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# THE EDITOR'S WORD

A final round with it all on the line! It's exciting to come into the final round and see that six of the eight games scheduled are likely to directly impact the outcome of the final positions of each contending team.

It all starts Thursday where the Eels will host Melbourne, the winner guaranteed a top four finish. On Friday, the new Allianz Stadium opens (see our feature next page) with a bang, the Roosters and Souths competing for the right to host a home elimination final a week later. On Saturday, the Broncos will fight to keep their 8th-place hopes alive, the Cowboys meanwhile wanting to stake their claim for 2nd place when they host an understrength Penrith. There's every chance things are settled by the time we reach Sunday footy but if not, the Sharks and Raiders will be champing at the bit for their respective positions while also rans Newcastle and Wests Tigers look to play spoiler.

Enjoy your final round of NRL action. Happy reading.

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# FINALLY HOME. THE TRICOLOURS OPEN A REBUILT ALLIANZ STADIUM

By the time the first studs hit the turf of Allianz Stadium, it would've been 1441 days since the Roosters last played a game on Allianz Stadium, that night saw them eliminate their archrivals South Sydney from the 2018 season. On Friday night, it could very much be history repeating itself. But, as much as I want to dare to dream about opening our new stadium in style, this story focuses on the history of the Roosters and the surrounding area of Moore Park.

The Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club (now known as the Sydney Roosters) and the Moore Park precinct have a historic history that dates back to the birth of Rugby League in Australia. Eastern Suburbs (as they were then known) have called this area home since 1908, back when they played out of the RAS Showground which they'd play out of for fifteen seasons. Eastern Suburbs had a successful stint at this founding rugby league ground winning four premierships and three City Cup crowns.

But the facilities needed to be upgraded so the Roosters trotted across the road to the Sydney Sports Ground. The Sports Ground was unique at the time as it was the only ground in Sydney that ran east-west, which meant for 40 minutes you had to contend with the afternoon sun in your eyes trying to catch the football and trust me that was always a nightmare facing opposition teams. The Roosters recorded their biggest ever win at the Sydney Sports Ground on 18 May 1935, when they defeated Canterbury-Bankstown 87-7 in a Round 6 clash of the 1935 season. Easts ran in 19 tries to one with Australian test centre Dave Brown scoring 45 points from 5 tries and 15 goals.

Easts would win their 5th premiership in 1935 while Brown would go on to be the season's leading try scorer with 38 and leading point scorer with 244. It also hosted the 1951 NSWRL Grand Final with South Sydney easily accounting for Manly-Warringah playing in their first ever grand final by a score of 42–14 in front of 28,505 fans, the smallest grand final crowd since 1944.

The attendances at the Sports Ground weren't a pretty sight for Roosters supporters in the 1980's with a combination of poor facilities and the transit lounge era seeing crowds dwindle down to record lows not seen since the war era of rugby league. With this in mind and with Australia's bicentenary approaching, the Sports Ground was going to be demolished and replaced with a state of the art stadium which would take Sydney into the 21st century. So in 1986, the Roosters said goodbye to the Sports Ground for the last time and finished on a good note downing Norths 21-14 with Gary Wurth bagging a hattrick in the space of 21 minutes. After a year away from Moore Park, the Roosters returned to their new home, the \$62 million dollar Sydney Football Stadium. While on the outside, the stadium looked amazing, there was just one major design flaw that would haunt the stadium for 30 years. The noticeable lack of protective covering in case of rain, and on opening night, you guessed it right it rained and rained as the Roosters lost to St George 24-14. But after a while, rugby league supporters had to put up with what they had and it was still a world class facility to go and watch games at, even if they were soaking wet.

I've got some fond memories of watching football at the old SFS, seeing some big Rooster victories, tight ones, heartbreaking losses and of course some smashing's against us which left me wanting to walk out at half-time. But I kept my word and never once left the ground early before the full-time hooter, except for that one occasion there was a mid-game thunderstorm which the lack of a roof really made my family's decision to go back home a lot easier.

After 30 years, the SFS had simply ran its course and delivered on its investment, so it was fitting the Roosters got to say goodbye with an epic preliminary final victory over the Rabbitohs in 2018 and after the ground becoming a political tug of war during the 2019 state election. Allianz Stadium 2.0 was being built at last.

So now, we're here. The Roosters have a brand-spanking new stadium, and it looks the part. All I have to say is, hopefully the roof's better than the last one. But we'll find out the answer on Friday night.

It'll be a sold out crowd with a lot to play for on the run into the finals. Enjoy the final round of footy and LET'S GO ROOSTERS!

Following table has been used with permission from Alan Katzmann (@Katzo60)

Ground	Years played	Games	W	L	D	%
Moore Park Precinct						
RAS Showground	1908 - 1930	97	66	26	5	71%
Sydney Sports Ground	1911 - 1986	478	270	191	17	58%
SCG	1913 - 2022	322	322	132	12	87%
SCG No. 2	1920 - 1923	5	5	0	0	100%
SFS	1988 - 2018	380	380	14	6	61%
Paddington						
Trumper Oval	1915 - 1941	10	9	1	0	90%

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# UK WATCH

#### SUPER LEAGUE Match wraps by JUSTIN DAVIES

#### ROUND 25

#### Rhinos defeat Giants in midweek thriller

Leeds Rhinos moved closer to the top four with 18-14 win against Huddersfield Giants on Wednesday night.

The hosts were off to a hot start after a long break which ended with second rower Rhyse Martin on the spot from a kick for 6-0. Huddersfield responded in kind through Ricky Leutele in the left corner after some superb work from Tui Lolohea to reduce the deficit to 6-4. Their hopes were further enhanced when Leeds halfback Blake Austin was binned for a shoulder charge which allowed Louis Senior to put the Giants ahead.

Back with their full complement to start the second half, Leeds once again took the lead when Richie Myler scooted down the short side to make it 12-8. Giants fought back again when Leroy Cudjoe was able to touch down on the right side to make it 12-all with Leeds again reduced to 12 after Aiden Sezer was binned.

It was all flowing the way of the Giants when a penalty close to the line saw Oliver Russell kick his only goal of the night to make it 14-12 for the visitors. Chris Hill was the third person but the first for the Giants to see a card after his dangerous tackle on Myler which set the stage for a frantic finish.

Leeds took home the points when Austin was able to slice through the defence to send the x fans at Headingley home happy.

Leeds Rhinos (18) Tries: Blake Austin, Richie Myler, Rhyse Martin; Goals: Rhyse Martin 3 def Huddersfield Giants (14) Tries Leroy Cudjoe, Louis Senior, Ricky Leutele; Goals: Oliver Russell 1 Venue: Headingley Stadium; Attendance: 11255; Date: Wednesday 24 August 2022, 8:00pm; Referee: Jack Smith // LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Austin, Szer; Oledzki, Dwyer, Tetevano, Gannon, Martin, Bentley. Int: Prior, Leeming, Briscoe, O'Connor HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, Cudjoe, King, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Fages; Hill, Levi, Wilson, Hewitt, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: English, Greenwood, Trout

#### Dragons take French bragging rights as Toulouse relegated

Catalans Dragons once again won the French derby in a 24-14 win which saw Toulouse Olympique relegated on Thursday night.

The Dragons snapped their two-game losing streak in style and swept the season series against closest neighbours Toulouse Olympique.

It is a sad end to their debut season for Toulouse Olympique. They go straight back down to the Championship after having some hope in the last month.

Foud Yaha added another hat-trick to his tally for the season, all scored in the first half which gave Catalans Dragons a 12-8 lead going into the break. Toulouse showed some fight late in the first half with Chris Hankinson scoring all eight points for the home side to bring them within four points with Catalans Josh Drinkwater in the bin.

It was another fast start for Catalans in the second half. Forward Gil Dudson and Tyrone May both found the stripe to make it 24-8 and on course for two points. here were some fireworks in the derby with Sam Tomkins sent to the bin after a shoulder charge on Oliver Ashall-Bott after a coming together from Daniel Alvaro and Paul Seguier earlier.

Toulouse did have the final say on a sad night for the club. Ashall-Bott raced away after he recovered from the shoulder charge to make it 24-14.

Catalans Dragons (24) Tries: Fouad Yaha 3, Tyrone May, Gil Dudson; Goals: Tyrone May 2 def Toulouse Olympique XIII (14) Tries: Olly Ashall-Bott, Chris Hankinson; Goals: Chris Hankinson 3 Venue: Stade Ernest-Wallon; Attendance: 9168; Date: Thursday 25 August 2022, 7:30pm; Referee: Liam Moore // TOULOUSE: Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Marcon, Armitage, Bergal; Albert, Hankinson; Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Dixon, Stefani, Cunningham. Int: Pélissier, Puech (C), Belmas, Sangaré CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Laguerre, Whare, Yaha; May, Drinkwater; Séguier, Da Costa, Napa, Whitley, Chan, Garcia (C). Int: Langi, Dudson, Goudemand, Rougé

#### Trinity confirm safety in tight tussle against KR

Wakefield Trinity will be in the Super League for 2023 after their second half comeback 18-6 win over Hull KR on Thursday night.

In a big game for both sides, it was tense inside Be Well Support Stadium with the first half one of drama but not a lot of points.

The only points of the first half went to Hull KR. Albert Vete drove over from close range and his effort converted for a 6-0 lead.

Wakefield Trinity went close several times but couldn't break the line. They did start the second half with a man advantage after Jimmy Keinhorst was binned for Hull KR.

The hosts finally broke the resolve just after half-time when Lee Kershaw found the try line in the right corner followed by a conversion by Max Jowitt that leveled the scores.

Coming off his hat-trick last weekend, Lewis Murphy put Wakefield Trinity ahead for the first time when he produced an acrobatic effort for 12-6.

The local fans were able to calm their nerves late in the piece when Jowitt added the third score followed by a celebratory conversion from David Fifita to confirm their safety.

Wakefield Trinity (18) Tries: Max Jowitt, Lewis Murphy, Lee Kershaw; Goals: Max Jowitt 2, David Fifita 1 def Hull Kingston Rovers (6) Tries: Albert Vete; Goals: Rowan Milnes 1 Venue: Be Well Support Stadium; Crowd: 4653; Date: Thursday 25 August 2022 at 7:30pm; Referee: Marcus Griffiths // WAKEFIELD: Jowitt, Kershaw, Croft, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Bowden, Crowther, Arona, Ashurst, Hall, Aydin. Int: Kay, Shaw, Butler, Fifita HULL KR: Lewis, Ryan, Keinhorst, Tate, Hall; Litten, Milnes; Storton, Parcell, King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella (C). Int: Vete. Sims. Maher, Wood

#### Salford hold spot in the top six after comeback against Hull FC

The Red Devils were made to work for their 26-18 win to remain sixth against a weary Hull FC side on Thursday night.

Fresh from their huge win last week, Salford picked up where they left off through Kallum Watkins with the opener before Will Smith dived over for Hull FC to make it 6-6.

The two sides traded scores again in the first half when Rhys Williams touched down from a Tim Lafai pass then Hull forward Brad Fash responded for 10-all.

It has been a rough few week for Hull FC but a late Luke Gale penalty goal gave the injury ravaged side a slender two-point lead headed into half-time.

Salford showed why they are the best attacking sides in Super League with a pair of scores right after the breakthrough Ken Sio and Deon Cross for the larger advantage of the night.

The visitors did give the Red Devils a scare when Jake Connor crossed from some slick combination play to bring the game back to 22-18.

The Red Devils held their grip on sixth spot in the Super League ladder when Ryan Brierley sliced through late to make the gap 10 points.

Salford Red Devils (28) Tries: Ryan Brierley, Deon Cross, Ken Sio, Rhys Williams, Kallum Watkins; Goals: Marc Sneyd 4 def Hull FC (18) Tries: Jake Connor, Brad Fash, Will Smith; Goals: Luke Gale 3 Venue: AJ Bell Stadium; Atttendance: 3968; Date: Thursday 25 August 2022, 7:45pm; Referee: Tom Grant // SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Taylor (C), Watkins, Gerrard. Int: Lannon, Atkin, Wright, Luckley HULL: Connor, Litten, Wynne, Longstaff, Vulikijapani; Smith, Gale (C); Evans, Johnstone, Taylor, Lane, Fash, Sao. Int: Satae, McNamara, Balmforth, Gardiner

#### Tigers keep hopes alive with dramatic win over Wolves

Castleford Tigers kept the Super League Playoffs hopes alive with a 19-18 win against Warrington Wolves on Thursday night.

Warrington Wolves looking to rebound after their loss to Leeds last weekend were on fire early with mid-season signing Matt Dufty getting them on the board.

Next it was a historic score for Wolves fullback Stefan Ratchford. He weaved past the Tigers defence for his century of tries in Super League to make it 12-0. The Tigers were their own worst enemy in the first half. The visitors made errors and probably should've been further behind but did go close through Greg Eden late.

Needing someone to step up, Danny Richardson heeded the call for the Tigers. He provided the kick for Jake Mamo to get them on the board at 12-6. The halfback was involved again with a delightful pass which sent winger Derrell Olpherts over in the corner to level things up in a flash.

Richardson put Castleford ahead for the first time with his field goal on the hour mark then a second four-pointer to Olpherts stretched the advantage to seven.

The Wolves set up a grandstand finish when Peter Mata'utia brought it back to 19-18 but George Williams had a long range field goal go wide to send us to Golden Point.

Castleford Tigers (19) Tries: Derrell Olpherts 2, Jake Mamo; Goals: Danny Richardson 3; Field Goals: Danny Richardson 1 def Warrington Wolves (18) Tries: Matt Dufty, Peter Mata'utia, Stefan Ratchford; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 3 Venue: Halliwell Jones Stadium; Attendance: 8104; Date: Thursday 25 August 2022, 8:00pm; Referee: Chris Kendall // WARRINGTON: Dufty, Minikin, Mata'utia, Wardle, Thewlis; Ratchford (C), Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Bullock, Harrison, Holmes, Clark. Int: Currie, Walker, Mikaele CASTLEFORD: Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; O'Brien, Richardson; Massey, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Mamo, Watts, Lawler, Martin

#### Wigan derby delight forces Saints into wait for League Leaders Shield

Warriors take the derby spoils 30-10 against Super League leaders St Helens under the Friday night lights to add trophy wait.

It was the visiting Saints that took the league in the first five minutes when Jonny Lomax piloted home a penalty goal after a high tackle.

Who else but Super League's top try scorer Bevan French to respond for Wigan Warriors with another wonderful finish that had to be confirmed by the video decision.

Next it was Wigan's other Australian livewire, Jai Field which extended their lead to 12-2 after he trailed a long break and strode away easily.

Wigan furthered their advantage just before the break when Liam Farrell slipped, slide and sliced through the Saints defence to give the hosts a 16-point lead.

A win would confirm the League Leaders Shield for St Helens and they reduced the deficit through Joey Lussick who burrowed under the defence.

The Warriors extinguished the hopes of a comeback off another long score. Liam Marshall poked through down the left side and despite falling over, was able to make it 24-6.

Saints added another late score through Joe Batchelor out wide before French rounded off the display after a Kai Pearce-Paul offload sent Warriors faithful into delirium.

Wigan Warriors (30) Tries: Bevan French 2, Liam Marshall, Liam Farrell, Jai Field; Goals: Harry Smith 5 def St Helens (10) Tries: Joe Batchelor, Joey Lussick; Goals: Jonny Lomax 1 Venue: DW Stadium; Attendance: 19210; Date: Friday 26 August 2022, 8:00pm; Referee: Ben Thaler // WIGAN: Field, French, Isa, Pearce-Paul, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Byrne, Farrell (C), Bateman, Smithies. Int: Mago, Ellis, Cooper, Shorrocks ST HELENS: Welsby, Simm, Hurrell, Batchelor, Bennison; Davies, Lomax, Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Bell, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Wingfield

#### Hull FC enjoy afternoon stroll against timid Toulouse Hull FC snapped their recent losing streak in fine fashion winning 38-12

Hull FC snapped their recent losing streak in fine fashion winning 38against Toulouse Olympique on Saturday afternoon.

The hosts were quick out of the blocks with Harvey Barron on the end of two terrific passes from fullback Jake Connor to make it 12-0. After a torrid run, Hull FC enjoyed themselves with Will Gardiner striding through a massive gap for the third try before Mitieli Vulikijapani swatted away the defence to give us the 24-0 half-time score.

Toulouse were only playing for pride after their relegation was confirmed in their derby loss to Catalans Dragons but they did pull back a four-pointer through Guy Armitage.

It was the Connor show for Hull FC. He put in a deft kick for Barron who found Ellis Longstaff on the inside to bring the lead back to 22 points. Hull FC scored in bunches and quickly Jordan Lane added the black-andwhite's fifth four-pointer of the game when he steamed on a short ball and went over untouched. Winger Ilias Bergal showed off his pace when he sped away down the right touchline to get Toulouse Olympique into double figure on another forgettable afternoon.

The last word went to Hull FC. Mitieli Vulikijapani completed his double from a Toulouse error was scooped up and thrown inside to the pacy back.

Hull FC (38) Tries: Harvey Barron 2, Mitieli Vulikijapani 2, Jordan Lane, Ellis Longstaff, Will Gardiner; Goals: Jake Connor 5 def Toulouse Olympique XIII (12) Tries: Ilias Bergal, Guy Armitage; Goals: Chris Hankinson 2 Venue: MKM Stadium; Attendance: 8785; Date: Sunday 28 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: Aaron Moore // HULL: Connor, Litten, Scott, Vulikijapani, Barron; Smith, Gale (C); Sao, Johnstone, Taylor, Lane, Longstaff, Gardiner. Int: McNamara, Balmforth, Laidlaw TOULOUSE: Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Marcon, Armitage, Bergal; Hankinson, Cunningham; Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux (C), Bretherton, Paulo. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Sangaré, Belmas

#### Robins fly past Warriors in big win on Manic Monday

Hull KR bounced back in style with a 38-28 win against Wigan Warriors in a points fest on Monday afternoon.

The Robins were high flying at the break leading 20-6 against a Warriors side coming off their derby win on Saturday night and brought them back to earth. William Tate touched down after three minutes from a Ryan Hall pass before Tate returned the favour and sent the veteran winger over for an 8-0 lead. Next it was a rare four-pointer for Korbin Sims who chased through a kick and was given the green light for a 14-0 lead for the faithful at Craven Park. The Warriors crossed the line once in the first half through Dliver Partington before it was big man season for Matthew Storton who spun across for a 20-6 Hull KR advantage.

It was another fast start for Hull KR when Zach Fishwick dived over from close range followed by Ethan Ryan finishing off a backline move for 30-6 after Rowan Milnes piloted over a penalty goal. The sides traded tries close to the hour mark when Ben O'Keefe pushed through the Robins defence then Ryan completed his double for the hosts for 38-12.

Wigan finished the game on a high note with three tries to get themselves within ten points after the final hooter. Jake Bibby, Sam Halsall and James McDonnell all touched down.

Hull Kingston Rovers (38) Tries: Ethan Ryan 2, Zach Fishwick, Matty Storton, Will Tate, Korbin Sims, Ryan Hall; Goals: Rowan Milnes 5 def Wigan Warriors (28) Tries: James McDonnell, Sam Halsall, Jack Bibby, Ben O'Keefe, Oliver Partington; Goals: Ben O'Keefe 4 Venue: Sewell Group Craven Park; Attendance: 7315; Date: Monday 29 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: Chris Kendall // HULL KR: Laulu-Toggade, Ryan, Wood, Tate, Hall; Minchella (C), Milnes; Maher, Parcell, King, Sims, Linnet, Storton. Int: Vete, Moore, Fishwick, Barley WIGAN: Hanley, Miski, Bibby, Sutton, O'Keefe; Halsall, Astley; Havard, Shorrocks, Mago, Nsemba, McDonnell, Partington. Int: Hill, Bibby, Forber, Eckersley

#### Saints secure League Leaders Shield despite loss to Wakefield Trinity

Wakefield Trinity defeated a much-changed St Helens side 34-18 who secured top spot in Super League on Monday afternoon.

The visitors were the first on the board through Corey Hall steaming onto a short pass before Saints responded through Ben Davies for their only lead of the game. Lewis Murphy continued his strong form in recent weeks with a quick fire double. His first was off a sweeping backline move then the second was from a rebound for 14-6. He completed his first half hat-trick with another acrobatic putdown in as Wakefield Trinity has taken the scalps of both Wigan and Saints in recent weeks. Trinity finished the first half in style with their first try of the contest. A long break on the right ended with Max Jowitt striding away for 24-6.

They picked up where left they off in the second stanza with Lee Gaskell in support on the inside after a break to extend the lead to 24 points. St Helens helped reduce the deficit to a dozen through a pair of scores from Ben Davies second four-pointer of the game and Jon Bennison touching down from fullback. Wakefield ended the game with one more strike through Murphy. He added a fourth try to his tally with another diving effort as Trinity took the points. Despite the loss, St Helens were crowned League Leaders Shields winners after Wigan's loss on the same day and thrust another trophy into their bulging cabinet.

Wakefield Trinity (34) Tries: Lewis Murphy 4, Corey Hall, Lee Gaskell, Max Jowitt; Goals: Lee Gaskell 2, Max Jowitt 1 def St Helens (18) Tries: Ben Davies 2, Jon Bennison; Goals: Tommy Makinson 3 Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium; Attendance: 8222; Date: Monday 29 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: Tom Grant // ST HELENS: Bennison, Gilford, Makinson, Davies, Lane; Moss, Archer; McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Lussick, Norman, Royle, Bell, Wingfield. Int: Baxter, Pemberton, Delaney, Corkill WAKEFIELD: Jowitt, Evans, Croft, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Walker; Battye, Bowes, Aydin, Ashurst, Hall, Crowther. Int: Kay, Butler, Shaw, Adebiyi

#### Giants hold off fast finishing Wolves to confirm top four spot

Huddersfield Giants held on against Warrington Wolves in a 38-36 win in a pulsating contest on Monday afternoon.

The Giants were leading by 22 points at the half-time break before a points explosion in the second half had the home faithful endure a white-knuckle ride to two points. It was the visitors who struck first from a long-range break which ended with mid-season import Matt Dufty rounded off the move. Adam O'Brien responded with a burrowed effort from close range before Josh Jones put the Giants into the lead for the first time at 10-6. Giants went on a try-scoring spree in the first half through Tui Lolohea who was on the spot from a dropped bomb then Leroy Cudjoe finished off a slick move in the corner. Ricky Leutele judged the bouncing ball well for the fifth then Will Pryce sent through a penalty goal for a 32-6 Giants advantage.

Josh Lynch gave the Wolves some hope before the break with his touch down from a George Williams kick for the 32-10 half-time score. Warrington - buoyed by their late score - built on that momentum in the second half with Jake Wardle touching down quickly followed by Dufty's second from another support run.

Huddersfield stemmed the flow of points through Pryce. He was able to pick up the scraps from a kick to dive over close to the posts for 38-22. A pair of intercepts thrown by the Giants led to Wolves scores. The first to speedster Matt Dufty for his hat-trick then George Williams was able to dive over from close range. Dufty made it four right on the full-time hooter. He chased through another kick from Williams and had his finest performance in his short Super League stint.

Huddersfield Giants (38) Tries: Josh Jones, Will Pryce, Adam O'Brien, Toby King, Ricky Leutele, Leroy Cudjoe, Tuimoala Lolohea; Goals: Will Pryce 5 def Warrington Wolves (36) Tries: Matt Dufty 4, George Williams, Jake Wardle, Josh Lynch; Goals: Leon Hayes 3, Stefan Ratchford 1 Venue: John Smith's Stadium; Attendance: 4894; Date: Monday 29 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: Marcus Griffiths // HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, Cudjoe, King, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Pryce; Hill, O'Brien, Trout, Jones, Hewitt, English. Int: Levi, Yates (C), Greenwood, Ashworth WARRINGTON: Dufty, Lynch, Mata'utia, Wardle, Thewlis; Ratchford (C), Williams; Harrison, Walker, Bullock, Holroyd, Nicholson, Holmes. Int: Clark, Mulhern, Thomas, Hayes

#### Salford Red Devils thrash Castleford Tigers to move into fifth spot

Salford Red Devils raised the bat in their 50-10 thrashing against Castleford Tigers in a dominant display on Monday afternoon.

In a game which featured 60 points, the first two came from the tee. Marc Sneyd raised the flags from long range to give Salford an early lead. Sneyd combined with his halves partner Brodie Croft for the Red Devils' first four-pointer of the contest from their own half. Salford were rampant in the first 10 minutes of the game with Ken Sio touching down to add to his tally for the Super League before Jack Ormondroyd threw a huge dummy to score.

After the blistering start, Castleford Tigers stemmed the bleeding through Jake Mamo who sliced through the Red Devils defence for 20-6. Straight from the scrum, Castleford got into double digits. It was a slick move on the left that ended with Derrell Olpherts touching down in the corner for 20-10.

