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From the editor

Tim Costello

Another week goes by and there's no shortage of talking points in this wonderful game of rugby league - and on both sides of the globe, no less.

In the NRL the "bubble breach" issues seem to have resolved for now, with focus turning to the match review and judiciary after a week of controversial cases. From Kevin Proctor's biting charge to a change in the code for 'Crusher' tackles, the NRL's disciplinary process for on-field incidents is sharply in the spotlight.

In the northern hemisphere it's tough going, with this weekend's Challenge Cup sixth round fixtures in disarray - after only being redrawn a few weeks ago. The positive cases in the Hull FC camp forced one of the two fixtures scheduled for Saturday to be postponed, while lower tier clubs are out of the tournament altogether. One of our features this week zeroes in on that with input from some club bosses.

Inside you'll also find features on injured NRL referee Kasey Badger and Newcastle back Enari Tuala. Happy reading!

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Quiet achiever

Tuala settling into life on the Knights' left edge

It has only taken Newcastle centre Enari Tuala half a season to do what he couldn't when he was at Townsville - lock up a regular starting berth.

Tuala signed with the Knights at the end of the 2019 season after being unable to crack into the Cowboys' top 17.

North Queensland's loss has proven to be Newcastle's gain with the 21-year-old centre turning into arguably the club's most consistent performer so far in 2020.

The Cairns product scored his second top-grade double in the Knights' 26-24 victory over Manly last Sunday.

His seventh try for the season came in the 72nd minute and put the Novocastrians in front for good when he burst onto a Kalyn Ponga cutout pass.

"I was just running off KP and he gave me a good ball with a bit of space," Tuala said after the game.

There is no secret to his consistent performances in the red and blue, just good old-fashioned hard work.

That sort of work ethic in the pre-season saw him secure a contract extension that will keep him at McDonald Jones Stadium until the end of the 2021 season.

"It's just turning up with the right attitude, working on being consistent, training hard during the week and trying to put it into the game with that sort of mindset," he said.

Coach Adam O'Brien was suitably impressed with Tuala's effort against the Sea Eagles where he carried the ball for 119 metres in 13 runs.

Defensively he made 15 tackles on the left edge, missing just three.

"You look at a guy like Enari Tuala; that kid just keeps making plays whether it's with the ball or without," O'Brien said.

"He's only a little fella and the same as Kurt (Mann) he's only a little fella too, but they pack plenty of punch."

This Sunday the Knights host Tuala's former club when the Cowboys ride into town with neither side needing any reminding about the last time the two teams met.

On that occasion North Queensland shot out of the blocks to lead 26-0 at halftime on the way to a 32-20 win.

O'Brien may have his work cut out to ensure the Knights don't head into the match thinking the two competition points are already secure.

With the fourth-placed Sydney Roosters just one point ahead of them, it's a match the Knights simply can't afford to drop should they have any ambitions of challenging for the top four.

"You can get caught if you look too far down the track," the coach said.

"We need to keep building on performances; there's areas of that game (on Sunday) that we're really rapt with and there's areas that I think we need to be better at because if we do get into that top four we're going to have to be better in a couple of areas."

Paul Jobber

Contributor



Passing phase: Enari Tuala is making the most of his chance in the Hunter. Photo: Quentin Connors, Knights media



Stunted start: Kasey Badger and the NRL referees cohort all endured a double pre-season as a result of the COVID-19 shutdown.

Photo: supplied, Kasey Badger



Whistle stop

Injury brings a whirlwind 2020 to a grinding halt for Kasey Badger

NRL match official Kasey Badger is out for the season after suffering a herniated disc and now faces a journey through recovery.

While injury-related stories are focused heavily on players, the game's officials are also managing their way back from the COVID-19 break.

Badger was in the gym as part of her training routine as a full-time referee when she suffered her back injury. An MRI has shown a herniated disc at L3-L5 level and is now being monitored to find out whether or not she will be required to undergo the knife later this year.

Injury or not, 2020 has been a whirlwind for Badger. She said from the shutdown to the game's return, there was plenty going through the mind of the full-time refereeing squad – literally.

"Originally when we got shut down, we basically got put on six weeks leave. And in those weeks, it we had to do our best – the first couple of weeks none of us knew if and when we were coming back," she said.

"I guess that phase started with no real return date, we all took gear from the gym where we are based and got going. The great thing was that we could go out and above to do some fitness sessions.

"We needed to make sure we were fit enough for the resumption of the season and we got to it. Then we got back, and it was like preseason 2.0."

Joshua Wells
Contributor



Then, suddenly, footy was back. May 28 came quickly and the NRL referees' squad were primed and ready to go – new rule books in hand.

While the fitness levels were there, Badger said new rules and a late decision to go back to a one referee system threw a mental spanner in the works.

"That's what was difficult, in the six weeks we didn't have the chance to do anything in depth on the rules. When we started back at training, we didn't know if we were going to be with one or two on field referees and the new rules from before the season, and of course the set restarts," she said.

"A lot of training leading into the resumption, and even now, was talking about potential scenarios with our new rules. What would happen if XYZ and how we should apply rules in situations.

"The six to go rule was a big change for all of us and what we have done through our entire refereeing careers – we're used to sticking our arm out for a penalty. If you think about it in terms of the captain's challenge, moving scrum position, set restarts and suddenly the referees have a lot of new information.

"Despite all of that, I think we've done pretty well."

Crusher tackles

NRL media release, 18 August 2020

The Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC) has approved changes to the NRL Judiciary Code which will ensure harsher penalties for "Crusher" tackles.

As part of the changes, a separate "Crusher Tackle" charge has been added with immediate effect to the NRL Judiciary Code of Procedure.

The base penalties for Crusher Tackles will now be as follows:

- Grade One – 200 points
- Grade Two – 350 points
- Grade Three – 500 points

Charges considered to be more serious than Grade Three will be referred directly to the Judiciary for determination.

Previously, crusher tackles had been positioned under the Dangerous Contact – Head/Neck charge, with lower Grade One (100 points) and Grade Two (300 points) base penalties.

NRL Head of Football – Elite Competitions Graham Annesley said there had been 18 Dangerous Contact – Head/Neck charges for crusher-style tackles so far this season, with many Grade One offences not resulting in a suspension.

"We have seen a concerning increase in the Crusher-type tackles in recent years and the Commission has approved stronger deterrents to reverse this trend," Mr Annesley said.

"Crusher tackles are dangerous and carry with them the real potential for catastrophic consequences to the tackled player.

"Despite the charges and warnings previously imposed, we have not seen a decline in offences, so it has become clear that the penalties we had in place were not sufficient.

"While we never want to see players suspended and would much prefer the offences do not occur, we have a responsibility to strike the right balance between deterrence and punishment.

"This is a serious player safety issue and the changes are supported by the Rugby League Players Association."

RLPA Chief Executive Clint Newton said: "It is important that we continue to raise awareness across the playing group about the potential consequences of crusher style tackles.

"We are supportive of the proposal as we believe it will help in achieving this, however any change endorsed by the Commission should also be supported by further data analysis and education programs for players and coaching staff."

The changes will be in place for Round 15 of the NRL Telstra Premiership.

Happy birthday!

This round's birthday boys & girls

Wednesday 19 August

- Gavin Cooper (Cowboys) - 35
- Thomas Flegler (Broncos) - 21
- Lachlan Lewis (Bulldogs) - 24
- Isaiah Tass (Bulldogs) - 21

Thursday 20 August

- Bunty Afoa (Warriors) - 24
- Matt Eisenhuth (Tigers) - 28
- Oregon Kaufusi (Eels) - 21
- Vanessa Foliaki (Roosters) - 27

Friday 21 August

- Sione Katoa (Sharks) - 23
- Sean O'Sullivan (Broncos) - 22
- Tallisha Harden (Roosters) - 28

Saturday 22 August

- Adam Pompey (Warriors) - 22

Sunday 23 August

- Brett Morris (Roosters) - 34
- Josh Morris (Roosters) - 34

Monday 24 August

- Joel Thompson (Manly) - 32

Last week's answers

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Word Jumbles

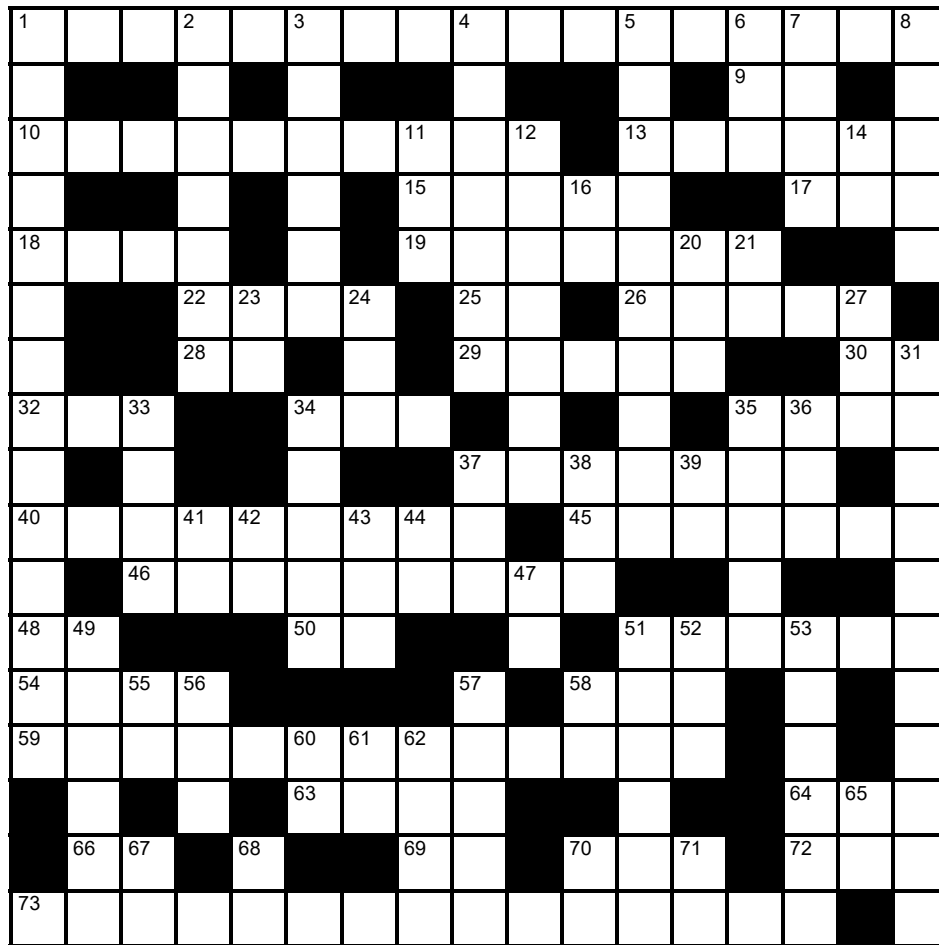
Penrith are flying high with nine wins in a row as they aim for a third Grand Final appearance. Can you unscramble these names from their previous two Grand Final winning teams?

1991 PREMIERS:
GARY KREME
CAVER STREET
MOOSE CRYMINS
CHAMMY KARAGA
KERRY WARBLA
BELT DRIFART

2003 PREMIERS:
TALMAN RING
GRACE WORG
SHORE YANDEN
PUNT YOULATE
NOEL ROUKEY
SERPENT BALLCOMP

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: James Graham, Zak Hardaker, Jamie Peacock, Ben Barba, Ellery Hanley, Pat Richards, Luke Gale, Paul Sculthorpe, Rangi Chase, James Roby, Martin Offiah, Sam Tomkins

Crossword



Across

- 1 Warrior's Home Ground (5,5,7)
- 9 User Friendly (acronym) (2)
- 10 Current Storm Back Rower (5,5) (10)
- 13 Able to be used for practical purposes (6)
- 15 Random (2,3) (2,3)
- 17 Monetary unit of Japan (3)
- 18 Eloni Vunakece had the best one in the NRL (4)
- 19 Stretch out an arm to grab something (past tense) (7)
- 22 Lines of light and heat (4)
- 25 Registered Nurse (acronym) (2)
- 26 Christian name of Chooks fullback (5)
- 28 Abbreviation for Editor (2)
- 29 Blake Ferguson has a crooked one (5)
- 30 Own Goal (acronym) (2)
- 32 Christian name of Kangaroo's coach (3)
- 34 One of News Corps's publications (3)
- 35 Short for Information (4)
- 37 The boys from Newcastle (7)
- 40 You'll fund them at each end of the field (4-5)
- 45 This colour card will have you sent from the field in other codes (3,4)
- 46 Former Knights, Hunter Mariners and Wigan hooker and 5/8 from the 80s and 90s Robbie _____ (9)
- 48 On the condition or supposition that; in the event that. (2)
- 50 No Information (acronym) (2)

- 51 Lanky Dragons forward from the 70s, Micheal _____, played in the 71 grand final (6)
- 54 Former Dragon and Panther, and current Titans hooker. (4)
- 58 Kangaroo abbreviated (3)
- 59 Of Cook Island descent, she is a current Roosters and Jillaroo middle forward. (7,6)
- 63 Current Broncos and Maroons middle forward (4)
- 64 Windows Experience Index (acronym) (3)
- 66 Opposite to yes (2)
- 69 Perform an action (2)
- 70 Kiwi back rower and outside back who played for Tigers, Broncos and Bunnies in the 00s and 10s - Ben ____ (3)
- 72 Tavern (3)
- 73 Current Storm fullback. (4,11)

Down

- 1 Affectionately known as Madge (7,7)
- 2 From the Cook Islands, he plays in the back row for the Eels (7)
- 3 NRL player spend limit _____ cap. (6)
- 4 The boys from Canberra (7)
- 5 Side Line Referee (5,5)
- 6 Expected at or planned for at a certain time (3)
- 7 Uncertain or doubtful (4)
- 8 Fijian International who plays centre for the Warriors (5)

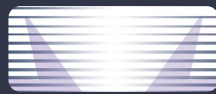
- 11 Battle (3)
- 12 Christian name of player from Cowra, former Kangaroo and Raider forward and recently Titans, suffered a shoulder injury and missed most of 2019 (7)
- 14 Urban Exploration (acronym) (2)
- 16 Orange County (initials) (2)
- 20 Consume food (3)
- 21 Defensive Midfielder (initials) (2)
- 23 opposite to subtract (2)
- 24 Christian name of former Broncos middle forward ____ Thiaday (3)
- 27 Special Operations Forces (acronym) (3)
- 31 Another term for extra time to avoid a draw (6,5)
- 33 A fertile soil of clay and sand containing humus (4)
- 34 You get a wooden one for coming last (5)
- 35 Having or causing an itch. (5)
- 36 National Security Agency (avronym) (3)
- 37 Key System Attribute (acronym) (3)
- 38 Irritate or Annoy (3)
- 39 Heavy Duty (acronym) (2)
- 41 Initials of Indigenous Kangaroo winger who played for Balmain through the 70s and 80s and finished his career at the Titans, one of League's most prolific try scorers. (2)
- 42 Politically Correct (initials) (2)
- 43 Scientific Research Institute (initials) (3)
- 44 Initials of former Eels middle forward, recently retired who's brother played for the Sharks. (2)
- 47 Initials of Doggies winger player from the 70s and 80s and coached the Blues and Kangaroos in the 90s and 00s. (2)
- 49 A crime more serious than a misdemeanour. (6)
- 51 Played as a middle forward and back rower in the 90s and 00s for Roosters, Magpies, Mariners and finished with London Broncos Justin _____ (6)
- 52 NSW Cup 2nd division, ____ Massey Cup (3)
- 53 Brand spanking new Rugby League Stadium titled Territory Rugby League Stadium is located in which capital city? (6)
- 55 Roman Numeral for 2 (2)
- 56 Current Roosters back rower ____ Butcher (3)
- 57 Nathan Cayless's brother who played for the Eels and Roosters (5)
- 58 Abbreviation for Retweet (2)
- 60 Initials of former Eels back rower and current commentator, more famous for his bum crack. (2)
- 61 Alcoholics Anonymus (initials) (2)
- 62 Versatile utility player who plays for the Sharks ____ Graham. (4)
- 65 Entertainment News (acronym) (2)
- 67 Open Access (acronym) (2)
- 68 Abbreviation for Episode (2)
- 70 Trade Union (acronym) (2)
- 71 Abreviation often used for Australia (2)

Storm surge over battered Roosters

Robert Crosby



6-24



The Melbourne Storm have powered to a 24-6 victory over a depleted Sydney Roosters team at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday evening.

Temporarily moving to the top of the premiership ladder, the Storm showed no signs of missing Cameron Smith and Cameron Munster to outscore their rivals four tries to one.

Taking advantage of early field position, Melbourne halfback Jahrome Hughes (4th minute) opened the scoring with some nice footwork close to the line.

Extending the lead to 8-0 following a Ryan Papenhuyzen penalty goal, the visitors looked to add further points through Felise Kaufusi and Papenhuyzen only for Suliasi Vunivalu to infringe in the lead up on both occasions.

Heading to the change of ends with a 14-0 lead, a beautiful left side shift involving Papenhuyzen and Josh Addo-Carr saw Justin Olam (20th minute) touch down for his third try of 2020.

Beginning the second half with a flurry of points, Olam (45th minute) crashed through the defence of Joey Manu before Kaufusi (48th minute) finished off a brilliant break by Hughes.

After being denied a four-pointer to Sio Siua Taukieaho by the bunker, the Roosters posted a consolation effort to debutant Christian Tuipulotu (63rd minute) following a great cut-out pass from interchange playmaker Drew Hutchison.

Left to rue 17 errors and a 65 per cent completion rate the Roosters produced one of their worst performances during Trent Robinson's tenure, while Lachlan Lam (ankle), Mitchell Aubusson (wrist) and Luke Keary (ribs) all joined a mounting injury toll for the premiers.

Next week, the Roosters face the Tigers at Leichardt Oval on Saturday evening, while the Storm take on the Eels at Bankwest Stadium on Thursday night.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Jahrome Hughes

2 points - Christian Welch

1 points - Justin Olam

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Panthers dig deep for club record win

Justin Davies



12-18



Penrith Panthers were made to work hard for their 18-12 success against New Zealand Warriors tonight at Central Coast Stadium.

