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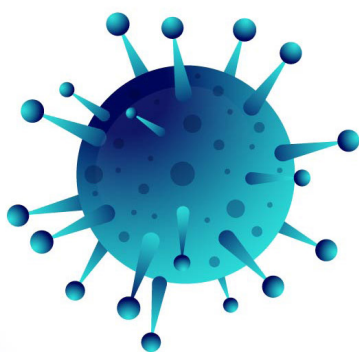
ROUND 16 2021

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Turning the tables

Jake Clifford faces his old foes just weeks after a mid-season switch



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Warriors to stay in Australia til June

VODAFONE Warriors CEO Cameron George has today confirmed the club has been forced to extend the NRL team's stay in Australia until June 21.

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NRL issues breach notices to Raiders players

THE NRL has issued both Corey Horsburgh and Corey Harawira with breach notices.

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MELBOURNE **0 STORM** VS **0 RABBITOHS** SOUTH SYDNEY

Pre Match **0:00**
8:05pm Thu March 11, 2021
Round 1 - AAMI Park
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PRE-MATCH TEAMS PLAY BY PLAY SCORERS WRAP UP

Round 1:

Form Guide	Upcoming Games	Form Guide	Upcoming Games
Yet to play this season	Round 2 Bankwest Stadium Storm V Rabbitohs	Yet to play this season	Round 2 Lotobland Rabbitohs V Storm
	Round 3 Panthers Stadium Storm V Rabbitohs		Round 3 Stadium Australia Rabbitohs V Storm
	Round 4 AAMI Park Storm V Rabbitohs		Round 4 Stadium Australia Rabbitohs V Storm
	Round 5 HBF Park Storm V Rabbitohs		Round 5 Stadium Australia Rabbitohs V Storm

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From the editor

Tim Costello

They say a week's a long time in rugby league - at the moment, a day is a long time.

COVID-19 has begun wreaking serious havoc around Australia in the last few days (and by the time you read this, it'll probably have evolved again). Greater Sydney and much of Queensland are in the midst of lockdowns of varying lengths and as a result, games are being relocated, played in front of no fans, or in some cases reduced capacity venues. Head to pages 6 and 7 for a breakdown on what that means for footy across the eastern seaboard.

Origin II and the Women's Origin? Feels like a lifetime ago. Queensland retained the women's shield after claiming it for the first time last year, but the men's New South Wales outfit continued the dominance they showed in Game I with a 26-0 shutout in Game II. Mixed feelings for those north of the border. Our full wrap of both games can be found on pages 28 and 29.

So the competition rolls on. Good luck to your team in Round 16 and as always - happy reading.

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KNIGHT MOVES

CLIFFORD FOCUSED ON BRINGING FORMER CLUB UNDONE

He played a crucial role in North Queensland's surge up the National Rugby League ladder.

But come 7.30pm on Saturday night at McDonald Jones Stadium, Jake Clifford will hope to use all the knowledge of his former club to his advantage in the aim of bringing them undone.

Four weeks ago, the lasting image of an emotional halfback saying goodbye to Townsville went viral and now his focus is to help the Knights come into finals calculations.

He is excited about the prospect of denting his former club's finals hopes with the help of Mitchell Pearce and Kalyn Ponga as the Novocastrians search for another much-needed two competition points.

"I'm really excited to come up against my old club. It's going to be a challenge. They're coming off a loss so they're going to come down here to prove a point and come to get the job done," he said.

"I know all the boys there and how they play so I'm excited for the challenge to get one over them."

Fellow former Cowboy Ponga has been named at fullback in coach Adam O'Brien's squad although a final decision is unlikely to be made until later in the week.

"Kalyn trained on Tuesday and he trained really well so I'm pretty sure he's ticked a lot of good boxes and I'm expecting him to play," Clifford said.

"He's looking sharp and ready to go."

Just what style the Cowboys implement at McDonald

Jones Stadium is unlikely to differ too much to what the 23-year-old had a strong say in during his time north of the border.

But he acknowledges there could be a few tweaks.

"I'm not sure how they'll change because a lot of the teams these days are doing the same plays; it's just how well you run them," he said.

"Maybe they will use different variations on some things and they're going to be well aware I know the plays they used to do. I dare say they'll be making new sequences up that we don't know."

The Knights will look to build on their much-needed 10-6 victory over the New Zealand Warriors a fortnight ago and Clifford knows they face another must-win clash.

With a bye to come next weekend, Newcastle could move to the cusp of the top eight with a win.

"It's massive," Clifford said.

"That's why this weekend is a big weekend for us. We've got another bye to get more troops back after that, so if we can get a win this week and go into the bye, hopefully we can get Friz back and Bradman won't be too far away.

"This back end of the year is going to be crucial for us and it's pretty clichéd, but we're trying to take it a week at a time because every win's crucial from now on in.

"(The competition) is so tight."

STORY BY PAUL JOBBER

IMAGE KNIGHTS MEDIA



THE GAME HAS CHANGED

COVID-19 THROWS THE NRL INTO CHAOS ONCE MORE

Just when we thought we were out - the good old Coronavirus drags us all back in.

While there have been relatively minor impacts this season - most notably the Melbourne Storm relocating to the Sunshine Coast for a month and Origin I forced to move from Melbourne to Townsville - this weekend represents the first major challenge for rugby league keeping itself on the field in 2021.

So where are we at now?

On Monday, NRL CEO Andrew Abdo confirmed the players and key staff at the 16 NRL clubs would move into 'Level 4' Biosecurity Protocols which place significant restrictions on players' movements.

"When the competition resumes on Thursday night, players and officials will be under the same protocols as they were when the competition successfully resumed on May 28 last year," Abdo said.

"It's clear the virus is spreading quickly and these measures provide an additional safeguard to ensure the competition can continue.

"Our players, officials and clubs united last year to ensure no risk to the competition or the community and I have every confidence the same will apply as we work through the current challenges."

"I want to sincerely thank the players and clubs for the way in which they continually adapt to the changing COVID environment."

What happens next?

Round 16 is set to proceed in full, however:

- Roosters v Storm (Thursday) has been relocated to

McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle. A reduced capacity crowd will be permitted;

- Warriors v Dragons (Gosford, Friday); Panthers v Eels (Bluebet, Friday), Bulldogs v Sea Eagles (Bankwest, Saturday), Wests Tigers v Rabbitohs (Leichhardt, Sunday) will have no crowds;
- Tickets for Raiders v Titans (Saturday, GIO) will stop sale on Friday at 6pm.
- Knights v Cowboys (Saturday, McDonald Jones) will be held in front of a reduced capacity crowd. Tickets are currently off sale.
- Broncos v Sharks (Sunday, Suncorp) is currently proceeding as scheduled, with Queensland's three-day lockdown due to end on Friday.

Decisions on venues for Round 17 are still to be confirmed. It is reported the NRL are looking at regional venues in an effort to have fans attend.

What about lower grades?

As of Tuesday night:

- NSWRL has cancelled the next two weeks of competition for KOE NSW Cup, Jersey Flegg, Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield.
- All cancelled matches will be assigned a 'COVID Draw' with each team receiving a point each for the competition table.

- Harvey Norman Women's Premiership finals will be delayed til July 17, with the Top 6 reduced to a Top 4, and Grand Final pushed to July 24. This will impact NRLW training, due to commence July 12.
- QRL have confirmed Intrust Super Cup and Hastings Deering Colts fixtures are currently set to continue as scheduled this weekend, with Queensland's three-day lockdown ending Friday.

As always - this information is subject to change. Keep an eye on LeagueUnlimited.com along with official websites of various leagues.

Statement: Josh Dugan

Sharks media release, Tuesday 29 June

The Sharks can confirm Josh Dugan is working with the NRL integrity unit concerning a potential breach of the NRL COVID biosecurity directives and is currently isolating from the NRL players and staff.

The alleged incident occurred late last week, prior to the NSW Government lockdown and was therefore not a violation of the NSW Government public health orders in place at the time.

Josh has had the necessary COVID test, which has returned a negative result, and hasn't been in contact with other members of the playing group or staff due to the Sharks NRL squad having time off last week during the representative bye round.

He must undergo the mandatory 14-day isolation period and undergo further COVID testing before being permitted to return to training and or be available for team selection.

The club is working closely with the NRL Integrity Unit, with the investigations into the matter continuing. A decision from the NRL is pending upon completion of their review.

COVID-19 statement: Canterbury- Bankstown Bulldogs

NRL Media Release, Thursday 24 June

The National Rugby League (NRL) was tonight advised that three Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs players have been instructed by NSW Health to immediately undergo a COVID-19 test and self-isolate after attending an exposure site.

The players – Dylan Napa, Brandon Wakeham and Aaron Schoupp - attended The Royal Hotel in Bondi on Sunday 20 June, which was attended by a person who has tested positive to COVID-19.

The remainder of the Bulldogs squad will not train until the test results of the three players are known. The players have not been in contact with representatives from any other club nor does it impact any State of Origin player.

The NRL issued a clear directive to all Sydney based clubs on 17 June mandating that players and staff were not to attend any restaurants, clubs or bars in the Waverley Local Government area.

All clubs in the Greater Sydney, Wollongong and Central Coast areas were placed on Level 3+ Biosecurity Protocols from Tuesday evening and are not permitted to leave home except to train or access essential services.

The NRL will continue to seek advice from its biosecurity experts and NSW Health to ensure no risk to other teams or the community.

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 15

RUGBY LEAGUE project

Pos	Team	Overall										Home					Away							
		P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD
1	Melbourne	15	13	2	-	-	538	194	26	344	8	8	-	-	298	110	188	7	5	2	-	240	84	156
2	Penrith	15	13	2	-	-	456	145	26	311	8	8	-	-	234	58	176	7	5	2	-	222	87	135
3	Parramatta	15	12	3	-	-	436	234	24	202	8	6	2	-	215	116	99	7	6	1	-	221	118	103
4	South Sydney	14	11	3	-	1	387	282	24	105	7	5	2	-	153	172	-19	7	6	1	-	234	110	124
5	Sydney	14	9	5	-	1	391	269	20	122	7	6	1	-	228	110	118	7	3	4	-	163	159	4
6	Manly	14	8	6	-	1	371	306	18	65	6	4	2	-	192	128	64	8	4	4	-	179	178	1
7	St George Illawarra	15	7	8	-	-	321	332	14	-11	7	4	3	-	184	136	48	8	3	5	-	137	196	-59
8	Cronulla	14	6	8	-	1	278	322	14	-44	7	4	3	-	162	112	50	7	2	5	-	116	210	-94
9	North Queensland	14	6	8	-	1	288	409	14	-121	8	5	3	-	190	203	-13	6	1	5	-	98	206	-108
10	Canberra	14	5	9	-	1	277	343	12	-66	7	2	5	-	155	189	-34	7	3	4	-	122	154	-32
11	Warriors	14	5	9	-	1	287	357	12	-70	7	3	4	-	135	161	-26	7	2	5	-	152	196	-44
12	Newcastle	15	6	9	-	-	241	372	12	-131	8	4	4	-	127	178	-51	7	2	5	-	114	194	-80
13	Gold Coast Titans	15	5	10	-	-	342	436	10	-94	8	3	5	-	204	251	-47	7	2	5	-	138	185	-47
14	Wests Tigers	15	5	10	-	-	308	440	10	-132	8	3	5	-	188	228	-40	7	2	5	-	120	212	-92
15	Canterbury	14	2	12	-	1	172	402	6	-230	6	1	5	-	74	176	-102	8	1	7	-	98	226	-128
16	Brisbane	15	3	12	-	-	232	482	6	-250	6	2	4	-	100	158	-58	9	1	8	-	132	324	-192

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 15

Top Tryscorer

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	14	17
2	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	14	16
3	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	14	14
4	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	14	13
5	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	13	12
	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	14	12
	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	15	12
8	Brett MORRIS	SYD	W, CTR	7	11
	Charlie STAINES	PEN	W	15	11
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	8	11

Top Pointscorer

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	8	65	1	164
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	14	12	52	-	152
3	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	13	3	59	2	134
4	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	15	2	56	2	122
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	15	3	49	-	110
6	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	13	5	43	-	106
7	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	14	3	41	2	96
	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB	14	3	42	-	96
9	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB	13	5	33	-	86
10	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	6	8	24	-	80

Top Goalkicker

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	65	76	86%
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	13	59	71	83%
3	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	15	56	73	77%
4	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	14	52	69	75%
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	15	49	61	80%
6	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	13	43	54	80%
7	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB	14	42	52	81%
8	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	14	41	53	77%
9	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB	13	33	40	83%
10	Chad TOWNSEND	CRO	HB	11	31	38	82%

