), NORTH QLD (H), SYDNEY (A, ALLIANZ)

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THE PREVIEW

with AJ Lucantonio

Sharks look to bite back against in-form Rabbitohs

The Cronulla Sutherland Sharks are looking to bounce back in the winners circle as they take on the in-form South Sydney Rabbitohs in one of the matches of the round at PointsBet Stadium on Saturday evening.

Cronulla were at times unlucky on Saturday night against the defending premiers. Despite an early advantage, Penrith were able to wrestle momentum back straight after half-time and take control of the contest. It seemed at times Cronulla were overplaying their hands trying to put points on at every opportunity instead of grinding Penrith away as they did in the opening quarter of the game.

One shining light was Connor Tracey the self-proclaimed Mr Fix It of the Cronulla backline has played everywhere he's been required and hasn't put a foot wrong all season. Moving forward, their pack was unable to arrest the domination of Penrith's forwards after such a strong opening, that task gets a whole of a lot harder against South Sydney who are looking to keep a four point gap on the top eight. Nicho Hynes' kicking game was tactically good, but just wasn't good enough to defeat Penrith, so this game against an in-form Rabbitohs side could be the game that elevates him to an elite half in the competition. On the team front, they're without Dale Finucane who failed to get off at the judiciary this week. Cam McInnes will likely start at lock with Aidan Tolman firming to nab his bench spot.

Despite a shaky period in the middle of the season, it's safe to say any doubts about South Sydney have been put away to one side with an impressive recent month claiming the scalps of Parramatta, Newcastle, Canterbury and Melbourne. Although their defence in the Newcastle and Canterbury games would've had reasonable cause of concern for Jason Demetriou, they bounced back with a solid defensive game plan. If they can shut down Cronulla's strike players in similar fashion, it'll go a long way to victory and security inside the top eight.

South Sydney have maintained their perfect July record this season with four straight victories and will be looking to end the month with a big victory over Cronulla away from Homebush. Their performance last week defeating a vastly understrength Melbourne showcases their ability to defeat sides that are around the log-jam fighting for places 5-8 in the competition. Latrell Mitchell was back at his scintillating best and with the forwards finally giving their backs a platform these last few weeks, Souths have reached their potential and are firing at the right end of the season. On the team front, only the one change with Mark Nicholls out of the side, replaced by new signing Daniel Suluka-Fifta up front, who starts for the first time at NRL level.

WHO TO WATCH: When Cronulla let go of Jayden Brailey in 2019, the pressure cooker position of dummy half was thrown on the shoulders of younger brother Blayke Brailey. It's safe to say that he's smashed all expectations placed upon him and has been an underrated player for the Sharks in season 2022. Brailey has averaged 42 tackles a game this season at an efficiency rate of 95.3% and is a noted runner of the football. He was quiet running last week against the premiers but once he gets a sniff around the markers, he can turn the game on it's head.

After being hooked against the Dragons in Round 15, Lachlan Ilias has come back from the experience a much better player and the saviour of the Rabbitohs that many fans and experts predicted him to be. He's bounced back with a great kicking game giving the Rabbitohs much needed guidance in attack, having the support of Latrell Mitchell has allowed Ilias to be more composed and calmer throughout the attacking third. Ilias can be the difference to give Souths a much needed win to secure a place inside the top eight.

FAVOURITE: Cronulla are the favourites for this clash of the giants. Souths have a poor record at PointsBet Stadium since 1998 winning only 5 of the 18 clashes between the two sides at this venue.

MY TIP: With both sides in red hot form this season, it's expected this clash will be a blockbuster as they try to stamp their claim on making the finals this season. However, with Cronulla red hot at Shark Park this season, my crystal ball has the Sharks winning this one comfortably even with forward leader Dale Finucane sidelined through suspension. Sharks by 12.

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BRISBANE BRONCOS



WESTS TIGERS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
20	8	2	-	-	8	Tesi NIU	1
27	16	16	-	-	64	Corey OATES	2
23	17	5	14	-	48	Kotoni STAGGS	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	Deine MARINER	4
28	4	3	-	-	12	Delouise HOETER	5
-	8	4	-	-	16	Ezra MAM	6
32	14	6	49	-	122	Adam REYNOLDS	7
22	12	-	-	-	-	Thomas FLEGLER	8
28	17	2	-	-	8	Billy WALTERS	9
22	14	1	-	-	4	Payne HAAS	10
29	13	3	-	1	13	Kurt CAPEWELL	11
22	17	3	-	-	12	Jordan RIKI	12
24	12	-	-	-	-	Patrick CARRIGAN	13
22	11	1	-	-	4	Cory PAIX	14
23	17	-	-	-	-	Kobe HETHERINGTON	15
28	13	-	-	-	-	Corey JENSEN	16
25	18	-	-	-	-	Keenan PALASIA	17
26	9	1	-	-	4	Te Maire MARTIN	18
25	2	-	-	-	-	Zac HOSKING	19
25	9	-	-	-	-	Jake TURPIN	20
26	7	-	-	-	-	Brenko LEE	21
19	1	-	-	-	-	Xavier WILLISON	22
Kevin WALTERS							

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PENALTIES
SCRUMS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
22	12	1	-	-	4	Daine LAURIE	1
26	11 [^]	1	-	-	4	Brent NADEN	2
22	14	1	-	-	4	Starford TO'A	3
22	5	1	-	-	4	Asu KEPAOA	4
27	14	11	-	-	44	Ken MAUMALO	5
23	4	1	5	-	14	Adam DOUEIHI	6
27	16	2	13	1	35	Luke BROOKS	7
33	13	2	-	-	8	James TAMOU	8
27	6	3	-	-	12	Fa'amanu BROWN	9
26	17	1	-	-	4	Joe OFAHENGAUE	10
23	13	-	-	-	-	Alex SEYFARTH	11
23	15	-	-	-	-	Kelma TUILAGI	12
26	14	-	10	1	21	Jackson HASTINGS	13
20	3	-	-	-	-	Fonua POLE	14
26	17	1	-	-	4	Zane MUSGROVE	15
24	2	-	-	-	-	Austin DIAS	16
30	8	1	-	-	4	Tyrone PEACHEY	17
22	8	1	4	-	12	Jock MADDEN	18
19	4	2	-	-	8	Junior TUPOU	19
19	-	-	-	-	-	Brandon TUMETH	20
29	5	-	-	-	-	James ROBERTS	21
27	-	-	-	-	-	Thomas FREEBAIRN	22
^ played 8 matches for Canterbury							
Brett KIMMORLEY							

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#NRLBRONCOSTIGERS

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	SATURDAY 30 JULY 2022
KICKOFF	7:35PM AEST
VENUE	SUNCORP STADIUM MILTON QLD / YUGGERA - TURRBAL
WATCH	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	ADAM GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	MICHAEL WISE NICK PELGRAVE
NRL BUNKER	GRANT ATKINS

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 30	BRISBANE 21 // WESTS TIGERS 8 // DRAWS 1
SUNCORP 13	BRISBANE 7 // WESTS TIGERS 6

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2017	R11	BRISBANE 36-0	SUNCORP, 21197
2018	R3	BRISBANE 9-7	CAMPBELLTOWN, 11434
2019	R5	WESTS TIGERS 22-16	SUNCORP, 24398
2020	R10	WESTS TIGERS 48-0	LEICHHARDT, 2633
2021	R18	WESTS TIGERS 42-24	SUNCORP, 24894

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R20	BRISBANE 56-12	QEII STADIUM, 19953
2020	R10	WESTS TIGERS 48-0	LEICHHARDT, 2633

NOTABLES

BRI	XAVIER WILLISON	TURNS 20 ON AUGUST 2
WST	JUNIOR TUPOU	TURNS 20 ON JULY 29
	BRENT NADEN	50TH NRL MATCH

FORM

BRI	L L W W W	4TH, 26 PTS
WST	L L L L L	16TH, 8 PTS

THE RUN HOME

BRI	SYDNEY (A), NEWCASTLE (H), MELBOURNE (H), PARRAMATTA (H), ST GEO ILLA (A, NJS)
WST	NEWCASTLE (H, CSS), CRONULLA (H, TWTH), SYDNEY (A), ST GEO ILLA (H, CBK), CANBERRA (H, LO)

MATCH STATS COURTESY OF

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THE PREVIEW

with Lachy MacCorquodale

The Wests Tigers travel north again, this time to Brisbane, as they look to put Sunday's heartbreaking loss behind them.

It's fair to say that the Tigers were robbed of their first victory since May and unfortunately for the club, the result extends their current losing streak to seven games. However, the result aside, the performance from the Tigers was their best in a long time as they took it to the current second placed Cowboys, nearly walking away with a surprising victory. Albeit a rather poor performance from the Cowboys who came up with 16 errors for the match, the Tigers still had to play some of their best footy to produce scoring opportunities. The Tigers outside backs and halves were at their best as they continually troubled the Cowboys line, something which we haven't seen much of from the Tigers this season. Luke Brooks came away with two try assists for his effort which should give him extra confidence heading into another big clash against the Broncos this Saturday. The player who'll take the most out of Sunday's match is Daine Laurie. In arguably his finest performance for the joint venture, the fullback assisted two tries, made two line breaks, ran for 184 metres and broke 12 tackles. It's of upmost importance for Laurie to pull out a performance of similar vein if they are to knock-off the in-form Broncos.