The final score will show a six-point win for the Panthers, but the competition leaders were pushed by the Warriors despite being 16-nil up early in the contest. The second half score to Dylan Edwards was enough to make it a club record nine straight victories on the trot.

Panthers go back to the top of the ladder, continue to put away teams to get closer to finals football. It was another banner evening with the boot from Cleary who kicked the Warriors out of the game in the first half.

In the first half, it looked like it would be a one-sided contest. The Panthers monopolised the ball through Nathan Cleary, the in-form half forced half a dozen goal-line dropouts and threw the floating pass which sent Brent Naden across for 4-nil.

Next, Apisai Koroisau burrowed underneath the defense for 10-nil as the Panthers camped in the Warriors half. They didn't make their first mistake until after the half hour mark but then responded by adding a third four-pointer through Dylan Edwards, coming from a Josh Mansour kick for 16-nil.

Heart has been the big indicator in the Warriors play the last month which has seen them win back-to-back games for the first time. New Zealand clawed one back just before the break when Roger Tuivasa-Sheck flew high for a Kodi Nikorima kick.

As the rain continues to tumble on the Central Coast, the game turned into an arm wrestle between the sides. The only points came from some quick hands that put Patrick Herbert across to reduce the deficit to six.

Panthers often looked for the four pointer to put the game to bed. Once again, Cleary almost kicked the Warriors out of the contest but the "home" side kept turning up and kept the Premiership favourites to a single penalty goal in the second half.

Viliame Kikau thought he had put the contest to bed after he rushed onto a short Cleary pass but it was called back obstruction. The Panthers weren't at their stylish best but returned to the competition summit with their ninth straight win.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Nathan Cleary

2 points - James Fisher-Harris

1 points - Roger Tuivasa-Sheck

Hail Mary! Dragons send McGregor out a winner

Sam Bourke



12-14



After 151 matches in charge of the Red V, the Dragons have sent coach Paul McGregor out a deserved winner to finish his tenure at the club with a hard fought 14-12 upset win over Parramatta at Bankwest Stadium tonight.

It was the first win at the venue for the visitors, who held off a late rally from the Eels to give McGregor easily his best win of 2020. Rookie halfback Adam Clune was superb for the Dragons, directing his side around the park, producing some neat passing in attack and giving his side excellent field position with his pinpoint kicking. He was well supported by hard running wingers Jordan Periera who ran for over 200m and Mikaele Ravalawa who crossed for two tries.

Parramatta coach Brad Arthur will be very disappointed with the loss, however his side just couldn't seem to get themselves in a winning position despite leading the match with less than 20 minutes to go.

Both sides had plenty to play for coming into the match. Following the Roosters loss last night, it was a golden chance for Parramatta to consolidate their position in the Top 4. St George on the other hand were desperate to send their departing coach Paul McGregor out a winner after 7 seasons at the Red V.

Parramatta notoriously love playing at Bankwest Stadium and they got into their groove early, when Mitchell Moses put Waqa Blake away with a neat

inside ball. Blake then found his captain and crowd favourite Clint Gutherson backing up on the spot to open the scoring for the home side. Moses converted and it was 6-0 after just 12 minutes.

The Dragons however responded in style when Corey Norman put up a huge bomb up on the last and young gun Zac Lomax outleapt Gutherson in contesting the ball and with his back turned then offloaded. The ball then bounced towards his winger Mikaele Ravalawa who picked up the pill to score a great try in the corner. Lomax missed with the conversion but it gave the side an enormous boost.

The Saints then took the lead just before the break when blockbusting winger Ravalawa received the ball out wide following a long pass from Corey Norman. Ravalawa then made a direct run for the corner and managed to get the ball down mid-air to score a superb second try. Lomax nailed the conversion from the sideline to give the Dragons a stunning 10-6 lead at halftime.

Parramatta needed a good start and off a perfect opening set, Reed Mahoney put a superb kick on the last in wet conditions to have Dragons winger Jordan Periera trapped in goal. Off the ensuing dropout, Warriors bound prop Kane Evans trundled towards the line and carrying both Dragons props with him he barged his way over to score. Moses converted and the Eels were back in front.

The visitors then tied up the scores with less than 20 to go when Lomax added a penalty goal following a high shot from Eels prop Reagan Campbell-Gillard.

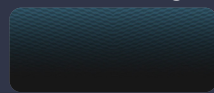
Dragons interchange player Kaide Ellis then looked to have picked a superb time to score his first NRL try, when the former Panther collected a Ben Hunt kick which ricocheted off Eels hooker Reed Mahoney. Replays showed that Ellis had slightly knocked on in the process of scoring, however with Mahoney being ruled offside St George were awarded the penalty. Lomax then put his side in front in what proved to be the difference to give the Dragons a well-deserved victory.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Adam Clune; 2 points - Reed Mahoney; 1 points - Jordan Pereira

Sharks overrun Titans after Proctor gets marched for biting

Andrew Ferguson



30-18



A sensational send-off has changed the course of the game at Kogarah today, with Cronulla sailing home on a one-man advantage to win 30-18 over the Gold Coast.

Kevin Proctor was sensationally marched for biting Shaun Johnson 15 minutes into the second half, with the game in the balance at 12-all. Proctor's dismissal, combined with injuries to Dale Copley and Jai Arrow was too much for the Titans to overcome and saw the Sharks storm home with a few quick tries to score a comfortable 12 point win.

The Titans started the game very strong, dominating field position and playing with more energy, which saw them score the first try in the fifth minute when Ash Taylor sent a brilliant long, flat ball which cut out 2 players to hit Corey Thompson sweetly on the chest and the winger strolled over for an easy try. Taylor then added the extras from out wide.

The Sharks started to get back into the game after the opening ten minutes and managed to level the scores in the 19th minute when Aaron Woods received an offload, passed nicely along to Wade Graham who then sent a good quick ball onto Josh Dugan who raced over to score out wide. Shaun Johnson then nailed a brilliant sideline conversion despite looking physically ill.

The Sharks crossed again just 3 minutes later when Johnson ran onto a nice ball, dummied to the left, skipped out of a low tackle by Kevin Proctor, drew AJ Brimson before dishing a nice short ball to Siosifa Talakai who waltzed over to score on the right side. Johnson again adds the extras with a superb conversion.

In the 35th minute Jai Arrow got crunched side on in a heavy tackle by Talakai. He eventually got back up and chose to take another run after which he left the field with a suspected AC injury to his shoulder. Right on halftime Jarrod Wallace received a crash ball close to the Sharks line, busted through some sliding defenders and slammed the ball down for a bustling try to the left of the posts. Jamal Fogarty easily added the extras to level the scores at the break.

In the 55th minute, Shaun Johnson made a tackle on Kevin Proctor and as Proctor was on the ground, he was alleged to have bitten Johnson's arm. Referee Henry Perenara very swiftly sent off Proctor in a moment that turned this game.

From the next set, Johnson kicked to the left for his winger Sione Katoa, who performed a magnificent diving outstretched catch and landed in the Titans in-goal to score a brilliant try. Johnson again converted from the sideline. Four minutes later, Wade Graham received a nice short ball from Blayke Brailey and despite almost being denied a try via a brilliant tackle by Fogarty, Graham rolled over and grounded the ball for a four pointer. Matt Moylan added the extras after Shaun Johnson came off the field prior with a niggler to his groin.

Just three minutes passed before the Sharks crossed again. This time Jack Williams perfectly executed a charge down, then chased through, regathered the ball, then got knocked over by Brimson. Williams got back to his feet after Brimson fell off the tackle almost immediately, and then raced 20 metres to score a great solo try. Moylan added the extras from wide on the left side.

The Titans looked set to stage a late rally when Keegan Hipgrave ran onto a short ball from Sam Lisone to score a strong try, which Taylor converted, but they were unable to trouble the scorers any further.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Blayke Brailey; 2 points - Shaun Johnson; 1 points - Siosifa Talakai

Reynolds kicks Rabbitohs to third straight win

Adam Huxtable



30-31



A late masterclass in kicking from veteran halfback Adam Reynolds has seen the South Sydney Rabbitohs escape with a thrilling 31-30 victory over the Cowboys and Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

It was a game where you could never really be sure of the result, with the lead changing hands no less than 7 times over the 80 minutes.

Adam Reynolds scored the opening try from a chip 'n' chase in the sixteenth minute but the Cowboys showed they had come to play with tries to Lemuel, Morgan and Tabuai-Fidow over the next 16 minutes. Kyle Feldt was unable to convert any of them, leaving the score at 12-6.

A try to Dane Gagai shortly after squared things up before a penalty goal to the Cowboys saw them lead 14-12 at the break.

Souths got their noses back in front in the 47th minute when Johnston touched down courtesy of a cut-out pass from Cody Walker. Reynolds converted for an 18-14 lead. The lead changed hands again in the 50th minute, with Morgan powering over close to the line for his second try of the night. His performance

was about ten times better than his return against the Titans last week. Feldt converted for once, putting the Cowboys ahead 20-18.

The Rabbitohs were next to score, as centre Campbell Graham proved too strong for Ben Hampton as he crashed over, causing yet another change in the lead. Reynolds drilled the conversion for a 24-20 lead with 24 minutes remaining.

The game took yet another twist when Dunn scored to tie it up from absolutely nothing. Alex Johnston made a meal of a pretty average Michael Morgan kick and Mitch Dunn was there to clean up. He sold the dummy to Gagai on the way to the line and scored. Feldt had the chance to break the deadlock but missed his fourth kick of the night.

Drinkwater was the man of the moment in crunch time, kicking for Opacic to pluck the ball out from right in front of Campbell Graham and surely win the game for the Cowboys.

But the Rabbitohs weren't done, with Johnston crossing for his second try four minutes from full-time setting up Reynolds with a kick from the sideline to send the match into extra time. He missed, and with 3 minutes to go surely the Cowboys had done enough.

Nope. Somehow, from that point, the Cowboys lost in regulation time. Feldt gave away a needless penalty to ensure that no one went past him for worst player on the field and Reynolds made amends for earlier, before some soft as butter defence allowed the Rabbitohs 80 metres upfield on the kickoff set and Adam Reynolds drilled the field goal.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

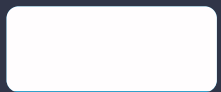
3 points - Michael Morgan

2 points - Adam Reynolds

1 points - Scott Drinkwater

Broncos capitulate as Raiders put on a second half show

Josh Robertson



36-8



Only Questacon could have put on a more entertaining exhibition than what the Canberra Raiders put on during the second half of their 36-8 victory over a very poor Brisbane Broncos at GIO Stadium tonight.

Despite the final score, the Broncos first half actually looked promising for their fans as they were all over the Raiders during the opening 40. The Broncos were able to open the scoring through Jesse Arthurs as the Broncos were able to dominate early down their right-side.

Despite the Broncos dominance, the Raiders were able to get on the board next as Jordan Rapana took advantage of a mismatch in numbers after the Broncos couldn't read the up and over floating pass and Rapana was able to cross in the corner.

Just short of the half-time break, the Broncos were mounting massive pressure on the Raiders and eventually the Raiders succumbed to the pressure when Herbie Farnworth crossed for the Broncos to give them an 8-6 lead.

The Broncos were looking to make a statement under caretaker coach Peter Gentle in the second half but sadly for their fans it was more of the same as they capitulated badly during the half. The second half started pretty evenly before

the Raiders were able to burn through the Broncos with an English special as John Bateman was able to get on the outside of Brodie Croft before finding George Williams on the inside to score.

Floodgates were opening for the Raiders and the Broncos looked to have just given up as the Canberrans went through Brisbane with ease. Just five minutes later, the Broncos defence seemed to be stuck without a paddle as they just stood and watched Joseph Tapine move across the field before he could get an offload away before the Raiders somehow managed to build an overlap to score through Nick Cotric. Disappointment of Jordan Rapana being denied a try by the officials didn't last long for the Raiders as they were again able to score twice pretty easily soon after.

The English duo of Bateman and Williams combined again as the two reversed roles as Williams set up Bateman for a try off his boot. The Raiders then added another try almost instantly as they went straight through the middle of the Broncos before swinging it back left where Jarrod Croker put boot to ball to get Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad his try of the night. The Raiders momentum continued to grow as Nick Cotric scored his second try of the night as the Broncos defence just couldn't stand up as the Raiders went down the right and scored their fifth of the half.

Although the Raiders had all the ball and momentum, they couldn't add another try with Jordan Rapana having his second effort of the night ruled out by the bunker.

The victory puts the Raiders level on points with the Roosters in 4th place and the Green Machine will be looking to keep the pressure on they take on the Titans next weekend on the Gold Coast. The Broncos will be back at home as they take on the Dragons next Friday night.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - George Williams

2 points - John Bateman

1 points - Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad

Knights fight back snatches late win against Manly

Andrew Ferguson



26-24



The Newcastle Knights reluctance to give up has seen them claw themselves back into their game against Manly and eventually secure a 26-24 win with a late try at McDonald Jones Stadium this afternoon.

It was Manly who got off to a flying start and scored first in just the third minute. Daly Cherry-Evans' bomb was allowed to bounce near the left sideline. Brad Parker leapt over the sideline and swatted the ball back into the field of play. Cade Cust regathers and then gets a kick back in-field miraculously without going into touch and then chases his own kick to plant down it for a sensational try! Reuben Garrick converted.

Just five minutes passed before Manly scored again, this time when a nice left side play resulted in Taniela Paseka hitting a gap and making a break, before drawing the fullback and then passing to Cherry-Evans, who raced away to score a good try under the sticks. Garrick again added the extras.

The Knights finally got on the board in the 21st minute via some second phase play which resulted in Mitchell Pearce firing a hard, low, long ball to Kalyn Ponga. Ponga managed to catch it at full speed, before throwing a quick cut-out ball to Starford To'a in space. The winger bounced out of one hit before being tackled over the line, yet still managed to get the ball down for a good try on the left side. Ponga converted from the sideline.

Seven minutes later and the Knights levelled the scores. Kurt Mann at dummy half and 5 metres from the Manly line, threw a dummy, then it seemed as if he waited for Manly to react, which they did - then he darted between two stationary defenders to dive over for a try. Ponga converted.

Just on halftime the Knights snuck ahead when a Blake Green kick gets batted back by To'a. Lachlan Fitzgibbon catches the ball but is immediately held up in a tackle, yet he managed to get an offload out to Enari Tuala who dived over the in left corner to score a good try. Ponga failed to add the extras.

The Knights skipped ahead even further just five minutes into the second half after Jack Gosiewski caught a Mitchell Pearce bomb, but Gehamat Shibasaki stole it fairly in the air. Parker's tackle forced the ball backwards, where it hit Aiden Guerra's foot. He then picked it up and passed it out the back to Hunt who scored. Ponga just missed the difficult conversion attempt.

Manly then scored 2 quick tries to reclaim the lead. In the 51st minute Cherry-Evans put in a crafty little grubber behind the Knights goal-line defence and Jack Gosiewski cleaned it up and scored on the left side. Garrick added the extras.

Four minutes later the crossed again thanks to a fantastic double inside passing play by Manly through the middle. Cust drifted to the left of the posts then passed inside to Paseka where the big man flicked a stunning ball right to Lachlan Croker backing up and he managed to get the ball down for a try, despite the efforts of Ponga. Garrick again converted and Manly lead by 4.

The Knights very nearly scored a number of times but only for forward passes or poor handling to deny them. But in the 72nd minute Ponga took the ball to the line and then fired a flat ball to Tuala who stepped back infield, beat two defenders and then reached out to dunk the ball down for a try.

Ponga converted to give the Knights the lead and eventually the win.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Kalyn Ponga
2 points - Cade Cust
1 points - Taniela Paseka

Tigers hold off brave Bulldogs in thriller

Hamish Parker



29-28



The Wests Tigers have kept their season alive with a 29-28 victory over the Canterbury Bulldogs at Bankwest Stadium. A Luke Brooks field goal is all that separated the two sides at full-time as Wests climb to the all familiar ninth position on the ladder, whilst Canterbury missed their chance to get off the bottom of the ladder.

The Tigers started off the game fast with a try to Moses Mbye, who converted his own try for an early 6-0 lead. Nick Meaney crossed for the Bulldogs as they responded eight minutes later to level the scores at six a piece.

The game was locked for only six more minutes as some footwork and an offload from David Nofaluma saw Luke Garner cross for a try, as the Tigers took the lead again at 12-6. Wests went on a bit of a run after this, with Nofaluma strolling over untouched soon after. Then, Luke Garner crossed for a double after a Benji Marshall kick took a deflection in his favour, taking the score out to 22-6 after the Mbye conversion.

Just as the game looked to be getting away from the Dogs, they responded in quick fashion. Marcelo Montoya went over for a try five minutes from half-time after a nice pass out of dummy-half from Kieran Foran. Then, three minutes before half-time, some more Kieran Foran magic opened up the Tigers defence as he laid off a pass to debutant Matt Doorey who went over the line under the

sticks. The score at half-time quickly went from doom and gloom for the blue and whites to only a 22-16 deficit.

After some early pressure was sustained for the Bulldogs, they picked up where they left off fifteen minutes into the second half, after a break from Jeremy Marshall-King saw Aiden Tolman go over for his second try of the season, a play that levelled the scores at 22-22.

Another offload from Marshall-King thirteen minutes later saw Kerrod Holland go over for his first try of the season and for the first time in the game, the Dogs had the lead. Holland converted his own try to take the score to 22-28.

Canterbury halfback Jack Cogger attempted to seal the game with a field goal, but it went wide and over the dead ball line, gifting the Tigers a seven tackle set. Wests capitalised on the opportunity and levelled the game with a Joey Leilua try and a Moses Mbye conversion from out wide.

Then, the game became a field goal shootout. Benji Marshall and Jack Cogger both missed attempts to take a one point lead, before Tigers five-eighth Luke Brooks sent one sailing over the posts to take the lead at 29-28, ultimately winning the game for the joint venture and keeping their season alive.