In a carbon copy of the first half, Sneyd got Salford going in the second half with another penalty goal to make their advantage 12. Salford enjoyed themselves in the second half scoring 30 points and moving

into fifth spot on the Super League ladder and primed for a finals appearance.

Shane Wright was the first to cross the whitewash then Deon Cross finished off a full field break started by the Sio intercept which made it 34-10. Croft showed off his skill in a one-man show from the scrum to get himself on the scoresheet followed by Kallum Watkins who provided a pair of assists scored a four-pointer of his own.

The rout was started by Sneyd and it ended with Sneyd. He trailed well from a Chris Atkin break and weaved past the defence to bring up the 50.

Salford Red Devils (50) Tries: Ken Sio, Marc Sneyd 2, Kallum Watkins, Brodie Croft, Deon Cross, Shane Wright, Jack Ormondroyd; Goals: Marc Sneyd 9 def Castleford Tigers (10) Tries: Derrell Olpherts, Jake Mamo; Goals: Danny Richardson 1 Venue: Mend-A-Hose Jungle; Attendance: 7322; Date: Monday 29 August 2022, 3:30pm; Referee: Liam Moore // CASTLEFORD: Mamo, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; Eden, Richardson; Griffin, McShane (C), Massey, Lawler, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Watts, Matagi, Martin, Millner SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Sarginson; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Taylor (C), Watkins, Wright. Int: Atkin, Dupree, Gerrard, Luckley

#### Dragons lock in top four with win against Rhinos

Catalans Dragons secured back-to-back wins after their 32-18 win against Leeds Rhinos on Monday afternoon.

Building on their derby success, Foud Yaha dived over in the left corner to bring him within one four-pointer of his century at the French club. Leeds responded through Sam Walters who charged onto a short ball from Kruise Leeming close to the sticks to make it 6-6.

Joe Chan put Catalans ahead from a Tom Davies kick before Mitch Pearce showed off his step to get himself into double figures for tries this season. Yaha brought up number 100 in classic style. He took a beautiful pass from Arthur Mourgue to dive over in the corner to extend the Dragons lead. Gil Dudson made it 28-6 at the break after he was able to find the line.

A pair of tries in the second half through Richie Myler who spun like a top before he planted the ball down and a scoot from Brad Dwyer brought it back to 28-18 with 15 to go. Samisoni Langi rounded off the win for Catalans Dragons who will finish in the top four with an effort from close range for the 32-18 final score.

This result sets up a Playoffs decider between Castleford Tigers and Leeds Rhinos next weekend in the final weekend of Super League.

Catalans Dragons (32) Tries: Samisoni Langi, Gil Dudson, Fouad Yaha 2, Mitchell Pearce, Joe Chan; Goals: Arthur Mourgue 4 def Leeds Rhinos (18) Tries: Brad Dwyer, Richie Myler, Sam Walters; Goals: Rhyse Martin 3 Venue: Stade Gilbert Brutus; Attendance: 9802; Date: Monday 29 August 2022, 6:00pm; Referee: Rob Hicks // CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, May; Séguier, McIlorum, Napa, Whitley, Chan, Garcia (C). Int: Dudson, Da Costa, Goudemand, Kasiano LEEDS: Hardaker, Tindall, Martin, Sutcliffe, Briscoe; Myler, Sinfield; Oledzki, Leeming, Walters, Gannon, Tetevano, O'Connor. Int: Prior, Bentley, Dwyer, Mustapha

#### **SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 26**

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Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	А	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	26	20	6	0	638	358	280	40
2	Wigan	26	18	8	0	770	479	291	36
3	Huddersfield	26	16	9	1	597	483	114	33
4	Catalans	26	16	10	0	535	465	70	32
5	Salford	26	14	12	0	686	570	116	28
6	Leeds	26	13	12	1	563	520	43	27
7	Castleford	26	13	13	0	536	606	-70	26
8	Hull FC	26	11	15	0	504	639	-135	22
9	Hull KR	26	11	15	0	462	604	-142	22
10	Wakefield	26	10	16	0	483	632	-149	20
11	Warrington	26	8	18	0	536	650	-114	16
12	Toulouse	26	5	21	0	405	709	-304	10

#### ROUND 27 FIXTURES ALL TIMES BST (UK)

#### FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

7:35PM HUDDERSFIELD v WAKEFIELD John Smith's Stadium 8PM (SKY) WIGAN v CATALANS DW Stadium

#### SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

BPM	HULL FC v HULL KR LEEDS v CASTLEFORD SALFORD v WARRINGTON ST HELENS v TOULOUSE	MKM Stadium Headingley Stadium AJ Bell Stadium Totally Wicked Stadium	

# UK WATCH

# CHAMPIONSHIP

#### ROUND 25 RESULTS

York City Knights (20) Tries: Matty Marsh, Bailey Antrobus, Liam Harris, James Glover; Goals: James Glover 2 def Sheffield Eagles (12) Tries: Ross Oakes, Vila Halafihi, Ryan Johnson

Venue: LNER Community Stadium; Date: Friday 26 August 2022, 7:30pm; Referee: Nick Bennett

YORK: Marsh, Ward, Glover, Brown, Towse; Harris, O'Hagan; Thompson, Jubb, Teanby, Antrobus, Kirmond, Hingano. Int: Dixon, Stock, Michael, Inman

SHEFFIELD: Jones-Bishop, Johnson, Welham, Oakes, Chrimes; Holmes, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafihi, Dickinson, Wood, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Bower, Broadbent, Kirk, Liu

Barrow Raiders (62) Tries: Jarrod Sammut, Jake Carter 2, Jarrad Stack, Ryan Johnston, Anton Iaria, Danny Langtree, Tee Ritson 2, Shane Toal, Ryan Shaw; Goals: Ryan Shaw 9 def Newcastle Thunder (10) Tries: Alex Donaghy 2; Goals: Josh Woods 1

Venue: Kingston Park; Attendance: 687; Date: Saturday 27 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: James Vella NEWCASTLE: Mullen, Donaghy, Bailey, Nokes, Boafo; Eaves, Woods; Chapelhow, Lacans, Chapelhow, Ta'ai, Peachey, Wilde. Int: Clark, Moran, Anderson, Skelton

BARROW: Cresswell, Ritson, Costello, Shaw, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Carter. Int: Saunders, Hopkins, Brooks, Crellin

Featherstone Rovers (64) Tries: Connor Jones 5, Morgan Smith 2, Tom Lineham, Gadwin Springer, Ryley Jacks, Craig Hall; Goals: Craig Hall 10 def Workington Town (18) Tries: Jamie Doran, Joseph Kirkup, Marcus O'Brien; Goals: Carl Forber 3

Venue: Millennium Stadium; Attendance: 2142; Date: Saturday 27 August 2022, 6:00pm; Referee: Liam Rush FEATHERSTONE: Hall, Briscoe, Leilua, Broadbent, Lineham; Smith, Jacks; Kopczak, Jones, Springer, Hellewell, Hardcastle, Moors. Int: Gill, Eseh, Fleming, Lockwood

WORKINGTON: Bickerdike, Clegg, Brown, Fitzsimmons, Young; Doran, Forber; Thomson, Simons, Scholey, O'Brien, Steele, Hutchings. Int: Weetman, Terrill, Kirkup

Halifax Panthers (40) Tries: Joe Keyes, William Calcott, James Saltonstall 2, Lachlan Walmsley 2, Daniel Murray; Goals: Joe Keyes 6 def Bradford Bulls (18) Tries: George Flanagan Sr., Samuel Kibula, Chester Butler; Goals: Elliot Kear 3

Venue: The Shay Stadium; Attendance: 2706; Date: Sunday 28 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: Scott Mikalauskas HALIFAX: Jouffret, Walmsley, Worthington, Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Tangata. Int: Wood, Fairbank, Larroyer, Gee

BRADFORD: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Millar; Gibbons, Hallas; Walker, Flanagan, Crossley, England, Butler, Gannon. Int: Hookem, Wallace, Green, Kibula

Leigh Centurions (42) Tries: Josh Charnley 2, Blake Ferguson 2, Ben Nakubuwai 2, Edward Chamberlain 2; Goals: Ed Chamberlain 5 def Widnes Vikings (4) Tries: Ryan Ince

Venue: Leigh Sports Village Stadium; Attendance: 3340; Date: Sunday 28 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: Mike Smaill

LEIGH: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Brand, Charnley; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Nakubuwai, Ioane, Ipape, O'Donnell

WIDNES: Owens, Edge, Fleming, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Johnson, Wilde, Grady, Bent. Int: Brown, Davies, Doro, Field

Whitehaven RLFC (40) Tries: Josh Martin, Marcus Walker 2, Nikau Williams 2, Will Evans, Dion Aiye; Goals: Nikau Williams 5, Dion Aiye 1 def London Broncos (20) Tries: Iliess Macani 2, Alex Walker, Wellington Albert; Goals: Oli Leyland 2

#### Venue: LEL Arena; Attendance: 791; Date: Sunday 28 August 2022, 3:00pm; Referee: Cameron Worsley

WHITEHAVEN: Martin, Teare, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, Singleton, Cooper, Wilkinson. Int: McAvoy, Bradley, Hudson, Olstrom

LONDON: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Foster, Oakley. Int: Gahan, Bienek, Tuliatu, Horsman

Batley Bulldogs (22) Tries: Dane Manning, George Senior, Dale Morton 2; Goals: Tom Gilmore 3 def Dewsbury Rams (20) Tries: Jake Sweeting, Reiss Butterworth, Paul Sykes; Goals: Paul Sykes 3

Venue: Tettley's Stadium; Attendance: 1307; Date: Monday 29 August 2022, 7:45pm; Referee: Matt Rossleigh DEWSBURY: McGowan, Car, Greensmith, Ryde, Dixon, Sykes, Sweeting, Beckett, Butterworth, Ferguson, Davies, Graham, Mathiou. Int: Walker, Stevens, Kirby, Knowles

BATLEY: Hooley, Morton, Senior, Hodson, Buchanan, Campbell, White, Gllmore, Gledhill, Burton, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Lillycrop, Flynn, Collinson

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP LADDER AFTER ROUND 25**

Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	А	+/-	Pts
1	Leigh	25	24	1	0	1184	196	988	48
2	Featherstone	25	21	3	1	1004	428	576	43
3	Halifax	25	19	6	0	783	414	369	38
4	Batley	25	16	7	2	692	475	217	34
5	Barrow	25	16	8	1	685	539	146	33
6	York	25	16	9	0	579	566	13	32
_7	Sheffield	25	11	14	0	649	606	43	22
8	Widnes	25	11	14	0	540	637	-97	22
9	Bradford	25	11	14	0	501	614	-113	22
10	London	25	8	16	1	522	652	-130	17
11	Newcastle	25	7	17	1	517	813	-296	15
12	Whitehaven	25	7	17	1	420	824	-404	15
13	Dewsbury	25	3	21	1	333	886	-553	7
14	Workington	25	1	24	0	278	1037	-759	2

#### ROUND 26 FIXTURES ALL TIMES BST (UK)

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

7:45PM SHEFFIELD v FEATHERSTONE

#### SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

7PM NEWCASTLE v YORK

#### **SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

2PM	WORKINGTON v WHITEHAVEN
3PM	BARROW v DEWSBURY
	BATLEY v BRADFORD
	LONDON v LEIGH

**MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER** 

7:45PM (PS) WIDNES v HALIFAX

Olympic Legacy Park

Kingston Park

Derwent Park Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium Fox's Biscuit Stadium Cherry Red Records Stadium

DCBL Stadium Halton



## LU PLAYER OF THE YEAR AFTER NRL ROUND 24

Following each NRL and representative match, our team of writers choose their best three players on the field. Here's the latest leaderboard.

#### 36 points - Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

28 points - Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD), Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)

23 points - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)

22 points - James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)

20 points - Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ)

19 points - Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Joseph Tapine (Raiders)

18 points - AJ Brimson (Titans)

17 points - Jarome Luai (Panthers/NSW), Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)

16 points - Jack Wighton (Raiders/NSW), Matt Burton (Bulldogs/NSW)

15 points - Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

14 points - Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

13 points - Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)

12 points - Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Harry Grant (Storm), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Jackson Hastings (Wests Tigers)

11 points - Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys)

10 points - Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Sam Walker (Roosters), Dylan Brown (Eels), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys), Kalyn Ponga (Knights/QLD)

9 points - Keaon Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Luke Keary (Roosters), Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Payne Haas (Broncos), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys/QLD)

8 points - Talatau Amone (Dragons), Jake Clifford (Knights), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), Hudson Young (Raiders), Taylan May (Panthers/Samoa)

7 points - Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Josh Curran (Warriors), Junior Paulo (Eels), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Tom Dearden (Cowboys), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Will Kennedy (Sharks) 6 points - Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Dane Gagai (Knights), Shaun Lane (Eels), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Justin Olam (Storm/PNG), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers/NZ)

5 points - David Klemmer (Knights), Reece Walsh (Warriors), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Liam Martin (Panthers), Peta Hiku (Cowboys), Jock Madden (Wests Tigers), Adam Elliott (Raiders), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Wayde Egan (Warriors), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Siosiua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers)

4 points - Kurt Capewell (Broncos), Corey Oates (Broncos), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Royce Hunt (Sharks), Cody Ramsey (Dragons), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Tesi Niu (Broncos), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Zac Hosking (Broncos), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Cameron McInnes (Sharks), David Nofoaluma (Wests Tigers/ Storm/Samoa)

3 points - Matt Frawley (Raiders), Sean O'Sullivan (Panthers), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), Te Maire Martin (Broncos), Brad Schneider (Raiders), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Toby Sexton (Titans), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Ezra Mam (Broncos), Dale Finucane (Sharks), Marion Seve (Storm), Lachlan Croker (Sea Eagles), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Moses Suli (Dragons), Tex Hoy (Knights), Anthony Milford (Knights), Matthew Lodge (Roosters), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Kelma Tuilagi (Wests Tigers), Daejarn Asi (Cowboys), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Tom Gilbert (Cowboys), Erin Clark (Titans), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Joseph Suaalii (Roosters), Lachlan Lam (PNG/Roosters)

2 points - Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Tevita Pangai Junior (Bulldogs), Tanah Boyd (Titans), Morgan Harper (Sea Eagles), Edrick Lee (Knights), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Teig Wilton (Sharks), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Phillip Sami (Titans), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Liam Knight (Rabbitohs), Jaydn Su'A (Dragons), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Greg Marzhew (Titans), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Kyle Feldt (Cowboys), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Izack Tago (Panthers), Dylan Walker (Sea Eagles), Luke Garner (Wests Tigers), Ken Maumalo (Wests Tigers), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Lachlan Miller (Sharks), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Nick Meaney (Storm), Sunia Turuva (Fiji/Panthers)

1 point - Izaac Thompson (Rabbitohs), Jaeman Salmon (Panthers), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Corey Horsburgh (Raiders), Aiden Tolman (Sharks), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Matt Dufty (Bulldogs), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Nathan Brown (Eels), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Corey Waddell (Bulldogs), Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs), Thomas Freebairn (Wests Tigers), Jordan McLean (Cowboys), Adam Pompey (Warriors), Kade Dykes (Sharks), Kenny Bromwich (Storm), Beau Fermor (Titans), Toafofoa Sipley (Sea Eagles), Declan Casey (Bulldogs), Brandon Smith (Storm), Adam Clune (Knights), Dominic Young (Knights), Jack Murchie (Warriors), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Tyrone Roberts (Broncos), Ben Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Josh Mcguire (Dragons), Brian To'o (Panthers), Matt Eisenhuth (Panthers), Victor Radley (Roosters), Max King (Bulldogs), James Schiller (Raiders), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Blake Taaffe (Rabbitohs), Xavier Coates (Storm), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Joe Ofahengaue (Wests Tigers), Siliva Havili (Rabbitohs), Marcelo Montoya (Warriors), Josh Schuster (Samoa/Sea Eagles)

# THE WRAP NRL 2022 ROUND 24

#### THURSDAY 25 AUGUST, 7:50PM PARRAMATTA 53 BRISBANE 6 Scorees

PARRAMATTA EELS (53) Tries: Maika Sivo, Mitchell Moses, Tom Opacic (2), Clinton Gutherson (2), Isaiah Papali'i, Viliami Penisini, Waqa Blake; Field Goals: Mitchell Moses (1/1); Conversions: Mitchell Moses (8/9) def BRISBANE BRONCOS (6) Tries: Brenko Lee; Conversions: Kotoni Staggs (1/1)

#### MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: Suncorp Stadium; Crowd: 30371; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points -Shaun Lane, 2 points - Mitchell Moses, 1 points - Reagan Campbell-Gillard

#### FINAL TEAMLISTS

**BRISBANE:** 1. Te Maire Martin 2. Corey Oates 3. Kotoni Staggs 4. Brenko Lee 19. Jordan Pereira 6. Ezra Mam 7. Adam Reynolds 8. Thomas Flegler 9. Jake Turpin 10. Payne Haas 11. Kurt Capewell 12. Jordan Riki 16. Corey Jensen

INT 14. Billy Walters 15. Kobe Hetherington 21. Keenan Palasia 22. Zac Hosking <u>18P</u> 18. Delouise Hoeter

PARRAMATTA: 1. Clinton Gutherson 2. Maika Sivo 3. Viliami Penisini 4. Tom Opacic 5. Waqa Blake 6. Dylan Brown 7. Mitchell Moses 8. Reagan Campbell-Gillard 9. Reed Mahoney 10. Junior Paulo 11. Shaun Lane 12. Isaiah Papali'i 17. Marata Niukore

INT 14. Ryan Matterson 14. Makahesi Makatoa 15. Jakob Arthur 16. Oregon Kaufusi <u>18P</u> 20. Bryce Cartwright

#### **EELS ENTERTAIN AS BRONCOS LEFT BRUISED**

#### An attacking masterclass has seen the Parramatta Eels confirm a place in the finals with a 53-6 victory over the Brisbane Broncos on Thursday evening.

Piling on nine tries in a contest that defied the standing of two top eight teams a fortnight out from the finals, the Eels cracked the half century barrier for the first time since obliterating the Broncos 58-0 in the 2019 elimination final.

The result puts the Broncos finals hopes in serious doubt with the side also facing an injury toll with Adam Reynolds, Thomas Flegler, Kobe Hetherington and Brenko Lee all failing to complete the match.

In a competitive opening which saw both teams unsuccessfully challenge decisions inside the opening seven minutes, the Eels weathered early pressure on their own line to post first points through Maika Sivo (10th minute) following a left side raid.

Losing Reynolds, playing his 250th NRL game, to a HIA minutes later, the Broncos night went from bad to worse with Tom Opacic (16th minute) and Clinton Gutherson (19th minute) blowing the score out to 18-0 in near equal time.

Posting a fourth try through Mitchell Moses (27th minute) midway through the half, the Broncos temporarily stemmed the flow of points by capitalising on an error from the kick-off with Lee (30th minute) touching down off a scrum play.

Capping a golden first half with Shaun Lane running a strong line to send Gutherson (36th minute) over for his second, Moses slotted a disrespectful field goal to send the visitors to the sheds up 31-6.

Restoring a degree of respectability after halftime with an improved defensive effort, the Broncos showed remarkable grit on their line during a six-minute period before Isaiah Papali'i (66th minute) crashed over to restore the avalanche of points.

Taking the score past 40 with Will Penisini (68th minute) pouncing on a kick, Opacic (77th minute) did likewise to collect his second before a blockbusting run from Waqa Blake (80th minute) rounded out the 53-6 demolition.

Next week, the Broncos will face the Dragons at Kogarah on Saturday evening, while the Eels will host the Storm next Thursday at CommBank Stadium in a contest that could determine a place in the top four. **ROB CROSBY** 

#### FRIDAY 26 AUGUST, 6:00PM PENRITH 46 WARRIORS 12

#### SCORERS

**PENRITH PANTHERS (46)** Tries: Taylan May (2), Stephen Crichton, Brian To'o (2), Sean O'Sullivan, Viliame Kikau, Isaah Yeo; Conversions: Stephen Crichton (7/8) **def WARRIORS (12)** Tries: Reece Walsh, Eliesa Katoa; Conversions: Reece Walsh (2/2)

#### **MATCH INFORMATION**

Venue: BlueBet Stadium; Crowd: 17025; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Viliame Kikau, 2 points - Jarome Luai, 1 points - James Fisher-Harris

#### **FINAL TEAMLISTS**

**PENRITH:** 1. Dylan Edwards 2. Taylan May 3. Izack Tago 4. Stephen Crichton 5. Brian To'o 6. Jarome Luai 7. Sean O'Sullivan 8. Moses Leota 9. Apisai Koroisau 10. James Fisher-Harris 11. Viliame Kikau 20. Chris Smith 13. Isaah Yeo INT 14. Mitch Kenny 15. Matt Eisenhuth 16. Spencer Leniu 19. J'maine Hopgood <u>18P</u> 18. Sunia Turuva



WARRIORS: 1. Reece Walsh 2. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak 3. Viliami Vailea 18. Adam Pompey 5. Edward Kosi 6. Chanel Harris-Tavita 7. Shaun Johnson 8. Addin Fonua-Blake 14. Freddy Lussick 10. Tohu Harris 16. Eliesa Katoa 12. Josh Curran 15. Dunamis Lui



INT 13. Bunty Afoa 17. Tom Ale 21. Ben Murdoch-Masila 23. Taniela Otukolo <u>18P</u> 24. Jackson Frei

# PANTHERS CELEBRATE IN STYLE TROUNCING HAPLESS WARRIORS

The Penrith Panthers have resumed transmission trouncing the hapless New Zealand Warriors side by 34 points this evening with returning superstars Jarome Luai and James Fisher-Harris playing a vital role.

It was a real David v Goliath battle at the foot of the mountains tonight, with Penrith in a celebratory mood while the Warriors were keen to head back across the ditch. After the last start 44 point loss to the Cowboys, it was imperative that the visitors start fast and after a clever short ball from Tohu Harris, Dunamis Lui found open space before finding Chanel Harris-Tavita who got it onto Reece Walsh to cross for the first try of the contest. Penrith took a while to warm into this contest, with several stars returning the chemistry took a while to connect, as a result, plenty of attacking opportunities were left begging.

However, a team with the class of Penrith were going to crash over eventually. A significant shift out to the left sees the combination finally fire with Luai getting it onto Kikau before a great ball saw Taylan May crash over for his 15th try of the season and get the scoreboard back level. Penrith had a lion's share of possession and eventually, the Warriors cracked with their paper-thin edge defence when silky skill from Dylan Edwards and Stephen Crichton allowed Brian To'o to get down low and go go go.

Unfortunately for the Warriors, they could not hold on until the break when a big miss from Josh Curran on Sean O'Sullivan allowed him to break free and he could get it onto Edwards who found To'o for his second. On the stroke of half-time, Sean O'Sullivan found Viliame Kikau before offloading to Izack Tago who turned DWZ inside out to get it onto May who in turn found O'Sullivan to give Penrith a 16-point lead at the half.

Penrith continued their rampage straight after the break when Crichton took on the Warriors' left edge all by himself and crashed over to score to extend the margin. If you thought that try was easy, the next one was embarrassing for the visitors when O'Sullivan delivered a peach of a pass to Kikau who crashed over to score. When the Warriors had the ball, they were causing some problems and it was another great pass from Harris who found Eli Katoa to reduce the gap for the visitors. Penrith finished with a flurry when Yeo was given a penalty try after Walsh led with the footy.

Penrith sealed their twentieth victory of the season with a strong showing tonight, they've been assured of a home final for a while now, but they'll be on their way to North Queensland for Round 25. The Warriors get to go back home for the final round of the season when they take on the Titans as they prepare to usher in a new coach and a new era. **AJ LUCANTONIO** 



#### FRIDAY 26 AUGUST, 7:55PM SYDNEY 18 MELBOURNE 14 Scorers

SYDNEY ROOSTERS (18) Tries: Daniel Tupou, Joseph Manu, Joseph Suaalii; Conversions: Sam Walker (2/3); Penalty Goals: Sam Walker (1/1) def MELBOURNE STORM (14) Tries: Xavier Coates, Nick Meaney; Conversions: Nick Meaney (2/2); Penalty Goals: Nick Meaney (1/1)

#### MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: AAMI Park; Crowd: 25308; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Joseph Manu, 2 points - Jahrome Hughes, 1 points - James Tedesco

#### **FINAL TEAMLISTS**

MELBOURNE: 1. Nick Meaney 2. David Nofoaluma 22. Marion Seve 4. Justin Olam 5. Xavier Coates 6. Cameron Munster 7. Jahrome Hughes 8. Jesse Bromwich 9. Harry Grant 10. Nelson Asofa-Solomona 15. Tui Kamikamica 12. Kenny Bromwich 13. Brandon Smith

INT 11. Felise Kaufusi 16. Tom Eisenhuth 17. Josh King 19. Trent Loiero <u>18P</u> 3. Young Tonumaipea

SYDNEY: 1. James Tedesco 2. Daniel Tupou 18. Drew Hutchison 4. Joseph Manu 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 Radlev

INT 14. Connor Watson 15. Egan Butcher 16. Lindsay Collins 17. Siosiua Taukeiaho <u>18P</u> 3. Paul Momirovski

#### **ROOSTERS HOLD OFF STORM IN FINALS DRESS REHEARSAL**

#### A desperate Sydney Roosters have held off a fast-finishing Melbourne Storm to win 18-14 tonight at AAMI Park and book their place in this year's finals series.

