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media education  
around head  
knocks



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## From the editor

Tim Costello

Welcome to a milestone edition of The Front Row. We're in our tenth week of this publication and for the first time we're backing the Super League in, with a match programme for Sunday's double-header return at Emerald Headingley. A big thanks to legendary rugby league writer Steve Mascord for helping us make it a reality.

An important story from Joshua Wells this week - he speaks to concussion expert Alan Pearce about the way head injuries are portrayed in sports media. Our cover story has Paul Jobber chatting to Connor Watson following his season-ending achilles injury in the Knights' loss to Canterbury. Mascord's feature in the Super League section is an interview with Leeds boss Gary Hetherington about how Sunday's return to action will look.

Stay safe everyone and happy reading!

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# Tackling concussion head on

Concussion expert wants better attitudes from the media toward head injuries in NRL matches

**L**a Trobe University Associate professor Alan Pearce is calling on sporting media to change the game and stop glorifying concussion.

**Joshua Wells**  
Contributor



The call comes after Wests Tigers forward Michael Chee-Kam was seen to be convulsing after a head knock. Earlier that night, media organisations had celebrated Parramatta Eels forward Ryan Matterson's failed Head Injury Assessment as a storyline to the rivalry.

Mr Pearce, who specialises in concussion, believes educating coaches, commentators and journalists would lead to safer outcomes in sport.

"On one hand you have people who say 'wow, that's amazing – he's been knocked into next week' while on the other hand we're seeing someone suffer a brain injury. That glorification could cause damage long term – players are in a culture where they ignore their own health," he said.

"[Some hits are still in the spirit and laws] of the game. But it is the commentary around it that needs to change. We don't want to glorify the act, we want to highlight the impact brain injuries can have.

"NFL, for example, no longer show big hits as highlights. They show plays – they focus on the skill and not the hits."



**Happy birthday!**  
This round's birthday boys & girls

**Wednesday 29 July**

Dale Copley (Titans) - 29  
Watson Heleta (Eels) - 25  
Marata Niukore (Eels) - 24  
Jarrett Subloo (Raiders) - 20  
**Thursday 30 July**  
Crystal Tamarua (Warriors) - 25

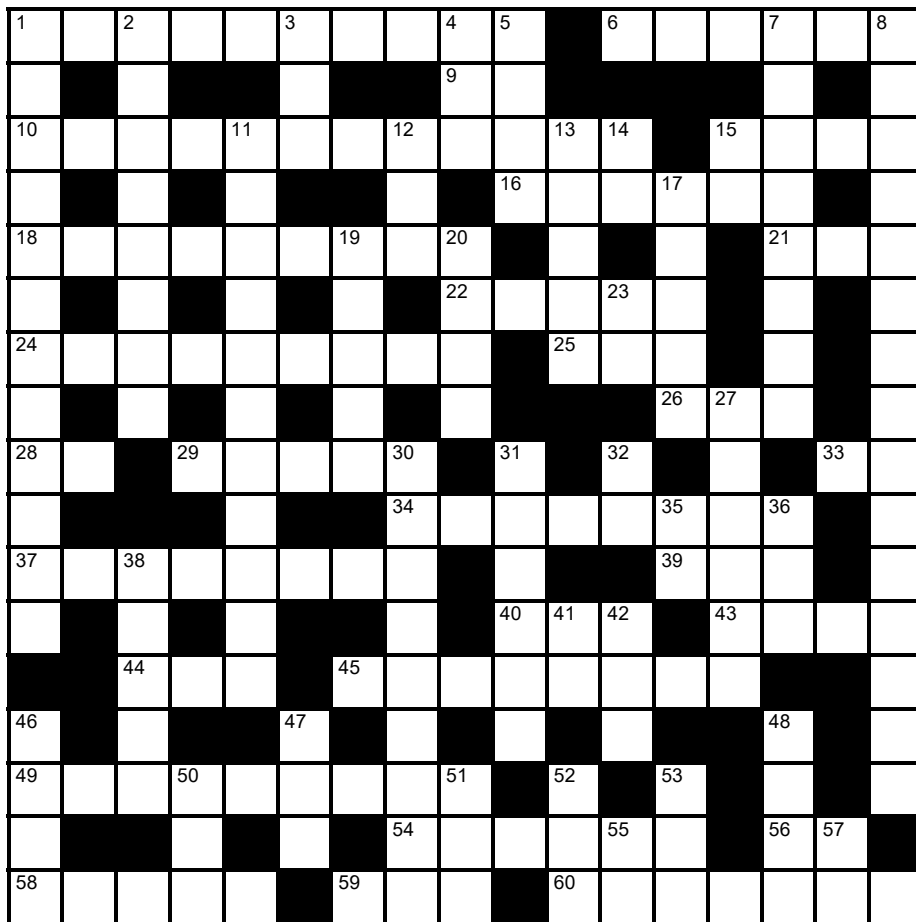
**Friday 31 July**

Alex Glenn (Broncos) - 32  
Curtis Sironen (Sea Eagles) - 27  
**Saturday 1 August**  
Shawn Blore (Wests Tigers) - 20  
Pasami Saulo (Knights) - 22

**Sunday 2 August**

Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Raiders) - 25  
Phillip Sami (Titans) - 23  
Ryan Sutton (Raiders) - 25  
**Monday 3 August**  
Chris McQueen (Wests Tigers) - 33  
**Tuesday 4 August**  
Tazmin Gray (Broncos NRLW) - 25

# The LU Crossword



**Across**

- 1. On loan Wests Tigers Hooker (5,5)
- 6. NRL Referee recently forced to self isolate after COVID-19 scare (6)
- 9. Environmental Education - acronym (2)
- 10. Former Knights Kiwi prop now with the Panthers. (4,8)
- 15. Where you finish to earn the wooden spoon. (4)
- 16. Former Eels prop Fui Fui \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 18. Suburb in which the SCG is located. (5,4)
- 21. Former Raiders & Cowboys winger \_\_\_ Nadruku (3)
- 22. Another word for stadium (5)
- 24. Home ground of the Sea Eagles. (9)
- 25. Neither (3)
- 26. TV network associated with the ABC (3)
- 28. Initials of Broncos Coach (2)
- 29. NRL Project is the yard stick for these. (5)
- 33. Opposite to out. (2)
- 34. Gold Coast Titans Coach (8)

- 37. Former Eels, Blues, Kangaroos and Fijian powerful winger now making a gazillion playing French Rugby. (8)
- 39. An Australian political party. (3)
- 40. Former Tigers and Souths Kiwi back rower currently with the Broncos (3)
- 43. Australian TV female presenter with Fox Sports, \_\_\_\_\_ Pitt (4)
- 44. Laugh Out Loud (3)
- 45. Former NRL CEO and Titans administrator. (8)
- 49. Current Broncos middle forward who played flor club state and country before the age of 20. (5,4)
- 54. Current Sharkies and Maori All Stars back rower. (6)
- 56. Editor (abbrev) (2)
- 58. Former NRL Ref \_\_\_\_\_ Hayne (5)
- 59. Former Raiders and Sharks outside back now with the Knights (3)
- 60. Traditional home of the Bunnies. (7)

**Down**

- 1. Lebanese Australian and proud muslim winger and sharp shooter who played for the Doggies in the 90s and 00s, also a Blues and Kangaroo rep. (5,2,5)
- 2. Kangaroo, Bunnies and Chooks legendary lock forward from the 60s and 70s. RL Hall of fame member and also awarded an Order of Australia. (3,5)
- 3. Former Broncos player and administrator who was conveniently removed from his post during a controversial investigation by the NRL. (3)
- 4. Former NRL player \_\_\_ Costigan (3)
- 5. Think I'll buy me a football \_\_\_\_\_. (4)
- 7. The only other personnel allowed on the field other than players and referees. (8)
- 8. Former Eels back rower, now footy show commentator and erotic model. (6,9) (15)
- 11. Cant play footy without one of these. (3,8)
- 12. A consequence of too many scrums, cauliflower \_\_\_\_ (3)
- 13. Current NRL Referee since 2015. (5)
- 14. Open Interest (acronym) (2)
- 15. Loan Officer (acronym) (2)
- 17. Played as a hooker in the 90s and 00s for Chooks, Doggies, Warriors and Leeds - Robbie \_\_\_ (5)
- 19. For safe social distancing you must remain 1.5 metres \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
- 20. Former Knights prop \_\_\_\_\_ Snowden (4)
- 23. Opposite to yes. (2)
- 27. You'll need one of these at the footy if its raining. (6)
- 30. Eels left sided rangy back rower. (5,4)
- 31. Former Storm, Maroons and Kangaroo fullback and current commentator. (6)
- 32. Either (2)
- 35. Order of Australia (acronym) (2)
- 36. Key Performance Area (acronym) (3)
- 38. Former Raider, Blues and Kangaroo 5/8, part time commentator and coach of Indigenous All Stars. (5)
- 41. Elementary School (acronym) (2)
- 42. Opposite to new. (3)
- 46. Current Dragons, Blues and Jillaroo's back rower, originally from Bega in Southern NSW. (4)
- 47. Female pronoun (3)
- 48 Without Cost (4)
- 50. Expression of negation or absence (3)
- 51. Brisbane coach Anthony \_\_\_ bold. (3)
- 52. Suiting the purpose or need of. (3)
- 53. Relationship of Kevin Walters to Billy Walters. (3)
- 55. Regarding (abbrev) (2)
- 57. Doctor (abbrev) (2)

*Answers in next week's edition*

## Word Jumbles

Using the clues provided, unjumble the letters below - can you unscramble the names of these first grade coaches? Each one has coached at least 100 first grade games.

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>GOOEY VOFFET</b>  | <b>(SEA EAGLES)</b>                | <b>SNORT FANKTAN</b> | <b>(SEA EAGLES, TIGERS, BEARS)</b>                     |
| <b>HOT DRILCHIN</b>  | <b>(STEELERS, EELS)</b>            | <b>RARNER YAW</b>    | <b>(JETS, BULLDOGS, TIGERS, MAGPIES, KNIGHTS)</b>      |
| <b>SALTY JAROON</b>  | <b>(EELS, RABBITOHS, TIGERS)</b>   | <b>PEWEE CARNAY</b>  | <b>(TIGERS)</b>  |
| <b>SCOMO REYMINS</b> | <b>(PANTHERS)</b>                  | <b>MOOBS THIMPY</b>  | <b>(SHARKS, BEARS)</b>                                 |
| <b>HOON MENJI</b>    | <b>(EELS, WARRIORS)</b>            | <b>CALMING HEHAA</b> | <b>(KNIGHTS, EELS)</b>                                 |
| <b>BARTY RAHH</b>    | <b>(TIGERS, BLUEBAGS, DRAGONS)</b> | <b>BWENT YEETNAN</b> | <b>(RAIDERS, BRONCOS, DRAGONS, KNIGHTS, RABBITOHS)</b> |

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:** Bill Harrigan, Ben Cummins, Gavin Badger, Shayne Hayne, Steve Clark, Sean Hampstead, Kevin Roberts, Darcy Lawler, Graham Annesley, Greg McCallum, Mick Stone, Greg Hartley

**Hookers hooked:** Connor Watson has joined a long list of Novocastrian dummy halves on the sidelines in 2020. *Photo: Newcastle Knights*



# Tough pill to swallow

Is the Newcastle dummy-half jersey cursed? Connor Watson joins the Knights' casualty ward

**It was the sight success-starved Newcastle fans had been dreading - Connor Watson being helped from McDonald Jones Stadium during last weekend's 18-12 loss to Canterbury.**

Ten minutes earlier, mid-season signing and replacement hooker Andrew McCullough limped from the field after tearing his hamstring off the bone.

Before that, off-season signing Jayden Brailey ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament in late March and was gone for the year.

"It's one of those injuries where you don't know why it's happened and it's a pretty tough pill to swallow, but unfortunately that's footy," Watson said.

In the last four seasons, Newcastle have gone through five hooking options and Watson had a simple suggestion.

**Paul Jobber**  
Contributor



"Maybe retire the nine jersey and wear number 20 or something like that," Watson said on Monday when asked about the Knights' wretched run of hooker injuries.

So he wouldn't be human if his latest injury setback didn't stir up some unsettling thoughts.

"A non-contact injury like that is hard to take," he said.

"I can take getting crunched in a tackle and doing something, but moving from marker and it just going like that ... I'm not having much luck at the moment."

Prior to Sunday's snapped Achilles, Watson had only returned from an ankle injury a fortnight earlier.

"Injuries happen, but to miss six games, come back and feel like I was in good shape and ready to finish out the year strong and contend for a premiership with this team is really frustrating," he said.

Watson was scheduled to undergo surgery on Monday, then he hopes to settle his future in the red and blue.

"I don't want to leave, I've said before that we're building something special here and I know I'm going to come back bigger and better and stronger next year," he said.

"But I don't want to go anywhere else for the moment."

# Electric Eels outclass gallant Tigers at slippery Bankwest

Adam Huxtable



26-16



**The Parramatta Eels are back in the NRL winners circle after beating a brave Wests Tigers outfit 26 points to 16 on Thursday night on a Bankwest surface not unlike a banana peel in terms of how easy it was for the players to run on.**

Despite the result, it was the Tigers who got first blood in the opening 2 minutes of the match. Russell Packer got his team a penalty off his first touch and the Tigers rolled upfield. It was eventually off season recruit Luciano Leilua who crashed onto a peach of a pass from Harry Grant to score the opening try of the match. It would've been that much sweeter for Tigers fans given he was the direct replacement for the polarising Ryan Matterson, who himself was ruled out early due to an HIA.

It took the Eels just 8 minutes to strike back and there were no prizes for guessing who scored the try. Maika Sivo finished off a slick Eels backline movement and brushed pass would-be tackler Adam Doueihi on his way to his 8th try of season 2020. Scores were locked up at 4 apiece after 10 minutes.

For the next 10 minutes it was all the Wests Tigers. They extended their lead to 6 after Adam Doueihi had probably his best pass in the NRL to send David Nofaloama over the line almost untouched and Moses Mbye iced a rare sideline

conversion. The new found momentum made the imminent decision to take the 2 points in the 20th minute all the more bizarre, and it was almost immediately followed by one of the best tries a big man can ever score.

Reagan Campbell-Gillard was on the receiving end of a Clint Gutherson short ball 50 metres out from the line and exhausted every last bit of pace he had in him to burn fullback Adam Doueihi and outrun winger Tommy Talau on his way to a memorable 4 pointer. 3 minutes later the Eels kicked a penalty goal and all of the sudden scores were level again.

The final scoring play of the half was just as brilliant as Mitchell Moses showed Parramatta exactly what they were missing over the last 3 weeks with a magical piece of eyes up play. It was the second tackle in attacking range and the former Tiger saw the fullback was out of position and performed a chip 'n' chase executed to perfection. It meant the Eels would go into the half time break up by 6 points in a remarkable turnaround.

It only took the Eels 4 minutes of the second half to post more points, with Shaun Lane chasing down a Gutherson grubber to further Parramatta's lead to 10. A period of arm wrestling would follow before the stalemate was broker off the back of another sweeping play finished off by Sivo.

Blake Ferguson produced the greatest no try in the history of Rugby League with 3 minutes left in the game. He had 10 metres to go and performed a move more commonly seen in high jump to go aerial and only just get the ball down in the field of play, however it all counted for naught as replays showed a knock on in the leadup.

Rookie winger Tommy Talau was able to score a consolation try in the final minute, finishing off some deft work from his side, in particular Moses Mbye who did well to sum up the situation and put Talau in a position to score.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Mitchell Moses; 2 points - Reagan Campbell-Gillard; 1 points - Benji Marshall

# Sea Eagles soar into top eight after Townsville tussle

Justin Davies



12-24



**Manly Sea Eagles recorded a 24-12 success against North Queensland Cowboys tonight to move into the top eight in Townsville.**

The Sea Eagles followed up their ambush last weekend against the table-topping Eels, with a much sober outing. Manly kept the Cowboys at arms length with two tries in each half to move themselves into the top eight.

Curtis Sironen, Danny Levi, Daly Cherry-Evans and Cade Cust all crossed for the visitors while Reuben Garrick had a comfortable night with the boot, kicking four from four. Cowboys scored through Kyle Feldt and Francis Molo but couldn't muster enough to challenge the Sea Eagles.

After their wobble in recent weeks, the Sea Eagles have found their rhythm again. Now they've won back-to-back games, sit inside the top eight and look to welcome back stars Dylan Walker and Tom Trbojevic in coming weeks. So, things are much brighter on the northern beaches.

Coming off their upset, the Sea Eagles started out with a bang. Sironen spun across in the 7th minute after back-to-back sets followed by Danny Levi, who continued to find his way to the stripe that made it 12-nil after a quarter of the contest.

Finding who to partner Cherry-Evans in the halves for the Sea Eagles has been a challenge for Des Hasler. Cade Cust put together a compelling audition tonight, scoring the final four-pointer and setting up DCE. Cust had the ball on the string with several dropouts which tired out the Cowboys pack.

Josh Hannay couldn't inspire his side to a result in his coaching debut, but the Cowboys showed slight signs of promise. Second-gamer Daejarn Asi looked comfortable in his halves role with Hamiso Tabuai-Fidlow was solid at fullback. Otherwise, the attack was clunky once again.

There was enough ball for the Cowboys to bridge the deficit but bar kicks to Feldt's wing and short balls to the forwards, there wasn't much. Since their Grand Final success in 2015, the decline has been gradual from the Townsville side and this season might represent the nadir for their rebuild into how to become contenders again.

Kyle Feldt continued to show his aerial prowess with a leaping effort in the 39th minute to make it 12-6. Francis Molo nudged over late to give some false hope for the comeback at 24-12 but besides a gliding run from Tabuai-Fidlow there wasn't much thrust to the attack.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Cade Cust  
2 points - Curtis Sironen  
1 points - Brendan Elliot



# Storm destroy the Broncos to keep the NRL on notice

Sam Bourke



8-46



**Melbourne have thrashed the Broncos 46-8 in wet conditions at Suncorp Stadium tonight to send a reminder to the NRL competition that they are still contenders despite the Storm having the challenge of not being able to be based in Melbourne for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

Melbourne held a narrow 18-4 lead against a seemingly rejuvenated Broncos at halftime, before the Storm went on the rampage, racing in for six second half tries to humiliate the Broncos on their home turf.

Jahrome Hughes and Cameron Smith were the orchestrators for the visitors, with Hughes scoring a crucial try before the break to swing the momentum in the visitors favour. Following Hughes' solo effort prior to halftime, Melbourne picked apart the hapless Broncos with Hughes, Josh Addo -Carr, Ryan Papenhuyzen and young gun Tino Fa'asuamaleaui all scoring 2 tries each in a dominant display.