The Bulldogs missed their chance to overtake Brisbane and get themselves off the bottom of the ladder, which will leave them disappointed that they couldn't close this one out. On the other hand, the Tigers have kept their season alive with a win this afternoon. The Tigers will take on the injury-hit Sydney Roosters next week, whilst Canterbury will play the Warriors.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Benji Marshall
2 points - Kieran Foran
1 points - Luke Garner

The scoresheet

Scores, scorers, match details from Round 14

Storm 24 (Jahrome Hughes, Justin Olam (2), Felise Kaufusi tries; Ryan Papenhuyzen 4/5 goals) def **Roosters 6** (Christian Tuipulotu try; Siosiaua Taukeiaho 1/1 goals); Venue: Sydney Cricket Ground; Date: Thursday 13 August 2020, 7:50pm AEST; Halftime: Storm 14-0; Referee: Gerard Sutton; Touch Judges: Todd Smith, Peter Gough; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Ben Galea

Panthers 18 (Brent Naden, Apisai Koroisau, Dylan Edwards tries; Nathan Cleary 3/4 goals) def **Warriors 12** (Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, Patrick Herbert tries; Patrick Herbert 2/2 goals); Venue: Central Coast Stadium; Date: Friday 14 August 2020, 6:00pm AEST; Halftime: Panthers 16-6; Referee: Adam Gee; Touch Judges: Liam Kennedy, Gavin Badger; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark, Bryan Norrie

Dragons 14 (Mikaele Ravalawa 2 tries; Zac Lomax 3/4 goals) def **Eels 12** (Clinton Gutherson, Kane Evans tries; Mitchell Moses 2/2 goals); Venue: Bankwest Stadium; Date: Friday 14 August 2020, 7:55pm AEST; Halftime: Dragons 10-6; Referee: Grant Atkins; Touch Judges: Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski, Belinda Sharpe; NRL Bunker: Ashley Klein, Beau Scott

Sharks 30 (Josh Dugan, Siosifa Talakai, Sione Katoa, Wade Graham, Jack Williams tries; Shaun Johnson 3/3, Matt Moylan 2/2 goals) def **Titans 18** (Corey Thompson, Jarrod Wallace, Keegan Hipgrave tries; Ashley Taylor 2/2, Jamal Fogarty 1/1 goals); Venue: Netstrata Jubilee Stadium; Date: Saturday 15 August 2020, 3:00pm AEST; Halftime: 12-all; Referee: Henry Perenara; Touch Judges: Matt Noyen, Peter Gough; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy, Ben Lowe

Rabbitohs 31 (Adam Reynolds, Dane Gagai, Alex Johnston (2), Campbell Graham tries; Adam Reynolds 5/6 goals; Adam Reynolds 1 field goal) def **Cowboys 30** (Connelly Lemuelu, Michael Morgan (2), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, Mitchell Dunn, Tom Opacic tries; Kyle Feldt 2/5, Connelly Lemuelu 0/1 goals); Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium; Date: Saturday 15 August 2020, 5:30pm AEST; Halftime: Cowboys 14-12; Referee: Chris Butler; Touch Judges: Todd Smith, Jon Stone; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Bryan Norrie

Raiders 36 (Jordan Rapana, George Williams, Nick Cotric (2), John Bateman, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad tries; Jarrod Croker 6/6 goals) def **Broncos 8** (Jesse Arthars, Herbie Farnworth tries; Kotoni Staggs 0/2 goals); Venue: GIO Stadium Canberra; Date: Saturday 15 August 2020, 7:35pm AEST; Halftime: Broncos 8-6; Referee: Chris Sutton; Touch Judges: Phil Henderson, Drew Oultram; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark, Ben Galea

Knights 26 (Starford To'a, Kurt Mann, Enari Tuala (2), Hymel Hunt tries; Kalyn Ponga 3/5 goals) def **Sea Eagles 24** (Cade Cust, Daly Cherry-Evans, Jack Gosiewski, Lachlan Croker tries; Reuben Garrick 4/4 goals); Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium; Date: Sunday 16 August 2020, 2:00pm AEST; Halftime: Knights 16-12; Referee: Ashley Klein; Touch Judges: Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski, Belinda Sharpe; NRL Bunker: Henry Perenara, Ben Galea

Wests Tigers 29 (Moses Mbye, Luke Garner (2), David Nofaloama, Joseph Leilua tries; Moses Mbye 4/5 goals; Luke Brooks 1 field goal) def **Bulldogs 28** (Nick Meaney, Kerrod Holland, Marcelo Montoya, Matt Doorey, Aiden Tolman tries; Kerrod Holland 4/5 goals); Venue: Bankwest Stadium; Date: Sunday 16 August 2020, 4:05pm AEST; Halftime: Tigers 22-16; Referee: Matt Cecchin; Touch Judges: Gavin Badger, Liam Kennedy; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy, Bryan Norrie

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NRL Match Review

Round 14 Charge Sheet

Jesse BROMWICH (Storm) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (other)

25th min on Matt Ikuvalu

Base penalty 100pts

Guilty / no contest = 100pts (1 match)

Guilty - early plea = 75pts (0 matches)

PLEA: Not guilty. RESULT: Guilty at judiciary. **Suspended 1 match.**

Eliesa KATO A (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (other)

49th min on James Fisher-Harris

Base penalty 100pts

1 x non-similar prior offence last 2 years (20% loading)

70 carryover points to be added

Guilty / no contest = 120+70=190pts (1 match)

Guilty - early plea = 90+70=160pts (1 match)

PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 1 match.** 60 carryover points accrued.

Tyrell FUIMAONO (Dragons) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact (other)

22nd min on Junior Paulo

Base penalty 200pts

Guilty / no contest = 200pts (2 matches)

Guilty - early plea = 150pts (1 match)

PLEA: Guilty, seeking downgrade. Unsuccessful. **Suspended 2 matches.**

Kevin PROCTOR (Titans) Dangerous contact - other (biting)

56th min on Shaun Johnson - referred to judiciary

PLEA: Not guilty. RESULT: Guilty at judiciary. **Suspended 4 matches.**

Liam KNIGHT (Rabbitohs) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (other)

18th min on Jordan McLean

Base penalty 100pts

2 x similar prior offences last 2 years (100% loading)

Guilty / no contest = 200pts (2 matches)

Guilty - early plea = 150pts (1 match)

PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 1 match.** 50 carryover points accrued.

Jake GRANVILLE (Cowboys) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (other)

76th min on Alex Johnston

Base penalty 100pts

Guilty / no contest = 100pts (1 match)

Guilty - early plea = 75pts (0 matches)

PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **No suspension.** 75 carryover points accrued.

Payne HAAS (Broncos) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact (head/neck)

22nd min on Siliva Havili

Base penalty 300pts

Guilty / no contest = 300pts (3 matches)

Guilty - early plea = 225pts (2 matches)

PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 2 matches.** 25 carryover points accrued.

Dylan NAPA (Bulldogs) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (head/neck)

29th min on Sam McIntyre

Base penalty 100pts

1 x similar prior offence last 2 years (50% loading)

Guilty / no contest = 150pts (1 match)

Guilty - early plea = 112pts (1 match)

PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 1 match.** 12 carryover points accrued.

LeagueUnlimited Player of the Year

Standings after Round 14

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.

23 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers)

19 points - Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Cameron Smith (Storm)

16 points - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs)

15 points - Cameron Munster (Storm)

14 points - Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

13 points - Benji Marshall (Wests Tigers)

12 points - Jack Wighton (Raiders), Luke Keary (Roosters)

11 points - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Brett Morris (Roosters), George Williams (Raiders), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Matthew Dufty (Dragons)

10 points - Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), James Tedesco (Roosters)

9 points - Mitchell Pearce (Knights)

8 points - Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Dylan Brown (Eels), Blake Green (Warriors)

7 points - Harry Grant (Storm), Kurt Mann (Knights), Isaaq Yeo (Panthers), David Klemmer (Knights), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Jarome Luai (Panthers), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Wade Graham (Sharks)

6 points - Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Matt Burton (Panthers), Curtis Sironen (Sea Eagles), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Eliesa Katoa (Warriors)

5 points - Zac Lomax (Dragons), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Michael Morgan (Cowboys), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Siosua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Cade Cust (Sea Eagles), Jarrod Croker (Raiders), Peta Hiku (Warriors), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Maika Sivo (Eels), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels)

4 points - Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), David Nofaloama (Wests Tigers), Anthony Milford (Broncos), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Shaun Lane (Eels), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Storm), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm)

3 points - Waqa Blake (Eels), Joseph Leilua (Wests Tigers), Addin Fonua-Blake (Sea Eagles), Charlie Staines (Panthers), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Corey Norman (Dragons), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Adam Clune (Dragons), Josh Morris (Sharks), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Kevin Proctor (Titans), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), John Bateman (Raiders), Junior Paulo (Eels), Bradman Best (Knights), Nick Meaney (Bulldogs), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Aiden Tolman (Bulldogs), Brian Kelly (Titans), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Young Tonumaipea (Titans), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Joseph Manu (Roosters)

2 points - Tohu Harris (Warriors), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Wayne Egan (Warriors), Liam Martin (Panthers), Kieran Foran (Bulldogs), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Christian Welch (Storm), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Moeaki Fotuika (Titans), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Raiders), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Payne Haas (Broncos), Dale Finucane (Storm), Jorge Taufua (Sea Eagles), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Nick Cotric (Raiders), Emre Guler (Raiders), David Fifita (Broncos), Nathan Brown (Eels), Michael Jennings (Eels), Corey Thompson (Wests Tigers), Kyle Flanagan (Roosters), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Cameron McInnes (Dragons)

1 point - Coen Hess (Cowboys), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Alexander Brimson (Titans), Caleb Aekins (Panthers), Liam Knight (Rabbitohs), Ethan Lowe (Rabbitohs), Tyrell Fuimaono (Dragons), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Luke Garner (Wests Tigers), Phillip Sami (Titans), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Jordan Pereira (Dragons), Sam Lisone (Titans), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Justin Olam (Storm), Darius Boyd (Broncos), Tyson Frizell (Dragons), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Billy Walters (Wests Tigers), Herman Ese'eese (Knights), Adam Elliott (Bulldogs), Andrew McCullough (Broncos), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Brendan Elliot (Sea Eagles), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Josh Reynolds (Wests Tigers), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Connor Watson (Knights), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Tom Opacic (Cowboys)

Premiership ladder

NRL 2020 Telstra Premiership after Round 14

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith Panthers	14	12	1	1	350	194	156	25
2	Melbourne Storm	14	12	2	0	374	168	206	24
3	Parramatta Eels	14	11	3	0	298	176	122	22
4	Sydney Roosters	14	9	5	0	354	198	156	18
5	Canberra Raiders	14	9	5	0	268	213	55	18
6	Newcastle Knights	14	8	5	1	305	232	73	17
7	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	14	8	6	0	362	306	56	16
8	South Sydney Rabbitohs	14	8	6	0	309	256	53	16
9	Wests Tigers	14	6	8	0	314	301	13	12
10	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	14	6	8	0	237	287	-50	12
11	St George Illawarra Dragons	14	5	9	0	262	290	-28	10
12	Warriors	14	5	9	0	201	338	-137	10
13	Gold Coast Titans	14	4	10	0	202	367	-165	8
14	North Queensland Cowboys	14	3	11	0	269	374	-105	6
15	Brisbane Broncos	14	3	11	0	186	437	-251	6
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	14	2	12	0	188	342	-154	4

Stats leaders

after Round 14

Top Tryscorers

1	Sione KATO (Sharks)	13
2	Alex JOHNSON (Rabbitohs)	12
	Stephen CRICHTON (Panthers)	12
	David NOFOALUMA (Wests Tigers)	12
5	Maika SIVO (Eels)	11
	Matthew DUFTY (Dragons)	11
	Kyle FELDT (Cowboys)	11
8	Josh ADDO-CARR (Storm)	10
	Zac LOMAX (Dragons)	10
	Mikaele RAVALAWA (Dragons)	10

Top Goalkickers

1	Kyle FLANAGAN (Roosters)	55 / 68	81%
2	Cameron SMITH (Storm)	51 / 59	86%
	Shaun JOHNSON (Sharks)	51 / 66	77%
4	Nathan CLEARY (Panthers)	49 / 59	83%
5	Adam REYNOLDS (Rabbitohs)	48 / 56	86%
6	Jarrold CROKER (Raiders)	42 / 48	88%
7	Zac LOMAX (Dragons)	41 / 54	76%
8	Kalyn PONGA (Knights)	40 / 59	68%
9	Reuben GARRICK (Sea Eagles)	36 / 50	72%
10	Mitchell MOSES (Eels)	34 / 41	83%

Top Pointscorers

	T	G	FG	Pts	
1	Kyle FLANAGAN (Roosters)	4	55	-	126
2	Zac LOMAX (Dragons)	10	41	-	122
3	Adam REYNOLDS (Rabbitohs)	5	48	1	117
4	Nathan CLEARY (Panthers)	4	49	2	116
5	Shaun JOHNSON (Sharks)	2	51	-	110
6	Cameron SMITH (Storm)	1	51	-	106
7	Kalyn PONGA (Knights)	6	40	-	104
8	Jarrold CROKER (Raiders)	3	42	-	96
9	Kyle FELDT (Cowboys)	11	23	-	90
10	Mitchell MOSES (Eels)	3	34	1	81

THE FRONT ROW

GAME DAY

ROUND 15 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS & STATS · PREVIEWS

Thursday



**Eels
v Storm**
Bankwest

Saturday



**Titans
v Raiders**
Cbus Super

Sunday



**Bulldogs
v Warriors**
ANZ Stadium

Friday



**Panthers
v Sharks**
Panthers Stadium



**Wests Tigers
v Roosters**
Leichhardt Oval



**Knights
v Cowboys**
McDonald Jones Stadium



**Broncos
v Dragons**
Suncorp Stadium



**Rabbitohs
v Sea Eagles**
ANZ Stadium

WEEKLY TIPS Round 15

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

Tim Costello (6)

Storm
Panthers
Dragons
Raiders
Roosters
Rabbitohs
Bulldogs
Knights

Andrew Ferguson (6)

Storm
Sharks
Dragons
Raiders
Tigers
Rabbitohs
Bulldogs
Knights

Andrew Jackson (6)

Eels
Panthers
Broncos
Raiders
Roosters
Sea Eagles
Bulldogs
Knights

Justin Davies (6)

Eels
Panthers
Dragons
Raiders
Roosters
Rabbitohs
Warriors
Knights

Adam Huxtable (4)

Eels
Sharks
Dragons
Titans
Roosters
Sea Eagles
Warriors
Knights

Rick Edgerton (6)

Storm
Panthers
Dragons
Raiders
Roosters
Rabbitohs
Warriors
Knights

Rob Crosby (4)

Eels
Panthers
Dragons
Raiders
Roosters
Sea Eagles
Warriors
Knights

Steven Williams (6)

Eels
Panthers
Dragons
Raiders
Tigers
Rabbitohs
Warriors
Knights

Sam Bourke (5)

Eels
Panthers
Dragons
Raiders
Roosters
Rabbitohs
Bulldogs
Knights

Josh Robertson (6)

Storm
Panthers
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Jeff Dickinson-Fox (5)

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Hamish Parker (6)

Storm
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Dragons
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Melbourne
STORM

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
14	5	12+	45	Clinton GUTHERSON	1	FULLBACK	1	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN		13	6	4+	33
14	11	-	44	Maika SIVO	2	WING	2	Sandor EARL		-	-	-	-
14	7	-	28	Michael JENNINGS	3	CENTRE	3	Brenko LEE		7	3	-	12
14	4	-	16	Waqā BLAKE	4	CENTRE	4	Justin OLAM		13	4	-	16
13	-	-	-	Blake FERGUSON	5	WING	5	Josh ADDO-CARR		13	10	-	40
14	4	-	16	Dylan BROWN	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Ryley JACKS		6	1	-	4
11	3	34+	81	Mitchell MOSES	7	HALFBACK	7	Jahrome HUGHES		12	5	-	20
14	1	-	4	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	8	FRONT ROW	8	Jesse BROMWICH [^]		12	-	-	-
14	2	-	8	Reed MAHONEY	9	HOKKER	9	Brandon SMITH		12	3	-	12
14	-	-	-	Junior PAULO	10	FRONT ROW	10	Christian WELCH		12	-	-	-
14	2	-	8	Shaun LANE	11	SECOND ROW	11	Felise KAUFUSI		13	2	-	8
11	3	-	12	Ryan MATTERSON	12	SECOND ROW	12	Kenneath BROMWICH		14	3	-	12
10	-	-	-	Nathan BROWN	13	LOCK	13	Tino FAASUAMALEAUI		14	4	-	16
[^] subject to judiciary													
7	1	-	4	Ray STONE	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Nicho HYNES		4	1	3	10
14	1	-	4	Marata NIUKORE	15		15	Tom EISENHUTH		9	1	-	4
8	4	-	16	Kane EVANS	16		16	Albert VETE		3	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	Oregon KAUFUSI	17		17	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA		12	2	-	8
4	-	-	-	Andrew DAVEY	18	RESERVES	18	Marion SEVE		6	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Haze DUNSTER	19		19	Chris LEWIS		2	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Will SMITH	20		20	Cooper JOHNS		-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Brad TAKAIRANGI	21		21	Darryn SCHONIG		1	-	-	-

BRAD ARTHUR

COACH

CRAIG BELLAMY

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RLP MILESTONES Michael JENNINGS (Eels) - 100th Eels match; Reed MAHONEY (Eels) - 50th NRL & Eels match

#NRL Eels Storm

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 20 August 2020
KICKOFF	7:50pm AEST
VENUE	Bankwest Stadium Parramatta, 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	Ben CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Todd SMITH Chris SUTTON
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Beau SCOTT

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 36 matches

13

23

At Bankwest Stadium: first meeting at this venue

LAST TEN CLASHES

Year	Round	Match	Venue
2013	R24	Storm 64-4	AAMI
2014	R15	Storm 46-20	AAMI
2015	R9	Storm 28-10	Pirtek
2015	R14	Eels 26-22	AAMI Park
2016	R11	Storm 18-6	Pirtek
2017	R18	Eels 22-6	AAMI
2017	QF	Storm 18-16	AAMI
2018	R23	Storm 20-4	AAMI
2019	R9	Storm 64-10	Suncorp
2019	SF	Storm 32-0	AAMI

BIGGEST WINS

2001	R20	Eels 54-10	Docklands
2013	R24	Storm 64-4	AAMI

FORM: LAST FIVE

EELS	L W W W L	3rd, 22pts
STORM	W W W W W	2nd, 24pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

EELS (H)	v Rabbitohs, Bankwest	Thu 7:50pm
STORM (H)	v Sea Eagles, Sunshine Coast	Sun 4:05pm

Match Preview

with Robert Crosby

Rivals face off in top four showdown

The finals come early on Thursday evening as the Parramatta Eels take on the Melbourne Storm in a top four clash at Bankwest Stadium.

