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Series on the line at ANZ

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From the editor

Tim Costello

When we talk about the 'pointy end' of the season, this is it. The NRL is now long gone and we're deep into this new - unusual - Origin period in Australia (read more on that opposite from Steve Mascord). Queensland overcame the odds to take game one, so inside Andrew Ferguson looks back at the first Queensland outfit to overcome New South Wales way back during the days of interstate clashes in the early 20th century.

In the UK, the game has changed. It's finals time after the RFL and Super League agreed to cut short the season and play a six-team finals series over three weeks. More controversially, the powers that be have cut Toronto Wolfpack from the 2021 competition - more on that inside as well with Mascord.

We hope you enjoy this special edition of The Front Row.



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by Steve MASCORD

WHEN Covid first hit, everyone was fond of quoting the spurious claim that the Chinese words for "crisis" and "opportunity" were similar, or identical.

Nevertheless, in the vipers nest that is rugby league, some did manage to take it as a chance for seismic change. Channel Nine publicly criticised NRL CEO Todd Greenberg, forcing his exit, and reduced its fee by a reported \$28 million.

In Britain, Toronto took the opportunity to pull out of Super League and Super League took the opportunity to kick them out permanently.

And for those who had been pushing for years to move Origin to the end of the season but couldn't because international football occupied that space ... well, the only international game this year was Netherlands v Germany,

So there have been anxious moments for custodians of the international game since it was announced that State of Origin would effectively steal the window in their absence and be played on consecutive November Wednesdays.

For some reason, rugby league people often find themselves cheering for one part of rugby league to fail so another part of rugby league can succeed.

And International league bosses would have quietly breathed a sigh of relief last Wednesday when ratings for the Origin opener at Adelaide Oval were the lowest



ing Origin is eternal?



avoid interrupting club football. Soon it became so big that players were stood down from club football to be fresh for it but the tail wagged the dog and it stayed on Wednesday anyway because the captive mid-week, mid-winter audience was a goldmine.

Last Wednesday showed rugby league still can't afford to overlook cold hard moolah in its decision-making.

Next year - hopefully - the World Cup will be on in November. January and March has been offered by organisers as the key period for deciding whether it is to be delayed a year, although the NRL expects to hear much earlier than that.

Queensland prop Christian Welch knows that weakening top teams mid-season helps even up the NRL, anyway.

He Tweeted: "Origin period is a great competitive balance mechanism for the NRL. Helps teams with fewer Origin stars to maintain touch with the top eight, in turn keeping fans engaged/(fewer) dead rubbers at end of the year. Assuming more rep players equals higher ladder position."

Like Sunday Origins in 2001, Monday Origins in 1995 and a Los Angeles Origin in 1987, tonight's game at ANZ Stadium is set to go down as an historical oddity.

since national figures were kept.

The national figure was 2.38 million, down 25 per cent on the same match last year.

Origin was first put in mid-week to



Christian Welch
@clwelch94

Alternative viewpoint: Origin period is a great competitive balance mechanism for the NRL. Helps teams with fewer Origin stars to maintain touch with the Top 8, in turn keeping fans engaged/less dead rubbers at end of the year. Assuming more rep players=higher ladder position

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EXCLUSIVE BOOK EXTRACT

By Steve MASCORD

WE could probably forgive fans under 30 for being shocked and mystified when NSW ran out in a new jersey dominated by dark blue panels in Adelaide last Wednesday.

But those of us who go back a bit further just nodded knowing. We remember the uproar the first time we saw the strip back in the days of Two Tribes, 1997.

With warring competitions underway in Australia, many people couldn't understand why NSW would depart from one of the pieces of traditional IP that was a key part of the ARL's advantage over the upstart Super League, the sky blue jersey.

Brad Fittler, now coach, slagged it off in his Rugby League Week column as soon as it was unveiled. "How on earth did the designers of the new State of Origin jumper come up with the strip they did? It's a fair dinkum shocker."

Nevertheless, the jersey despite became famous as the one worn in the all-in brawl at Lang Park that year.

Your correspondent knows a bit about rugby league in 1997. I'm putting the finishing touches on a book about the sport's divided year and the birth of the NRL, called Two Tribes.

Below I present the first-ever extract, in which I speak to Jamie Goddard - the man who traded blows with Immortal Andrew Johns in that infamous stoush:

"Only 28,222 fans saw the opening match of the 1997 State of Origin series at Suncorp Stadium. Andrew Johns had been selected after just one club game back from that ankle reconstruction. "That was my introduction to Origin," says Goddard. "It sounds like a cliché but as a boy from Mt Isa - it's every kid's dream in Queensland to run out for your state." NSW won 8-6 and went to Melbourne to win the series.

There in Victoria, the Queensland coach Paul Vautin told his players the series might be the last ever due to looming compromise. NSW's 15-14 MCG win in front of only 25,105 fans ("pretty hollow but once you're out there having a go, it's a tough game," says Goddard) was the scene of a memorable controversy, with Blues selector John Raper's son Aaron chosen and left on the bench for the entire game.

But even before the match there was drama, with Manly's omitted Jim Serdaris claiming Raudonikis had held against him the fact he left Western Suburbs for Manly. Andrew Johns withdrew before kick-off through injury, meaning Raper should have gone into the side. But instead, John Simon was promoted and kicked the series-winning field goal.

near the cattledog call"

Queensland won the 'dead rubber' Origin III 18-12 at Lang Park in a game best remembered for the stand-up brawl between NSW's Andrew Johns and our other central character here, Goddard.

"Joey was on fire, he was young and just coming through," recalls Goddard. "Geoff Toovey was at half. Fatty obviously told us all we've got to get Joey, make sure he doesn't dominate .

"A set or two before that scrum, I had had the ball. We're attacking their line. I passed the ball, Joey hit me late. We had a scuffle. My fault, I give a penalty away while we're attacking, which is stupid.

"(Mark) 'Spud' Carroll takes a hit-up and knocks Clinton O'Brien out straight off the tap, basically. Clinton O'Brien gets carried off on the opposite side of the field, NSW do a shift attacking into our half and then they drop it. Spud had just knocked out Clinton O'Brien, Spud's going off his head walking to the scrum.

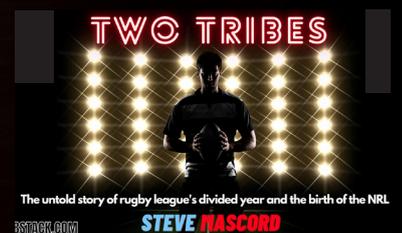
"To be honest, I didn't hear the 'Cattledog' call but I could tell from Spud ... I said to the boys 'it's fucking on here'. Poor old Craig

Smith, if you watch the tape, Craig Smith literally got on for that scrum. He packed opposite to Spud Carroll and Spud didn't even pack and punched him straight in the head and knocked him out as well!

"Then it was obviously just an all-in blue. Joey and I came together again. We got broken up. I was held back by my team and then he came around the touch judge and then we got into it again. It was a pretty full-on scrap.

'When we got sent off (to the sin bin), which I thought was a bit rude, getting sent off Spud Carroll knocked out Craig Smith clean-as! It wasn't good. Joey's still carrying on."

You can pre-order Two Tribes now at twotribes.substack.com . A subscription entitles you to Two Tribes, Steve's first book Touchstones and 27 months of content - all at no extra charge.







FLASHBACK

NSW opened the 2013 series with a 14-6 win in front of 80,380 fans at ANZ.

Took 'em long enough!

A look back at Queensland's first success at interstate level - long before we welcomed the Origin era.

THE dominance of New South Wales over Queensland is frequently spoken about as one of the reasons why the State of Origin concept was proposed and later adopted. But just what did that dominance look like?

There were 223 games played between NSW and Queensland from 1908 til 1981. New South Wales won 160 and drew 8, while the Queenslanders scored 55 wins. That's a 71.75% win record for the Blues and just 24.66% for the Maroons.

That dominance was seen very prominently in Rugby League's first 14 years, as seen in the list of results from 1908-1921 shown to the right.

New South Wales was so heavily laden with Australian Test players that they had only suffered 3 losses in their 42 games between 1913 and the 1922 Interstate game against Queensland, 2 of which were against the touring Great Britain sides of 1914 and 1920 and the other against the visiting New Zealanders of 1913. In stark contrast, Queensland had won just 5 of their 22 games in the same period, 4 against New Zealand and 1 against the New Zealand Maori side.

And so as the 1922 Interstate game rolled around, many fans would not have been excused for thinking that the Blue dominance would continue.

A fortnight before the only Interstate3 game of 1922, New South Wales sent a squad of their top players to New Zealand on a 7 game tour over 2 weeks, meaning that those players would not be able to play against

Andrew Ferguson Contributor



Queensland.

That New South Wales tour side was full of many of the most in-form players from the NSWRL competition for the year:

Bill 'Binghi' Benson, Frank Burge, Harry Caples, George Carstairs, Jim Craig, Jim Dunworth, William 'Tiger' Gillespie, Alf Gray, Harold Horder, Clarrie Ives, Albert "Ricketty" Johnston, Ernie Lapham, Reg Latta, Alf O'Connor, Clarrie Prentice, Norm Proctor, Jack 'Junker' Robinson, Frank Rule, Jack Toohey, Clarrie Tye and Dick Vest.

That aside, New South Wales still boasted a very strong outfit when their lineup was announced. Future Test star Frank McMillan was at fullback, Test star Cec Blinkhorn was on the wing, while the greatest halfback in the game prior to Andrew Johns, Queensland-born Duncan Thompson, was named as captain for the Blues (The rules at the time were based on where you resided, not where you originated. Thompson was at North Sydney at the time.) The Blues has had some top players in the forwards courtesy of Vic Armbruster, Felix Ryan, Arthur Oxford, Jack Watkins and Ted McGrath.

Year	Score	Score	Score
1908	New South Wales 43	Queensland 0	
1908	New South Wales 12	Queensland 3	
1910	New South Wales 40	Queensland 21	
1910	New South Wales 32	Queensland 18	
1910	New South Wales 19	Queensland 3	
1911	New South Wales 65	Queensland 9	
1911	New South Wales 49	Queensland 0	
1911	New South Wales 32	Queensland 8	
1912	New South Wales 65	Queensland 9	
1912	New South Wales 32	Queensland 4	
1913	New South Wales 27	Queensland 12	
1913	New South Wales 27	Queensland 10	
1913	New South Wales 21	Queensland 17	
1915	New South Wales 53	Queensland 9	
1915	New South Wales 39	Queensland 6	
1919	New South Wales 33	Queensland 18	
1919	New South Wales 12	Queensland 7	
1919	New South Wales 24	Queensland 10	
1919	New South Wales 13	Queensland 10	
1920	New South Wales 40	Queensland 18	
1921	New South Wales 37	Queensland 11	
1921	New South Wales 34	Queensland 20	
TOTAL	New South Wales 22 Wins	Queensland 0 wins	
	749 Points	223 Points	
	Average Score 34	10	



Queensland had a team of relative unknowns at the time, but many would go on to become legends north of the border. Eric Frauenfelder at fullback, Bill Paten on the wing, Edwin Brown at five-eighth, Cyril Connell Senior at half, Norm Potter and Jim Bennett in the forwards and of course, the legendary Tom Gorman at centre.