With the match in the balance, Roosters skipper James Tedesco managed to save his side with a desperate last-ditch attempt to hold up Storm backrower Kenny Bromwich with minutes remaining. It proved a decisive play as his troops rallied late to hold on for victory in a brave performance from Trent Robinson's men. The win was soured somewhat with Roosters prop Lindsay Collins put on report for a hip drop tackle and lock Victor Radley was severely concussed and will unlikely line up for the club next week.

It was a high octane and at times fiery clash, and for the fans it was a perfect dress rehearsal for this year's final series. The game saw a number of players placed on report and highlighted by a running battle between Roosters enforcer Jared Waerea-Hargreaves and Storm behemoth Nelson Asofa-Solomona who had made a beeline for one another on numerous occasions.

It was a nervous start for the men in purple, when an early error saw the visitors on the attack. Storm prop Asofa-Solomona was then penalised for an illegal strip. Roosters' half Sam Walker took the two points on offer to get the Roosters on the board early with a penalty goal. Melbourne looked to have hit back when Harry Grant placed a deft kick behind the line for his centre Justin Olam, however replays showed Olam did not ground the ball and Sydney survived an early scare. The Tricolours then marched straight up the other end of the field and thanks to some quick hands from Luke Keary and Drew Hutchison on the left-hand side, winger Daniel Tupou scampered over in the corner to score the first try of the night.

The Roosters scored their second try after Luke Keary showed great vision to kick for an unmarked Joseph Manu who strolled over for the try and following the conversion from Walker it was 14-0 after 20 minutes. Tempers began to flair between both firebrands in Waerea-Hargreaves and Asofa-Solomona and upon a warning from the referee, Waerea-Hargreaves was sent to the Sin Bin for a high tackle on his opposite number and for instigating a melee.

After numerous chances, Melbourne finally managed to take advantage of the extra man as Marion Seve delivered a nice pass for Xavier Coates to score in the corner and Nick Meaney nailed the conversion to narrow the Roosters lead to 14-6 as halftime approached. On the cusp of halftime Roosters interchange forward Siosiua Taukeiaho was penalised in front of the posts for a high tackle and Melbourne elected to take the gift two points as Meaney knocked over the penalty goal to narrow the Roosters lead to 14-8 at the break.

The arm wrestle continued in the second half but it was the Roosters who struck first, after Tedesco and Angus Crichton combined for young winger Joseph Suaali'i to steamroll his way over in the corner. Walker missed from out wide and it was 18-8 with a quarter of the match remaining. Melbourne then finally hit back when fullback Nick Meaney dived over to score after collecting a neat offload from Kenny Bromwich close to the line. Meaney converted his own try and which narrowed the score to 18-14 for the Roosters. Despite Melbourne having plenty of chances to win the game, the Roosters showed enough desperation with clutch defensive plays from Tedesco and Joey Manu in the dying minutes saving the Roosters from a sudden death scenario against their bitter rivals South Sydney next week. **SAM BOURKE** 

#### SATURDAY 27 AUGUST, 3:00PM CANBERRA 48 MANLY-WARRINGAH 6 Scorers

**CANBERRA RAIDERS (48)** Tries: Jordan Rapana, Jamal Fogarty, Xavier Savage, Hudson Young (2), Tom Starling, Albert Hopoate, Sebastian Kris, Corey Harawira-Naera; Conversions: Jordan Rapana (0/1), Jamal Fogarty (6/8); Penalty Goals: Jordan Rapana (0/1) **def MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (6)** Tries: Ethan Bullemor; Conversions: Daly Cherry-Evans (1/1)

#### MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: GIO Stadium; Crowd: 16697; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Jack Wighton, 2 points - Jordan Rapana, 1 points - Xavier Savage

#### FINAL TEAMLISTS

**CANBERRA:** 1. Xavier Savage 23. Albert Hopoate 3. Matthew Timoko 4. Sebastian Kris 5. Jordan Rapana 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

INT 14. Tom Starling 15. Emre Guler 16. Corey Horsburgh 17. Corey Harawira-Naera <u>18P</u> 18. James Schiller

MANLY: 1. Tolutau Koula 2. Ray Tuaimalo-Vaega 3. Brad Parker 14. Ben Trbojevic 5. Christian Tuipulotu 6. Kieran Foran 7. Daly Cherry-Evans 16. Martin Taupau 9. Lachlan Croker 17. Kurt De Luis 11. Haumole Olakau'atu 18. Ethan Bullemor 8. Josh Alniai

INT 10. Toafofoa Sipley 13. Dylan Walker 15. Josh Schuster 19. Kaeo Weekes <u>18P</u> 20. James Roumanos



The Canberra Raiders are into the top eight for the first time since Round 3, thrashing the Manly Sea Eagles by 42 points this afternoon before their vocal home fans at GIO Stadium this afternoon.

With a top eight spot up for grabs, the Raiders had to get off to a better start than they did six days ago. It seemed that they answered the call early. Off the back of a quick tap from Jordan Rapana, the Green Machine crossed for the first try when Wighton's pass landed perfectly on the chest of Rapana to give the Raiders the early lead.

Manly were able to work in the game and pose several questions of the Raiders defence. But their final tackle options left a lot to be desired and it was one of these options that cost them big time. Hudson Young was able to pick up the loose ball and run away before linking up with Jack Wighton before finding Xavier Savage and the young fullback crossed for his fifth try of the year and extend the margin to ten. With the possession stats so lopsided, the Raiders soon had their third when a clever kick from Jamal Fogarty was batted back by Sebastian Kris and Hudson Young was jolly on the spot to collect his tenth of the season and their third of the afternoon.

Three minutes later, Manly were preparing to wave the white flag when Wighton found Young then Rapana before getting a wonder ball to Kris before linking up with Tom Starling crosses for try number two of his season and Canberra were out to a 22 point lead. The carnage continued on the next set when Fogarty put another cross kick up which was batted back by Wighton who got it to Rapana who kicked it to Foran who spills it straight into Jamal Fogarty's lap and the Raiders have another one to take a 28-0 lead into the sheds.

After a temporary stop in the scoring rampage, Canberra kicked off their charge for positive for and against territory when Hudson Young crashed over for his second from point-blank range to give the Green Machine a 34 point lead. Despite the dominant margin, you could see the Raiders were hunting for more, knowing that they'll need a win next week and hope that the Broncos don't put the Dragons to the sword next week.

Manly's best attacking play of the afternoon was rewarded when Josh Schuster went deep into the line before finding Kieran Foran who got a great ball to Brad Parker, before the centre got a magical pass away to Ethan Bullemor to stop Manly having the duck-egg next to their name. Unfortunately, their joy was short-lived when Koula put down a regulation bomb and Albert Hopoate crashed over to restore the 34 point margin.

This was extended minutes later when Corey Harawira-Naera found Sebastian Kris to allow the centre to join in on the scoring parade. Off the ensuing set, CHN was backing up in support to dive over in the corner to make it three tries in the space of five minutes. From there that was the end of their scoring, but the Canberra Raiders are into the top eight for the time being with an emphatic victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO** 



# THE WRAP NRL 2022 ROUND 24

#### SATURDAY 27 AUGUST, 5:30PM CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 16 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN O Scorers

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (16) Tries: Briton Nikora, Ronaldo Mulitalo (2); Conversions: Nicho Hynes (2/3) def CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (0)

#### MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: PointsBet Stadium; Crowd: 11500; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Ronaldo Mulitalo, 2 points - Nicho Hynes, 1 points - Cameron McInnes

#### FINAL TEAMLISTS

**CRONULLA:** 1. Lachlan Miller 21. Kayal Iro 3. Jesse Ramien 4. Siosifa Talakai 5. Ronaldo Mulitalo 6. Matt Moylan 7. Nicho Hynes 8. Braden Hamlin-Uele 9. Blayke Brailey 10. Royce Hunt 11. Briton Nikora 12. Wade

Graham 15. Cameron McInnes INT 14. Teig Wilton 16. Aiden Tolman 17. Andrew Fifita 18. Braydon Trindall 18P 22. Luke Metcalf

CANTERBURY: 1. Jake Averillo 2. Jacob Kiraz 3. 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. Raymond Faitala-Mariner 15. Joe Stimson

INT 14. Zach Dockar-Clay 16. Harrison Edwards 17. Chris Patolo 25. Joshua Stuckey <u>18P</u> 22. Kurtis Morrin

# SHARKS WIN DOUR OVER 'DOGS IN FIFITA'S SHIRE SWANSONG

The Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks are one step closer to securing a home final in week one, beating the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 16-0 in an uneventful affair at Pointsbet Stadium.

It was a scrappy and ill-disciplined start from both teams, with the Sharks finishing the firsthalf with a 56% completion rate and struggling to take advantage of a mountain of early field position as a result.

The Bulldogs defence was valiant, but they were only able to hold out Cronulla for so long, with Briton Nikora eventually crashing over in the 17th minute courtesy of a nice short pass from Matt Moylan.

In their set immediately after points, the Sharks were able to roll up the field with ease and gain momentum. When Matt Moylan held his cutout pass long enough to avoid the Addo-Carr intercept, Ronaldo Mulitalo crashed over basically untouched and it looked as though the Sharks would open the floodgates.

It wasn't to be however, despite completely lopsided first half stats in favour of Cronulla (25 tackle breaks to 10 as an example), the home team were unable to add to their total and would go into half-time only up 10 points to nil.

The Sharks main instruction from Coach Fitzgibbon at half-time was to keep it simple and complete their sets, but they did everything but that in the opening stages, dropping the ball multiple times. Despite that, they were able to easily defend the Bulldogs multiple attacking raids.

With the Bulldogs not firing a single shot in attack and the Sharks only completing at 60%, the game was extremely unentertaining, and that's probably putting it lightly. The Bulldogs, despite completing 31 sets from 38, couldn't manage a single line-break and were out-gained by over 300 metres. The final tackle break stats were even more uneven, the Sharks making 56 to the Bulldogs 19.

Despite all of this, the Sharks were only able to manage one extra try in the second half that came in the 65th minute, when Hynes identified Addo-Carr out of position and put in an early kick for Mulitalo, who made no mistake with the pickup and scored under the posts.

The Sharks attack wasn't inspiring, but holding the Bulldogs to nil is something that Fitzgibbon will be happy with, especially considering Canterbury had 52% of the ball.

Next week, the Sharks head to Newcastle and will know before kickoff whether a win will get them into second spot on the table. The Bulldogs will host the Sea Eagles on Friday at 6pm in perhaps the most Friday 6pm game of all time. **ADAM HUXTABLE** 

#### SATURDAY 27 AUGUST, 7:35PM SOUTH SYDNEY 20 NORTH QUEENSLAND 10 Scorers

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (20) Tries: Keaon Koloamatangi, Alex Johnston, Thomas Burgess; Conversions: Latrell Mitchell (3/3); Penalty Goals: Latrell Mitchell (1/1) def NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (10) Tries: Murray Taulagi, Kyle Feldt; Conversions: Valentine Holmes (1/2)

#### **MATCH INFORMATION**

Venue: Accor Stadium; Crowd: 16264; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Keaon Koloamatangi, 2 points - Cameron Murray, 1 points - Tevita Tatola

#### **FINAL TEAMLISTS**

**SOUTHS:** 1. Latrell Mitchell 2. Alex Johnston 3. Isaiah Tass 4. Campbell Graham 19. Taane Milne 6. Cody Walker 7. Lachlan Ilias 8. Tevita Tatola 16. Siliva Havili 10. Hame Sele 11. Keaon Koloamatangi 12. Jai Arrow 13. Cameron Murray INT 14. Kodi Nikorima 15. Mark Nicholls 17. Thomas Burgess 22. Michael Chee Kam <u>18P</u> 23. Peter Mamouzelos



NORTH QLD: 1. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow 2. Kyle Feldt 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Peta Hiku 5. Murray Taulagi 6. Scott Drinkwater 7. Chad Townsend 8. Jordan McLean 9. Reece Robson 15. Coen Hess 11. Luciano Leilua 12. Jeremiah Nanai 13. Jason Taumalolo

INT 10. Reuben Cotter 14. Tom Gilbert 16. Jamayne Taunoa-Brown 20. Jake Granville <u>18P</u> 17. Griffin Neame

#### SOUTHS SECURE FINALS, COWBOYS CLAIM TO 2ND FALTERS

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have booked their spot in the finals with a less than impressive 20-10 victory in a match where the Cowboys found themselves on the wrong side of a bunker controversy.

Souths started the scoring after just seven minutes when Latrell Mitchell slotted a penalty goal to give the Rabbitohs a 2-0 lead. The Cowboys though were able to open the try scoring when Murray Taulagi was put through into space after a misread in defence from the Rabbitohs opened things up.

The Rabbitohs were able to hit back not long after as the presence of Latrell Mitchell put the Cowboys in two minds as Cam Murray found Keaon Koloamatangi on a strong angled run to go through a gap in the Cowboys defence to score.

Extending their lead just after the half-hour mark, the Rabbitohs play right had been far from crisp but down their left they got it picture perfect as they shifted the ball left finding Alex Johnston on the outside to score. The conversion was perfect from Latrell Mitchell and the Bunnies took a 14-6 lead into the break.

Neither side looked remotely close to scoring a try for most of the second half despite the Rabbitohs setting up camp in the Cowboys half for the most part. The Cowboys found themselves on the wrong side of the bunker when Taane Milne was ruled to have not played at a ball when it looked as if he was playing it when looking up on it and as a result lost their challenge.

It didn't hurt the Cowboys though because they were able to score soon after when some quick thinking from Chad Townsend put Kyle Feldt into space on the outside on last tackle before a double kick from Feldt put him through to chase through his own kick. Valentine Holmes missed the conversion to keep the margin at 4.

The Cowboys found themselves on the wrong side of the bunker again, when Coen Hess was sent to the sin bin for contact with the head of Campbell Graham, the ruling looked controversial given it was a head clash and no doubt will reignite some debate.

Things got worse for the Cowboys when Kyle Feldt found himself joining Hess in the bin for a professional foul when he took Alex Johnston out on a kick chase in a try scoring opportunity. Souths took advantage of the extra men when Tom Burgess sealed the win scoring under the posts to seal the victory.

Next weekend, Souths will head to the New Allianz Stadium to take on the Roosters in what will be a fiery clash meanwhile the Cowboys will be hoping for luck to go their way to regain second spot when they take on the minor premiers, the Panthers next Saturday night. **JOSH ROBERTSON** 





#### SUNDAY 28 AUGUST, 2:00PM ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24 WESTS TIGERS 22 Scorers

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (24) Tries: Jaydn Su'A, Zac Lomax, Tautau Moga, Jackson Ford; Conversions: Zac Lomax (3/4); Penalty Goals: Zac Lomax (1/1) def WESTS TIGERS (22) Tries: Fa'amanu Brown, Thomas Freebairn (2), Jock Madden; Conversions: Adam Doueihi (3/4)

#### MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: CommBank Stadium; Crowd: 9789; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Zac Lomax, 2 points - Jock Madden, 1 points - Thomas Freebairn

#### **FINAL TEAMLISTS**

WESTS TIGERS: 1. Daine Laurie 2. Brent Naden 3. Starford To'a 4. Asu Kepaoa 5. Junior Pauga 6. Adam Doueihi 7. Jock Madden 8. Joe Ofahengaue 9. Jake Simpkin 10. Zane Musgrove 11. Thomas Freebairn 12. Kelma Tuilagi 13. Fa'amanu Brown

18. Justin Matamua Pole 15. Austin Dias 16. Jacob Liddle 17. Kitione Kautoga <u>18P</u> 18. Justin Matamua

**ST GEO ILLA:** 1. Cody Ramsey 17. Tyrell Sloan 2. Mathew Feagai 4. Zac Lomax 5. Tautau Moga 6. Talatau Amone 7. Ben Hunt 13. Jack de Belin 9. Jayden Sullivan 10. Blake Lawrie 11. Josh Mcguire 12. Jaydn Su'A 3. Jack Bird

INT 8. Aaron Woods 14. Tyrell Fuimaono 15. Jaiyden Hunt 16. Jackson Ford 18P 18. Jack Gosiewski

#### **DRAGONS DOWN TIGERS IN ERROR-RIDDLED CONTEST**

#### St George Illawarra have defeated the Wests Tigers thanks to a late Zac Lomax penalty goal at Commbank Stadium on Sunday, finishing 24-22 after trailing most of the afternoon.

The final moments saw a Lomax break stifled by the Tigers cover defence, but in that defence, which led to Lomax being taken in touch, Kepaoa hit Lomax high. On a Bunker review, Kepaoa was penalised and sin binned, allowing Lomax to pot the two points and the Red V to sneak home.

It was the visitors who got proceedings off to a better start, a Jaydn Su'A try on seven minutes seeing the Dragons ahead 6-0 early.

After their early efforts though, they unravelled and the Tigers eventually took advantage. A brain snap in a Tigers try-scoring situation by Saints fullback Cody Ramsey saw him sin binned at the 19th minute, during which the home side scored back-to-back tries through Thomas Freebairn and Nu Brown, snaring a 12-6 lead.

Things got worse after Ramsey's 29th-minute return - Jack Bird was penalised for a dangerous tackle on Daine Laurie eight minutes before halftime, dissented and gave up ten metres on the play, then kept dissenting. Liam Kennedy had no trouble making him the second sin binned player of the contest and the Tigers again took advantage, Freebairn crossing for his second of the afternoon.

Trailing 16-6 at the break, the Red V made amends shortly after play resumed, Tautau Moga dotting down out wide and the margin narrowing to six.

Closer to the hour-mark, Zac Lomax thought he'd scored to narrow the score further, but was denied by the video referee who identified a knock-on in the contest for a Ben Hunt kick. He would cross minutes later anyway, taking advantage of lax defence from the hosts and with his conversion, levelling proceedings at 16-all.

The Tigers managed to turn momentum back their way with a superb individual try to Jock Madden, who turned defenders inside-out on a clever run to score and put the home team back ahead 22-16.

Inside the final five minutes, Dragons interchange forward Jackson Ford scored a rare try, Lomax's conversion levelling the scores, before his late penalty goal put them back in the lead for the first time since the 23rd minute, winning them the game.

The loss makes it very difficult for the Tigers to shed the dreaded wooden spoon - which will be all-but confirmed if the Titans can beat Newcastle later today. The Dragons have locked up 10th spot with today's victory and have one match left before heading off on their off-season trips. **TIM COSTELLO** 

#### SUNDAY 28 AUGUST, 4:05PM GOLD COAST 36 NEWCASTLE 26 Scorers

GOLD COAST TITANS (36) Tries: Greg Marzhew (2), Tanah Boyd, David Fifita, Beau Fermor, AJ Brimson (2); Conversions: Tanah Boyd (4/7) def NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (26) Tries: Edrick Lee, Daniel Saifiti, Dominic Young, Dane Gagai (2); Conversions: Tex Hoy (3/5)

#### MATCH INFORMATION

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium; Crowd: 11816; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - AJ Brimson, 2 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, 1 points - Dane Gagai

#### **FINAL TEAMLISTS**

**GOLD COAST:** 1. Jayden Campbell 18. Corey Thompson 3. Brian Kelly 2. Sosefo Fifita 5. Greg Marzhew 6. AJ Brimson 7. Tanah Boyd 8. Jaimin Jolliffe 9. Sam McIntyre 10. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui 11. David Fifita 12. Beau Fermor 13. Isaac Liu INT 14. Paul Turner 15. Herman Ese'ese 16. Moeaki Fotuaika 17. Klese Haas <u>18P</u> 19. Jarrod Wallace



NEWCASTLE: 1. Tex Hoy 2. Edrick Lee 3. Dane Gagai 4. Krystian Mapapalangi 5. Dominic Young 6. Anthony Milford 7. Adam Clune 8. David Klemmer 9. Jayden Brailey 15. Jacob Saifiti 11. Tyson Frizell 12. Brodie Jones 13. Sauaso Sue INT 10. Daniel Saifiti 14. Phoenix Crossland 16. Pasami Saulo 17. Mathew Croker <u>18P</u> 18. Jack Johns



The Gold Coast Titans have avoided the wooden spoon with a high-scoring 36-26 victory over the Newcastle Knights at CBUS Super Stadium.

Playing the majority of the second half a man down after Brian Kelly was dismissed for a dangerous tackle, the Titans managed to hold on for only their fifth win of the season.

In a match which saw 12 tries scored collectively, the Knights took little more than 90 seconds to begin the procession of points with Edrick Lee (1st minute), contesting a well-placed cross-field kick from Anthony Milford, outleaping Corey Thompson in a mismatch of size out wide.

Hitting back through Greg Marzhew (6th minute) after AJ Brimson exposed the visitors down a blind side, the Titans hit the front with David Fifita (11th minute) powering over for his seventh try of the season.

The Knights managed to level the scores at 10-all midway through the half after the bunker deemed Daniel Saifiti (25th minute) managed to get the ball to the ground, but a late flurry of tries turned the game in favour of the home side.

Making metres at will through the middle of the field, the Titans posted three tries in as many sets -Beau Fermor (30th minute), Marzhew (33rd minute) and Tanah Boyd (35th minute) - to take a 14-point lead to the change of ends.

Taking advantage of a break from Jayden Brailey through the middle of the field, a right-side shift allowed Dominic Young (44th minute) to cross in the corner.

Going from hero to villain in a matter of minutes, Kelly embarrassed Dane Gagai to set up a try for Brimson (48th minute) only to be sent off for a dangerous tackle which saw Young driven into the ground.

Withstanding goal line pressure, which saw David Klemmer denied a rare four-pointer by the bunker, the Titans responded with Brimson (57th minute) grubbering close to the goal line to secure the result.

Refusing to go away, despite the bunker denying Jacob Saifiti what would have been one of the tries of the season, Gagai (64th minute) produced a rare display of his class with a dashing run.