The Tigers will opt for a similar game plan this weekend, which saw the Tigers shift the ball wide and early with the inclusion of Jackson Hastings at lock. It's benefitted the team so far with two close losses since Hastings' move to the number 13 jersey and it's made the Tigers much better to watch as they've looked to utilise their players out wide more than they previously had been.

The biggest challenge for the Tigers is going to be containing the barnstorming Broncos forward pack. An extremely talented forward pack that gets through plenty of work and given the Tigers defence in the middle at times this season, it could be a tactic for the Broncos to try and tire the Tigers' middle forwards by directing their attack there. The Tigers' middle remains the same for this weekend's clash with the only change to the line up seeing Alex Seyfarth move into the back row with Luke Garner dropping out of the side. Youngster Austin Dias fills in the empty spot on the bench. Meanwhile, the Broncos have made a few changes to their line-up. Billy Walters returns from injury and replaces Jake Turpin at dummy-half, Delouise Hoeter takes Jordan Pereira's spot on the wing due to illness and Deine Mariner makes his debut in the centres at the expense of Brenko Lee.

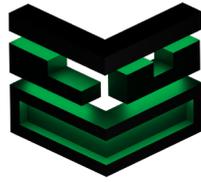
Speaking of the Broncos, Brisbane are coming of an emphatic victory over fellow top eight side, the Parramatta Eels, after defeating them by 22 points on Thursday night. As a result, the Broncos now sit in fourth spot on the competition ladder and a win against the last placed Tigers this Saturday will keep them there for another week. The game was played in rough conditions, but the Broncos' forward pack was more than up for the challenge with the likes of Payne Haas, Patrick Carrigan and Thomas Flegler all having fantastic games. Haas' in particular was superb, accumulating 225 run metres and breaking an incredible nine tackles to go along with a four pointer, his first of the year. Along with the forwards, Adam Reynolds was fantastic with the ball at his feet on Thursday as he has been all season and he could play a big role in this weekend's match. Reynolds will look to turn the Tigers around with his long kicking game and in doing so, attempt to reduce Laurie's impact on the game. Reynolds will have a new weapon to utilise this Saturday. Debutant Deine Mariner will start in the centres after some strong performances for Wynnum-Manly in the Queensland Cup. Mariner has scored eight tries in seven appearances this season and has broken 34 tackles to go with it. The Tigers won't know much about the young lad and that'll work into the Broncos favour. With Kotoni Staggs on one side and Mariner on the other, their could be some exciting second phase footy on display from the Broncos.

WHO TO WATCH: Two of the key players for Saturday's clash reside in the halves. For the Broncos, it's star halfback Adam Reynolds and for the Tigers, it's young Adam Doueihi who has only recently returned from injury. Firstly, Reynolds has been exceptional in his first year at the club and has impacted the club immediately as they surprisingly sit in the top four spots on the ladder after finishing 14th last season. The Broncos were desperate for someone of Reynolds' ilk and they finally got their man and the club has flourished with his arrival. So far this season, Reynolds has assisted 15 tries in just 14 games this season, on track for a career-high in that statistic and has forced seven dropouts to go with it. His performance will go a long way to determining the result of this fixture. His former teammate, Doueihi played just his fifth game of the season on Sunday and set up what would've been the match winning try with a great offload for Daine Laurie. The 25-year-old has been looking better with each match since returning from injury. Over the last two weeks since starting at five-eighth, Doueihi has ran for just over 200 metres and broken nine tackles showcasing his dangerous running game. His return gives Brooks another target for his cross-field kicks, which we saw on the weekend and it has been a source for points in the past.

FAVOURITE: The Broncos enter this clash as favourites after a great victory over the Parramatta Eels and a successful season so far. The Tigers languish in 16th place but played their best football of recent times on the weekend, however, are they able to do it two weeks in a row?

MY TIP: Broncos should be able to knock-off the Tigers in this one and if they can hold the ball better than the Cowboys did on the weekend, then they should have no problems walking away with the two points. If they want to be a top four side, this is the sort of game you must win. Broncos by 12.

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
22	6	1	2	-	8	Tex HOY	1
29	13	11	-	-	44	Edrick LEE	2
31	14	3	-	-	12	Dane GAGAI	3
23	17	5	-	-	20	Enari TUALA	4
28	1	-	-	-	-	Hymel HUNT	5
27	8	-	6	-	12	Anthony MILFORD	6
26	14	2	-	-	8	Adam CLUNE	7
28	14	1	-	-	4	David KLEMMER	8
26	3	-	-	-	-	Jayden BRAILEY	9
26	14	-	-	-	-	Daniel SAIFITI	10
30	16	3	-	-	12	Tyson FRIZELL	11
28	12	1	-	-	4	Mitchell BARNETT	12
24	7	-	-	-	-	Brodie JONES	13
22	13	1	-	-	4	Phoenix CROSSLAND	14
26	17	1	-	-	4	Jacob SAIFITI	15
23	5	-	-	-	-	Pasami SAULO	16
22	10	1	-	-	4	Mat CROKER	17
21	9	-	-	-	-	Simi SASAGI	18
24	2	-	-	-	-	Jack JOHNS	19
24	10	2	17	-	42	Jake CLIFFORD	20
20	14	8	-	-	32	Dominic YOUNG	21
29	11	1	-	-	4	Kurt MANN	22
Adam O'BRIEN							

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- LOCK
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PENALTIES
SCRUMS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
21	14	8	-	-	32	Jake AVERILLO	1
20	9	3	-	-	12	Jacob KIRAZ	2
21	13	3	-	-	12	Aaron SCHOUPP	3
26	8	3	-	-	12	Braidon BURNS	4
26	17	14	-	-	56	Josh ADDO-CARR	5
22	18	5	39	-	98	Matt BURTON	6
23	14	1	5	-	14	Kyle FLANAGAN	7
25	18	-	-	-	-	Max KING	8
26	18	5	-	-	20	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	9
31	18	1	-	-	4	Paul VAUGHAN	10
20	-	-	-	-	-	Jackson TOPINE	11
25	16	-	-	-	-	Corey WADDELL*	12
31	17	-	-	-	-	Josh JACKSON	13
27	8	-	-	-	-	Zach DOCKAR-CLAY	14
26	15	1	-	-	4	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	15
26	15	2	-	-	8	Joe STIMSON	16
20	10	-	-	-	-	Chris PATOLO	17
22	3	1	-	-	4	Declan CASEY	19
22	3	1	-	-	4	Kurtis MORRIN	20
20	8	-	-	-	-	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	21
21	-	-	-	-	-	Harrison EDWARDS	22
23	-	-	-	-	-	Tuipulotu KATOA	23
* subject to judiciary							
Michael POTTER							

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#NRLKNIGHTSBULLDOGS

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022
KICKOFF	2:00PM AEST
VENUE	MCDONALD JONES STADIUM NEW LAMBTON NSW / AWABAKAL
WATCH	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	CHRIS BUTLER
TOUCH JUDGES	DARIAN FURNER DAVE MUNRO
NRL BUNKER	KASEY BADGER

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 52	NEWCASTLE 24 // CANTERBURY 27 // DRAWS 1
MCD. JONES 25	NEWCASTLE 13 // CANTERBURY 12

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2019	R17	CANTERBURY 20-14	MCD JONES, 17757
2020	R11	CANTERBURY 18-12	MCD JONES, 3521
2021	R1	NEWCASTLE 32-16	MCD JONES, 19555
2021	R23	NEWCASTLE 22-16	CBUS SUPER, 2343
2021	R10 (M)	NEWCASTLE 16-6	SUNCORP, 30220

BIGGEST WINS

1995	R13	NEWCASTLE 42-0	MCD JONES, 25229
2004	R25	CANTERBURY 52-6	TELSTRA, 20043

NOTABLES

NEW	PASAMI SAULO	URNS 24 ON AUGUST 1
CBY	JOSH ADDO-CARR	URNS 27 ON JULY 28
	PAUL VAUGHAN	200TH NRL GAME

FORM

NEW	L W L L L	14TH, 12 PTS
CBY	W W L L W	12TH, 12 PTS

THE RUN HOME

NEW	WESTS TIGERS (A, CSS), BRISBANE (A), CANBERRA (H), GOLD COAST (A), CRONULLA (H)
CBY	NORTH QLD (H, BDBG), WARRIORS (A), PARRAMATTA (A) CRONULLA (A), MANLY (H)

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THE PREVIEW

with Andrew Jackson

Reborn Bulldogs look to keep momentum rolling against Knights

The Newcastle Knights and Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs both find themselves out of finals contention and on the same amount of points heading into Sunday afternoon's game.

But their respective fan bases could not be feeling more different.

For Newcastle fans, a season that started with two-straight wins has quickly unraveled into yet another example of just how far away the Knights are from being legitimate contenders.