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24 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers); **18 points** - Will Kennedy (Sharks), Clinton Gutherson (Eels); **15 points** - Jahrome Hughes (Storm); **14 points** - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs); **13 points** - Ben Hunt (Dragons), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors); **12 points** - Nicholas Hynes (Storm), David Fifita (Titans), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers); **11 points** - Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Brandon Smith (Storm); **10 points** - Reece Walsh (Warriors), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), James Tedesco (Roosters); **9 points** - Sam Walker (Roosters), Jarome Luai (Panthers), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Alexander Brimson (Titans); **8 points** - James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), George Williams (Raiders), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm); **7 points** - Cameron Munster (Storm), Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Brian To'o (Panthers); **6 points** - Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Kaly Ponga (Knights), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Harry Grant (Storm), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Christian Welch (Storm), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Isaah Yeo (Panthers); **5 points** - Joseph Manu (Roosters), Brett Morris (Roosters), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Luke Keary (Roosters), Chad Townsend (Sharks); **4 points** - Maika Sivo (Eels), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Nathan Brown (Eels), Keaon Kolamantangi (Rabbitohs), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Payne Haas (Broncos), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs), Matt Burton (Panthers), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors); **3 points** - Adam Clune (Dragons), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Jake Granville (Cowboys), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Connor Watson (Knights), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Bradman Best (Knights), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Angus Crichton (Roosters); **2 points** - Tyson Frizell (Knights), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Matthew Lodge (Broncos), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Josh Morris (Roosters), Junior Paulo (Eels), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Phillip Sami (Titans), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Bailey Simonsson (Raiders), Marata Niukore (Eels), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Moeaki Fotuaka (Titans), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Jack Bird (Dragons), Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Hudson Young (Raiders), Waqa Blake (Eels), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons); **1 point** - Connor Tracey (Sharks), Dale Finucane (Storm), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Enari Tuala (Knights), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Emre Guler (Raiders), Alex Twaal (Wests Tigers), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Tom Starling (Raiders), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Corey Thompson (Titans), Brodie Jones (Knights), Ryan James (Raiders), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Paul Momirovski (Panthers), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Andrew McCullough (Dragons), Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warriors), Xavier Coates (Broncos), Siosua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Francis Molo (Cowboys), Josh Hodgson (Raiders), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Moses Leota (Panthers), Nat Butcher (Roosters), David Nofualuma (Wests Tigers), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Kurt Mann (Knights), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Caleb Aekins (Raiders), Shane Wright (Cowboys)

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ROUND 16 MATCH PROGRAM

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THURSDAY



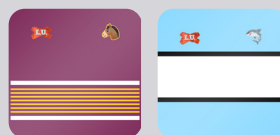
SYDNEY v MELBOURNE
McDonald Jones

SATURDAY



CANTERBURY v MANLY
Bankwest Stadium

SUNDAY



BRISBANE v CRONULLA
Suncorp Stadium

FRIDAY



WARRIORS v ST GEO ILLA
Central Coast



CANBERRA v GOLD COAST
GIO Stadium



WESTS TIGERS v SOUTH SYDNEY
Leichhardt Oval



PENRITH v PARRAMATTA
Bluebet Stadium



NEWCASTLE v NORTH QLD
McDonald Jones

WEEKLY TIPS Round 16

(Last week's correct tips / Total for 2021)

Paul Jobber (1/87)

Melbourne
St George Illawarra
Parramatta
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Steven Williams (1/86)

Melbourne
St George Illawarra
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Brisbane
South Sydney

Sam Bourke (1/85)

Melbourne
Warriors
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Andrew Ferguson (1/83)

Tips not available at
time of publishing

Justin Davies (1/82)

Melbourne
St George Illawarra
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Tim Costello (1/77)

Melbourne
St George Illawarra
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Brisbane
South Sydney

Rob Crosby (1/74)

Melbourne
St George Illawarra
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Jason Hosken (1/86)

Melbourne
St George Illawarra
Parramatta
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Rick Edgerton (1/85)

Melbourne
Warriors
Parramatta
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Hamish Parker (1/84)

Melbourne
Warriors
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
North Queensland
Cronulla
South Sydney

Josh Robertson (2/83)

Melbourne
Warriors
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Lachy MacCorquodale (1/81)

Melbourne
Warriors
Penrith
Manly
Canberra
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Adam Huxtable (1/77)

Sydney
St George Illawarra
Parramatta
Manly
Gold Coast
Newcastle
Cronulla
South Sydney

Andrew Jackson (2/72)

Sydney
Warriors
Penrith
Manly
Gold Coast
Newcastle
Brisbane
South Sydney

Sydney ROOSTERS



Melbourne STORM

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
12	7	3	-	34	28	James TEDESCO	1
14	8	-	-	32	30	Daniel TUPOU	2
13	7	-	-	28	35	Josh MORRIS	3
14	4	-	-	16	25	Joseph MANU	4
9	8	-	-	32	27	Matt IKUVALU	5
8	1	-	-	4	23	Lachlan LAM	6
9	5	15	1	51	19	Sam WALKER	7
14	-	-	-	-	32	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	8
3	-	-	-	-	22	Sam VERRILLS	9
12	-	15	-	30	29	Sio Siva TAUKEIAHO	10
12	6	-	-	24	25	Angus CRICHTON	11
12	6	-	-	24	24	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	12
14	-	-	-	-	30	Isaac LIU	13
8	1	18	-	40	24	Adam KEIGHRAN	14
3	-	-	-	-	21	Egan BUTCHER	15
8	-	-	-	-	22	Daniel SULUKA-FIFITA	16
7	2	-	-	8	21	Fletcher BAKER	17
8	2	-	-	8	26	Drew HUTCHISON	18
2	-	-	-	-	23	Ben THOMAS	19
4	-	-	-	-	21	Freddy LUSSICK	20
4	1	-	-	4	18	Joseph SUAALII	21

Trent ROBINSON

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- WING
- CENTRE
- CENTRE
- WING
- FIVE-EIGHTH
- HALFBACK
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		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Nicholas HYNES	25	13	4	30	-	76
2	George JENNINGS	28	13	9	-	-	36
3	Reimis SMITH	24	15	9	-	-	36
4	Justin OLAM	27	15	6	-	-	24
5	Josh ADDO-CARR	26	14	16	1	-	66
6	Cameron MUNSTER	26	11	3	15	-	42
7	Jahrome HUGHES	26	14	8	-	-	32
8	Jesse BROMWICH	32	14	-	-	-	-
9	Brandon SMITH	25	14	9	-	-	36
10	Christian WELCH	27	12	1	-	-	4
11	Felise KAUFUSI	29	12	3	-	-	12
12	Kenneath BROMWICH	29	11	1	-	-	4
13	Dale FINUCANE	29	9	1	-	-	4
14	Aaron BOOTH	25	3	-	-	-	-
15	Tui KAMIKAMICA	27	15	3	-	-	12
16	Chris LEWIS	29	12	1	-	-	4
17	Aaron PENE	25	4	-	-	-	-
18	Cooper JOHNS	22	3	1	-	-	4
19	Jordan GRANT	26	-	-	-	-	-
20	Dean IEREMIA	20	4	2	-	-	8
21	Trent LOIERO	20	4	2	-	-	8

22. Marion SEVE, 23. Tepai MOEROA

Craig BELLAMY

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#NRLRoostersStorm

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 1 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:55pm AEST
VENUE	McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M Sydney/Brisbane, 4BC, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Liam KENNEDY Chris BUTLER
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 42 MATCHES

MELBOURNE 24-18 (no draws)

At McDonald Jones Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2017	R16	Sydney 25-24	Adelaide Oval	21,492
2017	R23	Melbourne 16-13	AAMI Park	17,221
2018	R16	Melbourne 9-8	Adelaide Oval	17,728
2018	GF	Sydney 21-6	Stadium Australia	82,688
2019	R6	Sydney 21-20	AAMI Park	17,036
2019	R15	Melbourne 14-12	Adelaide Oval	16,297
2019	PF	Sydney 14-6	S.C.G.	32,184
2020	R8	Melbourne 27-25	Suncorp Stadium	5,268
2020	R14	Melbourne 24-6	S.C.G.	4,110
2021	R6	Melbourne 20-4	AAMI Park	15,087

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R19	Sydney 41-6	Allianz Stadium	10,772
2016	R14	Melbourne 46-0	Allianz Stadium	8,499

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
George Jennings (MEL)	100 career points	4 points
Justin Olam (MEL)	100 club & career points	4 points
Melbourne (since 1998)	15000 points	12 points
Angus Crichton (SYD)	100 career points	4 points
Sitili Tupouniua (SYD)	50 club & career games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: SYDNEY ROOSTERS

R17	CANTERBURY (A)
R18	NORTH QLD (A)
R19	NEWCASTLE (H)



NEXT THREE: MELBOURNE

R17	BYE
R18	NEWCASTLE (H)
R19	NORTH QLD (A)

Match Preview

with Emile El-Azar

The Sydney Roosters and Melbourne Storm both travel up to Newcastle to meet at McDonald Jones Stadium, as recent COVID-19 restrictions start to hit Sydney NRL teams.

Any situation where Rugby League isn't being played at the not fit for purpose SCG is a good thing, and the fact that a crowd will be allowed is also a plus, as Greater Sydney endures their lockdown.

East's come into this clash on the back of a 38-12 loss to Penrith, where the Panthers were too good in the end, albeit with a helping hand from the officials.

The Storm were absolutely breathtaking in a brutal 66-16 take down of the Wests Tigers, after leading 40-nil at half time. This writer had Melbourne to win by 51+ to win a substantial sum of money, and should have cashed out at 60-nil, sigh. (please, gamble responsibly).

In team news, East's welcome back Sam Walker after 2 weeks out, forcing Joseph Suaalii out of the side. Lachlan Lam moves to Five-Eighth, and Joey Manu returns to the side in the centres. Sitili Tupouniua returns from injury, sending Fletcher Baker to the bench.

This side still short-handed with injuries, however some recent stability to their lineups, plus the return of Sam Walker will be welcomed.

For the Storm, they welcome back both Kenny and Jesse Bromwich who both take their places in the starting lineup. Tui Kamikamica drops to the bench, and Nelson Asofa-Solomona is suspended. Aaron Booth comes in on the bench, to replace Harry Grant. Tom Eisenhuth is out with an elbow injury.

Last time they met, in Round 6 at Melbourne's AAMI Park, the Storm ran out 20-4 victors in a match that was in the balance for the best part of 60 minutes. Melbourne have won four out of the last five clashes between these two sides.

Who to watch: For the Roosters, it's definitely the return of the very impressive Sam Walker. Will this be the start of a bit of relative stability for the Roosters??

For the Storm, it's Brandon Smith. The Cheese is in absolute top form and another huge performance from the number 9 will put the Storm well on the road to Victory.

Favourite: At the time of writing, the Storm are comfortable favourites with the bookies.

My tip: If the Roosters can keep this close early, and keep the scores low (is this possible in Rugby League in 2021?), then they have a chance. I do think the Storm will be too strong in the end, however. **Melbourne by 14.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

30 June - 7 July

Wed 30 Jun	Reuben Garrick	Manly	24
Fri 2 Jul	Hayze Perham	Parramatta	22
Sat 3 Jul	Will Smith	Parramatta	29
	Alex Twal	Wests Tigers	25
Sun 4 Jul	Paul Turner	Warriors	21
Mon 5 Jul	Kyle Paterson	Cronulla	22

New Zealand WARRIORS



St George Illawarra DRAGONS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
14	3	-	-	12	28	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK	1
9	5	-	-	20	26	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2
11	4	-	-	16	23	Adam POMPEY	3
8	3	-	-	12	25	Marcelo MONTOYA	4
3	-	-	-	-	22	Edward KOSI	5
14	3	42	-	96	27	Kodi NIKORIMA	6
11	-	31	1	63	30	Chad TOWNSEND	7
6	1	-	-	4	25	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8
13	1	-	-	4	24	Wayde EGAN	9
8	-	-	-	-	29	Kane EVANS	10
7	-	-	-	-	21	Eliesa KATOA	11
13	6	-	-	24	30	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA	12
13	3	-	-	12	29	Tohu HARRIS	13
13	-	-	-	-	26	Jazz TEVAGA	14
14	1	-	-	4	31	Leeson AH MAU	15
13	-	-	-	-	25	Bunty AFOA	16
10	2	-	-	8	24	Bayley SIRONEN	17
4	1	-	-	4	20	Rocco BERRY	18
8	1	-	-	4	24	Jack MURCHIE	20
1	-	-	-	-	19	Taniela OTUKOLO	21
5	1	-	-	4	23	Sean O'SULLIVAN	22

Nathan BROWN

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Matthew DUFTY	25	12	10	-	-	40
2	Cody RAMSEY	21	14	5	-	-	20
3	Brayden WILIAME	28	10	5	-	-	20
4	Jack BIRD	26	14	2	2	-	12
5	Gerard BEALE	31	4	2	-	-	8
6	Corey NORMAN	30	14	2	21	1	51
7	Ben HUNT	31	11	3	-	-	12
8	Blake LAWRIE	24	14	-	-	-	-
9	Andrew McCULLOUGH	31	15	-	-	-	-
10	Paul VAUGHAN	30	15	1	-	-	4
11	Josh KERR	25	14	2	-	-	8
12	Tariq SIMS	31	13	3	-	-	12
13	Jack de BELIN	30	3	-	-	-	-
14	Josh McGUIRE	31	9	-	-	-	-
15	Billy BURNS	22	7	1	-	-	4
16	Daniel ALVARO	28	15	-	-	-	-
17	Tyrell FUJIMAONO	25	10	-	-	-	-
18	Adam CLUNE	26	6	1	-	-	4
19	Jackson FORD	23	5	-	-	-	-
20	Kaide ELLIS	25	6	-	-	-	-
21	Jordan PEREIRA	28	3	-	-	-	-

Anthony GRIFFIN

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#NRLWarriorsDragons

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 2 July 2021
KICKOFF	6:00pm AEST
VENUE	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Peter GOUGH
TOUCH JUDGES	Wyatt RAYMOND Dave MUNRO
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 31 MATCHES

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 21-10 (no draws)

At Central Coast Stadium: 1 match, Warriors 1-0

LAST TEN: WARRIORS 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R7	St Geo Illa 20-10	Netstrata Jubilee	10,559
2015	R22	St Geo Illa 36-0	Sky Stadium	18,317
2016	R9	Warriors 26-10	Mt Smart Stadium	12,752
2017	R4	St Geo Illa 26-12	Netstrata Jubilee	11,608
2017	R11	St Geo Illa 30-14	FMG Stadium	11,108
2018	R7	Warriors 20-12	Mt Smart Stadium	18,295
2018	R21	Warriors 18-12	WIN Stadium	13,924
2019	R9	Warriors 26-18	Suncorp Stadium	35,122
2020	R3	Warriors 18-0	Central Coast	-
2021	R6	Warriors 20-14	Netstrata Jubilee	11,222

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R14	St Geo Illa 54-0	WIN Stadium	7,039
2001	R4	Warriors 34-6	Mt Smart Stadium	8,738
2007	R18	Warriors 44-16	Mt Smart Stadium	10,037

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (WAR)	200 career points	4 points
Warriors (since 1995)	50 field goals	2 field goals
Corey Norman (SGI)	100 club points	1 point

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: WARRIORS

R17	CRONULLA (A)
R18	PENRITH (H)
R19	SOUTH SYDNEY (A)



NEXT THREE: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

R17	BYE
R18	MANLY (A)
R19	GOLD COAST (H)

Match Preview

with Adam Huxtable

Warriors name new recruits immediately in bid to remain in finals contention against Dragons.