Narrowing the margin to ten-points with Gagai (72nd minute) collecting his second, the Titans managed to hold on to the delight of 11,816 supporters on home soil. **ROB CROSBY** 





# MATCH REVIEW & JUDICIARY NRL ROUND 24

Player	Club	Grade	Charge	Base	2022 Offence	Guilty	Early plea	Plea	Result
Asu KEPAOA	Wests Tigers	2	Careless High Tackle	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match	Guilty - early plea	1 match
Isaac LIU	Gold Coast	1	Crusher Tackle	\$2000	1st	\$2000	\$1500	Guilty - early plea	\$1500
Brian KELLY	Gold Coast	3	Dangerous Throw	5 matches	1st	5 matches	4 matches	Guilty - early plea	4 matches
Coen HESS	North Qld	2	Careless High Tackle	2 matches	1st	2 matches	1 match	Guilty - early plea	1 match
Lindsay COLLINS	Sydney	3	Dangerous Contact	3 matches	3rd+	5 matches	4 mathces	Guilty - early plea	4 matches
Victor RADLEY	Sydney	1	Dangerous Contact	\$1500	2nd	\$2500	\$1800	Guilty - early plea	\$1800
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	Sydney	1	Contrary Conduct	\$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
Jordan RIKI	Brisbane	1	Shoulder Charge	\$2000	2nd	2 matches	\$3000	Guilty - early plea	\$3000
Regan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	Parramatta	1	Dangerous Contact	\$1500	1st	\$1500	\$1000	Guilty at judiciary	\$1500

# NRL 2022 LADDER & STATS AFTER ROUND 24

PRE	MIERSHIP LADDER			I	Home	9						Away	/							Tota	I			
Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	А	PD	Р	W	L	D	F	А	PD	Р	W	L	D	В	F	Α	Pts	PD
1.	Penrith	12	10	2	-	332	152	+180	11	10	1	-	296	140	+156	23	20	3	-	1	628	292	42	+336
2.	Cronulla	12	10	2	-	262	172	+90	11	7	4	-	273	176	+97	23	17	6	-	1	535	348	36	+187
3.	North Queensland	11	8	3	-	294	160	+134	12	8	4	-	301	193	+108	23	16	7	-	1	595	353	34	+242
4.	Melbourne	12	8	4	-	357	188	+169	11	7	4	-	286	200	+86	23	15	8	-	1	643	388	32	+255
5.	Parramatta	11	7	4	-	270	230	+40	12	8	4	-	316	245	+71	23	15	8	-	1	586	475	32	+111
6.	Sydney	11	8	3	-	351	210	+141	12	6	6	-	258	208	+50	23	14	9	-	1	609	418	30	+191
7.	South Sydney	12	9	3	-	340	218	+122	11	5	6	-	248	230	+18	23	14	9	-	1	588	448	30	+140
8.	Canberra	12	8	4	-	256	223	+33	11	5	6	-	212	228	-16	23	13	10	-	1	468	451	28	+17
9.	Brisbane	12	7	5	-	248	302	-54	11	6	5	-	254	226	+28	23	13	10	-	1	502	528	28	-26
10.	St George Illawarra	11	8	3	-	217	196	+21	12	3	9	-	230	361	-131	23	11	12	-	1	447	557	24	-110
11.	Manly	12	7	5	-	284	274	+10	11	2	9	-	186	300	-114	23	9	14	-	1	470	574	20	-104
12.	Canterbury	11	4	7	-	222	234	-12	12	2	10	-	140	321	-181	23	6	17	-	1	362	555	14	-193
13.	Newcastle	11	2	9	-	164	347	-183	12	4	8	-	192	277	-85	23	6	17	-	1	356	624	14	-268
14.	Warriors	11	5	6	-	226	256	-30	12	1	11	-	156	417	-261	23	6	17	-	1	382	673	14	-291
15.	Gold Coast	12	5	7	-	228	273	-45	11	-	11	-	200	361	-161	23	5	18	-	1	428	634	12	-206
16.	Wests Tigers	11	2	9	-	183	272	-89	12	2	10	-	159	351	-192	23	4	19	-	1	342	623	10	-281

#### **TOP TRYSCORERS**

Rank	Player	Team	Р	Т
1	Alex JOHNSTON	South Sydney	22	28
2	Corey OATES	Brisbane	21	20
3	Jeremiah NANAI	North Qld	20	17
4	Josh ADDO-CARR	Canterbury	22	16
	Taylan MAY	Penrith	20	16

#### **TOP GOALKICKERS**

Rank	Player	Team	Р	G	Att	%
1	Valentine HOLMES	North Qld	21	88	106	83
2	Sam WALKER	Sydney	23	85	109	78
3	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	21	76	99	77
4	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla	22	71	99	72
5	Zac LOMAX	St Geo Illa	23	68	88	77
6	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	14	61	72	85
7	Adam REYNOLDS	Brisbane	19	59	70	84
8	Reuben GARRICK	Manly	21	57	75	76
9	Matt BURTON	Canterbury	23	48	63	76
10	Nick MEANEY	Melbourne	21	47	64	73

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#### **TOP POINTSCORERS**

Rank	Player	Team	Р	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Valentine HOLMES	North Queensland	21	7	88	2	206
2	Sam WALKER	Sydney	23	6	85	1	195
3	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	21	6	76	2	178
4	Nicho HYNES	Cronulla	22	6	71	4	170
5	Reuben GARRICK	Manly	21	12	57	-	162
6	Zac LOMAX	St George Illawarra	23	6	68	1	161
7	Nick MEANEY	Melbourne	21	12	47	-	142
	Adam REYNOLDS	Brisbane	19	6	59	-	142
9	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	Melbourne	12	14	41	1	139
10	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	14	2	61	-	130
11	Matt BURTON	Canterbury	23	6	48	-	120
12	Latrell MITCHELL	South Sydney	13	6	45	1+	116
13	Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	20	12	32	-	112
	Alex JOHNSTON	South Sydney	22	28	-	-	112
15	Reece WALSH	Warriors	21	2	46	-	100
16	Jamal FOGARTY	Canberra	12	1	41	-	86
17	Corey OATES	Brisbane	21	20	-	-	80
18	Clint GUTHERSON	Parramatta	23	14	8	-	72
19	Jeremiah NANAI	North Queensland	20	17	-	-	68
	Blake TAAFFE	South Sydney	10	2	30	-	68

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-	Clinton GUTHERSON	72	-	8		23	
2	Maika SIVO	44	-	-	11	11	28
3	Will PENISINI	28	-	-	7	23	20
4	Tom OPACIC	24	-	-	6	16	27
5	Waga BLAKE	44	-	-	11	17	27
6	Dylan BROWN	40	-	-	10	23	22
7	Mitchell MOSES	178	2	76	6	21	27
, 8	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	4	-	-	1	23	29
g	Reed MAHONEY	32	_	-	8	23	24
10	Junior PAULO	-	_	_	-		28
11	Shaun LANE	8	_	_	2	21	27
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15	Jakob ARTHUR		_			9	19
16	Oregon KAUFUSI		_			23	
	Marata NIUKORE	4	_				26
17	Mai ala NIUNURE	4	-	-	1	14	20
18	Ofahiki OGDEN	_	_			2	26
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19	Bailey SIMONSSON	12	_	-			24  27
20	Bryce CARTWRIGHT		_	-	- -	9	
21	Sean RUSSELL	12	-	-	3	1	20
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1	Nick MEANEY	24	21	12	47	-	14
2	David NOFOALUMA	28	16^	11	-	-	44
3	Marion SEVE	27	13	3	-	-	12
4	Justin OLAM	28	22	10	-	-	4(
5	Xavier COATES	21	15	13	-	-	52
6	Cameron MUNSTER	27	20	11	5	-	54
7	Jahrome HUGHES	27	20	12	-	-	48
8	Jesse BROMWICH	33	21	1	-	-	4
9	Harry GRANT	24	18	6	-	-	2
10	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	26	21	3	-	-	12
11	Felise KAUFUSI	30	19	3	-	-	12
12	Kenny BROMWICH	30	22	3	-	-	12
13	Josh KING	27	23	1	-	-	4
14	Brandon SMITH	26	19	3	-	-	12
15	Tui KAMIKAMICA	28	14	2	-	-	8
16	Trent LOIERO	21	15	2	-	-	8
17	Chris LEWIS	30	14	1	-	-	Z
18	Young TONUMAIPEA	29	2	2	-	-	8
19	Cooper JOHNS	23	3	-	-	-	-
20	Alec MacDONALD	20	12	1	-	-	4
21	Jordan GRANT	28	3	-	-	-	-
22	Jack HOWARTH	19	-	-	-	-	-
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## **#NRLEELSSTORM**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE Kickoff	THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 7:50PM AEST
VENUE	COMMBANK STADIUM
	PARRAMATTA NSW / BURRAMATTAGAL
WATCH	NINE NETWORK & 9 NOW
	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

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#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE	ASHLE
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#### HEAD TO HEAD

ALL 41	PARRAMATTA 17 // MELBOURNE 24
COMMBANK 2	PARRAMATTA 2 // MELBOURNE 0

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2020	R15	PARRAMATTA 14-0	BANKWEST, 6282
2020	QF	MELBOURNE 36-24	SUNCORP, 16238
2021	R2	PARRAMATTA 16-12	BANKWEST, 10416
2021	R24	PARRAMATTA 22-10	SUNCORP, 10246
2022	R3	PARRAMATTA 28-24	AAMI, 15691

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

2013	R24	MELBOURNE 64-4	AAMI, 13728
2001	R20	PARRAMATTA 54-10	COLONIAL, 13074

#### **NOTABLES**

PARRAMATTA: CLINT GUTHERSON HAS 98 NRL GOALS, TOM OPACIC TURNS 28 ON SEP 7; MELBOURNE: NICK MEANEY HAS 47 CLUB GOALS, DAVID NOFOALUMA HAS 98 NRL TRIES, YOUNG TONUMAIPEA TURNS 30 ON SEP 6; PARRAMATTA HAVE WON THEIR LAST 3 GAMES AGAINST MELBOURNE, BUT HAVE NEVER BEATEN THEM IN 4 STRAIGHT GAMES BEFORE; PARRAMATTA HAVE WON ALL 3 GAMES THEY'VE PLAYED THIS YEAR AGAINST TOP 4 TEAMS (2 V PEN AND 1 V MEL)

#### FORM

PARRAMATTA Melbourne W W L W W W W W W L

#### **THE FINALS EQUATION**

PARRAMATTA 5TH, 32 PTS, +111 WIN: FINISH 4TH

LOSS: FINISH 6TH, OR FINISH 5TH SHOULD SYD V SOU BE A DRAW, OR SOU LOSE BY A LARGER MARGIN THAN THE EELS' REMAINING DIFFERENTIAL.

 MELBOURNE
 4TH, 32 PTS, +255

 WIN: FINISH 3RD OR 4TH, PENDING THE COWBOYS' RESULT ON SATURDAY

 LOSS: FINISH 5TH; OR FINISH 6TH IF THE ROOSTERS CAN BEAT THE RABBITOHS BY A

 LARGE ENOUGH MARGIN TO OVERCOME THE TWO SIDES' GAP IN DIFFERENTIAL.

Match stats courtesy of



# THE PREVIEW with AJ Lucantonio

Top 4 spot on the line between two rivals

A place in the all-important top four is on the line between two rivals to kick off the final round of the regular season, with the Parramatta Eels taking on the Melbourne Storm.

As I wrote last week, it's been a season riddled by inconsistency for the Parramatta Eels, but it seems that they're hitting their straps at the right end of the season. Winning four out of their last five with that blowout loss at the hands of the Rabbitohs appearing to be centuries ago now. With a dominant victory last start under their belts and their own destiny in their hands, expect the Eels to be at their electric best.

Last weekend was the type of game you'd expect Parramatta to fall apart in, heavy favourites against a Brisbane side who's pride was completely tarnished six days before. But, the Eels were electric putting the Broncos firmly under the blowtorch with a 47 point hiding. Their forwards isolated Payne Haas and the rest of their dynamic pack did the rest. This week, they have to go up against a Melbourne pack battered, bruised and defeated by the in-form Roosters last week. Melbourne's forwards will want a statement victory, the question is can Parramatta repel this strong pack. Coach Brad Arthur has opted to make no changes after his side's slaughter of the Broncos, but don't be shocked if Ryan Matterson and Marata Niukore switch their positions as has been the case in recent weeks.

Melbourne have been dominant all season, despite their heavy injury toll. Craig Bellamy's men are primed for a deep finals run... that's what it seems. Although it could potentially be the first time since 2014, that the Storm will have to play knockout footy every weekend should the result not go their way on Thursday night.

Last weekend was one of the more brutal games of the season where the Storm were facing their battle scars. In reality, it's a game where Melbourne should've won and sealed their spot in the four. But ultimately, the Roosters defence answered every call Melbourne had. If they're to cement their second chance, their attack needs to be switched on from the opening whistle taking advantage of any defensive inefficiency that comes up from the Eels and believe me, there's a few that come up from time to time. On the team front, Tom Eisenhuth will miss the remainder of the season after being on the receiving end of an awkward tackle last week with Chris Lewis coming in on the bench. Brandon Smith and Josh King switch places but knowing Bellamy expect the same switch to happen an hour before kickofff.

WHO TO WATCH: With a spot in the top four up for grabs, all eyes are going to be focused on Clint Gutherson. King Gutho as the home fans like to call him, he has been immense for the Eels this season. In his 23 games, Gutherson has crossed the stripe 14 times, set up the same amount and broken 68 tackles as well as running for over 150m a game on average. If Parramatta get the victory on Thursday, expect the man in the number 1 jumper to have a lot to do with it.

He's been in the headlines recently for his on-field behaviour, but Nelson Asofa-Solomona is one of the games premier forwards. With an intimidating frame that makes defenders shake in their boots, NAS has broken 78 tackles and caused carnage with 33 offloads repeatedly putting Melbourne on the front foot in attack. Add an average of 120m a game to that impressive stat sheet and you have one of the game's best forwards. Make what you want about the way he plays the game, but he'll be the difference if Melbourne are to win.

**FAVOURITE**. Melbourne are the favourites for this clash of finals bound contenders. Since 1998, Melbourne have won 24 of the 41 clashes between these two sides. In their earlier meeting this year, it was an epic arm-wrestle which Parramatta won in golden point thanks to a determined chase by Ray Stone off a field goal that hit the upright.

MY TIP: Melbourne rarely lose two on the trot, although we've seen them go on some deep slides this season. For me, they get up in this one purely on the back of their forwards. Last week was one of those games where they were matched physically through the middle and threw every punch at the Roosters and they kept getting up. If they can match and dominate Parra's at times leaky middle third then a spot in the top 4 is theirs to lose. Melbourne by 6.



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# CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS



# MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

			Age	Р	т	G	FG	Pts
FULLBACK	1	Kaeo WEEKES		2	-	-	-	-
WING	2	Raymond TUAIMALO VAEGA	22	1	-	-	-	-
CENTRE	3	Brad PARKER	25	10	1	-	-	4
CENTRE	4	Tolutau KOULA	19	19	6	-	-	24
WING	5	Christian TUIPULOTU	21	18	10	-	-	40
FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Kieran FORAN	32	23	2	-	-	8
HALFBACK	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	33	21	4	13	2	44
FRONT ROW	8	Toafofoa SIPLEY	27	18	1	-	-	4
HOOKER	9	Lachlan CROKER	25	22	4	-	-	16
FRONT ROW	10	Martin TAUPAU	32	20	1	-	-	4
SECOND ROW	11	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	23	20	9	-	-	36
SECOND ROW	12	Andrew DAVEY	30	17	3	-	-	12
LOCK	13	Dylan WALKER	27	22	-	-	-	-
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INTERCHANGE	14	Ben TRBOJEVIC	21	9	2	-	-	8
	15	Josh SCHUSTER	21	12	1	-	-	4
	16	Ethan BULLEMOR	22	11	2	-	-	8
	17	Kurt DE LUIS	26	5	-	-	-	-
RESERVES	18	James ROUMANOS	23	-	-	-	-	-
	19	Zac FULTON	20	1	-	-	-	-
	20	Jacob SYKES	22	-	-	-	-	-
	21	Jamie HUMPHREYS	20	-	-	-	-	-
	22	Gordon CHAN KUM TONG	20	-	-	-	-	-
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## **#NRLBULLDOGSMANLY**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE	FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2022
KICKOFF	6:00PM AEST
VENUE	ACCOR STADIUM
	SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK NSW / WANN-GAL
WATCH	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

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PETER GOUGH CAMERON PADDY CHRIS SUTTON CHRIS BUTLER

#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

ALL 134	CANTERBURY 58 // MANLY 71 // DRAWS 5
ACCOR 15	CANTERBURY 8 // MANLY 7

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2020	R3	MANLY 32-6	CEN. COAST, NONE
2020	R18	MANLY 32-20	ANZ, 2151
2021	R16	MANLY 66-0	BANKWEST, NONE
2021	R24	MANLY 36-18	MORETON DAILY, 4910
2022	R3	MANLY 13-12	4 PINES, 13261

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

2021	R16	MANLY 66-0	BANKWEST, NONE
2003	R23	CANTERBURY 56-24	BROOKVALE, 12820

#### **NOTABLES**

**CANTERBURY**: JOSH ADDO-CARR HAS PLAYED 149 NRL GAMES, RAYMOND FAITALA-MARINER HAS PLAYED 99 NRL GAMES, JEREMY MARSHALL-KING HAS PLAYED 99 NRL GAMES, MATT BURTON HAS 48 CLUB GOALS; **MANLY**: DALY CHERRY-EVANS HAS 149 NRL GOALS, TOLU KOULA TURNS 20 ON SEP 2; **CANTERBURY** NEED 15 POINTS TO BRING UP 2000 PTS SCORED BY THEM AGAINST MAN. MAN NEED 54 PTS TO BRING UP 2000 PTS SCORED BY THEM AGAINST CANTERBURY; **MANLY** HAVE CONCEDED 40+ POINTS IN THEIR LAST 3 CONSECUTIVE GAMES. THIS IS JUST THE SECOND TIME IN THEIR HISTORY THAT THEY'VE DONE THIS. THE OTHER TIME SAW THEM DO IT IN 5 STRAIGHT GAMES FROM ROUNDS 22 TO 26 IN 2003. THEY'VE CONCEDED 40+ ON 12 OCCASIONS SINCE R7, 2020. THEIR FIRST 12 GAMES WHERE THEY CONCEDED 40+ POINTS WERE SPREAD OVER 50 YEARS.

#### FORM

CANTERBURY MANLY

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#### **THE FINALS EQUATION**

CANTERBURY 12TH, 14 PTS MANLY 11TH, 20 PTS BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN PLANNING FOR 2023 FOR SOME TIME NOW.



# THE PREVIEW with Rob Crosby

A season of success and failure for also-rans

A historic night pitting two esteemed Sydney clubs in opposition will serve as a fitting conclusion to the home-and-away season on Friday evening... and the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs will host the Manly Sea Eagles as well.

Closing out a much-improved season, albeit one filled with immense pain, the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs will have three triple-barrelled reasons to perform on home soil.

Celebrating milestone matches for Josh Addo-Carr (150 NRL appearances), Raymond Faitala-Mariner (100 NRL appearances) and Jeremy Marshall-King (100 NRL appearances), the Bulldogs will be aiming to finish the year in winning form following a run of poor performances throughout August.

Failing to trouble the scoreboard attendant during last Saturday's 16-0 shutout against the Sharks, interim coach Mick Potter will welcome back Tevita Pangai Jr and Corey Waddell from reserve grade and suspension respectively.

Losing their past seven meetings against the Sea Eagles, including a one-point defeat on the northern beaches in the first month of the season, a win would see the side finish the year in 12th position, while defeat could see the side fall as low as 14th.

Going from preliminary finalists to the possibility of a seven-week run of losses to end the season, the Manly Sea Eagles will be playing for little more than pride at Accor Stadium.

Sitting inside the top eight prior to the self-inflicted implosion brought on by a rainbow stripe, coach Des Hasler will be demanding an improved defensive showing following last week's dispiriting 48-6 defeat at the hands of the Raiders.

Naming Kaeo Weekes at fullback in a backline reshuffle pushing Tolutau Koula into the centres, the result will have zero impact on the final ladder standing with the side unable to move above or below 12th position.

The match will be the final time Kieran Foran, Martin Taupau, Andrew Davey and Dylan Walker represent the Manly Sea Eagles with the quartet departing following successful tenures in the maroon and white jersey.

WHO TO WATCH: Taking the long road to reach a century of games in first grade, Raymond Faitala-Mariner will be aiming to cap his milestone match with a win. Progressing through the Warriors Under 20s system into first grade before making the move to Canterbury midway through 2016, the 29-year-old Auckland-born forward has endured a rocky run with injuries restricting his time in first grade to just 14 appearances since the start of last season. Penning an extension to remain at Belmore until the end of 2025, Faitala-Mariner will have an extra source of motivation as he endeavours to avoid the nudie run with a four-pointer on Friday evening.

Experiencing a year of highs and lows to well-and-truly establish himself among the leading strike forwards in the game, Haumole Olakau'atu will have his sights set on earning a place in Tonga's World Cup starting pack. Making his representative debut in the mid-year test against New Zealand, the 23-year-old second-rower will be looking to move from the bench into the starting side on the international stage. Holding the distinction as the leading forward for tackle breaks in the league, look for Olakau'atu to run with fierce intensity in his final club appearance for 2022.

FAVOURITE: The Bulldogs are expected to deliver for their three milestone men.

MY TIP: Falling short of the finals is viewed by and large as a failure for most clubs. Given where the Bulldogs have come from, 2022 has been a major step in the right direction. Bulldogs by 10.



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27 23 2 8 Drew HUTCHISO	N <b>3</b>	CENTRE
26 22 11 44 Joseph MAN	U <b>4</b>	CENTRE
19 18 15 60 Joseph SUAAL	II 5	WING
30 20 2 8 Luke KEAR	Y 6	FIVE-EIGHTH
20 23 6 85 1 195 Sam WALKE	r <b>7</b>	HALFBACK
33 18 3 - 12 Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVE	S <b>8</b>	<b>FRONT ROW</b>
23 13 3 12 Sam VERRILL	S 9	HOOKER
27 15 <sup>°</sup> 2 8 Matt LODG	E <b>10</b>	<b>FRONT ROW</b>
26 23 4 16 Angus CRICHTO	N <b>11</b>	SECOND ROW
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22 14 Fletcher BAKE	r <b>16</b>	
23 8 Terrell MA	Y <b>17</b>	
25 2 Adam KEIGHRA	N <b>18</b>	RESERVES
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2	Alex JOHNSTON	27	22	28	-	-
3	Isaiah TASS	23	12	2	-	-
4	Jaxson PAULO	22	17	6	-	-
5	Taane MILNE	27	18	6	-	-
6	Cody WALKER	32	23	12	-	-
7	Lachlan ILIAS	22	22	4	-	-
8	Tevita TATOLA	25	22	4	-	-
9	Siliva HAVILI	29	20	1	-	-
10	Thomas BURGESS	30	19	2	-	-
11	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	24	23	7	-	-
12	Jai ARROW	27	22	1	-	-
13	Cameron MURRAY	24	19	3	-	-
14	Peter MAMOUZELOS	21	1	-	-	_
15	Mark NICHOLLS	32	14	-	-	-
16	Hame SELE	25	10	-	-	-
17	Michael CHEE-KAM	30	3	-	-	-
18	Blake TAAFFE	23	10	2	30	-
19	Kodi NIKORIMA	28	16^	1	10	-
20	Davvy MOALE	19	12	-	-	-
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## **#NRLROOSTERSSOUTHS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE	FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2022
KICKOFF	7:55PM AEST
VENUE	ALLIANZ STADIUM
	MOORE PARK NSW / GADIGAL
WATCH	NINE NETWORK & 9NOW
	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

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NRL BUNKER	

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#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

 ALL 227
 SYDNEY 103 // SOUTHS 119 // DRAWS 5

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 FIRST MEETING AT THIS VENUE

 SFS (1988-2018) 39
 SYDNEY 25 // SOUTHS 14

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2020	R3	SYDNEY 28-12	BANKWEST, NONE
2020	R20	SOUTHS 60-8	ANZ, 7958
2021	R3	SOUTHS 26-16	STAD. AUS., 22838
2021	R24	SOUTHS 54-12	SUNCORP, 5136
2022	R3	SOUTHSS 28-16	ACCOR, 18245

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

**2020** R20 SOUTHS 60-8 ANZ, 7958 **1996** R6 SYDNEY 62-0 SFS, 15103

#### **NOTABLES**

**SOUTHS:** TAANE MILNE HAS PLAYED 49 NRL GAMES, CAMPBELL GRAHAM HAS 48 NRL TRIES, JACOB HOST TURNS 26 ON SEP 3 AFTER 227 GAMES BETWEEN SOUTHS AND SYDNEY, THE BUNNIES HAVE SCORED JUST 63 POINTS MORE. THE LAST 4 TIMES THAT THESE SIDES FACED EACH OTHER WHILE BOTH IN THE TOP 8, SOUTHS WON ALL 4 WITH A COMBINED SCORE OF 156-46 (SINCE 2019)

#### FORM

SYDNEY SOUTHS W W W W W L W W L W

#### **THE FINALS EQUATION**

SYDNEY 6TH, 30 PTS WIN: FINISH 5TH IF STORM DEFEAT EELS; FINISH 6TH IF EELS DEFEAT STORM (UNLESS THEY CAN COVER THE STORM'S DIFFERENTIAL) LOSS: FINISH 7TH

SOUTHS7TH, 30 PTSWIN: FINISH 5TH IF STORM DEFEAT EELS, FINISH 6TH IF EELS DEF STORMLOSS: FINISH 7TH



## THE PREVIEW with Andrew Ferguson

The Tri-Colours take on the Myrtle and Greens in what shapes to be a glorious encounter between two top 8 sides.

Both outfits have won 7 of their last 9 games and racked up a fair swag of scores in the process, however it will be the Roosters coming into this clash with the better form, having won all of their last 7 games.

The Easterners have scored 272 points in their last 7 games, a Dave Brown-esque 38.9 points per game. Their stingy defence has conceded just over 12.5 points per game over the last 6 weeks. Their stunning form change has seen them rise from a mid-season slump down to 10th and up into 6th place where a pair of unlikely big wins could see them move into the top 4.

The Roosters back three of Daniel Tupou, Joseph Sua'ali'l and James Tedesco have scored 42 of the teams 108 tries this year. 17 of those tries coming in the last 7 games, but amazingly, the two back rowers of Nat Butcher and Angus Crichton have bagged 11 tries in the same period. The return of Luke Keary has seen the Roosters attack really fire on the edges of the ruck and every side they've played since his return have failed to combat it.

For the Bunnies, 5 of their last 6 games have been against top 8 sides, 4 of them against top 4 teams, where they scored 2 good wins against Melbourne and the Cowboys and had two narrow losses to Cronulla and Penrith. Those two losses are their only failures in 9 weeks and they can hardly be described as failures.