Adam O'Brien's future as head coach is doubtful, with Newcastle losing five of its past six games.

Most concerning has been the way McDonald Jones Stadium has transformed from a fortress to one of the easiest road trips in the league, with the Knights constantly giving up large margins in front of their home fans like they did last week against the Roosters (42-12).

Newcastle has a chance to change that, at least in the short-term, this weekend against the Bulldogs although they will be without fullback Kalyn Ponga.

Ponga may in fact sit out the remainder of the season after suffering repeated head knocks, with the Super League-bound Tex Hoy named as his replacement.

The challenge for the Knights now will be finding points with their best attacking player sidelined.

Roosters coach Trent Robinson admitted himself last week that "as soon as Kalyn went off, you sort of knew that they were going to struggle on their creativity on the back of any opportunities they got".

That should sound alarm bells for coach O'Brien as it is an admission from a rival coach that his Newcastle outfit is far too reliant on Ponga and unable to adapt without their talismanic fullback.

It also speaks volumes to O'Brien's coaching and inability to get the most out of his playing group as the best teams in the competition are able to still get the job done without their best players.

Bulldogs interim coach Mick Potter is the perfect example of someone who is getting the most out of a less-than-ideal situation. When Trent Barrett exited Belmore mid-season, Bulldogs fans wanted some reason to believe that this year's signings and next season's recruits would bring success to one of the league's biggest clubs.

Matt Burton and Josh Addo-Carr had shown glimpses of what they were capable of but Potter needed the rest of the squad to follow suit. They have done just that, turning into the league's unlikely entertainers in recent weeks and piling on the points. You only have to look at the long-range tries and linebreaks the Bulldogs managed last week in a 36-26 win over the Titans.

The defence is still a work-in-progress but the signs are there that they are turning things around under Potter's watch.

In team news, Jake Averillo (Covid-19) is back with Declan Casey bumped back to the reserves while Raymond Faitala-Mariner (ribs) is sidelined, shifting Josh Jackson to lock and seeing Jackson Tapine join the line-up. Corey Waddell will miss the clash after copping a five week suspension at the judiciary on Tuesday night, which will likely see Kurtis Morrin recalled to the 17.

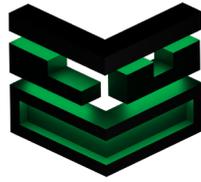
WHO TO WATCH: The Knights desperately need to find some spark in attack without Ponga. The best chance of finding that is five-eighth Anthony Milford. The skills are certainly there but it is a case of Milford applying himself consistently. The big question is whether the 28-year-old has the motivation to do just that. Milford is off to the Dolphins next year so it is not like he needs to perform at the highest level to secure a contract. The Knights need to ask themselves whether they should be planning ahead for next season and drop Milford given he won't be at the Hunter next year. If Milford wants to be playing first-grade he too needs to prove he deserves his spot. This is his chance.

Yet to play a minute of first grade this year, Jackson Topine's absence from the Bulldogs' top side has been puzzling. Topine is off-contract at the end of this season too but has spoken previously about his willingness to die for the club. That may sound like an over-exaggeration but with the way Topine runs the ball and tackles in defence, you would be brave to doubt him. An injury to Faitala-Mariner has given Topine the perfect chance to make a statement on the NRL stage and make it clear to Bulldogs powerbrokers that he deserves a new deal.

FAVOURITE: Recent form is enough to see the Bulldogs well-backed to get the win.

MY TIP: Without Ponga, it is hard to see the Knights matching the rejuvenated Bulldogs for points. Bulldogs by 18.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS



NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
28	18	2	-	-	8	Moses MBYE	1
21	14	6	-	-	24	Mathew FEAGAI	2
27	17	4	1	-	18	Jack BIRD	3
22	18	5	51	1	123	Zac LOMAX	4
28	4	1	-	-	4	Tautau MOGA	5
20	18	1	-	-	4	Talatau AMONE	6
32	17	6	-	-	24	Ben HUNT	7
31	18	3	-	-	12	Jack de BELIN	8
32	15	2	-	-	8	Andrew McCULLOUGH	9
25	18	1	-	-	4	Blake LAWRIE	10
23	2	-	-	-	-	Billy BURNS	11
24	12	4	-	-	16	Jaydn SU'A	12
32	15	1	-	-	4	Tariq SIMS	13
20	4	1	-	-	4	Tyrell SLOAN	14
31	13	-	-	-	-	Aaron WOODS	15
27	18	1	-	-	4	Francis MOLO	16
32	8	-	-	-	-	Josh McGUIRE	17
25	5	1	-	-	4	Michael MOLO	18
21	-	-	-	-	-	Max FEAGAI	19
23	1	-	-	-	-	Jaiyden HUNT	20
26	4	-	-	-	-	Tyrell FUIMAONO	21
24	3	-	-	-	-	Jackson FORD	22
Anthony GRIFFIN							

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COACH

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	25	14	6	4	-	32
2	30	14	9	-	-	36
3	26	16	7	67	2	164
4	29	18	3	-	-	12
5	23	17	11	-	-	44
6	21	16	6	-	-	24
7	31	18	-	2	1	5
8	25	16	-	-	-	-
9	24	18	5	-	-	20
10	26	15 [^]	1	-	-	4
11	21	17	2	-	-	8
12	19	15	14	-	-	56
13	29	17	-	-	-	-
14	20	15	5	-	-	20
15	33	12	-	-	-	-
16	25	10	-	-	-	-
17	21	16	2	-	-	8
18	24	4	2	-	-	8
19	30	2	-	-	-	-
20	23	10	1	-	-	4
21	28	3	-	-	-	-
22	22	-	-	-	-	-
^ played 12 matches for Wests Tigers						
Todd PAYTEN						

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#NRLDRAGONSCOWBOYS

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022
KICKOFF	4:05PM AEST
VENUE	NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM CARLTON NSW / BIDJIGAL
WATCH	NINE NETWORK & 9NOW FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	CHRIS SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	BELINDA SHARPE PHIL HENDERSON
NRL BUNKER	GERARD SUTTON

HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 36	ST GEO ILLA 17 // NORTH QLD 19
NETSTRATA 5	ST GEO ILLA 4 // NORTH QLD 1

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2019	R15	ST GEO ILLA 22-14	WIN, 7008
2020	R17	NORTH QLD 23-22	QLD C.B., 6755
2021	R2	ST GEO ILLA 25-18	QLD C.B., 15120
2021	R24	NORTH QLD 38-26	BROWNE, 4487
2021	R14	NORTH QLD 31-12	QLD C.B., 14683

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R13	NORTH QLD 50-4	DAIRY FMRS, 13768
2001	R7	ST GEO ILLA 48-12	WIN, 9583

NOTABLES

THIS IS THE COWBOYS' FIRST MATCH AGAINST THE DRAGONS AT KOGARAH SINCE 2014.

FORM

SGI	W W L L W	11TH, 20 PTS
NQL	W W W L W	2ND, 28 PTS

THE RUN HOME

SGI	CRONULLA (A), CANBERRA (A), GOLD COAST (H, WIN) WESTS TIGERS (A, CBK), BRISBANE (H, NJS)
NQL	CANTERBURY (A, BDBG), SYDNEY (A), WARRIORS (H) SOUTHS (A), PENRITH (H)

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THE PREVIEW

with Tim Costello

Every week a finals contest for the Red V

After upsetting Manly last Friday, the Dragons suddenly have appeared to put their season back on track following back-to-back losses which helped tumble them out of the eight, in what's shaping to be one of the most competitive races for the final finals spot in years.

We all know what happened with the Cowboys - but with so much focus on the controversial finish, there hasn't been a lot made of the fact the team running second came within a whisker of losing to the last-placed Wests Tigers.

These sides met just six rounds ago where North Queensland comfortably ran away with a 19-point victory at Queensland Country Bank Stadium. Since then both teams have faltered somewhat.

What it means to each team and the stakes are huge. For St George Illawarra, a loss will have them playing catch-up with the Sea Eagles, Raiders and Roosters in the race for that last finals spot. If the Cowboys falter, the Sharks and Broncos are nipping at their heels and look ready to knock them out of second place over the coming weeks. Cronulla only recently took care of Todd Payten's men, who have looked weaker since the Origin period wrapped up a fortnight ago.

Working against the Saints the most is their points differential. The Roosters and Manly are in positive territory, while the Raiders are just the wrong side of zero... while the Dragons' is bad. At -98 (a big chunk of that sustained in a 54-26 loss to the Roosters a fortnight ago), they will almost certainly need to rely on winning more games than their counterparts on the same number of points between now and the end of the 2022 season.

In team news - Cody Ramsey and Jayden Sullivan are out of the St George Illawarra side after sustaining injuries in Round 19. Mbye moves to fullback for Ramsey, Bird shifting back row to centre for Mbye, and Sims joins the starting side at lock. Sloan and Woods are the new faces on the interchange.