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon on September 23, 1922, a healthy crowd of 12,000 turned out at the Sydney Sports Ground. Scoring began early in the first half when Bill Paten kicked a penalty goal for the Maroons. The Blues hit back with a try by Arthur Oxford after some good play by Duncan Thompson in the lead-up. Oxford failed to convert. Just over a minute later, Tom Gorman raced away to score a try for the Maroons which Paten converted, giving Queensland a 7-3 lead.

Some great play ensued, with the game played at a great pace yet the defence of both sides was impressive. Bill Spencer scored a try after a good run and Paten added the extras to give Queensland a 12-3 lead, which they took to halftime.

Queensland kept their momentum going in the second half when Alex Brown crossed shortly after the break.

Paten's conversion extended their lead to 14 points. The Blues crossed for the next try after some clever play from Thompson and Dallas Hodgins, resulting in Jim Flattery scoring a great try in the corner. Oxford failed to convert from touch.

Hodgins shortly after put Flattery into space and the winger raced away to score his second try in short time, but Oxford again failed to convert. Queensland's lead had been reduced to 17-9. With just under 20 minutes remaining in the game, a thunderstorm erupted over the ground, resulting in the play changing from fast, open and exciting to a grinding slog through the middle.

This worked to the advantage of Queensland who scored two tries through Paten and Edward Stanley, Paten converting one to take the score out to 25-9 in the Maroons favour. The Blues rallied late in the game after the rain eased, but the Queenslanders defence was equal to the task. When full time sounded, Queensland had finally secured their first ever win over New South Wales.

The win was the first of 8 straight by the Maroons over New South Wales. In the 7 years between 1922 and 1928, Queensland beat NSW in 17 of 24 clashes.

On the move

Who's headed where, and who's contracted at your club heading into next season?



Brisbane Broncos

2021 GAINS: Andrew McCullough (return from loan)
CONTRACTED: Jesse Arthurs, Patrick Carrigan, Xavier Coates, Brodie Croft, Tom Dearden, Herbie Farnworth, Tom Flegler, Alex Glenn, Payne Haas, Jamayne Isaako, Rhys Kennedy, Matt Lodge, Issac Luke, Anthony

Milford, Tesi Niu, Corey Oates, Joe Ofahengaue, Cory Paix, Keenan Palasia, Tevita Pangai Junior, Kotoni Staggs, Jake Turpin

UNSIGNED: Jamil Hopoate, Jordan Kahu, Richie Kennar, Ben Te'o, Ilikena Vudogo, Tyson Gamble, Pride Petterson-Robati

LOSSES: Darius Boyd, Matt Gillett (retired), David Fifita (Titans 2021), Sean O'Sullivan (Warriors 2021), Jack Bird (Dragons 2021)



Canberra Raiders

2021 GAINS: Harry Rushton (Wigan), Ryan James (Titans), Caleb Aekins (Panthers)

CONTRACTED: Adam Cook, Jarrod Croker, Matt Frawley, Emre Guler, Corey Harawira-Naera, Siliva Havili, Josh Hodgson, Corey Horsburgh, Dunamis Lui, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, Josh Papali'i, Curtis Scott,

Bailey Simonsson, Harley Smith-Shields, Sia Soliola, Tom Starling, Ryan Sutton, Joe Tapine, Matt Timoko, Semi Valemei, Elliott Whitehead, Jack Wighton, Sam Williams, George Williams, Hudson Young

UNSIGNED: Seb Kris, Michael Oldfield, Jordan Rapana

LOSSES: John Bateman (Wigan 2021), Nick Cotric (Bulldogs 2021), Luke Bateman (retired 2020), Jack Murchie (Warriors 2020)



Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs

2021 GAINS: Kyle Flanagan (Roosters), Jack Hetherington (Panthers), Corey Waddell (Sea Eagles), Nick Cotric (Raiders)

CONTRACTED: Jake Averillo, Dean Britt, Christian Crichton, Adam Elliott, Raymond Faitala-Mariner, Tyrone Harding, Will Hopoate, Josh Jackson, Sione

Katoa, Tui Katoa, Lachlan Lewis, Jeremy Marshall-King, Nick Meaney, Dylan Napa, Ofahiki Ogdan, Jayden Okunbor, James Roumanos, Chris Smith, Reimis Smith, Joe Stimson, Luke Thompson, Renouf To'omaga, Brandon Wakeham, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak

LOSSES: Morgan Harper (Sea Eagles 2020), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles 2021), Jack Cogger, Aiden Tolman, Marcelo Montoya, Sauaso Sue, Tim Lafai, Isaiah Tass (released), Kerrod Holland (retired)



Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks

2021 GAINS: None

CONTRACTED: Blayke Brailey, Josh Dugan, Andrew Fifita, Wade Graham, Braden Hamlin-Uele, Mawene Hiroti, Royce Hunt, Shaun Johnson, Sione Katoa, Will Kennedy, Nene Macdonald, Billy Magoulias, Matt Moylan, Ronaldo Mulitalo, Briton Nikora, Kyle

Paterson, Franklin Pele, Jesse Ramien, Toby Rudolf, Siosifa Talakai, Jensen Tamoepeau, Chad Townsend, Connor Tracey, Jack Williams, Teig Wilton, Aaron Woods, Bronson Xerri

UNSIGNED: Kayleb Milne, Scott Sorensen, Brayden Trindall, Bryson Goodwin

LOSSES: Cameron King, Jayson Bukuya (retired), Cruz Topai-Aveai (released), Josh Morris (Roosters 2020)



Gold Coast Titans

2021 GAINS: Tino Fa'asuamaleau (Storm), Herman Ese'ese (Knights), David Fifita (Broncos), Patrick Herbert (Warriors)

CONTRACTED: Tanah Boyd, AJ Brimson, Bryce Cartwright, Erin Clark, Anthony Don, Darius Farmer, Moeaki Fotuika, Beau Fermor, Jamal Fogarty, Jaimin

Jolliffe, Brian Kelly, Sam Lisone, Gregory Marzhew, Tyrone Peachey, Jonus Pearson, Kevin Proctor, Mitch Rein, Phillip Sami, Toby Sexton, Treymain Spry, Sam Stone, Ash Taylor, Corey Thompson, Jarrod Wallace, Jai Whitbread

UNSIGNED: Dale Copley, Keegan Hipgrave, Nathan Peats, Tyrone Roberts
LOSSES: Kallum Watkins (Toronto 2020), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs 2021), Ryan James (Raiders 2021), Shannon Boyd (retired), Young Tonumaipaea (rugby union), Bryce Cartwright (released)



Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles

2021 GAINS: Andrew Davey (Eels), Kieran Foran (Bulldogs)

CONTRACTED: Morgan Boyle, Daly Cherry-Evans, Lachlan Croker, Cade Cust, Manase Fainu, Tevita Funa, Reuben Garrick, Jack Gosiewski, Morgan Harper, Sean Keppie, Tolutau Koula, Haumole Olakau'atu, Brad

Parker, Taniela Paseka, Josh Schuster, Toafofoa Siple, Curtis Sironen, Moses Suli, Jorge Taufua, Martin Taupau, Keith Titmuss, Ben Trbojevic, Jake Trbojevic, Tom Trbojevic, Dylan Walker

UNSIGNED: Brendan Elliot, Albert Hopoate, Danny Levi, Luke Metcalf, Tony Williams

LOSSES: Corey Waddell (Bulldogs 2021), Joel Thompson (St Helens 2021), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors 2021)



Melbourne Storm

2021 GAINS: George Jennings (Eels)

CONTRACTED: Josh Addo-Carr, Nelson Asofa-Solomona, Jesse Bromwich, Kenny Bromwich, Tom Eisenhuth, Dale Finucane, Harry Grant, Jack Howarth, Jahrome Hughes, Nicho Hynes, Ryley Jacks, Cooper Johns, Tui Kamikamica, Felise Kaufusi, Max King,

Brenko Lee, Chris Lewis, Isaac Lumelume, Cameron Munster, Justin Olam, Ryan Papenhuyzen, Aaron Pene, Darryn Schonig, Brandon Smith, Christian Welch

UNSIGNED: Sandor Earl, Ricky Leutele, Marion Seve, Cameron Smith, Albert Vete

LOSSES: Tino Fa'asuamaleau (Titans 2021), Suliasi Vunivalu (rugby union 2021), Paul Momirovski (loanee, returns to Wests Tigers 2021)



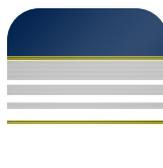
Newcastle Knights

2021 GAINS: Tyson Frizell (Dragons), Dominic Young (Huddersfield)

CONTRACTED: Mitchell Barnett, Bradman Best, Jayden Brailey, Phoenix Crossland, Lachlan Fitzgibbon, Blake Green, Tex Hoy, Hymel Hunt, Brodie Jones, David Klemmer, Edrick Lee, Kurt Mann, Sione Mata'utia,

Jirah Momoisea, Mitch Pearce, Kalyn Ponga, Daniel Saifiti, Jacob Saifiti, Nathanael Sasagi, Pasami Saulo, Starford To'a, Gehamat Shibasaki, Enari Tuala, Connor Watson

UNSIGNED: Josh King, Mason Lino, Tautau Moga, Tyrone Roberts-Davis
LOSSES: Blake Green (Bulldogs), Herman Ese'ese (Titans), Aidan Guerra, Tim Glasby (retired), Andrew McCullough (loanee, returning to Broncos 2021)



North Queensland Cowboys

2021 GAINS: Lachlan Burr (Warriors)

CONTRACTED: Daejarn Asi, Michael Bell, Jake Clifford, Ben Condon, Reuben Cotter, Scott Drinkwater, Mitchell Dunn, Kyle Feldt, Tom Gilbert, Jake Granville, Wiremu Greig, Ben Hampton, Coen Hess, Peter Hola, Valentine Holmes, Corey Jensen, Connolly Lemuelu,

Heilum Luki, Esan Marsters, Jordan McLean, Josh McGuire, Francis Molo, Michael Morgan, Ieremia Nanai, Griffin Neame, Justin O'Neill, Emry Pere, Reece Robson, Tukimihia Simpkins, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, Murray Taulagi, Jason Taumalolo, Shane Wright

LOSSES: Gavin Cooper (retired), Tom Opacic (Eels 2021), John Asiata, Dan Russell (released)