For Brisbane, despite showing some vast improvement in effort in the first half, the pressure just continues to pile on under siege coach Anthony Seibold, after his side again capitulated in another horror display.

Coming into the match it was unprecedented that Melbourne had been such strong favourites during their fierce rivalry. However, that seemed perfectly justified when in just the first minute of the game Storm hooker Cameron Smith put in a deft grubber on the last. The ball then deflected off Broncos forward Pat Carrigan and was then toed ahead by Kenny Bromwich. Storm winger Josh

Addo-Carr then got to the ball ahead of Bromwich to open the scoring. Smith converted and it was 6-0.

The Broncos however responded with a seemingly rejuvenated Anthony Milford and Darius Boyd who combined on the left to have winger Herbie Farnworth denied a first try for the Broncos having slid a leg into touch. However de-ja-vu occurred minutes later and Farnworth got the ball down the left-hand side of the same duo and made no mistake this time, scoring in the corner to tie up the game following the conversion from Kotoni Staggs from the sideline.

Both sides then traded penalty goals through Staggs and Smith respectively to even the scores at 8 all. In what proved to be a crucial play just before the break, all Melbourne snatched the lead through half Jahrome Hughes who collected the ball inside his own 20 metres. The Storm number 7 then fended away from Broncos interchange forward Jamil Hopoate to score beside the posts in a superb solo effort to give his side the lead 14-8 at the break.

Melbourne again mirrored their first half with an early try, when Cameron Munster held up a beautiful ball at the line for his backrower Kenny Bromwich to crash over. Smith missed the conversion, however the Storm led 18-8 after the break.

The Storm then marched downfield again, when lock Dale Finucane took the ball close to the line and hit young gun Tino Fa'asuamaleaui who ran a superb line to crashes over to score. Smith converted to make it 24-8.

Melbourne continued to flex their muscle, when Maroons five-eighth Cameron Munster was crunched close to the line, however managed to get away a terrific offload to Ryan Papenhuyzen who scored a great try to extend the visitors lead to 30-8.

The dominance continued at the backend of the match with Hughes, Addo-Carr and Fa'asuamaleaui scoring doubles to extend the scoreline to a dominant 46-8 win.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Cameron Smith

2 points - Nelson Asofa-Solomona

1 points - Josh Addo-Carr

# Roosters beat spirited Warriors; move into top four

Justin Davies



18-10



**It wasn't the thrashing many expected but the Roosters did enough to triumph 18-10 against a spirited Warriors line-up this afternoon at Gosford.**

At halftime, it looked like the upset was on. Warriors led 10-6, thanks to tries to the departing Ken Maumalo and Eliesa Katoa but it was the Roosters five-eighth Luke Keary that stepped up to snatch away a famous result. He scored himself and a late four-pointer to Joseph Manu gave the Roosters the eight-point win.

Losing four players after this contest, the Warriors set to their work early. Blake Green lifted a kick to the left wing which Katoa knocked into the path of Ken Maumalo, one of those leaving on Monday, to open the scoring at 6-nil. Warriors did spurn a series of chances following that to further their advantage.

After back-to-back weeks of thrashings, the Warriors were resolute in defense. They repelled the Roosters on several occasions before Sitili Tupouniua gathered well to make it 6-6. Warriors weren't dispirited as they nudged ahead just before the break through Katoa, running onto a short pass from Kodi Nikorima to give them a 10-6 lead at the break.

The second half was more an arm wrestle between two sides which weren't at their fluid best tonight. Roosters probed through their stars - James Tedesco, Brett Morris - but it was five eighth Keary that broke the game open.

He peppered the Warriors with short kicks which trapped them behind the line then off a fortunate deflection gathered his own grubber to edge the Roosters ahead 12-10. From there, the Roosters ran downhill but until Manu crossed in the 70th minute, it was uncomfortable for them.

Despite not being at their best, the Premiers moved back into the winner's column and importantly the top four after the eight-point result. For the Warriors, now they lose four of their players who head home to understandably be with their families but it's a long road ahead for them.

Some positive news though, the loan deals of Daniel Alvaro and George Jennings from the Parramatta Eels will give them some depth.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Luke Keary

2 points - Eliesa Katoa

1 points - Sitili Tupouniua

# Sharks snuff out Dragons in entertaining derby

Tim Costello



28-24



**Cronulla-Sutherland have taken bragging rights in the latest instalment of the Southern derby, downing the Dragons 28-24 at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium tonight.**

In a nine-try contest with multiple momentum swings, it was the Sharks who held on despite a late St George Illawarra onslaught which very nearly netted them a second consecutive final-minute victory.

The Red V were the first side to trouble the Point Family in the famous Kogarah scoreboard, with Tyrell Fuimaono crossing in an unusual manner to open the scoring. The Dragons' second rower had the ball stripped as he surged over the goalline, only to reach out and ground it (as is permitted under the rules) and secure a four-pointer.

After Zac Lomax converted, the Sharks turned the tables and by the tenth minute things were locked up at 6-all with Jack Williams awarded a controversial try after seeming to beat Dragons fullback Matt Dufty to the ball.

Replays raised questions over the call, but the Bunker awarded it and the ledger was square.

Lomax put the Saints back in front soon after with a penalty goal and by the 20th minute had pushed the Saints further ahead with a try of his own, which he duly converted and the 'away team' led 14-6.

From there though, the pendulum swung dramatically in favour of the men from the Shire. Sione Katoa and Shaun Johnson both crossed within minutes of each other at the half-hour mark and put Cronulla back in the lead, then Will Kennedy's 33rd minute effort saw them surge ahead to 22-14, a lead they maintained til the halftime break.

That lead was extended just minutes after halftime when bustling prop Aaron Woods climbed over the chalk for his own four-pointer, and things looked bleak for the Saints at 28-14 down.

Before the hour mark though, the contest would become a lot closer, with Lomax bagging a second try and Ravalawa scoring in the corner. At 28-24 the Dragons seemed to have the ascendancy, but unfortunately for them, they couldn't translate the possession and field position in the final quarter of the contest into any more points.

Their last valiant effort came in the final 20 seconds when Corey Norman sent a sailing kick across the field, finding a chasing Jason Saab near the dead ball line - he took it and grounded it... but not inside the line.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

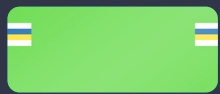
3 points - Wade Graham

2 points - Zac Lomax

1 points - Shaun Johnson

# Resilient Raiders keep the Rabbitohs at bay

Jeff Dickinson-Fox



18-12



**The Canberra Raiders have secured another gritty win, 18-12 over the South Sydney Rabbitohs, after once again losing a player from their 2019 Grand Final spine.**

At 12-all in the 47th minute Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad left the field and did not return as he got what's been reported as a compound dislocation to his finger.

To create the match-winning try in the 54th minute, Elliott Whitehead went into dummy-half on the last tackle to deliver a short-side grubber kick that deflected up off the defence for Semi Valemi on the wing to score his first NRL try.

The Rabbitohs tested Canberra right up to full-time, pinning the home team within their own end of the field for most of the second half.

Tom Burgess came alive in the final 20 minutes with runs that bent the Raiders back. His best charge from a long goal-line dropout taking South Sydney up to 15 metres from the tryline on tackle one.

Canberra selected Jordan Rapana to replace Nicoll-Klokstad at fullback, but to make matters worse Rapana's diving effort to prevent a South Sydney try in the 70th minute required him to leave the field for a HIA.

The Rabbitohs had fullback concerns of their own, as Alex Johnston played 17 minutes before a head knock ended his night.

It was a 10-0 lead for the Raiders after 15 minutes as tries from kicks to Jarrod Croker and Bulldogs-bound Nick Cotric got them rolling.

By the 26th minute the Rabbitohs had laid on two tries of their own through Dane Gagai and Adam Reynolds.

A flick pass from Croker in his own half was a risky play that brought a Whitehead knock-on and Rabbitohs the momentum. They went through the hands with an outside shift through Cook, Walker and eventually Gagai to get in the corner.

On the restart the Raiders conceded three penalties which Jaydn Su'A used to hit a hole and pass back for Reynolds to scurry towards the posts. Reynolds converted his try to bring up 1500 career points in the NRL.

Tonight was the seventh-consecutive match the Raiders finished with a margin of eight points or less, of which they've now won four.

The injury list is ever growing for Canberra. With doubt on Nicoll-Klokstad and Rapana it's likely at least one of them will add to a casualty ward that already has Josh Hodgson, John Bateman, Curtis Scott, Sia Soliola, Corey Horsburgh, Emre Guler, Bailey Simonsson and Michael Oldfield.

NRL debutant and son of Matthew Johns, Jack Johns, was injected into the match earlier than anticipated when Johnston was forced from the field for a HIA.

In positive news for the Rabbitohs, Latrell Mitchell has served the last match of his two-game ban.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Jack Wighton

2 points - Cameron Murray

1 points - Josh Papali'i

# Bulldogs shock Newcastle in the big wet

Josh Robertson



18-12



**The Canterbury Bulldogs have put aside torrential rain to take an unexpected 18-12 victory over Newcastle at McDonald Jones Stadium.**

In worsening conditions, Canterbury were able to retain possession better than the Knights during the opening 40 minutes but despite the better of the field position and possession, the Bulldogs could only manage the one first half try.

The Blue and White opened the scoring after just eleven minutes when Aiden Tolman was able to get his way over the line as the Newcastle defence couldn't get back in time after the Bulldogs somehow regathered a kick on the play before.

Injuries mounted during the opening 40 as well for the home-side as first Andrew McCullough was assisted from the field with a serious hamstring injury before Connor Watson was also assisted from the field with a ruptured achilles.

The second half started off perfectly for the Bulldogs with more Newcastle errors handing them possession and more attacking opportunities. Canterbury were able to add points early in the second half when Raymond Faitala-Mariner was able to barge his way over with a hard run and got the ball down.

Canterbury then extended their lead out to an 18-0 buffer when Jake Averillo slid his way through to get to the ball ahead of Herman Ese'ese who deflected the ball to the Bulldogs advantage.

Momentum then began to swing in favour of the hosts as they began to hold the ball and forced their way upfield. The Knights got their first four-pointer through Hymel Hunt that was able to step around his defenders and get through to score.

The pressure mounted massively on the Bulldogs as the rain continued to fall hard and it was some good work from Kurt Mann that created the field position and it was Sione Mata'utia that crossed out wide. Kalyn Ponga converted to push the margin back into six points.

The Bulldogs were forced to defend their line but they could do that and a poor kick from Kalyn Ponga undid the pressure and the Bulldogs survived to take their second win of the season.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Aiden Tolman

2 points - Kurt Mann

1 points - Nick Meaney

# Panthers win ugly against gutsy Titans

Andrew Ferguson



14-22



**The Penrith Panthers have locked down first place on the ladder and confirmed their best ever start to a season with a tight 22-14 victory over the Titans.**

The Panthers got off to a strong start and the signs were ominous for the Titans, but to their credit they fought back and showed tremendous determination defensively in the second half to keep within reach of their highly fancied opponents, but were unable to come away with the chocolates.

Penrith opened the scoring in the tenth minute thanks to a great draw and pass by Jarome Luai, which sent Josh Mansour over in the left corner for a good try. Nathan Cleary's sideline conversion was waved away.

Six minutes later the Panthers were in again, again thanks to a brilliant draw and pass play by Luai, this time sending Stephen Crichton away to score a good try. Cleary was able to convert from the easier angle this time.

Penrith looked to be in a point scoring mood and were pressing again in the 24th minute when Luai attempted to thread a gentle grubber behind the Titans defensive line. Kevin Proctor accidentally blocked the kick while attempting a tackle on Luai. Jamal Fogarty scooped up the loose ball and raced 93 metres

to score a scintillating try. Ashley Taylor was unable to convert from the right touchline.

In the 30th minute Isaah Yeo received a regulation pass from dummy half. The outside defence moved up too fast. Yeo went himself and stretched out after being tackled low and dunked the ball over the line for a good solo try. Cleary converted from almost right in front.

With 2 minutes remaining til halftime, the Titans clawed back a try when Brian Kelly chased through a kick by Taylor and grounded the ball just before it went dead. Taylor converted.

Right on the stroke of halftime, the Titans crossed again when Anthony Don dived over from dummy half in the right corner. Taylor again converted to reduce the Panthers lead to just 2 points.

When both teams returned for the second half, it was raining and continued to do so for the remainder of the match.

The Titans defence in the second half was indeed impressive and managed to hold out almost everything that the Panthers threw at them

The only points of the second half came after an hour of play when a very quick catch and pass from Brent Naden got the ball onto Malakai Watene-Zelezniak who raced in for a try. Cleary converted.

Some poor options from both sides marred the second half play, but in the end Penrith did enough to get the 2 points.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Jarome Luai

2 points - Isaah Yeo

1 points - Jamal Fogarty

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# The scoresheet

## Scores, scorers, match details from Round 11

**Eels 26** (Maika Sivo (2), Mitchell Moses, Reagan Campbell-Gillard, Shaun Lane tries; Mitchell Moses 3/6 goals)

def **Wests Tigers 16** (Luciano Leilua, David Nofoaluma, Tommy Talau tries; Moses Mbye 2/4 goals)

Venue: Bankwest Stadium; Date: Thursday 23 July 2020, 7:50pm AEST; Halftime: Eels 18-12; Crowd: 6,403

Referee: Gerard Sutton; Touch Judges: Chris Butler, Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Ben Galea

**Sea Eagles 24** (Curtis Sironen, Danny Levi, Daly Cherry-Evans, Cade Cust tries; Reuben Garrick 4/4 goals)

def **Cowboys 12** (Kyle Feldt, Francis Molo tries; Kyle Feldt 2/2 goals)

Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium; Date: Friday 24 July 2020, 6:00pm AEST; Halftime: Sea Eagles 12-6

Referee: Henry Perenara; Touch Judges: Jon Stone, Gavin Badger; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Bryan Norrie

**Storm 46** (Josh Addo-Carr (2), Jahrome Hughes (2), Kenneath Bromwich, Tino Fa'asuamaleau (2), Ryan Papenhuyzen tries; Cameron Smith 7/9 goals) def **Broncos 8** (Herbie Farnworth try; Kotoni Staggs 2/2 goals)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium; Date: Friday 24 July 2020, 7:55pm AEST; Halftime: Storm 14-8

Referee: Ben Cummins; Touch Judges: Belinda Sharpe, Peter Gough; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy, Beau Scott

**Roosters 18** (Sitili Tupouniua, Luke Keary, Joseph Manu tries; Kyle Flanagan 3/3 goals)

def **Warriors 10** (Ken Maumalo, Eliesa Katoa tries; Adam Pompey 1/2 goals)

Venue: Central Coast Stadium; Date: Saturday 25 July 2020, 3:00pm AEST; Halftime: Warriors 10-6

Referee: Chris Sutton; Touch Judges: Phil Henderson, Drew Oultram; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Ben Lowe

**Sharks 28** (Jack Williams, Shaun Johnson, Sione Katoa, Will Kennedy, Aaron Woods tries; Shaun Johnson 4/5 goals)

def **Dragons 24** (Tyrell Fuimaono, Zac Lomax (2), Mikeale Ravalawa tries; Zac Lomax 4/5 goals)

Venue: Netstrata Jubilee Stadium; Date: Saturday 25 July 2020, 5:30pm AEST; Halftime: Sharks 22-14; Crowd: 3,179

Referee: Grant Atkins; Touch Judges: Tim Alouani-Roby, Liam Kennedy; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark, Ben Galea

**Raiders 18** (Nick Cotric, Jarrod Croker, Semi Valemi tries; Jarrod Croker 3/4 goals)

def **Rabbitohs 12** (Dane Gagai, Adam Reynolds tries; Adam Reynolds 2/2 goals)

Venue: GIO Stadium Canberra; Date: Saturday 25 July 2020, 7:35pm AEST; Halftime: Rabbitohs 12-10

Referee: Ashley Klein; Touch Judges: Dave Munro, Matt Noyen; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy, Bryan Norrie

**Bulldogs 18** (Aiden Tolman, Raymond Faitala-Mariner, Jake Averillo tries; Jake Averillo 2/2, Nick Meaney 1/1 goals)

def **Knights 12** (Hymel Hunt, Sione Mata'utia tries; Kalya Ponga 2/2 goals)

Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium; Date: Sunday 26 July 2020, 2:00pm AEST; Halftime: Bulldogs 6-0; Crowd: 3,521

Referee: Matt Cecchin; Touch Judges: Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski, Kasey Badger; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy, Bryan Norrie

**Panthers 22** (Josh Mansour, Stephen Crichton, Isaah Yeo, Malakai Watene-Zelezniak tries; Nathan Cleary 3/4 goals)

def **Titans 14** (Jamal Fogarty, Brian Kelly, Anthony Don tries; Ashley Taylor 1/3 goals)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium; Date: Sunday 26 July 2020, 4:05pm AEST; Halftime: Panthers 16-14

Referee: Adam Gee; Touch Judges: Peter Gough, Todd Smith; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark, Ben Galea

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# LeagueUnlimited Player of the Year

## Standings after Round 11

At the conclusion of each match our reporters choose their best three players from the match.

On this page, we'll publish the full standings throughout the season.