The Cowboys are lucky enough to be taking the same lineup into this week's game, with Jordan McLean still a little while away after his hamstring issue saw him miss out on Origin III a few weeks ago. There is one potential positive in the reserves list though, with Reuben Cotter listed for a possible return.

WHO TO WATCH: Anthony Griffin has shuffled the decks after losing Cody Ramsey at fullback, and the net result sees Jack Bird in the centres. Bird has had a decent season for the Red V, largely performing well in the back row. Shifting further to the edges will be a challenge, but one Bird is no doubt up for.

North Queensland could do with another forward on the bench - having a back-up hooker in Jake Granville and a backline force like Tabuai-Fidow taking up two spots has arguably not helped the Cowboys in recent weeks. If Cotter returns that may well change, but as currently listed, it's a lot to ask of the forward pack, along with bench forwards JTB and Neame.

FAVOURITE: The Cowboys are second for a reason, and despite being on the road, are well-backed for victory.

MY TIP: The Wests Tigers made the Cowboys look second-rate for much of Sunday's match, while the Dragons appeared to have turned a corner. I'll stick with the Cowboys here but it'll be close and a Dragons win won't be a surprise, especially at Kogarah. North Queensland by 6.

TEAMLIST TUESDAY

ALL THE GRADES, IN ONE SPOT

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KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP - ROUND 20

PARRAMATTA EELS v PENRITH PANTHERS

Friday 29 July 5:30pm, Commbank Stadium, Parramatta

Referee: Darian Furner; Sideline Officials: Nick Beasel, Tom Cambourn

PARRAMATTA: 1. Jordan Rankin 2. Solomone Naiduki 3. Zac Cini 4. Hayze Perham 5. Sean Russell 6. Jack Williams 7. Jakob Arthur 8. Ofahiki Ogden 9. Brendan Hands 10. Ky Rodwell 11. Elie El Zakhem 12. Tom Opacic 13. Nathan Brown 14. Mitch Rein 15. Tevita Taumoepeu 16. Wiremu Greig 17. Toni Mataele **PENRITH:** 1. Isaiah Longi 2. Christian Crichton 3. Thomas Jenkins 4. Sunia Turuva 5. Daeon Amituanai 6. Jack Cole 7. Trent Toelau 8. Alec Susino 9. Soni Luke 10. Lindsay Smith 11. Preston Riki 12. Chris Smith 13. J'maine Hopgood 14. Jarrod Brackenhofer 15. Liam Henry 16. Ativalu Lisati 17. John Faiumu

MOUNTIES v WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES

Saturday 30 July 12:40pm, Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah

Referee: Keiren Irons; Sideline Officials: Liam Nicholls, Rickey McFarlane

MOUNTIES: 1. Dylan Smith 2. Watson Heleta 3. Tim Simona 4. Semisi Kioa 5. Tuipulotu Katoa 6. Brad Abbey 7. Jarrett Subloo 8. Ben Seufale 9. Josh Daley 10. Jack Quinn 11. Haimona Hiroti 12. Dane Aukafolau 13. Dean Matterson 14. Zac Hetherington 15. Stuart Mason 18. Josh Carr 19. Denzal Tonise **WESTS:** 1. Israel Ogden 2. David Nofoluma 3. Triston Reilly 4. James Roberts 5. Junior Pauga 6. Oliver Gildart 7. Joseph Taipari 8. Aistasi James 9. Jake Simpkin 10. Christian Ma'anaima 11. Henry O'Kane 12. Aden Perry 13. Jacob Liddle 14. Ray Jankovic 15. Tukimihia Simpkins 16. Keaton Walkington-Mead 17. Zayn Wilkins

CANBERRA RAIDERS v ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

Saturday 30 July 3:00pm, Raiders Belconnen, Holt

Referee: Cameron Paddy; Sideline Officials: Cameron Turner, Nathan Loveday

CANBERRA: 1. Sione Vuki 2. Utulua Asouma 3. Brad Morkos 4. Semi Valemei 5. Steven Numambo 6. Mitchell Spencer 7. Brad Schneider 8. Peter Hola 9. Mitchel Souter 10. Ata Mariota 11. Juwan Compain 12. Clay Webb 13. Loghan Lewis 14. Manase Kaho 16. Jed Stuart 17. Joshua Allen **ST GEO ILLA:** 1. Treigh Stewart 2. Jonathon Reuben 3. Ethan Clark-Wood 4. Sam McCann 5. Alexander Lobb 6. Kamren Cryer 7. Zach Herring 8. Poasa Faamausili 9. Connor Muhleisen 10. Josh Carr 11. Jack Gosiewski 12. Toby Couchman 13. Nathan Leatigaga 14. Mitch Francis 15. Joshua Coric 16. Lucas Castle 17. Sam Hooper

NEWTOWN JETS v SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

Saturday 30 July 3:00pm, Henson Park, Marrickville

Referee: Daniel Luttringer; Sideline Officials: Cameron Mitchell, Ben Teague

NEWTOWN: 1. Lachlan Miller 2. Matt Ikuvalu 3. Mawene Hiroti 4. Kayal Iro 5. Tyla Tamou 6. Luke Metcalf 7. Braydon Trindall 8. Thomas Hazelton 9. Jayden Berrell 10. Jesse Colquhoun 11. Charbel Tasipale 12. Kayne Kalache 13. Billy Magoulias 15. Rhys Davies 17. Caleb Uele 18. Liam Harris 21. Franklin Pele 22. Jenson Taumoepeau 23. Vincent Rennie **SOUTHS:** 1. Blake Taaffe 2. Josh Mansour 3. Jacob Gagai 4. Richard Kennar 5. Isaac Thompson 6. Jack Campagnolo 7. Dean Hawkins 8. Hugo Patterson 9. Shannon Gardiner 10. Shaq Mitchell 11. Taane Milne 12. Trent

RON MASSEY CUP

ROUND 17 RESULTS

Hills Bulls (32) Tries: Patillai Bolea 2, Dion Narayan, Curtis Wilson, Maile Li, Giordan Patea; Goals: Brad Keighran 4 **def Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (4)** Tries: Reggie Alofipo at **Lidcombe Oval**

Western Suburbs Magpies (16) Tries: Kieran Wyld, Dean Kulevski, Joseph Taipari; Goals: Nautu'a Masima 2 **drew with Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (16)** Tries: Richard Holani, Lewis Afeaki, Bailey King; Goals: Dylan White 1, Masi Fidow 1 at **Lidcombe Oval**

Wentworthville Magpies (22) Tries: Jayden Yates 2, Jordan Latham, Max Lehmann; Goals: Liam O'Brien 3 **def Kaiviti Silktails (12)** Tries: Watisoni Waqanisaravi, Paula Walisoliso; Goals: Mosese Qionimacawa 2 at **Ringrose Park**

Glebe Dirty Reds (28) Tries: Johnathan Tufuga, Riley Travers, Michael Pearsall, Thomas Worthington, Mason McCarthy; Goals: Eli Levido 4 **def St Marys (0)** at **St Marys Leagues Stadium**

BYE: Mounties

LADDER AFTER ROUND 17

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Hills Bulls	14	13	1	0	423	146	277	30
2	Glebe Dirty Reds	15	11	4	0	464	246	218	26
3	St Marys	14	11	3	0	350	226	124	26
4	Wentworthville	14	7	7	0	302	274	28	18
5	Mounties	14	6	8	0	260	342	-82	16
6	Kaiviti Silktails	13	5	8	0	304	303	1	14
7	RE Hawks	14	4	9	1	256	362	-106	13
8	B.W. Sea Eagles	15	3	10	2	250	446	-196	10
9	Western Suburbs	15	2	12	1	182	446	-264	9

FORFEIT NOTICE: Round 16 postponed match between Wenty and Wests awarded to Wentworthville on forfeit (30-12)

RESCHEDULED MATCHES: Round 14 postponed match between Ryde-Eastwood and St Marys rescheduled to be played Sunday 7 August

Peoples 13. James Hasson 14. Romano Cook 15. Tallis Duncan 16. Darcy Hardman 17. Tyson Hodge 18. Maila Chan-Foon 19. Nick Mougios

BYES: Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Newcastle Knights, North Sydney Bears

ROUND 19 RESULTS

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (39) Tries: Creedence Toia, Bailey Biondi-Odo, Jackson Topine, Reece Hoffman, Harrison Edwards, Jeral Skelton, Ryan Gray; Goals: Brandon Wakeham 5; Field Goals: Bailey Biondi-Odo 1 **def Canberra Raiders (26)** Tries: Elijah Anderson, Matt Frawley, Adrian Trevilyan, Brad Schneider, Steven Numambo; Goals: Brad Schneider 3 at **GIO Stadium Canberra**

St George Illawarra Dragons (24) Tries: Max Feagai 2, Treigh Stewart 3; Goals: Sam Hooper 2 **def Newcastle Knights (22)** Tries: Chris Randall, Heath Gibbs, Luke Huth, Liam Wiscombe; Goals: Floyd Tighe 3 at **St John Oval**