In the 2021 NRL season, the gap between the top few teams and the rest is huge. While that may mean more predictability come finals time, it also has the welcome side effect of creating a logjam at the bottom half of the 8, with only four competition points separating 7th and 14th.

The Dragons and Warriors are coming 7th and 11th respectively, however that part of the ladder is so volatile at the moment that just one game can have a significant effect. For example, last week the Dragons just scraped home against the Raiders by two points. Had that result gone the other way, the Saints would be tenth with Canberra in the 8. The Warriors represent the other side of the equation, going down 10-6 in a dour affair with Newcastle and looking up at the top 8 teams as a result. A big win would've also seen them in the top half of the competition.

Looking at the teams who make up this bottleneck, it wouldn't surprise if the ladder remained this way until the end of the season. It means that there'll be three, four, maybe even 5 teams that lament key moments where the wrong decisions were made, that could've seen them go one step further.

Friday evenings matchup between the Dragons and the Warriors definitely could be a deciding factor in what the makeup of the eight looks like come September. Both teams have the ability to play great football on their day, while also having a tremendously low floor. These two sides last met in Round 6, and it was the Warriors who snapped the Dragons 4 game winning streak. Since then, they've both suffered 6 losses, which creates potential for this game, after the origin weekend off, to be a foundation for some sort of finals run.

In team news, Reece Walsh picked up an injury in Maroons camp and is unavailable for this game, meaning Roger Tuivasa-Sheck returns to the fullback position. There are two new new wingers, with Edward Kosi recalled and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak to make his club debut after signing last week. This pushes Marcelo Montoya to the centres after Euan Aitken was caught up in some COVID-19 drama along with teammate Josh Curran. Chad Townsend has been named at halfback to play his first game as a Warrior since 2015, pushing Sean O'Sullivan to the reserves. In the Warriors forwards, Egan returns from injury, pushing Tevaga back to the bench, while Murdoch-Masila will move to the second row to accommodate the loss of Curran. Kane Evans starts at prop as a result, while Tohu Harris goes to lock and Katoa into the back row with Sironen back to the bench. Bunty Afoa replaces Taniela Otukolo on the interchange. For the Dragons, Dufty returns to fullback, pushing youngster Tyrell Sloan out of the side, while Ravalawa's suspension sees Beale move to the wing and Bird back to centre. Josh Kerr moves back to the second row, which sees Vaughan regain his starting spot. McGuire returns from suspension and will come off the bench, while Fuimaono is in in place of Clune.

Who to watch: The Warriors have made an interesting move signing out of favour Sharks playmaker Chad Townsend for the rest of 2021 before he heads North to take up a lucrative 3 year deal with the Cowboys. There is no doubt that Townsend has the ability to be a very capable halfback – you don't win a premiership without that ability – however it has been a while since we have seen that ability on a football field. While watching highlights from the 2018 finals series, it's clear that Townsend was a vital cog in the Sharks attack, putting in a deft grubber on the 2nd tackle reminiscent to a move a top half would make. Fast forward to now and Cronulla have made notable strides forward after dropping him. Perhaps a change of scenery is what's needed for him to get back to his best, and who knows, on Friday we may see the beginning of the resurgence of Chad Townsend.

You won't see many players have more contrasting performances over two weeks than Matt Dufty did in Rounds 13 and 14. In Round 13 against the Broncos, Dufty was offensively involved in everything, equalling a club record of 5 try assists while scoring 2 of his own. The stellar display coincided with him being informed he wasn't part of the Dragons plans beyond 2021, leaving many scratching their heads. The week after against the Bulldogs, he had one of the most shocking defensive displays I can remember from any individual, with at least 3 of Canterbury's tries caused by his own incompetence. It meant that potential suitors for the fullback went cold and as it stands, Dufty faces an uphill battle to gain an NRL contract for 2022. He sat out last round with an injury, meaning he's had an extended period to work on his deficiencies, and I hope he has because in attack, he's one of the more scintillating players to watch.

Favourite: The Warriors are favoured by just two and a half points over the Dragons.

My tip: This is a real toss of the coin job. The Dragons do have half their spine backing up from origin, however both Hunt and McCullough played limited minutes, and I think it may take the new combinations of the Warriors time to gel. **St George Illawarra by 6.**

Penrith
PANTHERS



Parramatta
EELS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	11	-	-	44	20	Charlie STAINES	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	Brent NADEN	2
15	6	8	-	40	20	Stephen CRICHTON	3
14	2	-	-	8	25	Tyrone MAY	4
13	8	-	-	32	23	Brian TO'O	5
13	12	-	-	48	21	Matt BURTON	6
13	1	-	-	4	24	Jarome LUAI	7
13	2	-	-	8	26	Moses LEOTA	8
8	-	-	-	-	28	Apisai KOROISAU	9
15	2	-	-	8	25	James FISHER-HARRIS	10
14	6	-	-	24	26	Viliame KIKAU	11
11	5	-	-	20	28	Kurt CAPEWELL	12
13	2	-	-	8	26	Isaah YEO	13
9	-	-	-	-	23	Mitchell KENNY	14
7	-	-	-	-	28	Scott SORENSEN	15
12	1	-	-	4	20	Spencer LENIU	16
14	2	-	-	8	24	Liam MARTIN	17
3	1	-	-	4	19	Izack TAGO	18
1	-	-	-	-	22	Jaeman SALMON	19
14	1	-	-	4	29	Matt EISENHUTH	20
-	-	-	-	-	-	Taylan MAY	21

Ivan CLEARY

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INTERCHANGE

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- PENALTIES
- SCRUMS
- SET RESTARTS

	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1 Clinton GUTHERSON	26	15	12	7	-	62
2 Maika SIVO	27	14	14	-	-	56
3 Tom OPACIC	26	15	5	-	-	20
4 Waqa BLAKE	26	7	2	-	-	8
5 Haze DUNSTER	22	5	1	-	-	4
6 Dylan BROWN	21	11	1	-	-	4
7 Mitchell MOSES	26	15	2	56	2	122
8 Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	28	14	4	-	-	16
9 Joey LUSSICK	25	4	1	-	-	4
10 Junior PAULO	27	14	2	-	-	8
11 Isaiah PAPALII	22	15	6	-	-	24
12 Ryan MATTERSON	26	10	3	-	-	12
13 Nathan BROWN	28	14	1	-	-	4
14 Marata NIUKORE	25	12	2	-	-	8
15 Shaun LANE	26	15	3	-	-	12
16 Oregon KAUFUSI	22	14	1	-	-	4
17 Bryce CARTWRIGHT	26	10	4	-	-	16
18 Viliami PENISINI	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Will SMITH	29	8	-	-	-	-
20 Sean RUSSELL	19	1	2	-	-	8
21 Jakob ARTHUR	3	2	-	-	-	8

Brad ARTHUR

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#NRLPanthersEels

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 2 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:55pm AEST
VENUE	Bluebet Stadium, Penrith NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Phil HENDERSON Todd SMITH
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 100 MATCHES

PARRAMATTA 58-41 (1 DRAW)

At Bluebet Stadium: 49 matches, 24-all (1 draw)

LAST TEN: PENRITH 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R22	Parramatta 10-4	TIO Stadium	8,340
2016	R5	Penrith 20-18	Pirtek Stadium	15,600
2016	R19	Penrith 22-18	BlueBet Stadium	15,251
2017	R8	Parramatta 18-12	Stadium Australia	14,071
2018	R1	Penrith 24-14	BlueBet Stadium	21,506
2018	R5	Penrith 12-6	Stadium Australia	10,061
2019	R1	Parramatta 20-12	BlueBet Stadium	12,604
2019	R11	Penrith 16-10	Bankwest Stadium	16,228
2020	R5	Parramatta 16-10	Bankwest Stadium	507
2020	R18	Penrith 20-2	BlueBet Stadium	3,955

BIGGEST WINS

2002	R1	Parramatta 64-6	Pirtek Stadium	13,348
2012	R4	Penrith 39-6	Pirtek Stadium	13,788

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Tyrone May (PEN)	50 club & career games	1 game
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	100 career points	4 points
Reagan Campbell-Gillard (PAR)	150 career games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE

project



NEXT THREE: PENRITH

R17	BYE
R18	WARRIORS (A)
R19	BRISBANE (H)



NEXT THREE: PARRAMATTA

R17	BYE
R18	GOLD COAST (A)
R19	CANBERRA (H)

Match Preview

with Andrew Jackson

With Nathan Cleary set to miss between four to six weeks of game time, this Friday night's clash with Parramatta now shapes as pivotal in the direction Penrith's 2021 campaign heads.

A loss threatens to cast doubts, both internally and externally, over whether the Panthers can manage this tough stanza without their crafty No. 7. Realistically there is no reason Penrith cannot still maintain their fine form without their star halfback. Sure, he was the runaway Dally M leader and has been at the centre of the team's success but it is not like the other 16 players alongside him aren't capable.

Matt Burton has constantly proven himself capable of stepping up in Cleary's absence. Scrap his performances against the Tigers and Sharks – he was given little help alongside Tyrone May and was playing in a severely undermanned side lacking potency in attack. Even if you do draw anything out of those games, look at the way he lifted Penrith with two tries and an assist in a stunning comeback that just fell short against Cronulla. This is Burton's biggest challenge yet but with all the attacking weapons around him there won't be lofty expectations for him to dominate straight away.

It means more pressure is on Jarome Luai and Apisai Koroisau to lift in Cleary's absence. The Panthers will dearly miss his direction in general play while he also dictates the team's tempo in attack. Cleary is joined by Dylan Edwards on the sidelines, seeing Charlie Staines given a chance to impress at fullback. Brent Naden, meanwhile, earns an NRL recall while the rest of the Origin contingent backs up outside of Cleary.

The Panthers scored a much-needed last-start win against the Roosters but face another tough opponent this week in an Eels outfit gunning for four-straight victories.

Coach Brad Arthur has proven himself willing to make bold selection calls, dropping winger Blake Ferguson even when Maika Sivo was suspended. The decision to shift Waqa Blake to a new edge has also proved a masterstroke with the former Panther looking confident and more involved.

With Cleary out of contention for Origin III, all eyes will now be on Mitchell Moses who is in the frame for his Blues debut. Moses has previously been criticised for failing to stand up in the big moments and crumbling under pressure. Friday night's meeting with the Panthers proves as the perfect chance for the heavily-scrutinised halfback to quash those suggestions.

The Eels made a slow start against the Bulldogs in their last start but can't afford to make the same mistake against Penrith. Give the Panthers a 12-0 head start and they will ruthlessly turn that into 40.

The Eels will be without Reed Mahoney (shoulder) again but welcome back Sivo (suspension) while Oregon Kaufusi and Bryce Cartwright join the bench.

Who to watch: Viliame Kikau has had an underwhelming 2021 and now he is under pressure to prove he is deserving of a starting spot ahead of Liam Martin. While Penrith has been criticised at times for not using Kikau properly, the destructive second rower is not exempt of blame. Kikau has been guilty of tiring too easily in the new-look, fast-paced NRL and has proven a liability at times in defence. He has also not always asserted himself like a man of his size should. Cleary has proven a mastermind at unleashing the best of Kikau, using him as a decoy and then on the next set getting him running against the grain. Without Cleary though Kikau will also need to play a key role in maximising his chances.

He may be coming off the bench but against his former club Bryce Cartwright shapes as a genuine game-breaker for Parramatta. Cartwright's late offloads and ball-playing ability have threatened to make him a cut-price attacking weapon in the right team. Too often though he has placed excessive emphasis on the fancy stuff. Coach Arthur though has Cartwright running hard and direct first and passing second. It has not always paid off but there have been enough signs to suggest Cartwright is starting to turn a corner and he could be the man to break Penrith's relentless defence late if the scores are close.

Favourite: Penrith were strong favourites but the Cleary news has seen the Eels firm.