Parramatta Eels

2021 GAINS: Tom Opacic (Cowboys), Isaiah Papali'i (Warriors), Joey Lussick (Salford)

CONTRACTED: Dan Alvaro, Waqa Blake, Dylan Brown, Nathan Brown, Reagan Campbell-Gillard, Haze Dunster, Blake Ferguson, Clint Gutherson, David Hollis, Sam Hughes, Michael Jennings, Oregon Kaufusi, Shaun

Lane, Reed Mahoney, Ryan Matterson, Mitchell Moses, Marata Niukore, Junior Paulo, Jordan Rankin, Maika Sivo, Ray Stone

UNSIGNED: Will Smith, Peni Terepo

LOSSES: Stefano Utoikamanu (Wests Tigers 2021), Andrew Davey (Sea Eagles 2021), Kane Evans (Warriors 2021), David Gower (retired), Jai Field, Rhys Davies, Jaeman Salmon, Brad Takairangi (released), George Jennings (Storm 2021)



Penrith Panthers

2021 GAINS: Robert Jennings, Matt Eisenhuth (Wests Tigers)

CONTRACTED: Billy Burns, Matt Burton, Kurt Capewell, Nathan Cleary, Stephen Crichton, Dylan Edwards, James Fisher-Harris, Mitch Kenny, Viliame Kikau, Api Koroisau, Spencer Leniu, Moses Leota,

Jarome Luai, Tyrone May, Josh Mansour, Liam Martin, Brent Naden, Lindsay Smith, Charlie Staines, Zane Tetevano, Brian To'o, Dean Whare, Isiah Yeo

UNSIGNED: Dean Blore

LOSSES: Shawn Blore (Wests Tigers 2020), Kaide Ellis (Dragons 2020), Jed Cartwright (Rabbitohs 2021), Caleb Aekins (Raiders 2021), James Tamou (Wests Tigers 2021), Jack Hetherington (Bulldogs 2021), Braydon McGrady, Malakai Watene-Zelezniak, Pat Hollis (released)



St George Illawarra Dragons

2021 GAINS: Poasa Faamausili (Roosters), Jack Bird (Broncos)

CONTRACTED: Eddie Blacker, Billy Brittain, Adam Clune, Matt Dufty, Jackson Ford, Tyrell Fuimaono, Ben Hunt, Josh Kerr, Blake Lawrie, Zac Lomax, Cameron McInnes, Trent Merrin, Corey Norman, Jordan Pereira,

Cody Ramsey, Mikaele Ravalawa, Jason Saab, Korbin Sims, Tariq Sims, Jayden Sullivan, Paul Vaughan, Brayden Wiliame

UNSIGNED: Jack de Belin (contracted yet to be registered pending court case), Joe Lovodua, Tristan Sailor, Kaide Ellis

LOSSES: Tim Lafai (Bulldogs 2020), Tyson Frizell (Knights 2021), James Graham (St Helens 2020), Issac Luke (Broncos 2020), Euan Aitken (Warriors 2021), Jacob Host (Rabbitohs 2021)



South Sydney Rabbitohs

2021 GAINS: Jai Arrow (Titans), Taane Milne (Warriors), Jacob Host (Dragons)

CONTRACTED: Corey Allan, Tom Burgess, Braidon Burns, Jed Cartwright, Damien Cook, Joshua Cook, Troy Dargan, Dane Gagai, Brock Gardner, Campbell Graham, Dean Hawkins, Alex Johnston, Liam Knight,

Keaon Kolomatangi, Patrick Mago, Steve Marsters, Latrell Mitchell, Cameron Murray, Mark Nicholls, Jaxson Paulo, Adam Reynolds, Hame Sele, Bayley Sironen, Jaydn Su'A, Tevita Tatola, Cody Walker

UNSIGNED: Tom Amone, Cory Denniss, Kurt Dillon, Ky Rodwell

LOSSES: Bryson Goodwin (Sharks 2020), Ethan Lowe (retired), James Roberts (released)



Sydney Roosters

2021 GAINS: None

CONTRACTED: Fletcher Baker, Egan Butcher, Nat Butcher, Lindsay Collins, Boyd Cordner, Angus Crichton, Jake Friend, Drew Hutchison, Matt Ikuvalu, Luke Keary, Lachlan Lam, Isaac Liu, Joey Manu, Brett Morris, Josh Morris, Victor Radley, Billy Smith, Daniel

Suluka-Fifita, Siosiaua Taukeiaho, James Tedesco, Christian Tuipulotu, Daniel Tupou, Sitili Tupouniua, Sam Verrills, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, Sam Walker

UNSIGNED: Ryan Hall

LOSSES: Mitch Aubusson (retired), Kyle Flanagan (Bulldogs 2021), Poasa Faamausili (Dragons 2021), Sonny Bill Williams (released)



Warriors

2021 GAINS: Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warrington), Kane Evans (Eels), Euan Aitken (Dragons), Addin Fonua-Blake (Sea Eagles), Iliesa Ratuva (union), Sean O'Sullivan (Broncos)

CONTRACTED: Bunty Afoa, Leeson Ah Mau, Tom Ale, Rocco Berry, Josh Curran, Wayne Egan, David Fusitu'a,

Jackson Frei, Tohu Harris, Chanel Harris-Tavita, Peta Hiku, Eliesa Katoa, Karl Lawton, Ken Maumalo, Jack Murchie, Kodi Nikorima, Agnatius Paasi, Hayze Perham, Adam Pompey, Jamayne Taunoa-Brown, Jazz Tevaga, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, Paul Turner

UNSIGNED: Adam Keighran, Leivaha Pulu, Nathaniel Roache

LOSSES: Blake Green (Knights 2020), Adam Blair, Gerard Beale (retired), Lachlan Burr (Cowboys 2021), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels 2021), Taane Milne (Rabbitohs 2021), Patrick Herbert (Titans 2021)



Wests Tigers

2021 GAINS: Stefano Utoikamanu (Eels), James Tamou (Panthers)

CONTRACTED: Josh Aloiai, Shawn Blore, Kane Bradley, Luke Brooks, Michael Chee-Kam, Zac Cini, Adam Doueihi, Luke Garner, Asu Kepaoa, Joey Leilua, Luciano Leilua, Jacob Liddle, Jock Madden,

Moses Mbye, Zane Musgrove, Thomas Mikaele, Paul Momirovski, David Nofaluma, Russell Packer, Josh Reynolds, Jake Simpkin, Tommy Talau, Alex Twal, Billy Walters

UNSIGNED: Oliver Clark, Benji Marshall, Sam McIntyre, Alex Seyfarth, Dylan Smith, Elijah Taylor

LOSSES: Chris McQueen (Huddersfield 2020), Corey Thompson (Titans 2020), Chris Lawrence (retired), Robert Jennings, Matt Eisenhuth (Panthers 2021), Harry Grant (loanee, returning to Storm 2021)

Word Jumbles

It's State of Origin time! These players and their 'origins' all featured in Denis Carnahan's iconic "That's In Queensland" songs back in 2012 and 2013. How many of the names can you unscramble?

LARMAN AID

NOT BE'E

COLON TRAILER

ROYLE LIMBO

BRENT MIRAWAY

AROUSI FELLA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

WHANGAPARAOA

CHRISTCHURCH

TENTERFIELD

KEMPSEY

MINTO

GAS TREMOR

LULLIE O'NINJA

AJAS O'PHILIP

AID SHAMTAY

COLLINS NEGATIVE

LUNCHTIMER HAKA

CARINGBAH

HORNSBY

AUCKLAND

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

AUCKLAND

Queensland stun Blues to take Origin opener

Justin Davies

They did it once again. The underdog Queensland Maroons side overturned the favoured New South Wales Blues 18-14 in a tight Origin game 1 at Adelaide Oval in front of 25,218 fans.

It was another display of Queensland spirit, as the unfancied Maroons scored 18 points in the period after half-time to blow away the New South Wales side and take a 1-nil lead in the first State of Origin season to be played after the NRL season.

The venue might have been strange, the dates weird but the passion remained the same. New South Wales strode out to a 10-nil lead, thanks to tries to Damien Cook and Josh Addo-Carr and looked to prove their favouritism tag right.

Enter some Bennett magic. Going into the break down 10 points, the master coach got the team together and the Maroons were perfect in the second half. They completed their sets and trapped the Blues backline on their own line which created points.



18-14



Debutants AJ Brimson and Xavier Coates crossed on either wing to inch them ahead 12-10. Eight debutants in the side but the calm hand of Cameron Munster and a whole hearted performance from Luke Capewell created the tries.

Add in some magic from Queensland five-eighth Munster to scoop up the loose ball, hold off James Tedesco and suddenly, it was 18-10 to Queensland. New South Wales who looked in control now were left frantic and having to find a way back into the contest.

The Blues injected Rabbitohs half Cody Walker into the contest to help their anemic attack but the Blues were their own worst enemy. Bland end of sets and wrong decisions had them without a set of six in the Queensland red zone until the final 10 minutes.

New South Wales did give the Queensland side a late scare when Addo-Carr crossed to make it 18-14. The Blues were gifted one final set after six again call but the stunted attack ended with James Tedesco who was left to watch the unfancied Queensland side celebrate the win.

For the Blues, it was all their nightmares collated into the contest. The side looked lost after getting to the lead, and the forward pack were dominated by the younger Queensland pack which left them having to start sets off their line all night. Coach Brad Fittler has a big job to get them ready for a must-win game back in Sydney.

MATCH SUMMARY: GAME 1

Queensland 18 - New South Wales 14

Venue: Adelaide Oval

Crowd: 25218

Halftime Score: Queensland 0 New South Wales 10

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Cameron Munster

2 points - Kurt Capewell

1 points - Josh Addo-Carr

QUEENSLAND (18)

Tries: Alexander Brimson
Xavier Coates
Cameron Munster
Goals: Daly Cherry-Evans (3/4)

NEW SOUTH WALES (14)

Tries: Damien Cook
Josh Addo-Carr (2)
Goals: Nathan Cleary (1/3)

Stat Attack

NSW IN GAME 2 WHEN RETURNING HOME ONE-DOWN IN A SERIES

1983	won 10-6
1989	lost 16-12
1991	won 14-12
1999	won 12-8
2001	won 26-8
2005	won 32-22
2007	lost 10-8
2009	lost 24-14
2011	won 18-8
2012	won 16-12

PLAYERS

Individual records

Most tries in a match: 3 – Chris Anderson (Game 3, 1983), Kerry Boustead (Game 1, 1984), Ryan Girdler (Game 3, 2000), Lote Tuqiri (Game 2, 2002), Matt Sing (Game 3, 2003), Matt King (Game 3, 2005), Dane Gagai (Game 2, 2016), Valentine Holmes (Game 3, 2017), Tom Trbojevic (Game 2, 2019).