Newtown Jets (20) Tries: Mawene Hiroti, Franklin Pele, Matt Ikuvalu, Kade Dykes; Goals: Mawene Hiroti 2 **def North Sydney Bears (14)** Tries: Sandon Smith, Ethan King; Goals: Adam Keighran 3 at **Henson Park**

South Sydney Rabbitohs (30) Tries: Izaac Thompson 3, Romano Cook, Shannon Gardiner; Goals: Blake Taaffe 5 **def Mounties RLFC (0)** at **Accor Stadium**

Penrith Panthers (48) Tries: Daeon Amituanai 2, Thomas Jenkins, Charlie Staines, Preston Riki, Jack Cole, Soni Luke, Chris Smith; Goals: Jack Cole 8 **def Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (6)** Tries: Pio Seci; Goals: Ben Stevanovic 1 at **HE Laybutt Sporting Complex**

BYES: Parramatta Eels, Western Suburbs Magpies

LADDER AFTER ROUND 19

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Newtown Jets	18	13	4	1	505	339	166	29
2	Penrith Panthers	18	13	5	0	518	288	230	28
3	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	18	12	6	0	475	318	157	26
4	Parramatta Eels	17	10	7	0	410	318	92	24
5	North Sydney Bears	18	10	7	1	457	397	60	23
6	Canberra Raiders	17	9	7	1	434	393	41	23
7	South Sydney Rabbitohs	18	10	8	0	441	343	98	22
8	St George Illawarra Dragons	18	8	8	2	410	470	-60	20
9	Newcastle Knights	18	7	11	0	393	433	-40	16
10	Mounties RLFC	17	5	12	0	297	462	-165	14
11	Western Suburbs Magpies	17	4	12	1	307	558	-251	13
12	Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles	18	2	16	0	246	574	-328	6

ROUND 18 FIXTURES

MOUNTIES v WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES

Saturday 30 July 10:40am, Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah
Referee: Jake Sutherland
Sideline Officials: Rickey McFarlane, Liam Nicholls

GLEBE DIRTY REDS v HILLS BULLS

Saturday 30 July 12:30pm, Henson Park, Marrickville
Referee: Clayton Wills
Sideline Officials: Ben Teague, Cameron Mitchell

KAIVITI SILKTAILS v RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS

Saturday 30 July 3:00pm, Mascot Oval, Mascot
Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan
Sideline Officials: Charlie Suters, Brad Kiehne

WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES v ST MARYS

Saturday 30 July 5:00pm, Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
Referee: Martin Jones
Sideline Officials: Patrick Mackey, Luke Heckendorf

BYE: Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles

JERSEY FLEGG CUP (U21) - ROUND 20

PARRAMATTA EELS v PENRITH PANTHERS

Saturday 30 July 1:00pm, Kellyville Park, Kellyville

Referee: Paul Eden; Sideline Officials: Ethan Klein, Curtis Robinson

PARRAMATTA: 1. Corey Fenning 2. Turoa Williams 3. Lachlan Blackburn 4. Jabriel Kalache 5. Matthew Komolafe 6. Mac Puafisi 7. Ethan Sanders 8. Peter Taateo 9. Kruz Niutili-Schmidt 10. Larry Muagututia 11. Ryan Jones 12. Jayden Skinner 13. Brock Parker 14. Jacob Davis 15. Jack Colovatti 16. Nikau Wrathall 17. Saxon Pryke 18. Nicholas Lenaz **PENRITH:** 1. William Fakatoumafi 2. Cody Lawson 3. Samuel Lane 4. Elone Taufa 5. Addison Williams 6. Niwhai Puru 7. Keagan Russell-Smith 8. Mavrik Geyer 9. Connor Mason 10. Ilai Tuia 11. Zac Lipowicz 12. Bradley Fearnley 13. Hohepa Puru 14. Ryley Smith 15. Tyreece Tonga 16. Sunita Lotoaniu 17. Aston Warwick 19. John Sagaga 20. Mason Teague

CANBERRA RAIDERS v ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

Saturday 30 July 1:20pm, Raiders Belconnen, Holt

Referee: Luke Saldern; Sideline Officials: Cameron Turner, Nathan Loveday

CANBERRA: 1. Thomas Casey 2. Josh Smith 3. Jacob Church 4. Deakin Bright 5. Temple Beauchamp 6. Ethan Strange 7. Noah Ryan 8. Eneseli Kamuta 9. Sione Moala 10. Tane Kiriona 11. Kaden Williams 12. Joshua Billing 13. Mitchell Prest 14. Campbell Woolnough 15. Noah Saddler 16. Tate Rhea 17. Cooper Harris **ST GEO ILLA:** 1. Callum Gromek 2. Ben Johnson 3. Leonard Skelton 4. Hayden Budd 5. Cooper Roberts 6. Callum Perryman 7. Braxton Wallace 8. Bryce Magnone 9. Declan Purcell 10. Jacob Webster 11. Duke Grant 12. Phoenix Vetenibua-Finnerty 13. Harley Sanchez 14. Riley Wooden 15. Navajo Doyle 16. Thomas Phillips 17. Travis Barrett-Hancock

VICTORIA THUNDERBOLTS v WESTS TIGERS

Saturday 30 July 2:00pm, Casey Fields, Cranbourne East

Referee: Benjamin Seppala; Sideline Officials: Matt Hicks, Mohammad Hussaini

VICTORIA: 2. Anisi Salani 3. Deveraux Feo 4. Ron Tooala 5. Tiraa Ua 6. Kade Roberts 7. Noah Natapu 8. Sheldon Diaz 9. Cole Geyer 10. Jack Natapu 11. Aman Singh 12. Poasi Manu 13. Jared Nauma 14. Anthony Bucca 15. Tahj Amone 16. Zayvian Langkilde-Fale 17. Jerry Musu 18. Hawani Howe 21. Sualauvi Faalogo **WESTS TIGERS:** 1. Jahream Bula 2. Jay Kirk 3. Livai Saukuru 4. Sione Fainu 5. Trey Peni 6. Zane Camroux 7. Jamie Lawler 8. Sione Fainu 9. Michael Tannous 10. Apisalome Saukuru 11. Justin Matamua 12. Brandon Webster-Mansfield 13. James Valevatu 14. Jaycob Anjoul 15. Kitione Kautoga 16. Cayne Nicholas 17. Tray Lolesio 18. Marlie Townsend

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS v SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

Saturday 30 July 3:15pm, Pointsbet Stadium, Woollooware

Referee: Micheal Ford; Sideline Officials: Adam Sirianni, Brandon Mani

CRONULLA: 1. Kane Ball 2. Thomas Rodwell 3. Trentham Petersen 4. Noah Lester 5. Samuel Stonestreet 6. Manaia Waitere 7. Ryan Rivett 8. Toby Boothroyd 9. Samuel Healey 10. Rhys Dakin 11. Kai Parker 12. Kyle Pickering 13. Blake Hosking 14. Alec Brennan 15. Joshua Finau 16. Tully Wilton 17. Lachlan Crouch 18. Toataua Porima 19. Cody Fuz **SOUTHS:** 1. Dion Teapua 2. Carson Kaho 3. Zane Bijorac 4. Cruise Tweedie 5. Dejjion Leugaimafa 6. Joseph Nohra 7.

SYDNEY SHIELD

ROUND 17 RESULTS

Hills Bulls (22) Tries: Sean Walpole, Damon Smith, Dylan Marshall; Goals: Mitch Hyde 5 **def Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16)** Tries: Noah Ryan 2, Vaka Fieteki Aho; Goals: TBC x 2 **at Lidcombe Oval**

Wentworthville United (32) Tries: Moala Graham-Taufa 2, Becker Akl, Reece Alderton, Riley Lack, TBC x 1; Goals: Riley Lack 4 **def Sydney Roosters (22)** Tries: Rob Miller 2, Michael Farah, TBC x 2; Goals: Michael White 1 **at Ringrose Park**

St Marys (44) Tries: Muong Dut 2, Kaleb Farr 2, Ryan Eisenhuth, Samuel Cookson, Hayden Sutton, Meni Luke; Goals: Riley Stokes 5, Kaleb Farr 1 **def Penrith Brothers (0)** **at St Marys Leagues Stadium**

BYE: Moorebank Rams

Mitchell Chester 8. Thomas Giles 9. Keahlan Bray 10. Isaiah Vailalo 11. Taine Woodford 12. Louis Grossemy 13. Jaxson Rahme 14. Isaac Chapman 15. TJ Toevai 16. Lachlan Gale 17. Dranza Hawe-De-Thierry 18. Trent Griffith

BYES: Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, Newcastle Knights, Sydney Roosters

ROUND 19 RESULTS

Newcastle Knights (24) Tries: Tevita Toloi, James Johnson, Liam Sutton, David Armstrong, Ethan Ferguson; Goals: Thomas Cant 2 **def St George Illawarra Dragons (16)** Tries: Harley Sanchez, Ben Johnson, Cooper Roberts; Goals: Braxton Wallace 2 **at McDonald Jones Stadium**