My tip: There are serious question marks over the Panthers this week without Cleary, which makes it only more important that they silence the doubters and prove they can get the job done without their main man. Parramatta has looked vulnerable even in victory in the past few weeks and must start fast or risk falling away. The clash of two monster forward packs shapes as the decisive factor here. **Penrith by 4.**

Canterbury-Bankstown BULLDOGS



Manly-Warringah SEA EAGLES

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
12	4	1	-	18	23	Nicholas MEANEY	1
9	-	-	-	-	23	Corey ALLAN	2
14	1	-	-	4	29	Will HOPOATE	3
-	-	-	-	-	24	Falakiko MANU	4
8	2	-	-	8	22	Tuipulotu KATOA	5
9	1	11	-	26	22	Kyle FLANAGAN	6
13	4	14	-	44	21	Jake AVERILLO	7
9	-	-	-	-	25	Jack HETHERINGTON	8
4	1	-	-	4	25	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	9
10	2	-	-	8	26	Luke THOMPSON	10
4	-	-	-	-	20	Jackson TOPINE	11
7	-	-	-	-	21	Matt DOOREY	12
7	-	-	-	-	30	Josh JACKSON	13
-	-	-	-	-	19	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	14
4	-	-	-	-	25	Joe STIMSON	15
8	-	-	-	-	30	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	16
-	-	-	-	-	-	Chris PATOLO	17
2	-	-	-	-	25	Lachlan LEWIS	19
8	-	-	-	-	25	Ofahiki OGDEN	20
11	2	-	-	8	26	Renouf ATONI	21
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						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Tom TRBOJEVIC	24	8	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
2	Jason SAAB	20	14	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
3	Brad PARKER	24	14	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
4	Morgan HARPER	23	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
5	Reuben GARRICK	24	14	12	52	-	-	-	-	-	152
6	Kieran FORAN	31	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	32	14	5	1	1	23	-	-	-	-
8	Taniela PASEKA	23	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Lachlan CROKER	24	14	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
10	Martin TAUPAU	31	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
11	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	22	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
12	Karl LAWTON	25	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
13	Sean KEPPIE	23	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
14	Dylan WALKER	26	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
15	Ben TRBOJEVIC	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Kurt DE LUIS	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Toafofoa SIPLEY	26	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Mosese SULI	23	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Cade CUST	22	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
20	Tevita FUNA	23	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Jack GOSIEWSKI	27	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLBulldogsManly

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 3 July 2021
KICKOFF	3:00pm AEST
VENUE	Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI Jon STONE
NRL BUNKER	Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 131 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 68-58 (5 DRAWS)

At Bankwest Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: 5-ALL

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R3	Canterbury 16-12	4 Pines Park	10,498
2015	R7	Canterbury 28-16	Stadium Australia	13,568
2016	R1	Canterbury 28-6	4 Pines Park	16,512
2016	R23	Canterbury 20-16	Stadium Australia	10,290
2017	R4	Manly 36-0	4 Pines Park	9,610
2017	R24	Canterbury 30-16	Stadium Australia	8,912
2018	R22	Manly 18-6	4 Pines Park	7,846
2019	R8	Manly 18-10	4 Pines Park	10,148
2020	R3	Manly 32-6	Central Coast	-
2020	R18	Manly 32-20	Stadium Australia	2,151

BIGGEST WINS

1954	R14	Manly 45-7	4 Pines Park	-
2003	R23	Canterbury 56-24	4 Pines Park	12,820

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Corey Waddell (CBY)	50 career games	1 game
Josh Jackson (CBY)	100 club & career points	4 points
Nick Cotric (CBY)	200 career points	4 points
William Hopoate (CBY)	100 club points	4 points
Dylan Walker (MAN)	200 club points	8 points
Karl Lawton (MAN)	50 career games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN

R17	SYDNEY (H)
R18	SOUTH SYDNEY (A)
R19	CRONULLA (H)



NEXT THREE: MANLY-WARRINGAH

R17	CANBERRA (H)
R18	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA (H)
R19	WESTS TIGERS (H)

Match Preview

with Jason Hosken

Isolation ravaged Bulldogs chase soaring Sea Eagles

Two years may have passed since Trent Barrett's messy departure as Sea Eagles head coach, but for many Manly diehards, the blood still boils.

So if anyone is smiling about Sydney's latest Covid lockdown, it's most likely the Bulldogs coach. Instead of a barrage of advice from disgruntled fans, the former Panthers assistant will go about his business among a more respectful crowd of cardboard cut-outs.

On the downside, last weekend's Bondi biosecurity breach has decimated Canterbury's lineup. Dylan Napa, Brandon Wakeham, Aaron Schoupp, Corey Waddell and Sione Katoa are all unavailable, and will be joined on the sidelines by the injured Adam Elliott and Nick Cotric.

After a long term shoulder injury, star off-season recruit Corey Allan is a welcome addition on the wing. The former Maroons utility joins a foreign looking lineup that includes three debutants. Falakiko Manu is set to start at centre while fellow newbies Bailey Biondi-Odo and Christopher Patolo will get their chance from the interchange.

Amid the fallout, a door has opened for the return of Kyle Flanagan. And with Manly having conceded five tries from kicks in their last start against the Titans, the scrutiny on the No.6's short game is bound to be immense.

Where Canterbury has been swamped by a tidal wave, the water on the northern beaches couldn't be any calmer. Fresh from a 48-point second half blitzkrieg of the Titans, Des Hasler has named the same 17 to face the Bulldogs including Origin stars Tom Trbojevic and Daly Cherry-Evans.

Jake Trbojevic has been given another week to recover from a hip injury and if Turbo is rested, Reuben Garrick is a more than capable replacement having proven himself with a breakout performance in Manly's 50-point rout of North Queensland back in Round 14.

The Bankwest clash represents the second of four Canterbury home games slated for the Parramatta venue. Including last week's 36-10 away loss to Parramatta, the Bulldogs are none from two at the venue this season. Manly on the other hand has enjoyed the additional travel to western Sydney having racked up big scores in comprehensive victories over both the Tigers and Eels.

Who to watch: As the Bulldogs struggle to cement a coherent halves combination, the return of hooker Jeremy Marshall-King in recent weeks has provided additional spark. The 25-year-old's return after a long injury layoff coincided with Canterbury's upset win over the Dragons in round 14, and his 50 tackles last week forced Parramatta's attack to the edges. His ability to break tackles from dummy-half and a clever kicking game ensure his clash with the unfashionable Lachlan Croker should be one to watch.

After exiting the Bulldogs' kennel towards the end of last season, Morgan Harper finished the year in Des Hasler's run-on side with his attacking reputation intact. Fast forward to 2021, and the centre with the eighties curls found himself on the outer before making the most of his recall in round 5. Since then, his attack has been overshadowed by the breathtaking pace of Jason Saab, but his ruthless defence on Manly's right edge has been a rigid constant in the Sea Eagles' revival.

Favourite: The last time Canterbury defeated Manly was in 2017, back when Des Hasler was coach. Now back in the Sea Eagles' nest, his side is heavily favoured to make it five straight wins against the Bulldogs.

My tip: For all the Bulldogs' troubles, what can't be argued is their willingness to have a dig. With some big names signed for next season to replace the likes of Dallin Watene-Zelezniak, Trent Barrett is already thinking long term. Now stripped to the bone by biosecurity breaches, the Bulldogs have no right to push a Sea Eagles outfit still eyeing a top-four finish. **Manly by 26.**

Canberra RAIDERS



Gold Coast TITANS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
13	2	-	-	8	23	Bailey SIMONSSON	1
4	1	-	-	4	22	Semi VALEMEI	2
5	1	15	-	34	30	Jarrold CROKER	3
13	5	-	-	20	22	Sebastian KRIS	4
12	8	2	-	36	32	Jordan RAPANA	5
13	3	-	-	12	28	Jack WIGHTON	6
4	1	11	-	26	30	Sam WILLIAMS	7
11	2	-	-	8	29	Josh PAPALII	8
10	1	-	-	4	31	Josh HODGSON	9
8	-	-	-	-	31	Dunamis LUI	10
8	3	-	-	12	26	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	11
14	3	-	-	12	32	Elliott WHITEHEAD	12
13	2	-	-	8	26	Ryan SUTTON	13
12	-	-	-	-	23	Tom STARLING	14
9	2	-	-	8	23	Emre GULER	15
10	1	-	-	4	35	Iosia SOLIOLA	16
9	2	-	-	8	27	Joseph TAPINE	17
2	-	-	-	-	21	Matthew TIMOKO	18
10	2	-	-	8	23	Hudson YOUNG	19
-	-	-	-	-	26	Matt FRAWLEY	20
10	2	-	-	8	30	Ryan JAMES	21

Ricky STUART

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- SCRUMS
- SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Alexander BRIMSON	22	12	6	-	-	24
2	Phillip SAMI	24	13	4	-	-	16
3	Brian KELLY	25	12	4	-	-	16
4	Patrick HERBERT	24	11	3	-	-	12
5	Corey THOMPSON	31	8	7	-	-	28
6	Ashley TAYLOR	26	9	-	-	-	-
7	Jamal FOGARTY	27	15	3	49	-	110
8	Jarrold WALLACE	30	15	3	-	-	12
9	Erin CLARK	23	12	1	-	-	4
10	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	21	12	2	-	-	8
11	Kevin PROCTOR	32	14	4	-	-	16
12	David FIFITA	21	12	10	-	-	40
13	Tyrone PEACHEY	30	13	4	-	-	16
14	Beau FERMOR	23	5	2	-	-	8
15	Sam LISONE	27	7	-	-	-	-
16	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	21	13	1	-	-	4
17	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	24	15	1	-	-	4
18	Sam STONE	24	4	-	-	-	-
19	Sam McINTYRE	23	7	-	-	-	-
20	Mitch REIN	31	13	1	-	-	4
21	Jayden CAMPBELL	21	3	1	-	-	4

Justin HOLBROOK

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#NRLRaidersTitans

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 3 July 2021
KICKOFF	5:30pm AEST
VENUE	GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce ACT
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, MIX Canberra, Triple M BNE, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Matt CECCHIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Darian FURNER Belinda SHARPE
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 26 MATCHES

CANBERRA 14-12 (no draws)

At GIO Stadium: 11 matches, Canberra 7-4

LAST TEN: CANBERRA 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R24	Gold Coast 28-12	Cbus Super	8,762
2016	R4	Gold Coast 24-20	GIO Stadium	11,039
2016	R16	Canberra 30-22	Cbus Super	12,645
2017	R6	Canberra 42-16	Cbus Super	12,390
2018	R1	Gold Coast 30-28	Cbus Super	10,238
2018	R9	Canberra 32-18	GIO Stadium	11,170
2019	R1	Canberra 21-0	Cbus Super	9,843
2020	R1	Canberra 24-6	GIO Stadium	10,610
2020	R15	Canberra 36-16	Cbus Super	6,561
2021	R4	Canberra 20-4	Netstrata Jubilee	5,117 (DH)

BIGGEST WINS

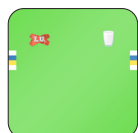
2007	R18	Canberra 56-10	GIO Stadium	9,136
2013	R2	Gold Coast 36-0	Cbus Super	12,267

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jarrold Croker (CAN)	2200 club & career points	8 points
Jordan Rapana (CAN)	150 career games	1 game
Ryan Sutton (CAN)	50 club & career games	1 game
Sam Williams (CAN)	100 career games	1 game
AJ Brimson (GLD)	100 club & career points	4 points
Corey Thompson (GLD)	100 career games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: CANBERRA

R17	MANLY (A)
R18	CRONULLA (H)
R19	PARRAMATTA (A)



NEXT THREE: GOLD COAST

R17	BYE
R18	PARRAMATTA (H)
R19	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA (A)

Match Preview

with Josh Robertson

Rugby League heads to the nations capital as the Canberra Raiders will play host to the Gold Coast Titans on Saturday afternoon.

It has been a season of disappointments for the Raiders in 2021 so far as they come into this weekend's contest sitting in tenth position with just five wins from 14 games. A traditionally strong team, the Raiders have been poor especially at home this season with just two victories at their traditional strong-hold.

Prior to the weekend off, the Canberra Raiders yet again capitulated in their 22-20 defeat against the St George Illawarra Dragons after holding a 20-6 lead early in the second half. The Green Machine looked good early as they took a 12-0 lead after the opening 20 minutes. The Raiders held onto a 20-6 early on but they struggled in the second half yet again as the Dragons came home with a wet sail on a windy night to hand the Raiders another defeat.

The Raiders will be boosted by the return of Jarrod Croker into the side at centre with Matthew Timoko dropping to the extended bench. The Raiders have also named Ryan Sutton at lock and Sia Soliola onto the interchange bench.

After promising a better season, the Gold Coast Titans have yet again been disappointments as they come into the contest sitting in 13th place on the NRL ladder with just five wins from their 15 games this season.

If memory wipers were a real thing, Gold Coast Titans fans would have used them to wipe their memories of their second half capitulation where they conceded 48 points against the Manly Sea Eagles to fall to an embarrassing 56-24 defeat after leading 24-8 at the break. The Titans looked excellent in the first half dominating the ball and field position but their second half was utter embarrassment as the defence just looked as if it was a league below the Sea Eagles as they just conceded try after try.

The Titans squad is strongly boosted by the returns of AJ Brimson at fullback and Corey Thompson on the wing. Kevin Proctor returns from suspension whilst Beau Fermor and Sam Lisone return from injury to the interchange bench. Jayden Campbell, Mitch Rein and Sam Stone are all dropped to the reserves.