**19 points** - Cameron Smith (Storm)

**14 points** - Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Shaun Johnson (Sharks)

**12 points** - Jack Wighton (Raiders)

**11 points** - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Brett Morris (Roosters), Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs)

**10 points** - Cameron Munster (Storm), Matthew Dufty (Dragons), James Tedesco (Roosters)

**9 points** - Luke Keary (Roosters), Benji Marshall (Wests Tigers), Mitchell Pearce (Knights)

**8 points** - Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Blake Green (Warriors), Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

**7 points** - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Jarome Luai (Panthers), Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Harry Grant (Storm), Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

**6 points** - Dylan Brown (Eels), Curtis Sironen (Sea Eagles), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Matt Burton (Panthers), Kurt Mann (Knights)

**5 points** - Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), David Klemmer (Knights), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Maika Sivo (Eels), Kodi

Nikorima (Warriors), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), George Williams (Raiders), Jarrod Croker (Raiders), Daniel Saifiti (Knights)

**4 points** - Anthony Milford (Broncos), Wade Graham (Sharks), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), David Nofalo (Wests Tigers), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Shaun Lane (Eels), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Zac Lomax (Dragons)

**3 points** - Young Tonumaipea (Titans), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Blayne Brailey (Sharks), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Cade Cust (Sea Eagles), Corey Norman (Dragons), Aiden Tolman (Bulldogs), Josh Morris (Sharks), Nick Meaney (Bulldogs), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Waqa Blake (Eels), Addin Fonua-Blake (Sea Eagles), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Bradman Best (Knights), Joseph Leilua (Wests Tigers), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Eliesa Katoa (Warriors), Siosia Taukeiaho (Roosters), Charlie Staines (Panthers), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)

**2 points** - Wayne Egan (Warriors), Moeaki Fotuika (Titans), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Corey Thompson (Wests Tigers), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Jorge Taufua (Sea Eagles), David Fifita (Broncos), Michael Jennings (Eels), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Dale Finucane (Storm), Cameron McInnes (Dragons), Payne Haas (Broncos), Michael Morgan (Cowboys), Nathan Brown (Eels), Emre Guler (Raiders), Adam Doueih (Wests Tigers), Nick Cotric (Raiders)

**1 point** - Andrew McCullough (Broncos), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Alex Twaal (Wests Tigers), Ethan Lowe (Rabbitohs), Tino Fa'asuaumaleaui (Storm), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Phillip Sami (Titans), Brendan Elliot (Sea Eagles), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Tyson Frizell (Dragons), Tyrell Fuimaono (Dragons), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Billy Walters (Wests Tigers), Connor Watson (Knights), Tom Opacic (Cowboys), Adam Elliott (Bulldogs), Sam Lisone (Titans), Peta Hiku (Warriors), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Kyle Flanagan (Roosters), Josh Reynolds (Wests Tigers), Brian Kelly (Titans), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Herman Ese'ese (Knights), Junior Paulo (Eels), Thomas Flegler (Broncos)

## NRL Match Review

### Round 11 Charge Sheet

**Russell Packer (Wests Tigers)** - Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (head/neck)  
24th minute, on C Gutherson (Eels)  
Base penalty 100 points  
1 x non-similar prior offence last 2 years (20% loading)  
20 carryover points to be added  
Guilty / no contest = 120+20=140 points (1 match)  
Guilty - early plea = 90+20=110 points (1 match)  
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 1 match**, 10 carryover points accrued.

**Dale Finucane (Storm)** - Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (head/neck)  
65th minute on T Flegler (Broncos)  
Base penalty 100 points  
Guilty / no contest = 100 points (1 match)  
Guilty - early plea = 75 points (0 matches)  
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **No suspension**. 75 carryover points accrued.

**Mitch Dunn (Cowboys)** - Grade 1 Tripping  
56th minute on B Elliot (Sea Eagles)  
Base penalty \$750 fine  
Guilty / no contest = \$750 fine  
Guilty - early plea = \$550 fine  
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **\$550 fine**.

**Josh McGuire (Cowboys)** - Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (head/neck)  
32nd minute on C Cust (Sea Eagles)  
Base penalty 100 points  
2 x non-similar priors last 2 years (40% loading)  
25 carryover points to be added  
Guilty / no contest = 140+25=165 points (1 match)  
Guilty - early plea = 105+25=130 points (1 match)  
PLEA: Not guilty. **GUILTY** at judiciary.  
**Suspended 1 match**, 65 carryover points accrued

**Kyle Feldt (Cowboys)** - G1 Contrary Conduct  
12th minute on C Cust (Sea Eagles)  
Base penalty \$750 fine  
Guilty / no contest = \$750 fine  
Guilty - early plea = \$550 fine  
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **\$550 fine**.

**David Klemmer (Knights)** - G1 Contrary Conduct  
29th minute on R Faitala-Mariner (Bulldogs)  
Base penalty \$750 fine  
1 x similar prior offence last 2 years (50% loading)  
Guilty / no contest = \$1150 fine  
Guilty - early plea = \$850 fine  
PLEA: Not guilty. **GUILTY** at judiciary. **\$1150 fine**.

# Premiership ladder

NRL 2020 Telstra Premiership after Round 11

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith Panthers	11	9	1	1	262	158	104	19
2	Melbourne Storm	11	9	2	0	283	136	147	18
3	Parramatta Eels	11	9	2	0	254	134	120	18
4	Sydney Roosters	11	7	4	0	306	146	160	14
5	Canberra Raiders	11	7	4	0	206	165	41	14
6	Newcastle Knights	11	6	4	1	219	178	41	13
7	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	11	6	5	0	284	248	36	12
8	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	11	6	5	0	179	193	-14	12
9	Wests Tigers	11	5	6	0	261	203	58	10
10	South Sydney Rabbitohs	11	5	6	0	218	192	26	10
11	St George Illawarra Dragons	11	4	7	0	208	222	-14	8
12	North Queensland Cowboys	11	3	8	0	217	299	-82	6
13	Warriors	11	3	8	0	137	278	-141	6
14	Gold Coast Titans	11	3	8	0	142	309	-167	6
15	Brisbane Broncos	11	3	8	0	142	337	-195	6
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	11	2	9	0	134	254	-120	4

## Stats leaders

after Round 11

### Top Tryscorers

1	Sione KATO (Sharks)	11
	Maika SIVO (Eels)	11
3	David NOFOALUMA (Wests Tigers)	10
	Kyle FELDT (Cowboys)	10
5	Stephen CRICHTON (Panthers)	9
	Brett MORRIS (Roosters)	9
7	Matthew DUFTY (Dragons)	8
	Josh ADDO-CARR (Storm)	8
	Zac LOMAX (Dragons)	8
10	Michael JENNINGS (Eels), Mikaele RAVALAWA (Dragons), Dane GAGAI & Alex JOHNSTON (Rabbitohs), Suliasi VUNIVALU (Storm)	7

### Top Goalkickers

1	Kyle FLANAGAN (Roosters)	50 / 62	81%
2	Cameron SMITH (Storm)	49 / 57	86%
3	Shaun JOHNSON (Sharks)	42 / 54	78%
4	Adam REYNOLDS (Rabbitohs)	37 / 43	86%
5	Zac LOMAX (Dragons)	34 / 42	81%
6	Nathan CLEARY (Panthers)	33 / 41	80%
7	Jarrold CROKER (Raiders)	31 / 37	84%
8	Kalyn PONGA (Knights)	29 / 42	69%
9	Reuben GARRICK (Sea Eagles)	27 / 40	68%
10	Mitchell MOSES (Eels)	26 / 33	79%

### Top Pointscorers

	T	G	FG	Pts	
1	Kyle FLANAGAN (Roosters)	4	50	-	116
2	Zac LOMAX (Dragons)	8	34	-	100
3	Cameron SMITH (Storm)	-	49	-	98
4	Shaun JOHNSON (Sharks)	2	42	-	92
5	Adam REYNOLDS (Rabbitohs)	3	37	-	86
6	Nathan CLEARY (Panthers)	3	33	2	80
7	Jarrold CROKER (Raiders)	3	31	-	74
	Kalyn PONGA (Knights)	4	29	-	74
	Kyle FELDT (Cowboys)	10	17	-	74
10	Mitchell MOSES (Eels)	2	26	1	61

THE FRONT ROW

# GAME DAY

## ROUND 12 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS & STATS · PREVIEWS

### Thursday



**Dragons  
v Rabbitohs**  
Netstata Jubilee

### Saturday



**Roosters  
v Titans**  
SCG

### Sunday



**Bulldogs  
v Eels**  
ANZ Stadium

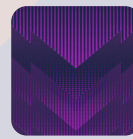
### Friday



**Wests Tigers  
v Warriors**  
SCG



**Cowboys  
v Raiders**  
QLD Country Bank



**Storm  
v Knights**  
Sunshine Coast



**Broncos  
v Sharks**  
Suncorp



**Sea Eagles  
v Panthers**  
Lottoland

## WEEKLY TIPS Round 12

Number in () brackets indicated last week's correct tips

#### Tim Costello (6)

Dragons  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Knights

#### Andrew Ferguson (6)

Rabbitohs  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Sea Eagles  
Eels  
Storm

#### Andrew Jackson (7)

Rabbitohs  
Tigers  
Broncos  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

#### Justin Davies (6)

Dragons  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

#### Adam Huxtable (6)

Rabbitohs  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Cowboys  
Sea Eagles  
Eels  
Storm

#### Rick Edgerton (6)

Rabbitohs  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

#### Rob Crosby (5)

Dragons  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Sea Eagles  
Eels  
Knights

#### Steven Williams (5)

Dragons  
Tigers  
Broncos  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

#### Sam Bourke (6)

Rabbitohs  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

#### Josh Robertson (6)

Rabbitohs  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

#### Jeff Dickinson-Fox (6)

Rabbitohs  
Wests Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

#### Hamish Parker (6)

Rabbitohs  
Tigers  
Sharks  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Eels  
Storm

# St George Illawarra DRAGONS



# South Sydney RABBITOHS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
9	8	-	32	Matthew DUFTY	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Latrell MITCHELL	9	1	-	28
7	1	-	4	Jordan PEREIRA	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Jaxson PAULO	2	-	-	-
9	2	-	8	Euan AITKEN	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Campbell GRAHAM	10	3	-	12
11	8	34	100	Zac LOMAX	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Dane GAGAI	11	7	-	28
10	7	-	28	Mikaele RAVALAWA	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Alex JOHNSTON	11	7	-	28
11	3	-	12	Corey NORMAN	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Cody WALKER	9	3	-	12
11	1	-	4	Ben HUNT	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Adam REYNOLDS	11	3	37	86
11	-	-	-	Blake LAWRIE	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Tevita TATOLA	11	-	-	-
9	1	-	4	Cameron MCINNES	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Damien COOK	11	3	-	12
11	-	-	-	Paul VAUGHAN	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Thomas BURGESS	11	1	-	4
11	-	-	-	Tyson FRIZELL	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Jaydn SU'A	11	1	-	4
5	-	-	-	Tariq SIMS	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Bayley SIRONEN	7	1	-	4
5	-	-	-	Jackson FORD	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Cameron MURRAY	11	1	-	4
10	1	-	4	Tyrell FUIMAONO	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Mark NICHOLLS	7	1	-	4
11	1	-	4	Josh KERR	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Liam KNIGHT	8	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Jacob HOST	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Keaon KOLOMATANGI	2	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Tristan SAILOR	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Patrick MAGO	5	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Kaide ELLIS	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Jack JOHNS	1	-	-	-
4	1	-	4	Jason SAAB	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>	Corey ALLAN	2	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Jayden SULLIVAN	<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	Kurt DILLON	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Korbin SIMS	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	Troy DARGAN	2	-	-	-

PAUL MCGREGOR

COACH

WAYNE BENNETT

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PENALTIES

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**RLP MILESTONES** Dane GAGAI (Rabbitohs) - 2 more points for 100 club points; Campbell GRAHAM (Rabbitohs) - 4 more points for 100 club and career points; Ben HUNT (Dragons) - 5 more points for 300 career points; Blake LAWRIE (Dragons) - 50th NRL & Dragons game; Corey NORMAN (Dragons) - 200th NRL game



# #NRLDragonsSouths

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 30 July 2020
KICKOFF	7:50pm AEST
VENUE	Netstrata Jubilee Stadium Carlton, NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Dave MUNRO Todd SMITH
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL Beau SCOTT

## Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 33 matches

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At Netstrata Jubilee Stadium: 5 matches, Dragons 3, Rabbitohs 2

## LAST TEN CLASHES SGI 2 - 8 SOU

2019	Round 19	Rabbitohs 20-16	ANZ
2019	Round 2	Rabbitohs 34-18	Netstrata Jubilee
2018	Finals W2	Rabbitohs 13-12	ANZ
2018	Round 10	Rabbitohs 24-10	ANZ
2018	Round 5	Dragons 16-12	Jubilee
2017	Round 22	Rabbitohs 26-24	SCG
2016	Round 11	Rabbitohs 34-24	ANZ
2016	Round 3	Dragons 8-6	SCG
2015	Round 19	Rabbitohs 24-8	SCG
2015	Round 9	Rabbitohs 16-10	ANZ

## BIGGEST WINS

DRAGONS	58-16	2002 Round 23 at WIN
RABBITOHS	41-6	2009 Round 26 at ANZ

## CURRENT FORM

DRAGONS	L L L L W W L L W W L	11th, 8pts
RABBITOHS	W L L L W W L W W L L	10th, 10pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 13

DRAGONS (H)	Roosters @ WIN, Thu 6 Aug 7:50pm
RABBITOHS (H)	Broncos @ ANZ, Fri 7 Aug 7:55pm

# Match Preview

## with Robert Crosby

**Sydney rivals push for a place in the top eight.**

Sitting outside the top eight in 11th and 10th respectively, the St George Illawarra Dragons and the South Sydney Rabbitohs will be looking to remain in touch with the finals race when they clash at Kogarah on Thursday evening.

Falling just short 28-24 to Cronulla "away from home" last Saturday, the St George Illawarra Dragons will return to Kogarah determined to arrest a poor run of form against their opponents.

Managing just two wins from their past ten clashes against the Rabbitohs, coach Paul McGregor will be stressing the importance of Thursday's clash with his side sitting four points outside the top eight and matches against the high-flying Roosters and Eels to follow in the next fortnight.

Losing halfback Adam Clune and veteran forward Trent Merrin to concussion, Ben Hunt will revert to the number seven jersey while Tariq Sims returns to the starting side after serving a one-match ban. Tristain Sailor will make his first appearance of the season after being named on the bench.

Adding to the stakes of Thursday night's clash, playmaker Corey Norman will celebrate his 200th appearance in the NRL, while prop Blake Lawrie will play his 50th game for the club.

Squandering a halftime lead to go down 18-12 to the Raiders last Saturday, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will be looking to use Thursday night as the launch pad for a run towards the play-offs.

Sitting one win outside eighth position with a positive for-and-against differential in their favour, coach Wayne Bennett will be hoping his team can improve upon an underwhelming record at Kogarah that has seen the side manage two wins from their past six visits.

Gaining a welcome boost with Latrell Mitchell named at fullback following a two-match suspension, Liam Knight and Patrick Mago come onto the bench in place of Jack Johns and Hame Sele.

**Who to watch:** Bringing up 200 appearances in the top grade on Thursday night, Dragons playmaker Corey Norman will be out to cap his milestone match with a win. Earning rave reviews as a teenager on debut a decade ago, the 29-year-old has shown immense talent across stints with Brisbane, Parramatta and St George Illawarra throughout the 2010s culminating in an Origin debut for Queensland in last year's decider. Capable of nailing a clutch play as the clock winds down, Norman has revelled in the responsibility of being the side's dominant playmaker while retaining a potent running game that has yielded tries in two of his past three matches.

Returning to the Rabbitohs ranks after serving a two-match ban for striking, Latrell Mitchell will be out to make up for lost time during Indigenous round. Following in the footsteps of Greg Inglis, Nathan Merritt and Eric Simms as Indigenous greats of the club, the 23-year-old Biripi and Wiradjuri game-breaker has grown into the fullback role since coming under scrutiny for his involvement prior to the COVID-19 suspension. Averaging a try-assist and 100 metres per game since the season resumption, Mitchell looms as a key man for the Rabbitohs as they look to continue a strong run of form against the joint venture.

**Favourite:** With both teams sitting outside the top eight, the return of Latrell Mitchell has the Rabbitohs as slight favourites.

**My tip:** While both teams will be viewing Thursday night as a must-win for their finals hopes, the attacking flair shown by the Dragons in recent weeks should get them over the line. **Dragons by 6.**

# WESTS TIGERS



# WARRIORS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
11	2	2	12	Adam DOUEIHI	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK	10	1	1	6	
11	10	-	40	David NOFOALUMA	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Patrick HERBERT	9	2	-	8	
8	-	-	-	Chris LAWRENCE	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Adam POMPEY	4	1	-	4	
9	1	21	46	Moses MBYE	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Peta HIKU	9	3	-	12	
5	4	-	16	Tommy TALAU	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	George JENNINGS	1*	1	-	4	
6	1	-	4	Billy WALTERS	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Kodi NIKORIMA	10	2	9+	27	
7	2	13+	35	Benji MARSHALL	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Blake GREEN	11	-	-	-	
11	3	-	12	Josh ALOIAI	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	11	1	-	4	
9	3	-	12	Harry GRANT	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Karl LAWTON	8	2	-	8	
6	-	-	-	Oliver CLARK	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Jack HETHERINGTON	5#	-	-	-	
9	3	-	12	Luke GARNER	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Eliesa KATOA	8	3	-	12	
11	5	-	20	Luciano LEILUA	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Tohu HARRIS	11	-	-	-	
6	-	-	-	Alex TWAL	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Jazz TEVAGA	3	-	-	-	
# 1 game for Penrith Panthers													
5	1	-	4	Sam MCINTYRE	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Wayde EGAN	10	2	-	8	
10	-	-	-	Thomas MIKAELE	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Adam BLAIR	11	-	-	-	
9	2	-	8	Luke BROOKS	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Daniel ALVARO	1*	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	Shawn BLORE	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Lachlan BURR	5	-	-	-	
* 1 game for Parramatta Eels													
7	1	-	4	Josh REYNOLDS	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Isaiah PAPALI'I	9	1	-	4	
1	-	-	-	Chris McQUEEN	<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>	Adam KEIGHNAN	1	-	-	-	
3	-	-	-	Alex SEYFARTH	<b>20</b>		<b>21</b>	Jack MURCHIE	7	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Asu KEPAOA	<b>21</b>		<b>22</b>	Josh CURRAN	1	-	-	-	

MICHAEL MAGUIRE

COACH

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RLP MILESTONES Roger TUIVASA-SHECK (Warriors) - 10 more points for 100 Warriors points

# #NRLTigersWarriors

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 31 July 2020
KICKOFF	6:00pm AEST
VENUE	Sydney Cricket Ground Moore Park, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Peter GOUGH
TOUCH JUDGES	Phil HENDERSON Liam KENNEDY
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Ben GALEA

# Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

## HEAD TO HEAD: 30 matches

16

14

At Sydney Cricket Ground: first meeting at this venue

## LAST TEN CLASHES

		WST 6 - 4 WAR	
2019	Round 2	W. Tigers 34-6	Campbelltown
2018	Round 9	Warriors 26-4	Mt Smart
2017	Round 26	W. Tigers 28-16	Leichhardt
2016	Round 25	W. Tigers 36-24	Mt Smart
2016	Round 1	W. Tigers 34-26	Campbelltown
2015	Round 25	W. Tigers 50-16	Campbelltown
2015	Round 6	Warriors 32-22	Mt Smart
2014	Round 4	Warriors 42-18	Westpac
2013	Round 19	Warriors 24-14	Leichhardt
2012	Round 11	W. Tigers 24-22	Leichhardt

## BIGGEST WINS

WESTS TIGERS	50-4	2004 Round 14 at Christchurch
WARRIORS	42-18	2014 Round 4 at Westpac

## CURRENT FORM

WESTS TIGERS	W L W L L W W L L W L	9th, 10pts
WARRIORS	L L W L W L L W L L L	13th, 6pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 13

WESTS TIGERS (A)	Knights @ McDonald Jones, Sat 8 Aug 5:30pm
WARRIORS (A)	Sea Eagles @ Lottoland, Fri 7 Aug 6:00pm

# Match Preview

## with Lachy MacCorquodale

**Wests Tigers aim to re-enter the eight as they host the 13th-placed Warriors.**

The Tigers will return to the SCG as hosts for the first time since 2013, but it's surprisingly set to be just the second time the Warriors have played at the iconic venue.