It's no surprise that the brilliant form of Souths coincides with the return from injury of Latrell Mitchell. He's been destroying sides of late and doing it comfortably. He's also scored 94 points in Souths last 9 games. Throw in Alex Johnston's amazing try scoring rate, where he has scored 14 tries in the same period and immediately you have a seemingly automatic 14 to 18 points on the board for Souths already.

Souths defence has been improved for the start and mid-season, but it still has moments of patchiness which they will need to sort out before taking on the attacking juggernaut of the Roosters side right now.

This will be the 13th time these two rivals have met in the last decade when both sides have been in the top half of the ladder at the same time. The Roosters have won 8 of those encounters, but Souths have won the last 3, 2 of which saw them put 50 plus on the Roosters.

Souths have won the last 4 games between these two sides. The last time they won 5 straight against the Roosters was between 1983 and 1986 when they won 6 in a row.

For the Roosters, Victor Radley is out due to a nasty concussion from last week and Daniel Tupou is out with a groin injury. Lindsay Collins is also out due to suspension. Matt Lodge will start in the front row, Sio Siua Taukeiaho will be at Lock and Paul Momirovski will be on the wing. Fletcher Baker and Terrell May move onto the bench.

Souths will be without Damien Cook and Campbell Graham, neither of which have been named in the 22 man squad. Jaxson Paulo moves into centre, Siliva Havili remains at hooker and Peter Mamouzelos replaces Kodi Nikorima on the bench.

WHO TO WATCH: Nat Butcher and Angus Crichton will be running at Cody Walker, Lachlan Ilias, Isaiah Tass and Jaxson Paulo - the latter two have had a few issues with defence from time to time in recent weeks, something the powerful Roosters edge attack will be trying to exploit.

Latrell Mitchell has been devastating since returning and he will be scheming a lot, especially towards the wing of Johnston, which he does well and has landed the Bunnies plenty of points in recent weeks.

The battle of the big men in the middle will also been tough and fascinating. Both sides are good at making yardage through the middle and out of their own half, making for a great game of footy!

FAVOURITE: Roosters, but very slightly. MY TIP: Roosters by 6.



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Age P	T	G	FG	Pts		
20 <b>21</b>	2	46	-	100	Reece WALSH	1
27 <b>17</b>	8	-	-	32	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2
24 11	4	-	-	16	Jesse ARTHARS	3
21 <b>7</b>	-	-	-	-	Rocco BERRY	4
26 <b>19</b>	6	-	-	24	Marcelo MONTOYA	5
23 16	1	-	-	4	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	6
31 <b>21</b>	3	14	2	42	Shaun JOHNSON	7
26 <b>20</b>	1	-	-	4	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8
25 19	4	-	-	16	Wayde EGAN	9
30 14	1	-	-	4	Tohu HARRIS	10
27 <b>20</b>	3	-	-	12	Euan AITKEN	11
23 <b>17</b>	2	-	-	8	Joshua CURRAN	12
26 23	1	-	-	4	Bunty AFOA	13
21 <b>10</b>	-	-	-	-	Freddy LUSSICK	14
31 <b>10</b>	-	-	-	-	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA	15
22 <b>14</b>	3	-	-	12	Eliesa KATOA	16
23 <b>3</b>	-	-	-	-	Tom ALE	17
25 <b>1</b> 4	3	-	-	12	Jack MURCHIE	18
22 <b>7</b>	2	-	-	8	Daejarn ASI	20
23 19	5	-	-	20	Adam POMPEY	21
23 10	8	-	-	32	Edward KOSI	22
24 <b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	Jackson FREI	23
					Stacey JONES	

			Age	Р	Т	G	FG	Pts
FULLBACK	1	Jayden CAMPBELL	22	13	3	-	-	12
WING	2	Greg MARZHEW	25	16	9	-	-	36
CENTRE	3	Sosefo FIFITA	19	7	3	-	-	12
CENTRE	4	Phillip SAMI	25	13	6	-	-	24
WING	5	Corey THOMPSON	32	11	1	-	-	4
FIVE-EIGHTH	6	AJ BRIMSON	23	21	8	-	-	32
HALFBACK	7	Tanah BOYD	22	17	3	18	-	48
FRONT ROW	8	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	22	22	-	-	-	-
HOOKER	9	Sam McINTYRE	24	13	-	-	-	-
FRONT ROW	10	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	22	21	4	-	-	16
SECOND ROW	11	David FIFITA	22	17	7	-	-	28
SECOND ROW	12	Beau FERMOR	24	22	10	-	-	40
LOCK	13	Isaac LIU	31	22	-	-	-	-
INTERCHANGE	14	Paul TURNER	22	6	-	-	-	-
	15	Herman ESE'ESE	27	12	2	-	-	8
	16	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	25	18	2	-	-	8
	17	Klese HAAS	20	1	-	-	-	-
RESERVES	18	Jarrod WALLACE	31	13	3	-	-	12
	19	Tony FRANCIS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	20	Toby SEXTON	21	19	2	25	-	58
	21	Jamayne ISAAKO	26	12^	3	16	-	44
	22	Sam LISONE	28	14	1	-	-	4

COACH

Justin HOLBROOK

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## **#NRLWARRIORSTITANS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022
3:00PM AEST
MT SMART STADIUM
PENROSE NZ / AOTEAROA
FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE Touch Judges

**NRL BUNKER** 

ZIGGY PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI JON STONE KIEREN IRONS ADAM GEE

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#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

ALL 30	WARRIORS 19 // GOLD COAST
MT SMART 12	WARRIORS 9 // GOLD COAST 3

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2019	R14	WARRIORS 24-20	CBUS SUPER, 9973
2020	R9	GOLD COAST 16-12	CBUS SUPER, 5206
2021	R1	WARRIORS 19-6	CENTRAL COAST, 3771
2021	R25	GOLD COAST 44-0	CBUS SUPER, 12532
2022	R2	GOLD COAST 20-18	CBUS SUPER, 13481

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

2021	R25	GOLD COAST 44-0	CBUS SUPER, 12532
2014	R25	WARRIORS 42-0	MT SMART, 13540

#### **NOTABLES**

WARRIORS: EUAN AITKEN HAS 49 NRL TRIES, JAZZ TEVAGA TURNS 27 ON SEP 4; GOLD COAST: COREY THOMPSON HAS 47 NRL TRIES, MOEAKI FOTUAIKA HAS PLAYED 99 NRL GAMES, ERIN CLARK TURNS 25 ON SEP 6, HERMAN ESE'ESE TURNS 28 ON SEP 7; GOLD COAST HAVE HAD JUST 1 WIN IN NZ IN THE LAST DECADE, IN 2015. GOLD COAST HAVE LOST THEIR LAST 14 AWAY GAMES, BY AN AVERAGE MARGIN OF 14 POINTS

#### FORM

WARRIORS LLWLL GOLD COAST LLWLW

#### **THE FINALS EQUATION**

WARRIORS14TH, 14PTSGOLD COAST15TH, 12 PTSBOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN OUT OF THE RUNNING FOR OVER A MONTH

#### Match stats courtesy of



## THE PREVIEW with Adam Huxtable

Perennial Strugglers Look To Finish Disappointing 2022 on a High

It's been another hugely underwhelming season for the Warriors. For the third consecutive year, they were forced to play a large chunk of their home games away from home, resulting in them struggling to secure long term commitments from players. While their limited games in New Zealand have seen improved performances, ultimately they failed to make the finals for the 10th time in 11 years in another failed campaign.

The Gold Coast Titans have managed to outdo the Warriors for underachievement this year. Coming off an extremely rare finals appearance in 2021, there was a renewed sense of optimism around the holiday strip coming into this year. Things started off well enough, the team going 2-3 but being a good shot at winning every game they'd played in. At exactly what point the wheels came off is a mystery, but they did, and it's seen them record just 5 wins in 23 matches thus far.

It would no doubt be a nice change for Rugby League to see one or both of these sides experience some form of success in years to come, and their long suffering fans will no doubt be lining up for what will likely be another dose of false hope in 2023. The game on Saturday will be of no consequence to the top eight, and a recent resurgence has seen the Titans basically guarantee that they won't win the dreaded wooden spoon.

Considering all this, one would think that we will see a game full of attacking flair, with caution thrown to the wind by both sets of playmakers. It will be Stacey Jones' last game as interim coach before remaining on the staff next year, while Justin Holbrook will be under immense pressure to turn results around quickly in 2023.

Last week, the Warriors did what any bottom 8 team on a road trip to Penrith in Round 24 would do and lost by a hefty margin. They started off well, scoring first and leading for around 20 minutes, but once the Panthers got their first the floodgates started to open.

The Titans have won 2 of their last 3, and going on recent form it's clear that their attack isn't the issue, scoring on average over 28 points per game. The reason they are where they are on the table is their defence, which is nothing short of abysmal, conceding 27.5 points per game over the entire SEASON, second worst only to their opponents on the weekend the Warriors.

The Warriors undoubtedly are a better side when playing at Mt Smart Stadium. They concede on average 14 points less at home, while scoring just under 10 points more.

If anything, these stats should indicate that we are in for an entertaining affair on Saturday afternoon.

WHO TO WATCH. This game will mark Reece Walsh's final game as a Warrior, and despite not playing in front of them much, he will be hoping to send out the Mt Smart faithful in style. There are still big question marks over his defensive play as a fullback, particularly as the last line of defence, however at his best he is a dynamic playmaker with the ability to create something out of nothing. Last week, he showed a glimpse of both worlds, scoring a nice try to give the Warriors an unlikely early lead, while also putting in some sub-par defensive efforts that led to opposition tries, finishing with the final stats of 10 tackles and 6 missed-tackles as well as a line break assist and tackle break.

For the Titans, Beau Fermor has been an unsung hero for the majority of the season. His performances did earn him a spot among the reserves in origin, and if he continues to improve at his current rate you'd be a brave man to bet against him making his Queensland debut in the coming years. Last week he scored yet another try, his 5th in the Titans' last four games, and did so by running an outstanding line and burning the opposition fullback to go with 3 tackle breaks and 2 offloads. His usually sound defence has taken a turn for the worse however, missing his most tackles in two consecutive weeks (5 and 7).

FAVOURITE: The Warriors are 5.5 point favourites at the time of writing.

MY TIP: This is sure to be an entertaining affair full of points with not much defence. For me, the home-field advantage will be enough to see the Warriors home against a Titans side who will have one eye on the plane home to mad-Monday around the 50th minute.



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# ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS



# BRISBANE BRONCOS

Te Maire MARTIN

**Corey OATES** 

Kotoni STAGGS

Selwyn COBBO

Tyson GAMBLE

Adam REYNOLDS

Thomas FLEGLER

Jake TURPIN

Payne HAAS

Jordan RIKI

14 Billy WALTERS

Kurt CAPEWELL

Patrick CARRIGAN

**Keenan PALASIA** 

Corey JENSEN

Zac HOSKING

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19 13 6 - - 24

27 10 1 - - 4

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1	Cody RAMSEY	20	-	-	5	14	22
2	Tyrell SLOAN	4	-	-	1	7	20
	Mathew FEAGAI	32	-	-	8	19	21
3 4	Zac LOMAX	161	1	68	6	23	22
5	Tautau MOGA	28	-	-	7	9	28
6	Talatau AMONE	24	-	-	6	23	20
7	Ben HUNT	24	-	-	6	22	32
8	Jack DE BELIN	20	-	-	5	23	31
9	Jayden SULLIVAN	8	-	-	2	8	20
10	Blake LAWRIE	4	-	-	1	23	25
11	Josh McGUIRE	-	-	-	-	13	32
12	Jaydn SU'A	20	-	-	5	17	24
13	Jack BIRD	26	-	1	6	22	27
14	Tyrell FUIMAONO	-	-	-	-	6	26
15	Jaiyden HUNT	-	-	-	-	2	24
16	Jackson FORD	4	-	-	1	4	24
17	Aaron WOODS	-	-	-	-	18	31
18	Jack GOSIEWSKI	4	-	-	1	4	28
19	Andrew McCULLOUGH	8	-	-	2	19	32
20	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	-	-	-	-	-	26
21	Joshua CORIC	-	-	-	-	-	20
22	Josh KERR	-	-	-	-	7	26
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## **#NRLDRAGONSBRONCOS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE	SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022
KICKOFF	5:30PM AEST
VENUE	NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM
	CARLTON NSW / BIDJIGAL
WATCH	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE	BEN CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	NICK MOREL
	MATT NOYEN
NRL BUNKER	GERARD SUTTO

#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

ALL 43	ST GEO ILLA 19 // BRISBANE 24
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#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2018	QF	ST GEO ILLA 48-18	SUNCORP, 47296
2019	R3	ST GEO ILLA 25-24	SUNCORP, 21081
2020	R15	ST GEO ILLA 28-24	SUNCORP, 7074
2021	R13	ST GEO ILLA 52-24	NETSTRATA, 5107
2022	R17	BRISBANE 32-18	SUNCORP, 29234

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

2000	R24	BRISBANE 44-14	WIN, 14184
2018	QF	ST GEO ILLA 48-18	SUNCORP, 47296

#### **NOTABLES**

**ST GEO ILLA**: FRANCIS MOLO TURNS 28 ON SEP 3 **BRISBANE**: KOTONI STAGGS HAS 48 NRL GOALS, HAVE NOT WON AT KOGARAH SINCE IUNE 1998

OF THE 32 SCORES OF 50+ SCORED SINCE THE START OF THE 2019 NRL SEASON, SEVEN OF THEM HAVE BEEN CONCEDED BY BRISBANE, MORE THAN ANY OTHER SIDE. COACH KEVIN WALTERS PLAYED IN THE LAST BRONCOS WIN AT

KOGARAH, BACK IN 1998. THEY'VE LOST ALL 4 GAMES SINCE.

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#### **THE FINALS EQUATION**

**BRISBANE** 9TH, 28 PTS WIN: FINISH 8TH, UNLESS THE RAIDERS BEAT THE TIGERS ON SUNDAY LOSS: FINISH 9TH UNLESS THE RAIDERS LOSE BY A GREATER MARGIN THAN BRISBANE'S DIFFERENTIAL ALLOWS

**ST GEO ILLA** 10TH, 24 PTS LOOKING AHEAD TO SEASON 2023.



# THE PREVIEW with Lachlan McIntyre

8th on the line for Brisbane as 9th and 10th face off

The Brisbane Broncos will travel to Kogarah to meet the Dragons in what could possibly be the last game of both these teams' seasons. With a spot in the finals on the line for the Broncos, they'll leave everything out on the field to attempt to steal eighth place back from the Raiders. The Dragons will be hoping to give their fans some hope for 2023, with their campaign coming to a close this weekend.

Showcasing plenty of positive signs throughout the season, Brisbane have started to fall away in recent times. With a top four spot well within sight just a few months ago, a horror past five games, of which they have lost four, as seen them slip all the way to ninth. In the past two weeks they have conceded a combined total of 113 points, while a loss to the Tigers in round twenty has proven to be crucial.

Their performance last weekend was hurt by a number of injuries suffered by key players throughout the match. Ending the game with just thirteen fit players, halfback Adam Reynolds was amongst the first casualties, succumbing to a game-ending head knock early on. Further injuries to Tom Flegler, Kobe Hetherington, and Brenko Lee saw the Broncos collapse against a dominant Eels side.

The large losing margins mean that a finals berth is largely out of the Broncos hands now. Sitting equal on points with the Raiders, they are however 43 points behind on for and against. If the Raiders lose and the Broncos win, Brisbane will be finals bound, however if Canberra win the Broncos would need to have pulled off a victory by at least 43 points more than the Raiders-Tigers margin.

In a big relief for Broncos fans, Adam Reynolds and Thomas Flegler have both been named to play this weekend. Selwyn Cobbo and Patrick Carrigan also return to the seventeen, while Brenko Lee and Kobe Hetherington are out following their injuries last weekend. Delouise Hoeter is the new face in the centres, but the big news is Tyson Gamble's return to the NRL side, with Ezra Mam being dropped to the reserves.

The Dragons mounted an impressive fightback last weekend to edge the Tigers by two with Lomax slotting a penalty goal with less than a minute to go. Nevertheless, their performance against a Tigers side coming off a 66 point loss was disappointing at best. They showed plenty of fight however; down by ten points at the break and having to play with twelve for twenty minutes of the first half.

The win means that they have now won two matches on the trot, and this weekend they have the opportunity to go three straight for the second time this season. With Anthony Griffin's future at the club somewhat uncertain, he will want his team to end the season on a high, and up against the club that he used to coach, a lot will be on the line.

WHO TO WATCH. Not appearing in the first grade team for Brisbane until round seven, Tyson Gamble has since played eight matches this season in the NRL - a mixture of five-eighth and, more recently, time off the bench. He played 28 minutes against the Titans in his most recent first grade game, and coach Kevin Walters is taking a huge Gamble (I'm sorry I couldn't resist) choosing him over young half Ezra Mam. The pressure will be on him to make a big return to the NRL stage.

Sitting behind veteran Andrew McCullough in the pecking order for the majority of the season, Jayden Sullivan has made eight NRL appearances this year, with only one of them being in the starting hooker role. Thrown into the number nine jersey last weekend following McCulloughs' injury, Anthony Griffin has trusted him to keep that responsibility for the Dragons' final game of the season, despite McCullough being available for selection. He will be looking to show the Dragons why he deserves a permanent spot in the first grade seventeen going forward.

FAVOURITE: The Brisbane Broncos are the favourites to win the two points away from home this Saturday.

MY TIP: With their season on the line, the Broncos will step up and bounce back from a disappointing couple of weeks. Brisbane by 10.



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**FIVE-EIGHTH** 

HALFBACK

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SECOND ROW

**INTERCHANGE** 

RESERVES

**COACH** 

PENALTIES

**SCRUMS** 



Age 🛛	D	Т	G	FG	Pts		
25 1	9	10	4	-	48	Scott DRINKWATER	1
30 1	7	10	-	-	40	Kyle FELDT	2
27 <b>2</b>	1	7	87	2	204	Valentine HOLMES	3
29 <b>2</b>	3	4	-	-	16	Peta HIKU	4
23 <b>2</b>	2	13	-	-	52	Murray TAULAGI	5
20 2	0	6	-	-	24	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	6
31 2	3	2	2	1	13	Chad TOWNSEND	7
30 1	9	-	-	-	-	Jordan McLEAN	8
24 <b>2</b>	3	6	-	-	24	Reece ROBSON	9
23 1	5	1	-	-	4	Reuben COTTER	10
26 <b>2</b> 0	)^	3	-	-	12	Luciano LEILUA	11
19 <b>2</b>	0	17	-	-	68	Jeremiah NANAI	12
29 <b>2</b>	2	-	-	-	-	Jason TAUMALOLO	13
33 <b>1</b>	4	-	-	-	-	Jake GRANVILLE	14
22 <b>2</b>	1	2	-	-	8	Tom GILBERT	15
25 1	5	-	-	-	-	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	16
21 <b>2</b>	0	4	-	-	16	Griffin NEAME	17
28 3	3	-	-	-	-	Brendan ELLIOT	18
21 -	-	-	-	-	-	Riley PRICE	19
24 4	1	2	-	-	8	Connelly LEMUELU	20
21 <b>2</b>	0	8	-	-	32	Tom DEARDEN	21
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1	Charlie STAINES	21 13	2	-	-	8
2	Sunia TURUVA	19 <b>2</b>	-	-	-	
3	Robert JENNINGS	26 4	-	-	-	
4	Thomas JENKINS	21 -	-	-	-	
5	Christian CRICHTON	26 -	-	-	-	
6	Kurt FALLS	26 <b>2</b>	-	7	-	1
7	Sean O'SULLIVAN	24 10	2	2	-	1
8	Lindsay SMITH	22 <b>2</b>	-	-	-	
9	Mitch KENNY	24 20	1	-	-	
10	Matt EISENHUTH	30 15	-	-	-	
11	Chris SMITH	28 5	1	-	-	
12	Liam MARTIN	25 19	7	-	-	2
13	J'maine HOPGOOD	23 <b>3</b>	-	-	-	
14	Soni LUKE	26 3	-	-	-	
15	Eddie BLACKER	22 -	-	-	-	
16	Liam HENRY	21 -	-	-	-	
17	Jack COLE	19 -	-	-	-	
18	Mavrik GEYER	21 -	-	-	-	
19	Preston RIKI	24 -	-	-	-	
20	Ativalu LISATI	21 -	-	-	-	
21	Liam MARTIN	25 <b>19</b>	7	-	-	2
22	Jaeman SALMON	23 <b>22</b>	2	_		

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## **#NRLCOWBOYSPANTHERS**

#### MATCH DETAILS

DATE Kickoff	SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022 7:35PM AEST
VENUE	QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM
	TOWNSVILLE QLD / WULGULURKABA
WATCH	NINE NETWORK & 9NOW
	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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#### MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	TODD S
TOUCH JUDGES	LIAM K
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#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

ALL 43	NORTH QLD 19 // PENRITH 24
QLD COUNTRY BANK 1	NORTH QLD 0 // PENRITH 1

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2019	R23	NORTH QLD 24-10	1300SMILES, 10523
2020	R10	PENRITH 22-10	PANTHERS, NONE
2020	R19	PENRITH 32-12	QLD C.B., 7247
2021	R1	PENRITH 24-0	BLUEBET, 14077
2022	R12	PENRITH 22-0	BLUEBET, 17125

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

2004	R24	PANTHERS 56-6	PENRITH, 12391
2013	R22	COWBOYS 36-4	CENTREBET, 6611

#### **NOTABLES**

NORTH OLD: JAMAYNE TAUNOA-BROWN HAS PLAYED 49 NRL GAMES. HAMISO TABUAI-FIDOW TURNS 21 ON SEP 5 BY KICK OFF. IT WILL HAVE BEEN 1.029.490 MINUTES SINCE THE COWBOYS LAST SCORED A POINT AGAINST THE PANTHERS (ROUND 19.2020)

#### FORM

NORTH OLD PENRITH

#### THE FINALS EQUATION

NORTH OLD 3RD, 34 PTS WIN: FINISH 2ND OR 3RD. PENDING KNIGHTS V SHARKS RESULT LOSS: FINISH 3RD OR 4TH, PENDING EELS V STORM RESULT PENRITH **1ST. 42 PTS - MINOR PREMIERS** 

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PENRITH HAVE FINISHED 1ST AND WILL HOST 4TH PLACE IN WEEK ONE.

#### Match stats courtesy of



# THE PREVIEW with Andrew Jackson

Cowboys to end season with a bang against undermanned Panthers

The Cowboys will be looking to snap up second spot on the ladder with a victory on Saturday. although the Sharks will bump them back to the third should they get up the day after. Given North Queensland's strong record at home this year (8-3), it would be a significant boost for them to finish second. Otherwise, they face travelling to Cronulla where the Sharks have won 10 of 12 games this year or could even drop back to fourth if the Storm beat the Eels. If that was to happen they would face the well-rested Panthers again off the back of two-straight losses, having gone down to the Rabbitohs last week.

Tom Dearden has been named among the reserves and is considered an outside chance of suiting up after suffering a ruptured testicle. For the time being, Scott Drinkwater has been named at fullback with Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow filling it at five-eighth in place of Dearden. In the only other change for North Queensland, Coen Hess misses the game through suspension with Reuben Cotter into the starting line-up in his place while Griffin Neame joins the bench.

As for the Panthers, well, there are changes aplenty and a few debuts too.

Coach Ivan Cleary has rested most of the first-grade side, with Dylan Edwards, Brian To'o, Stephen Crichton, Izack Tago, Taylan May, Jarome Luai, Moses Leota, James Fisher-Harris, Viliame Kikau and Isaah Yeo missing along with the suspended Nathan Cleary and injured Api Koroisau (ankle) and Spencer Leniu (shoulder). At this stage, Koroisau's ankle issue does not appear to be serious and he should be fine to play in week one of the finals, although Leniu may be in more doubt with his shoulder injury.

The Panthers field a new-look backline consisting of Charlie Staines at fullback, Sunia Turuva and Christian Crichton on the wings and Robert Jennings and Tom Jenkins (debut) in the centres. Kurt Falls and Sean O'Sullivan pair up once more in the halves while Lindsay Smith and Matt Eisenhuth are the starting front rowers, with Mitch Kenny captaining the side at hooker. Chris Smith and Scott Sorensen (returning from a calf injury) are in the second row with J'maine Hopgood at lock as a strong ball-playing option. The bench consists of crafty hooker Soni Luke, ex-Dragon Eddie Blacker and debutants Liam Henry and Jack Cole.

Interestingly, the Panthers did not opt to rest any players in their final game last year against the Eels, running out 40-6 winners on that occasion.

"There's a good argument, there are plusses for both I reckon," coach Cleary told reporters of the decision.

"In many respects, since round 12 our team has been disrupted but we've been able to get on track and win games. There's always a risk and that lands on my doorstep, I'm sure we'll go OK. I feel at this time this is the best option for us to prepare for the first week of the finals."