Who to watch: Reigning Dally M player of the year Jack Wighton has been disappointing throughout 2021 and his lack of form has been a big part of Canberra's woes so far this season. Wighton is going to need to find some form if the Green machine want to make a back-end charge for the finals this season.

Returning from injury, AJ Brimson is a key part of the Titans side and no doubt a major boost to their side which has been lacking attacking spark and defensive structure of late. Not all the Gold Coast's lay on Brimson's shoulders he will need to play a part if they want to make an outside run to the finals.

Favourite: The Raiders are strong favourites for the contest despite their poor form at home this season.

My tip: This game could be one that go in any direction and not be a surprise, Both sides looked fantastic in their opening 40 minutes a fortnight ago but their second halves were both capitulations. If that is anything to go by then we could see an 40 point first half and nothing in the second half. Being back in Canberra will give the Green Machine the slightest of edges for me. **Canberra by 6.**

Newcastle KNIGHTS



North Queensland COWBOYS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
5	4	10	-	36	23	Kalyn PONGA	1
3	1	-	-	4	20	Dominic YOUNG	2
12	2	-	1	9	28	Kurt MANN	3
15	2	-	-	8	22	Enari TUALA	4
8	3	-	-	12	27	Hymel HUNT	5
10	1	2	-	8	23	Jake CLIFFORD	6
5	1	-	-	4	32	Mitchell PEARCE	7
14	1	-	-	4	25	Jacob SAIFITI	8
15	3	-	-	12	25	Jayden BRAILEY	9
14	2	-	-	8	25	Daniel SAIFITI	10
15	3	13	-	38	27	Mitchell BARNETT	11
7	2	-	-	8	27	Lachlan FITZGIBBON	12
15	2	-	-	8	29	Sauaso SUE	13
15	-	-	-	-	25	Connor WATSON	14
13	-	-	-	-	27	David KLEMMER	15
10	1	-	-	4	26	Josh KING	16
12	3	-	-	12	23	Brodie JONES	17
3	-	-	-	-	23	Jack JOHNS	18
5	1	1	-	6	21	Phoenix CROSSLAND	19
1	-	-	-	-	20	Simi SASAGI	20
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Adam O'BRIEN

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		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Valentine HOLMES	26	14	3	41	2	96
2	Kyle FELDT	29	11	6	-	-	24
3	Javid BOWEN	28	6	2	-	-	8
4	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	20	9	5	-	-	20
5	Murray TAULAGI	22	12	10	-	-	40
6	Scott DRINKWATER	24	14	5	-	-	20
7	Tom DEARDEN	20	7	2	-	-	8
8	Coen HESS	25	13	1	-	-	4
9	Reece ROBSON	23	14	4	-	-	16
10	Jordan McLEAN	29	14	-	-	-	-
11	Shane WRIGHT	25	11	-	-	-	-
12	Mitchell DUNN	24	10	2	-	-	8
13	Jason TAUMALOLO	28	7	1	-	-	4
14	Jake GRANVILLE	32	14	2	-	-	8
15	Tom GILBERT	21	5	-	-	-	-
16	Lachlan BURR	28	12	1	-	-	4
17	Francis MOLO	27	13	1	-	-	4
18	Peter HOLA	22	2	-	-	-	-
19	Daejarn ASI	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Connelly LEMUELU	23	8	1	-	-	4
21	Heilum LUKI	20	2	1	-	-	4

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#NRLKnightsCowboys

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 3 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Liam KENNEDY Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 41 MATCHES

NEWCASTLE 21-20 (no draws)

At McDonald Jones Stadium: 20 matches, Newcastle 14-6

LAST TEN: NORTH QUEENSLAND 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R15	Newcastle 36-28	McDonald Jones	11,925
2015	R2	Newcastle 16-14	1300Smiles	13,006
2015	R8	North Qld 26-24	McDonald Jones	15,518
2016	R13	North Qld 46-16	1300Smiles	14,651
2017	R8	North Qld 24-12	1300Smiles	13,878
2018	R20	North Qld 20-18	1300Smiles	11,709
2019	R22	Newcastle 42-6	McDonald Jones	16,752
2020	R7	North Qld 32-20	QLD Country Bank	1,853
2020	R15	Newcastle 12-0	McDonald Jones	5,304
2021	R11	North Qld 36-20	QLD Country Bank	11,208

BIGGEST WINS

2003	R22	Newcastle 60-24	1300Smiles	15,072
2005	R4	North Qld 52-18	1300Smiles	22,347
2019	R22	Newcastle 42-6	McDonald Jones	16,752

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Hymel Hunt (NEW)	100 career games	1 game
Kalyn Ponga (NEW)	400 career points	2 points
	400 club points	14 points
North Qld (since 1995)	2300 tries	9 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: NEWCASTLE

R17	BYE
R18	MELBOURNE (A)
R19	SYDNEY (A)



NEXT THREE: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R17	SOUTH SYDNEY (A)
R18	SYDNEY (H)
R19	MELBOURNE (H)

Match Preview

with Rob Crosby

Make-or-break for top eight hopefuls

As the race for the top eight intensifies the Newcastle Knights and the North Queensland Cowboys will have plenty to play for in a fixture pitting 12th against 9th.

Coming into the contest off the back of an all too rare win, the Newcastle Knights will be out to remain in finals contention while improving upon their dismal for-and-against record.

Snatching a last gasp 10-6 victory over the Warriors prior to Origin II, coach Adam O'Brien will be conscious of his side's -131 points differential as the Knights strive to post back-to-back wins for the first time since the opening rounds.

Holding a poor record with just two wins from their past eight meetings against the Cowboys, a win on Saturday evening would see the side overtake North Queensland on the ladder ahead of a bye scheduled for next weekend.

Gaining a massive boost with Kalyn Ponga cleared to play after several false starts, NSW front-rower Daniel Saifiti has been named to back up after helping the Blues wrap up the Origin series on Sunday night, while underrated winger Hymel Hunt will line up for his 100th appearance in first grade.

Sitting outside the top eight due to a -121 points differential, the North Queensland Cowboys will be out to atone for consecutive losses.

Mounting a late comeback only to fall short against the Sharks a fortnight ago, coach Todd Payten will be hoping his team can break a worrying trend in matches on the road.

Managing a single win away from Townsville this season - and three in total since the beginning of 2020 - the Cowboys will be treating Saturday evening as a must-win encounter ahead of difficult run against the Rabbitohs, Roosters and Storm over the next month.

Naming Valentine Holmes, Kyle Feldt and Francis Molo after the trio escaped unscathed from Queensland's Game II defeat, coach Payten has stuck solid with the same side that went down 26-24 in Round 15.

Who to watch: Having played a leading role in defeating the Knights as a Cowboy back in May, Jake Clifford will be looking to return the favour for his new club on Saturday evening. Lining up for his fourth appearance in red and blue after expediting his exit from Townsville to this season, the 23-year-old playmaker has already made an impression in the Hunter with his towering boot causing havoc for opposition fullbacks. Set to combine with Kalyn Ponga for the first time in the top grade, look for Clifford to thrive as part of a spine combination with the potential to turn the Knights from pretenders into contenders.

In a side that began the year with one hand firmly on the wooden spoon, Murray Taulagi has embodied the strides North Queensland have taken under Todd Payten's watch. Featuring sporadically over the past two seasons before establishing his place on the wing earlier this season, the 22-year-old flyer has led the way with 10 tries, 10 line breaks and 33 tackle breaks in 12 appearances. Crossing for his first hat-trick in the top grade against the Knights back in Round 11, expect Taulagi to give a good account of himself as the Cowboys look to re-enter the top eight.

Favourite: With the Cowboys managing six wins from 20 previous visits to McDonald Jones Stadium, the bookmakers are betting on the Knights continuing historical trends.

My tip: In a match that neither side can afford to drop, the return of Kalyn Ponga should give the Knights the edge they need to make a late surge for the finals. **Newcastle by 10.**

Brisbane BRONCOS



Cronulla-Sutherland SHARKS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
7	2	-	-	8	20	Tesi NIU	1
13	5	33	-	86	25	Jamayne ISAAKO	2
12	1	-	-	4	21	Herbie FARNWORTH	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	Kotoni STAGGS	4
5	1	-	-	4	26	Corey OATES	5
7	1	1	-	6	25	Tyson GAMBLE	6
7	-	-	-	-	24	Brodie CROFT	7
12	-	-	-	-	26	Matt LODGE	8
15	-	-	-	-	24	Jake TURPIN	9
11	-	-	-	-	21	Payne HAAS	10
9	-	-	-	-	33	Alex GLENN	11
4	2	-	-	8	19	Teui ROBATI	12
15	-	-	-	-	22	Thomas FLEGLER	13
2	-	-	-	-	21	Cory PAIX	14
5	1	-	-	4	22	Kobe HETHERINGTON	15
4	1	-	-	4	24	Keenan PALASIA	16
8	4	2	-	20	23	Jesse ARTHARS	17
10	-	-	-	-	21	Jordan RIKI	18
7	1	-	-	4	26	Rhys KENNEDY	19
10	5	-	-	20	32	David MEAD	20
9	-	-	-	-	27	Anthony MILFORD	21

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						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Will KENNEDY	24	14	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
2	Connor TRACEY	25	14	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
3	Will CHAMBERS	33	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
4	Jesse RAMIEN	24	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
5	Ronaldo MULITALO	21	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
6	Matt MOYLAN	30	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
7	Shaun JOHNSON	30	6	1	15	1	35				
8	Aiden TOLMAN	32	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Blayne BRAILEY	22	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
10	Aaron WOODS	30	14	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
11	Briton NIKORA	23	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
12	Siosifa TALAKAI	24	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Toby RUDOLF	25	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Braydon TRINDALL	22	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Teig WILTON	21	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
16	Jack WILLIAMS	24	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
17	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	26	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Billy MAGOULIAS	24	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Sione KATOA	24	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
20	Andrew FIFITA	32	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Mawene HIROTI	22	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

Josh HANNAY

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#NRLBroncosSharks

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 4 July 2021
KICKOFF	2:00pm AEST
VENUE	Suncorp Stadium, Milton QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ben CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Michael WISE Tyson BROUGH
NRL BUNKER	Chris BUTLER

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 58 MATCHES

BRISBANE 37-21 (no draws)

At Suncorp Stadium: 19 matches, Brisbane 14-5

LAST TEN: BRISBANE 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R16	Cronulla 24-22	Suncorp Stadium	24,285
2015	R2	Brisbane 10-2	Sharks Stadium	8,369
2016	R9	Cronulla 30-28	Sharks Stadium	14,406
2017	R1	Brisbane 26-18	Sharks Stadium	11,493
2017	R23	Brisbane 32-10	Suncorp Stadium	34,552
2018	R15	Brisbane 20-16	Sharks Stadium	14,587
2018	R20	Brisbane 12-10	Suncorp Stadium	22,859
2019	R7	Brisbane 29-6	Suncorp Stadium	27,638
2019	R16	Brisbane 24-22	Sharks Stadium	10,964
2020	R12	Cronulla 36-26	Suncorp Stadium	7,390

BIGGEST WINS

1991	R10	Brisbane 40-2	Suncorp Stadium	17,546
2009	R15	Cronulla 46-12	Sharks Stadium	8,117

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jamayne Isaako (BRI)	500 club & career points	8 points
Blayke Brailey (CRO)	50 club & career games	1 game
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	100 career points	8 points
Josh Dugan (CRO)	100 club points	4 points
Matt Moylan (CRO)	200 career points	6 points
Sione Katoa (CRO)	100 club & career points	2 points

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NEXT THREE: BRISBANE

R17	BYE
R18	WESTS TIGERS (H)
R19	PENRITH (A)



NEXT THREE: CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND

R17	WARRIORS (H)
R18	CANBERRA (A)
R19	CANTERBURY (A)

Match Preview

with Rob Crosby

Bottom of the ladder host bottom of the eight

The Brisbane Broncos will be looking to get off the bottom of the ladder when they take on a Cronulla Sharks side eyeing five straight wins in a rare Sunday afternoon fixture at Suncorp Stadium.

Languishing in 16th position with the worst defensive record in the league, the Brisbane Broncos will be looking for a reason to believe following a wretched 46-0 thrashing at the hands of South Sydney a fortnight ago.

Staring down the prospect of a season worse than their historic wooden spoon finish last year, coach Kevin Walters will be hoping a strong recent record against the Sharks - six wins from seven clashes - can be the catalyst for a sorely needed win to lift the side's spirits and ease the pressure coming from all quarters.

Afforded a rare Sunday afternoon match at Suncorp Stadium for the first time since going down to the Titans on the Queen's Birthday long weekend two years ago, the side will be eager to avoid a repeat of their last appearance in daytime conditions when the Eels posted a record 58-0 loss in the 2019 finals series.

Welcoming back Kotoni Staggs for his first appearance of the season, the Indigenous centre will headline a new-look backline featuring Corey Oates, Jamayne Isaako and Brodie Croft, while TC Robati comes into the pack in place of suspended forward Tevita Pangai Jr.

After a rocky start to life under interim coach Josh Hannay, the Cronulla Sharks have found their groove off the back of four straight wins.

Sitting inside the top eight ahead of the Cowboys on points differential, the Sharks will be out to overcome a poor strike rate at Suncorp Stadium - five wins from 15 visits against the Broncos - in an effort to post five in a row for the first time since 2018.