The home side are coming off a tough 10-point loss to rivals Parramatta, who proved just too much to handle for the joint venture. They did however, impress during periods of the match and even matched it with the Eels for the opening 30 minutes, until Mitchell Moses' brilliant chip and chase try. The loss to the Eels followed a trend for the Tigers with four of their six losses this season coming against sides that are in currently the top eight. They've found it difficult to score points against better sides, averaging a mere 15 points a game in those four losses in comparison to their 24 points scored per game over the course of the season. Having won five of their previous six encounters against the Warriors, a win over the New Zealand side on Friday night could propel the Tigers back into the top eight and take them out of that dreaded ninth position.

The Wests Tigers will be stoked to see Alex Twal and Luke Garner back in the starting 13 after recovering from their injuries with Matthew Eisenhuth dropping out of the 21 with injury and Sam McIntyre moving to the bench. Oliver Clark starts at prop for the suspended Russel Packer whilst Thomas Mikaele comes in for Michael Chee-Kam after his horrific head injury on Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the Warriors will remain in high spirits after putting together a solid performance against the premiership favourites, the Sydney Roosters. Hosting the Roosters on the Central Coast, the Warriors even led by four points heading into the half-time break but failed to come up with any points in the second half as the tri-colours came home with an eight point victory.

It's been a tough year for the Warriors who have won just three games this season but they have shown some positive signs since Todd Payten took over, despite having won one of their five matches under the former Tiger. They haven't beaten a side currently in the top 10 with their wins coming against the Dragons, Cowboys and the Broncos. They'll need something special from Roger Tuivasa-Sheck and his men if they are to cause an upset.

In good news for the Warriors, they do have two reinforcements arriving at the club this week with Eels pair George Jennings (wing) and forward Daniel Alvaro (bench) both named. They'll be without David Fusitu'a, Ken Maumalo, Agnati Paasi and King Vuniyayawa who have all returned home to New Zealand to reunite with their families. The only other change is Wayde Egan returning from injury replacing Chanel Harris-Tavita on the bench.

**Who to watch:** Current Dally M leader Harry Grant, who leads his Melbourne counterpart by a single vote has been the best player in the Tigers outfit during the 2020 season. On loan from the Storm, the 22-year-old hooker has scored three tries, contributed four try assists and is responsible for two forced drop outs. Not only can he score and create tries, Grant also runs for 92 metres whilst making 50 tackles per game, highlighting the amount of work the 11-gamer gets through. He has created a great red zone combination with back rower Luciano Leilua who will be a lot to handle for the Warriors defence. Don't be surprised if young Grant breaks the Warriors defence wide open on multiple occasions this Friday night.

Despite having a quiet season by his standards, Warriors captain Roger Tuivasa-Sheck is bound to find the try line soon after having only scored a sole try so far this season. The fullback is still averaging a massive 211 run metres a game and still breaks 4.1 tackles per game. His tries scored and try assist numbers are down significantly but the Warriors could do more to get their captain involved in their red zone plays. He does a tremendous amount of work trying to bring the Warriors out of their own end, but they need to make the most of the limited time they spend in the opposition 20. The Tigers better keep a close eye on him, because if the former Dally M medallist can find himself in open space it could cause trouble.

**Favourite:** Both sides have only won one of their previous four games and funnily enough, each of their wins have come against the dreadful Brisbane Broncos. However, the Tigers have generally dominated when they come against the weaker sides having beaten, the Dragons, the Cowboys, the Bulldogs and the Broncos. Although they did lose to the Titans. The Tigers are the firm favourites for this clash at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday night.

**My tip:** Going off the past six weeks of the competition, the Tigers should win this convincingly. The Warriors did put in an 80 minute performance against the Roosters last week but have failed to string together two convincing performances this season. This Tigers outfit should be too strong for the depleted Warriors this week. **Wests Tigers by 18.**

# Brisbane BRONCOS



# Cronulla-Sutherland SHARKS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
11	1	-	4	Darius BOYD	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Will KENNEDY		7	3	-	12
1	-	-	-	Richie KENNAR	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Sione KATO		11	11	-	44
5	5	2	24	Kotoni STAGGS	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Josh DUGAN		8	3	-	12
10	3	3	18	Herbie FARNWORTH	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Jesse RAMIEN		11	6	-	24
7	5	-	20	Xavier COATES	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Ronaldo MULITALO		6	3	-	12
11	1	-	4	Anthony MILFORD	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Shaun JOHNSON		11	2	42	92
3	-	-	-	Tom DEARDEN	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Connor TRACEY		6	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Thomas FLEGLER	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Braden HAMLIN-UELE		11	3	-	12
3	1	-	4	Jake TURPIN	<b>9</b>	HOKER	<b>9</b>	Blayne BRAILEY		11	3	-	12
11	-	-	-	Payne HAAS	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Aaron WOODS		11	1	-	4
7	-	-	-	Joe OFAHENGAUE	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Briton NIKORA		9	3	-	12
7	2	-	8	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Wade GRAHAM		11	2	-	8
10	-	-	-	Patrick CARRIGAN	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Toby RUDOLF		11	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	Issac LUKE	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Siosifa TALAKAI		7	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	Rhys KENNEDY	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Jack WILLIAMS		10	1	-	4
3	-	-	-	Ethan BULLEMOR	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Teig WILTON		1	-	-	-
7	1	-	4	Ben TE'O	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Royce HUNT		6	1	-	4
6	-	-	-	Cory PAIX	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Bryson GOODWIN		5	3	-	12
-	-	-	-	Jordan RIKI	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>	Braydon TRINDALL		-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Pride PETTERSON-ROBATI	<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	Jackson FERRIS		-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Jesse ARTHARS	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	Billy MAGOULIAS		2	1	-	4

\* 3 games for St George Illawarra Dragons

ANTHONY SEIBOLD

COACH

JOHN MORRIS

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**RLP MILESTONES** Josh DUGAN (Sharks) - 200th NRL match; Jesse RAMIEN (Sharks) 50th NRL match; Aaron WOODS (Sharks) 200th NRL match; Shaun JOHNSON (Sharks) - 6 more points for 200 club points

# #NRLBroncosSharks

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 31 July 2020
KICKOFF	7:55pm AEST
VENUE	Suncorp Stadium Milton, QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M BNE 2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	<b>Matt CECCHIN</b>
TOUCH JUDGES	Gavin BADGER Matt NOYEN
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL Bryan NORRIE

## Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

### HEAD TO HEAD: 57 matches

37

20

At Suncorp Stadium: 18 matches, Broncos 14, Sharks 4

### LAST TEN CLASHES

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Year	Round	Score	Venue
2019	Round 16	Broncos 24-22	PointsBet
2019	Round 7	Broncos 29-6	Suncorp
2018	Round 20	Broncos 12-10	Suncorp
2018	Round 15	Broncos 20-16	SC Group
2017	Round 23	Broncos 32-10	Suncorp
2017	Round 1	Broncos 26-18	SC Group
2016	Round 9	Sharks 30-28	SC Group
2015	Round 2	Broncos 10-2	Remondis
2014	Round 16	Sharks 24-22	Suncorp
2013	Round 18	Sharks 19-18	Suncorp

### BIGGEST WINS

SHARKS	46-12	2009 Round 15 at Toyota
BRONCOS	40-2	1991 Round 10 at Lang

### CURRENT FORM

BRONCOS	W W L L L L L L W L L	15th, 6pts
SHARKS	L L L W L W W W L W W	7th, 12pts

### NEXT UP - ROUND 13

BRONCOS (A)	Rabbitohs @ ANZ, Fri 7 Aug 7:55pm
SHARKS (H)	Eels @ Netstrata Jubilee, Sun 9 Aug 4:05pm

# Match Preview

## with Robert Crosby

### Battling Broncos host surging Sharks

The Brisbane Broncos will be desperate for a win on Friday night when they host the Cronulla Sharks at Suncorp Stadium.

Producing a much-improved first half before capitulating to a 46-8 thumping at the hands of the Storm last week, the Brisbane Broncos will be hoping a good run of form over their opponents continues on Friday evening.

Winning their past six matches against the Sharks over the past three years - including their only win in Sydney during Anthony Seibold's tenure - a loss would see the 2020 team move within striking distance of equalling the club's worst ever run of form - one win from 11 matches held by the 2003 roster.

Sitting two points clear of the last-placed Bulldogs in 15th position, Richie Kennar, Jake Turpin, Issac Luke and Ethan Bullemor come into the squad with Anthony Milford reverting to five-eighth and Darius Boyd starting at fullback for the first time in a year.

Defying early season form to sit in seventh position with five wins from their past six matches, the Cronulla Sharks will have their sights set on cementing a place in the top eight as the run towards the finals begins.

Holding off a late rally from the Dragons to claim a 28-24 victory at Kogarah last Saturday, coach John Morris will be out to reverse a poor record at Suncorp Stadium that has seen the Sharks manage five wins from 15 visits since the venue was redeveloped in the early 2000s.

Boosted by the inclusion of Josh Dugan in place of Bryson Goodwin at left centre, a hamstring injury to Chad Townsend will allow Connor Tracey to start in the halves for the first time this season.

Chasing victories at all three major Queensland venues for the first time following wins in Townsville and the Gold Coast earlier in the season, the match will mark 200 NRL appearances for Aaron Woods and Dugan, while Jesse Ramien will bring up 50 appearances as well.

**Who to watch:** In a season to forget for the league's former powerhouse club, the development of Herbie Farnworth has served as a rare bright spot. Beginning the season off the bench before earning his chance to start in the backline, the 20-year-old Englishman has held his own with and without the ball under difficult circumstances. Averaging just under 90 metres and a tackle break each week in his first full season in the top grade, Farnworth will be hoping to replicate the success enjoyed against the Sharks in his NRL debut just over a year ago.

Beginning his career at the Tigers back in 2011, Sharks prop Aaron Woods will become the latest player to bring up 200 NRL appearances on Friday evening. Enjoying a successful career at the joint venture before heading to the Sharks via a short stint with the Bulldogs, the 29-year-old has remained a valuable contributor with 145 metres and 28 tackles per game. Recognised as the best prop in the game twice along with representing New South Wales and Australia at the height of his powers, Woods will be determined to wind back the clock to help the Sharks record a rare victory at Suncorp Stadium.

**Favourite:** Despite last downing the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium six years ago, the Sharks are expected to account for their lowly opponents on Friday evening.

**My tip:** With the Broncos fielding a team boasting 11 players with fewer than 40 NRL games to their names, the experience of the Sharks milestone men should pave the way for a comfortable victory. **Sharks by 16.**

# Sydney ROOSTERS



# Gold Coast TITANS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
9	4	-	16	James TEDESCO	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Corey THOMPSON	8	2	-	8	
3	-	-	-	Ryan HALL	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Anthony DON	10	7	-	24	
10	3	-	12	Josh MORRIS	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Brian KELLY	9	4	-	12	
11	2	-	8	Joseph MANU	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Dale COPLEY	7	1	-	4	
5	6	-	24	Matt IKUVALU	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Phillip SAMI	9	3	-	12	
11	5	-**	22	Luke KEARY	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Ashley TAYLOR	11	1	19	42	
11	4	50	116	Kyle FLANAGAN	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Jamal FOGARTY	9	1	1	2	
10	1	-	4	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	10	-	-	-	
11	1	-	4	Jake FRIEND	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Nathan PEATS	4	-	-	-	
10	1	-	4	Siosua TAUKEIAHO	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	9	-	-	-	
10	2	-	8	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Kevin PROCTOR	8	1	-	4	
9	1	-	4	Mitchell AUBUSSON	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Keegan HIPGRAVE	8	1	-	4	
9	-	-	-	Isaac LIU	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Jai ARROW	11	-	-	-	
* 2 games for Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks													
3	-	-	-	Lachlan LAM	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Tanah BOYD	8	1	-	4	
8	-	-	-	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Tyrone PEACHEY	11	-	-	-	
8	-	-	-	Nat BUTCHER	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Jarrold WALLACE	8	-	-	-	
10	1	-	4	Lindsay COLLINS	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Sam LISONE	10	1	-	4	
-	-	-	-	Christian TUIPULOTU	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Erin CLARK	7	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Drew HUTCHISON	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>	Sam STONE	2	1	-	4	
-	-	-	-	Daniel FIFITA	<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	Jai WHITBREAD	4	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Egan BUTCHER	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	AJ BRIMSON	-	-	-	-	

\* 4 games for Warriors

\* 2 games for Wests Tigers

TRENT ROBINSON

COACH

JUSTIN HOLBROOK

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**RLP MILESTONES** Jai ARROW (Titans) - 50th club game; Phillip SAMI (Titans) - 4 more points for 100 club and career points; Joseph MANU (Roosters) - 8 more points for 100 club and career points; ROOSTERS - 4 more points for 40,000 points scored as a club

# #NRLRoostersTitans

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 1 August 2020
KICKOFF	3:00pm AEST
VENUE	Sydney Cricket Ground Moore Park, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Henry PERENARA
TOUCH JUDGES	Kasey BADGER Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL Ben LOWE

## Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 19 matches

11

8

At Sydney Cricket Ground: 1 match, Roosters 1, Titans 0

## LAST TEN CLASHES SYD 7 - 3 GLD

2019	Round 20	Roosters 58-6	SCG
2018	Round 18	Roosters 20-12	Cbus Super
2018	Round 12	Roosters 34-14	Central Coast
2017	Round 26	Roosters 20-16	Allianz
2017	Round 1	Roosters 32-18	Cbus Super
2016	Round 10	Titans 26-6	Cbus Super
2015	Round 16	Roosters 20-10	Central Coast
2014	Round 22	Roosters 26-18	Allianz
2013	Round 25	Titans 22-30	Allianz
2012	Round 21	Titans 36-16	Allianz

## BIGGEST WINS

ROOSTERS	58-6	2019 Round 20 at SCG
TITANS	26-6	2016 Round 10 at Cbus Super
	36-16	2012 Round 21 at Allianz

## CURRENT FORM

ROOSTERS	LLW W W W W L W L W	4th, 14pts
TITANS	LLL W L L W L W L L	14th, 6pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 13

ROOSTERS (A)	Dragons @ WIN Stadium, Thu 6 Aug 7:50pm
TITANS (H)	Cowboys @ Cbus Super, Sun 9 Aug 2:00pm

# Match Preview

with Hamish Parker

## Depleted Roosters take on improving Titans

The Sydney Roosters will play the Gold Coast Titans on Saturday afternoon this Indigenous Round.

The Roosters are down on troops, only managing a close win over the struggling New Zealand Warriors last weekend. The Titans, with virtually no expectation on their shoulders, put in a spirited performance to take the competition leading Panthers all the way in their last game.

It was good to see the likes of Ash Taylor stand up in the last game, with some confident kicks and a better defensive effort than what has previously been seen. This game would be the Titans' best opportunity to get a win over the defending premiers and we will see how far they can take them on Saturday.

In terms of team news, the Roosters seem to be losing more and more players to injury. Veteran winger Brett Morris is out for the game and with Daniel Topou still out, Ryan Hall will come onto the wing. The team is otherwise unchanged from last week, but still of course without the likes of Victor Radley, Sam Verrills and Angus Crichton. The Roosters will still be expected to get the win over the Gold Coast despite the depleted side, but Trent Robinson will be hoping for a much-improved performance from last weekend.

The Titans haven't made an abundance of changes heading into the game after a narrow loss to the Panthers last weekend. Keegan Hipgrave starts in the second row, with Sam Stone out of the side. Sam Lisone comes onto the bench for Jai Whitbread in the other change to the 17. Further, AJ Brimson has been named in the reserves and will be a chance to make his long-awaited return.

**Who to watch:** Last season, the Roosters won big over the Titans at the SCG. James Tedesco was in stunning touch in that game and if the Titans defence doesn't aim up against the big Roosters' forward pack, then plenty of space will open up for "Teddy". If that does happen, look for Tedesco to score a few tries in what could end up a runaway win for the Roosters.

Look forward to seeing Ash Taylor play again this weekend against quality opposition. Last weekend a good performance went relatively unnoticed, but if he can build on that performance it will be good to see and he may be able to build some form heading into next season.

**Favourite:** The Roosters are good favourites to take out the game.

**My tip:** The Roosters were average last week against a spirited Warriors side, but were able to just get home. They will need to improve on that performance to please coach Trent Robinson. The Titans were good last week against Penrith and showed some grit in defence to be under pressure for most of the game. They will need to bring the same sort of energy against the defending premiers if they are with any chance. They may struggle to back up such a tiresome performance though. **Roosters by 20.**



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# North Queensland COWBOYS



# Canberra RAIDERS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts	
6	2	-	8	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Jordan RAPANA		8	1	-	4	
11	10	17	74	Kyle FELDT	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Semi VALEMI		2	1	-	4	
10	4	-	16	Justin O'NEILL	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Jarrold CROKER		11	3	31	74	
3	-	-	-	Connelly LEMUELU	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Curtis SCOTT		8	1	-	4	
1	-	-	-	Murray TAULAGI	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Nick COTRIC		11	6	-	24	
2	1	-	4	Daejarn ASI	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Jack WIGHTON		11	4	-	16	
9	1	1	6	Jake CLIFFORD	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	George WILLIAMS		11	2	-	8	
10	-	-	-	^Josh MCGUIRE	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Josh PAPALI'I		11	4	-	16	
11	4	-	16	Reece ROBSON	<b>9</b>	HOKKER	<b>9</b>	Siliva HAVILI		11	-	-	-	
6	1	-	4	Jordan MCLEAN	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Dunamis LUI		9	1	-	4	
7	-	-	-	Shane WRIGHT	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	John BATEMAN		-	-	-	-	
10	3	-	12	Coen HESS	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Elliott WHITEHEAD		11	4	-	16	
10	1	-	4	Jason TAUMALOLO	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Hudson YOUNG		6	-	-	-	
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8	-	-	-	Mitchell DUNN	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Tom STARLING		2	-	-	-	
5	-	-	-	Tom GILBERT	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Joseph TAPINE		10	1	-	4	
10	1	-	4	Gavin COOPER	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Ryan SUTTON		7	-	-	-	
11	2	-	8	Francis MOLO	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA		-	-	-	-	
4	-	-	-	John ASIATA	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Sam WILLIAMS		-	-	-	-	
9	4	-	16	Ben HAMPTON	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS		1	-	-	-	
10	-	-	-	Esan MARSTERS	<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	Kai O'DONNELL		3	-	-	-	
4	-	-	-	Jake GRANVILLE	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	Matt FRAWLEY		-	-	-	-	

JOSH HANNAY

COACH

RICKY STUART

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# #NRLCowboysRaiders

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 1 August 2020
KICKOFF	5:30pm AEST
VENUE	Queensland Country Bank Stadium Townsville, QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ben CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Belinda SHARPE Jon STONE
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN Bryan NORRIE

## Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 43 matches

19

24

At QLD Country Bank Stadium: first meeting at this venue

## LAST TEN CLASHES

			NQL 5 - 5 CAN
2019	Round 11	Cowboys 22-16	GIO
2019	Round 4	Raiders 30-12	1300SMILES
2018	Round 18	Raiders 38-12	GIO
2018	Round 8	Raiders 18-8	1300SMILES
2017	Round 17	Cowboys 31-18	GIO
2017	Round 1	Cowboys 20-16	1300SMILES
2016	Round 18	Raiders 26-12	GIO
2015	Round 21	Cowboys 32-24	1300SMILES
2015	Round 15	Cowboys 21-20	GIO
2014	Round 11	Raiders 42-12	GIO

## BIGGEST WINS

COWBOYS	40-18	2012 Round 16 at Dairy Farmers
RAIDERS	66-10	1996 Round 4 at GIO

## CURRENT FORM

COWBOYS	L W W L L L W L L L L	12th, 6pts
RAIDERS	W W W L W L L W L W W	5th, 14pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 13

COWBOYS (A)	Titans @ Cbus Super, Sun 9 Aug 2:00pm
RAIDERS (A)	Panthers @ Panthers, Sat 8 Aug 7:35pm

# Match Preview

with Jason Hosken

**Battered Raiders welcome Townsville sun in pursuit of top four dream**

They have an injury list that gets longer by the week, and yet somehow the Canberra Raiders continue to edge closer to the top four.

Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad's gruesome finger injury suffered in the gritty win over South Sydney sees him join a handful of Raiders from last year's decider on the sidelines.

Not that Ricky Stuart wants any sympathy. After 11 rounds the Raiders sit neck and neck with the fourth placed Sydney Roosters on 14 points. Officially in fifth spot, the 119 point for-and-against shortfall says as much about lost personnel as it does a modified style.

Waning creativity with diminished combinations has forged a blue-collar steel. With an average margin of 5.6 deciding their last seven games, the Green Machine are conditioned to go until the final whistle. Last week's accumulation of points all from kicks underlined the Raiders' clunky attack, but for Stuart, a stonewall resilience that kept the Rabbitohs scoreless after halftime brought the smiles. And with back-to-back wins, the light at the end of the tunnel continues to brighten. In addition to the long awaited return of John Bateman and the arrival of Bulldogs recruit Corey Harawira-Naera, Canberra's final nine games include just three teams from the top half of the competition.

Up north, Josh Hannay can surely feel Stuart's pain. Having inherited a depleted roster the caretaker could do with a fit Michael Morgan, the difference between the sides when they last met.

In fact, North Queensland hold the wood over the Raiders winning six of the past 11 since 2014. And after a fortnight of improved defence and strong individual performances, Hannay needs a repeat but delivered with combination smarts..

In last week's loss the Cowboys out ran Manly, but apart from Kyle Feldt's leap they were clueless in attack. Even with Jason Taumalolo's midfield dominance the points won't flow until Jake Clifford and Reece Robson show their runners the way. Coen Hess is symptomatic of the Cowboys' plight. Even with running metres on par with previous seasons, the former Origin sensation is a shadow of the 2018 superstar. With only four tries from his last 32 outings, the Mount Isa junior's attacking nous has been frozen by muddled lines and sapped confidence.

Now needing seven wins from their last nine to be considered a finals smokey, the Cowboys' season looks cooked. And with inexperienced talent in key positions, Hannay's coaching credentials could flourish, simply by inviting his squad to chance their arm.

**Who to watch:** North Queensland diehards already know Francis Molo's capabilities. And now after a season high 205 metres, so does everyone else. Despite making his NRL debut with the Broncos as a 19-year-old in 2014, with just 48 games, the crash merchant is a late bloomer. Now with his tail up, watch him go in tandem with Taumalolo straight at the Raiders' heart.

By the 13th minute of the season, Jack Wighton had already powered over for two tries. Now tryless since round 5, expect the Clive Churchill Medalist to zero in on the Cowboys suspect goal-line defence to reignite his tally.

**Favourite:** With the Raiders chasing a hat-trick of wins and the Cowboys staring down the barrel of five straight defeats, there can only be one favourite in this one.

**My tip:** North Queensland won't get a better opportunity to knock over last season's runner-up. Depleted, bruised and jet-lagged, the Raiders are ripe for the picking if the Cowboys break their attacking shackles. Upset alert. **Cowboys by 4.**

Manly-Warringah  
**SEA EAGLES**



Penrith  
**PANTHERS**

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
5	-	-	-	Brendan ELLIOT	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Caleb AEKINS	6	-	-	-
9	4	-	16	Jorge TAUFUA	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Josh MANSOUR	10	3	-	12
11	2	-	8	Brad PARKER	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Brent NADEN	7	5	-	20
9	1	-	4	Moses SULI	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Stephen CRICHTON	11	10	7	54
11	1	27	58	Reuben GARRICK	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Malakai WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	1	1	-	4
5	2	-	8	Cade CUST	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Jarome LUAI	11	2	-	8
11	4	-*	17	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Nathan CLEARY	9	3	33**	80
9	2	-	8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	James TAMOU	11	-	-	-
11	2	-	8	Danny LEVI	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Mitch KENNY	3	-	-	-
10	1	-	4	Martin TAUPAU	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	James FISHER-HARRIS	11	-	-	-
11	2	-	8	Joel THOMPSON	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Viliame KIKAU	10	4	-	16
10	2	-	8	Curtis SIRONEN	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Liam MARTIN	9	1	-	4
11	-	-	-	Jake TRBOJEVIC	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Isaah YEO	11	1	-	4
11	-	-	-	Lachlan CROKER	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Tyrone MAY	4	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	Corey WADDELL	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Spencer LENIU	3	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Sean KEPPIE	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Moses LEOTA	11	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	Taniela PASEKA	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Billy BURNS	9	2	-	8
2	-	-	-	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Apisai KOROISAU	10	1	-	4
6	1	-	4	Dylan WALKER	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>	Matt BURTON	6	2	-	8
4	3	-	12	Tevita FUNA	<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	Zane TETEVANO	8	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Morgan BOYLE	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	Charlie STAINES	1	4	-	-16

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RLP MILESTONES This is the 4,500th match played in the NRL era (since Round 1, 1998)

# #NRLManlyPanthers

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 1 August 2020
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	Lottoland Brookvale, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Chris BUTLER Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Beau SCOTT

# Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

## HEAD TO HEAD: 89 matches

52

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36

At Lottoland: 43 matches, Sea Eagles 30, Panthers 13

## LAST TEN CLASHES

		MAN 2 - 8 PEN	
2019	Round 12	Panthers 15-12	Panthers
2018	Round 20	Panthers 28-24	Lottoland
2018	Round 16	Sea Eagles 18-10	Panthers
2017	Finals W?	Panthers 22-10	Brookvale
2017	Round 26	Sea Eagles 28-12	Brookvale
2017	Round 18	Panthers 16-8	Pepper
2016	Round 26	Panthers 36-6	Pepper
2016	Round 14	Panthers 31-24	Brookvale
2015	Round 10	Panthers 11-10	Brookvale
2015	Round 6	Panthers 22-12	Pepper

## BIGGEST WINS

SEA EAGLES	70-7	1973 Round 19 at Penrith
PANTHERS	72-12	2004 Round 22 at Penrith

## CURRENT FORM

SEA EAGLES	L W W L W W L L L W W	8th, 12pts
PANTHERS	W W D W L W W W W W	1st, 19pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 13

SEA EAGLES (H)	Warriors @ Lottoland, Fri 7 Aug 6:00pm
PANTHERS (H)	Raiders @ Panthers, Sat 8 Aug 7:35pm

# Match Preview

## with Adam Huxtable

### Injury hit contenders face off match of the round

Manly were touted as having a decent chance to win the premiership before a ball was kicked this year while the Panthers have let the footy do the talking and are now sitting pretty at the top of the table and 1 point clear of any challengers.

Last week, both sides travelled up to Queensland and faced gallant opposition, but ended up having too much class for the Cowboys and Titans respectively. Manly got out to an early lead and despite the Cowboys piling on a couple of tries their eventual victory never really looked in doubt. The Panthers were up against the Gold Coast and had a real game on their hands at half time, leading 16-14. The upset wasn't to be however, and they ended up closing the match out and winning by 8 points.

Manly have made no changes to their 17 that travelled up to Townsville last week. Cade Cust had arguably his best 80-minute first grade game and he has retained the five-eighth spot, leaving Des Hasler with quite the headache when first choice for the position Dylan Walker returns from injury. Tom Trbojevic remains at least 3 weeks away from a return.

For the Panthers, they receive a boost in the form of star second rower Viliame returning after he missed last week with a minor injury.

His inclusion pushes Tyrone May back to the interchange bench and Matt Burton out of the side. They remain without key spine members Dylan Edwards and Api Koroisau as well as winger Brian To'o. Zane Tetevano is close to a return after being named on the extended bench.

Despite the high-profile personnel sitting this one out, the match shapes as an absolute belter. Manly have proven they're not all out at sea without Tom Trbojevic and are in with a huge chance to re-assert their top 4 credentials with a win over the benchmark side of the competition. The character of these two sides that's been shown in recent weeks sets this up as a very close game.

**Who to watch:** It'll be very interesting to see how Cade Cust backs up from his man of the match performance last week. The stand in five-eighth will be looking to impress Des Hasler in the hope of nailing down a permanent promotion. Last week he made 4 tackle breaks, 2-line breaks, a try assist as well as scoring a try of his own. A repeat of that showing will go a long way to Manly winning and Cust becoming a regular feature on team list Tuesday.

The improvement of Panthers lock Isaah Yeo in 2020 has been something to behold. Despite not receiving the same accolades as his forward teammates, Yeo has probably been one of the Panthers most vital players this year and it continued last week. He ran for 170 metres off 19 hit-ups and made 3 tackle breaks as well as a line break. He also made 33 tackles, the most of any Penrith player. After last season for him was riddled with concussions, it's great to see Yeo making a fist of regular first grade appearances.

**Favourite:** The Panthers are favourites to remain at the top of the ladder with a victory against the Sea Eagles.

**My tip:** In front of a TV with the game on or at the ground itself is simply the only place to be on Saturday night. Both sides are understrength, but that has only evened the ledger and the form of the Panthers and the Sea Eagles over the last two weeks has made this a mouth-watering matchup. Logically, the Panthers should come away with the points, however I'm concerned with how they'll cope with the absence of Api Koroisau against a stronger opponent and feel that Manly will be up for this one at home. Couple that with the fact that Penrith haven't lost for 5 weeks and are probably due for one, I can see this game ending in an upset. **Sea Eagles by 6.**

# Canterbury-Bankstown BULLDOGS



# Parramatta EELS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
9	3	14	40	Nick MEANEY	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Clinton GUTHERSON	11	2	12 <sup>+</sup>	33
11	1	-	4	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Maika SIVO	11	11	-	44
2 <sup>#</sup>	-	-	-	Tim LAFAI	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Michael JENNINGS	11	7	-	28
7	2	6	20	Jake AVERILLO	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Waqā BLAKE	11	4	-	16
4	1	-	4	Marcelo MONTOYA	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Blake FERGUSON	10	-	-	-
8	2	-	8	Kieran FORAN	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Dylan BROWN	11	3	-	12
7	1	-	4	Lachlan LEWIS	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Mitchell MOSES	8	2	26 <sup>+</sup>	61
9	1	-	4	Aiden TOLMAN	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	11	1	-	4
11	1	-	4	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Reed MAHONEY	11	2	-	8
11	-	-	-	Dylan NAPA	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Junior PAULO	11	-	-	-
11	-	-	-	Josh JACKSON	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Shaun LANE	11	2	-	8
11	3	-	12	Raymond FAITALA-MARINER	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Ryan MATTERSON	10	3	-	12
9 <sup>*</sup>	3	-	12	Luke THOMPSON	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Nathan BROWN	8	3	-	12
* 2 games for St George Illawarra Dragons												
2	-	-	-	Jack COGGER	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Andrew DAVEY	2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Sione KATOA	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Marata NIUKORE	11	1	-	4
8	-	-	-	Sauaso SUE	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Kane EVANS	5	2	-	8
5	-	-	-	Ofahiki OGDEN	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Oregon KAUFUSI	4	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	Kerrod HOLLAND	<b>19</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Brad TAKAIRANGI	9	-	-	-
11	1	-	4	Renouf TO'OMAGA	<b>20</b>		<b>19</b>	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	3	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Chris SMITH	<b>21</b>		<b>20</b>	David GOWER	3	-	-	-
8	2	-	8	Reimis SMITH	<b>22</b>		<b>21</b>	Will SMITH	-	-	-	-

\* 6 games for St Helens (Super League)

STEVE GEORGALLIS

COACH

BRAD ARTHUR

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RLP MILESTONES Kalyn PONGA (Knights) 50th Knights match, 12 more points for 300 club points; Sione KATOA (Bulldogs) 50th NRL match

# #NRLBulldogsEels

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 2 August 2020
KICKOFF	2:00pm AEST
VENUE	ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Tim ALOUANI-ROBY Liam KENNEDY
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN Bryan NORRIE

# Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 147 matches



At ANZ Stadium: 31 matches, Bulldogs 16, Eels 15

## LAST TEN CLASHES

		CBY 3 - 7 PAR	
2020	Round 1	Eels 8-2	Bankwest
2019	Round 23	Bulldogs 12-6	Bankwest
2019	Round 2	Eels 36-16	ANZ
2018	Round 19	Eels 14-8	ANZ
2018	Round 10	Bulldogs 20-12	ANZ
2017	Round 22	Eels 20-4	ANZ
2017	Round 17	Eels 13-12	ANZ
2016	Round 9	Eels 20-12	ANZ
2016	Round 3	Eels 20-6	ANZ
2015	Round 19	Bulldogs 28-4	ANZ

## BIGGEST WINS

BULLDOGS	42-6	1993 Round 5 at Belmore
EELS	56-4	2005 Round 23 at Parramatta

## CURRENT FORM

BULLDOGS	LLLWLLLLLLW	16th, 4pts
EELS	WWWWLWWLW	3rd, 18pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 13

BULLDOGS (A)	Storm @ Sunshine Coast, Sat 8 Aug 3:00pm
EELS (A)	Sharks @ Netstrata Jubilee, Sun 9 Aug 4:05pm

# Match Preview

with Andrew Jackson

**Two Western Sydney rivals on opposite sides of the ladder battle it out**

The Bulldogs finally broke through for their second win of the year last week against Newcastle. The wet weather in the Hunter perfectly suited the resilient Dogs, who played relatively low-percentage, direct footy on the way to a 18-12 victory.

Their ball handling in tough conditions was particularly impressive and proves that getting the fundamentals right can go a long way to winning games, even against more highly-rated opponents.

The Bulldogs will need to only get better this week though as Parramatta are an even sterner test.

They do welcome former teammate Tim Lafai into the side after he was released from the Dragons to move to his old stomping ground.

Meanwhile, the Eels made sure their brief speedbump against Manly was nothing but an off night after bouncing back with a solid win over the Tigers.

Mitchell Moses successfully made his return from injury and will only continue to build as Parramatta surge towards the finals.

The Eels are a far more cohesive unit in both attack and defence than the one that ran out in the opening round. Then, Parramatta scrapped their way to an 8-2 win over the Bulldogs.

Dylan Brown and Moses hadn't completely iced their combination by that point but the young five-eighth has upped his involvement since while both of Parramatta's edges have continued to also build stronger rapport.

It doesn't bode well for the Bulldogs, who will need to contain a mobile and dynamic Parramatta pack.

**Who to watch:** The battle in the middle may be dictated by the intensity projected by the two lock forwards. Luke Thompson was one of the Bulldogs' big signings for next season but they were handed a massive boost when he was able to instead come to Australia early. His passion and drive to compete has been on display already. The immediate example that springs to mind is the pressure he put on Newcastle's kickers last week as he raced out of the line.

For someone who has only just joined the club, his willingness to put his body on the line is great signs and he shapes as a strong leader moving forward.

On the other side, you have Nathan Brown who has consistently been one of Parramatta's best forwards when not sitting on the sidelines. Brown doesn't just carry the ball up. He sprints up to steam onto passes with an aggression that strikes fear into the opposition. The venom with which he takes hit-ups can literally change the momentum of games as was evidence in his role in their 16-10 comeback win over Penrith.

Look for Brown to make a statement early against the Bulldogs pack.