Most goals in a match: 10 – Ryan Girdler (Game 3, 2000)

Most field goals in a match: 2 – Ben Elias (Game 3, 1994)

Most points in a match: 32 – Ryan Girdler (Game 3, 2000)

Most appearances: 42 – Cameron Smith (2003–2017)

Most consecutive matches: 36 – Johnathan Thurston (Game 1, 2005 – Game 3, 2016)

Most tries in Origin career: 18 – Greg Inglis (2006–2018)

Most points in Origin career: 212 (5 tries, 102 goals, 2 field goals) – Johnathan Thurston (2005–2017)

Oldest player: Petero Civoniceva (36 years and 73 days – Game 3, 2012)

Youngest player: Ben Ikin (18 years and 83 days – Game 1, 1995)

Most wins as a player: Cameron Smith 27 games to Game III 2017

MOST APPEARANCES

Queensland

42 – Cameron Smith (2003–2017)

37 – Johnathan Thurston (2005–2017)

36 – Darren Lockyer (1998–2007, 2009–2011)

34 – Allan Langer (1987–1994, 1996, 1998, 2001–2002)

33 – Petero Civoniceva (2001–2012)

New South Wales

31 – Brad Fittler (1990–1996, 1998–2001, 2004)

27 – Andrew Ettingshausen (1987–1994, 1996, 1998)

24 – Paul Gallen (2006–2016)

23 – Laurie Daley (1989–1994, 1996, 1998–1999)

23 – Andrew Johns (1995–2000, 2002–2003, 2005)

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Player	State	Awards
Wally Lewis	QLD	8
Cameron Smith	QLD	7
Johnathan Thurston	QLD	5
Peter Sterling	NSW	4
Allan Langer	QLD	4
Andrew Johns	NSW	4



NEW SOUTH WALES

#Origin

WHEN	Wednesday 11 November 2020, 8:10pm AEDT
VENUE	ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park NSW
WATCH	Nine Network
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand, Triple M, 2GB/4BC, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Chris BUTLER Todd SMITH
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

RUGBY LEAGUE project

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 121 matches
NSW 53 QLD 63 Drawn 5

At ANZ Stadium: X

LAST 10 MATCHES

2017	G1	NSW 28-4	Suncorp
2017	G2	QLD 18-16	ANZ
2017	G3	QLD 22-6	Suncorp
2018	G1	NSW 22-12	MCG
2018	G2	NSW 18-14	ANZ
2018	G3	QLD 18-12	Suncorp
2019	G1	QLD 18-14	Suncorp
2019	G2	NSW 38-6	Optus
2019	G3	NSW 26-20	ANZ
2020	G1	QLD 18-14	Adelaide

BIGGEST WINS

2000	G3	NSW 56-16	Stad. Aust.
2015	G3	QLD 52-6	Suncorp

HEAD TO HEAD: 39 series
NSW 15 QLD 21 Drawn 2

2020 series: QLD 1 NSW 0

(Roosters) James TEDESCO (C)	1	FULLBACK
(Roosters) Daniel TUPOU	2	WING
(Eels) Clint GUTHERSON	3	CENTRE
(Raiders) Jack WIGHTON	4	CENTRE
(Storm) Josh ADDO-CARR	5	WING
(Rabbitohs) Cody WALKER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH
(Panthers) Nathan CLEARY	7	HALFBACK
(Knights) Daniel SAIFITI	8	FRONT ROW
(Rabbitohs) Damien COOK	9	HOOKER
(Broncos) Payne HAAS	10	FRONT ROW
(Roosters) Angus CRICHTON	11	SECOND ROW
(Dragons) Tyson FRIZELL	12	SECOND ROW
(Sea Eagles) Jake TRBOJEVIC	13	LOCK

(Storm) Dale FINUCANE 14 INTERCHANGE

(Eels) Junior PAULO 15

(Eels) Nathan BROWN 16

(Panthers) Isaah YEO 17

(Roosters) Luke KEARY 18 RESERVES

(Eels) Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD 19

(Dragons) Cameron McINNES 20

(Panthers) Stephen CRICHTON 21

Brad FITTLER

COACH

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

PENALTIES

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

SCRUMS

QUEENSLAND



Match Preview

by Jason HOSKEN

Blues return home to keep series alive

As far as upsets go, the Maroons' 18-14 victory in Adelaide is among the best. Although for Origin regulars the result was hardly a surprise. Ever since Arthur Beetson started the rot 40 years ago, underdog Queensland outfits have habitually wriggled free of the Blues' grasp.

The good news for NSW is that Brad Fittler coached the side out of an identical mess last year. Still blessed with the more experienced side on paper, the biggest obstacle for Fittler is the supersized brain of Wayne Bennett. Down 10-0 last week, Queensland were treading water until the Super Coach's wisdom broke the shackles after the break.

In another blow, NSW will also be without workaholic backrower Cameron Murray. Angus Crichton has been named to start in place of Cordner while Payne Haas will run on this week in place of Junior Paulo who starts from the bench. Premiership winner Dale Finucane returns to Origin, and he'll be joined on the bench by first gamers Isaaq Yeo and Nathan Brown.

While the attention is on Fittler, Bennett too has concerns. Form fullback AJ Brimson misses out due to a foot injury which has opened the door for Cowboy Valentine Holmes to resume his five-game, eight-try Origin career. Upfront, reliable prop Christian Welch misses out due to concussion, in his place 30-year-old journeyman Dunamis Lui is set to make his Maroons debut.

After a strong series opener from the bench, Jaydn Su'A will start in place of Coen Hess who has been omitted from the 17. In the only other change from Adelaide, New Zealand born Titans front rower Moeaki Fotuauka will earn his first cap from the interchange. Unsung Queensland gamebreaker Kurt Capewell has retained his place at centre despite finishing last week's victory with a groin strain. Should the Panthers' utility fail to beat the clock, Brenko Lee is tipped to fill the void.

Gerard Sutton will control the game in what will be the whistleblower's 18th consecutive Origin contest.

Who to watch: NSW were better for Cody Walker's spark from the bench. Now named at six, Walker hasn't been chosen for his kicking game. For Fittler, it'll be run Rabbitoh run just like in South Sydney's late season surge. In Cleary and Walker, the pair topped the NRL season for try assists. But with little game time together, there's a danger each waits for the other to shine without backing themselves until the moment has gone. In sacking Keary, Fittler's message should be clear, and with Walker chipping away on the front foot expect Damien Cook to shine in a tandem performance.

When Cameron Munster swooped on a loose ball for what turned out to be the match clinching try, there were no signs of the knee injury that threatened his NRL finals campaign. Playing behind an unsung pack riding high after the Adelaide upset, Munster's bounce and fend either side of Cherry-Evans' composure is sure to test the Blues' defence still scarred by several one-on-one game defining misses.

Favourite: Betting agencies have dismissed the Maroons' Adelaide upset and predict the Blues will force a series decider at Suncorp.

My tip: Up 10-0 last week, NSW looked specials to score next, but as Queensland often do, they scrapped and came back from the dead. While the Maroons committed to a strategy, a clueless Blues looked paralysed by their own hype in a pedestrian second half. Now on home turf where they hold an 18 from 28 advantage, expect NSW to deliver a sustained effort before heading to Brisbane in pursuit of a third consecutive series win. **Blues by 8.**

FULLBACK	1	Valentine HOLMES (Cowboys)
WING	2	Xavier COATES (Broncos)
CENTRE	3	Kurt CAPEWELL (Panthers)
CENTRE	4	Dane GAGAI (Rabbitohs)
WING	5	Phillip SAMI (Titans)
FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Cameron MUNSTER (Storm)
HALFBACK	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS (Sea Eagles)
FRONT ROW	8	Dunamis LUI (Raiders)
HOOKER	9	Jake FRIEND (Roosters)
FRONT ROW	10	Josh PAPALI'I (Raiders)
SECOND ROW	11	Felise KAUFUSI (Storm)
SECOND ROW	12	Jaydn SU'A (Rabbitohs)
LOCK	13	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI (Storm)
INTERCHANGE	14	Ben HUNT (Dragons)
	15	Lindsay COLLINS (Roosters)
	16	Jai ARROW (Titans)
	17	Moeaki FOTUAIKA (Titans)
RESERVES	18	Brenko LEE (Storm)
	19	Corey ALLAN (Rabbitohs)
	20	Josh KERR (Dragons)
	21	Edrick LEE (Knights)
COACH	Wayne BENNETT	
PENALTIES	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
SCRUMS	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	

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Origin Squad

QLD WOMENS



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WHEN Friday 13 November 2020, 8:10pm AEDT
 VENUE Sunshine Coast Stadium, Kawana Waters QLD
 WATCH Nine Network, Fox League
 LISTEN ABC Grandstand, Triple M, 2GB/4BC, NRL Nation
 LIVE BLOG LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE **Belinda SHARPE**
 TOUCH JUDGES Liam KENNEDY
 Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
 NRL BUNKER Shayne HAYNE

RUGBY LEAGUE project

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 3 matches

NSW 3 QLD 0

At Sunshine Coast: first meeting at this venue

LAST 3 MATCHES

2017	NSW 22-6	WIN Stadium
2018	NSW 16-10	North Sydney
2019	NSW 14-4	North Sydney

BIGGEST WINS

2017 NSW 22-6 WIN Stadium
 QLD has not beaten NSW in the Origin era

Tarryn AIKEN (Broncos)

Annette BRANDER (Broncos)

Brittaney BREAYLEY (Burleigh)

Ali BRIGGINSHAW (Broncos)

Karina BROWN (Warriors)

Lauren BROWN (Broncos)

Shenae CIESIOLKA (Broncos)

Brianna CLARK (Warriors)

Jessika ELLISTON (Broncos)

Tazmin GRAY (Warriors)

Steph HANCOCK (Dragons)

Tallisha HARDEN (Broncos)

Chelsea LENARDUZZI (Broncos)

Shannon MATO (Broncos)

Rona PETERS (Souths Logan)

Shaniah POWER (Warriors)

Julia ROBINSON (Broncos)

Chante TEMARA (Broncos)

Zahara TEMARA (Roosters)

Tamika UPTON (Broncos)

Jason HETHERINGTON

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

PENALTIES

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

SCRUMS



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NSW WOMENS

Match Preview

by Josh ROBERTSON

For the first time in history Women's State of Origin action heads to Queensland as the QLD Maroons look to break New South Wales' winning streak at the Sunshine Coast Stadium on Friday.

The Maroons will be looking to break the Blues streak as they host the re-formatted Origin for the first time. Having tasted defeat in the past two years, the Maroons will be looking to be get revenge over the Blues and playing both in front of a home crowd as well as a number of key players heading into the game off the back of an NRLW premierships victory for the Broncos.