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (42) Tries: Jordi Mazzone 2, Jonathan Sua, William Afualo, Bayley Cox, Joseph O'Neill, Josh Kalati, Brandon Clarke; Goals: Bailey Hayward 5 **def Canberra Raiders (22)** Tries: Manase Kaho 2, Kaden Williams, Josh Billing; Goals: Sione Vuki 3 **at GIO Stadium Canberra**

Sydney Roosters (26) Tries: Xavier Va'a, Xavier Chatfield-Mooka, Corey Ross, Benaiah Ioelu; Goals: Hugo Savala 5 **def Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6)** Tries: Kai Parker; Goals: Trentham Petersen 1 **at Ringrose Park**

Victoria Thunderbolts (24) Tries: Tiraa Ua, Josiah-Ekkehard Nelli, Cole Geyer; Goals: Sualauvi Faalogo 4 **def South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)** Tries: Cruise Tweedie, Carson Kaho, Mitchell Chester, Tyrone Munro; Goals: Tyrone Munro 2 **at Snape Park, Maroubra**

Penrith Panthers (44) Tries: William Fakatoumafi 2, Isaiah Longi 2, Keagan Russell-Smith, Hohepa Puru, Addison Williams, Aston Warwick; Goals: Addison Williams 6 **def Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (10)** Tries: Sanele Aukusitino, Kaeo Weekes; Goals: Kaeo Weekes **at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex**

BYES: Parramatta Eels, Wests Tigers

LADDER AFTER ROUND 19

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Sydney Roosters	18	15	3	0	578	248	330	32
2	Newcastle Knights	18	12	6	0	369	288	81	26
3	St George Illawarra Dragons	18	10	6	2	398	324	74	24
4	Penrith Panthers	18	10	8	0	472	376	96	22
5	Wests Tigers	17	9	8	0	350	352	-2	22
6	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	18	9	8	1	420	406	14	21
7	Canberra Raiders	17	8	9	0	349	488	-139	20
8	Parramatta Eels	17	7	10	0	362	374	-12	18
9	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	18	8	10	0	415	476	-61	18
10	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	18	7	10	1	374	431	-57	17
11	Victoria Thunderbolts	17	6	11	0	350	492	-142	16
12	South Sydney Rabbitohs	18	3	15	0	322	504	-182	8

LADDER AFTER ROUND 17

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	St Marys	14	14	0	0	564	156	408	32
2	Ryde-Eastwood	13	8	5	0	296	294	2	22
3	Hills Bulls	14	9	5	0	400	272	128	20
4	Sydney Roosters	13	5	8	0	320	376	-56	16
5	Moorebank	13	5	8	0	252	364	-112	16
6	Brothers	13	2	10	1	240	408	-168	11
7	Wenty United	14	3	10	1	234	436	-202	11

FORFEIT NOTICE: Round 14 postponed match between Hills & Sydney Roosters awarded to Hills on forfeit (34-29)

RESCHEDULED MATCHES to be played WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST:

Round 4 Wenty United v Brothers, 6pm, Ringrose Park

Round 14 Ryde-Eastwood v St Marys, 7pm, St Marys Leagues

Round 15 Moorebank v Hills, 7pm, Hammondville Oval

ROUND 18 FIXTURES

SYDNEY ROOSTERS v RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS

Saturday 30 July 1:00pm, Mascot Oval, Mascot

Referee: Tom Stindl

Sideline Officials: Charlie Suters, Brad Kiehne

WENTWORTHVILLE UNITED v ST MARYS

Saturday 30 July 3:00pm, Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

Referee: Louis Matheson

Sideline Officials: Patrick Mackey, Luke Heckendorf

MOOREBANK RAMS v BROTHERS PENRITH

Saturday 30 July 6:00pm, Hammondville Oval, Moorebank

Referee: Mitchell Currie

Sideline Officials: Dillian Wells, Ethan Murray

BYE: Hills Bulls

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HOSTPLUS CUP - ROUND 17 (SPLIT ROUND)

IPSWICH JETS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Sunday 31 July 2:00pm, North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Referee: Wyatt Raymond; Sideline Officials: Jack Klein, Tori Wilkie

IPSWICH: 1. Ningarra Barker 2. Ratu Jope Rotavisoro 3. Dominic Macumboy 4. Zacchues Chong-nee 5. Ricco Falaniko 6. Gerome Burns 7. Lachlan Cooper 8. Blake Lenehan 9. Rhys Jacks 10. Nathaniel Neale 11. Hugh Sedger 12. Tyler Coburn 13. Clayton Mack 14. Joshua Williams 15. Todd White 16. Samson Sauaso 17. Keenan Yorston 18. Hnaloan Budden 19. Ono So'Oialo 20. Owen McCarron 21. Nicholas Flocas **BRISBANE:** 1. Tony Pellow 2. Bessie Aufaga-Toomaga 3. Dan Russell 4. Solomona Faataape 5. Bernard Gregorius 6. Jayden Nikorima 7. Darren Nicholls 8. Wesley Lolo 9. Haele Finau 10. William Samuel 11. Bronson Garlick 12. Darius Farmer 13. Bennett Leslie 14. Jonah Pezet 15. Brett Greinke 16. Jack Svendsen 17. George Fai 18. Jack Miers

ROUND 16 RESULTS

PNG Hunters (32) Tries: Kitron Laka 2, Tyler Han, Kingstimer Paraia, Jordan Pat, Liam Joseph; Goals: Judah Rimbu 4 **def Brisbane Tigers (24)** Tries: Dan Russell, Haele Finau, Bennett Leslie, Bessie Toomaga, Bernard Gregorius; Goals: Bessie Toomaga 1, Jonah Pezet 1 **at John Kerr Park, Cunnamulla**

Townsville Blackhawks (22) Tries: Taniela Sadrugu 2, Zac Laybutt, Jake Bourke; Goals: Shaun Nona 3 **drew with Redcliffe Dolphins (22)** Tries: Jeremiah Simbiken 2, Rocco Berry, Trai Fuller, Valynce Te Whare; Goals: Bryce Donovan 1 **at Burdekin Rugby League Grounds, Ayr**

Central Qld Capras (16) Tries: Jesse Jennings, Brandon Roberts, Curtis Dansey-Smaller; Goals: Trey Browne 2 **def Sunshine Coast Falcons (10)** Tries: Kane Jackson, Blake Wilson; Goals: Daniel Atkinson 1 **at Monto Combined Sports Complex, Monto**

Tweed Seagulls (38) Tries: Brian Kelly 2, Scott Galeano 2, Jamayne Isaako, Will Brimson; Goals: Jamayne Isaako 2, Linton McGrady 1 **def Ipswich Jets (26)** Tries: Blake Lenehan, Ricco Falaniko, Ngangarra Barker; Goals: Ngangarra Barker 2 **at Bahinia Park, Springsure**

Northern Pride (16) Tries: Mareko Daniel, Mark Rosendale, Will Partridge; Goals: Will Partridge 2 **def Souths Logan Magpies (10)** Tries: Jack Smith 2; Goals: Tristan Sailor **at Ken Brown Oval, Thursday Island**

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (34) Tries: Luke Gale 2, Deine Mariner 2, Tristan Hope, Sione Hopoate; Goals: Ben Farr 5 **def Mackay Cutters (18)** Tries: Brenton Baira 3; Goals: Brandon Finnegan 3 **at Ray Edwards Oval, Sarina**

Burleigh Bears (38) Tries: Taine Tupiaki 2, Alofiana Khan-Pereira, Tony Francis, Greg Marzhev, Api Noema-Matenga, Sam Coster; Goals: Josh Rogers 5 **def Norths Devils (10)** Tries: Liam Horne, Matthew Milson; Goals: Connor Broadhurst 1 **at Arthur Beetson Oval, Roma**

LADDER AFTER ROUND 16

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Burleigh Bears	15	13	2	0	508	240	268	28
2	Central Qld Capras	15	10	4	1	372	289	83	23
3	Sunshine Coast Falcons	15	9	5	1	346	264	82	21
4	Wynnum Manly Seagulls	15	9	6	0	412	294	118	20
5	Redcliffe Dolphins	15	8	5	2	389	289	100	20
6	Tweed Seagulls	15	8	7	0	350	306	44	18
7	Norths Devils	15	8	7	0	334	395	-61	18
8	Townsville Blackhawks	15	7	7	1	384	320	64	17
9	Northern Pride	15	7	7	1	280	290	-10	17
10	Brisbane Tigers	15	7	7	1	324	348	-24	17
11	Mackay Cutters	15	6	9	0	326	368	-42	14
12	PNG Hunters	15	5	10	0	302	412	-110	12
13	Ipswich Jets	15	3	12	0	254	570	-316	8
14	Souths Logan Magpies	15	1	13	1	258	454	-196	5

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - ROUND 14 (SPLIT ROUND)

IPSWICH JETS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Sunday 31 July 12:00pm, North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Referee: Matt Gannon; Sideline Officials: Cameron Wegner, Dylan Lawrence