WHO TO WATCH: Regardless of whether he plays in the halves or goes back to the bench, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow could be in for a big night against the understrength Panthers. If he starts, look for the speedster to expose Penrith's inexperience on the edges. Tabuai-Fidow would find plenty of success targeting Robert Jennings in the centres in particular given the speed mismatch.

As for the Panthers, this is Charlie Staines' best chance to really press his claims - be it at Penrith or a rival club. Staines has been linked to a move away from the Panthers given he has fallen down the pecking order and still capable of playing at NRL level. The 21-year-old struggled in his last game at fullback, manhandled by a brutal Melbourne defence before being eventually hooked by coach Cleary midway through the second half. It was hardly the kind of performance Staines needed if he was trying to put himself in the shop window but Saturday's game gives him another chance to impress.

FAVOURITE: The Cowboys are well backed to get the job done against the undermanned Panthers.

MY TIP: The Panthers may struggle to score points with so many new faces in the team and will find it just as hard to hold the Cowboys out too. North Queensland should do this comfortably. Cowboys by 18.



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FULLBACK WING CENTRE

CENTRE

**FIVE-EIGHTH** 

HALFBACK FRONT ROW

HOOKER FRONT ROW

**SECOND ROW** 

SECOND ROW

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# CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND **SHARKS**

Age P	T	G	FC	i Pts						
22 11	2	5	-	18	Tex HOY	1				
29 15	14	-	-	56	Edrick LEE	2				
31 <b>19</b>	5	-	-	20	Dane GAGAI	3				
19 2	-	-	-	-	Krystian MAPAPALANGI	4				
21 19	12	-	-	48	Dominic YOUNG	5				
22 18	1	-	-	4	Phoenix CROSSLAND	2 3 4 5 6				
27 <b>17</b>	2	-	-	8	Adam CLUNE	7				
28 17	1	-	-	4		B				
26 <b>8</b>	1	-	-	4	Jayden BRAILEY	9				
26 18	2	-	-	8	Daniel SAIFITI <b>10</b>					
30 20	3	-	-	12	Tyson FRIZELL 1					
24 <b>12</b>	-	-	-	-	Brodie JONES	2				
22 15	1	-	-	4	Mat CROKER	3				
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26 16	1	-	-	4	Chris RANDALL	4				
26 22	1	-	-	4	Jacob SAIFITI	5				
24 10	-	-	-	-	Pasami SAULO	6				
24 <b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	Jack JOHNS 📍	7				
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21 13	-	-	-	-	Simi SASAGI	B				
23 -	-	-	-	-	Ben TALTY	9				
23 <b>20</b>	8	-	-	32	Enari TUALA 2	D				
23 5	-	-	-	-	Jirah MOMOISEA 2	1				
28 1	-	-	-	-	Hymel HUNT 2	2				
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1	Lachlan MILLER	28	5	2	-	-	8
2	Matt IKUVALU	28	4	4	-	-	16
3	Jesse RAMIEN	25	20	9	-	-	3
4	Siosifa TALAKAI	25	19	6	-	-	2
5	Ronaldo MULITALO	22	21	15	-	-	6
6	Matt MOYLAN	31	21	5	-	1	2
7	Nicho HYNES	26	22	6	71	4	17
8	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	27	14	2	-	-	8
9	Blayke BRAILEY	23	23	3	-	-	1
10	Royce HUNT	27	17	3	-	-	1
11	Briton NIKORA	24	21	4	-	-	1
12	Wade GRAHAM	31	15	1	-	-	Z
13	Cameron McINNES	28	22	1	-	-	2
14	Teig WILTON	22	21	6	-	-	2
15	Braydon TRINDALL	23	15	1	2	-	8
16	Aiden TOLMAN	33	19	1	-	-	Z
17	Andrew FIFITA	33	19	1	-	-	2
18	Luke METCALF	23	-	-	-	-	
19	Jesse COLQUHOUN	20	2	-	-	-	
20	Mawene HIROTI	23	2	-	-	-	
21	Kayal IRO	22	1	-	-	-	
	Dale FINUCANE	30	15	_		_	

Craig FITZGIBBON

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## **#NRLKNIGHTSSHARKS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022
2:00PM AEST
MCDONALD JONES STADIUM
NEW LAMBTON NSW / AWABAKAL
FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

CHRIS SUTTO
KASEY BADG
PHIL HENDEI
ADAM GEE

#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

ALL 57	NEWCASTLE 31 // CRONULLA 25 // DRAWS 1
MCDONALD JONES 27	NEWCASTLE 17 // CRONULLA 9 // DRAWS 1

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2019	R1	NEWCASTLE 14-8	MCD JONES, 21813
2020	R17	NEWCASTLE 38-10	MCD JONES, 5597
2021	R6	NEWCASTLE 26-22	MCD JONES, 17039
2021	R22	NEWCASTLE 16-14	REDCLIFFE, 3954
2022	R4	CRONULLA 18-0	POINTSBET, 8927

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

 2016
 R10
 CRONULLA 62-0
 HUNTER, 16150

 2002
 R6
 NEWCASTLE 52-8
 ENERGYAUS, 26721

#### **NOTABLES**

**NEWCASTLE**: JIRAH MOMOISEA TURNS 24 ON SEP 2; **CRONULLA**: WADE GRAHAM HAS 48 NRL TRIES; **CRONULLA** HAVE WON JUST 10 OF 28 GAMES IN NEWCASTLE AND HAVE LOST THEIR LAST 3 TRIPS THERE

#### FORM

NEWCASTLE CRONULLA LWLLL WWWWW

#### THE FINALS EQUATION

NEWCASTLE 13TH, 14 PTS PACKED UP AND READY FOR A HOLIDAY CRONULLA 2ND. 36 PTS

CRONULLA WIN: FINISH 2ND

LOSS: FINISH 2ND OR 3RD PENDING COWBOYS V PANTHERS RESULT

Match stats courtesy of



# THE PREVIEW with Rob Crosby

Two decades of waiting, a second title in sight

The penultimate match of the home-and-away season will see the Newcastle Knights bid adieu to a season best left forgotten against the finals-bound Cronulla Sharks at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Starting the year with the false promise of optimism before slipping into a rut of mediocrity on and off the field, the Newcastle Knights will be hoping to give their beleaguered supporters something to hold onto during the off-season.

Winning a paltry six matches, including an all-time worst total of two wins at home, all year, coach Adam O'Brien will be looking to invoke former glories to inspire a response following last week's dismal defensive showing in the 36-26 loss to the Titans.

Celebrating Old Boys Day, an annual celebration of former players to have represented the club, Phoenix Crossland replaces Anthony Milford in the halves, while Chris Randall and Jack Johns join the bench.

Eyeing off a qualifying final on home soil and a guaranteed second chance by virtue of finishing in the top two, the Cronulla Sharks will be out to turn their late season surge into a genuine chance of lifting the Provan-Summons trophy in a month's time.

Falling one game short of a top eight berth last season, coach Craig Fitzgibbon has transformed the boys in black, white and blue into a defensively resolute outfit, as evidenced by last Saturday's 16-0 shutout over the Bulldogs.

Holding a dominant record over the Knights with nine wins from 13 meetings since 2015, including an 18-0 victory at PointsBet Stadium earlier in the season, Matt Ikuvalu has been recalled on the wing with Dale Finucane included as part of the extended bench.

WHO TO WATCH: Standing up each week as Newcastle's best in a difficult campaign, hulking winger Dominic Young will be out to push his claims for a World Cup call-up. Scoring 12 tries in 19 appearances during his first full season in the top grade, the 21-year-old could earn a place in Shaun Wane's England squad off the back of his efforts with the Knights

Guaranteed to play with Jamaica if overlooked for England, Young will have his sights set on giving long-suffering Novocastrians reason to smile at the end of a season to forget.

Enjoying a career resurgence 12 months on from the most harrowing moment of his playing career, Andrew Fifita will be out to cement his standing as big-game player on the eve of the finals. Suffering a fractured larynx against the Knights in Redcliffe last season, the 31-year-old premiership hero has averaged 65 metres and 14 tackles in 23 minutes of action predominantly off the bench.

Locked in a tussle alongside fellow veteran Aiden Tolman and emerging prop Royce Hunt for a place in Craig Fitzgibbon's best 17, look for Fifita to leave nothing is reserve on Sunday afternoon.

FAVOURITE: The Sharks are expected to finish the regular season with six straight wins - despite losing their past three visits to Newcastle.

MY TIP: The Knights have hosted the Sharks three times previously on Old Boys Day with the visitors holding a narrow 2-1 advantage. Expect that advantage to grow at the end of 80 minutes on Sunday afternoon. Sharks by 12.



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Xavier SAVAGE

Matthew TIMOKO

Sebastian KRIS

Jordan RAPANA

Jack WIGHTON

Jamal FOGARTY

Zac WOOLFORD

Joseph TAPINE

Hudson YOUNG

Adam ELLIOTT

Tom STARLING

Emre GULER

Corey HORSBURGH

Albert HOPOATE

Ata MARIOTA

Matt FRAWLEY

Peter HOLA

Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA

Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD

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1	Daine LAURIE	4	-	-	1	18	23
2	Brent NADEN	24	-	-	6	17^	26
3	Starford TO'A	12	-	-	3	20	22
4	Luke GARNER	20	-	-	5	19	26
5	Ken MAUMALO	44	-	-	11	18	28
6	Adam DOUEIHI	50	-	21	2	10	24
7	Jock MADDEN	20	-	4	3	13	22
8	James TAMOU	8	-	-	2	18	33
9	Jake SIMPKIN	-	-	-	-	8	20
10	Joe OFAHENGAUE	4	-	-	1	23	26
11	Tom FREEBAIRN	8	-	-	2	4	27
12	Kelma TUILAGI	-	-	-	-	21	23
13	Fa'amanu BROWN	24	-	-	6	12	27
14	Fonua POLE	-	-	-	-	9	20
15	Zane MUSGROVE	8	-	-	2	23	26
16	Tyrone PEACHEY	4	-	-	1	12	31
17	Austin DIAS	-	-	-	-	7	24
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## **#NRLTIGERSRAIDERS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE	SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022
Kickoff	4:05PM AEST
Venue	LEICHHARDT OVAL
WATCH	LILYFIELD NSW / GADIGAL NINE NETWORK & 9NOW FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, MIX CANBERRA, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
Live Blog	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

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NRL BUNKFR	AS

GERARD SUTTON PETER GOUGH DREW OULTRAM ASHLEY KLEIN

#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

ALL 39	WESTS TIGERS 19 // CANBERRA 20
LEICHHARDT 5	WESTS TIGERS 2 // CANBERRA 3

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

2018	R22	WESTS TIGERS 22-20	) GIO, 14583
2019	R13	CANBERRA 28-0	BANKWEST, 12585
2019	R18	CANBERRA 20-12	GIO STADIUM, 15656
2020	R5	CANBERRA 14-6	CAMPBELLTOWN, NONE
2021	R1	CANBERRA 30-12	GIO, 15680

#### **BIGGEST WINS**

2012	R13	WESTS TIGERS 40-0	GIO STADIUM
2016	R8	RAIDERS 60-6	GIO STADIUM

#### **NOTABLES**

THE LAST TIME **WESTS TIGERS** HAD A HOME WIN AGAINST CANBERRA WAS IN R16, 2014. SINCE THEN THEY'VE HAD 2 WINS AND 10 LOSSES, CONCEDING AN AVERAGE OF 32.75 PTS PER GAME AND SCORING JUST UNDER 12 PTS PER GAME. **CANBERRA** HAVE WON THEIR LAST 2 GAMES AT LEICHHARDT, HOWEVER THEY HAVE NEVER WON 3 IN A ROW AT THE GROUND

#### FORM

WESTS TIGERS W L CANBERRA W L

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#### THE FINALS EQUATION

WESTS TIGERS 16TH, 10 PTS CAN'T MAKE FINALS - BUT CAN AVOID THE SPOON IF THEY WIN, THE TITANS LOSE AND THEY MAKE UP THE DIFFERENTIAL INT HAT WIN.

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#### Match stats courtesy of



## THE PREVIEW with Lachlan McIntyre

Leichhardt plays host as Canberra look to cement remarkable finals berth

On the fourth of September, Father's Day, 2016, the Wests Tigers hosted the Canberra Raiders at Leichhardt Oval with eighth place on the line. This Sunday, exactly six years later, the final game of the NRL regular season will see the same fixture, except this time it's the Raiders playing for a spot in the finals.

In round 26 of 2016, it was the Raiders who ended the Tigers finals dream, winning by an impressive 42 points. Despite all but securing the spoon for 2022, the Tigers will be eager to exact revenge on Canberra for that fateful afternoon, and give their home supporters some hope heading into 2023.

After finishing tenth last year, and sitting in eleventh less than two months ago, the Raiders are on the verge of an unlikely finals berth. Going through plenty of hardships this season, most notably the suspension of their coach Ricky Stuart, the Raiders will expect themselves to seize this chance to return to finals football.

Canberra will come into this one with lots of confidence and momentum. With their season on the line, the Raiders have put together a three match winning streak over the past month, pulling off narrow wins over the Dragons and the Knights, as well as piling on the points against Manly last weekend. They've shown plenty of grit, but they can't afford to become complacent now, with the Broncos breathing down their necks. Nick Cotric is back following a groin injury, and Albert Hopoate is out of the seventeen. Zac Woolford remains starting hooker, with Tom Starling on the bench. Charnze Nikoll-Klokstad is named in the reserves as he hopes to play one final NRL game with the Raiders before he moves across the ditch for the 2023 season.

The Wests Tigers' 'anti-dynasty' of the past decade has been a long and painful one, especially for their fans. Since 2011, the Tigers have never progressed past the regular season, and this season they appear to have hit rock bottom. Following the mid-season sacking of Michael Maguire, the appointment of interim coach Brett Kimmorley has seen no positive change in the team.

But despite this terrible period for the club, they have never, not once in their 24 year history as a joint venture, finished last. Now they find themselves in 16th, two competition points behind the Titans, and significantly behind in for & against. To avoid the dreaded spoon, the Tigers will need to run in an unlikely huge score, and hope that the Titans get beaten comfortably when they meet the Warriors on Saturday.

The Tigers are on the dawn of a new era, supposedly, with Tim Sheens taking the reins of the club before Benji Marshall takes over the top job in 2025. There is plenty of uncertainty around

WHO TO WATCH: Not getting a shot at starting fullback until round twelve, Xavier Savage has managed to hold off an injury-ravaged Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad to hold onto the number one jersey for the back end of the season. After a long-term shoulder injury ruined his season in 2021, Savage has shown the NRL world what he can do this year. Having recently signed a contract extension with Canberra until the end of 2025, he will want to cement himself as the club's long term fullback.

Tigers halfback Jock Madden has been in the news a lot this week. Reports are suggesting that he will leave the club at season's end, with Canterbury, Penrith, and the Dolphins all showing interest. He has been with the Tigers since 2019, making his NRL debut in 2021 and appearing regularly this season in the first grade side. Madden has shown a lot of potential over this time, and at just 22 years of age, there is plenty of time for the right club to uncover it. He'll want to put on a show in what will likely be his last game for the Wests Tigers.

FAVOURITE: Canberra Raiders are the comfortable favourites to beat the Tigers at Leichhardt this Sunday

MY TIP: With nothing to play for, and heading into the game as massive underdogs, it would be a very Wests Tigers thing to do to pull off an upset this weekend, a few weeks too late to avoid the spoon. Tigers by 8.



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SYDNEY ROOSTERS v St george illawarra dragons Allianz stadium, 5:40pm

**FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2022** 



## **SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022**



BRISBANE BRONCOS v GOLD COAST TITANS MORETON DAILY STADIUM, 1:10PM

### **SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022**



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS v PARRAMATTA EELS McDONALD JONESSTADIUM, 12:00PM

# NRLW 2022 LADDER & STATS AFTER ROUND 2

PRE	MIERSHIP LADDER				Home	9						Away	,						Тс	tal			
Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	А	PD	Р	W	L	D	F	А	PD	Р	W	L	D	F	А	Pts	PD
1.	Sydney	-	-	-	-	-	-	+0	2	2	-	-	66	24	+42	2	2	-	-	66	24	4	+42
2.	Newcastle	1	1	-	-	32	14	+18	1	1	-	-	16	12	+4	2	2	-	-	48	26	4	+22
3.	St George Illa	1	1	-	-	26	12	+14	1	1	-	-	16	10	+6	2	2	-	-	42	22	4	+20
4.	Gold Coast	1	-	1	-	12	16	-4	1	-	1	-	12	26	-14	2	-	2	-	24	42	0	-18
5.	Parramatta	2	-	2	-	26	54	-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	+0	2	-	2	-	26	54	0	-28
6.	Brisbane	1	-	1	-	8	28	-20	1	-	1	-	14	32	-18	2	-	2	-	22	60	0	-38

#### **TOP TRYSCORERS**

Rank	Player	Team	Р	T
1	Teagan BERRY	St Geo Illa	2	3
	Jayme FRESSARD	Sydney	2	3
	Steph HANCOCK	Gold Coast	2	3
	Tarryn AIKEN	Brisbane	2	3
	Olivia KERNICK	Sydney	2	3
	Page McGREGOR	St Geo Illa	2	3

Statistics provided by



#### **TOP POINTSCORERS**

Rank	Player	Team	Р	Т	G	FG	Pts
1	Zehara TEMARA	St Geo Illa	2	-	7	-	14
2	Kirra DIBB	Newcastle	2	-	6	-	12
	Jayme FRESSARD	Sydney	2	3	-	-	12
	Steph HANCOCK	Gold Coast	2	3	-	-	12
	Olivia KERNICK	Sydney	2	3	-	-	12
	Page McGREGOR	St Geo Illa	2	3	-	-	12
	Tarryn AIKEN	Brisbane	2	3	-	-	12
	Teagan BERRY	St Geo Illa	2	3	-	-	12

# THE WRAP NRLW 2022 ROUND 2

#### SATURDAY 27 AUGUST, 1:10PM **SYDNEY 28 BRISBANE 8**

SCORERS | SYDNEY ROOSTERS (28) Tries: Destiny Brill, Olivia Kernick (2), Sam Bremner, Jayme Fressard; Conversions: Zahara Temara (4/5) def BRISBANE BRONCOS (8) Tries: Tarryn Aiken (2); Conversions: Brianna Clark (0/1), Ali Brigginshaw (0/1) MATCH INFORMATION | Venue: Suncorp Stadium; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Raecene

McGregor, 2 points - Tarryn Aiken, 1 points - Sam Bremner FINAL TEAMLISTS | BRISBANE: 20. Hayley Maddick 2. Julia Robinson 3. Amy Turner 4. Shenae Ciesiolka 1. Jaime Chapman 6. Tarryn Aiken 7. Ali Brigginshaw 8. Sophie Holyman 9. Nita Maynard 10. Chelsea Lenarduzzi 15. Kaitlyn Phillips 12. Amber Hall 13. Tallisha Harden INT 14. Jada Ferguson 11. Sara Sautia 16. Crystal Tamarua 17. Brianna Clark <u>18P</u> 18. Shakiah Tungai **SYDNEY:** 1. Sam Bremner 2. Leianne Tufuga 3. Jessica Sergis 4. Isabelle Kelly 5. Jayme Fressard 6. Zahara Temara 7. Raecene McGregor 8. Sarah Togatuki 9.



Destiny Brill 10. Mya Hill-Moana 11. Shaniah Power 12. Olivia Kernick 13. Keilee Joseph INT 14. Jocelyn Kelleher 15. Shawden Burton 16. Kalosipani Hopoate 17. Otesa Pule <u>18P</u> 18. Joeli Morris

#### **ROOSTERS PERFECT START CONTINUES AS BRONCOS STRUGGLE**

The Sydney Roosters have put themselves into a strong position to defend their NRLW title and put the Broncos campaign potentially on life support following an impressive 28-8 win at Suncorp Stadium.

Another error-riddled half of football from the Broncos put themselves on the backfoot and the Roosters scored first through Destiny Brill who used her skills out of dummy half to get down low to score. The Broncos could've had a say on the scoreboard but were denied twice with both Ali Brigginshaw and Tarryn Aiken losing the ball. The first-half contest was a tight affair until a barnstorming finish from the Roosters with Olivia Kernick and Sam Bremner scoring.

The play to set up the Kernick play was just perfect from Raecene McGregor who didn't rush when the service from dummy half wasn't perfect before kicking across field initially for Jess Sergis who was unmarked, but the bounce instead favoured Kernick who scored. McGregor then had her fingerprints over the next try when her footwork put her through space before eventually finding Sam Bremner who had her first try in almost four years.

Starting the second half much better than they did the first half, the Broncos had turned the momentum in their favour and it was Tarryn Aiken who scored first for the homeside after Julia Robinson found space to put on the speed and finally got the ball out to Aiken to score. Momentum was truly with the Broncos as Aiken got her second when she spotted a gap in the Roosters defensive line and went through to score.

The Roosters were able to swing the momentum back in their favour when Olivia Kernick got her second of the afternoon after some good work from Destiny Brill and Raecene McGregor to get the tricolours into attacking position. A try not long after put the game beyond doubt for the Roosters when a beautiful ball from Zahara Temara out to Jayme Fressard put the ex-Bronco over.

It wasn't all good news for the Roosters with three players failing to finish the match due to injury with a nervous wait ahead of their historic clash with the Dragons at the new Allianz Stadium on Friday night whilst the Broncos will look to get their season back on track against QLD rivals the Gold Coast Titans. JOSH ROBERTSON

#### SUNDAY 28 AUGUST, 12:00PM **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16 PARRAMATTA 10**

SCORERS | ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (16) Tries: Keele Browne, Page Mcgregor (2), Teagan Berry; Conversions: Rachael Pearson (0/4) def PARRAMATTA EELS (10) Tries: Tiana Penitani, Gayle Broughton; Conversions: Tayla Preston (1/2) MATCH INFORMATION | Venue: CommBank Stadium; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Tiana

Penitani, 2 points - Gayle Broughton, 1 points - Keeley Davis FINAL TEAMLISTS | PARRAMATTA: 1. Gayle Broughton 2. Zali Fay 3. Tiana Penitani 4. Rikeya Horne 5. Tess Staines 6. Tayla Preston 21. Ash Ouinlan 8. Filomina Hanisi 9. Seli Mailangi 10. Ellie Johnston 11. Christian Pio 12. Vanessa Foliaki 13. Simaima Taufa INT 14. Kennedy Cherrington 15. Brooke Anderson 16. Najvada George 17. Ruby-Jean Kennard 18P 18. Rueben Cherrington ST GEO ILLA: 1. Emma Tonegato 2. Teagan Berry 3. Keele Browne 4. Page Mcgregor 5. Andie Robinson 6. Taliah Fuimaono 7. Rachael Pearson 8. Elsie Albert 9. Keeley Davis 10.

Tegan Dymock 11. Kezie Apps 12. Shaylee Bent 13. Holli Wheeler INT 14. Quincy Dodd 15. Talei Holmes 16. Monalisa Soliola 17. Tara McGrath-West 18P 22. Shontelle Stowers

#### DRAGONS NOT AT THEIR BEST AS PARRA **ALMOST GET UPSET WIN**

#### The St George Illawarra Dragons have survived a scare to go two from two to start the NRLW season with a 16-10 victory over the Parramatta Eels at Commbank Stadium.

It was an end-to-end affair in the contest and it took almost 20 minutes for the Dragons to open the scoring when off the back of a scrum the Dragons went right finding Keele Browne who was able to fight her way over.

Back-to-back penalties hurt the Eels as the Red 'V' started to mount repeated pressure on the Parramatta line and they took advantage when they shifted left and found Page McGregor to score out wide. Goal kicking became an issue for the Dragons as they could only lead 8-0.

The Eels took advantage when Tiana Penitani was able to get through space and a footrace between the former Aussie 7 teammates saw the Eels captain get past Emma Tonegato to score.

The goal-kicking woes of the Dragons proved to be an issue when Gayle Broughton was able to score for the Eels after she put Tiana Penitani through into space again before the ball ended back up with Broughton to finish things off. The conversion from Tayla Preston from in front was successful giving the Eels a 10-8 lead at the break.

Neither side could have pure dominance in the second half though the Dragons were able to take advantage again on their left-hand side when again off the back of a scrum, the Red V looked to go left as Teagan Berry was able to get her way over the line. The conversion was again missed and despite having an extra try, the Dragons could only manage to lead by 2.

Sustained pressure on the Eels defence became an issue when they couldn't wrap the ball up on last tackle as Taliah Fuimaono was able to keep the ball alive and an overlap saw the ball end up with Page McGreogr who scored her second of the afternoon. Another missed conversion saw the Eels with a chance to level.