Dominance in the NRLW season has seen the Queensland squad dominated Brisbane Broncos players with 12 members of the premierships including Dally M winner Ali Briginshaw and Karen Murphy Medal winner Amber Hall. The Queensland side also sees Roosters half Zahara Temara named along her younger sister Chante Temara who played for the Queensland under 18's side in 2019. Despite not playing in the NRLW, veterans Brittany Breayley and Rona Peters have been selected in the Queensland squad.

Since the inaugural Women's Interstate Challenge began in 1999, it took New South Wales until 2016 to taste victory over a Queensland side but since that point it has been a Blue wave for NSW having won the final two interstate challenge games and then the first two matches under the State of Origin banner. The Blues have had the luxury of playing in front of a home crowd in the past two seasons but will be up against it having to play in front of a parochial Queensland crowd.

The NSW squad as seen a number of changes from coach Andy Patmore including dropping Kirra Dibb and Maddie Studdon as a result of mixed form during the NRLW season. Roosters duo Corban McGregor and Melanie Howard are expected to be named in the halves for NSW as replacements. The Blues will also be missing Sam Bremner in their squad due to family commitments as well as Vanessa Foliaki, Shontelle Stowers and Shakiah Tungai who were left out of the squad.

Who to watch: One of the most improved players in the NRLW, Zahara Temara was the key player for the Roosters on their way to the NRLW grand final this season. Temara had to take on a main role for her side but pairing up with Ali Briginshaw will take a mountain of pressure of the shoulders Temara and could give her a chance for a strong performance.

Big responsibility will fall on the shoulders of Corban McGregor with the Roosters star expected to be named in the halves for the Origin clash. She played in both the centres and five-eighth role during the NRLW season so a move into the halves is a big step for NSW. McGregor will need to play a leading role up against the experienced pair of Briginshaw and Temara.

Favourite: The Queenslanders will go into the contest as favourite with the momentum of the dominant Broncos side in the squad as well as playing at home. The NSW Blues won't be helped by a slew of team changes due to injuries and a lack of form.

My tip: It's hard to look past Queensland for this one; Playing in the Sunshine State for the first time under the new format will be a boost but with the majority of the squad filled with Broncos players, they will be looking to keep their momentum and form going into the Origin arena. **Queensland by 10.**

Kezie APPS (Dragons)

Shaylee BENT (Dragons)

Millie BOYLE (Broncos)

Kennedy CHERRINGTON (Roosters)

Keeley DAVIS (Dragons)

Quincy DODD (Roosters)

Filomina HANISI (Roosters)

Kylie HILDER (Central Coast Roosters)

Melanie HOWARD (Roosters)

Isabelle KELLY (Dragons)

Corban MCGREGOR (Roosters)

Yasmin MEAKES (Roosters)

Brydie PARKER (Roosters)

Shanice PARKER (Roosters)

Tiana PENITANI (Dragons)

Jessica SERGIS (Dragons)

Hannah SOUTHWELL (Roosters)

Simaima TAUFA (Roosters)

Sarah TOGATUKI (Roosters)

Botille VETTE-WELSH (Roosters)

Andy PATMORE

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

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

2020 Draw

NRL Telstra Premiership

ROUND 1

Thu 8:05pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 8:05pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:15pm

MARCH 12-15

Eels v Bulldogs Bankwest 8-2
Raiders v Titans GIO 24-6
Cowboys v Broncos Townsville 21-28
Knights v Warriors MJS 20-0
Rabbitohs v Sharks ANZ 22-18
Panthers v Roosters Panthers 20-14
Sea Eagles v Storm Lottoland 4-18
Dragons v Tigers WIN 14-24

ROUND 2

Thu 8:05pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 8:05pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:15pm

MARCH 19-22

Bulldogs v Cowboys ANZ 16-24
Dragons v Panthers Kogarah 28-32
Broncos v Rabbitohs Suncorp 22-18
Warriors v Raiders Cbus 6-20
Roosters v Manly Leichh. 8-9
Sharks v Storm Kogarah 10-12
Tigers v Knights Leichh. 24-42
Titans v Eels Cbus 6-46

PREMIERSHIP SUSPENDED MARCH 23 to MAY 27
due to COVID-19 restrictions

ROUND 3

Thu 7:50pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 7:55pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:30pm

MAY 28-31

Broncos v Eels Suncorp 6-34
Cowboys v Titans Townsville 36-6
Roosters v Rabbitohs Bankwest 28-12
Warriors v Dragons Gosford 18-0
Sharks v Tigers Bankwest 16-28
Storm v Raiders AAMI 6-22
Panthers v Knights C'town 14-14
Manly v Bulldogs Gosford 32-6

ROUND 4

Thu 7:50pm
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Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:30pm
Mon 4:05pm

JUNE 4-8

Broncos v Roosters Suncorp 0-59
Panthers v Warriors C'town 26-0
Storm v Rabbitohs AAMI 22-8
Eels v Manly Bankwest 19-16
Cowboys v Sharks Townsville 16-26
Raiders v Knights C'town 18-34
Titans v Tigers Suncorp 28-23
Bulldogs v Dragons Bankwest 22-2

Queen's Birthday

ROUND 5

Thu 7:50pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 7:55pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Mon 7:00pm

JUNE 11-15

Manly v Broncos Gosford 20-18
Warriors v Cowboys Gosford 37-26
Eels v Panthers Bankwest 16-10
Rabbitohs v Titans Bankwest 32-12
Knights v Storm Gosford 12-26
Tigers v Raiders C'town 6-14
Dragons v Sharks C'town 30-16
Bulldogs v Roosters Bankwest 6-42

ROUND 6

Thu 7:50pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 7:55pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:30pm

JUNE 18-21

Knights v Broncos Gosford 27-6
Rabbitohs v Warriors Bankwest 40-12
Panthers v Storm C'town 21-14
Titans v Dragons Suncorp 8-20
Tigers v Cowboys C'town 36-20
Roosters v Eels Bankwest 24-10
Raiders v Manly C'town 6-14
Sharks v Bulldogs Bankwest 20-18

Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

ROUND 7

Thu 7:50pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 7:55pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:30pm

JUNE 25-29

Panthers v Rabbitohs Kogarah 20-12
Storm v Warriors Kogarah 50-6
Roosters v Dragons Bankwest 26-12
Cowboys v Knights Townsville 32-20
Broncos v Titans Suncorp 12-30
Eels v Raiders Bankwest 25-24
Manly v Sharks Gosford 22-40
Bulldogs v Tigers Bankwest 6-34

ROUND 8

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Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:30pm

ROUND 9

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ROUND 10

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ROUND 11

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ROUND 12

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ROUND 13

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ROUND 14

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Sun 4:05pm

ROUND 15

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Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 2:00pm
Sun 4:05pm

JULY 2-5

Storm v Roosters Suncorp 27-25
Raiders v Dragons GIO 22-16
Eels v Cowboys Bankwest 42-4
Titans v Sharks Cbus 10-40
Warriors v Broncos Gosford 26-16
Tigers v Panthers Bankwest 12-19
Manly v Knights Lottoland 12-14
Bulldogs v Rabbitohs Bankwest 10-26

JULY 9-12

Cowboys v Roosters Townsville 16-42
Titans v Warriors Cbus 16-12
Rabbitohs v Tigers Bankwest 18-10
Sharks v Panthers Kogarah 24-56
Broncos v Bulldogs Suncorp 26-8
Raiders v Storm GIO 14-20
Knights v Eels MJS 4-10
Dragons v Manly Kogarah 34-4

JULY 16-19

Roosters v Raiders SCG 20-24
Storm v Titans S. Coast 42-6
Tigers v Broncos Leichh. 48-0
Dragons v Bulldogs WIN 28-22
Rabbitohs v Knights Bankwest 18-20
Manly v Eels Lottoland 22-18
Warriors v Sharks Gosford 10-46
Panthers v Cowboys Panthers 22-10

JULY 23-26

Eels v Tigers Bankwest 26-16
Cowboys v Manly QCBS 12-24
Broncos v Storm Suncorp 8-46
Warriors v Roosters Gosford 10-18
Sharks v Dragons Kogarah 28-24
Raiders v Rabbitohs GIO 18-12
Knights v Bulldogs MJS 12-18
Titans v Panthers Cbus 14-22

JULY 30-AUGUST 2

Dragons v Rabbitohs Kogarah 24-32
Tigers v Warriors SCG 20-26
Broncos v Sharks Suncorp 26-36
Roosters v Titans SCG 18-12
Cowboys v Raiders Townsville 12-14
Manly v Panthers Lottoland 12-42
Bulldogs v Eels ANZ 16-18
Storm v Knights S. Coast 26-16

Indigenous Round

AUGUST 6-9

Dragons v Roosters WIN 16-24
Manly v Warriors Lottoland 22-26
Rabbitohs v Broncos ANZ 28-10
Storm v Bulldogs S. Coast 41-10
Knights v Tigers MJS 44-4
Panthers v Raiders Panthers 28-12
Titans v Cowboys Cbus 30-10
Sharks v Eels Kogarah 12-14

AUGUST 13-16

Roosters v Storm SCG 6-24
Warriors v Panthers Gosford 12-18
Eels v Dragons Bankwest 12-14
Sharks v Titans Kogarah 30-18
Cowboys v Rabbitohs Townsville 30-31
Raiders v Broncos GIO 36-8
Knights v Manly MJS 26-24
Tigers v Bulldogs Bankwest 29-28

AUGUST 20-23

Eels v Storm Bankwest 14-0
Panthers v Sharks Panthers 38-12
Broncos v Dragons Suncorp 24-26
Titans v Raiders Cbus 16-36
Tigers v Roosters Leichh. 16-38
Rabbitohs v Manly ANZ 56-16
Bulldogs v Warriors ANZ 14-20
Knights v Cowboys MJS 12-0

ROUND 16

Thu 7:50pm
 Fri 6:00pm
 Fri 7:55pm
 Sat 3:00pm
 Sat 5:30pm
 Sat 7:35pm
 Sun 4:05pm
 Sun 6:30pm

AUGUST 27-30

Eels v Rabbitohs
 Dragons v Titans
 Roosters v Broncos
 Warriors v Knights
 Sharks v Cowboys
 Panthers v Tigers
 Storm v Manly
 Raiders v Bulldogs

Bankwest 0-38
 Kogarah 10-14
 SCG 58-12
 Tamworth 36-6
 Kogarah 28-12
 Panthers 30-6
 S. Coast 30-6
 GIO 34-20

ROUND 17

Thu 7:50pm
 Fri 6:00pm
 Fri 7:55pm
 Sat 3:00pm
 Sat 5:30pm
 Sat 7:35pm
 Sun 4:05pm
 Sun 6:30pm

SEPTEMBER 3-6

Broncos v Panthers
 Knights v Sharks
 Rabbitohs v Storm
 Bulldogs v Titans
 Manly v Tigers
 Raiders v Roosters
 Warriors v Eels
 Cowboys v Dragons