Retaining the same squad that pipped the Cowboys 26-24 in the round preceding Origin II, fleet-footed finisher Sione Katoa could be late inclusion after being included on the extended bench.

Ever-improving hooker Blayke Brailey will line up for his 50th first grade appearance for the club.

Who to watch: Having spent a large part of 2021 languishing in the Intrust Super Cup despite boasting a wealth of experience, Corey Oates will be determined to make Sunday afternoon the last time he is recalled to the NRL. Renown for his prolific try-scoring ability - 95 tries in 161 games - since coming into the top grade as a teenager, the 26-year-old winger will have a point to prove in his first match since Brisbane's horror opening night showing during Magic Round. Set to mark up against diminutive utility Connor Tracey in mismatch of size, look for Oates to give the Broncos a much-needed injection of experience and aggression.

Returning to the scene of his NRL debut during Indigenous Round last year, Braydon Trindall will be looking to press his claims for regular game time in the wake of the side's roster overhaul. Penning a new deal with the club until the end of 2023 over the past fortnight, the 21-year-old playmaker has been left to bide his time off the bench with Josh Hannay opting for experience in the halves. Looming as a contender to partner Nicho Hynes in the halves under Craig Fitzgibbon next season, look for Trindall to increase his involvement after playing limited minutes in eight matches this season.

Favourite: It should come as no surprise to see the side that has won four in a row (Cronulla) favoured to get the two points against the side running last (Brisbane).

My tip: While Brisbane will be much improved after a disastrous showing prior to Origin II, the class and momentum of the Sharks will be too much for the Broncos to contend with. **Cronulla by 16.**

Wests TIGERS



South Sydney RABBITHOHS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	5	-	-	20	22	Daine LAURIE	1
15	9	-	-	36	27	David NOFOALUMA	2
10	3	-	-	12	28	James ROBERTS	3
13	5	43	-	106	23	Adam DOUEIHI	4
12	8	-	-	32	27	Ken MAUMALO	5
14	-	-	-	-	28	Moses MBYE	6
15	1	5	-	14	26	Luke BROOKS	7
15	2	-	-	8	32	James TAMOU	8
12	5	-	-	20	24	Jacob LIDDLE	9
15	-	-	-	-	25	Alex TWAL	10
15	5	-	-	20	25	Luke GARNER	11
15	2	-	-	8	25	Luciano LEILUA	12
9	1	-	-	4	22	Alex SEYFARTH	13
13	3	-	-	12	21	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	14
5	-	-	-	-	21	Shawn BLORE	15
12	-	-	-	-	23	Thomas MIKAELE	16
14	1	-	-	4	25	Joe OFAHENGAUE	17
3	-	-	-	-	29	Michael CHEE-KAM	18
4	-	-	-	-	24	Tom AMONE	19
-	-	-	-	-	-	Fetalaiga PAUGA	20
5	1	-	-	4	-	Jake SIMPKIN	21

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- SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Latrell MITCHELL	24	10	6	4	1	33
2	Alex JOHNSTON	26	14	17	-	-	68
3	Dane GAGAI	30	13	8	-	-	32
4	Campbell GRAHAM	22	12	4	-	-	16
5	Taane MILNE	26	4	1	-	-	4
6	Cody WALKER	31	13	9	-	-	36
7	Adam REYNOLDS	31	13	3	59	2	134
8	Mark NICHOLLS	31	14	-	-	-	-
9	Damien COOK	30	13	2	-	-	8
10	Hame SELE	24	4	1	-	-	4
11	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	23	12	1	-	-	4
12	Jai ARROW	26	13	1	-	-	4
13	Cameron MURRAY	23	10	1	-	-	4
14	Benji MARSHALL	36	13	3	-	-	12
15	Liam KNIGHT	26	7	-	-	-	-
16	Thomas BURGESS	29	14	1	-	-	4
17	Jacob HOST	24	8	-	-	-	-
18	Braidon BURNS	25	3	-	-	-	-
19	Jaydn SU'A	23	12	2	-	-	8
20	Blake TAAFFE	22	1	-	-	-	-
21	Josh MANSOUR	31	6	3	-	-	12

22. Tautau MOGA, 23. Patrick MAGO

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#NRLTigersSouths

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 4 July 2021
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Grant ATKINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Kasey BADGER Peter GOUGH
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 37 MATCHES

SOUTH SYDNEY 21-16 (no draws)

At Leichhardt Oval: 6 matches, 3-all

LAST TEN: SOUTH SYDNEY 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R14	Wests Tigers 30-14	Stadium Australia	14,490
2017	R1	Wests Tigers 34-18	Stadium Australia	16,970
2017	R10	Souths 28-8	Stadium Australia	12,213
2018	R19	Wests Tigers 22-6	Stadium Australia	25,963
2018	R25	Souths 51-10	Stadium Australia	12,037
2019	R11	Souths 32-16	Stadium Australia	18,195
2019	R15	Wests Tigers 14-9	Bankwest Stadium	9,807
2020	R9	Souths 18-10	Bankwest Stadium	4,864
2020	R18	Souths 26-24	Bankwest Stadium	3,801
2021	R6	Souths 18-14	Stadium Australia	16,134

BIGGEST WINS

2004	R22	Wests Tigers 56-6	Leichhardt Oval	19,402
2013	R10	Souths 54-10	Stadium Australia	19,718

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Alex Johnston (SOU)	500 club & career points	8 points
Damien Cook (SOU)	100 career points	6 points
Liam Knight (SOU)	50 club games	1 game
Tautau Moga (SOU)	100 career points	8 points
Adam Doueihi (WST)	200 career points	10 points
James Tamou (WST)	100 career points	4 points
Moses Mbye (WST)	150 career games	1 game

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NEXT THREE: WESTS TIGERS

R17	BYE
R18	BRISBANE (A)
R19	MANLY (A)



NEXT THREE: SOUTH SYDNEY

R17	NORTH QLD (H)
R18	CANTERBURY (H)
R19	WARRIORS (H)

Match Preview

with Lachy MacCorquodale

The in-form Rabbitohs make the trip to Leichhardt to face their old foe the Tigers.

Luckily for the South Sydney Rabbitohs there will be no crowd at Leichhardt Oval and as we saw with Penrith's trip there earlier this season, it's no place to be when the Wests Tigers are roaring.

In fact, this will be Souths first trip to Leichhardt Oval in an incredible 14 years when they beat the Tigers 37 points to 12 in 2007. Back to 2021 and the Rabbitohs are sitting comfortably in the top four, two wins clear of the Roosters in fifth place, whilst the Tigers languish in 14th place after their embarrassing loss to the Melbourne Storm two weeks ago.

The two sides met earlier in the season, and it was surprisingly an exciting clash with the Rabbitohs eventually prevailing in golden point courtesy of a Thomas Burgess try. The Tigers aimed up in that clash and matched the Rabbitohs but in typical Tigers' fashion, they've been one of the most inconsistent teams this season, making it very hard to predict how this match will end up.

The Rabbitohs will be graced with the return of their five Origin players - Latrell Mitchell, Dane Gagai, Damien Cook, Jai Arrow and Campbell Murray - who got through Origin II unscathed and with Mitchell in particular absolutely roaring after another exceptional performance in the sky blue jersey.

The star fullback has been incredible for the Rabbitohs over the course of the season and he'll be their main strike weapon as they look to attack the Tigers weak edge defence. Benji Marshall will also return for the Rabbitohs to face his former side where he appeared in 257 games whilst Hame Sele comes onto the bench for the injured Tevita Tatola.

The Wests Tigers will be graced with the return of Adam Doueihi who missed the Melbourne fixture with concussion. Doueihi who has been one of their better players this season will provide an attacking target for Luke Brooks' cross-field bomb kicks, a tactic which they've visited many times this season to some success.

Despite sitting in 14th place, the Tigers are just two wins outside the eight with a bye up their sleeve and a win, although unlikely, against the Rabbitohs will help put the joint venture back on the right track after consecutive losses to the Parramatta Eels and the Melbourne Storm. With a relatively easy run home, the Tigers would love to gain some momentum before they face just three top eight sides in the final eight games, which also include a game against Brisbane and two against the Canterbury Bulldogs. The week off would've helped the Tigers reset after the 50-point drubbing at the hands of Melbourne and you know Michael Maguire will have them fired up for this clash at Leichhardt Oval, the spiritual home of the Tigers.

Along with Doueihi, the Tigers will also have Thomas Mikaele back in the side at the expense of Tom Aione, whilst Alex Seyfarth starts at Lock, pushing Joe Ofahengaue to the bench.

Who to watch: As previously mentioned, Latrell Mitchell has had an outstanding year for the foundation club, sitting fifth in the Dally M Medal count before it went behind closed doors (although is ineligible for the highest individual honour after his suspension earlier this season). Mitchell had a field day against the Tigers earlier in the season accumulating 179 run metres and breaking nine tackles as he played an integral part in his sides' win. The New South Wales centre has scored six tries and assisted a further 10 in just 10 appearances this season whilst averaging a career high 136 run metres per game. Former Rabbitoh, Adam Doueihi will be integral to the Tigers performance and has been one of their best this year. The 22-year-old has split his time between five-eighth and centre this year as he's amassed five tries and 10 try assists in 13 appearances so far this season. He's very quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with as he sits inside the top 10 of the Dally M count as voting went behind closed doors.

Favourite: The South Sydney Rabbitohs are the very easily the favourites for this clash, having not lost to a side that isn't Melbourne or Penrith all year. They've also won their last three outings against the joint venture and five of their last six with that sole loss coming in 2019.

My tip: The Rabbitohs are going to be hard to defeat, although the Tigers did come as close as you can get earlier in the season. The form of the Rabbitohs' stars will be tough to contend with and coming off the back of two heavy defeats to top four sides, I fear it could be a similar result for the Tigers. **South Sydney by 16.**

QRL TEAMLISTS

INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 12

IPSWICH JETS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

North Ipswich Reserve, Saturday 3 July 2:10pm

Referee: Daniel Schwass; Sideline Officials: Jeremy Meadows, Steve Kanowski

IPSWICH: 1. Denzel Burns 2. Ratu Jope Rotavisoro 4. Keenan Yorston 5. Richard Pandia 6. Josh Cleeland 7. Rhys Jacks 8. Tyson Lofipo 9. Kierran Moseley 10. Nathaniel Neale 11. Hugh Sedger 12. Ben White 13. Tyler Coburn 14. Gerome Burns 15. Todd White 16. Blake Lenahan 17. Nicholas Flocas 18. Jayden Connors 19. Seb Pandia 20. Zac Hetherington 21. Jacob Teevan 22. Jordan Carriera
SC FALCONS: 1. Luke Poiselli 2. Paul Ulberg 3. Nathan Saumalu 4. Bessie Aufaga-Toomaga 5. Nat McGavin 6. Jack Wright 7. Todd Murphy 9. Kurt Baptiste 10. Patrice Siolo 11. Louis Geraghty 12. Thomas Rafter 13. Sam Burns 14. Martin Cordwell 15. Campbell Duffy 16. Sam Bernstrom 17. Daniel Dole 18. Wyatt Reynolds 19. Dalton Smith 20. Tom Geraghty 21. Blake Wilson 22. William Tolo

PNG HUNTERS v MACKAY CUTTERS

Bycroft Oval, Saturday 3 July 3:00pm

Referee: Ethan Menchin; Sideline Officials: Jack Klein, Matt Colclough

PNG: 1. Terry Wapi 2. Rau Kobale 3. Brandon Nima 4. Joe Joshua 5. Brendon Gotuno 6. Ase Boas 7. Charlie Simon 8. Stanton Albert 9. Wartovo Puara 10. Samuel Yegip 11. Ben Kelly 12. Sylvester Namu 13. Ila Alu 14. Judah Rimbu 15. Dilbert Isaac 16. Mark Pitti 17. Enoch Maki 18. Solo Wane
MACKAY: 1. Matiu Stone-Dunn 2. Jake Riley 3. Michael Bell 4. Josh Smith 5. Keanu Wainohu-Kemp 6. Bayley Gill 7. Brandon Finnegan 8. Emry Pere 9. Sean Mullany 10. Ross Bella 11. Ben Condon 12. Kane Bradley 13. Jesse Dee 14. Kellen Jenner 15. Blake Atherton 16. Jack Quinn 17. Jack Brock 18. Kyle Krisanski-Kennedy

TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS v NORTHS DEVILS

Jack Manski Oval, Saturday 3 July 4:00pm

Referee: Jarrod Cole; Sideline Officials: Taylor Worth, Josh Eaton

TOWNSVILLE: 1. Jaelen Feeney 2. Michael Carroll 3. Justin O'Neill 4. Bacho Salam 5. Kalifa Faifai Loa 6. Shaun Nona 7. Aaron Moore 8. Joe Boyce 9. Josh Chudleigh 10. Sam Hoare 11. Riley Price 12. Patrick Kaufusi 13. Corey Jensen 14. Josh Hoffman 15. Sam Murphy 16. Kieran Quabba 17. Jordan Kenworthy 18. Carlin Anderson 22. Sione Lousi
NORTHS: 1. Jack Ahearn 2. Jonathon Reuben 3. Rashaun Denny 4. Bernard Gregorius 5. Tony Tumusa 6. Connor Broadhurst 7. Tyrone Roberts 8. Michael Molo 9. Calum Gahan 10. Piki Rogers 11. Moses Noovao-McGreal 12. Leivaha Pulu 13. Michael Sio 14. Jack Miers 15. Tuipulotu Puliueva 16. Jerome Veve 17. Hiale Roycroft 18. Kyle Van Klaveren 19. Liam Horne