**Favourite:** Parramatta are well-backed to win this one.

**My tip:** The Bulldogs definitely won't outscore Parramatta so they need to defend their way to victory here if they're to be any chance. Even still, that won't be enough. **Eels by 14.**

# Melbourne STORM



# Newcastle KNIGHTS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
11	4	- <sup>+</sup>	17	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Kalyn PONGA		10	4	29	74
9	7	-	28	Suliasi VUNIVALU	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Enari TUALA		10	4	-	16
5	-	-	-	Marion SEVE	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Tautau MOGA		3	-	-	-
11	1	-	4	Justin OLAM	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Bradman BEST		8	6	-	24
10	8	-	32	Josh ADDO-CARR	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Hymel HUNT		11	3	-	12
9	1	-	4	Cameron MUNSTER	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Kurt MANN		11	5	-	20
9	4	-	16	Jahrome HUGHES	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Mitchell PEARCE		11	2	- <sup>+</sup>	9
9	2	-	8	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	David KLEMMER		11	-	-	-
11	-	49	98	Cameron SMITH	<b>9</b>	HOKKER	<b>9</b>	Chris RANDALL		1	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	Christian WELCH	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Jacob SAIFITI		11	1	-	4
10	1	-	4	Felise KAUFUSI	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Lachlan FITZGIBBON		8	-	-	-
11	1	-	4	Kenneath BROMWICH	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Aidan GUERRA		11	-	-	-
11	1	-	4	Dale FINUCANE	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Mitchell BARNETT		4	1	-	4
9	3	-	12	Brandon SMITH	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Phoenix CROSSLAND		-	-	-	-
11	3	-	12	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Josh KING		-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Albert VETE	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Pasami SAULO		4	-	-	-
6	1	-	4	Tom EISENHUTH	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Herman ESE'ESE		11	-	-	-
4	1	-	4	Ryley JACKS	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Tex HOY		7	1	2	8
1	-	-	-	Nicho HYNES	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>	Jirah MOMOISEA		-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Darryn SCHONIG	<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	Mason LINO		-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	Jesse BROMWICH	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	Mathew CROKER		-	-	-	-

CRAIG BELLAMY

COACH

ADAM O'BRIEN

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PENALTIES

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RLP MILESTONES Phillip SAMI (Titans) 4 more points for 100 club and career points

# #NRLStormKnights

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 2 August 2020
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	Sunshine Coast Stadium Kawana Waters, QLD
WATCH	Nine Network/9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD / BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Dave MUNRO Todd SMITH
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Ben GALEA

## Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 42 matches

27

15

At Sunshine Coast Stadium: first meeting at this venue

## LAST TEN CLASHES MEL 8 - 2 NEW

2020	Round 5	Storm 26-12	Central Coast
2019	Round 14	Storm 34-4	AAMI
2018	Round 15	Storm 28-10	McDonald Jones
2018	Round 6	Storm 40-14	AAMI
2017	Round 24	Storm 44-12	McDonald Jones
2017	Round 13	Storm 40-12	AAMI
2016	Round 19	Storm 20-16	Hunter
2016	Round 5	Storm 18-14	AAMI
2015	Round 24	Knights 20-6	AAMI
2014	Round 22	Knights 32-30	Hunter

## BIGGEST WINS

STORM	52-6	2006 Round 7 at Olympic
KNIGHTS	38-6	2000 Round 2 at Marathon
	48-16	2001 Round 19 at Marathon

## CURRENT FORM

STORM	W W L W W L W W W W	2nd, 18pts
KNIGHTS	W W D W L W L W L W L	6th, 13pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 13

STORM (H)	Bulldogs @ Sunshine Coast, Sat 8 Aug 3:00pm
KNIGHTS (H)	Wests Tigers @ McDonald Jones, Sat 8 Aug 5:30pm

# Match Preview

with Rick Edgerton

**Storm gunning for six in a row as Knights look to bounce back from shock loss.**

In a year that has been like no other, one thing that hasn't changed is the Melbourne Storm's ability to adjust to all that is thrown at them and continue to hum along like the well-oiled machine they are. There were initial concerns in the early weeks of the comp restarting after a couple of losses, but they have since strung together five wins on the bounce including a couple of clinical attacking displays in downing the Titans and Broncos over the past fortnight. Calling the Sunshine Coast home for what looks to be the remainder of the season, the Storm will host their second match at Sunshine Coast Stadium when the Knights roll into town on Sunday afternoon.

Coach Craig Bellamy has been forced into a couple of changes following his sides drubbing of the Broncos last week with centre Brenko Lee (broken hand) and utility back Paul Momirovski (torn finger tendon) picking up injuries. Marion Seve will replace Lee in the starting side with Tom Eisenhuth returning from a hamstring injury on the bench. New Zealand test prop Jesse Bromwich has been named in the reserves as he looks to return from a knee injury.

Whilst on the subject of injuries, the Knights have been left reeling from the season-ending injuries to Andrew McCullough (hamstring) and Connor Watson (Achilles) during their shock loss at home to the Bulldogs last week. Rookie rake Chris Randall has been named to make his second appearance in the top grade after debuting against the Panthers in round three. Another second-gamer replaces Watson on the bench with young half Phoenix Crossland named in the utility position. In a further blow for Adam O'Brien's men, back-rower Sione Mata'utia has been ruled out after limping off with a knee injury late in last week's contest. Veteran Aidan Guerra will slot onto the right edge with Josh King earning his first game of the year on the bench.

After being favoured to break a win-loss sequence dating back to round four last week, the Knights will be desperately hoping that run now continues as they look to bounce back from one of their poorest performances of the year. If they are to be any chance against the Storm juggernaut, they will need to improve their kicking game substantially after another poor performance with the boot last week. Despite running for over 300 metres more than their opposition and breaking 20 more tackles, they failed to build any pressure on their opposition, an area of their game that has so far held them back from being a genuine top four team.

**Who to watch:** A victim of both his utility value and being stuck behind a couple of legends of the game at Melbourne, Jahrome Hughes looks to have nailed down his role in the Storm setup. Playing much of the year at fullback in 2019, Hughes was switched to halfback for the business end of the year and has made the number seven his own this year with some impressive performances. Despite not been a traditional half, Hughes has racked up 9 try assists for the year, but his footwork in and around tired defenders remains one of his greatest strengths resulting in a couple of nice individual tries in recent weeks.

Despite Knights fans being left shattered by the losses of McCullough and Watson, they were quickly given renewed hope as they remembered the cracking debut of Chris Randall against the Panthers in round three who broke the record for most tackles on debut with 71. Only given a train and trial contract when Coach O'Brien arrived in the Hunter for pre-season, Randall worked the joint down to earn a development contract for the season and now has the opportunity to make the number nine his own for the remainder of 2020.

**Favourite:** The Storm are heavily favoured to continue their winning ways against a Knights outfit struggling for consistency.

**My tip:** This looked an enticing contest before the Knights were rolled last weekend and perhaps the Novocastrians were guilty of having one eye on this contest. In their favour, they have done a good job of bouncing back from poor performances this year but even so, they will need a massive turnaround in some key areas of their game if they are to trouble one of the premiers contenders. **Storm by 10.**

## GLEBE-BURWOOD WOLVES v WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES

HENSON PARK · SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020 · 2:00PM

**WOLVES:** 2. Latrell Robinson 3. Addison Demetriou 4. Vito Tevaga 6. Sitiveni Moceidreke 7. Liam Coleman 9. Jackson Garlick 10. Thomas Hazelton 11. Matt Stimson 12. Ethan Natoli 15. Duwayne Mariner (full lineup TBC)

**MAGPIES:** 1. Omar Slaimankhel 2. Nicholas Walker 3. Eli Roberts 4. Josh Minhinnick 5. Ethan Parry 6. Henry Raiwalui 7. Eli Levido 8. Adam Spicer 9. Ryan Pritchard 10. Dayne Vette Welsh 11. Kieran Hayman 12. Elie El Zakhem 16. Brandon Shoveller 21. Carl Winterstein 17. Brad Johnson (full lineup TBC)

## NORTH SYDNEY BEARS v THIRROUL BUTCHERS

NORTH SYDNEY OVAL · SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020 · 2:00PM

**BEARS:** 1. Josh Bermingham 2. Sione Hopoate 3. James Tuitahi 4. Dylan O'Connor 5. Corey Fenning 6. Coby Thomas 7. Tobias Westcott 8. Ben Thomas 9. Brad Dietz 10. Elia Faatui 11. Jacob Preston 12. Harrison Edwards 13. Thomas Freebairn 14. Josh Daley 15. Brae Verheyen 16. Connagh Takairangi 17. Tagiolupe Tivalu

**BUTCHERS:** 1. Leigh Higgins 2. Dane Francis 3. Hayden Crossland 4. Cooper Bowen 5. Scott Galeano 6. Ryan Fletcher 7. Jack Payne 8. Riley Lord 9. Connor Muhleisen 10. Tim Grant 11. Luke Dodge 12. Jack Noble 13. Damian Sironen 15. Julian Flego 16. Harry Leddy 17. Nelson Sharp 18. Chris Slater-Raptis

## DUBBO CYMS v WESTERN RAMS

APEX OVAL, DUBBO · SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020 · 2:00PM

**CYMS:** 1. Tony Pellow 2. Noah Ryan 3. Jyie Chapman 4. Joshua Toole 5. Sam Simmons 6. Alex Bonham 7. Bayden Searle 8. Jack Quinn 9. Isaac Thompson 10. Jack Quinn 11. Jayson Bukuya 12. Billy Sing 13. Jarryn Powyer 14. Wade Kavanagh 16. Mark Merritt 17. Brody Chapman

**RAMS:** 1. Lachlan Munro 4. Jesse Wighton 5. Mackenzie Atkins 6. Mitch Burke 7. Harry Siejka 8. Liam Henry 9. Jack Beasley 11. Bailey Hartwig 12. Jordan Pope 13. Jake Betts 14. Ryan Foran-griffin 16. Bradley Fearnley 17. Jed Betts 18. Nathan Ward

## HILLS BULLS v MAITLAND PICKERS

CRESTWOOD OVAL · SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 · 3:00PM

**BULLS:** 1. Shannon Gardiner 2. Kitione Vikash 3. Shane Kiel 4. Matthew Whyte 5. Zac Chong-Nee 6. Lazarus Brown 7. Adam Fearnley 8. Taniela Lasalo 9. Joel Bradford 10. Tim Robinson 11. Daniel Harrison 12. Dean Matterson 13. Jerry Key 14. Luke Hodge 15. Matthew Whyte 17. Sean Walpole

**PICKERS:** 1. Daniel Langbridge 2. Elijah Rasiga 4. Gary Anderson 5. Willis Alatini 6. Chad O'donnell 7. Brock Lamb 8. James Taylor 9. Alex Langbridge 10. Jayden Butterfield 12. Henry Penn 13. Samuel Anderson 14. Ben Ireland 15. Faitotoa Faitotoa 16. Gary Anderson 18. Callan Burgess

**BYE: WESTS DEVILS**

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY v WENTWORTHVILLE UNITED

HENSON PARK · SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 · 11:30AM

**UNIVERSITY:** 1. Kieran Wyld 3. Lorenzo Mulitalo 4. Jonah Ngaronoa 5. Alvin Maungatti 14. Josh Natoli 7. Jordan Chongsun 8. Khalil Rahme 9. Ben Jackson 10. Maylee Semu 12. Jack Boyling 29. Stefano Totidis 30. Joel Kingham (full lineup TBC)

**WENTY:** 1. Cameron Hall 2. Obed Karwhin 4. Siaosi Sisifa 5. Sam Kharwin 6. Sam Carusi 8. Feao Lavemai 20. Brad Johnson 11. Josiah Tamasi 12. Evander Swann 13. Awishkar Gnyawali 14. Lewis Habkook 15. Tahanui Tutavake 18. Shaiquan Terekia (full lineup TBC)

## HILLS BULLS v EAST CAMPBELLTOWN EAGLES

CRESTWOOD OVAL · SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 · 1:00PM

**BULLS:** 1. Anthony Layoun 2. Noah Smith 3. Kaylen Miller 4. Kyle Cassel 5. Daylen Meredith 6. Jesse Parker 7. Nicholas Holliday 8. Bruce Ward 9. Mitch Hyde 10. Tyrone Faulkner 11. Jake Brennan 12. David Baumann 13. Sean Walpole 14. Rhys Scigliatano 16. Lennox Whittaker 17. Mitchell Newton

**EAGLES:** 1. Bailey Hughes 19. Sakaraia Ratuvou 16. Theo Leato 8. Thomas Morrison 22. Eti Tavui 11. Tevita Alifa 15. Luke Williams 14. Dean Robson 17. Aaron Teraki 21. Felix Smith (full lineup TBC)

## MOOREBANK RAMS v RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS

HAMMONDVILLE OVAL · SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 · 3:00PM

**RAMS:** 21. Zachary Rumble 2. Mosese Vuki 3. Iverson Fuatimau 4. Kurtis Lamaro 5. Laitia Moceidreke 6. James Valevatu 7. Christian Urso 23. Mosese Pope 9. Ryan Gray 10. Jason Tuulau 11. Chance Te Atua 12. Elvis John Oloaga 13. Kurtis Morrin 14. Jordan Mcgrath 15. Joshua Kalati 16. Vikilifi Hopoi 18. Jaycob Oloaga 19. Josh Schofield

**HAWKS:** 1. Joshua Rizk 2. Bradley Cousins 3. Angelo Panambalama 4. Reggie Alofipo 5. Joshua Boumelhem 6. Adam Rizk 7. Mitchell Gray 8. Langi Suli-Ruka 9. Blake Layton 10. Edward Carter 11. Abdalla Matar 12. Tyler Seymour 13. Angus McElroy 15. Callum Ellis 16. Benjamin Fisiilose 18. Suliasi Suli 19. Zac Vella

## BELROSE EAGLES v CRONULLA-CARINGBAH

LIONEL WATTS RESERVE · SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 · 3:00PM

**EAGLES:** 2. Jonathon Palau 3. Andrew Halstead 5. Beau Abrahams 6. William Kelly 7. Zachary Nicholls 8. Steven Tavita 9. Judd Hanlon 10. Ilija Radan 12. Joshua Martin 13. Jamie Buhner 16. Giuseppe Plati 17. Daniel Martin 18. Issac Tremli (full lineup TBC)

**SHARKS:** 1. Callum Tutauha 2. Bradley Whettters 3. Brent Anderson 4. Dj Purcell 5. Wiremu Peters 6. Bronson Garlick 7. Penani Manumalealii 8. Tokerau Raru 9. Michael Lichaa 10. Hayden Fepuleai 11. Hayden Fepuleai 12. Rewi Brown 13. Jeremy Saville 14. Dane Malone 15. Corey Jefferys 16. Richard Irwin 17. Nona Rea Pittman 18. Nesiasi Mataitonga 19. Ryan King 24. Joey Tramontana 25. Paul Mcclory

**BYE: HELENSBURGH**



## SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS v WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES

ERSKINEVILLE OVAL · SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020 · 12:00PM

**RABBITOHS:** 1. Tahlia Hunter 2. Taleena Simon 3. Nakia Davis-Welsh 4. Monique Donovan 5. Emma Dennison 6. Sarah Field 7. Arabella Mckenzie 8. Ellie Johnston 9. Janaya Bent 10. Christine Pauli 11. Shaylee Bent 12. Nikita Wilson 13. Kyla Gordon 14. Katie Brown 15. Zali Dymock 16. Alexis Mavrantonis 17. Rikka Lamb 18. Grace Uluiburotu 19. Nellie Bell 20. Crystal Overton 21. Ayesha Flood

**MAGPIES:** 2. Priscilla Younes 1. Amy Quye 16. Kayla Sauvao 6. Sereana Naitokatoka 7. Chelsea Peyroux 21. Tommaya Kelly-Sines 15. Hayley Tipene 11. Amelia Mafi 9. Mikayla Malaki 17. Nicole Kennedy 18. Tara Mcgrath-west 8. Emma-marie Young (full lineup TBC)

## NORTH SYDNEY BEARS v CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

NORTH SYDNEY OVAL #2 · SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020 · 12:00PM

**BEARS:** 1. Shanice Parker 2. Pier Pritchard 3. Shontelle Stowers 4. Shenai Lendill 5. Tyla Gambell 6. Kirra Dibb 7. Sabrina Green 8. Monique Moale 9. Nita Maynard 10. Aliti Namocce 11. Losena Qiolevu 12. Josephine Maejiirs 13. Caitlin Keefe 14. Sera Kaukiono 15. Chloe Leaupepe 17. Talesha Quinn 18. Alanah Boota 19. Mary Taupau 20. Eunice Grimes

**BULLDOGS:** 1. Haneen Zreika 2. Leanne Toomalatai 3. Josephine Bee 4. Rikeya Horne 5. Abbi Church 6. Emily Rains 7. Quincy Dodd 8. Stephanie Ball 9. Renee Targett 10. Maddison Weatherall 11. Aaliyah Fasavalu-Faamausili 12. Sarah Togatuki 13. Samantha Economos 15. Grace Clarke 16. Temukisa Ioane 17. Jamilee Bright 19. Josephine Lenaz

## CENTRAL COAST ROOSTERS v WESTS TIGERS

MORRY BREEN OVAL · SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 · 11:30AM

**ROOSTERS:** 1. Isabelle Kelly 2. Yasmin Meakes 3. Jayme Fressard 4. Alicia Martin 5. Brydie Parker 6. Bobbi Law 7. Melanie Howard 8. Madeline Jones 9. Kylie Hilder 10. Caitlan Johnston 11. Jocelyn Kelleher 12. Olivia Kernick 13. Hannah Southwell 14. Olivia Higgins 15. Claire Reed 16. Britney Duff 17. Keilee Joseph 18. Tazmyne Luschwitz

**WESTS TIGERS:** 1. Botille Vette-Welsh 2. Ana Fekeila 21. Tia Cook 4. Simone Karpani 5. Teagan Toa Toa 6. Raecene McGregor 7. Emily Curtain 8. Awhina Akuhata 14. Naomi Kara 10. Kina Hanisi 17. Taylor Osborne 12. Teleah Waitoa 13. Sophie Curtain 9. Tyler Pelligra 11. Lakeisha Tipene 19. Stephanie Wilson 15. Kina Hanisi 18. Christian Pio 24. Christine Kani

## BYE: CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

## NSWRL RESULTS

### PRESIDENT'S CUP - ROUND 2

**Hills 16** (Shannon Gardiner 2, Dean Matterson tries; Shannon Gardiner 2 goals) def

**Wentworthville 10** (Henry Raiwalui, Ethan Parry tries; Kieran Hayman 1 goal) at Ringrose Park

**Glebe-Burwood 16** (Addison Demetriou 2 tries; 1 tryscorer TBC; Addison Demetriou 2 goals) def **North Sydney 12** (Edenn Rogers-Smith, Corey Fenning tries; 1 tryscorer TBC) at Henson Park

**Wests Devils 12** (Mitchell Barbuto, Mitchell Porter tries; Mitchell Porter 2 goals) def **Western Rams 0** at Sid Parrish Park, Unanderra

**Maitland Pickers 28** (Alex Langbridge, Chad O'Donnell, Faitotoa Faitotoa tries; 2 tryscorers TBC; 4 goals, scorer TBC) def **Dubbo CYMS 0** at Maitland Sports Ground

BYE: **Thirroul Butchers**

### LADDER

**Pickers 4, Bulls 4, Butchers 4, Wolves 4, Bears 2, Devils 2, Magpies 0, Rams 0, CYMS 0**

### SYDNEY SHIELD - ROUND 2

**Belrose 36** (Andrew Halstead 2, Daniel Martin 2, Steven Tavita tries; 1 tryscorer TBC; Will Kelly 6 goals) def **Sydney Uni 18** (Jordan Chong Sun 2, Khalil Rahme tries; Ben Jackson 3 goals) at Henson Park

**Ryde-Eastwood 28** (Angelo Panambalana 2, Brad Cousins, Josh Rizk tries; 1 tryscorer TBC; Josh Rizk 3, Angelo Panambalana 1 goals) def **Helensburgh 4** (1 tryscorer TBC) at Rex Jackson Oval

**Hills 22** (David Baumann 2, Daylen Meredith, Noah Smith tries; Mitch Hyde 3 goals) def **Wenty Utd 6** (1 tryscorer TBC; Siao Sisifa 1 goal) at Ringrose Park

**Moorebank 28** (Kurtis Morrin 2, Chance Te Atua, Zachary Rmble, Jason Tuulau tries; Declan Casey 4 goals) def **East Campbelltown 18** (Theo Leato try; 2 tryscorers TBC; 3 goalkickers TBC) at Waminda Oval  
BYE: **Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks**