Suncorp 12-25
 MJS 38-10
 ANZ 16-22
 ANZ 14-18
 Lottoland 32-34
 GIO 6-18
 Gosford 18-24
 QCBS 23-22

ROUND 18

Thu 7:50pm
 Fri 6:00pm
 Fri 7:55pm
 Sat 3:00pm
 Sat 5:30pm
 Sat 7:35pm
 Sun 4:05pm
 Sun 6:30pm

SEPTEMBER 10-13

Tigers v Rabbitohs
 Bulldogs v Manly
 Panthers v Eels
 Dragons v Raiders
 Titans v Broncos
 Roosters v Knights
 Storm v Cowboys
 Sharks v Warriors

Bankwest 24-26
 ANZ 20-32
 Panthers 20-2
 WIN 8-37
 Cbus 8-6
 SCG 42-12
 S. Coast 36-20
 Kogarah 22-14

ROUND 19

Thu 7:50pm
 Fri 6:00pm
 Fri 7:55pm
 Sat 3:00pm
 Sat 5:30pm
 Sat 7:35pm
 Sun 2:00pm
 Sun 4:05pm

SEPTEMBER 17-20

Rabbitohs v Bulldogs
 Cowboys v Panthers
 Eels v Broncos
 Manly v Titans
 Storm v Tigers
 Roosters v Sharks
 Raiders v Warriors
 Knights v Dragons

Women in League Round

ANZ 16-26
 QCBS 12-32
 Bankwest 26-12
 Lottoland 24-42
 S. Coast 50-22
 SCG 34-18
 GIO 26-14
 MJS 42-18

ROUND 20

Thu 7:50pm
 Fri 6:00pm
 Fri 7:55pm
 Sat 3:00pm
 Sat 5:30pm
 Sat 7:35pm
 Sun 2:00pm
 Sun 4:05pm

SEPTEMBER 24-27

Broncos v Cowboys
 Titans v Knights
 Rabbitohs v Roosters
 Bulldogs v Panthers
 Sharks v Raiders
 Tigers v Eels
 Warriors v Manly
 Dragons v Storm

Suncorp 16-32
 Cbus 36-6
 ANZ 60-8
 ANZ 0-42
 Kogarah 28-38
 Bankwest 24-28
 Gosford 40-28
 Kogarah 30-22

2020 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES**WEEK 1**

Fri 7:50pm - QF 1
 Sat 5:40pm - EF 1
 Sat 7:50pm - QF 2
 Sun 4:05pm - EF 2

OCTOBER 2-4

Panthers (1) v Roosters (4)
 Raiders (5) v Sharks (8)
 Storm (2) v Eels (3)
 Rabbitohs (6) v Knights (7)

Qualifying & Elimination Finals

Panthers 29-28
 GIO 32-20
 Suncorp 36-24
 ANZ 46-20

WEEK 2

Fri 7:50pm - SF 1
 Sat 7:50pm - SF 2

OCTOBER 9-10

Roosters v Raiders
 Eels v Rabbitohs

Semi Finals

SCG 18-22
 Bankwest 24-38

WEEK 3

Fri 7:50pm - PF 2
 Sat 7:50pm - PF 1

OCTOBER 16-17

Storm v Raiders
 Panthers v Rabbitohs

Preliminary Finals

Suncorp 30-10
 ANZ 20-16

GRAND FINAL

Sun 7:15pm

OCTOBER 25

Panthers v Storm

ANZ 20-26

2020 NRL TELSTRA WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP**ROUND 1**

Sat 11:30am
 Sat 3:00pm

OCTOBER 2-4

Roosters v Dragons
 Broncos v Warriors

GIO 18-4
 GIO 28-14

ROUND 2

Sat 12:30pm
 Sat 4:00pm

OCTOBER 9-10

Warriors v Roosters
 Dragons v Broncos

Bankwest 12-22
 Bankwest 4-18

ROUND 3

Sat 12:30pm
 Sat 4:00pm

OCTOBER 16-17

Dragons v Warriors
 Roosters v Broncos

ANZ 10-22
 ANZ 16-24

GRAND FINAL

Sun 4:05pm

OCTOBER 25

Broncos v Roosters

ANZ 20-10

All matches except Grand Final & Origin broadcast live on Fox League & Kayo Sports. Thu 7:50pm, Fri 7:55pm and Sun 4:05pm matches, all Finals, Grand Final and Origin are broadcast live on the Nine Network. NRL draw is subject to change - visit LeagueUnlimited.com for updated fixtures. All times are AEST, except Rounds 1, 2, NRL Finals Weeks 2-4 and NRLW Round 2, 3 and Grand Final, plus State of Origin (all AEDT).

2020 AMPOL STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES**GAME 1**

Wed 8:10pm

NOVEMBER 4

QLD v NSW

Adelaide Oval

18-14

GAME 2

Wed 8:10pm

NOVEMBER 11

NSW v QLD

ANZ Stadium

GAME 3

Wed 8:10pm

NOVEMBER 18

QLD v NSW

Suncorp Stadium

2020 HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES**ORIGIN**

Fri 8:10pm

NOVEMBER 13

QLD v NSW

Sunshine Coast Stadium

2020 Draw

Betfred Super League

ROUND 1	JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 2		
Thu 7:45pm	Wigan v Warrington	DW	16-10
Fri 7:45pm	St Helens v Salford	TWS	48-8
	Hull KR v Wakefield	HCCP	30-12
Sat 5:00pm	Catalans v Huddersfield	SGB	12-32
Sun 4:45pm	Leeds v Hull FC	EHS	4-30

ROUND 2	FEBRUARY 6-9		
Thu 7:45pm	Warrington v St Helens	HJS	19-0
Fri 7:45pm	Castleford v Wigan	MHJ	16-12
	Hull FC v Hull KR	KCOM	25-16

ROUND 3	FEBRUARY 13-16		
Fri 7:45pm	Leeds v Hull KR	EHS	52-10
	Salford v Huddersfield	AJB	10-12
Sat 5:00pm	Catalans v Castleford	SGB	36-18
Sun 3:00pm	Hull FC v St Helens	KCOM	18-32
	Wakefield v Warrington	MRS	18-8

ROUND 4	FEBRUARY 21-23		
Fri 7:45pm	Castleford v Wakefield	MHJ	32-15
	Hull KR v Huddersfield	HCCP	4-22
Sat 2:00pm	Salford v Leeds	AJB	8-22
Sun 3:00pm	Wigan v Hull FC	DW	26-12

ROUND 5	FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1		
Thu 7:45pm	Hull KR v Castleford	HCCP	8-28
Fri 7:45pm	Leeds v Warrington	EHS	36-0
Sun 3:00pm	Hull FC v Catalans	KCOM	29-34
	Huddersfield v Wigan	JSS	10-42
	Salford v Wakefield	AJB	12-22

ROUND 6	MARCH 5-8		
Fri 7:45pm	St Helens v Huddersfield	TWS	10-12
	Wakefield v Hull FC	MRS	26-27
	Warrington v Castleford	HJS	9-8
Sat 5:00pm	Catalans v Salford	SGB	30-14
Sun 3:00pm	Wigan v Hull KR	DW	30-16

ROUND 7	MARCH 12-15		
Thu 7:45pm	Hull FC v Warrington	KCOM	4-38
Fri 7:45pm	Salford v Wigan	AJB	18-14
Sun 3:00pm	Castleford v St Helens	MHJ	28-14

SUPER LEAGUE SEASON SUSPENDED MAR 17 - AUGUST 1 due to COVID-19 restrictions: Toronto Wolfpack withdrew from competition. Teams listed to play them in remaining fixtures will not play matches. Toronto's previous results are removed.

REARRANGED	AUGUST 2		
Sun 4:15pm	St Helens v Catalans	EHS	34-6
Sun 6:30pm	Huddersfield v Leeds	EHS	26-27

ROUND 8	AUGUST 8-9		
Sat 4:15pm	Castleford v Catalans	EHS	14-40
Sat 6:30pm	Warrington v Hull KR	EHS	40-10
Sun 1:00pm	Salford v Hull FC	EHS	54-18
Sun 3:15pm	Wakefield v Wigan	EHS	22-23
Sun 6:30pm	Leeds v St Helens	EHS	0-48

ROUND 9	AUGUST 15-16		
Sat 4:15pm	Wakefield v Catalans	TWS	0-58
Sat 6:30pm	Huddersfield v Warrington	TWS	18-19
Sun 4:15pm	St Helens v Castleford	TWS	10-0
Sun 6:30pm	Wigan v Leeds	TWS	28-10

ROUND 10	AUGUST 29-30		
Sat 4:15pm	Wigan v Castleford	HJS	30-22
Sat 6:30pm	Leeds v Salford	HJS	50-12
Sun 1:00pm	Hull KR v St Helens	HJS	18-32
Sun 4:15pm	Huddersfield v Hull FC	HJS	12-31
Sun 6:30pm	Warrington v Wakefield	HJS	36-0

ROUND 11	SEPTEMBER 3-4		
Thu 2:30pm	Salford v Castleford	EHS	30-37
Thu 6:00pm	Hull KR v Wigan	EHS	34-18
Fri 6:00pm	Huddersfield v St Helens	EHS	6-54
Fri 8:15pm	Warrington v Hull FC	EHS	37-12

ROUND 12	SEPTEMBER 10-12		
Thu 6:00pm	Hull FC v Wakefield	TWS	26-23
Thu 8:15pm	Castleford v Warrington	TWS	10-12
Fri 6:00pm	St Helens v Hull KR	TWS	21-20
Fri 8:15pm	Leeds v Huddersfield	TWS	13-12
Sat 5:00pm	Catalans v Wigan	SGB	12-28

ROUND 13	SEPTEMBER 17-25		
Thu 3:00pm	Wakefield v Huddersfield	JSS	6-29
Thu 3:30pm	Hull KR v Leeds	HJS	16-41
Thu 6:00pm	Hull FC v Salford	HJS	22-28
Thu 8:15pm	Castleford v Huddersfield	HJS	19-31
Fri 6:00pm	Warrington v Catalans	HJS	30-16
Fri 8:15pm	Wigan v Wakefield	HJS	28-16

ROUND 14	SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1		
Tue 5:30pm	Salford v Warrington	AJB	20-18
Tue 7:45pm	Wigan v St Helens	AJB	0-42
Wed 5:30pm	Huddersfield v Hull KR	JSS	32-22
Wed 3:00pm	Leeds v Catalans	EHS	6-34
Thu 7:45pm	Castleford v Hull FC	MHJ	28-32

ROUND 15	OCTOBER 4-9		
Sun 3:00pm	Catalans v Wakefield	SGB	40-8
Thu 5:30pm	Huddersfield v Salford	EHS	16-24
Thu 7:45pm	Hull FC v Leeds	EHS	22-40
Fri 5:30pm	Wakefield v St Helens	EHS	16-20
Fri 6:15pm	Catalans v Hull KR	SGB	34-4
Fri 7:45pm	Warrington v Wigan	EHS	14-18