BURLEIGH BEARS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Pizzey Park, Saturday 3 July 4:00pm

Referee: Jacob Whitehouse; Sideline Officials: Zac Schwass, Nick Morel

BURLEIGH: 1. Kurtis Rowe 5. Andre Niko 6. Joshua Rogers 7. Conner Toia 8. Jeff Lynch 9. Pat Politoni 10. Luke Page 11. Dylan Kelly 12. Hayden Schwass 13. Sam Coster 14. Shallin Fuller 15. Reece Summer

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS (U21) - ROUND 10

IPSWICH JETS v REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

North Ipswich Reserve, Saturday 3 July 12:10pm

Referee: Nick McEwen; Sideline Officials: Ryan Cracknell, Liam Fryer

IPSWICH: 1. Isaac Fels 2. Mamakumai Naiyep 3. Kaylis Barrott 4. Nathan Stephensen 5. Joseph Ross 6. Bradley Zamepech 7. Nicholas Merlehan 8. Tate Rhea 9. Lochlan Turnbull 10. Jack Fisher 11. Mitchell Harsant 12. Josiah Mauga 13. Riley Morris 14. Declan Buckley 15. Brian Burton 16. David Telea 17. Harry Ma'o 18. Jayden Kirner 19. Jai MCGarrigold 20. Raymond Turnbull
REDCLIFFE: 1. Tahj Wood 2. Eric Vaafusuaga 3. Zarrin Galea 4. William Fakatoumfi 5. Daeon Amituanai 6. Toby Elliot 7. Samuel Thompson 9. Logan Cox 10. Jesse Tu'nikuafu 11. Jordan Crocker 12. Mali Le Pou 13. Chayse Cavanagh 14. Aiden Aue 15. Cody Byrne (full lineup TBC)

NORTHS DEVILS v MACKAY CUTTERS

Emerson Park, Saturday 3 July 1:30pm

Referee: Nik Inthout; Sideline Officials: Cody Kwik, Oliver Barker

NORTHS: 1. Isaiah Iongi 2. Ben Bucknell 3. Jared Chambers 4. Lodoviko Cokanauto 5. Trent Casey 6. Hayden Rowbotham 7. Danny Heenan 8. Sosefo Filippine 9. Zakaria McGuire 10. Mose Tuifao-Papalii 11. Jack Garrod 12. Poasi Manu 13. Shaun Anderson 14. Leighton Milburn 15. Ryan Sauer 16. Kahli Jnr Kali 17. Declan Haydon
MACKAY: 1. Arthur Miller-Stephen 2. Taine Browne 3. Tyler Holmes 4. Harley Proctor 5. Flynn Camilleri 6. Caleb Sinn 7. Henri Stocks 8. Aiden Beard 9. Sean Dalton 10. Declan Laird 11. Ethan Sweet 12. Hayden Brownsey 13. Jack Hoffmann 14. Jedd Abbott 16. Paul Bryan 17. Ethan Borg 18. Henry Head

WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v BURLEIGH BEARS

Pinklands Sports Complex, Saturday 3 July 1:45pm

Referee: Jordan Morel; Sideline Officials: Trey Hubert, Connor Baker

WYNNUM: 1. Ben Farr 2. Kurtis Farr 3. Germaine Bulseay 4. Emanuel Tuimavave-Gerrard 5. Carsen Huth 7. Will Parslow 8. Jacob Sturt 9. Harrison Graham 10. Malachai Retchford 11. Ethan Malt 12. John Radel 13. Alec MacDonald 14. Sefa Roache-Faimalo 15. Nathan Ward 16. Isaac Carpenter 17. Caius Faatili
BURLEIGH: 1. Tyler Mahon 2. Kalani Skippis 3. Tuvalli Pereira 4. Zane Prophet 5. Ronan Rio 6. Jakob Hall 7. Cameron Brown 9. Cole Geyer 10. Isaac Matalavea-Booth 11. Jayden Sharp 12. Daniel Shannon 13. Blake Campbell 14. Vaka Sikahale 15. Sam McIntyre 16. Iszac Fa'asumaleau 17. Reegan Creedy 18. T.J Devery

TWEED SEAGULLS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

Piggabeen Sports Complex, Saturday 3 July 2:00pm

Referee: Dylan Cassidy; Sideline Officials: Dylan Lawrence, Adam Rossiter

TWEED: 1. Jaylan De Groot 2. Caleb Warman 3. James Torrens 4. Jaylan To'o 5. Troy Duckett 6. Harradyn Wilson 7. Tyler Han 8. Ben Liyou 9. Jed Edwards 10. Carsil Vaikai 11. Juwan Compain 12. Kiese Haas 13. Charlie Murray 14. Cooper Many 15. Stephann Holo 16. John-Thomas Manufofeta 17. Solomon Torrens
SC FALCONS: 1.

16. Apiata Noema-Matenga 17. Daniel Shannon 18. Guy Hamilton 19. Brett Stratton
BRISBANE: 1. Brayden Torpy 2. Luke Dolbel 3. Lincoln Port 4. Kea Pere 5. Zachary Croft 6. Kyle Coghill 7. Darren Nicholls 8. Jack Svendsen 9. Hugh Pratt 10. Brett Greinke 11. Mitch Frei 12. Sam Elliott 13. Bennett Leslie 14. Oliver Pascoe 15. Ioane Seiuli 16. Sam Lavea 17. Joseph Gilmour 18. Jack Peoples

WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v NORTHERN PRIDE

Pinklands Sports Complex, Saturday 3 July 4:10pm

Referee: Ben Watts; Sideline Officials: Nick Pelgrave, Jordan Morel

WYNNUM: 1. Jayden Corrigan 2. Shawn Bowen 3. Grant Anderson 4. Even Child 5. Bernard Lewis 6. Tom Steadman 7. Matt Egan 8. Nick Lui-Toso 9. Jayden Hodges 10. Rod Griffin 11. Joshua Stuckey 12. Ewan Moore 13. Terrence Casey-Douglas 14. Denzel King 15. Kenneth Fonoti 16. Lata Fakalelu 17. Paea Pua 18. Mark Rosendale
PRIDE: 1. Jayden Corrigan 2. Shawn Bowen 3. Grant Anderson 4. Even Child 5. Bernard Lewis 6. Tom Steadman 7. Matt Egan 8. Nick Lui-Toso 9. Jayden Hodges 10. Rod Griffin 11. Joshua Stuckey 12. Ewan Moore 13. Terrence Casey-Douglas 14. Denzel King 15. Kenneth Fonoti 16. Lata Fakalelu 17. Paea Pua 18. Mark Rosendale

CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS v REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

Browne Park, Saturday 3 July 5:00pm

Referee: Dan Munroe; Sideline Officials: Luke Fletcher, Nathan Cornick

CAPRAS: 1. Blake Moore 2. Cooper Marshall 3. Radean Robinson 5. Jedidiah Simbiken 6. Caleb Daunt 7. Jack Madden 8. Tyler Szezanowski 9. Treymaine Brown 10. Bailey Butler 11. Jyde Dwyer 12. Nixon Putt 13. Lachlan Hubner 15. Jack Gibbons 16. Mckenzie Yei 17. Takai Mokohar 18. Elliot Vincent 19. Caleb Tull 20. Michael Naseri
REDCLIFFE: 1. Trai Fuller 2. Samuel Elara 3. Justin Worley 4. Harrison McIndoe 5. Jeremy Hawkins 6. Patrick Gallen 7. Cameron Cullen 8. Nathan Watts 9. Manaia Cherrington 10. Peesi Kepu 11. Lachlan Timm 12. Preston Riki 13. Tyson Cleal 14. Shane Pumpi 15. Ryan Turner 16. Benjamin King 18. 'Otukinekina-He-Tofonga Kepu

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES v TWEED SEAGULLS

Davies Park, Sunday 4 July 2:10pm

Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Jacob Whitehouse, Nick Morel

SOUTHS LOGAN: 1. Creedence Toia 2. Haydyn O'Hara 3. Ethan Quai-Ward 4. Isaiah Tass 5. Jack Goodsell 6. Ezra Mam 7. Lachlan Cooper 8. Fabien Paletua-Kiri 9. Christian Hazard 10. Logan Bayliss-Brow 11. Unga Wolske 12. Jacob Allick 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Brad Frith 15. Jacob Elmore 16. Raiden Fonoti 20. Justin Fai
TWEED: 1. Creedence Toia 2. Haydyn O'Hara 3. Ethan Quai-Ward 4. Isaiah Tass 5. Jack Goodsell 6. Ezra Mam 7. Lachlan Cooper 8. Fabien Paletua-Kiri 9. Christian Hazard 10. Logan Bayliss-Brow 11. Unga Wolske 12. Jacob Allick 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Brad Frith 15. Jacob Elmore 16. Raiden Fonoti 20. Justin Fai

PLEASE NOTE: match information and teamlists subject to change. Check QRL.com.au.

Zachariah Miles 2. Gian Largiader 3. Kane Jackson 4. Blake Wilson 5. Pat Moggin 6. John McLaughlin 7. Jayden Zanchetta 9. Jai Smoothy 10. Matthew Baker 11. Jack Aiken 12. Jake Zammit 13. Sam Reid 14. Nick Ellems 15. Dylan Carolan 16. Rory Curtis 17. Zacari Short 18. Kaleb Sutton 19. Joseph Lowe 20. Jai Smith

CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Browne Park, Saturday 3 July 2:45pm

Referee: Jay Hardie; Sideline Officials: Luke Quinn, Aaron Geddes

CAPRAS: 1. Ammaron Gudgeon 2. Kalani Sing 3. Harlem Russell 4. Coby Williamson 5. Jaxon Crockford 6. Travis Field 7. Tiko Hooper 8. Myles Gal 9. Riley Shadlow 10. Mitchell Leard-Lamont 11. Thallon Peters 12. Izaac Jackson 13. Samuel Strohfeltdt 14. Laish Salam 15. Keinan Smith 16. Jeremy McLachlan 17. Christopher Lee 18. Ilami Buli
BRISBANE: 1. Lachlan West 2. Ronald Philitoga 3. Solomon Faataape 4. Jude Saldanha 5. Harry Farimbella 6. James Busby 7. Jonah Glover 8. Joshua Colls 9. Justin Smith 10. Jacob Reedy-Bartlett 11. Shaquille McLeod 12. Simon Pratt 13. Bailey Bartley 14. Brad Russell 15. Jordan Penquitt 16. Madison Beckett 17. Rhys Sparey

WESTERN MUSTANGS v NORTHERN PRIDE

Herb Steinhart Oval, Sunday 4 July 12:00pm

Referee: Marcus Fitzgerald; Sideline Officials: Trey Hubert, Bayden Sawyers

MUSTANGS: 1. Brenton Clement 2. Nicholas Teske 3. Oliver Bichel 4. Benji Neliman 5. Alexander Brighton 6. Liam Short 7. Braith Ashurst 8. Mitchell Murphy 9. Brandon Clarke 10. Riley Wilson 11. Leslie Hartvigsen 12. Connor Williams 13. Kyle Petersen 14. Matthew Butler 15. Lachlan Swan 18. Thomas Bell 19. Xander Dunemann 20. Cooper Howlett 22. Luke Maiden 23. Udom Wala
PRIDE: 1. Keishon Hunter-Flanders 2. Matua Robinson 3. Robert Derby 4. Orlando Swain 5. Sami Raivaroro 6. Seamus King-Smith 7. Jack Bowyer 8. Colt Salmond 9. Zane Knowles 10. Tyson Phineasa 11. Matti Moyle 12. Taniela Ta'ufu'ou 13. Ezra Tokarahi 14. Dmitri Ahwang 15. Braye Porter 16. Ricky Wardle 17. Jonah Rameka 18. Elias Tutama 19. Usia Fonongaloa 20. Tyreyce Chambers

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

Davies Park, Sunday 4 July 12:20pm

Referee: Jeremy Meadows; Sideline Officials: Dylan Cassidy, Kailey Beattie

SOUTHS LOGAN: 1. Rixson Andrew 2. Tyrone Harding 3. Konrad Tu'ua 4. Fa'ata'ape Timai 5. Denzel Samoa 6. Edward Downing-Brown 7. Joshua James 8. Sione Vakauta 9. Ezra Teuila 10. Lance Bagon 11. Benjamin Smith 12. Feao Maka 13. Cruise Ten 14. Billy Mozer 15. Vincent Sefo 16. Jack Canning 20. Daniel Allan
TOWNSVILLE: 1. Dylan White 2. Zin Zan Martin 3. Zac Laybutt 4. Jordan Lipp 5. Jesse Yallop 6. Jake Bourke 7. Tareq Parter 8. Hamilton Taipa 9. Mitch Fogarty 10. Adam Mitchell 11. Joey Jensen 12. Benn Campagnolo 13. Tyson Chase 14. Curtis Dempsey 15. Jacson Lott 16. Cameron Bateup 18. Jacob Taia 22. Maletino Lafoga