Despite some late chances, the Eels couldn't get across the line and eventually fell to the 16-10 defeat. Next weekend, the Dragons have a grand final rematch against the Roosters to open Allianz Stadium whilst the Eels take on the Knights in a must win match in Newcastle next Sunday night. JOSH ROBERTSON

#### SUNDAY 28 AUGUST, 6:10PM NEWCASTLE 16 GOLD COAST 12

SCORERS | NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (16) Tries: Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly, Emma Manzelmann, Tamika Upton; Conversions: Kirra Dibb (2/3) def GOLD COAST TITANS (12) Tries: Zara Canfield, Stephanie Hancock: Conversions: Lauren Brown (2/2) MATCH INFORMATION | Venue: Cbus Super Stadium; LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Emma Manzelmann, 2 points - Georgia Hale, 1 points - Tamika Upton

FINAL TEAMLISTS | GOLD COAST: 1. Apii Nicholls 2. Karina Brown 3. Evania Pelite 21. Hagiga Mosby 5. Madison Bartlett 6. Kimiora Breayley-Nati 7. Lauren Brown 8. Shannon Mato 9. Brittany Breayley-Nati 10. Stephanie Hancock 11. Zara Canfield 12. Tiana Raftstrand-Smith 13. Georgia Hale 14. Rona Peters 15. Jessika Elliston 16. Hailee-Jay Maunsell 17. Laikha Clarke 19. Jetaya Faifua NEWCASTLE: 1. Tamika Upton 2. Kiana Takairangi 3. Shanice Parker 4. Bobbi Law 5. Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly 6. Kirra Dibb 7. Jesse Southwell 8. Caitlan Johnston 9. Olivia



Higgins 10. Millie Boyle 11. Romy Teitzel 12. Yasmin Clydsdale 13. Simone Karpani 14. Emma Manzelmann 15. Tayla Predebon 16. Kyra Simon 17. Makenzie Weale 18. Caitlin Moran

#### **ERRORS COST TITANS AGAIN AS NEWCASTLE STAY UNDEFEATED**

The Newcastle Knights have kept their unbeaten start to the NRLW season going with a scrappy 16-12 victory over the Gold Coast Titans at Robina.

Both sides will hope to wipe the opening five minutes from their mind as both sides struggled to complete a set of six and as a result of the scrappy play, the Knights opened the scoring after six minutes via a Titans error. The Knights were able to spread the ball right with Autumn-Rain Stephens Daily getting over in the corner.

The Titans pretty quickly hit back though it wasn't pretty as their last tackle option wasn't necessarily the prettiest but a double kick paid off as Zara Canfield got to the ball first to score.

Two pieces of dummy half magic turned the game back in the Knights favour when Emma Manzelmann went from dummy half finding space where the Gold Coast defence was split and the backup dummy half took advantage. Manzelmann then took advantage again when she was able to go through the middle before finding Tamika Upton to score.

The second half never reached any great heights with both sides not really finding any crisp attacking form though it was a strong piece of play from Georgia Hale who looked behind the lead runner sending the defence into a two minds before finding Steph Hancock who charged over.

Both sides had chances to score again although errors hurt both sides and the Knights were able to hold on for the victory.

Next weekend, the Titans will look to get their first win in a season defining match against QLD rivals the Brisbane Broncos in a battle of the winless sides, whilst the Knights will be brimming with confidence as they look to continue their unbeaten start against the Eels. JOSH ROBERTSON

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#### **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA** RAGONS

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1	Sam BREMNER	4	-	-	1	2	30
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4	Isabelle KELLY	8	-	-	2	2	25
5	Jayme FRESSARD	12	-	-	3	2	25
6	Zahara TEMARA	14	-	7	-	2	25
7	Raecene McGREGOR	-	-	-	-	2	24
8	Sarah TOGATUKI	-	-	-	-	2	24
9	Destiny BRILL	4	-	-	1	2	19
10	Mya HILL-MOANA	-	-	-	-	2	20
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13	Keilee JOSEPH	-	-	-	-	2	20
14	Jocelyn KELLEHER	-	-	-	-	2	22
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19	Samantha ECONOMOS	-	-	-	-	-	28
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## **#NRLWROOSTERSDRAGONS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE	FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2022
KICKOFF	5:40PM AEST
VENUE	ALLIANZ STADIUM
	MOORE PARK NSW / GADIGAL
WATCH	9GEM & 9NOW
	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
LIVE BLOG	LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

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#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE	KASEY BADGER
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#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

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#### **MATCH HISTORY**

2018	R3	SYDNEY 26-0	SFS
2019	R3	ST GEO ILLA 24-16	LEICHHARDT
2020	R1	SYDNEY 18-4	GIO
2021	R5	ST GEO ILLA 16-10	NETSTRATA
2021	GF	SYDNEY 16-4	MORETON DAILY

#### **NEXT MATCH**

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#### MATCH STATS COURTESY OF



# THE PREVIEW with Josh Robertson

History will be made on Friday night when the Sydney Roosters and St George Illawarra Dragons become the first sporting event to take place at the brand-new Allianz Stadium in a grand final rematch.

The Sydney Roosters have started their title defence in stunning style winning both their opening games over the Eels and then last week against the Broncos. Last weekend, the Roosters sent a shockwave down the competition when they easily handled the Broncos in their 28-8 victory up at Suncorp Stadium last week. It was an impressive performance from the tricolours although early on errors put a halt to their attacking momentum only to find top gear opening up a 16-0 lead at the half time break. The Broncos hit back before the Roosters found their groove again opening extending their margin.

One concern though is that there have been times in the game where the Roosters intensity has dropped off which has allowed teams back into the game which was shown by the Eels coming from behind in round one and then last week the momentary dominance of the Broncos. This will be something that needs to be looked at for coming up against the Dragons and Knights over the next two weeks. The Roosters have named an unchanged line-up although there are injury concerns surrounding Jess Sergis, Sarah Togatuki, Jayme Fressard and Sam Bremner all picking up niggles last week and not finishing the match but expected to be right to go.

Coming into the grand final rematch undefeated, the St George Illawarra Dragons have pushed their case to show they can go one better than last year as well picking up an impressive win over the Titans then last weekend a 16-10 victory over the Eels at Parramatta. The Dragons have shown that they are able to both put on a classy performance with a big win over the Titans but then also have the ability to grind out a victory as they did against Parramatta last week in a topsy-turvy performance.

One of the biggest assets that the Dragons possess is the kicking game of Rachael Pearson who controls the game off her boot excellently. The Red 'V' have relied on the power and knack of the Pearson's kicking game to turn the momentum around and get themselves out of a tricky position when heavily under pressure. The Dragons have again named an unchanged squad which will be a strong boost for them.

WHO TO WATCH: There's a theme across because for both sides it's a battle of the sisters, Raecene McGregor for the Roosters and little sister Page for the Dragons. Focussing on Raecene to begin with, the Kiwi Ferns international has started the season with a bang and was the best player on the field for the tricolours last weekend. Raecene possesses a strong running game which caused issues for the Broncos and the Dragons need to watch out for it.

Meanwhile for the Dragons, it's little sister Page that has been an attacking weapon scoring three tries across the opening two games. It's been down the left-hand side where the Red 'V' have found their strike and McGregor has been there to take advantage. The Roosters will need to make sure that their defence is in order to ensure they keep the Dragons scoring to a minimum.

FAVOURITE: The Roosters' early form has them well backed for the win here.

MY TIP: It's hard to go past the Roosters, although both sides are in strong form the consistency of the Roosters will be a strong factor although question marks remain over the fitness of stars which could cause them some issues. The Dragons will ensure the game goes down to the wire. Roosters by 8.

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## **#NRLWBRONCOSTITANS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE Kickoff	SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022 1:10PM AEST
VENUE	MORETON DAILY STADIUM
	REDCLIFFE QLD / KABI KABI
WATCH	NINE NETWORK & 9NOW
	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
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#### HISTORY

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GOLD COAST 28-26 CBUS SUPER

#### NEXT MATCH

BRISBANE Gold Coast V ST GEO ILLA, DAY AND VENUE TBC V PARRAMATTA, DAY AND VENUE TBC

#### MATCH STATS COURTESY OF



# THE PREVIEW with Josh Robertson

Saturday's NRLW action heads to Moreton Daily Stadium in Redcliffe for an all-QLD battle when the Brisbane Broncos take on the Gold Coast Titans in what could be a season defining match for both sides.

The Broncos sit in last spot (yep, you read that right) after being heavily defeated across their opening two matches of the season. Despite losing key players in the off-season, the Broncos have been pretty average to start the season with heavy losses coming against Newcastle in Round 1 and then a 28-8 loss in round 2 against the Roosters.

The poor start to the Broncos season is noted that they have conceded 60 points across two games as opposed to just 64 points across five games last season. Brisbane have struggled all across the park and despite the key losses there are still some very strong players at the team including their captain Ali Brigginshaw that have struggled to get any momentum. The Broncos poor season is shown by the fact they have conceded the most penalties, most missed tackles and third most errors. Kelvin Wright has swung the axe after two poor performances with some key names axed from the team. The Broncos have dropped Amy Turner, Nita Maynard and Crystal Tamarua all dropped. Shakiah Tungai comes into the side on the wing with Jaime Chapman moving to the centres while Lavinia Gould will come into the side in the hooker role.

The Gold Coast Titans have had a poor start to the season with errors and ill-discipline derailing the start to their campaign with a poor first round loss to the Dragons before an improved effort where they fell to a 16-10 defeat to the Knights on the Gold Coast. The Titans have struggled to get into strong attacking momentum and their play has been clunky which is proven by the fact that three of their tries this season have been scored by veteran Steph Hancock. Whilst the Titans haven't been awful, they haven't been good by any stretch of the imagination with errors and just poor decisions in attack costing them good field position and the form of some key players has been an issue for them. The push of Evania Pelite to the centres has also been something that hasn't worked for the Titans and stagnated their attacking options a lot.

WHO TO WATCH: It was a game of two very contrasting halves for Tarryn Aiken last week with an error-riddled first half eclipsed by a strong attacking performance in the second half for the Broncos number six. Aiken took control and although her Broncos were outplayed, she dominated the second half and looked dangerous with the ball and came up with some key plays.

Evania Pelite was a star for the Titans last season but her start this season has been much quieter and as mentioned above, the move to centre has been something that on visual appearance hasn't worked for the Gold Coast. Pelite needs to get her hands on the ball and the Titans attack needs to be centred around her dangerous play if they want to get things going.

**FAVOURITE:** Despite their poor opening fortnight, Brisbane are comfortably backed for victory on Saturday.

MY TIP: This is a game that isn't as easy to pick, the Broncos have been poor but they will be looking to step up and not allow the Titans to go 2/2 in Queensland Derbies. The Titans will push the contest down to the final whistle but I think the Broncos might just have enough as they look to ensure their season isn't over. Broncos by 4.

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	Tamika UPTON	4	-	-	1	2	25
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4	Bobbi LAW	4	-	-	1	2	25
Ę	Autumn-Rain STEPHENS-DALY	8	-	-	2	2	26
e	Kirra DIBB	12	-	6	-	2	25
	Jesse SOUTHWELL	4	-	-	1	2	17
8	Caitlan JOHNSTON	4	-	-	1	2	21
Ş	Olivia HIGGINS	-	-	-	-	2	29
10	Millie BOYLE	-	-	-	-	2	24
1	Romy TEITZEL	4	-	-	1	2	23
12	Yasmin CLYDSDALE	-	-	-	-	2	28
13	Simone KARPANI	-	-	-	-	2	25
14	Emma MANZELMANN	4	-	-	1	2	20
1	Tayla PREDEBON	4	-	-	1	2	21
16	Kyra SIMON	-	-	-	-	2	20
17	Makenzie WEALE	-	-	-	-	1	20
18	Caitlin MORAN	-	-	-	-	-	25
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3	Tiana PENITANI	26	2	1	-	-	4
4	Rikeya HORNE	22	2	-	-	-	-
5	Tess STAINES	20	2	-	-	-	-
6	Ash QUINLAN	27	1	-	-	-	-
7	Tayla PRESTON	22	1	-	1	-	2
8	Filomina HANISI	21	2	-	-	-	-
9	Seli MAILANGI	25	2	1	-	-	4
10	Ellie JOHNSTON	21	2	-	-	-	-
11	Christian PIO	22	2	-	-	-	-
12	Vanessa FOLIAKI	28	2	1	-	-	4
13	Simaima TAUFA	28	2	1	-	-	4
14	Kennedy CHERRINGTON	23	2	-	-	-	-
15	Brooke ANDERSON	26	2	-	-	-	-
16	Najvada GEORGE	23	2	-	-	-	-
17	Ruby-Jean KENNARD	18	1	-	-	-	-
18	Rueben CHERRINGTON	19	-	-	-	-	-
19	Abbi CHURCH	24	1	-	-	-	-
20	Luisa YARANAMUA	18	-	-	-	-	-
21	Cassey TOHI-HIKU	18	-	-	-	-	-
22	Rima BUTLER	24	1	-	-	-	-
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## **#NRLWKNIGHTSEELS**

#### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE	SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022
KICKOFF	12:00PM AEST
VENUE	MCDONALD JONES STADIUM
	NEW LAMBTON NSW / AWBAKAL
WATCH	FOX LEAGUE & KAYO
LISTEN	ABC SPORT, CHECK GUIDES FOR OTHERS
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NEWCASTLE 0 // PARRAMATTA 1 IONES 1 NEWCASTLE 0 // PARRAMATTA 1

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# THE PREVIEW with Josh Robertson

Sunday's NRLW action heads to Newcastle where the Knights will look to continue their unbeaten run up against the Parramatta Eels who are still looking for their first victory.

The most active team in the off-season, the Knights have reaped the benefits of bringing in the big names with star players making a big difference as the Novocastrians have started the season with a big win over the Broncos and then a scrappy performance last week to get past the Titans 16-10. The Knights weren't at their clinical best and it was two pieces of brilliance from Emma Manzelmann that changed the game for the Novocastrians.

The performance last week from Newcastle was far from the heights that it reached against the Broncos and there was plenty to improve on as a scrappy game took its toll on the Knights. Neither the Knights nor the Titans were able to complete their opening set and it was only off the back of Titans errors that the Knights were able to grow their momentum as opposed to the previous week where their attack was potent.

The Knights have no changes to the side who won last week with coach Ronald Griffiths keeping solid and looking for consistency.

Having been in the contest at points in both rounds, the Parramatta Eels will be disappointed that they have seen potential game winning positions slip given that they had taken the lead against the Roosters in round 1 and then again last week in their 16-10 defeat against the Dragons. The Eels have just lacked that crispness which has hurt them in attack and a couple of defensive lapses have been an issue for Parramatta which has allowed both the Roosters and Dragons to take advantage.

There is no doubting that the Eels improved last week and they looked good at times especially with new recruit Gayle Broughton taking control of things in attack and combining with the experience of Tiana Penitani to show that there is plenty of attacking weaponry for the Eels to use in the season going forward.

Like their opponents, the Eels have no changes to their line-up either after an improved performance last week.

WHO TO WATCH: Coming off the bench, North Queenslander Emma Manzelmann changed the game with two pieces of heads-up play that changed the game for the Knights. The first came when the back-up dummy half saw the Titans were out of position in defence and took advantage with some good foresight that could cause plenty of issues for the Eels late in the half when they are vulnerable.

Gayle Broughton brings international rugby experience and that was on show last week as she took more control of the game for the Eels last weekend. The New Zealander had a big impact and was the best player of either side and Parramatta benefitted from this and with further improvement the Knights will have to watch out.

FAVOURITE: Newcastle's scintillating form has them well-supported to go three-zero.

MY TIP: Something about this game makes me think that there could be an upset, the Eels were looking good last week and with another week of improvement I think that they could potentially get the victory over the Knights, though Newcastle are a strong side and will be favourites. Eels by 2.

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#### KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP - FINALS WEEK 1

#### QUALIFYING FINAL (2nd v 3rd) **PENRITH PANTHERS v NORTH SYDNEY BEARS**

Saturday 3 September 5:15pm, St Marys Leagues Stadium Referee: Cameron Paddy; Sideline Officials: Rickey McFarlane, John Woods PENRITH: 1. Isaiah longi 2. Logan Cohen 3. Samuel Lane 4. William Fakatoumafi 5. Daeon Amituanai 6. Niwhai Puru 7. Isaiya Katoa 8. Alec Susino 9. Luke Sommerton 10. Atonio Pelesasa 11. Ativalu Lisati 12. John Faiumu 13. Hohepa Puru 14. Jarrod Brackenhofer 15. Hanna-Jonathan El-Nchar 17. Toni Tupouniua 19. Joe Vaegaau

NORTHS: 1. Josh Bergamin 2. Kevin Naigama 3. Adam Keighran 4. Oliver Gildart 5. Tom Carr 6. Kieran Hayman 7. Sandon Smith 8. Ben Thomas 9. Thomas Deakin 10. Regan Hughes 11. Jacob Preston 12. Joshua Wong 13. Renouf Atoni 14. Ben Marschke 15. Michael Fenn 16. Jordin Leiu 17. Tukupa Hau Tapuha

#### BYE (1st): Newtown Jets

#### ELIMINATION FINAL (4th v 5th) **CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS v PARRAMATTA EELS**

Saturday 3 September 5:15pm, St Marys Leagues Stadium

Referee: Darian Furner; Sideline Officials: Liam Nicholls, Nick Beashel CANTERBURY: 1. Creedence Toia 2. Jayden Okunbor 3. Paul Alamoti 4. Jeral Skelton 5. Declan Casey 6. Bailey Biondi-Odo 7. Brandon Wakeham 8. Jayden Tanner 9. Ryan Gray 10. Chris Patolo 11. Matt Doorey 12. Jackson Topine 13. Harrison Edwards 14. Brandon Wakeham 15. Joshua Stuckey 16. Kurtis Morrin 17. Lipoi Hopoi

PARRAMATTA: 1. Jordan Rankin 2. Zac Cini 3. Havze Perham 4. Bailev Simonsson 5. Sean Russell 6. Jack Williams 7. Brendan Hands 8. Ofahiki Ogden 9. Mitch Rein 10. Ky Rodwell 11. Elie El Zakhem 12. Toni Mataele 13. Bryce Cartwright 14. Jayden Yates 15. Tevita Taumoepenu 16. Dan Keir 17. Solomone Naiduki

#### **ROUND 24 RESULTS**

Parramatta Eels (24) Tries: Sean Russell 2, Zac Cini 2, Ky Rodwell; Goals: Jordan Rankin 2 def Newcastle Knights (4) Tries: Nick O'Meley at Kellyville Park

Canberra Raiders (24) Tries: Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad 2. Elijah Anderson, Peter Hola: Goals: Brad Schneider 3. Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad 1 def Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12) Tries: Alfred Smalley, Jake Toby; Goals: Ben Stevanovic 2 at GIO Stadium Canberra

Newtown Jets (22) Tries: Addison Demetriou, Kayne Kalache, Tyla Tamou, Reubenn Rennie; Goals: Mawene Hiroti 3 drew with Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) Tries: Jayden Tanner, Jackson Topine Paul Alamoti, Declan Casey; Goals: Brandon Wakeham 3 at Henson Park

North Sydney Bears (60) Tries: Tom Carr 2, Ethan King 3, Naufahu Whyte, Kevin Naigama, Josh Bergamin, Ben Thomas, Jordin Lieu, Jacob Preston; Goals: Kieran Hayman 8 def Mounties RLFC (6) Tries: Josh Carr; Goals: Jarrett Subloo 1 at North Sydney Oval

Western Suburbs Magpies (38) Tries: Jay Kirk 3, Ray Jankovic, Jimmy Ngutlik, Tyrone Peachey, Brandon Tumeth; Goals: Zane Camroux 5 def St George Illawarra Dragons (22) Tries: Duke Grant, Jonathon Reuben, Aaron Johnson, Connor Muhleisen; Goals: Kamren Cryer 3 at Leichhardt Oval

BYE: Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs

#### **FINAL 2022 NSW CUP LADDER**

Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	А	+/-	Pts
1	Newtown Jets	22	16	4	2	651	397	254	38
2	Penrith Panthers	22	16	5	1	665	352	313	37
3	North Sydney Bears	22	14	7	1	631	447	184	33
4	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	22	14	7	1	574	398	176	33
5	Parramatta Eels	22	13	9	0	536	388	148	30
6	Canberra Raiders	22	12	9	1	540	489	51	29
7	South Sydney Rabbitohs	22	11	10	1	513	453	60	27
8	St George Illawarra Dragons	22	9	11	2	506	593	-87	24
9	Mounties RLFC	22	8	14	0	412	648	-236	20
10	Newcastle Knights	22	7	15	0	439	571	-132	18
11	Western Suburbs Magpies	22	5	16	1	417	722	-305	15
12	Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles	22	2	20	0	290	716	-426	8

#### RON MASSEY CUP GRAND FINAL

#### Winner Major Semi Final v Winner Preliminary Final **GLEBE DIRTY REDS v HILLS BULLS**

Sunday 4 September 3:00pm. Netstrata Jubilee Stadium. Carlton Referee: Damian Brady: Sideline Officials: Clayton Wills. Ben Teague

#### **RESULT - PRELIMINARY FINAL**

Hills Bulls (22) Tries: Alofi Mataele, Henry Raiwalui, Jerry Key, Maile Li; Goals: Dion Narayan 2, Blake Goodman 1 def Wentworthville Magpies (12) Tries: Jordan Latham, Max Lehmann; Goals: Liam O'Brien 2 at Ringrose Park

#### JERSEY FLEGG CUP (U21) - FINALS WEEK 1

#### ELIMINATION FINAL (4th v 5th) NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS v PENRITH PANTHERS

Saturday 3 September 12:45pm, St Marys Leagues Stadium Referee: Martin Jones; Sideline Officials: Mitchell Currie, Patrick Mackey **NEWCASTLE**: 1. Fletcher Sharpe 2. Logan Radzievic 3. Ethan Ferguson 4. Jamen Johnson 5. Keanu Wainohu-Kemp 6. Kurt Donoghoe 7. Mitch Henderson 8. Max Bradbury 9. Riley Jones 10. Brock Greacen 11. Oryn Keeley 12. Thomas Cant 13. Jaron Purcell 14. Lachlan O'brien 15. Paul Bryan 16. Jyris Glamuzina 17. Callan Burgess 18. Tevita Toloi

**PENRITH**: 1. Liam Ison 2. Cody Lawson 3. Elone Taufa 4. Angelis Hotere-Papalii 5. Jesse Mclean 6. Ryley Smith 7. Keagan Russell-Smith 8. Bradley Fearnley 9. Billy Scott 10. Ilai Tuia 11. Zac Lipowicz 12. Sunita Lotoaniu 13. Mason Teague 14. Jack Garrod 15. Tyreece Tonga 16. John Sagaga 17. Aston Warwick 19. Billy Phillips

BYE (1st): Sydney Roosters

#### ELIMINATION FINAL (4th v 5th) ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAOGNS v WESTS TIGERS

Sunday 4 September 10:30am, Netstrata Jubilee Stadium Referee: Jake Sutherland; Sideline Officials: Cameron Mitchell, Luke Heckendorf

**ST GEO ILLA**: 1. Treigh Stewart 2. Alexander Lobb 3. Leonard Skelton 4. Ben Johnson 5. Callum Gromek 6. Zach Herring 7. Braxton Wallace 8. Bryce Magnone 9. Sam Hooper 10. Thomas Phillips 11. Hayden Budd 12. Jackson Shereb 13. Dallas Collins 14. Declan Purcell 15. Nicholas Tsougranis 16. Jacob Webster 17. Toby Couchman 18. Riley Wooden 19. Aaron Johnson 20. Harley Sanchez

**WESTS TIGERS:** 1. Jahream Bula 2. Jay Kirk 3. Livai Saukuru 4. Sione Fainu 5. Trey Peni 6. James Valevatu 7. Kade Hill 8. Christian Ma'anaima 9. Michael Tannous 10. Tukimihia Simpkins 11. Kitione Kautoga 12. Brandon Tumeth 13. Justin Matamua 14. Jamie Lawler 15. Sione Fainu 16. Apisalome Saukuru 17. Brandon Webster-Mansfield 18. Zayn Wilkins 19. Zane Camroux 20. Cayne Nicholas 21. Josh Feledy

#### **ROUND 24 RESULTS**

**Canberra Raiders (56)** Tries: Josh Billing 2, Josh Smith 2, Jacob Church 2, Noah Ryan, Tane Kiriona, Steven Numambo, Taulauniuotagaloa Mariota, Ethan Strange; Goals: Noah Ryan 5, Thomas Casey 1 **def Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16)** Tries: Faleata Iosefa, Luke Tucker, Fletcher Myers; Goals: Tylor Bunting 2 **at GIO Stadium Canberra** 