Sitting in third position heading into the final quarter of the regular season, the Parramatta Eels will be looking to bounce back from a disappointing showing last week.

Suffering a 14-12 loss against the Dragons to fall three points behind the competition leaders, the Eels will be looking to take advantage of an injury-depleted Storm side.

Managing just two wins against the Storm from nine clashes during Brad Arthur's tenure, the match will be the first time the two teams have met since the Blue and Golds were humbled 32-0 in the semi finals last September.

Naming an unchanged team for the clash, Michael Jennings will play his 100th game for Parramatta, while Reed Mahoney will line up for his 50th NRL appearance after debuting with the club in 2018.

Winning their past eight matches to sit in second position with the best points differential in the league, the Melbourne Storm will be keen to impress in their Bankwest Stadium debut.

Making an emphatic statement with a 24-6 dismantling of the Roosters seven days earlier, coach Craig Bellamy will be banking on his side continuing a strong record in Sydney following four wins from five visits this season.

Missing representative stars Cameron Smith, Cameron Munster, Suliasi Vunivalu, Dale Finucane and Jesse Bromwich to injury and suspension, Sandor Earl and Albert Vete come into the side, while Cooper Johns could make his NRL debut should Jahrome Hughes fail to recover from a groin injury.

Who to watch: Set to become the 28th man to play 100 first grade games at two clubs, Michael Jennings will be looking to overcome a poor personal record against Melbourne. Facing off against the Storm on 21 occasions since coming into grade 13 years ago, the 32-year-old centre has struggled with a 19 per cent success rate and his lowest try tally against any team in the league.

Crossing for seven tries and averaging 114 metres per game this season, Jennings will have a point to prove on Thursday evening as the Eels look to bounce back on home soil.

Making a mammoth impact in his first full season in the top grade, young gun Tino Fa'asuamaleaui will be out to finish his time in Melbourne on a high note. Averaging 130 metres each week as part of a destructive injection of size and power in partnership with Nelson Asofa-Solomona off the bench, the 20-year-old behemoth is considered a bolter to represent Queensland in the end-of-season Origin series.

Named in the starting side for the first time in his career, look for Fa'asuamaleaui to have a big impact as the Storm eye nine wins in a row for the sixth time during Craig Bellamy's tenure.

Favourite: Coming up against a Storm side missing more than 1,100 games of experience, the Eels are expected to capitalise on their injury-affected rivals.

My tip: Losing 19 out of 26 clashes against the Craig Bellamy-coached Storm, the Eels should buck recent history on Thursday night. **Eels by 14.**



P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
6	4	-	16	Dylan EDWARDS	1	FULLBACK	1	Will KENNEDY	10	3	-	12
13	3	-	12	Josh MANSOUR	2	WING	2	Sione KATO A	14	13	-	52
7	-	-	-	Tyrone MAY	3	CENTRE	3	Josh DUGAN	10	4	-	16
14	12	7	62	Stephen CRICHTON	4	CENTRE	4	Jesse RAMIEN	13	7	-	28
10	8	-	32	Brent NADEN	5	WING	5	Ronaldo MULITALO	9	6	-	24
14	2	-	8	Jarome LUAI	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Matt MOYLAN	7	-	2	4
12	4	49 ⁺	116	Nathan CLEARY	7	HALFBACK	7	Shaun JOHNSON	14	2	48	104
14	-	-	-	James TAMOU	8	FRONT ROW	8	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	14	4	-	16
13	3	-	12	Apisai KOROISAU	9	HOKKER	9	Blayke BRAILEY	14	3	-	12
14	-	-	-	James FISHER-HARRIS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Aaron WOODS	14	1	-	4
13	5	-	20	Viliame KIKAU	11	SECOND ROW	11	Siosifa TALAKAI	10	2	-	8
12	2	-	8	Liam MARTIN	12	SECOND ROW	12	Wade GRAHAM	14	3	-	12
14	2	-	8	Isaah YEO	13	LOCK	13	Toby RUDOLF	14	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Daine LAURIE	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Connor TRACEY	9	1	-	4
6	-	-	-	Spencer LENIU	15		15	Scott SORENSEN	8	-	-	-
14	-	-	-	Moses LEOTA	16		16	Jack WILLIAMS	12	2	-	8
11	-	-	-	Zane TETEVANO	17		17	Royce HUNT	9	1	-	4
3	-	-	-	Mitch KENNY	18	RESERVES	18	Teig WILTON	3	-	-	-
8	2	-	8	Brian TO'O	19		19	Briton NIKORA	10	3	-	12
6	2	-	8	Matt BURTON	20		20	Braydon TRINDALL	1	-	-	-
9	2	-	8	Billy BURNS	21		21	Bryson GOODWIN	5	3	-	12

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COACH

JOHN MORRIS

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RLP MILESTONES Josh MANSOUR (Panthers) - 150th Panthers & NRL match

#NRLPanthersSharks

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 21 August 2020
KICKOFF	6:00pm AEST
VENUE	Panthers Stadium Penrith, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Belinda SHARPE Gavin BADGER
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL Ben GALEA

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 94 matches

40

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At Panthers Stadium: 43 matches, Panthers 24, Sharks 19

LAST TEN CLASHES

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2015	R8	Panthers 26-18	Pepper
2016	R8	Sharks 20-18	SC Group
2016	R18	Sharks 26-10	Pepper
2017	R7	Sharks 28-2	Pepper
2018	R7	Sharks 26-22	SC Group
2018	R18	Sharks 24-12	Panthers
2018	SF	Sharks 21-20	Allianz
2019	R6	Sharks 24-20	Pointsbet
2019	R21	Panthers 26-20	Panthers
2020	R9	Panthers 56-24	Netstrata Jubilee

BIGGEST WINS

1978	R16	Sharks 43-4	Penrith
2000	R26	Panthers 44-6	Penrith
2010	R26	Panthers 50-12	CUA

FORM: LAST FIVE

PANTHERS	W W W W W	1st, 25pts
SHARKS	W W W L W	7th, 16pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

PANTHERS (H)	v Tigers, Panthers	Sat 7:35pm
SHARKS (H)	v Cowboys, Netstrata Jubilee	Sat 5:30pm

Match Preview

with Robert Crosby

Sharks test themselves against the best

The Penrith Panthers will be eyeing ten in a row on Friday evening when they host the Cronulla Sharks at Panthers Stadium.

Sitting atop the premiership ladder with 12 wins and a draw over the first 14 rounds, the Penrith Panthers will be hoping to record three straight wins over their historic rivals for the first time in a decade.

Posting their biggest win of the season against the Sharks with a 56-24 demolition back in Round 9, coach Ivan Cleary will be stressing the importance of maintaining momentum with the second-placed Storm trailing the side by just one point on the ladder.

Retaining the same squad that downed the Warriors 18-12 at Gosford last week, winger Brian To'o could be a late inclusion after being named as part of the extended squad.

Debuting with the Panthers during Cleary's first stint as coach back in 2012, Josh Mansour will play his 150th game for the club.

Coming into the final quarter of the season in seventh position, the Cronulla Sharks will be desperate to claim a major scalp heading towards the finals.

Locked in a fierce tussle against the Titans before Kevin Proctor's dismissal saw the side power home to a 30-18 victory last Saturday, the Sharks have yet to defeat a top eight team in 2020, leaving plenty of questions over their ability to make an impact during the business end of the season.

Winning five of their past seven visits to the foot of the mountains, coach John Morris will be aware of the consequences of Friday's match with the side capable of finishing the weekend as high as equal fourth or as low as eighth pending other results.

In the only positional change from the squad that downed the Titans, Toby Rudolf will start at lock with Scott Sorenson reverting to the bench.

Who to watch: Spending his first two seasons in the top grade as a back-up playmaker, Jarome Luai has made the Panthers' number six jersey his own in 2020. Beating out Matt Burton and Tyrone May in the race to partner Nathan Cleary in the halves, the 23-year-old Samoan international has been a focal part of the side's deadly left side attack with the third-most try-assists in the league (12) and a dozen forced drop outs. Contracted to the foot of the mountains until the end of next season, Luai will be sure to cause the Sharks plenty of headaches close to the line having recorded nine line break assists and 27 tackle breaks already this season.

Trialling with Cronulla over the off-season after managing a single NRL appearance in his time at Canberra, interchange forward Royce Hunt has proven to be the latest gem unearthed by John Morris. Helping the Sharks win seven of their past nine matches after making his club debut in Round 6, the 25-year-old front-rower has progressively increased his work rate to average 86 metres and 15 tackles in 28 minutes of game time each week. Rejuvenating the side's forward pack with plenty of punch off the bench, Hunt looks set to go from strength-to-strength after penning an extension for the next two seasons.

Favourite: On track to become the first team since Melbourne to record ten straight wins three years ago, the Panthers are expected to prove too strong back on home soil.

My tip: While the Sharks will do their best to get the best of a premiership contender, the momentum of the home side should continue for a tenth straight week. **Panthers by 10.**

Brisbane
BRONCOS



St George Illawarra
DRAGONS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
14	1	-	4	Darius BOYD	1	FULLBACK	1	Matthew DUFTY	12	11	-	44
4	2	-	8	Richie KENNAR	2	WING	2	Jordan PEREIRA	10	1	-	4
8	7	6	40	Kotoni STAGGS	3	CENTRE	3	Euan AITKEN	10	3	-	12
-	-	-	-	Jordan KAHU	4	CENTRE	4	Zac LOMAX	14	10	41	122
13	5	3	26	Herbie FARNWORTH	5	WING	5	Mikaele RAVALAWA	13	10	-	40
12	1	-	4	Anthony MILFORD	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Corey NORMAN	13	3	-	12
6	-	-	-	Tom DEARDEN	7	HALFBACK	7	Adam CLUNE	10	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Joe OFAHENGAUE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Blake LAWRIE	14	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Issac LUKE	9	HOKKER	9	Ben HUNT	14	1	-	4
9	1	-	4	Rhys KENNEDY	10	FRONT ROW	10	Josh KERR	14	-	-	-
4	2	-	8	David FIFITA	11	SECOND ROW	11	Tyson FRIZELL	14	1	-	4
10	1	-	4	Ben TE'O	12	SECOND ROW	12	Tyrell FUIMAONO [^]	13	1	-	4
13	-	-	-	Patrick CARRIGAN	13	LOCK	13	Cameron MCINNES	12	1	-	4
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7	-	-	-	Cory PAIX	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Jacob HOST	6	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Jordan RIKI	15		15	Kaide ELLIS	2	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Ethan BULLEMOR	16		16	Korbin SIMS	3	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	Jamil HOPOATE	17		17	Paul VAUGHAN	12	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Pride PETTERSON-ROBATI	18	RESERVES	18	Trent MERRIN	11	-	-	-
5	1	-	4	Jesse ARTHARS	19		19	Tristan SAILOR	3	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Sean O'SULLIVAN	20		20	Brayden WILIAME	4	1	-	4
13	1	-	4	Brodie CROFT	21		21	Eddie BLACKER	-	-	-	-

* 3 games for Dragons

ANTHONY SEIBOLD

COACH

PAUL MCGREGOR

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RLP MILESTONES Zac LOMAX (Dragons) - 6 more points for 200 club and career points

#NRLBroncosDragons

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 21 August 2020
KICKOFF	7:55pm AEST
VENUE	Suncorp Stadium Milton, QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M Brisbane 2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Henry PERENARA
TOUCH JUDGES	Matt NOYEN Jon STONE
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Bryan NORRIE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 40 matches

23

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At Suncorp Stadium: 19 match, Broncos 11, Dragons 8

LAST TEN CLASHES

2014	R4	Broncos 36-20	WIN
2014	R25	Broncos 30-22	Suncorp
2015	R7	Dragons 12-10	WIN Jubilee
2015	R23	Broncos 32-6	Suncorp
2016	R6	Broncos 26-0	Suncorp
2016	R22	Broncos 12-8	WIN
2017	R24	Broncos 24-12	Suncorp
2018	R1	Dragons 34-12	Jubilee
2018	QF	Dragons 48-18	Suncorp
2019	R3	Dragons 25-24	Suncorp

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BIGGEST WINS

2000	R24	Broncos 44-14	WIN
2018	QF	Dragons 48-18	Suncorp

FORM: LAST FIVE

BRONCOS	LLLLL	15th, 6pts
DRAGONS	WLLLL	11th, 10pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

BRONCOS (A)	v Roosters, SCG	Fri 7:55pm
DRAGONS (H)	v Titans, Netstrata Jubilee	Fri 6:00pm

Match Preview

with Andrew Jackson

Dragons begin life without Mary against bumbling Broncos

Another week has gone by and still the Broncos seem lost for answers. Yet again, Brisbane put in a solid first-half performance and this time around they even led the Raiders 8-6. But a lack of resilience proved costly again as Canberra raced in 30 unanswered points in the second half to run out dominant winners.

Unfortunately, the news doesn't get any better for Brisbane this week. They have lost both Payne Haas (suspension) and Tom Flegler (shoulder) up front while Jake Turpin is also sidelined (broken hand). In an unforced change Brodie Croft has been dropped and replaced by Anthony Milford.

The only way the Broncos can win this game is if they are given a full licence to throw caution to the wind and start to enjoy playing footy but that would be a tough job with confidence at an all-time low.

The only issue for the Dragons this week is a drop-off after last week's emotional win. The 14-12 upset victory over Parramatta would have been frustrating in some respects for Dragons fans.

While the team had shown promise in defeat in recent weeks, they were unable to tough it out against both Souths and the Roosters. Last Friday against the Eels though the Red V rallied for departing coach Paul McGregor.

There was a clear source of inspiration there behind one of their best performances. The challenge will be backing it up against a struggling team that doesn't present the same challenge.

The Dragons are boosted by the return of Paul Vaughan which is another blow to Brisbane's losses up front.

Who to watch: The match-up between Anthony Milford and Corey Norman will be interesting. Both have been heavily criticised this year for their lack of consistent output despite being on big-money deals.

Milford is symptomatic of Brisbane's side as a whole, electric when he puts his mind to it but drifting in and out of games when the going gets tough along with the rest of his teammates. He gets the chance to redeem himself this week in place of Croft after returning from a hamstring injury.

Norman hasn't had enough of an impact and could consider himself somewhat fortunate to have retained his spot while Tristan Sailor was left off the bench. Norman's kicking game against Parramatta was strong early as he turned their outside backs around. More involvement in the side's direction in attack should be expected given his experience alongside the still-developing Adam Clune.

Favourite: The Dragons are well-backed to win here.

My tip: Saints won't turn up with the same energy or intent as last week and I dare say this one will be locked up by the break but once again Brisbane will fall apart in the second half. **Dragons by 18.**

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Gold Coast TITANS



Canberra RAIDERS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
3	2	-	8	AJ BRIMSON	1	FULLBACK	1	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	13	7	-	28
12	9	-	36	Anthony DON	2	WING	2	Jordan RAPANA	11	2	-	8
12	5	-	20	Brian KELLY	3	CENTRE	3	Jarrold CROKER	14	3	42	96
4	-	-	-	Young TONUMAIPEA	4	CENTRE	4	Curtis SCOTT	11	2	-	8
11	5	-	20	Phillip SAMI	5	WING	5	Nick COTRIC	14	8	-	32
14	1	24	52	Ashley TAYLOR	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Jack WIGHTON	14	4	-	16
12	1	5	14	Jamal FOGARTY	7	HALFBACK	7	George WILLIAMS	14	4	-	16
11	1	-	4	Jarrold WALLACE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Josh PAPALI'I	14	4	-	16
7	-	-	-	Nathan PEATS	9	HOOKER	9	Siliva HAVILI	14	-	-	-
12	-	-	-	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	10	FRONT ROW	10	Dunamis LUI	11	1	-	4
11	2	-	8	^Kevin PROCTOR	11	SECOND ROW	11	John BATEMAN	3	1	-	4
11	2	-	8	Keegan HIPGRAVE	12	SECOND ROW	12	Elliott WHITEHEAD	14	4	-	16
13	-	-	-	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	13	LOCK	13	Hudson YOUNG	9	-	-	-
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14	-	-	-	Tyrone PEACHEY	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Tom STARLING	5	-	-	-
12	1	-	4	Sam LISONE	15		15	Joseph TAPINE	13	1	-	4
4	1	-	4	Beau FERMOR	16		16	Ryan SUTTON	10	-	-	-
3	1	-	4	Sam STONE	17		17	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	3	-	-	-
9*	2	-	8	Corey THOMPSON	18	RESERVES	18	Sam WILLIAMS	-	-	-	-
10	1	-	4	Tanah BOYD	19		19	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS	1	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Jai WHITBREAD	20		20	Kai O'DONNELL	3	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	Erin CLARK	21		21	Matt FRAWLEY	-	-	-	-

* 2 games for Wests Tigers

JUSTIN HOLBROOK

COACH

RICKY STUART

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RLP MILESTONES Ashley TAYLOR (Titans) - 5 more points for 300 club and career points; John BATEMAN (Raiders) - 4 more points for 200 career points (NRL and Super League); Jarrold CROKER (Raiders) - 8 points for 2100 club and career points; Dunamis LUI (Raiders) - 150th NRL game

#NRLTitansRaiders

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 22 August 2020
KICKOFF	3:00pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium Robina, QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris BUTLER
TOUCH JUDGES	Liam KENNEDY Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Ben GALEA

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 24 matches

12

12

At Cbus Super Stadium: 12 matches, Titans 7, Raiders 5

LAST TEN CLASHES

Year	Round	Match	Opponent
2014	R18	Raiders 36-20	Cbus Super
2015	R9	Raiders 56-16	GIO
2015	R24	Titans 28-12	Cbus Super
2016	R4	Titans 24-20	GIO
2016	R16	Raiders 30-22	Cbus Super
2017	R6	Raiders 42-16	Cbus Super
2018	R1	Titans 30-28	Cbus Super
2018	R9	Raiders 32-18	GIO
2019	R1	Raiders 21-0	Cbus Super
2020	R1	Raiders 24-6	GIO

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BIGGEST WINS

2013	R2	Titans 36-0	Cbus Super
2007	R18	Raiders 56-10	GIO

FORM: LAST FIVE

TITANS	L L L W L L	13th, 8pts
RAIDERS	W W W L W	5th, 18pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

TITANS (A)	v Dragons, Netstrata Jubilee	Fri 6:00pm
RAIDERS (H)	v Bulldogs, GIO	Sun 6:30pm

Match Preview

with Jason Hosken

Raiders' chase for the top four moves to the Gold Coast.