### LADDER

**Hawks 4, Sharks 4, Belrose 3, Rams 3, Bulls 2, Uni 2, ECE 1, Wenty 1, Tigers 0**

### HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP - ROUND 2

**Cronulla-Sutherland 18** (Jaime Chapman, Kiana Takairangi, Corban McGregor tries; 1 tryscorer TBC; Corban McGregor 1 goal) def **North Sydney 10** (2 tryscorers, 1 goalkicker TBC) at Cronulla High School

**Central Coast 32** (Yasmin Meakes, Brydie Parker, Jayme Fressard, Olivia Higgins, Mel Howard tries; 1 tryscorer TBC; Mel Howard 4 goals) def **South Sydney 8** (Janaya Bent try; 1 tryscorer TBC) at Morry Breen Oval

**Canterbury-Bankstown 14** (Rikeya Horne, Josephine Bee tries; 1 tryscorer TBC; 1 goalkicker TBC) def **Wentworthville 4** (Priscilla Younes try) at Ringrose Park

BYE: **Wests Tigers**

### LADDER

**Roosters 4, Sharks 4, Tigers 3, Bulldogs 2, Rabbitohs 2, Bears 1, Magpies 0**

# 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 Super 6-20  
Roosters v Sea Eagles Leichhardt 8-9  
Sharks v Storm Kogarah 10-12  
Tigers v Knights Leichhardt 24-42  
Titans v Eels Cbus Super 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  
Sea Eagles v Bulldogs Gosford 32-6

### ROUND 4

Thu 7:50pm  
Fri 6:00pm  
Fri 7:55pm  
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 Sea Eagles 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

Sea Eagles 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 Sea Eagles 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  
Sea Eagles v Sharks Gosford 22-40  
Bulldogs v Tigers Bankwest 6-34

### ROUND 8

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

### 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 Super 10-40  
Warriors v Broncos Gosford 26-16  
Tigers v Panthers Bankwest 12-19  
Sea Eagles v Knights Lottoland 12-14  
Bulldogs v Rabbitohs Bankwest 10-26

### ROUND 9

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

### JULY 9-12

Cowboys v Roosters Townsville 16-42  
Titans v Warriors Cbus Super 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 Sea Eagles Kogarah 34-4

### ROUND 10

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

### JULY 16-19

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

### ROUND 11

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

### JULY 23-26

Eels v Tigers Bankwest 26-16  
Cowboys v Sea Eagles 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 Super 14-22

### ROUND 12

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

### JULY 30-AUGUST 2

Dragons v Rabbitohs Netstrata Jubilee Stadium  
Tigers v Warriors Sydney Cricket Ground  
Broncos v Sharks Suncorp Stadium  
Roosters v Titans Sydney Cricket Ground  
Cowboys v Raiders QLD Country Bank Stadium  
Sea Eagles v Panthers Lottoland  
Bulldogs v Eels ANZ Stadium  
Storm v Knights Sunshine Coast Stadium

All matches except Grand Final & Origin broadcast live on Fox League & Kayo Sports. Matches at Thu 7:50pm, Fri 7:55pm and Sun 4:05pm, plus all Finals, Grand Final and Origin broadcast live on Nine Network & 9Now

**ROUND 13**

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

**AUGUST 6-9**

Dragons v Roosters WIN Stadium  
 Sea Eagles v Warriors Lottoland  
 Rabbitohs v Broncos ANZ Stadium  
 Storm v Bulldogs Sunshine Coast Stadium  
 Knights v Tigers McDonald Jones Stadium  
 Panthers v Raiders Panthers Stadium  
 Titans v Cowboys Cbus Super Stadium  
 Sharks v Eels Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

**ROUND 14**

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 13-16**

Roosters v Storm Sydney Cricket Ground  
 Warriors v Panthers Central Coast Stadium  
 Eels v Dragons Bankwest Stadium  
 Sharks v Titans Netstrata Jubilee Stadium  
 Cowboys v Rabbitohs QLD Country Bank Stadium  
 Raiders v Broncos GIO Stadium Canberra  
 Tigers v Bulldogs Bankwest Stadium  
 Knights v Sea Eagles McDonald Jones Stadium

**ROUND 15**

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

**AUGUST 20-23**

Eels v Storm Bankwest Stadium  
 Panthers v Sharks Panthers Stadium  
 Broncos v Dragons Suncorp Stadium  
 Titans v Raiders Cbus Super Stadium  
 Tigers v Roosters Venue TBC  
 Rabbitohs v Sea Eagles ANZ Stadium  
 Bulldogs v Warriors ANZ Stadium  
 Knights v Cowboys McDonald Jones Stadium

**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 Bankwest Stadium  
 Dragons v Titans Venue TBC  
 Roosters v Broncos Sydney Cricket Ground  
 Warriors v Knights Venue TBC  
 Sharks v Cowboys Netstrata Jubilee Stadium  
 Panthers v Tigers Panthers Stadium  
 Storm v Sea Eagles Venue TBC  
 Raiders v Bulldogs GIO Stadium Canberra

**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 Suncorp Stadium  
 Knights v Sharks McDonald Jones Stadium  
 Rabbitohs v Storm ANZ Stadium  
 Cowboys v Dragons QLD Country Bank Stadium  
 Sea Eagles v Tigers Lottoland  
 Raiders v Roosters GIO Stadium Canberra  
 Warriors v Eels Venue TBC  
 Bulldogs v Titans ANZ Stadium

**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 Venue TBC  
 Bulldogs v Sea Eagles ANZ Stadium  
 Panthers v Eels Panthers Stadium  
 Dragons v Raiders Venue TBC  
 Titans v Broncos Cbus Super Stadium  
 Roosters v Knights Sydney Cricket Ground  
 Storm v Cowboys Venue TBC  
 Sharks v Warriors Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

**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 ANZ Stadium  
 Cowboys v Panthers QLD Country Bank Stadium  
 Eels v Broncos Bankwest Stadium  
 Sea Eagles v Titans Lottoland  
 Storm v Tigers Venue TBC  
 Roosters v Sharks Sydney Cricket Ground  
 Raiders v Warriors GIO Stadium Canberra  
 Knights v Dragons McDonald Jones Stadium

**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 Suncorp Stadium  
 Titans v Knights Cbus Super Stadium  
 Rabbitohs v Roosters ANZ Stadium  
 Bulldogs v Panthers ANZ Stadium  
 Sharks v Raiders Netstrata Jubilee Stadium  
 Tigers v Eels Venue TBC  
 Warriors v Sea Eagles Venue TBC  
 Dragons v Storm Venue TBC

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

Day/Time TBC  
 Day/Time TBC  
 Day/Time TBC  
 Day/Time TBC

**OCTOBER 2-4**

QF 1 1 v 4  
 QF 2 2 v 3  
 EF 1 5 v 8  
 EF 2 6 v 7

**Qualifying & Elimination Finals**

Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC

**WEEK 2**

Day/Time TBC  
 Day/Time TBC

**OCTOBER 9-10**

SF 1 L QF 1 v W EF 1  
 SF 2 L QF 2 v W EF 2

**Semi Finals**

Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC

**WEEK 3**

Day/Time TBC  
 Day/Time TBC

**OCTOBER 16-17**

PF 1 W QF 1 v W SF 2  
 PF 2 W QF 2 v W SF 1

**Preliminary Finals**

Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC

**GRAND FINAL**

Sun, Time TBC

**OCTOBER 25**

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Venue TBC

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

Wed

**NOVEMBER 4**

QLD v NSW

Venue TBC

**GAME 2**

Wed

**NOVEMBER 11**

NSW v QLD

Venue TBC

**WOMEN'S**

Fri

**NOVEMBER 13**

NSW v QLD

Venue TBC

**GAME 3**

Wed

**NOVEMBER 18**

QLD v NSW

Venue TBC

The NRL draw is subject to change. Latest updates to the draw can be found at [NRL.com](http://NRL.com) or [LeagueUnlimited.com](http://LeagueUnlimited.com).

# Anatomy of a locked-down Super League double-header

by Steve Mascord

**“WRONG!”** Huddersfield fan John Beaumont said on Facebook last Tuesday when he saw our historic cover.

“Huddersfield played Dewsbury behind closed doors in 1904 due to smallpox outbreak in Dewsbury.”

What an amazing era we live in, one in which a member of the public can correct the cover of a publication before it is published and then I can write about the event in that very publication.

But the eminent rugby league historian Tony Collins says John is on half right. “Only Huddersfield club members were allowed in, but no general admission,” Tony told me by, you guessed it, social media.

It's one of those amazing co-incidences that you get in sport - the last club to play (kind of) behind closed doors, 116 years ago, is involved again this time.

So our cover (for English print readers - there's a different one online) is right, depending on what your definition of “behind closed doors” might be. We decided to ask Leeds chief executive Gary Hetherington, who is hosting Sunday's St Helens-Catalans and Huddersfield-Leeds matches, exactly what that means for him.

## The Front Row: Why Headingley, Gary?

**Gary Hetherington:** “We've just had this £43 million redevelopment, a brand new South Stand, with brand new facilities, a brand new main stand with all new facilities including six changing rooms in total. The thing that is really paramount is it becomes what they call a bio-centre. Every part that's going to be in use is actually sterilised and there's a strict protocol as to who can go in there and who can't go in and their movement. It's a huge undertaking. Headingley, in that respect because it's got so many new facilities, is a pretty easy stadium to manage. We have a management team who are used to ... not dealing with this because it's new to everybody .. but they are dealing with significant

events and events where security is required like international Test matches and so-on. We were quite well equipped to be able to be able to deal with it. It's proven to be a real military operation. With it being the first event, all eyes are on it and it's crucial that every part of it is dealt with properly.”

**TFR:** What are some of the restrictions? How many people will be inside the ground on Sunday?

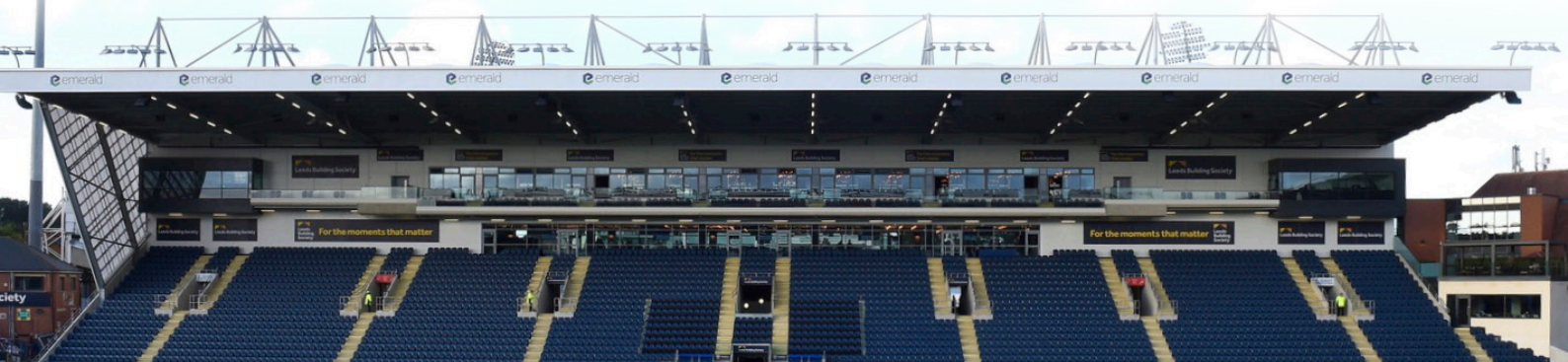
**GH:** “There's not a cap on the numbers but everyone at the ground on Sunday will have a role. There's something like 230-odd people in total. That's the players, the staff, there'll be a big presence from the media and particularly Sky Television. Everybody's actually got a role and even though it's two games one after the other, they're both dealt with separately so people in the first game come for the first game and leave within 15 minutes of it finishing. The people coming for the second game only arrive 10 or 15 minutes before it starts and then leave pretty much straight afterwards. Only the authorised people, which is the players and the coaching staff, are allowed in the changing room areas. Nobody else is allowed in there. It's all been very tightly managed security-wise. Everybody in the ground is accredited and there was quite a complicated accreditation process, a form to fill in to gain accreditation and everything will be under the microscope.”

**TRF:** How many weeks do you expect Headingley to be hosting games like this?

**GH:** “We've got the first two weeks, Sunday and the following week we've got all five games over Saturday and Sunday, all televised. Then, on the third week, the games are being held at St Helens. There's only three stadiums, which is Leeds, St Helens and Warrington have been chosen to host games. We're planning to be behind closed doors until the end of August and then, dependent on more government guidelines, we'll see what happens in September.”

**TRF:** What happens if a player tests positive - at training or on game day? Does the comp shut down?

**GH:** “It's like a military procedure. There's no training at Headingley at all. I don't think so, anyway, in terms of warm-ups and so-on, there's a process. Literally there's a process for everything. There'll be nothing done randomly. (If there is a positive) they would be in isolation. There is a procedure for that but, no, that wouldn't close the competition. Once again, that's all been dealt with. All our players have been back in training now for three weeks. They get tested every week and they get temperature tested every day they're coming to training. I'm not aware that in rugby league there's been any positive cases at all. I don't think there has. But there is a process should there be one.”



# League Table

2020 Betfred Super League standings as at season resumption

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Wigan Warriors	6	4	2	0	140	82	58	8
2	Castleford Tigers	6	4	2	0	130	94	36	8
3	Huddersfield Giants	5	4	1	0	88	78	10	8
4	Leeds Rhinos	4	3	1	0	114	48	66	6
5	Catalans Dragons	4	3	1	0	112	93	19	6
6	Warrington Wolves	6	3	3	0	84	82	2	6
7	Hull FC	7	3	4	0	145	176	-31	6
8	St Helens	5	2	3	0	104	85	19	4
9	Wakefield Trinity	5	2	3	0	93	109	-16	4
10	Salford Red Devils	6	1	5	0	70	148	-78	2
11	Hull KR	6	1	5	0	84	169	-85	2

**Note:** Toronto Wolfpack withdrew from competition - all results and scores expunged.

## The scoresheet

Scores, scorers, match details from Round 7

**Warrington Wolves 38** (Blake Austin 2, Gareth Widdop 2, Ben Murdoch-Masila, Anthony Gelling, Tom Lineham tries; Stefan Ratchford 4, Gareth Widdop 1 goals) def **Hull FC 4** (Kieran Buchanan try). Venue: KCOM Stadium; Date: Thursday 12 March 2020, 7:45pm BST; Crowd: 10,214. Referee: Chris Kendall; Sideline Officials: Mark Craven, Liam Moore; Video Referee: Robert Hicks

**Salford Red Devils 18** (Niall Evalds 2, Kevin Brown tries; Tui Lolohea 3 goals) def **Wigan Warriors 14** (Sam Powell, Jackson Hastings tries; Chris Hankinson 3 goals). Venue: AJ Bell Stadium; Date: Friday 13 March 2020, 7:45pm BST; Crowd: 4,796. Referee: James Child; Sideline Officials: Tom Grant, Scott Mikalauskas; Video Referee: Chris Kendall

**Castleford Tigers 28** (Jake Trueman, Cheyse Blair, Derrell Opherts 2, Peter Mata'utia tries; Danny Richardson 4 goals) def **St Helens 14** (Luke Thompson, Jack Welsby, Tommy Makinson tries; Tommy Makinson 1 goal). Venue: Mend-A-Hose Jungle; Date: Sunday 15 March 2020, 3:00pm BST; Crowd: 7,268. Referee: Liam Moore; Sideline Officials: Dean Bowmer, Marcus Griffiths

### Matches postponed

Wakefield Trinity v Huddersfield Giants (The Mobile Rocket Stadium) - Challenge Cup rescheduling  
Catalans Dragons v Leeds Rhinos (Stade Gilbert Brutus) - COVID-19 restrictions

## Stats leaders

after as at season restart

### TOP TRYSKORERS

1	<b>Ben CROOKS (ROVERS)</b>	7
2	Ken SIO (Devils)	6
	Darrell OLPHERTS (Tigers)	6
4	Niall EVALDS (Devils)	5
	Tom JOHNSTONE (Wolves)	5

### TOP GOALKICKERS

1	<b>Danny RICHARDSON (Tigers)</b>	27
2	Zak HARDAKER (Warriors)	23
	Marc SNEYD (Hull FC)	23
4	Stefan RATCHFORD (Wolves)	20
	James MALONEY (Dragons)	18

### TOP POINTSCORERS

1	<b>Danny RICHARDSON (Tigers)</b>	58
2	Marc SNEYD (Hull FC)	53
3	Zak HARDAKER (Warriors)	46
4	Stefan RATCHFORD (Wolves)	44
	James MALONEY (Dragons)	40

St  
**HELENS**



Catalans  
**DRAGONS**

Lachlan COOTE	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	David MEAD
Tommy MAKINSON	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	Lewis TIERNEY
Kevin NAIQAMA	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Samisoni LANGI
Mark PERCIVAL	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	Israel FOLAU
Regan GRACE	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	Fouad YAHA
Jonny LOMAX	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	James MALONEY
Theo FAGES	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	Josh DRINKWATER
Alex WALMSLEY	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	Rémi CASTY
James ROBY	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	Michael MCILORUM
Zeb TAIA	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	Sam MOA
Dominique PEYROUX	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	Matt WHITLEY
Louie MCCARTHY-SCARSBROOK	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	Joel TOMKINS
Morgan KNOWLES	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	Benjamin GARCIA
Matty LEES	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	Julian BOUSQUET
Kyle AMOR	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	Mickael SIMON
Jack ASHWORTH	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	Tom DAVIES
Joseph PAULO	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	Benjamin JULIEN
Aaron SMITH	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	Alix DA COSTA
James BENTLEY	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	Mickael GOUDEMANT
Matty COSTELLO	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	Lucas ALBERT
Jack WELSBY	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	Paul SÉGUIER
Joe BATCHELOR	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	Arthur ROMANO
Josh EAVES	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	Antoni MARIA
Callum HAZZARD	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	Jason BAITIERI
Josh SIMM	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	Arthur MOURGUE
Lewis DODD	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	Gavin MARGUERITE
Nico RIZZELLI	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	Sam KASIANO
Matthew FOSTER	<b>29</b>		
Tom NISBET	<b>30</b>		
Jake WINGFIELD	<b>31</b>		
James GRAHAM	<b>32</b>		

Kristian WOOLF

COACH

Steve MCNAMARA

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## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 2 August 2020
KICKOFF	4:15pm BST
VENUE	Emerald Headingley Stadium, Leeds
WATCH	Sky Sports Arena

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ben THALER
SIDELINE OFFICIALS	Liam MOORE, Mark CRAVEN
VIDEO REFEREE	James CHILD

### RLP MILESTONES

**Dominique PEYROUX (St Helens)**  
150th career game (incl NRL and Challenge Cup)

**Regan GRACE (St Helens)**  
3 more tries to reach 50 for club and career  
and 200 points for his club and career

## Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

### HEAD TO HEAD: 33 matches

20

13

At Emerald Headingley Stadium: first meeting at this venue

### LAST TEN MEETINGS STH 7 - 3 CAT

2019	Round 13	St.Helens 50-14	Totally Wicked
2019	Round 9	Catalans 18-10	Gilbert Brutus
2018	Super 8's R4	St Helens 26-22	Gilbert Brutus
2018	Round 14	St Helens 26-12	Totally Wicked
2018	Round 2	St Helens 21-12	Gilbert Brutus
2017	Round 22	St Helens 46-28	Totally Wicked
2017	Round 5	St Helens 28-24	Gilbert Brutus
2016	Super 8's R2	St Helens 39-16	Totally Wicked
2016	Round 18	Catalans 33-16	Gilbert Brutus
2016	Round 11	Catalans 30-12	Totally Wicked

### BIGGEST WINS

ST HELENS	53-10	2007 Round 10 at Knowsley Road
DRAGONS	42-0	2014 Round 16 at Gilbert Brutus

### CURRENT FORM

ST HELENS	W L W W L L	8th, 4pts
DRAGONS	L W W W	5th, 6pts

### NEXT UP - ROUND 8

ST HELENS (A)	Rhinos @ Headingley, Sun 9 Aug 6:30pm
DRAGONS	Tigers @ Headingley, Sat 8 Aug 4:15pm

# Match Preview

## with Steve Mascord

**THE Lockdown has been extremely kind to St Helens - unless, of course, you include losing England's best player to the NRL.**

But even there, Kristian Woolf's side has regain one of the club's favourite sons, James Graham, in exchange for Canterbury-domiciled Luke Thompson.