Parramatta Eels (34) Tries: Jontay-Junior Betham-Misa, Corey Fenning, Ryan Jones, Arthur Miller-Stephen, Mac Puafisi, Jacob Davis; Goals: Corey Fenning 5 def Newcastle Knights (22) Tries: Keanu Wainohu-Kemp, Fletcher Sharpe, Thomas Cant, Mitch Henderson; Goals: Thomas Cant 3 at Kellyville Park

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (35) Tries: Sam Healey, Sam Stonestreet, Manaia Watere, Tom Rodwell, Ryan Rivett, Joshua Finau; Goals: Ryan Rivett 6; Field Goals: Ryan Rivett 1 def Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) Tries: Tim Johnanssen, Jordi Mazzone, Larson Dale-Doyle, Will Afualo; Goals: Bailey Hayward 3 at Pointsbet Stadium

**St George Illawarra Dragons (32)** Tries: Dallas Collins, Jackson Shereb, Braxton Wallace, Josh Coric, Alex Lobb, Callum Gromek; Goals: Treigh Stewart 2, Sam Hooper 2 **def Wests Tigers (12)** Tries: Finnley Neilsen, Trey Peni; Goals: Livai Saukuru 2 **at Leichhardt Oval**  Sydney Roosters (66) Tries: Xavier Chatfield-Mooka 3, Luke Knight 3, Jordan Swann 2, Riley Meyn, Corey Ross, Tyler Moriarty, Vuate Karawalevu, Vaiala Tamati; Goals: Jack Mossman 5, Hugo Savala 2 def Victoria Thunderbolts (0) at Casey Fields

BYE: Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs

#### FINAL 2022 JERSEY FLEGG CUP LADDER

Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	А	+/-	Pts
1	Sydney Roosters	22	16	6	0	694	314	380	36
2	Newcastle Knights	22	15	7	0	483	376	107	34
3	Penrith Panthers	22	13	9	0	598	432	166	30
4	St George Illawarra Dragons	22	12	8	2	500	412	88	30
5	Wests Tigers	22	13	9	0	486	450	36	30
6	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	22	12	9	1	555	498	57	29
7	Canberra Raiders	22	11	11	0	515	606	-91	26
8	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	22	10	11	1	480	514	-34	25
9	Parramatta Eels	22	10	12	0	488	476	12	24
10	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	22	9	13	0	513	636	-123	22
11	Victoria Thunderbolts	22	6	16	0	388	736	-348	16
12	South Sydney Rabbitohs	22	3	19	0	396	646	-250	10

#### SYDNEY SHIELD GRAND FINAL

#### Winner Major Semi Final v Winner Preliminary Final ST MARYS v PENRITH BROTHERS

Sunday 4 September 1:00pm, Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton Referee: Daniel Luttringer; Sideline Officials: Tom Cambourn, Cameron Turner

#### **RESULT - PRELIMINARY FINAL**

Penrith Brothers (14) Tries: Tyran Pettit-Young 2, Jermaine Ma'u; Goals: Jared Farkas 1 def Hills Bulls (12) Tries: Mitch Hyde, Joel Bradford; Goals: Mitch Hyde 2 at Ringrose Park

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#### **HOSTPLUS CUP - FINALS WEEK 1**

#### Elimination Final 2 (6th v 7th) TWEED SEAGULLS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Saturday 3 September 3:10pm, Piggabeen Sports Complex Referee: Wyatt Raymond; Sideline Officials: Dan Munroe, Steve Kanowski; Video Referee: Tim Rutherford

**TWEED**: 1. Lindon McGrady 2. Jamayne Isaako 3. Lee Turner 4. Treymain Spry 5. Scott Galeano 6. Will Brimson 7. Toby Sexton 8. JJ Collins 9. Braden Robson 10. Sam Lisone 11. Joshua Patston 12. Ioane Seiuli 13. Charlie Murray 14. Craig Garvey 15. Reuben Porter 16. Lamar Manuel-Liolevave 17. Jo Vuna **BRISBANE**: 1. Tony Pellow 2. Bessie Aufaga-Toomaga 3. Bernard Gregorius 4. Solomona Faataape 5. Zac Taibi 6. Jayden Nikorima 7. Darren Nicholls 8. Wesley Lolo 9. Haele Finau 10. William Samuel 11. Bronson Garlick 12. Dan Russell 13. Bennett Leslie 14. Jonah Pezet 15. Brett Greinke 16. Darius Farmer

#### Qualifying Final 2 (2nd v 3rd) SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS v REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

Saturday 3 September 6:00pm, Sunshine Coast Stadium Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Jack Klein, Jacob Whitehouse **FALCONS**: 1. Luke Poiselli 2. Nat McGavin 3. Jake Maizen 4. Kane Jackson 5. Blake Wilson 6. Jack Wright 7. Daniel Atkinson 9. Tyson Smoothy 10. Lazarus Vaalepu 11. Jack Gibbons 12. Louis Geraghty 13. Patrice Siolo 14. Sam Burns 15. Kaleb Sutton 16. Ryan Turner 17. William Toloi 18. Campbell Duffy 19. Walter Lauenstein 20. Danny Heenan 21. Wyatt Reynolds **PEDCUEFE:** 1. Trai Eullor 2. Sotu 13. Harrison McIndon 5. Edward Burns

**REDCLIFFE**: 1. Trai Fuller 2. Setu Tu 3. Harrison McIndoe 5. Edward Burns 6. Bryce Donovan 7. Cameron Cullen 8. Benjamin King 9. Liam Hampson 10. Lachlan Timm 11. Sam Elliott 12. Jeremiah Simbiken 13. Pride Petterson-Robati 14. Garrett Smith 15. Nathan Watts 16. Jarrett Boland 18. Samson Graham 19. Valynce Te Whare 20. Sheldon Pitama

#### **ROUND 20 RESULTS**

PNG Hunters (30) Tries: Rodrick Tai, Benji Kot, Liam Joseph, Emmanuel Waine, Sherwin Tanabi, Wartovo Puara; Goals: Kingstimer Paraia 3 def Mackay Cutters (28) Tries: Jayden Morgan, Kyle Krisanski-Kennedy, Luke Webley, Gehama Shibasaki, Laita Moceidreke; Goals: Brandon Finnegan 4 at National Football Stadium, Port Moresby

Norths Devils (36) Tries: Brendan Piakura 2, Tony Tumusa 2, Brayden McGrady 2, Jayden Corrigan; Goals: Connor Broadhurst 4 def Townsville Blackhawks (28) Tries: Michael Carroll, Taniela Sadrugu, Cade Maloney, Kyle Laybutt, Zach McMinn; Goals: Zac Laybutt 2, Shaun Nona 2 at Bishop Park

Northern Pride (40) Tries: Brendan Frei 2, Will Partridge, Ash Little, Nick Lui-Toso, Chris Ostwald, Ben Ham[ton; Goals: Evan Child 5, Will Partridge 1 def Ipswich Jets (18) Tries: Tyler Coburn, Joshua Williams, Lachlan Cooper; Goals: Ngangarra Barker 2, Nathaniel Neale 1 at Barlow Park

**Central Qld Capras (40)** Tries: Radean Robinson 2, Brandon Roberts, Ethan O'Neill 2, Trey Browne, Curtis Dansey-Smaller; Goals: Trey Browne 5, Blake Moore 1 **def Souths Logan Magpies (20)** Tries: Fe'ao Maka, Jack Smith, Chris Faagutu, Jake Elmore; Goals: Tristan Sailor 2 **at Browne Park** 

Burleigh Bears (42) Tries: Tony Francis 2, Guy Hamilton, Dante Lusio, Blake Leary, Kea Pere, Esan Marsters, Josh Rogers; Goals: Josh Rogers 4, Blake Leary 1 def Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18) Tries: Mathew Lyons 2, Sam Scarlett; Goals: Ben Farr 2, Matiu Love-Henry 1 at Pizzey Park

#### Elimination Final 1 (5th v 8th) CENTRAL QUEENSLAND CAPRAS v NORTHERN PRIDE

Sunday 4 September 2:15pm, Browne Park

Referee: Ben Watts; Sideline Officials: Nathan Cornick, Jordan Morel **CAPRAS**: 1. Blake Moore 2. Brendon Roberts 3. Curtis Dansey Smaller 4. Jonus Pearson 5. Cooper Marshall 6. Radean Robinson 7. Jack Madden 8. Bailey Butler 9. Trey Browne 10. Tyler Szepanowski 11. Ethan O'neill 12. Nixon Putt 13. Jamie Hill 14. Aaron Teroi 15. Lachlan Hubner 16. Zev John 18. Takai Mokohar 19. Mckenzie Yei 20. Jack White

**PRIDE**: 1. Julian Christian 2. Will Partridge 3. Shawn Bowen 4. Bernard Lewis 5. Robert Derby 6. Even Child 7. Matt Egan 8. Nick Lui-Toso 9. Chris Ostwald 10. Paea Pua 11. Kenneth Fonoti 12. Ewan Moore 13. Ash Little 14. Jacob Wallace 15. Tom McGrath 16. Lata Fakalelu 17. Whyatt Barnes 18. Mark Rosendale 19. Joseph Ratuvakacerivalu 20. Jahoiyakira Afoa

#### Qualifying Final 1 (1st v 4th) BURLEIGH BEARS v NORTHS DEVILS

Sunday 4 September 4:00pm, Pizzey Park

Referee: Belinda Sharpe; Sideline Officials: Jack Ebert, Marcus Fitzgerald **BURLEIGH**: 1. Taine Tuaupiki 2. Dante Lusio 3. Sami Sauiluma 4. Esan Marsters 5. Tony Francis 6. Joshua Rogers 7. Guy Hamilton 8. Nathaniel Peteru 9. Pat Politoni 10. Apiata Noema-Matenga 11. Jacob Allick 12. Hayden Schwass 13. Lochlyn Sheldon 14. Jordan Scott 15. Jayden Sharp 16. Daniel Shannon 17. Blake Leary 18. Vaka Sikahele

**NORTHS**: 1. Matthew Milson 2. Brayden McGrady 3. Jacob Gagan 4. Tony Tumusa 5. Jayden Corrigan 6. Connor Broadhurst 7. Jack Ahearn 8. Viko Puliuvea 9. Liam Horne 10. Jayden Stephens 11. Moses Noovao-McGreal 12. Leivaha Pulu 13. Jerome Veve 14. Kierran Moseley 15. Lloyd Perrett 16. Sam Lavea 17. Rashaun Denny 18. Jared Chambers

Brisbane Tigers (38) Tries: Haele Finau 2, Darren Nicholls, Tony Pellow, Bronson Garlick, Zak Taibi; Goals: Bessie Toomaga 4, Jonah Pezet 1 def Tweed Seagulls (30) Tries: JJ Collins, Jamayne Isaako, Braden Robson, Treymain Spry, Sam Lisone; Goals: Lindon McGrady 5 at Totally Workwear Stadium

Sunshine Coast Falcons (20) Tries: Kane Jackson, Jake Maizen, Sualauvi Faalogo, Louis Geraghty; Goals: Daniel Atkinson 2 def Redcliffe Dolphins (18) Tries: Setu Tu, Ben King, Valynce Te Whare; Goals: Bryce Donovan 3 at Sunshine Coast Stadium

#### **FINAL 2022 HOSTPLUS CUP LADDER**

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Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	А	+/-	Pts
1	Burleigh Bears	19	14	4	1	634	354	280	31
_ 2	Sunshine Coast Falcons	19	13	5	1	470	326	144	29
3	Redcliffe Dolphins	19	11	6	2	518	359	159	26
4	Norths Devils	19	12	7	0	469	459	10	26
5	Central Qld Capras	19	11	7	1	472	398	74	25
6	Tweed Seagulls	19	10	8	1	472	388	84	23
7	Brisbane Tigers	19	10	8	1	452	454	-2	23
8	Northern Pride	19	9	9	1	370	391	-21	21
9	Wynnum Manly Seagulls	19	9	10	0	494	422	72	20
10	Townsville Blackhawks	19	7	10	2	445	443	2	18
11	Mackay Cutters	19	8	11	0	444	484	-40	18
12	PNG Hunters	19	7	11	1	393	531	-138	17
13	Ipswich Jets	19	4	15	0	328	712	-384	10
14	Souths Logan Magpies	19	2	16	1	346	586	-240	7

#### HASTINGS DEERING COLTS (U21) - FINALS WEEK 1

#### Elimination Final 1 (5th v 8th) BRISBANE TIGERS v TWEED SEAGULLS

Saturday 3 September 1:00pm, Piggabeen Sports Complex Referee: Matt Gannon; Sideline Officials: Zac Schwass, Cameron Wegner **BRISBANE**: 1. Lachlan West 2. Sione Finau 3. Ezraa Coulston 4. Jude Saldanha

5. Antioch Faitala 6. Tony Thompson 7. Jonah Glover 8. Tyrone Gunn-James 9. Justin Smith 10. Jordan Penquitt 11. Simon Pratt 12. Trent Veukiso 13. Madison Beckett 14. Brad Russell 15. Eli Daunt 16. Casey Morgan 17. Gabriel Reedy-Bartlett

**TWEED**: 1. Jaylan De Groot 2. Jotham Russell 3. Caleb Hodges 4. Kaleb Ngamanu 5. Malakhi Donovan 7. Thomas Weaver 8. Ben Liyou 9. Jordan Stewart 10. Jesse Jackson 11. Ryan Foran 12. Solomon Torrens 13. Jack Cullen 15. Eli Tuli 16. Khyan Weir 17. Taanei Heu

#### Qualifying Final 2 (2nd v 3rd) TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS v REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

Saturday 3 September 2:30pm, Jack Manski Oval

Referee: Josh Eaton; Sideline Officials: Dylan Lawrence, Conor Wilson **TOWNSVILLE**: 1. Dylan White 2. Matua Robinson 3. Ragarive Wavik 4. Jordan Lipp 5. Tyreece Woods 6. Zack Lamont 7. Thomas Duffy 8. Tyson Chase 9. Jai Hansen 10. Tyreice Baira-Gela 11. Adam Mitchell 12. William Latu 13. Luke Jack 14. Joel Baldwin 15. Ethan Hagarty 16. Marly Bitungane 17. Braye Porter **REDCLIFFE**: 1. Will Cahill 2. William Dobson 3. Jack Aiken 4. Ali Leiataua 5. Marcus Spence 6. Connor Williams 7. Cody Hunter 8. Otukinekina Kepu 9. Logan Cox 10. Zyon Maiu'u 11. Levi Wilson 12. Jacob Laban 13. Rhys Timms 14. Lleyton Finau 15. Demitric Sifakula 17. Izaac Jackson 18. Valingi Kepu 19. Bailey Morgan

#### Elimination Final 2 (6th v 7th) SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS v MACKAY CUTTERS

Saturday 3 September 4:00pm, Sunshine Coast Stadium

Referee: Lachlan Sutton; Sideline Officials: Nick McEwan, Isaac Freeman FALCONS: 1. Lucas Bell 2. Cameron Hanson 3. Mason Peut 4. Taine Couper 5. Jay Lanuto 6. Joseph Lowe 7. Jayden Zanchetta 9. Danny Heenan 10. Kaleb Sutton 11. Jayden Taufa 12. Brendan Siebuhr 13. Sam Reid 14. Ngiyaani Waters 15. Jai Smoothy 16. Blake Ginman 17. Jack Underhill 18. Blake Woodford 19. Garlen Peace

MACKAY: 1. Kane Simon 2. Jordan Hill 3. Brenton Baira 4. Corey Shepherd 5. Flynn Camilleri 6. Henri Stocks 8. Jayden Rodwell 9. Daniel Kelly 10. Asher O'Donnell 11. Baden Robinson 12. Hugh Arthur 13. Ethan Sweet 14. Luke-David Wells-Talamaivao 15. Jack Hoffmann 16. Mason Simpson 17. Alfie Schultz 18. Kahlani Mooney 19. Matt Mcgowan 20. Harley Proctor

#### Qualifying Final 1 (1st v 4th)

#### WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v CENTRAL QUEENSLAND CAPRAS Sunday 4 September 12:10pm, Browne Park

Referee: Cody Kwik; Sideline Officials: Nik Inthout, Connor Baker WYNNUM: 1. Jordan Davies 2. Luke Philp 4. Carsen Huth 5. Blake Anders 6. Blake Moore 7. Will Parslow 8. Caius Faatili 9. Shaun Packer 10. John Radel 11. Ethan Malt 12. Kobe Martin 13. Nathan Ward 14. Sefa Roache-Faimalo 15. Cooper Hewett 16. Ryan Jackson 17. Felix Faatili 18. Zaen Edmonds CAPRAS: 1. Peyton Jenkins 2. Matthew Hill 3. Coby Williamson 4. William Lewis 5. Jye Marriott 6. Marcus Tanner 7. Laish Salam 8. Ilami Buli 9. Owen Pattie 10. Mitchell Leard-Lamont 11. Christopher Lee 12. Joseph Callanan 13. Thallon Peters 16. Keinan Smith 17. Jeremy McLachlan 18. Tate Beak

#### **ROUND 17 RESULTS**

Ipswich Jets (58) Tries: Tyree Bowman 3, Sam Inoke 2, Nathan Stephensen, Zachery Alley, James Durheim, Corey Cassidy-Natano, Isaac Fels, Flynn Groth; Goals: Nathan Stephensen 5, Samson Sauaso 1, Ezekiel Figiota 1 def Northern Pride (10) Tries: Jahoiyakim Afoa, Japheth Mundraby; Goals: Jahoiyakim Afoa 1 at Barlow Park

Mackay Cutters (84) Tries: Brenton Baira 4, Kane Simon 2, Jordan Hill 2, Jayden Rodwell 2, Hugh Arthur, Asher O'Donnell, Luke-David Wells-Talamaivao, Jack Hoffmann, Alfie Schultz; Goals: Brenton Baira 8, Bailey Black 1, Henri Stocks 1 def Western Clydesdales (0) at Gold Park

Central Qld Capras (46) Tries: Owen Pattie 2, Mitchell Leard-Lamont, Christopher Lee, Matthew HIII Keinan Smith, William Lewis, Coby Williamson; Goals: Peyton Jenkins 7 def Souths Logan Magpies (24) Tries: Louruce Brown, Fa'ata'ape Timai, Lochlan Srama, Declan Buckley; Goals: Brayden Paix 4 at Browne Park

**Townsville Blackhawks (36)** Tries: Matua Robinson 3, Ragarive Wavik, Tyreice Baira-Gela, Jacob Mene, Zack Lamont; Goals: Thomas Duffy 4 **def Norths Devils (16)** Tries: James Atonio, Ryan Papas; Goals: Blayden Dodd 2 **at Bishop Park** 

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (28) Tries: Blake Moore 3, Blake Anders, Caius Faatili, Ethan Malt; Goals: Luke Philp 2 def Burleigh Bears (26) Tries: Hunter Ploegsma 2, Adam Christensen, Sam Shannon, Lachlan Adamson; Goals: Jay Barnett 3 at Pizzey Park **Brisbane Tigers (42)** Tries: Lachlan West 2, Trent Veukiso, Ezra Coulston, Madison Beckett, Antioch Faitala, Gabriel Bartlett, Brad Russell; Goals: Jonah Glover 2, Jude Saldanha 3 **def Tweed Seagulls (12)** Tries: Malakhi Donovan, Caleb Hodges; Goals: Thomas Weaver 2 **at Totally Workwear Stadium** 

Redcliffe Dolphins (42) Tries: Jack Aiken 2, Samual Elara, Ali Leaitaua, Izaac Jackson, Valingi Kepu, Cody Hunter, Marcus Spence; Goals: Cody Hunter 5 def Sunshine Coast Falcons (12) Tries: Sam Reid, Taine Couper; Goals: Jai Smoothy 1, Lucas Bell 1 at Sunshine Coast Stadium

#### FINAL 2022 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS LADDER

Pos	Team	Р	W	L	D	F	Α	+/-	Pts
1	Wynnum Manly Seagulls	16	14	2	0	640	214	426	30
2	Townsville Blackhawks	16	14	2	0	642	242	400	30
3	Redcliffe Dolphins	16	13	3	0	552	233	319	28
4	Central QId Capras	16	12	4	0	559	340	219	26
5	Brisbane Tigers	16	11	5	0	606	315	291	24
6	Sunshine Coast Falcons	16	10	6	0	456	391	65	22
7	Mackay Cutters	16	8	8	0	400	346	54	18
8	Tweed Seagulls	16	7	9	0	481	432	49	16
9	Souths Logan Magpies	16	6	10	0	424	512	-88	14
10	lpswich Jets	16	6	10	0	386	538	-152	14
11	Burleigh Bears	16	5	11	0	460	527	-67	12
12	Norths Devils	16	4	12	0	368	458	-90	10
13	Northern Pride	16	1	15	0	252	946	-694	4
14	Western Clydesdales	16	1	15	0	165	897	-732	4

# 2022 NRLW DRAW

#### ROUND 1

Sat	0		Parramatta	Sydney Roosters	CommBank Stadium*
Sun	21 Aug 22	12:00	St George Illawarra	Gold Coast	WIN Stadium*
		18:10	Newcastle	Brisbane	McDonald Jones Stadium*
ROU	ND 2				
Sat	27 Aug 22	13:10	Brisbane	Sydney Roosters	Suncorp Stadium
Sun	28 Aug 22	12:00	Parramatta	St George Illawarra	CommBank Stadium*
		18:10	Gold Coast	Newcastle	Cbus Super Stadium*
ROU	ND 3				
Fri	2 Sep 22	17:40	Sydney Roosters	St George Illawarra	Allianz Stadium*
Sat	3 Sep 22	13:10	Brisbane	Gold Coast	Moreton Daily Stadium
Sun	4 Sep 22	12:00	Newcastle	Parramatta	McDonald Jones Stadium*
ROU	ND 4 - fixtur	es TBC p	ending NRL Finals Week 1	schedule	
Sat	10 Sep 22		Gold Coast	Parramatta	Venue TBC
or	or		Newcastle	Sydney Roosters	Venue TBC
Sun	11 Sep 22		Brisbane	St George Illawarra	Venue TBC
ROU	ND 5				
Sun	18 Sep 22	12:05	Brisbane	Parramatta	Central Coast Stadium
		13:55	Gold Coast	Sydney Roosters	Central Coast Stadium
		15:45	St George Illawarra	Newcastle	Central Coast Stadium
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SEM	I FINALS				
	SF 1		1ST	4TH	Suncorp Stadium
	SF 2		2ND	3RD	Suncorp Stadium
GRA	ND FINAL				•
Sun	02 Oct 22		W SF 1	W SF 2	Accor Stadium*

All fixture times listed in AET (NSW/VIC/ACT local time)

\* indicates aligned with NRL mens fixture All match dates, times and venues are subject to change.

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# **MONDAY'S EXPERT**

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2022	NRL	DRAW

ROUN	D 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 Sat	12 Mar 22 12 Mar 22	15:00 17:30	Sydney Warriors	Newcastle St Geo Illa	SCG Sun. Coast	6 -20 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
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Thu	17 Mar 22	20:05	Melbourne	Souths	AAMI	15 - 14*
Fri Fri	18 Mar 22 18 Mar 22	18:00 20:05	St Geo Illa Sydney	Penrith Manly	Netstrata SCG	16 - 20 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
Thu	<b>D 3 - MULTICU</b> 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 Sun	27 Mar 22 27 Mar 22	16:05 18:15	Brisbane Manly	North Qld Canterbury	Suncorp 4 Pines	12 - 38 13 - 12
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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 Sat	02 Apr 22 02 Apr 22	17:30 19:35	Manly North Qld	Canberra Sydney	Mudgee Qld C.B	25 - 6 28 - 4
Sun	02 Apr 22 03 Apr 22	16:05	Melbourne	Canterbury	AAMI	44-0
Sun	03 Apr 22	18:15	Parramatta	St Geo Illa	CommBank	48 - 14
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Thu	07 Apr 22	19:50	Newcastle	Manly	McD Jones	6 - 30
Fri	08 Apr 22	18:00	Warriors	North Qld	Redcliffe	25 -24*
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Sat	03 Apr 22 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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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Fri	02 Jun 22	19:55	Penrith	Canterbury	Bluebet	30 - 18
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Sun	12 Jun 22	18:15	Warriors	Cronulla	Redcliffe	16 - 38
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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
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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
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25	Sun	31 Jul 22	16:05	St Geo Illa	North Qld	Netstrata	8 - 34
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8	Thu	04 Aug 22	19:50	Sydney	Brisbane	SCG	34 - 16
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24	Fri	05 Aug 22	19:55	Manly	Parramatta	4 Pines	20 - 36
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	SF 2	L QF 2	W EF 2	TBC					
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	PF 1	W QF 1	W SF 2	TBC					
	PF 2	W QF 2	W SF 1	TBC					
GRAND FINAL - OCTOBER 2									
Sun	02 Oct 22	W PF 1	W PF 2	Accor					

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