ROUND 16	OCTOBER 13-18		
Tue 2:00pm	Hull KR v Salford	HJS	24-22
Tue 5:30pm	Hull FC v Huddersfield	HJS	18-16
Tue 7:45pm	Warrington v Leeds	HJS	32-6
Thu 7:45pm	St Helens v Wakefield	HJS	48-6
Sun 3:00pm	Hull FC v Castleford	HJS	48-6

ROUND 17	OCTOBER 22-23		
Thu 5:30pm	Castleford v Hull KR	TWS	38-24
Thu 7:45pm	Huddersfield v Wakefield	TWS	14-18
Fri 5:30pm	Wigan v Salford	TWS	58-12
Fri 7:45pm	St Helens v Leeds	TWS	40-8

ROUND 18	OCTOBER 25-26		
Sun 2:00pm	Wakefield v Hull KR	MRS	48-18
Mon 5:30pm	Salford v St Helens	EHS	12-10
Mon 7:45pm	Leeds v Castleford	EHS	28-24
ROUND 19	OCTOBER 29-30		
Thu 5:30pm	Leeds v Wakefield	TWS	6-30
Thu 7:45pm	Hull KR v Hull FC	TWS	16-31
Forfeit	Warrington v Salford	N/A	24-0
Fri 5:30pm	Warrington v Huddersfield	TWS	19-12
Fri 7:45pm	St Helens v Wigan	TWS	6-12
REARRANGED	NOVEMBER 1-2		
Sun 2:00pm	Wakefield v Leeds	MRS	18-20
Mon 3:00pm	Salford v Catalans	AJB	42-24
ROUND 20	NOVEMBER 6		
Fri 5:30pm	Wakefield v Salford	EHS	20-28
Fri 7:45pm	Wigan v Huddersfield	EHS	19-6

2020 CORAL CHALLENGE CUP

SIXTH ROUND	AUGUST 22, SEPTEMBER 13		
Sat 2:30pm	Catalans v Wakefield	JSS	36-24
Sun 3pm	Castleford v Hull FC	TWS	16-29
QUARTER FINALS	SEPTEMBER 18,19		
Fri 6pm	Catalans v Salford	TWS	18-22
Fri 8:15pm	Leeds v Hull KR	TWS	48-18
Sat 2:30pm	Warrington v St Helens	AJB	20-18
Sat 5pm	Hull v Wigan	AJB	4-36
SEMI FINALS	OCTOBER 3		
Sat 2:30pm	Leeds v Wigan	TWS	26-12
Sat 5pm	Salford v Warrington	TWS	24-22
FINAL	OCTOBER 17		
Sat 3pm	Leeds v Salford	Wembley	17-16

All times are GMT or BST (local time in the UK)

2020 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

ELIMINATION FINALS	NOVEMBER 12-13		
EF1 - Thu 7:45pm	Warrington (3) v Hull FC (6)	Halliwel Jones Stadium	
EF2 - Fri 7:45pm	Catalans (4) v Leeds (5)	Halliwel Jones Stadium	

SEMI FINALS	NOVEMBER 19-20		
SF1 - Thu 7:45pm	Wigan (1) v Lower Ranked Winner	DW Stadium	
SF2 - Fri 7:45pm	St Helens (2) v Higher Ranked Winner	Totally Wicked Stadium	

2020 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

Sat 27 Nov 7:45pm	Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2	KCOM Stadium
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Catalans
DRAGONS



Leeds
RHINOS

P	T	G	DG	Pts						P	T	G	DG	Pts
6	6	-	-	24	David MEAD	1	1	Jack WALKER		10	5	-	-	20
5	1	-	-	4	Lewis TIERNEY	2	2	Tom BRISCOE		11	6	-	-	24
13	5	-	-	20	Samisoni LANGI	3	3	Harry NEWMAN		11	3	-	-	12
13	4	-	-	16	Israel FOLAU	4	4	Konileti HURRELL		11	5	-	-	20
13	11	-	-	44	Fouad YAHA	5	5	Ash HANDLEY		17	19	-	-	76
15	3	64	-	140	James MALONEY	6	6	Robert LUI		14	1	-	-	4
13	1	-	-	4	Josh DRINKWATER	7	7	Luke GALE		16	4	13	4	46
15	-	-	-	-	Rémi CASTY	8	8	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI		15	3	-	-	12
13	1	-	-	4	Mike McILORUM	9	9	Kruise LEEMING		13	2	-	-	8
9	-	-	-	-	Sam MOA	10	10	Matt PRIOR		14	-	-	-	-
13	8	-	-	32	Matt WHITLEY	11	11	Alex MELLOR		12	2	-	-	8
10	3	-	-	12	Joel TOMKINS	12	12	Rhyse MARTIN		14	4	50	-	116
15	3	-	-	12	Benjamin GARCIA	13	13	Stevie WARD		1	-	-	-	-
13	3	-	-	12	Julian BOUSQUET	14	14	Brad DWYER		16	2	-	-	8
1	-	-	-	-	Mickaël SIMON	15	15	Liam SUTCLIFFE		13	4	1	-	18
9	12	-	-	48	Tom DAVIES	16	16	Richard MYLER		13	6	-	-	24
12	2	-	-	8	Benjamin JULLIEN	17	17	Adam CUTHBERTSON		13	-	-	-	-
3	1	-	-	4	COSTA Alrix DA	18	19	Mikolaj OLEDZKI		18	2	-	-	8
7	-	-	-	-	Mickaël GOUDEMAM	19	20	Bodene THOMPSON		10	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	Lucas ALBERT	20	21	Rhys EVANS		5	1	-	-	4
4	1	-	-	4	Paul SÉGUIER	21	22	Cameron SMITH		13	3	-	-	12
2	-	-	-	-	Arthur ROMANO	22	23	Callum McLELLAND		7	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	Antoni MARIA	23	24	Luke BRISCOE		12	4	-	-	16
14	1	-	-	4	Jason BAITIERI	24	25	James DONALDSON		14	3	-	-	12
5	1	1	-	6	Arthur MOURGUE	25	26	Alex SUTCLIFFE		8	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	Lambert BELMAS	26	27	Sam WALTERS		4	1	-	-	4
14	2	-	-	8	Sam KASIANO	28	28	Tom HOLROYD		9	-	-	-	-
11	5	2	-	24	Sam TOMKINS	29	30	Muizz MUSTAPHA		2	-	-	-	-
							33	Jarrold O'CONNOR		4	-	2	-	4
							34	Jack BROADBENT		3	-	-	-	-
							36	Corey HALL		3	-	-	-	-
							39	James HARRISON		4	-	-	-	-
							40	Brett FERRES		4	-	-	-	-

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Second Elimination Final (4th v 5th)

DATE	Friday 13 November 2020
KICKOFF	7:45pm GMT
VENUE	Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington
WATCH	Sky Sports & OurLeague

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RUGBY LEAGUE project Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)

OVERALL 35 MATCHES

Catalans 12 Leeds 23

At Halliwel Jones: first meeting at this venue

LAST TEN

Year	Score	Opponent
2016	Catalans 32-28	Perpignan
2016	Catalans 24-12	Headingley
2017	Leeds 46-10	Headingley
2017	Leeds 30-24	Perpignan
2018	Catalans 33-20	Perpignan
2018	Catalans 28-25	Headingley
2019	Catalans 26-22	Perpignan
2019	Leeds 31-12	Headingley
2019	Leeds 48-8	Headingley
2020	Catalans 34-6	Headingley

BIGGEST WINS

2015	S8 R5	Catalans 46-16	Perpignan
2006	R28	Leeds 60-12	Headingley

Match Preview

with Steve Mascord

CATALANS have plenty of reasons to feel aggrieved this week.

They were supposed to host St Helens at Stade Gilbert Brutus last week but the champions reportedly refused to travel, insisting Catalans relocate to the UK for the rest of the season.

Given that the French team needed to reach a minimum of 15 games played to qualify for the finals and that there was nothing in lockdown restrictions in either country to preclude the match from going ahead, Dragons were understandably more than perturbed.

Owner Bernard Gausch had demanded a 24-0 forfeit victory.

"We did raise some concerns but to say we refused to go is incorrect," coach Kristian Woolf said.

"Those concerns are valid given that both countries were going into lockdown, the bubble that we live in and we have to abide by, and going to airports and travelling with people who don't live in our bubble.

"Our concern was the health and safety of our players and making sure we had those players in finals footy in a short period of time.

"We obviously had to ask some questions based on those things. But at the end of the day those questions were taking out of our hands because the competition became compromised."

As Woolf alludes to, the competition proper was cut short and Catalans no longer had to get to their 15-game target. But they also were denied a home final and will have to win three on the trot away from France to take the title.

Leeds, of course, have their own problems with coach Richard Agar and his assistant James Webster forced to isolate due to track and trace with new boy Sean Long coming in to take the reigns for this sudden death clash.

Rhinos half Robert Lui has passed tests after a knock to the head against Wakefield and has been cleared to play.

Who to watch: James Maloney will not want his maiden Super League season to end without a fight. It started so well with his kicks to Israel Folau proving lethal but the Dracs' traditional flimsiness eventually kicked in.

Favourites: Leeds are the Challenge Cup champions and are a far more solid outfit than the one which started the season. They should progress.

My tip: Leeds by 10.