Despite contrasting last start performances both the Canberra Raiders and Gold Coast Titans should arrive at Robina in a buoyant mood.

There was a moment in the nation's capital last week when the battered Broncos thought they'd turned the corner, but a five try blitz in 21 minutes put paid to that as the Raiders raced away to join the fourth placed Roosters on 18 points. With for-and-against sure to figure in playoff calculations, the 36-8 turnaround proved a welcome windfall for Ricky Stuart even though it glossed over some worrying cracks.

Despite winning four of their past six, the Raiders have trailed at the break on five occasions. Even the confidence-rocked Broncos toyed with the docile Raiders pack until Stuart cracked open the game-face bag with another halftime bake.

Still in pursuit of an 80 minute performance, Stuart has stuck with last week's 17. The only change sees Hudson Young move to lock with Ryan Sutton dropping back to the bench.

For the 13th placed Titans a month of positive newsflow had them on the rise like a Dreamworld roller coaster. On-field improvement, David Fifita's signature and on the road at 12-all, closing in on an upset. In hindsight, injuries to key forward Jai Arrow and the dangerous Dale Copley proved the tipping point. But no one predicted the free fall that was the dismissal of skipper Kevin Proctor, the first in premiersip history for biting.

The Sharks were quick to strike, snatching the game with three tries in six minutes. Previous Gold Coast sides would have tapped out, but the traits that look like earning coach Justin Holbrook a contract extension came to the surface. To the point where a late Keegan Hipgrave try even had Cronulla eyeing the clock.

Noted try scorers Anthony Don and Phillip Sami return this week with Jarrod Wallace selected to start in the pack. The rapidly improving Moeaki Fotuauka moves to 13 with Sam Stone coming onto the interchange.

But regardless of who runs out, the message should be clear. Having scattered the Sharks with 11 line breaks despite a horrid 71 per cent completion rate, with a little more control, Holbrook can only imagine what might be around the corner.

Who to watch: In his second year on the Glitter Strip, Brian Kelly is now coming into his own. Last week's season high 215 metres increased his match average to 134, the highest in his four NRL seasons to date.

But for Curtis Scott, the Ballina junior's two line breaks against the Sharks would have caught the eye. The former Storm premiersip winner is yet to cement his spot in Stuart's lineup, while Kelly's light feet and hip-drive continue to challenge the best. Following the victory over the Broncos, when pressed on John Bateman, Canberra assistant coach Andrew McFadden tagged the Wigan bound star as awkward and unorthodox. In only his third game of the year, the backrower underlined his value when he put fellow Englishman George Williams away for the game changing try then quickly followed it up with one of his own. At only 96 kilograms, the 26-year-old's deceptive strength and high workrate on either side of the ball is sure to activate the alarm bells around Robina.

Favourite: Having tasted success in three of the past four on the Gold Coast, the finals bound Raiders are deserved favourites.

My tip: After holding the Titans scoreless in 2019, the Raiders blew them off the park to open 2020. Now with a top four spot up for grabs and the struggling Bulldogs to follow, watch for the Raiders to once again brush aside a now depleted lineup. **Raiders by 14.**

WESTS TIGERS



Sydney ROOSTERS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
13	2	2	12	Adam DOUEIHI	1	FULLBACK	1	James TEDESCO	12	4	-	16
13	11	-	44	David NOFOALUMA	2	WING	2	Matt IKUVALU	8	6	-	24
9	3	-	12	Joseph LEILUA	3	CENTRE	3	Josh MORRIS	11 [*]	3	-	12
11	2	22	52	Moses MBYE	4	CENTRE	4	Joseph MANU	14	5	-	20
7	5	-	20	Tommy TALAU	5	WING	5	Brett MORRIS	10	9	-	36
11	2	-	8	Luke BROOKS	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Drew HUTCHISON	2	-	-	-
9	2	14 ⁺	37	Benji MARSHALL	7	HALFBACK	7	Kyle FLANAGAN	12	4	55	126
13	3	-	12	Josh ALOIAI	8	FRONT ROW	8	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	11	1	-	4
-	-	-	-	Jacob LIDDLE	9	HOOKER	9	Jake FRIEND	14	1	-	4
4	-	-	-	Russell PACKER	10	FRONT ROW	10	Siosua TAUKEIAHO	13	1	3	10
13	6	-	24	Luke GARNER	11	SECOND ROW	11	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	13	3	-	12
10	3	-	12	Luciano LEILUA	12	SECOND ROW	12	Nat BUTCHER	11	-	-	-
7	1	-	4	Matt EISENHUTH	13	LOCK	13	Isaac LIU	12	-	-	-
* 2 games for Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks												
12	-	-	-	Sam MCINTYRE	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Freddy LUSSICK	-	-	-	-
7	1	-	4	Elijah TAYLOR	15		15	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	11 [*]	-	-	-
7	2	-	8	Josh REYNOLDS	16		16	Daniel FIFITA	3	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Alex SEYFARTH	17		17	Lindsay COLLINS	13	1	-	4
1	-	-	-	Alex TWAL	18	RESERVES	18	Egan BUTCHER	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Thomas MIKAELE	19		19	Ryan HALL	5	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Chris LAWRENCE	20		20	Max BAILEY	1	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	Asu KEPAOA	21		21	Sam WALKER	-	-	-	-

* 4 games for Warriors

MICHAEL MAGUIRE

COACH

TRENT ROBINSON

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SCRUMS

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RLP MILESTONES Trent ROBINSON (Roosters) - 250th match as Roosters coach

#NRLTigersRoosters

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 22 August 2020
KICKOFF	5:30pm AEST
VENUE	Leichhardt Oval Lilyfield, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Grant ATKINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Todd SMITH Chris SUTTON
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN Ben LOWE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 34 matches

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At Leichhardt Oval: 3 matches, Tigers 1, Roosters 2

LAST TEN CLASHES

			WST 1 - 9 SYD
2014	R23	Roosters 48-4	Leichhardt
2015	R9	Roosters 36-4	Allianz
2015	R20	Roosters 33-8	ANZ
2016	R13	Roosters 32-18	Allianz
2017	R14	Roosters 40-18	Campbelltown
2017	R24	Roosters 22-18	Allianz
2018	R1	Tigers 10-8	ANZ
2018	R13	Roosters 16-14	Allianz
2019	R8	Roosters 42-12	SCG
2019	R16	Roosters 24-16	Bankwest

BIGGEST WINS

2004	R16	Roosters 56-0	Campbelltown
2009	R3	Tigers 40-24	Allianz

FORM: LAST FIVE

TIGERS	W L L L W	9th, 12pts
ROOSTERS	L W W W L	4th, 18pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

TIGERS (A)	v Panthers, Panthers	Sat 7:35pm
ROOSTERS (H)	v Broncos, SCG	Fri 7:55pm

Match Preview

with Lachy MacCorquodale

The Sydney Roosters continue their battle for fourth place as they take on the ninth placed Wests Tigers.

Leichhardt Oval will be the venue for Saturday afternoon's clash between the defending premiers and the perennially ninth placed Tigers. This is the first time the Roosters have played the Tigers at Leichhardt Oval since 2014, a 48-4 flogging by the tri-colours as an injured James Tedesco watched his Tigers suffer from the sideline. Now Tedesco will line up against the Tigers at his former home ground. Tedesco's Roosters will be disappointed with their 18-point loss against a well-oiled Melbourne Storm. The Roosters completed at 20 per cent below their opponents and coughed the ball up a total of 17 times, seven more than the Storm.

With 13 wins from their last 14 matches against the Tigers, the Roosters will be looking to continue this trend as they battle it out with the Raiders, Knights, Sharks and the Rabbitohs for that final top four spot, with Penrith, Melbourne and Parramatta sitting 7, 6 and 4 points respectively ahead of the defending premiers.

The Roosters have hit a roadblock by their terms, with four wins from their past seven matches as Trent Robinson has struggled to field a full strength team due to the multitude of injuries that his star players have suffered. Luke Keary, Mitchell Aubusson and Lachlan Lam have been added to that injury list after all three failed to make it through the Storm clash. Injuries to Keary and Lam have opened the door up for Kyle Flanagan to return into the lineup, pairing with Drew Hutchinson in the halves. Brett Morris returns for Christian Tuipulotu on the wing and Jared Waerea-Hargreaves returns at prop pushing Nat Butcher back into the back row. Freddy Lussick has been named on the bench for his NRL debut.

The Wests Tigers narrowly avoided defeat on Sunday night courtesy of a 77th minute Luke Brooks field goal which gave his side the victory over the last placed Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs. The Tigers have been low on confidence recently having won just two of their past seven matches and now find themselves in ninth place sitting four points from the eighth placed Rabbitohs. The Tigers got out to an early lead on Sunday and showed everyone the type of football they can play when they're all guns blazing. However, in typical Tiger fashion they switched off after leading by 16 points. They can't afford to do the same this weekend against the Roosters. Despite the Roosters sub-standard form by their standards, they still have the fire power to run over the Tigers if they do indeed fall asleep again on Saturday afternoon. Their loss to the Knights two weeks ago shows what the consequences can be if the Tigers switch off for large periods of the match. The middle of the park will be the focus for Michael Maguire this week, with two of the Bulldogs line breaks caused by tired middle forwards in the Tigers own half. Something that a side trying to fight their way back into Finals contention can't afford to do.

The Tigers have named an unchanged 17 with Alex Twal being named in the reserves in the number 18 jersey and could be a chance of making his return from injury.

Who to watch: The former Tiger, James Tedesco is again the man to watch for the Roosters. Despite the Roosters disappointing performance last week, Tedesco was still able to run for 234 run metres with 69 post contact metres and eight tackle breaks. He has failed to crack 200 run metres just twice this season and has played a big part in bringing the Roosters of their own line. With Luke Keary out this week, the Roosters will look to Tedesco for some extra creativity and this could see the Australian fullback get his hands on the football more than the 33 touches he averages per game. Still searching for his first try since his hat trick against the Bulldogs, it would be more than fitting for him to get his name on the scoresheet against his former club at Leichhardt Oval.

With Harry Grant out injured, it's going to require a great team performance from the Tigers to upset the defending premiers on Saturday afternoon and with the focus on their defence. Whilst Benji Marshall will be the source of most of the Tigers points, Adam Doueihi has taken strides in his play as a fullback, especially his ball playing ability. Doueihi has five try assists this season with a total of nine try involvements. The young fullback showed his ball playing skills with his brilliant cut out ball to David Nofaluma which led to Luke Garner's first try. Doueihi has averaged 164 run metres this season with 55 of those coming after contact. With 30 touches in each of their last two matches, expect Doueihi to have a big part in the Tigers red zone play.

Favourite: The Roosters are the favourite for this clash, being the two-time defending premiers and with their extraordinary record against the Tigers they realistically have every right to send the Tigers packing at Leichhardt Oval. The Roosters don't have much experience at Leichhardt in recent times having only played there four times since 2011.

My tip: The Roosters will be determined to prove to the competition that they are still the team to beat and with the Tigers struggling for form, it is the Roosters game to lose. I expect the Roosters to win in a high scoring clash but at the end of the day it is the Tigers at Leichhardt, anything could happen. **Roosters by 14.**



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12	2	4	16	Latrell MITCHELL	1	FULLBACK	1	Reuben GARRICK	14	1	36	76
14	12	-	48	Alex JOHNSTON	2	WING	2	Jorge TAUFUA	11	6	-	24
13	4	-	16	Campbell GRAHAM	3	CENTRE	3	Brad PARKER	13	2	-	8
14	9	-	36	Dane GAGAI	4	CENTRE	4	Moses SULI	12	2	-	8
5	-	-	-	Jaxson PAULO	5	WING	5	Tevita FUNA	5	4	-	16
12	5	-	20	Cody WALKER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Cade CUST	7	3	-	12
14	5	48+	117	Adam REYNOLDS	7	HALFBACK	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	14	5	-+	21
14	-	-	-	Tevita TATOLA	8	FRONT ROW	8	Taniela PASEKA	12	2	-	8
14	3	-	12	Damien COOK	9	HOOKER	9	Danny LEVI	14	2	-	8
14	2	-	8	Thomas BURGESS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Martin TAUPAU	13	1	-	4
13	1	-	4	Jaydn SU'A	11	SECOND ROW	11	Joel THOMPSON	13	2	-	8
10	1	-	4	Bayley SIRONEN	12	SECOND ROW	12	Curtis SIRONEN	12	2	-	8
14	1	-	4	Cameron MURRAY	13	LOCK	13	Jake TRBOJEVIC	14	1	-	4
10	2	-	8	Mark NICHOLLS	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Lachlan CROKER	14	1	-	4
5	-	-	-	Keon KOLOMATANGI	15		15	Corey WADDELL	8	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	Patrick MAGO	16		16	Sean KEPPIE	13	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Jack JOHNS	17		17	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	4	1	-	4
-	-	-	-	Jed CARTWRIGHT	18	RESERVES	18	Morgan BOYLE	5	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Corey ALLAN	19		19	Abbas MISKI	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Troy DARGAN	20		20	Jack GOSIEWSKI	8	1	-	4
-	-	-	-	Kurt DILLON	21		21	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	11	2	-	8

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RLP MILESTONES Moses SULI (Sea Eagles) - 50th Sea Eagles match

#NRLSouthsManly

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 22 August 2020
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park, NSW
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LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M Brisbane 2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
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MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Dave MUNRO Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA Bryan NORRIE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 144 matches

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At ANZ Stadium: 10 matches, Rabbitohs 6, Sea Eagles 4

LAST TEN CLASHES

			SOU 6 - 4 MAN
2015	R16	Rabbitohs 20-8	ANZ
2015	R22	Sea Eagles 28-8	Brookvale
2016	R5	Rabbitohs 16-12	Brookvale
2016	R20	Sea Eagles 20-12	Allianz
2017	R2	Rabbitohs 38-18	Lottoland
2017	R9	Sea Eagles 46-8	Allianz
2018	R3	Rabbitohs 34-6	ANZ
2019	R4	Sea Eagles 13-12	Lottoland
2019	R17	Rabbitohs 21-20	ANZ
2019	SF	Rabbitohs 34-26	ANZ

BIGGEST WINS

1975	R22	Sea Eagles 54-0	Brookvale
2005	R14	Rabbitohs 44-6	Aussie

FORM: LAST FIVE

RABBITOHS	LLWWW	8th, 16pts
SEA EAGLES	WWLLL	10th, 12pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

RABBITOHS (A)	v Eels, Bankwest	Thu 7:50pm
SEA EAGLES (A)	v Storm, Sunshine Coast	Sun 4:05pm

Match Preview

with Josh Robertson

A Saturday night blockbuster at ANZ Stadium will see South Sydney look to keep their top 8 position safe whilst the Manly Sea Eagles will look to close the gap to the top 8 when the two sides meet.

The South Sydney Rabbitohs last weekend managed to steal victory from the jaws of defeat when they took a 31-30 victory in Townsville. The Rabbitohs were far from their best last weekend and it was some late magic from Adam Reynolds that helped Souths over the line. The Rabbitohs came into last weekend heavy favourites but were pushed by the Cowboys who lead by 6 inside the final five minutes.

The Bunnies have been inconsistent in 2020 heading into this weekend sitting in eighth spot on the NRL ladder. The Rabbitohs have taken 8 victories from their 14 games this season and have won their past three matches. Although, they have won their past three matches they have come against sides outside the top 8 which does put a question mark over the form. South Sydney welcome back coach Wayne Bennett back into the coaches box after his two week quarantine period whilst on the field, the Rabbitohs have lost Liam Knight through suspension. Bayley Sironen comes into the starting side whilst Jack Johns comes onto the bench.

Just a few weeks ago, the Manly Sea Eagles were seen as potential top 4 contenders, now heading into Round 15 they sit in 10th spot on the NRL ladder, sitting four points outside of the top 8. Last weekend, the Manly Sea Eagles saw a lead slip from their grip twice during their 26-24 defeat against the Newcastle Knights. The Sea Eagles lead 12-0 early in the match before slipping behind before turning it around to take a 24-20 lead only for it to vanish late as they slipped to defeat.

The Sea Eagles have suffered three straight defeats heading into Round 15 and have only scored two victories since their Round 6 victory over Canberra, including their 22-18 upset victory over Parramatta. Although Manly have only scored two victories in their past five matches, the match last weekend showed they can match top 8 sides.

Manly coach Des Hasler has been forced into team changes yet again following injury to Brendan Elliott. Reuben Garrick has been named at fullback whilst Manly get a boost with Jorge Taufua returning to the wing after missing last week. The other changes see Martin Taupau back to the front row with Jack Trbojevic at lock. Corey Waddell has been pushed to the bench whilst Jack Gosiewski is back to the reserves.

Who to watch: Rabbitohs halfback Adam Reynolds was the key reason for Souths victory last weekend in Townsville. Although he missed a conversion that would've levelled the scores, it was his boot that ultimately restored parity through a penalty goal, before nailing the 80th minute field goal that gave the Rabbitohs the one-point victory. Like the rest of his team, Reynolds has had an inconsistent season but on Saturday will need to be at his best if the Bunnies want to take victory.