IPSWICH: 1. Nicholas Carrie 2. Nathan Stephensen 3. Corey Cassidy-natano 5. Mamakumai Naiyep 6. Jordan Afamasaga 7. Kedan Chan-Tung 8. Samson Sauaso 9. Tyree Bowman 10. James Durheim 11. Mitchell Harsant 12. Samuel Inoke 13. Riley Adamson 14. Isaac Fels 15. Benjamin Charles 16. Kealhan Obrien 17. Zachery Alley 18. Ezekiel Figota **BRISBANE:** 1. Lachlan West 2. Sione Finau 3. Ezraa Coulston 4. Jude Saldanha 5. Ariki Wallace 6. Tony Thompson 7. Jonah Glover 8. Tyrone Gunn-James 9. Justin Smith 10. Jordan Penquitt 11. Simon Pratt 12. Eli Daunt 13. Madison Beckett 14. Brad Russell 15. Trent Veukiso 16. Gabriel Reedy-Bartlett 17. Casey Morgan 18. Baptiste Fabre 19. Dijuane Raivaruru

ROUND 7 (DEFERRED MATCH) RESULT

Brisbane Tigers (26) Tries: Sione Finau, Eli Daunt, Ariki Wallace, Casey Morgan, Lachlan West; Goals: Jonah Glover 3 **def Norths Devils (24)** Tries: Tahrell Feaveai, Will Curran, Alize Tanielu, Kye Jenkins; Goals: Blayden Dodd 4 **at Bishop Park, Nundah**

LADDER AFTER ROUND 13

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Wynnum Manly Seagulls	12	10	2	0	468	132	336	22
2	Townsville Blackhawks	12	10	2	0	432	200	232	22
3	Redcliffe Dolphins	12	10	2	0	394	167	227	22
4	Central Qld Capras	12	9	3	0	407	226	181	20
5	Brisbane Tigers	12	8	4	0	438	249	189	18
6	Sunshine Coast Falcons	12	8	4	0	348	297	51	18
7	Souths Logan Magpies	12	6	6	0	366	302	64	14
8	Tweed Seagulls	12	5	7	0	349	302	47	12
9	Burleigh Bears	12	5	7	0	352	388	-36	12
10	Mackay Cutters	12	5	7	0	220	260	-40	12
11	Ipswich Jets	12	4	8	0	268	392	-124	10
12	Norths Devils	12	3	9	0	258	340	-82	8
13	Northern Pride	12	1	11	0	214	700	-486	4
14	Western Clydesdales	12	0	12	0	112	671	-559	2



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ROUND 1

Thu	10 Mar 22	20:05	Penrith	Manly	BlueBet	28 - 6
Fri	11 Mar 22	18:00	Canberra	Cronulla	GIO	24 - 19
Fri	11 Mar 22	20:05	Brisbane	Souths	Suncorp	11 - 4
Sat	12 Mar 22	15:00	Sydney	Newcastle	SCG	6 - 20
Sat	12 Mar 22	17:30	Warriors	St Geo Illa	Sun. Coast	16 - 28
Sat	12 Mar 22	19:35	W Tigers	Melbourne	CommBank	16 - 26
Sun	13 Mar 22	16:05	Parramatta	Gold Coast	CommBank	32 - 28
Sun	13 Mar 22	18:15	North Qld	Canterbury	Qld C.B.	4 - 6

ROUND 2

Thu	17 Mar 22	20:05	Melbourne	Souths	AAMI	15 - 14*
Fri	18 Mar 22	18:00	St Geo Illa	Penrith	Netstrata	16 - 20
Fri	18 Mar 22	20:05	Sydney	Manly	SCG	26 - 12
Sat	19 Mar 22	15:00	Gold Coast	Warriors	Cbus Super	20 - 18
Sat	19 Mar 22	17:30	Cronulla	Parramatta	PointsBet	18 - 16
Sat	19 Mar 22	19:35	North Qld	Canberra	Qld C.B.	26 - 6
Sun	20 Mar 22	16:05	Newcastle	W Tigers	McD Jones	26 - 4
Sun	20 Mar 22	18:15	Canterbury	Brisbane	Accor	10 - 16

ROUND 3 - MULTICULTURAL ROUND

Thu	24 Mar 22	20:05	St Geo Illa	Cronulla	WIN	12 - 36
Fri	25 Mar 22	18:00	W Tigers	Warriors	C'town	12 - 16
Fri	25 Mar 22	20:05	Souths	Sydney	Accor	28 - 16
Sat	26 Mar 22	15:00	Penrith	Newcastle	Carrington	38 - 20
Sat	26 Mar 22	17:30	Melbourne	Parramatta	AAMI	24 - 28*
Sat	26 Mar 22	19:35	Canberra	Gold Coast	GIO	24 - 22
Sun	27 Mar 22	16:05	Brisbane	North Qld	Suncorp	12 - 38
Sun	27 Mar 22	18:15	Manly	Canterbury	4 Pines	13 - 12

ROUND 4

NOTE: Eastern Daylight Saving Time ended in Australia Sun 03 Apr 2:00am

Thu	31 Mar 22	20:05	Gold Coast	W Tigers	Cbus Super	8 - 6
Fri	01 Apr 22	18:00	Cronulla	Newcastle	PointsBet	18 - 0
Fri	01 Apr 22	20:05	Penrith	Souths	BlueBet	26 - 12
Sat	02 Apr 22	15:00	Warriors	Brisbane	Redcliffe	20 - 6
Sat	02 Apr 22	17:30	Manly	Canberra	Mudgee	25 - 6
Sat	02 Apr 22	19:35	North Qld	Sydney	Qld C.B.	28 - 4
Sun	03 Apr 22	16:05	Melbourne	Canterbury	AAMI	44 - 0
Sun	03 Apr 22	18:15	Parramatta	St Geo Illa	CommBank	48 - 14

ROUND 5

Thu	07 Apr 22	19:50	Newcastle	Manly	McD Jones	6 - 30
Fri	08 Apr 22	18:00	Warriors	North Qld	Redcliffe	25 - 24*
Fri	08 Apr 22	19:55	Brisbane	Sydney	Suncorp	20 - 24
Sat	09 Apr 22	15:00	Canberra	Melbourne	Wagga	16 - 30
Sat	09 Apr 22	17:30	Souths	St Geo Illa	Accor	24 - 12
Sat	09 Apr 22	19:35	Gold Coast	Parramatta	Cbus Super	20 - 26
Sun	10 Apr 22	16:05	Cronulla	W Tigers	Pointsbet	30 - 4
Sun	10 Apr 22	18:15	Canterbury	Penrith	CommBank	12 - 32

ROUND 6 - EASTER

Thu	14 Apr 22	19:50	Canberra	North Qld	GIO	12 - 18
Fri	15 Apr 22	18:00	Souths	Canterbury	Stadium	36 - 16
Fri	15 Apr 22	19:55	Penrith	Brisbane	Bluebet	40 - 12
Sat	16 Apr 22	17:30	Manly	Gold Coast	4 Pines	26 - 18
Sat	16 Apr 22	19:35	Melbourne	Cronulla	AAMI Park	34 - 18
Sun	17 Apr 22	14:00	Sydney	Warriors	SCG	22 - 14
Sun	17 Apr 22	16:05	St Geo Illa	Newcastle	WIN	21 - 16
Mon	18 Apr 22	16:00	Parramatta	W Tigers	CommBank	20 - 21

ROUND 7 - ANZAC ROUND

Thu	21 Apr 22	19:50	Cronulla	Manly	Pointsbet	34 - 22
Fri	22 Apr 22	19:55	Brisbane	Canterbury	Suncorp	34 - 14
Sat	23 Apr 22	17:30	North Qld	Gold Coast	Qld C.B.	30 - 4
Sat	23 Apr 22	19:35	W Tigers	Souths	CommBank	23 - 22
Sun	24 Apr 22	14:00	Newcastle	Parramatta	McD Jones	2 - 39
Sun	24 Apr 22	16:05	Penrith	Canberra	Bluebet	36 - 6
Mon	25 Apr 22	16:00	St Geo Illa	Sydney	SCG	14 - 12
Mon	25 Apr 22	19:00	Melbourne	Warriors	AAMI Park	70 - 10

ROUND 8

Thu	28 Apr 22	19:50	Brisbane	Cronulla	Suncorp	16 - 7
Fri	29 Apr 22	18:00	Gold Coast	Penrith	Cbus Super	4 - 18
Fri	29 Apr 22	19:55	Souths	Manly	Cen. Coast	40 - 22
Sat	30 Apr 22	15:00	Warriors	Canberra	Redcliffe	21 - 20*
Sat	30 Apr 22	17:30	Canterbury	Sydney	Accor	16 - 12
Sat	30 Apr 22	19:35	Parramatta	North Qld	Darwin	4 - 35
Sun	01 May 22	14:00	Newcastle	Melbourne	McD Jones	2 - 50
Sun	01 May 22	16:05	St Geo Illa	W Tigers	WIN	12 - 6