At times during the opening seven weeks of the season, the beaten World Club Championship finalists seemed to be floundering. Fullback Lachlan Coote was injured in the opening match of the season while international centre Mark Percival suffered a shoulder injury requiring surgery. Then there was the fact that hooker James Roby, winger Tommy Makinson and lock Morgan Knowles were already sidelined through injury.

In preparing for Sunday's clash with Catalans at Headingley Stadium, Woolf has his entire squad available for selection.

He told the St Helens Star: "Our biggest issue before lockdown was that we had a fair bit of carry-over fatigue.

"A number of guys played internationals and had a short lead into the season. I think we also underestimated the impact of the World Club Challenge.

"That is something that the COVID period has given us a chance to get rid of. There is no more of that underlying fatigue."

Nevertheless, the champions lie in eighth position on a table revamped by the removal of Toronto, having dropped three from seven matches.

Catalans had three consecutive wins, clocking up 100 points, before the lockdown. They have receive a pre-match boost for Sunday by announcing seven home games for the coming months.

The run starts on September 7 with Leeds Rhinos entertained and continues to September 5 against St Helens. The French government will allow a maximum of 5000 people inside Stade Gilbert Brutus but, of course, everything is subject to change.

The Dragons have recently agreed a new domestic TV deal with L'Equipe.

Winger Tom Davies seems set to make his debut after breaking an ankle against the same opponents 16 months ago.

**Who to watch:** James Graham's chief benefit, it could be argued, will come when crowds are allowed back into stadia. He's at the back end of his career now and the boots he is filling belonged to the finest current British player. But his statesmanship and competitiveness don't need a live audience. If Saints are to bounce back from a so-so start to the season, he'll be at the forefront.

One man who may be grateful for the absence of a crowd is Catalans centre Israel Folau. His was the most controversial of signings this year and he often encountered jeers away from home for his much-publicised social media postings. But he was - if he's excuse the pun - a Hell of a player before COVID hit and if Catalans are to cause an upset he'll be at the forefront.

**Favourites:** Saints are favourites by virtue of the match being England and them having a clean bill of health.

**My tip:** This is a wonderful opportunity for Catalans to make a statement about the rest of the season and what they can achieve. St Helens were wobbly earlier and have lost their best player. Catalans should be on the rise, if form before the break counts for anything. But are their infamous wobbles away from home a thing of the past? Sadly, I think not. **Saints** in a tight one.

# Huddersfield GIANTS



# Leeds RHINOS

Ashton GOLDING	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Tom BRISCOE
Jermaine MCGILLVARY	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	Harry NEWMAN
Jordan TURNER	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	Konrad HURRELL
Darnell MCINTOSH	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	Ash HANDLEY
Lee GASKELL	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	Robert LUI
Aiden SEZER	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	Luke GALE
James GAVET	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI
Adam O'BRIEN	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	Kruise LEEMING
Suaia MATAI	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	Matt PRIOR
Kenny EDWARDS	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	Alex MELLOR
Joe WARDLE	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	Rhyse MARTIN
Michael LAWRENCE	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	Brad DWYER
Matty ENGLISH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	Liam SUTCLIFFE
Oliver WILSON	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	Richie MYLER
Aaron MURPHY	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	Adam CUTHBERTSON
Ukuma TA'AI	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	Dom CROSBY
Leroy CUDJOE	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	Mikolaj OŁĘDZKI
Tom HOLMES	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	Rhys EVANS
Oliver RUSSELL	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	Cameron SMITH
Louis SENIOR	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	Callum MCLELLAND
Innes SENIOR	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	Luke BRISCOE
Sam HEWITT	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	James DONALDSON
Sam WOOD	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	Alex SUTCLIFFE
Adam WALNE	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	Sam WALTERS
Jon Luke KIRBY	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	Tom HOLROYD
Reiss BUTTERWORTH	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	Muizz MUSTAPHA
Chester BUTLER	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	Tyler DUPREE
Owen TROUT	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	Jarrold O'CONNOR
Dominic YOUNG	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	Jack BROADBENT
		<b>36</b>	Corey HALL

Simon WOOLFORD

COACH

Richard AGAR



# #SLHudLee

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 2 August 2020
KICKOFF	6:30pm BST
VENUE	Emerald Headingley Stadium, Leeds
WATCH	Sky Sports Arena

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Robert HICKS
SIDELINE OFFICIALS	Jack SMITH, Tony MARTIN
VIDEO REFEREE	Chris KENDALL

### RLP MILESTONES

Jordan TURNER (GIANTS)

1 more point for 400 career points

Jermaine MCGILLVARY (GIANTS)

250th game for Huddersfield

## Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 47 matches

12

3

32

At Emerald Headingley Stadium: 21 matches, Giants 6, Rhinos 15

## LAST TEN MEETINGS HUD 4 - 1 - 5 LEE

2019	Round 24	Rhinos 44-0	John Smith's
2019	Round 11	Rhinos 38-18	Headingley
2018	Round 17	Giants 25-18	Headingley
2018	Round 8	22-all draw	John Smith's
2017	Super 8's R7	Rhinos 36-12	John Smith's
2017	Round 12	Giants 31-12	Headingley
2017	Round 6	Rhinos 28-12	John Smith's
2016	Super 8's R6	Giants 22-14	John Smith's
2016	Round 13	Giants 28-20	John Smith's
2016	Round 4	Rhinos 20-16	Headingley

## BIGGEST WINS

GIANTS	38-6	2011 Round 10 at Headingley
RHINOS	86-6	1999 Round 19 at Headingley

## CURRENT FORM

GIANTS	W W W L W	3rd, 8pts
RHINOS	L W W W W	4th, 6pts

## NEXT UP - ROUND 8

RHINOS (H) St Helens @ Headingley, Sun 9 Aug 6:30pm

## NEXT UP - ROUND 9

GIANTS Wolves @ Totally Wicked, Sat 15 Aug 1:00pm

# Match Preview

## with Steve Mascord

WHILE you were trying to avoid a ballooning midriff during Lockdown, one Huddersfield Giants star was training so hard he is out of Sunday's game against Leeds because of injury.

Paul Clough, the Giants' 32-year-old forward, took the training assignments set by the club's coaching staff seriously. Too seriously, as it turns out.

"Paul Clough's come back with a bit of an issue with the running load from the break," coach Simon Woolford tells The Front Row.

"He's in rehab at the moment. He had an issue about five or six weeks before we came back, some sort of issue with his ankle, with all the running he was doing.

"As far as I was aware he was given some programmes to do at home and it just hasn't responded as they would like."

Woolford says there's plenty of uncertainties regarding Sunday's clash - not least the rule changes which include a play-the-ball instead of a scrum and 'six again' for spoiling tactics in the ruck.

"I guess I'm pretty fortunate to have a few friends - coaches, assistant coaches, performance staff - involved in the NRL clubs so I've been a bit of a sponge with those sort of guys particularly over the last six weeks," the man nicknamed 'Germ' says.

"I think the boys have come back in reasonable shape but training on your own is no substitute for you team-based stuff. Their body weight is reasonable but to still only have two weeks to prepare and then your third week is going into a normal game-style week, there is no doubt the preparation has been a little bit limited.

"I just hope we don't see the injuries, the amount of injuries, the seriousness of the injuries we've seen in the NRL. It's hard to imagine we're not going to."

As for those rule changes, the absence of scrums means no-one gets a rest - potentially making the spectacle even more frantic than the NRL and fatigue an even bigger factor.

"There's not going to be the breaks in play where, particularly, middle forwards can reset and get their breath and go again," Woolford said. "So it's going to be really taxing on the teams to begin with.

"And I think you will see some blow-out scores in the beginning. You did in the NRL. It was a matter of some teams adjusting to the new rules quicker than others. Some have caught up, some are still lagging a little bit."

The coach said some training had been done around set pieces from the new play-the-ball - but not much.

"We've done a bit of work about trying to adapt to the new rules but it's a bit of an unknown," he said. "Playing against Leeds, if we go there and complete at 60 per cent, we're going to get our bums handed to us, aren't we?"

"On the other side of the scale, if we go there and complete really high and kick well, maybe that team can take advantage of the new rule."

Another absentee for the Giants will be utility Joe Wardle with a calf strain.

**Who to watch:** Aiden Sezer v Luke Gale will go a long way towards deciding this clash. Huddersfield are up to fourth in the revamped table with Leeds just behind them having played and won one less game.

**Favourites:** Leeds survive as favourites in many matches based on the gravitas of the club. The Giants are probably real best things here.

**My tip:** While Woolford tips NRL-style blowouts for the restart of Super League, on paper both Sunday's matches should be tight. I'm going for Huddersfield by virtue of a late Sezer drop goal.

# 2020 Super League

<b>ROUND 1</b>	<b>JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 2</b>		
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
<b>ROUND 2</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6-9</b>		
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
<b>ROUND 3</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 13-16</b>		
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
<b>ROUND 4</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21-23</b>		
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
<b>ROUND 5</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1</b>		
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
<b>ROUND 6</b>	<b>MARCH 5-8</b>		
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
<b>ROUND 7</b>	<b>MARCH 12-15</b>		
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.

<b>REARRANGED</b>	<b>AUGUST 2</b>		
Sun 4:15pm	St Helens v Catalans	Emerald Headingley	
Sun 6:30pm	Huddersfield v Leeds	Emerald Headingley	
<b>ROUND 8</b>	<b>AUGUST 8-9</b>		
Sat 4:15pm	Castleford v Catalans	Emerald Headingley	
Sat 6:30pm	Warrington v Hull KR	Emerald Headingley	
Sun 1:00pm	Salford v Hull FC	Emerald Headingley	
Sun 3:15pm	Wakefield v Wigan	Emerald Headingley	
Sun 6:30pm	Leeds v St Helens	Emerald Headingley	
<b>ROUND 9</b>	<b>AUGUST 15-16</b>		
Sat 1:00pm	Huddersfield v Warrington	Totally Wicked Stadium	
Sat 4:15pm	Salford v Catalans	Totally Wicked Stadium	
Sat 6:30pm	Wigan v Leeds	Totally Wicked Stadium	
Sun 1:00pm	St Helens v Wakefield	Totally Wicked Stadium	
Sun 6:30pm	Hull FC v Castleford	Totally Wicked Stadium	
<b>ROUND 10</b>	<b>AUGUST 29-30</b>		
Sat 1:00pm	Leeds v Salford	Venue TBC	
Sat 6:30pm	Warrington v Wakefield	Venue TBC	
Sun 1:00pm	Huddersfield v Hull FC	Venue TBC	
Sun 3:15pm	Wigan v Catalans	Venue TBC	
Sun 6:30pm	Hull KR v St Helens	Venue TBC	
<b>ROUND 11</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 3-4</b>		
	Hull KR v Wigan	Venue TBC	
	Wakefield v Leeds	Venue TBC	
	Huddersfield v St Helens	Venue TBC	
	Salford v Castleford	Venue TBC	
	Warrington v Hull FC	Venue TBC	
<b>REARRANGED</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>		
Mon 7:15pm	Catalans v Leeds	Stade Gilbert Brutus	
<b>ROUND 12</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10-11</b>		

	Castleford v Warrington	Venue TBC
	Hull FC v Wakefield	Venue TBC
	St Helens v Hull KR	Venue TBC
	Catalans v Wigan	Stade Gilbert Brutus
	Leeds v Huddersfield	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 13</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 24-25</b>	
	Castleford v Huddersfield	Venue TBC
	Hull KR v Leeds	Venue TBC
	Warrington v Catalans	Venue TBC
	Hull FC v Salford	Venue TBC
	Wigan v Wakefield	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 14</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b>	
	Castleford v Hull FC	Venue TBC
	Leeds v Catalans	Venue TBC
	Huddersfield v Hull KR	Venue TBC
	Salford v Warrington	Venue TBC
	Wigan v St Helens	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 15</b>	<b>OCTOBER 8-9</b>	
	Catalans v Hull KR	Stade Gilbert Brutus
	Leeds v Castleford	Venue TBC
	Wakefield v St Helens	Venue TBC
	Huddersfield v Salford	Venue TBC
	Warrington v Wigan	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 16</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	
	Catalans v Wakefield	Stade Gilbert Brutus
	Hull KR v Salford	Venue TBC
	Hull FC v Huddersfield	Venue TBC
	St Helens v Castleford	Venue TBC
	Warrington v Leeds	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 17</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22-23</b>	
	Castleford v Hull KR	Venue TBC
	Huddersfield v Wakefield	Venue TBC
	Catalans v Hull FC	Stade Gilbert Brutus
	St Helens v Leeds	Venue TBC
	Wigan v Salford	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 18</b>	<b>OCTOBER 25-26</b>	
	Catalans v Warrington	Stade Gilbert Brutus
	Hull FC v Leeds	Venue TBC
	Wakefield v Hull KR	Venue TBC
	Salford v St Helens	Venue TBC
	Wigan v Castleford	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 19</b>	<b>OCTOBER 29-30</b>	
	Huddersfield v Castleford	Venue TBC
	Leeds v Wakefield	Venue TBC
	Hull KR v Hull FC	Venue TBC
	St Helens v Wigan	Venue TBC
	Warrington v Salford	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 20</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 5-6</b>	
	Castleford v Leeds	Venue TBC
	Wakefield v Salford	Venue TBC
	Catalans v St Helens	Stade Gilbert Brutus
	Hull KR v Warrington	Venue TBC
	Wigan v Huddersfield	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 21</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 8-9</b>	
	Castleford v Salford	Venue TBC
	Leeds v Wigan	Venue TBC
	Hull KR v Catalans	Venue TBC
	St Helens v Hull FC	Venue TBC
<b>ROUND 22</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 12-13</b>	
	Warrington v Huddersfield	Venue TBC
	Huddersfield v Catalans	Venue TBC
	Salford v Hull KR	Venue TBC
	St Helens v Warrington	Venue TBC
	Hull FC v Wigan	Venue TBC
	Wakefield v Castleford	Venue TBC
<b>REARRANGED FIXTURES - DATE TBC</b>		
	Wakefield v Catalans	Venue TBC
	Wakefield v Huddersfield	Venue TBC

## 2020 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

TOP 4 - TBC (late November)

## 2020 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

TBC (end of November)

# Toronto Wolfpack withdraw from 2020 season

Toronto Wolfpack Media Release, 20 Jul 2020

**T**oronto Wolfpack can confirm that the club has informed both Super League Europe (SLE) and the Rugby Football League (RFL) that the team will not be restarting the campaign as scheduled on August 2nd.

The Wolfpack will not participate in the conclusion of the 2020 Betfred Super League season, or in the remainder of the 2020 Coral Challenge Cup. This decision has not been taken lightly, and in consideration of a range of factors specific to the club as the only transatlantic team in the league.

The COVID pandemic has presented unexpected and overwhelming financial challenges to the Wolfpack organization. Greatly reduced ticket, sponsorship, merchandise and game day revenue streams have resulted from the loss of all 11 of the team's home Super League games in Toronto. The Wolfpack would be left covering significant additional costs simply to complete a season of games in

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Super League Europe, 23 Jul 2020

**F**ollowing Toronto Wolfpack's withdrawal from Betfred Super League 2020 earlier this week, the Super League Board agreed this afternoon that the club's record for this season should be removed.

## Catalans confirm home games in Perpignan

Super League Europe, 28 Jul 2020

**C**atalans Dragons will restart the Super League season on August 2 against St Helens but have confirmed that from September their home games will be hosted at the Gilbert Brutus Stadium in Perpignan

The 7 home fixtures are now confirmed as:  
Monday 7 September (7.15pm) Catalans Dragons v Leeds Rhinos

the UK including COVID testing, stadium rentals, medical costs and player pay increases to align with the rest of the league.

Player and staff payroll, an issue of recent media attention, has been guaranteed by Wolfpack majority owner David Argyle and is secured by a personal guarantee to the RFL. Refunds for all 2020 single game tickets, as well as season membership refunds that have been requested by individual fans, will be returned by the club to Ticketmaster in the near future in order for the refund process to be fulfilled.

The Wolfpack would like to thank both the SLE and the RFL for their support in addressing a number of the club's issues in recent weeks including immigration, scheduling, promotion / relegation and consideration for financial support.

The club fully intend to field a team in the 2021 season, and will be working with SLE and the RFL to understand this process moving into the next season.

The Wolfpack would also like to thank our loyal fans for their ongoing support during a hugely challenging time.

Points earned in matches involving Toronto Wolfpack will be deducted, and for and against tallies will be adjusted accordingly.

Individual players' statistics will remain unaffected - but Man of Steel points earned in fixtures involving the club will be erased.

Super League and The RFL Board will now give further consideration to Toronto Wolfpack's future ahead of the 2021 season.

Saturday 12 September (6pm)  
Catalans Dragons v Wigan Warriors

Friday 9 October (7.15pm)  
Catalans Dragons v Hull KR

Wednesday 14 October  
(7.15pm) Catalans Dragons v Wakefield Trinity

Thursday 22 October (7.15pm) Catalans Dragons v Hull FC

Monday 26 October (7.15pm) Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves

Thursday 5 November (7.15pm) Catalans Dragons v St Helens



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