Manly five-eighth Cade Cust has been a solid performer for the Sea Eagles in 2020 complimenting Daly Cherry-Evans. Cust has been required to stand up for Manly since coming into the side in Round 7 and although the Eagles have put just two wins together, Cust has been a key playmaker for Manly during this time. If Manly want to get past the Rabbitohs this weekend, then Cust will need to take a key part with DCE to get Manly over the line

Favourite: On the basis of better form and a rising injury toll for their opponents, the South Sydney Rabbitohs are heavy favourites for victory.

My tip: Although South Sydney only just got over the Cowboys last weekend, they will be better suited to the conditions of ANZ Stadium on Saturday night. The Sea Eagles were good last week but their overall form has been poor and with the potential of players missing the game through injury could harm their chances. The game will be tough but Souths should have enough to get the win over Manly. **Rabbitohs by 8.**

Canterbury-Bankstown
BULLDOGS



WARRIORS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
7	1	-	4	Will HOPOATE	1	FULLBACK	1	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK	13	2	1	10
12	4	14	44	Nick MEANEY	2	WING	2	Adam POMPEY	7	1	1	6
5 [#]	1	1	6	Tim LAFAI	3	CENTRE	3	Hayze PERHAM	1	-	-	-
8	1	4	12	Kerrod HOLLAND	4	CENTRE	4	Peta HIKU	12	6	-	24
10	3	-	12	Reimis SMITH	5	WING	5	George JENNINGS	4*	2	-	8
11	2	-	8	Kieran FORAN	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Kodi NIKORIMA	13	2	15 ⁺	39
4	-	-	-	Jack COGGER	7	HALFBACK	7	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	8	-	8	16
8	-	-	-	Ofahiki OGDEN	8	FRONT ROW	8	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	14	1	-	4
14	1	-	4	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	9	HOOKER	9	Karl LAWTON	11	3	-	12
12	2	-	8	Aiden TOLMAN	10	FRONT ROW	10	Lachlan BURR	8	-	-	-
1	1	-	4	Matt DOOREY	11	SECOND ROW	11	Isaiah PAPALI'I	10	1	-	4
14	4	-	16	Raymond FAITALA-MARINER	12	SECOND ROW	12	Tohu HARRIS	14	1	-	4
14	-	-	-	Josh JACKSON	13	LOCK	13	Jazz TEVAGA	6	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	Sione KATOA	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Wayde EGAN	13	2	-	8
6	-	-	-	Luke THOMPSON	15		15	Adam BLAIR	14	-	-	-
11	-	-	-	Sauaso SUE	16		16	Daniel ALVARO	4*	-	-	-
9	3	8	28	Jake AVERILLO	17		17	Jack MURCHIE	7	-	-	-
11	1	-	4	Renouf TO'OMAGA	19	RESERVES	18	Paul TURNER	-	-	-	-
13	1	-	4	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	20		20	Gerard BEALE	6	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Chris SMITH	21		21	Josh CURRAN	1	-	-	-
9	1	-	4	Lachlan LEWIS	23		22	Tom ALE	-	-	-	-

*2 games for St George Illawarra Dragons

* 1 game for Parramatta Eels

STEVE GEORGALLIS

COACH

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SCRUMS

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RLP MILESTONES Roger TUIVASA-SHECK (Warriors) - 6 more points for 100 Warriors points

#NRLBulldogsWarriors

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 23 August 2020
KICKOFF	2:00pm AEST
VENUE	ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park, NSW
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LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

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TOUCH JUDGES	Gavin BADGER Henry PERENARA
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN Ben LOWE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 38 matches

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At ANZ Stadium: 8 matches, Bulldogs 5, Warriors 2, drawn 1

LAST TEN CLASHES

		CBY 7 - 3 WAR	
2012	R3	Bulldogs 32-18	Mt Smart
2013	R9	Bulldogs 24-16	Westpac
2014	R6	Bulldogs 21-20	Eden
2014	R10	Bulldogs 16-12	Waikato
2015	R26	Bulldogs 26-22	ANZ
2016	R7	Warriors 24-20	Westpac
2017	R3	Bulldogs 24-12	Forsyth Barr
2017	R16	Warriors 21-14	Mt Smart
2018	R23	Bulldogs 27-26	ANZ
2019	R1	Warriors 40-6	Mt Smart

BIGGEST WINS

2004	R26	Bulldogs 54-10	Mt Smart
2019	R1	Warriors 40-6	Mt Smart

FORM: LAST FIVE

BULLDOGS	LWLLL	16th, 4pts
WARRIORS	LLWWL	12th, 10pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

BULLDOGS (A)	v Raiders, GIO	Sun 6:30pm
WARRIORS (H)	v Knights, Scully Park	Sat 3:00pm

Match Preview

with Adam Huxtable

Bulldogs look to ditch last place against gritty Warriors

Pre-season, you could be forgiven for thinking that this matchup would be 15th taking on 16th in an all-out battle to avoid the wooden spoon, and Covid-19 forcing the Warriors to relocate to Australia indefinitely would've only shortened the odds.

That statement is only partly correct currently. The struggling Bulldogs have only recorded two wins so far in 2020, while the Warriors have had a tough underbelly installed into them by interim coach Todd Payten which sees them sitting in 12th and remarkably still an outside chance of a finals berth.

Last week, the Bulldogs came agonisingly close to closing out a rare victory against the Wests Tigers. Coming back from 22-6 down, they were in it until the end, even leading with 9 minutes to go. But a late field goal consigned them to their twelfth loss of the year as well as being 2 competition points behind fellow cellar-dwellers the Broncos. The Warriors were up against a top team in the Panthers last week and, like they've done against similar opposition, didn't lie down and made a real go of it. The Panthers got out to a 16-0 lead, and the old Warriors would no doubt have thrown in the towel. But they buckled down and scored a try right on half time, and with 20 minutes to go even looked likely to win it. It wasn't to be however, going down 18-12 to a classy Panthers side.

In team news, the Bulldogs have named veteran fullback Will Hopoate to return from injury after 7 weeks on the sideline. His return pushes Nick Meaney to the wing and Marcelo Montoya out of the side. Jeremy Marshall-King moves from the interchange to start at hooker in a direct swap with Sione Katoa, the same happening in the front row with Englishman Luke Thompson benched for Aiden Tolman. Kerrod Holland keeps Jake Averillo out of the starting centre position for at least another week.

For the Warriors, winger Patrick Herbert has picked up an injury at training, meaning Adam Pompey moves to the wing and Hayze Perham comes into the centres. Eliesa Katoa has been suspended for one match with a dangerous contact charge, seeing Isaiah Papali'i will start in the back row and Jack Murchie recalled to the 17 via the bench.

Fans and commentators alike have lauded the Bulldogs effort throughout the year, and many consider them undeserving of the wooden spoon. Looking at their draw however, it's hard to see where the next win comes from. They only face one current bottom 4 team in the Titans, who themselves have proven to be no easy beats, with the next lowest opponent being the Warriors this week. After contesting for the full 80 last week, it will be interesting to see if the Dogs are able to back up the strong performance and break out of last place, or if the Tigers game took energy out of them and it becomes a one-sided affair.

Who to watch: Young back rower Matt Doorey impressed on debut last week. Coming off the bench, he played 54 minutes and racked up 110 metres from 10 runs, made 2 tackle breaks and made 21 tackles with only 1 missed. He was also able to score his maiden NRL try. His strong performance has seen him promoted to the starting side for the Bulldogs and he will have his work cut out for him marking up on Tohu Harris, who has been one of the Warriors best in 2020.

Since returning from injury a few weeks ago, Jazz Tevaga has been an absolute workhorse for the Warriors. Despite only playing 38 minutes last week, Tevaga ran for 104 metres including 2 tackle breaks and made an astounding 43 tackles. Last year Tevaga showed he was capable of playing big minutes, playing 90 and breaking the record for combined tackles and runs in a golden point thriller in Brisbane last year. It's ultimately up to Todd Payten how long he plays on Sunday, and he can be sure that Jazz won't let him down while on the field.

Favourite: The Warriors are slight favourites to get the win on Sunday.

My tip: While the Bulldogs may be last on the table in terms of victories, they are certainly not the worst team running around in the NRL at the moment. The problem for them is neither are the Warriors. While this game looks like it could be close on paper, I think the Warriors have shown that they are on a different level to the Bulldogs this year and will be convincing victors come 2pm Sunday. **Warriors by 16.**

Newcastle
KNIGHTS



North Queensland
COWBOYS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
13	6	40	104	Kalyn PONGA	1	FULLBACK	1	Scott DRINKWATER	10	2	-	8	
2	2	-	8	Starford TO'A	2	WING	2	Kyle FELDT	14	11	23	90	
13	7	-	28	Enari TUALA	3	CENTRE	3	Tom OPACIC	4	2	-	8	
6	2	-	8	Gehamat SHIBASAKI	4	CENTRE	4	Connelly LEMUELU	6	1	-	4	
14	5	-	20	Hymel HUNT	5	WING	5	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	9	3	-	12	
14*	-	-	-	Blake GREEN	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Ben HAMPTON	12	4	-	16	
14	2	-*	9	Mitchell PEARCE	7	HALFBACK	7	Michael MORGAN	4	2	-*	9	
14	-	-	-	David KLEMMER	8	FRONT ROW	8	Josh MCGUIRE	12	-	-	-	
14	6	-	24	Kurt MANN	9	HOOKER	9	Reece ROBSON	14	5	-	20	
14	2	-	8	Jacob SAIFITI	10	FRONT ROW	10	Jordan MCLEAN	9	-	-	-	
11	-	-	-	Lachlan FITZGIBBON	11	SECOND ROW	11	Mitchell DUNN	11	1	-	4	
14	1	-	4	Aidan GUERRA	12	SECOND ROW	12	Coen HESS	13	3	-	12	
7	1	-	4	Mitchell BARNETT	13	LOCK	13	Jason TAUMALOLO	13	2	-	8	
3	1	-	4	Phoenix CROSSLAND	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Reuben COTTER	4	-	-	-	
14	1	-	4	Herman ESE'ESE	15		15	John ASIATA	6	-	-	-	
3	-	-	-	Josh KING	16		16	Emry PERE	2	-	-	-	
5	-	-	-	Pasami SAULO	17		17	Francis MOLO	14	2	-	8	
5	-	-	-	Brodie JONES	18	RESERVES	18	Shane WRIGHT	8	-	-	-	
7	1	2	8	Tex HOY	19		19	Jake CLIFFORD	10	1	1	6	
2	-	-	-	Chris RANDALL	20		20	Corey JENSEN	2	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Jirah MOMOISEA	21		21	Justin O'NEILL	12	5	-	20	

ADAM O'BRIEN

COACH

JOSH HANNAY

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

PENALTIES

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

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

SCRUMS

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

RLP MILESTONES Josh HANNAY (Cowboys) - 200th NRL match as player or coach (195 as a player)

#NRLKnightsCowboys

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 23 August 2020
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	McDonald Jones Stadium New Lambton, 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	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Belinda SHARPE Dave MUNRO
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL Bryan NORRIE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD: 39 matches

20

19

At McDonald Jones: 19 matches, Knights 13, Cowboys 6

LAST TEN CLASHES

			NEW 3-7 NQL
2013	R24	Cowboys 26-6	1300Smiles
2014	R5	Cowboys 28-2	1300Smiles
2014	R15	Knights 36-28	Hunter
2015	R2	Knights 16-14	1300Smiles
2015	R8	Cowboys 26-24	Hunter
2016	R13	Cowboys 46-16	1300Smiles
2017	R8	Cowboys 24-12	1300Smiles
2018	R20	Cowboys 20-18	1300Smiles
2019	R22	Knights 42-6	McDonald Jones
2020	R7	Cowboys 32-20	QLD Country Bank

BIGGEST WINS

2003	R22	Knights 60-24	Dairy Farmers
2005	R4	Cowboys 52-18	Dairy Farmers
2019	R22	Knights 42-6	McDonald Jones

FORM: LAST FIVE

KNIGHTS	W L L W W	6th, 17pts
COWBOYS	L L L L L	14th, 6pts

NEXT UP - ROUND 16

KNIGHTS (A)	v Warriors, Scully Park	Sat 3:00pm
COWBOYS (A)	v Sharks, Netstrata Jubilee	Sat 5:30pm

Match Preview

with Hamish Parker

Heated Hunter showdown with plenty on the line

On Sunday afternoon at McDonald Jones Stadium, the Newcastle Knights and North Queensland Cowboys will do battle. For the Knights, a win in this one will all but assure their place in the top eight come finals time for the first time since the 2013 season, which saw them bow out one game short of the Grand Final to eventual premiers the Sydney Roosters.

The Cowboys' season is over and if anything, this game is a chance for them to restore some of the club's pride as they currently sit in fourteenth on the premiership ladder. They won't be pleased with how they managed to throw away their last game against South Sydney in the dying stages and will be looking to right the wrongs of that performance.

It all makes for an intriguing clash coming up in Sunday afternoon footy.

In team news for Newcastle, Daniel Saifiti is out and will be replaced in the starting front row position by his brother, Jacob. The change means that Pasami Saulo will come onto the bench for the Novocastrians.

The only change for the Cowboys from their last round loss to the Rabbitohs comes through the bench. Jake Granville is out of the side and has been replaced on the interchange by Rueben Cotter.

Who to watch: It's hard to go past Kalyn Ponga up against his former club in the form he has been recently. The Cowboys' defence has at times been well below par and Ponga is just the type of player to expose that weakness in their game. The boys from the far reaches of Queensland will have to tighten the screws a lot better than they did last week, leaking 31 points, if they are to contain the young fullback.

In saying that the Cowboys defence has at times been flimsy, so has Newcastle's. Reece Robson is the type of player to punish teams for weak defence and if Taumalolo can punch a few holes through the middle, look for Robson to dart from dummy-half and look dangerous throughout the game.

Favourite: Newcastle are favourites to win this one at their own home ground.

My tip: This should be a tight contest given the form both teams are in. Both of their defences haven't been stellar and despite the positional difference on the ladder, you never know what you might get with the Cowboys.

They have challenged a lot of teams throughout the season but on many occasions just can't get the job done. It was the same last week as they lost in heartbreaking fashion.

The Knights just scraped home against Manly in a comeback last round, but they will hope to be a bit more convincing in this one. The Knights should win this one at home, but it won't be easy for them. **Knights by 6.**



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WESTS DEVILS v GLEBE-BURWOOD WOLVES

SID PARRISH PARK · SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020 · 1PM

DEVILS: 1. Mitchell Porter 2. Michael Applebee 3. Cleveland McGhie 4. Colby Pellow 5. Lachlan Hurst 6. Kurt Aldridge 7. Justin Rodrigues 8. Matthew Delbanco 9. Jackson Walsh 10. Zachary Blay 11. Kyle Lodge 12. Joseph Dickson 13. Jalal Bazzaz 14. Blake Barbuto 16. Mitchell Barbuto 17. Ben Arandt 18. Daniel Zohar 19. Levi Pascoe

WOLVES: 1. Honeti Tuha 2. Lorenzo Mulitalo 3. John Olive 4. Vito Tevaga 5. Jonah Ngaronoa 6. Sitiveni Moceidreke 7. Liam Coleman 8. Wesley Lolo 9. Jackson Garlick 10. Thomas Hazelton 11. Matt Stimson 12. Ethan Natoli 13. Patrice Siolo 15. Duwayne Mariner 17. Myles Taeli 20. Kem Seru 21. Brock Gray

WESTERN RAMS v WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES

GLEN WILLOW, MUDGEY · SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020 · 3PM

RAMS: 1. Mitch Andrews 2. Brock Naden 3. Jackson Brien 4. Jesse Wighton 5. Mackenzie Atkins 6. Harry Siejka 7. Nicholas Tilburg 8. Bradley Fearnley 9. Brendan Hands 10. Jed Betts 11. Bailey Hartwig 12. Jordan Pope 13. Jake Betts 14. Jack Beasley 15. Cody Godden 16. Liam Henry 17. Nathan Ward

MAGPIES: 1. Nicholas Walker 2. Cameron Hall 3. Omar Slaimankhel 4. Taufa Afu 5. Ethan Parry 6. Thomas Bartley 7. Eli Levido 8. Adam Spicer 9. Ryan Pritchard 17. Brad Johnson 11. Kieran Hayman 12. Charles Shepherd 13. Blake Cook 10. Dayne Vette Welsh 15. Henry Raiwalui 22. Awishkar Gnyawali 20. Brandon Shoveller

THIRROUL BUTCHERS v MATILAND PICKERS

GIBSON PARK · SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020 · 3:10PM

BUTCHERS: 1. Leigh Higgins 2. Dane Francis 3. Hayden Crossland 4. Cooper Bowen 5. Scott Galeano 6. Daniel Payne 7. Jack Payne 8. Riley Lord 9. Ryan Fletcher 10. Tim Grant 11. Luke Dodge 12. Harry Leddy 13. Damian Sironen 14. Connor Muhleisen 15. Julian Flego 16. Tom Simpson 17. Nelson Sharp 18. Mitchell Lackersteen 19. Luke Gallagher 20. Chris Slater-Raptis

PICKERS: 1. Daniel Langbridge 2. Matthew Soper-Lawler 3. Henry Penn 4. Gary Anderson 5. James Bradley 6. Chad O'donnell 7. Brock Lamb 22. Cooper Jenkins 9. Alex Langbridge 10. Jayden Butterfield 11. Gary Anderson 12. Marvin Filipo 13. Callan Burgess 14. Peter Wilson 15. Faitotoa Faitotoa 16. Ben Ireland 17. Elijah Rasiga

HILLS BULLS v NORTH SYDNEY BEARS

CRESTWOOD OVAL · SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020 · 3PM

BULLS: 1. Anthony Layoun 2. Kitone Vikash 3. Shane Kiel 4. Leva Li 5. Zac Chong-Nee 6. Adam Fearnley 7. Josh Lewis 8. Paea Pua 21. Joel Bradford 10. Tim Robinson 11. Daniel Harrison 12. Dean Matterson 13. Jerry Key 14. David Hollis 23. Bruce Ward 16. Veapaapaoutai 17. Matthew Ryan