ROUND 9

Thu	05 May 22	19:50	Souths	Brisbane	Accor	12 - 32
Fri	06 May 22	18:00	Canberra	Canterbury	GIO	14 - 4
Fri	06 May 22	19:55	Penrith	Parramatta	Bluebet	20 - 22
Sat	07 May 22	15:00	Manly	W Tigers	4 Pines	36 - 22
Sat	07 May 22	17:30	Sydney	Gold Coast	Mackay	44 - 16
Sat	07 May 22	19:35	North Qld	Newcastle	Qld C.B.	36 - 16
Sun	08 May 22	14:00	Melbourne	St Geo Illa	AAMI Park	42 - 6
Sun	08 May 22	16:05	Cronulla	Warriors	Pointsbet	29 - 10

ROUND 10 - MAGIC ROUND BRISBANE

Fri	13 May 22	18:00	Canterbury	Newcastle	Suncorp	6 - 16
Fri	13 May 22	20:05	Manly	Brisbane	Suncorp	0 - 38
Sat	14 May 22	15:00	Warriors	Souths	Suncorp	30 - 32
Sat	14 May 22	17:30	Gold Coast	St Geo Illa	Suncorp	20 - 16*
Sat	14 May 22	19:45	Melbourne	Penrith	Suncorp	6 - 32
Sun	15 May 22	13:50	Cronulla	Canberra	Suncorp	10 - 30
Sun	15 May 22	16:05	Sydney	Parramatta	Suncorp	31 - 24
Sun	15 May 22	18:25	W Tigers	North Qld	Suncorp	12 - 36

ROUND 11

Thu	19 May 22	19:50	Newcastle	Brisbane	McD Jones	12 - 36
Fri	20 May 22	18:00	W Tigers	Canterbury	Leichhardt	36 - 22
Fri	20 May 22	19:55	Parramatta	Manly	CommBank	22 - 20
Sat	21 May 22	15:00	St Geo Illa	Warriors	Netstrata	24 - 18
Sat	21 May 22	17:30	North Qld	Melbourne	Qld C.B.	36 - 6
Sat	21 May 22	19:35	Sydney	Penrith	SCG	12 - 32
Sun	22 May 22	14:00	Souths	Canberra	Dubbo	12 - 32
Sun	22 May 22	16:05	Gold Coast	Cronulla	Cbus Super	18 - 25

ROUND 12 - INDIGENOUS ROUND

Thu	26 May 22	19:50	Melbourne	Manly	AAMI Park	28 - 8
Fri	27 May 22	18:00	Penrith	North Qld	Bluebet	22 - 0
Fri	27 May 22	19:55	Brisbane	Gold Coast	Suncorp	35 - 24
Sat	28 May 22	15:00	Warriors	Newcastle	Redcliffe	16 - 24
Sat	28 May 22	17:30	Souths	W Tigers	Accor	44 - 18
Sat	28 May 22	19:35	Cronulla	Sydney	Pointsbet	16 - 36
Sun	29 May 22	14:00	Canterbury	St Geo Illa	Belmore	24 - 34
Sun	29 May 22	16:05	Canberra	Parramatta	GIO	20 - 28

ROUND 13

Thu	02 Jun 22	19:50	Gold Coast	North Qld	Cbus Super	6 - 32
Fri	03 Jun 22	19:55	Penrith	Canterbury	Bluebet	30 - 18
Sat	04 Jun 22	19:35	Manly	Warriors	4 Pines	44 - 12
Sun	05 Jun 22	16:05	Canberra	Sydney	GIO	22 - 16

Byes: Brisbane, Cronulla, Melbourne, Newcastle, Parramatta, St Geo Illa, Souths, W Tigers

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ROUND 14

Fri	10 Jun 22	19:55	North Qld	St Geo Illa	Qld C.B.	31 - 12
Sat	11 Jun 22	15:00	Gold Coast	Souths	Cbus Super	16 - 30
Sat	11 Jun 22	17:30	Sydney	Melbourne	SCG	18 - 26
Sat	11 Jun 22	19:35	Brisbane	Canberra	Suncorp	24 - 18
Sun	12 Jun 22	14:00	W Tigers	Manly	C'town	4 - 30
Sun	12 Jun 22	16:05	Newcastle	Penrith	McD Jones	6 - 42
Sun	12 Jun 22	18:15	Warriors	Cronulla	Redcliffe	16 - 38
Mon	13 Jun 22	16:00	Canterbury	Parramatta	Accor	34 - 4

ROUND 15

Thu	16 Jun 22	19:50	St Geo Illa	Souths	WIN	32 - 12
Fri	17 Jun 22	18:00	Manly	North Qld	4 Pines	26 - 28
Fri	17 Jun 22	19:55	Melbourne	Brisbane	AAMI Park	32 - 20
Sat	18 Jun 22	15:00	Cronulla	Gold Coast	Coffs Hbr.	18 - 10
Sat	18 Jun 22	17:30	Warriors	Penrith	Redcliffe	6 - 40
Sat	18 Jun 22	19:35	Parramatta	Sydney	CommBank	26 - 16
Sun	19 Jun 22	14:00	Canberra	Newcastle	GIO	20 - 18
Sun	19 Jun 22	16:05	Canterbury	W Tigers	CommBank	36 - 12

WOMEN'S ORIGIN: Fri 24 Jun (GIO) NSW 20 QLD 14

TEST (W): Sat 25 Jun (Mt Smart) NZ 50 TONGA 12

TEST (M): Sat 25 Jun (Mt Smart) NZ 26 TONGA 6

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ROUND 16 - BEANIES ROUND

Thu	30 Jun 22	19:50	Manly	Melbourne	4 Pines	36 - 30
Fri	01 Jul 22	18:00	Newcastle	Gold Coast	McD Jones	38 - 12
Fri	01 Jul 22	19:55	Penrith	Sydney	Bluebet	26 - 18
Sat	02 Jul 22	15:00	Canterbury	Cronulla	CommBank	6 - 18
Sat	02 Jul 22	17:30	North Qld	Brisbane	Qld C.B.	40 - 26
Sat	02 Jul 22	19:35	Souths	Parramatta	Accor	30 - 12
Sun	03 Jul 22	14:00	Warriors	W Tigers	Mt Smart	22 - 2
Sun	03 Jul 22	16:05	St Geo Illa	Canberra	WIN	12 - 10

ROUND 17

Thu	07 Jul 22	19:50	Cronulla	Melbourne	Pointsbet	28 - 6
Fri	08 Jul 22	19:55	Newcastle	Souths	McD Jones	28 - 40
Sat	09 Jul 22	19:35	W Tigers	Parramatta	Leichhardt	20 - 28
Sun	10 Jul 22	16:05	Brisbane	St Geo Illa	Suncorp	32 - 18

Byes: Canberra, Canterbury, Gold Coast, Manly, North Qld, Penrith, Sydney, Warriors

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ROUND 18

Fri	15 Jul 22	18:00	North Qld	Cronulla	Qld C.B.	12 - 26
Fri	15 Jul 22	19:55	Parramatta	Warriors	CommBank	28 - 18
Sat	16 Jul 22	15:00	Sydney	St Geo Illa	Cen. Coast	54 - 26
Sat	16 Jul 22	17:30	Manly	Newcastle	4 Pines	42 - 12
Sat	16 Jul 22	19:35	Gold Coast	Brisbane	Cbus Super	12 - 16
Sun	17 Jul 22	14:00	W Tigers	Penrith	CommBank	16 - 18
Sun	17 Jul 22	16:05	Melbourne	Canberra	AAMI Park	16 - 20
Sun	17 Jul 22	18:15	Canterbury	Souths	Accor	28 - 36

ROUND 19

Thu	21 Jul 22	19:50	Parramatta	Brisbane	CommBank	14 - 36
Fri	22 Jul 22	18:00	St Geo Illa	Manly	Netstrata	20 - 6
Fri	22 Jul 22	19:55	Newcastle	Sydney	McD Jones	12 - 42
Sat	23 Jul 22	15:00	Canberra	Warriors	GIO	26 - 14
Sat	23 Jul 22	17:30	Penrith	Cronulla	Bluebet	20 - 10
Sat	23 Jul 22	19:35	Souths	Melbourne	Accor	24 - 12
Sun	24 Jul 22	14:00	Canterbury	Gold Coast	CommBank	36 - 26
Sun	24 Jul 22	16:05	North Qld	W Tigers	Qld C.B.	27 - 26

ROUND 20 - WOMEN IN LEAGUE ROUND

Thu	28 Jul 22	19:50	Manly	Sydney	4 Pines	
Fri	29 Jul 22	18:00	Warriors	Melbourne	Mt Smart	
Fri	29 Jul 22	19:55	Parramatta	Penrith	CommBank	
Sat	30 Jul 22	15:00	Gold Coast	Canberra	Cbus Super	
Sat	30 Jul 22	17:30	Cronulla	Souths	Pointsbet	
Sat	30 Jul 22	19:35	Brisbane	W Tigers	Suncorp	
Sun	31 Jul 22	14:00	Newcastle	Canterbury	McD Jones	
Sun	31 Jul 22	16:05	St Geo Illa	North Qld	Netstrata	

ROUND 21

Thu	04 Aug 22	19:50	Sydney	Brisbane	SCG	
Fri	05 Aug 22	18				



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