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Warrington WOLVES



Hull FC

P	T	G	DG	Pts						P	T	G	DG	Pts
16	2	51	-	110	Stefan RATCHFORD	1	1	Jamie SHAUL		14	7	-	1	29
12	6	-	-	24	Anthony GELLING	3	2	Bureta FARAIMO		13	4	-	-	16
17	3	-	-	12	Toby KING	4	3	Carlos TUIMAVAVE		17	8	-	-	32
17	5	-	-	20	Josh CHARNLEY	5	4	Josh GRIFFIN		16	5	3	-	26
16	8	-	4	36	Blake AUSTIN	6	5	Adam SWIFT		5	3	-	-	12
12	4	10	1	37	Gareth WIDDOP	7	6	Jake CONNOR		16	3	15	1	43
13	1	-	-	4	Chris HILL	8	7	Marc SNEYD		15	2	50	4	112
16	4	-	-	16	Daryl CLARK	9	8	Scott TAYLOR		9	-	-	-	-
16	1	-	-	4	Mike COOPER	10	9	Danny HOUGHTON		15	2	-	-	8
17	3	-	-	12	Ben CURRIE	11	10	Tevita SATAE		16	1	-	-	4
9	-	-	-	-	Jack HUGHES	12	11	Josh JONES		7	-	-	-	-
12	3	-	-	12	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA	13	12	Manu MA'U		11	3	-	-	12
15	-	-	-	-	Jason CLARK	14	13	Liligiifo SAO		16	1	-	-	4
14	-	-	-	-	Joseph PHILBIN	15	15	Joe CATOR		11	-	-	-	-
3	1	-	-	4	Leilani LATU	16	16	Jordan JOHNSTONE		15	1	-	-	4
11	2	-	-	8	Jake MAMO	17	19	Masi MATONGO		5	-	-	-	-
10	1	-	-	4	Matt DAVIS	19	20	Brad FASH		15	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	4	Danny WALKER	20	21	Jordan LANE		12	3	-	-	12
4	-	4	-	8	Declan PATTON	21	22	Josh BOWDEN		16	2	-	-	8
5	-	-	-	-	Luis JOHNSON	22	23	Andre SAVELIO		10	4	-	-	16
4	-	-	-	-	Luther BURRELL	23	24	Mahe FONUA		17	7	-	-	28
3	-	-	-	-	Keanan BRAND	24	25	Connor WYNNE		3	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	Samy KIBULA	25	26	Kieran BUCHANAN		6	2	-	-	8
11	7	-	-	28	Matty ASHTON	26	28	Lewis BIENEK		1	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	Ellis ROBSON	27	29	Gareth ELLIS		8	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	-	4	Nathan ROEBUCK	28	30	Jack BROWN		9	2	-	-	8
2	1	-	-	4	Josh THEWLIS	29	31	Cameron SCOTT		4	1	-	-	4
1	1	-	-	4	Riley DEAN	30	33	Ratu NAULAGO		9	8	-	-	32
2	-	-	-	-	Ellis LONGSTAFF	31	35	Ben McNAMARA		4	1	-	-	4
2	-	-	-	-	Eribe DORO	32								
1	-	-	-	-	Kyle SHELFORD	35								

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#SLelim1

First Elimination Final (3rd v 6th)

DATE	Thursday 12 November 2020
KICKOFF	7:45pm GMT
VENUE	Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington
WATCH	Sky Sports & OurLeague

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HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)

OVERALL 54 MATCHES

Warrington 31 Hull 21 Drawn 2

At Halliwel Jones: 21 matches - Warrington 13, Hull 7, Drawn 1

LAST TEN

	WARRINGTON	6-1-3
2016	Warrington 23-6	KCOM
2017	22-all draw	Halliwel Jones
2017	Hull 34-10	KCOM
2018	Hull 21-12	KCOM
2018	Warrington 30-12	Halliwel Jones
2018	Warrington 80-10	Halliwel Jones
2019	Warrington 63-12	KCOM
2019	Hull 19-12	Halliwel Jones
2020	Warrington 38-4	KCOM
2020	Warrington 37-12	Headingley

BIGGEST WINS

2018	R3	Warrington 80-10	Halliwel Jones
2005	Playoffs	Hull 40-6	Halliwel Jones

Match Preview

with Steve Mascord

IN rugby league, if something can go wrong it usually does.

This year's Super League play-offs were supposed to be contested by only four teams. Hull came sixth yet find themselves in the running to win the competition with the finals kicking off on Thursday night.

That is a result of the Covid's ravages and the fact the competition was abandoned with teams unable to complete their fixtures. Warrington (third) being eliminated more than a fortnight out from the grand final would be the latest asterisk in a season full of punctuation, figuratively and literally.

It would also be a terrible outcome for coach Steve Price, whose previous two seasons ended in fourth finishes.

The Wire found out on Friday that their forfeit win over Salford would not count towards the suspensions of forward Sitaleki Akaoula and winger Tom Lineham. That means Lineham's squirrel grip suspension still has a week to run and Akaoula's dangerous throw ban has two to serve.

It's 25 years since the Wolves have played in November. In 1995 the game was transitioning to winter and the club season paused for the World Cup and resumed afterwards, with the late Greg Mackey starring in a 47-12 win over Leeds.

Hull FC have had a poor year having sacked coach Lee Radford early doors and installing Andy Last as caretaker; they won nine matches and lost eight.

Last still has Adam Swift, Jamie Shaul and Gareth Ellis unavailable through injury. Jordan Lane and Josh Jones are available for selection but are tipped to miss out, with a few spots in Last's starting pack up for grabs, as is who plays where in the backline.

Who to watch: Wire star Ben Currie looks to have benefited big time from his long injury lay-off - and he's also a bit more even-tempered. He'll cause Hull plenty of problems.

Favourites: OK, a Hull win would be the cat amongst the pigeons in terms of the big changes in Super League this year. But it's also unlikely. Warrington's controlled off-loading game and free-wheeling forward pack look too much for FC to contain.

My tip: Warrington by 16

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STEVE MASCORD

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INITIALY, if you're a long-suffering rugby league fan, there was absolutely no surprise when Super League last week turned down Toronto's second application to rejoin the competition.

There has only been one successful 'true' expansion franchise (ie: in a non-rugby league area) in the sport's entire 125-year history and that's Melbourne. Thanks to News Limited largesse amounting to \$80 million, they've stayed afloat and thrived since 1998 - although not without controversy.

Perth, Adelaide, Cardiff, London, North Wales, Paris, London and countless more have meanwhile either limped along below the top flight or fallen over completely. Rugby league was born as rugby for the poor and still, it can't afford to capitalise on opportunities outside its heartlands.

And so it was with just a tiny bit of grief I farewelled my favourite club of the last

four years. Then I just got on with my day. But as the public discourse ramped up, one thing became clear to me: the report into the potential of rugby league in America that preceded the decision was far more dire than the decision itself.

Super League CEO Robert Elstone and RFL chairman Simon Johnson and 'independents' Andy Anson and Matthew Wheeler. Anson and Wheeler are previous acquaintances of Elstone, the excellent journalist Matthew Shaw uncovered.

There are too many concerning aspects of the conclusions drawn in the report - which contends there are no short or medium term commercial benefits for Super League in North America - to detail here.

But it also contents Catalans have brought no value to the league in their decade and a half of involvement. Yet not only are Catalans still in the competition but Toulouse are being considered to replace the Wolfpack.

In my 30 years experience of covering British rugby league, I've come to a stark realisation: people throughout the UK think they know what rugby league is - and they don't like it. They don't like it at all. It's all whippets and flatcaps and 'up pit' and 'down pub'.

Perhaps we'll watch it once a year from Wembley because it's on the Beeb but aside from that, "not for us". The game hasn't just failed to expand in 125 years, it's contracted since the 1908 Kangaroos played Tests in Birmingham and Newcastle and spent a month on tour in Wales.

Torontonians didn't know what rugby league was when it arrived in 2017. They knew nothing of this class struggle. Yet by the second year they were flying over to watch away games in Batley and Rochdale!

British rugby league, in my opinion, can only grow if it exposes itself to people without a preconception of what it is, who are in a position to take it on face value.

With Elstone's report, it hasn't just given up on North America, it has admitted it is unable to grow in any meaningful way.

And that's worthy of new, full-blown, bout of grief.

'Peak rugby league' says angry Peek

EXCLUSIVE

By **JOHN DAVIDSON**

Former Super League prop Adam Peek has launched a stinging attack on the RFL and Super League over the handling of Toronto Wolfpack that has seen players lose thousands of pounds in wages.

Peek, who played for Adelaide, Canterbury, Souths, Parramatta, St George Illawarra and Cronulla in the NRL, and for Welsh club Crusaders in the UK, empathises with the plight of the players who have been left out of pocket.

The 43-year-old is still owed £70,000 from the collapse of the Crusaders in 2011, in a situation very similar to what has happened to Toronto.

"Something needs to be done," he said.

"Owners just walk away and players are out of pocket. The RFL hierarchy is still getting paid when players are out of pocket.

"Players should stick together and say enough's enough. When will they get some fresh blood into the game and change the way Super League is run?

"Players at Toronto are out of pocket big-time. Players at the Crusaders, players at Wakey, Bradford in the past... It's embarrassing.

"I think Covid will force the UK game to have a complete overhaul. I see the Sky TV deal is up for review and they are going to put in less cash.

"The owners won't want to put anymore in. I think they need to have a few mergers, they need to move on from 1895."

One-way ticket to Hull

IT'S one of the most beguiling sports trivia questions in the entire world: which team finished last and won the same competition in the same year?

It sounds like a trick question, right? The catch must be in the definition of "season" or "team". But there's no hidden aspect to the question at all. In 1917, all the Anglo-Protestant suburbs in Melbourne stopped playing Aussie Rules to support the war effort and the Irish Catholic areas of the city continued playing.

Fitzroy finished last of four at the end of the regular season and all four teams made the play-offs - after which they went on and won the title!

(In Sydney rugby union stopped and rugby league continued, which explains the cultural difference between the codes in Australia's two largest cities to this day).

But Huddersfield Giants might be about to one-up the Fitzroy Lions. Could we one day be sitting in a pub (no the question does not finish there, despite recent inconveniences) and be asked, to win for our our table, "which team failed to make the play-offs in a professional sports league but won the competition anyway?"

That's one of the bizarre possible scenarios of the hastily-arranged six-team finals series which kicks off at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Thursday night. Warrington take on Hull first, Catalans meet Leeds on Friday at the same venue while St Helens and Wigan lie in wait for the two winners.

But unlike this year's NRL, Super League has been wracked by Covid-19 cases with Castleford and Hull KR unable to complete their fixtures and Leeds coach Richard Agar and James Webster set to be piloting things from home this week.

November 12



Warrington v Hull FC
Halliwell Jones Stadium

November 13



Catalans v Leeds
Halliwell Jones Stadium

November 19

First Semi Final
To be announced



Steve Mascord Contributor

That means even though their season technically ended with a 19-6 defeat which crowned Wigan League Leaders on Friday, Huddersfield are "on standby" in case anyone pulls out, either due to Covid cases or track-and-trace stand-downs.

The grand final is set down for November 27 at KC Stadium and the schedule must be adhered to.

"We need to prepare like we're going to be in it," caretaker Huddersfield coach Luke Robinson told Sky Sports. "With everything that's gone on this year, the ups and downs and the twists and turmoils, there's every chance we could get pulled in at the last minute.

"We're just going to prepare as we always will. We'll review that game, we'll dust ourselves down and we'll make sure we come with a positive attitude on Monday and ready to work again."

Explaining the new system, Super League head of commercial Rhodri Jones said: "The revised format to the play-off schedule provides fans and Sky Sports with an extended series of exciting knockout matches to finish the season.

"Nothing has been predictable in this 2020 season and we hope players, supporters and the media will appreciate why we have made this change.

"We believe this revised structure provides the best and fairest way to ensure the two most deserving teams reach the grand final.

"I'm sure everyone will be excited about five huge games, set to deliver an even more exciting climax to the 2020 season."

November 20

Second Semi Final
To be announced

November 27

2020 Super League Grand Final
KCOM Stadium, Hull

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