BEARS: 1. Josh Bergamin 2. Sione Hopoate 3. James Tuitahi 4. Jordan Ah-One-Remfrey 5. Corey Fenning 6. Coby Thomas 7. Tobias Westcott 8. Ben Thomas 9. Brad Dietz 10. Connagh Takairangi 11. Edenn Rogers-Smith 12. Harrison Edwards 13. Thomas Freebairn 14. Josh Daley 15. Luca Moretti 16. Brae Verheyen 17. Jacob Preston

BYE: DUBBO CYMS

CRONULLA-CARINGBAH v EAST CAMPBELLTOWN EAGLES

CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL · SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020 · 3PM

SHARKS: 1. Callum Tutauha 5. Dj Purcell 3. Lachlan Hughes 4. Rea Pittman 2. Nesiasi Mataitonga 6. Ryan King 7. Bailey Hayward 8. Mathew Emery 9. Michael Lichaa 17. Jyi Seymour 11. James Spencer 12. Rewi Brown 13. Hayden Fepuleai 21. Hayden Preece 15. Wiremu Peters 16. Kruse Robinson 24. Joey Tramontana
EAGLES: 16. Theo Leato 20. Alapati Potifara 11. Tevita Alifa 3. Piliiau Togamaga 6. Brett Lahey 77. Shannon Gallant 10. Mason Talolua 13. John Da Silva 21. Kobe Chamberlain 17. Mavoni Tuifua 12. Grant Lahey 15. Luke Williams 8. Thomas Morrison 14. Dean Robson 1. Baden Stewart 22. Felix Smith

HELENSBURGH TIGERS v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

REX JACKSON OVAL · SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020 · 3:10PM

TIGERS: 1. Zeik Foster 3. Adam Mortlock 4. Jordan Tongahai 5. William Russell 6. Max Batty 7. Harrison Geraghty 8. Benjamin Vitucci 9. James Russell 10. Pierce Thompson 11. Vincent Stowers 12. Ashleigh Nisbet 13. Kurt Atkinson 14. Liam O'toole 15. Jad Mahmoud 16. Tasmin Gilmour 17. Lachlan Peachey 18. Tully Mackay 19. Joshua Briggs 20. Chris Coleman

UNIVERSITY: 1. Kieran Wyld 2. Isaac Rabuatoka 3. Dane Aukafolau 4. Lorenzo Mulitalo 5. Ali Saad 6. Jordan Chongsun 14. Josh Natoli 8. Khalil Rahme 9. Ben Jackson 10. Zane Elsley 11. Mason McCarthy 12. Jack Boyling 13. Daniel Arahu 15. Laurence Zarounas 17. Stefano Totidis 31. Joel Kingham 32. Maylee Semu

HILLS BULLS v BELROSE EAGLES

CRESTWOOD OVAL · SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020 · 1PM

BULLS: 1. Jesse Parker 2. Christopher McCoy 3. Maile Li 4. Kyle Cassel 5. Daylen Meredith 6. Nicholas Holliday 7. Shannon Gardiner 8. Sean Walpole 9. Mitch Hyde 10. Tyrone Faulkner 11. Jake Brennan 12. David Baumann 13. Rhys Scigliatano 14. Cameron Akauola 15. Corey Kurnoth 16. Rhys Scigliatano 21. Brock Pelligra 18. Lennox Whittaker

EAGLES: 20. Ben Pickering 2. Jonathon Palau 3. Andrew Halstead 4. Christian Bate 5. Beau Abrahams 6. William Kelly 7. Zachary Nicholls 8. Steven Tavita 9. Judd Hanlon 10. Ilija Radan 12. Joshua Martin 13. Jamie Buhner 14. Ben Pickering 15. Andrew Layton 17. Daniel Martin 19. Giuseppe Plati

RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS v WENTWORTHVILLE UNITED

TG MILNER FIELD · SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020 · 3PM

HAWKS: 1. Curtis Wilson 2. Joshua Rizk 3. Reggie Alofipo 4. Regan Hughes 5. Joshua Boumelhem 6. Adam Rizk 16. Angelo Panambalama 8. Langi Suli-Ruka 9. Blake Layton 10. Edward Carter 11. Bradley Cousins 12. Justin Frain 13. Angus McElroy 14. Bennett Wheelhouse 15. Callum Ellis 18. Benjamin Fisiilose 20. Joshua Suli-Ruka 23. Tyler Seymour 21. Tyler Field

WENTY: 1. Lewis Habkoku 2. Obed Karwhin 15. Saimone Lasalo 5. Bilal Maarbani 6. Sam Carusi 8. Lolu Ma'u 9. Brian Akava 18. Evander Swann 11. Awishkar Gnyawali 12. Sam Radovu 13. Brandon Shoveller 10. Saimone Lasalo 3. Eric Ruka 16. William Swann 17. Josiah Tamasi

BYE: MOOREBANK RAMS

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS v NORTH SYDNEY BEARS

ERSKINEVILLE OVAL · SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020 · 12PM

RABBITOHS: 1. Tahlia Hunter 2. Summer Dann 3. Nellie Bell 4. Monique Donovan 5. Regan Hart 6. Sarah Field 7. Arabella Mckenzie 8. Maddison Shaw 9. Janaya Bent 10. Christine Pauli 11. Kyla Gordon 12. Shaylee Bent 13. Ellie Johnston 14. Ayesha Flood 15. Nikki Baird 16. Crystal Overton 17. Grace Uluiburotu 18. Katie Brown

BEARS: 1. Shanice Parker 2. Pier Pritchard 3. Shontelle Stowers 4. Shenai Lendill 5. Tyla Gambell 6. Kirra Dibb 7. Sabrina Green 8. Josephine Maejiirs 9. Nita Maynard 10. Aliti Nameo 11. Losena Qiolevu 12. Talesha Quinn 13. Nicole Backhouse 14. Caitlin Keefe 15. Chloe Leaupepe 16. Moniqca Moale 17. Simaima Taufa 19. Lacey Shields 20. Mary Taipau

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS v CENTRAL COAST ROOSTERS

CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL · SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020 · 1PM

SHARKS: 1. Jaime Chapman 2. Andie Robinson 3. Jamie Anne Wright 4. Kiana Takairangi 5. Zali Fay 6. Corban McGregor 7. Maddie Studdon 8. Georgie Brooker 9. Keeley Davis 10. Oneata Schwalger 11. Georgia Page 12. Talei Holmes 13. Kaarla Cowan 14. Tegan Dymock 15. Lavinia Taukamo 17. Kennedy Cherrington 19. Emma Walters 16. Brandi-lee Stainton Payne

ROOSTERS: 1. Isabelle Kelly 2. Yasmin Meakes 3. Jayme Fressard 4. Brydie Parker 5. Alicia Martin 6. Bobbi Law 7. Melanie Howard 8. Caitlan Johnston 9. Kylie Hilder 10. Tayla Predebon 11. Jocelyn Kelleher 12. Britney Duff 13. Hannah Southwell 14. Olivia Higgins 16. Olivia Kernick 17. Keilee Joseph 18. Keilee Joseph 20. Madeline Jones

WESTS TIGERS v WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES

NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (Olympic Park) · MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2020 · 7PM

WESTS TIGERS: 1. Botille Vette-Welsh 2. Rachel Simpson 24. Patricia Raikadroka 4. Tia Cook 5. Christine Kani 6. Raecene McGregor 14. Naomi Kara 8. Awhina Akuhata 9. Tyler Pelligra 10. Kina Hanisi 17. Christian Pio 12. Taylor Osborne 13. Sophie Curtain 7. Emily Curtain 15. Filomina Hanisi 16. Janelle Williams 18. Tasia Seumanufagai 19. Stephanie Wilson

MAGPIES: 4. Martha Fua 7. Hunter Hakim 3. Allison Futialo 13. Myah Tahan 2. Priscilla Younes 6. Sereana Naitokatoka 15. Ashlee Harrison 14. Alyce Solaese 9. Mikayla Malaki 16. Kayla Sauvao 22. Vanessa Foliaki 10. Rima Butler 11. Amelia Mafi 20. Lekielia Brown 8. Emma-marie Young 18. Tara McGrath-West 21. Tommaya Kelly-Sines

BYE: CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

NSWRL RESULTS

PRESIDENT'S CUP - ROUND 5

Thirroul 18 (Cooper Bowen 2, Hayden Crossland 2 tries; Daniel Payne 1 goal) def **Hills Bulls 12** (Taniela Lasalo, Kitione Vikash, Joel Bradford tries) at Gibson Park

Maitland 58 (Chad O'Donnell 3, Daniel Langbridge 2, Brock Lamb, Matt Soper-Lawler, James Bradley, Ben Ireland, Callan Burgess tries; Brock Lamb 9 goals) def **Western Rams 4** (Bailey Hartwig try) at Maitland Sports Ground

Glebe-Burwood 24 (Sitiveni Moceidreke, Lorenzo Mulitalo, Thomas Hazelton, John Olive, Matt Stimson tries; Sitiveni Moceidreke 2 goals) def **Dubbo CYMS 18** (Joshua Toole, Jyie Chapman, Jack Quinn tries; Bayden Searle 3 goals) at Apex Oval

Wests Devils 28 (Kyle Lodge 2, Colby Pellow, Cleveland McGhire, Blake Barbuto tries; Kurt Aldridge 4 goals) def **Wentworthville 18** (Kieran Hayman, Charles Shepherd, Cameron Hall tries; Kieran Hayman 3 goals) at Ringrose Park
BYE: **North Sydney Bears**

LADDER: Pickers 10, Bears 8, Wolves 8, Devils 8, Butchers 8, Bulls 6, CYMS 2, Magpies 0, Rams 0

SYDNEY SHIELD - ROUND 5

Hills Bulls 42 (Daylen Meredith 4, David Baumann, Cameron Akauola Laua, Mitch Hyde, Shannon Gardiner tries; Mitch Hyde 5 goals) def **Cronulla-Caringbah 16** (James Spencer, Kruse Robinson, 1 TBC tries; Ryan King 1, Bailey Hayward 1 goals) at Cronulla High School
Helensburgh 30 (Kurt Atkinson 2, Max Batty, Adam Mortlock, Lachlan Peachey tries; William Russell 5 goals) def **Wenty Utd 20** (Obed Karwhin 2, Bilal Maarbani, William Swann, Sam Carusi tries) at Ringrose Park

Ryde-E'wood 30 (Bradley Cousins, Joshua Rizk, Reginald Alofipo, Langi Suli-Ruka, Edward Carter, Josh Boumelhem tries; Angelo Panambalana 3 goals) def **East C'town 10** (Piliaau Togamaga, Tevita Alifa tries; 1 TBC goal) at Waminda Oval
Moorebank Rams 40 (Kurtis Morrin 2, Johnny Lee Gabrael 2, Iverson Fuatimau, Laitia Moceidreke 2, Jake Horton tries; Ryan Gray 2, Jake Horton 2 goals) def **University 6** (Joshua Natoli try; Daniel Arahua 1 goal) at Hammondville Oval
BYE: **Belrose Eagles**

LADDER: Belrose 8, Hawks 8, Bulls 7, Rams 6, Sharks 6, University 5, Tigers 5, ECE 3, Wenty 2

HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP - ROUND 5

Wentworthville 10 (Sereana Naitokatoka, Allison Futialo tries; Ashlee Harrison 1 goal) drew with **Central Coast Roosters 10** (Isabelle Kelly, Jocelyn Kelleher tries; Mel Howard 1 goal) at Campbelltown Stadium

Cronulla-Sutherland 16 (Zali Fay, Jaime Chapman, Jamie-Anne Wright, Kiana Takairangi tries) def **Wests Tigers 4** (Tia Cook try) at Campbelltown Stadium

South Sydney 12 (Ellie Johnston, Grace Uluiburotu tries; Arabella McKenzie 2 goals) def **Canterbury-Bankstown 6** (Leanne Toomalatai try; Quincy Dodd 1 goal) at NSWRL Centre of Excellence

BYE: **North Sydney Bears**

LADDER: Sharks 10, Roosters 9, Rabbitohs 6, Bears 5, Tigers 5, Bulldogs 4, Magpies 1

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

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

Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:30pm

Sea Eagles v Sharks
Bulldogs v Tigers

Gosford 22-40
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
Raiders v Dragons
Eels v Cowboys
Titans v Sharks
Warriors v Broncos
Tigers v Panthers
Sea Eagles v Knights
Bulldogs v Rabbitohs

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

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

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

Bankwest 26-16
QCBS 12-24
Suncorp 8-46
Gosford 10-18
Kogarah 28-24
GIO 18-12
MJS 12-18
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
Tigers v Warriors
Broncos v Sharks
Roosters v Titans
Cowboys v Raiders
Sea Eagles v Panthers
Bulldogs v Eels
Storm v Knights

Indigenous Round

Kogarah 24-32
SCG 20-26
Suncorp 26-36
SCG 18-12
Townsville 12-14
Lottoland 12-42
ANZ 16-18
S. Coast 26-16

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
Sea Eagles v Warriors
Rabbitohs v Broncos
Storm v Bulldogs
Knights v Tigers
Panthers v Raiders
Titans v Cowboys
Sharks v Eels

WIN 16-24
Lottoland 22-26
ANZ 28-10
S Coast 41-10
MJS 44-4
Panthers 28-12
Cbus Super 30-10
Kogarah 12-14

ROUND 14

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 13-16

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

SCG 6-24
Gosford 12-18
Bankwest 12-14
Kogarah 30-18
Townsville 30-31
GIO 36-8
MJS 26-24
Bankwest 29-28

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
 Panthers v Sharks
 Broncos v Dragons
 Titans v Raiders
 Tigers v Roosters
 Rabbitohs v Sea Eagles
 Bulldogs v Warriors
 Knights v Cowboys

Bankwest Stadium
 Panthers Stadium
 Suncorp Stadium
 Cbus Super Stadium
 Leichhardt Oval
 ANZ Stadium
 ANZ Stadium
 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
 Titans v Knights
 Rabbitohs v Roosters
 Bulldogs v Panthers
 Sharks v Raiders
 Tigers v Eels
 Warriors v Sea Eagles
 Dragons v Storm

Suncorp Stadium
 Cbus Super Stadium
 ANZ Stadium
 ANZ Stadium
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium
 Bankwest or Campbelltown*
 Central Coast Stadium*
 Netstrata Jubilee 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
 Dragons v Titans
 Roosters v Broncos
 Warriors v Knights
 Sharks v Cowboys
 Panthers v Tigers
 Storm v Sea Eagles
 Raiders v Bulldogs

Bankwest Stadium
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium
 Sydney Cricket Ground
 Scully Park, Tamworth
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium
 Panthers Stadium
 Sunshine Coast Stadium
 GIO Stadium Canberra

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

WPF 1 v WPF 2

Venue TBC

ROUND 17

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

SEPTEMBER 3-6

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

Women in League Round

Suncorp Stadium
 McDonald Jones Stadium
 ANZ Stadium
 QLD Country Bank Stadium
 Lottoland
 GIO Stadium Canberra
 Central Coast Stadium*
 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
 Bulldogs v Sea Eagles
 Panthers v Eels
 Dragons v Raiders
 Titans v Broncos
 Roosters v Knights
 Storm v Cowboys
 Sharks v Warriors

Bankwest or Campbelltown*
 ANZ Stadium
 Panthers Stadium
 WIN Stadium*
 Cbus Super Stadium
 Sydney Cricket Ground
 Sunshine Coast Stadium
 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
 Cowboys v Panthers
 Eels v Broncos
 Sea Eagles v Titans
 Storm v Tigers
 Roosters v Sharks
 Raiders v Warriors
 Knights v Dragons

ANZ Stadium
 QLD Country Bank Stadium
 Bankwest Stadium
 Lottoland
 Sunshine Coast Stadium
 Sydney Cricket Ground
 GIO Stadium Canberra
 McDonald Jones Stadium

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

All matches except Grand Final & Origin broadcast live on Fox League & Kayo Sports. Thu 7:50pm, Fri 7:55pm and Sun 4:05pm matches, all Finals, Grand Final and Origin are broadcast live on the Nine Network. NRL draw is subject to change - visit LeagueUnlimited.com for updated fixtures.

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Wakefield TRINITY



Catalans DRAGONS



Alex WALKER	1	1	David MEAD
Bill TUPOU	3	2	Lewis TIERNEY
Ben JONES-BISHOP	5	3	Samisoni LANGI
Jacob MILLER (c)	6	4	Israel FOLAU
Danny BROUGH	7	5	Fouad YAHA
David FIFITA	8	6	James MALONEY
Kyle WOOD	9	7	Josh DRINKWATER
Tinirau ARONA	10	8	Rémi CASTY
Matty ASHURST	11	9	Michael MCILORUM
Danny KIRMOND	12	10	Sam MOA
Joe WESTERMAN	13	11	Matt WHITLEY
Jay PITTS	14	12	Joel TOMKINS
Craig KOPCZAK	15	13	Benjamin GARCIA
James BATCHELOR	16	14	Julian BOUSQUET
Chris GREEN	17	15	Mickael SIMON
Adam TANGATA	18	16	Tom DAVIES
Jordan CROWTHER	19	17	Benjamin JULIEN
Joe ARUNDEL	20	18	Alrix DA COSTA
Max JOWITT	21	19	Mickael GOUDEMAMAND
George KING	22	20	Lucas ALBERT
Josh WOOD	23	21	Paul SÉGUIER
Jack CROFT	24	22	Arthur ROMANO
Brad WALKER	25	23	Antoni MARIA
Titus GWAZE	26	24	Jason BAITIERI
Lee KERSHAW	27	25	Arthur MOURGUE
Ryan ATKINS	28	27	Gavin MARGUERITE
Ryan HAMPSHIRE	29	28	Sam KASIANO
Yusuf AYDIN	30	29	Sam TOMKINS
Connor BAILEY	31		
Ollie GREENSMITH	32		
Kelepi TANGINOA	36		
Romain NAVARRETE	37		

Chris CHESTER

COACH

Steve MCNAMARA

RLP MILESTONES James MALONEY (Catalans) - 3 more points for 1900 career points (AUS + UK); Josh DRINKWATER (Catalans) - 8 more points for 400 career points (UK); Jacob MILLER (Wakefield) - 5 more points for 300 career points (AUS + UK)

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MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 22 August 2020
KICKOFF	2:30pm BST
VENUE	John Smith's Stadium Huddersfield
WATCH	BBC One

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris KENDALL
TOUCH JUDGES	Liam MOORE Tom GRANT
VIDEO REFEREE	James CHILD

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

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD (all matches)

17

18

At John Smith's Stadium: first meeting at this venue

In Challenge Cup: first meeting in this tournament

Challenge Cup record - Wakefield: 176 wins, 25 draws, 116 losses
5 Cup wins (1908/09, 1945/46, 1959/60, 1961/62, 1962/63)

Challenge Cup record - Catalans: 30 wins, 17 losses
1 Cup win (2018)

LAST TEN CLASHES

WAK 5 - 6 CAT		
2016	S8's R5	Catalans 14-10 Belle Vue
2017	R7	Wakefield 38-18 Stade Gilbert Brutus
2017	R12	Wakefield 30-10 Belle Vue
2018	R3	Wakefield 16-14 Stade Gilbert Brutus
2018	R20	Catalans 35-18 Mobile Rocket
2018	S8's R5	Wakefield 34-22 Mobile Rocket
2019	R3	Wakefield 22-12 Mobile Rocket
2019	R16	Catalans 25-18 Anfield
2019	R21	Catalans 44-10 Stade Gilbert Brutus
2020	R9	Catalans 58-0 Totally Wicked

BIGGEST WINS

WAKEFIELD	56-14	2014 R4	Belle Vue
CATALANS	58-0	2020 R9	TWS

Match Preview

with Steve Mascord

CATALANS coach Steve McNamara has revealed the New Zealand Warriors played a key role in allowing them to restart their Super League season, which has seen them score 98-14 in their last two starts.

The Dragons, who fly in and out of the north of England on match day - bypassing the biosecurity measures in force between the UK and France - today face the same opposition in the Challenge Cup sixth round at Huddersfield that they played and eclipsed 58-0 last weekend.

Ironically, the New Zealand Warriors were not given the same leeway by the Australian government and had to relocate to Australia to stage their NRL campaign.

"When we had to submit a biosecurity document to the French government for us to be allowed to do what we are doing, we spoke to the New Zealand Warriors and to the NRL and their help was enormous," McNamara told The Front Row.

"That is a document that is in place now. That is what is allowing us to go backwards and forwards. It's currently two weeks' isolation if you travel between England and France. That is what has saved us from having to relocate to England between games."

McNamara insists there is no psychological challenge associated with coaching a team to play the same opposition a week after putting through 10 unanswered tries.

"We know we're playing the same club but a different team," he said.

"Wakefield had one of those games last week where it didn't work for them. They got some injuries to some outside backs. It threw everything out and it went wrong from there.

"For us, the process has to start again."

While the biosecurity exemptions benefit the Dragons enormously, there are dead spots in their travel routine - such as arriving at the stadium many hours before kick-off.

"It's more for the food - if you're playing at quarter past four you need the players to have two meals inside them," he said

"We're having to get food delivered direct to the bus when we arrive so the players can eat their pre-match on the way to the ground, those that like to eat earlier.

"Then we go to a room at the ground. We wait, relax, get ready. It's different. We will never use it as a reason or an excuse why we're successful or unsuccessful. It's just the way it is if we want to be in the competition."

Who to watch: Israel Folau stayed home last week following the birth of his first child. Even without the player increasingly acknowledged as the best in Super League, Les Dragons ran riot against today's opponents. Suffice to say, Folau returns Trinity are set for a painful afternoon. Of course, last week they had another substitute back from suspension, fullback Sam Tomkins. At the time of writing he was facing a one-match suspension.

Favourite: You don't have the be Einstein to figure out who is favourite a week after one of these teams beat the other 58-0. Catalans are playing some stunning football at the moment, looking to move the ball wide at every opportunity but also doing so with composure and a plan. By comparison, Wakefield looked horribly outgunned with coach Chris Chester promising changes and the bleeding of youngsters.

My tip: When the two sides you are previewing last played each other less than a week ago and have played no-one else since and you don't know the final line-ups, there are very few factors aside from hunches and superstition that could objectively cause you to tip things to be any different. **Catalans by 58.**

Super League Table

2020 Betfred Super League standings after Round 9

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Wigan Warriors	8	6	2	0	191	114	77	12
2	St Helens	8	5	3	0	196	91	105	10
3	Catalans Dragons	7	5	2	0	216	141	75	10
4	Warrington Wolves	8	5	3	0	143	110	33	10
5	Huddersfield Giants	7	4	3	0	132	124	8	8
6	Leeds Rhinos	7	4	3	0	151	150	1	8
7	Castleford Tigers	8	4	4	0	144	144	0	8
8	Hull FC	8	3	5	0	163	230	-67	6
9	Salford Red Devils	7	2	5	0	124	166	-42	4
10	Wakefield Trinity	7	2	5	0	115	190	-75	4
11	Hull KR	7	1	6	0	94	209	-115	2

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

The scoresheet

Scores, scorers, match details from Round 9 of Betfred Super League

Catalans 58 (Samisoni Langi 2, Matt Whitley 3, Fouad Yaha, Julian Bousquet, Tom Davies 3 tries; James Maloney 7, Sam Tomkins 2 goals) def **Wakefield 0**. Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium; Date: Saturday 15 August 2020, 4:15pm BST; Referee: Chris Kendall; Sideline Officials: Tom Grant, Dean Bowmer; Video Referee: Liam Moore

Warrington 19 (Tom Lineham, Gareth Widdop, Ben Currie tries; Stefan Ratchford 3 goals; Blake Austin 1 field goal) def **Huddersfield 18** (Oliver Russell, Jermaine McGillvary, Ukuma Ta'ai tries; Aiden Sezer 2, Oliver Russell 1 goals). Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium; Date: Saturday 15 August 2020, 6:30pm BST; Referee: Ben Thaler; Sideline Officials: Tony Martin, Jonathan Roberts; Video Referee: Marcus Griffiths

St Helens 10 (Theo Fages try; Lachlan Coote 3 goals) def **Castleford 0**. Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium; Date: Sunday 16 August 2020, 4:15pm BST; Referee: Liam Moore; Sideline Officials: Cameron Worsley, Clint Sharrad; Video Referee: Chris Kendall

Wigan 28 (Bevan French 2, Jake Bibby, Dominic Manfredi, Liam Farrell tries; Zak Hardaker 4 goals) def **Leeds 10** (Liam Sutcliffe, Tom Briscoe tries; Rhyse Martin 1 goals). Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium; Date: Sunday 16 August 2020, 6:30pm BST; Referee: Robert Hicks; Sideline Officials: Jack Smith, Mark Craven; Video Referee: James Child

Stats leaders

after Round 9 of Betfred Super league

TOP TRYSCORERS

1	Ben CROOKS (ROVERS)	8
	Ken SIO (Devils)	8
3	Tom LINEHAM (Wolves)	7
	Bevan FRENCH (Warriors)	7
5	Darrell OLPHERTS (Tigers)	6
	Niall EVALDS (Devils)	6
	Tom JOHNSTONE (Trinity)	6

TOP GOALKICKERS

1	James MALONEY (Dragons)	32/40	80%
2	Zak HARDAKER (Warriors)	30/40	75%
	Danny RICHARDSON (Tigers)	30/40	75%
4	Stefan RATCHFORD (Wolves)	28/36	78%
5	Marc SNEYD (Hull)	26/33	79%

TOP POINTSCORERS

	T	G	FG	Pts	
1	James MALONEY (Dragons)	2	32	-	72
2	Danny RICHARDSON (Tigers)	1	30	-	64
	Stefan RATCHFORD (Wolves)	2	28	-	64
	Zak HARDAKER (Warriors)	1	30	-	64
5	Marc SNEYD (Hull FC)	1	26	1	59

2020 Super League

ROUND 1

Thu 7:45pm
Fri 7:45pm

Sat 5:00pm
Sun 4:45pm

ROUND 2

Thu 7:45pm
Fri 7:45pm

ROUND 3

Fri 7:45pm

Sat 5:00pm
Sun 3:00pm

ROUND 4

Fri 7:45pm

Sat 2:00pm
Sun 3:00pm

ROUND 5

Thu 7:45pm
Fri 7:45pm
Sun 3:00pm

ROUND 6

Fri 7:45pm

Sat 5:00pm
Sun 3:00pm

ROUND 7

Thu 7:45pm
Fri 7:45pm
Sun 3:00pm

SUPER LEAGUE SEASON SUSPENDED MAR 17 - AUGUST 1 due to COVID-19

restrictions: Toronto Wolfpack withdrew from competition. Teams listed to play them in remaining fixtures will not play matches. Toronto's previous results are removed.

REARRANGED

Sun 4:15pm
Sun 6:30pm

ROUND 8

Sat 4:15pm
Sat 6:30pm
Sun 1:00pm
Sun 3:15pm
Sun 6:30pm

ROUND 9

Sat 4:15pm
Sat 6:30pm
Sun 4:15pm
Sun 6:30pm

ROUND 10

Sat 4:15pm
Sat 6:30pm
Sun 1:00pm
Sun 3:15pm
Sun 6:30pm

ROUND 11

Hull KR v Wigan
Wakefield v Leeds
Huddersfield v St Helens
Salford v Castleford
Warrington v Hull FC

REARRANGED

Mon 7:15pm

ROUND 12

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 2

Wigan v Warrington DW 16-10
St Helens v Salford TWS 48-8
Hull KR v Wakefield HCCP 30-12
Catalans v Huddersfield SGB 12-32
Leeds v Hull FC EHS 4-30

FEBRUARY 6-9

Warrington v St Helens HJS 19-0
Castleford v Wigan MHJ 16-12
Hull FC v Hull KR KCOM 25-16

FEBRUARY 13-16

Leeds v Hull KR EHS 52-10
Salford v Huddersfield AJB 10-12
Catalans v Castleford SGB 36-18
Hull FC v St Helens KCOM 18-32
Wakefield v Warrington MRS 18-8

FEBRUARY 21-23

Castleford v Wakefield MHJ 32-15
Hull KR v Huddersfield HCCP 4-22
Salford v Leeds AJB 8-22
Wigan v Hull FC DW 26-12

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1

Hull KR v Castleford HCCP 8-28
Leeds v Warrington EHS 36-0
Hull FC v Catalans KCOM 29-34
Huddersfield v Wigan JSS 10-42
Salford v Wakefield AJB 12-22

MARCH 5-8

St Helens v Huddersfield TWS 10-12
Wakefield v Hull FC MRS 26-27
Warrington v Castleford HJS 9-8
Catalans v Salford SGB 30-14
Wigan v Hull KR DW 30-16

MARCH 12-15

Hull FC v Warrington KCOM 4-38
Salford v Wigan AJB 18-14
Castleford v St Helens MHJ 28-14

AUGUST 2

St Helens v Catalans EHS 34-6
Huddersfield v Leeds EHS 26-27

AUGUST 8-9

Castleford v Catalans EHS 14-40
Warrington v Hull KR EHS 40-10
Salford v Hull FC EHS 54-18
Wakefield v Wigan EHS 22-23
Leeds v St Helens EHS 0-48

AUGUST 15-16

Wakefield v Catalans TWS 0-58
Huddersfield v Warrington TWS 18-19
St Helens v Castleford TWS 10-0
Wigan v Leeds TWS 28-10

AUGUST 29-30

Leeds v Salford Halliwell Jones Stadium
Warrington v Wakefield Halliwell Jones Stadium
Huddersfield v Hull FC Halliwell Jones Stadium
Wigan v Catalans Halliwell Jones Stadium
Hull KR v St Helens Halliwell Jones Stadium

SEPTEMBER 3-4

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

SEPTEMBER 7

Catalans v Leeds Stade Gilbert Brutus

SEPTEMBER 12-13

Sat 5:00pm

Catalans v Wigan
Castleford v Warrington
Hull FC v Wakefield
St Helens v Hull KR
Leeds v Huddersfield

Stade Gilbert Brutus
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 13

SEPTEMBER 24-25
Castleford v Huddersfield
Hull KR v Leeds
Warrington v Catalans
Hull FC v Salford
Wigan v Wakefield

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
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Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 14

SEPTEMBER 30
Castleford v Hull FC
Leeds v Catalans
Huddersfield v Hull KR
Salford v Warrington
Wigan v St Helens

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 15

Fri 6:15pm

OCTOBER 8-9
Catalans v Hull KR
Leeds v Castleford
Wakefield v St Helens
Huddersfield v Salford
Warrington v Wigan

Stade Gilbert Brutus
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 16

Wed 6:15pm

OCTOBER 14
Catalans v Wakefield
Hull KR v Salford
Hull FC v Huddersfield
St Helens v Castleford
Warrington v Leeds

Stade Gilbert Brutus
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 17

Thu 6:15pm

OCTOBER 22-23
Castleford v Hull KR
Huddersfield v Wakefield
Catalans v Hull FC
St Helens v Leeds
Wigan v Salford

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Stade Gilbert Brutus
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 18

Mon 6:15pm

OCTOBER 25-26
Catalans v Warrington
Hull FC v Leeds
Wakefield v Hull KR
Salford v St Helens
Wigan v Castleford

Stade Gilbert Brutus
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 19

OCTOBER 29-30
Huddersfield v Castleford
Leeds v Wakefield
Hull KR v Hull FC
St Helens v Wigan
Warrington v Salford

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 20

Thu 6:15pm

NOVEMBER 5-6
Castleford v Leeds
Wakefield v Salford
Catalans v St Helens
Hull KR v Warrington
Wigan v Huddersfield

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Stade Gilbert Brutus
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 21

NOVEMBER 8-9
Castleford v Salford
Leeds v Wigan
Hull KR v Catalans
St Helens v Hull FC
Warrington v Huddersfield

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

ROUND 22

NOVEMBER 12-13
Huddersfield v Catalans
Salford v Hull KR
St Helens v Warrington
Hull FC v Wigan
Wakefield v Castleford

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

REARRANGED FIXTURES - DATE TBC

Salford v Catalans
Wakefield v Huddersfield
Hull FC v Castleford

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

2020 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

2020 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

All times are GMT or BST (London time)

The Cup takes a hit

COVID-19 and its impact on rugby league has reached the Challenge Cup and clubs across the UK and Europe.

YORK City Knights owner Jon Flatman believes the Challenge Cup tie set down this weekend against Castleford would have been the highlight of his club's entire history.

Newcastle Thunder, who recently flirted with buying the Toronto Wolfpack, should have benefited from a sixth-round forfeit by the Canadian franchise - a club which now appears in palliative care - and progressed to the quarter finals of rugby league's proudest competition.

Instead, championship side Knights and League 1's Thunder forfeited themselves - something both clubs would have considered unthinkable at any other stage in their histories. This second-ever print edition of The Front Row should have featured 16 games between the NRL and Super League.

There are just nine, thanks to the implosion of the already-troubled Challenge Cup. We contacted Flatman and Thunder boss Mick Hogan to discuss the debacle of 2020 but, moreover, 'where to now' for a tournament that is hanging onto its big final at Wembley Stadium in the face of a changing Britain and an altered sport.

"Everybody at the club is a big fan of the Challenge Cup," Hogan, a veteran of the Thunder's early days in the 1990s, stresses.

"We're through to the last eight. You look at it: right, we're probably going to draw a Super League team barring some major shock. So that's exciting. But it's going to be behind closed doors for a start because it's September so nobody can make any money out of it.

"We'll be bringing the lads back off furlough. There's quite a significant cost of that because you'd have to bring them back at least three weeks before the games and get them to some sort of fitness.

"And the last bit is they're part-time players. Let's say we draw Saints or Wigan. Fantastic for the club but none of the fans can see it unless it's on TV, it will cost us a fortune to do it and there's probably a bit of duty of care, isn't there?"

"We've got part-time lads playing against full-time internationals who would have already played three, four, five rounds of Super League and would have been fully up to speed.

"(But) had we been in the autumn (RFL) competition we would have entered the Cup."

Widnes, Sheffield and Featherstone also withdrew. A blockbuster round six tie between Wigan and Warrington was removed, no doubt upsetting the other top Super League sides who had been buoyed by the prospect of one of them being eliminated.

Catalans owner Bernard Gausch is upset at having to play this weekend while other teams got a bye out of the redraw.

"It was a head over heart decision," says Flatman of the Knights' decision to withdraw. "As a fan of the game I know the Challenge Cup is really important.. It's a lot people's first introduction to rugby league

"To take on our nearest Super League club, our current dural reg partners, would be the most special day in our entire tenure as a club. But it came down to how we perceive the tie versus the reality."

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What looms for the Cup? Will the historic tournament make it to Wembley in 2020?



Flatman says that Covid-19 should have taught sport that it doesn't "have to come back the same way it was when we went away" and that a reappraisal of the Challenge Cup is definitely a good idea.

But Hogan and Flatman have slightly different views of the final at Wembley, which is now set down down to host the decider on October 17. Asked if Wembley has he lustre it once had, Hogan answers without hesitating

"I don't think it has. Wembley does have an appeal but a lot of people who say it are thinking back to the old Wembley. There was no grand final and no Magic Weekend. It was the only weekend of the year when the rugby league community got together.

"It's too big, 90,000 people. To me, we should be looking at ... keep it in London but go to Tottenham or go to Arsenal. As soon as people think 'I might miss out', you'll have a full house.

"We are too obsessed with crowds .. but it does nothing for the appeal game when they do a reverse camera shot and the entire top tier behind the goals is a bank of red seats."

Flatman is a little more forgiving. "We're here to create memories," he says.

"Memories are created by iconic events. I'm not a stick in the mud about Wembley being the be-all and end-all but I place a premium on the memories it creates.

"When I was growing up, it was a game-wide event. To get back to that would be special.

"You turn on the BBC and see the Challenge Cup final and it sends a tingle down your spine. It may not be full but it's still Wembley. My preference would be to see a sold-out Wembley."

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