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 11 RESULTS

Warrington Wolves 44 Tries: Blake Austin, Tom Lineham, Eribe Doro, Danny Walker, Josh Charnley, Gareth Widdop, Matt Davis; Goals: Gareth Widdop 8 **def Leigh Centurions 18** Tries: Mark Ioane, Junior Sa'u, Liam Hood; Goals: Ryan Brierley 3 **at Halliwell Jones Stadium**
Wakefield Trinity 14 Tries: Matty Ashurst, Ryan Hampshire; Goals: Mason Lino 3 **def Wigan Warriors 6** Tries: Umyla Hanley; Goals: Harry Smith 1 **at The Mobile Rocket Stadium**
Catalans Dragons 16 Tries: Matthieu Laguerre, Fouad Yaha, Samisoni Langi; Goals: James Maloney 2 **def Castleford Tigers 6** Tries: Derrell Olpherts; Goals: Danny Richardson 1 **at Mend-A-Hose Jungle**
Hull FC 17 Tries: Connor Wynne, Jack Logan, Mahe Fonua; Goals: Marc Sneyd 2; Field Goals: Marc Sneyd 1 **def Huddersfield Giants 10** Tries: Olly Ashall-Bott; Goals: Oliver Russell 3 **at MKM Stadium**
Leeds Rhinos 38 Tries: Luke Gale, Kruise Leeming, Jack Broadbent 2, Richie Myler 2, Tom Briscoe; Goals: Rhyse Martin 5 **def Salford Red Devils 12** Tries: Morgan Escare, Chris Atkin; Goals: Declan Patton 1, Chris Atkin 1 **at AJ Bell Stadium**
 Hull KR v St Helens postponed

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS	DIF%	WP%
1	Catalans Dragons	10	9	1	0	284	148	18	191.89	90.00
2	St Helens	9	7	2	0	208	76	14	273.68	77.78
3	Warrington Wolves	11	8	2	1	352	177	17	198.87	77.27
4	Wigan Warriors	10	7	3	0	172	168	14	102.38	70.00
5	Hull FC	11	7	3	1	260	175	15	148.57	68.18
6	Hull Kingston Rovers	10	6	4	0	241	212	12	113.68	60.00
7	Castleford Tigers	11	5	6	0	209	260	10	80.38	45.45
8	Leeds Rhinos	9	4	5	0	188	148	8	127.03	44.44
9	Wakefield Trinity	12	4	8	0	219	275	8	79.64	33.33
10	Huddersfield Giants	10	3	7	0	168	188	6	89.36	30.00
11	Salford Red Devils	11	2	9	0	127	335	4	37.91	18.18
12	Leigh Centurions	12	0	12	0	194	460	0	42.17	0.00

ROUND 12 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST
Castleford v St Helens Wed 30 Jun 7:45pm **Mend-A-Hose Jungle**
Wigan v Warrington **DW Stadium**
Salford v Wakefield Thu 1 Jul 7:30pm **AJ Bell Stadium**
Huddersfield v Catalans 7:45pm **John Smith's Stadium**
Leeds v Leigh **Emerald Headingley**

ROUND 13 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST
St Helens v Wigan Sun 4 Jul 7:30pm **Totally Wicked**
Hull FC v Salford Mon 5 Jul 7:45pm **MKM Stadium**
Warrington v Leeds **Halliwell Jones**
Huddersfield v Castleford Tue 6 Jul 7:45pm **John Smith's Stadium**
Catalans v Hull KR postponed

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 11 RESULTS

Featherstone Rovers 68 Tries: Gareth Gale 6, Josh Hardcastle 2, Connor Jones, Perry Whiteley, Dean Parata, Craig Hall, Tom Holmes; Goals: Craig Hall 8 **def Newcastle Thunder 12** Tries: Kieran Gill, Bob Beswick; Goals: Josh Woods 2 **at Millennium Stadium**
Halifax Panthers 22 Tries: Liam Harris 3, James Woodburn-Hall; Goals: Liam Harris 3 **def Batley Bulldogs 12** Tries: Tom Lillycrop; Goals: Luke Hooley 4 **at Fox's Biscuits Stadium**
Widnes Vikings 25 Tries: Lewis Else, Deon Cross, Jayden Hatton, Adam Lawton; Goals: Ste Tyrer 4; Field Goals: Matty Smith 1 **def Bradford Bulls 12** Tries: Ant Walker, Ebon Scurr; Goals: Jordan Lilley 2 **at Odsal Stadium**
London Broncos 38 Tries: Gideon Bofo 3, Abbas Miski 2, Will Lovell, Jarrod Sammut; Goals: Chris Hankinson 5 **def Swinton Lions 24** Tries: Rhodri Lloyd, Cobi Green, Mike Butt, Luis Roberts; Goals: Martyn Ridyard 4 **at Trailfinders Sports Ground**
Dewsbury Rams 18 Tries: Andy Gabriel, Davey Dixon, Will Oakes; Goals: Paul Sykes 3 **def Oldham RLFC 4** Tries: Tyler Dupree **at Bower Fold**
Toulouse Olympique 54 Tries: Taioalo Vaivai, Mark Kheirallah, Ilias Bergal 2, Mathieu Jussaume 2, Eloi Pelissier, Harrison Hansen, Guy Armitage, Anthony Marion; Goals: Mark Kheirallah 7 **def Sheffield Eagles 6** Tries: Olly Davies; Goals: Harry Tyson-Wilson 1 **at The Mobile Rocket Stadium**
Whitehaven RLFC 37 Tries: James Newton, Connor Holliday 2, Karl Dixon, Lachlan Walmsley, Andrew Bulman; Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 5; Field Goals: Nikau Williams 1 **def York City Knights 12** Tries: Jordan Baldwinson, Kieran Dixon; Goals: Kieran Dixon 2 **at Recreation Ground**

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS	DIF%	WP%
1	Toulouse Olympique	8	8	0	0	401	76	16	527.63	100.00
2	Featherstone Rovers	10	10	0	0	442	112	20	394.64	100.00
3	Batley Bulldogs	10	7	3	0	262	202	14	129.70	70.00
4	Bradford Bulls	10	7	3	0	240	241	14	99.59	70.00
5	London Broncos	11	7	3	1	308	252	15	122.22	68.18
6	Halifax Panthers	11	7	4	0	327	151	14	216.56	63.64
7	Widnes Vikings	11	5	5	1	281	295	11	95.25	50.00
8	Dewsbury Rams	10	4	6	0	157	299	8	52.51	40.00
9	York City Knights	11	4	7	0	251	239	8	105.02	36.36
10	Sheffield Eagles	11	3	6	2	237	333	8	71.17	36.36
11	Newcastle Thunder	10	3	6	1	220	320	7	68.75	35.00
12	Whitehaven RLFC	11	3	7	1	209	336	7	62.20	31.82
13	Oldham RLFC	11	2	9	0	144	386	4	37.31	18.18
14	Swinton Lions	11	0	11	0	180	417	0	43.17	0.00

ROUND 12 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST
Toulouse v Oldham Sat 3 Jul 6:00pm **Ernest Wallon**
Featherstone v London **Millennium Stadium**
Bradford v Batley Sun 4 Jul 3:00pm **Odsal Stadium**
Dewsbury v Sheffield **Tetley's Stadium**
Halifax v Widnes **The Shay Stadium**
Whitehaven v Swinton **Recreation Ground**
York v Newcastle **LNER**

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 7 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST
Leeds v Warrington Sun 4 Jul 12:00pm **Mobile Rocket Stadium**
Huddersfield v Wakefield **Victoria Park**
Featherstone v Wigan 3:30pm **Mobile Rocket Stadium**
Bradford v York **Victoria Park**
Castleford v St Helens Mon 5 Jul 7:45pm **Odsal Stadium**

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS	DIF%	WP%
1	Leeds Rhinos	4	4	0	0	256	32	8	800.00	100.00
2	Wigan Warriors	4	4	0	0	180	26	8	692.31	100.00
3	St Helens	4	3	1	0	230	30	6	766.67	75.00
4	Castleford Tigers	4	3	1	0	112	46	6	243.48	75.00
5	York City Knights	4	2	2	0	100	102	4	98.04	50.00
6	Warrington Wolves	5	2	3	0	138	168	4	82.14	40.00
7	Featherstone Rovers	5	2	3	0	102	182	4	56.04	40.00
8	Bradford Bulls	5	1	4	0	70	222	2	31.53	20.00
9	Huddersfield Giants	5	1	4	0	64	250	2	25.60	20.00
10	Wakefield Trinity	4	0	4	0	30	224	0	13.39	0.00

WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN WRAP

Friday | QUEENSLAND 8 NEW SOUTH WALES 6



NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN (6)

Tries: Isabelle Kelly; **Conversions:** Hannah Southwell (0/1); **Penalty Goals:** Maddie Studdon (1/1)

QUEENSLAND WOMEN (8)

Tries: Destiny Brill; **Conversions:** Lauren Brown (1/1); **Penalty Goals:** Lauren Brown (1/1)

Venue: Sunshine Coast Stadium

Crowd: 7183

Halftime Score: New South Wales 4 Queensland 6

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Destiny Brill

2 points - Chelsea Lenarduzzi

1 points - Isabelle Kelly

OUR REPORT with JOSH ROBERTSON QLD leave NSW heart- broken with final seconds victory

A 70th minute penalty to Queensland has continued the poor week for the people of New South Wales following the 8-6 victory to the Maroons in the 2021 Women's State Of Origin game on the Sunshine Coast.

New South Wales started the dominant of the two sides and took advantage of that dominance in just the sixth minute when Isabelle Kelly was able to cross after New South Wales were able to create space out wide after forcing Queensland to compress their defence.

Queensland's debutant Destiny Brill quickly made a name for herself when she forced her way over the line only to be denied by both Belinda Sharpe on-field and Grant Atkins in the bunker when she was ruled to have been held up. The one moment of light for Queensland was nearly wiped out when a Hannah

Southwell kick was spilt by the Maroons only for Tiana Penitani to lose it as she tried to get the ball to the goal line.

Errors continued to be the story of the night for NSW as good attacking position was wasted with errors from Maddie Studdon coughing up possession and good field position for NSW. The errors hurt New South Wales when Destiny Brill went over from dummy half after the Blues defenders were caught in two minds about what to do. A great conversion in the pouring rain gave Queensland 6-4 lead.

New South Wales blew an almost certain chance to score when the Blues were able to keep the ball alive before a great kick from Quincy Dodd landed in the lap of Jess Sergis who had a wide-open line only to put the catch down blowing the chance for NSW to go back into the lead.

The second half was an absolute arm-wrestle and it was New South Wales who were their own worst enemy in the contest with ill-discipline and errors again coming back to bite them heavily. The Blues had a chance to take the lead

yet again when Millie Boyle was able to fight her way over the line only to lose the ball as she got her arms free of the tackle. New South Wales were able to level the scores a few minutes later when Maddie Studdon added a penalty goal from right in front after Chelsea Lenarduzzi was penalised for a high tackle on Hannah Southwell.

Both sides had chances to extend the lead and Queensland temporarily took the lead when Tamika Upton crossed easily to score only for the Bunker to overturn the try after ruling that there was an obstruction in the lead-up despite it looking as if there was no NSW player obstructed in the lead-up.

On the stroke of full-time came what is set to be one of the most talked about moments in State of Origin history when Queensland were awarded a penalty for ruck interference despite replays showing the call to be a very harsh one against the Blues. The penalty from right in front gave Queensland an 8-6 lead which they protected for the final 30 seconds to take their second Origin in a row.

MATCH CENTRE: WEEKEND RESULTS

NSWRL THE KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP - ROUND 2

Blacktown Workers v South Sydney Rabbitohs was postponed, rescheduled to July 28.

NSWRL RON MASSEY CUP - ROUND 2

Kaiviti Silktails 26 Tries: Waisale Nayavucere, Akuila Tavakaturaga, Sunia Naruma, Ratu Turagaca, Ropate Tobe; Goals: Mosese Qionomacawa 2, Waisale Nayavucere 1 def Blacktown

Workers Sea Eagles 16 Tries: Blake Clayton 3, Kane Allan at HE Laybutt Fields

Windsor Wolves 28 Tries: Zac Mackay, Kakapuna Fotu 2, Josh Saunders, Ayden Leyshon; Goals:

Zac Mackay 4 def Mounties 20 Tries: Atini Gafa 2, Jarrett Subloo, Roman Ioelu; Goals: Roman

Ioelu 2 at Aubrey Keech Reserve

Remaining matches were cancelled or abandoned due to COVID restrictions.

NSWRL SYDNEY SHIELD - ROUND 2

Cronulla Caringbah Sharks 22 Tries: Bailey Cantrill, Cruise Tweedie, Katoa Mairi, Jordan Chong Sun; Goals: William Russell 3 def Cabramatta Two Blues 20 Tries: Harley Sanchez, David Langi, Mark Tepu-Smith, Moo Doh; Goals: Joseph Romeo 2 at New Era Stadium

Remaining matches were cancelled or abandoned due to COVID restrictions.

STATE OF ORIGIN II WRAP

Sunday | NEW SOUTH WALES 26 QUEENSLAND 0



QUEENSLAND (0)
No scorers

NEW SOUTH WALES (26)

Tries: Josh Addo-Carr (2), Latrell Mitchell, Tom Trbojevic; Conversions: Nathan Cleary (4/4)
Penalty Goals: Nathan Cleary (1/1)

Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 52273

Halftime Score: Queensland 0 New South Wales 18

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Tom Trbojevic

2 points - Nathan Cleary

1 points - Latrell Mitchell

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Blues seal Origin series in shutout

New South Wales claimed the 2021 Origin series with a 26-nil success against Queensland Maroons tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

The Blues cruised to Origin glory. The visitors lead 18-nil at half-time after putting on three tries, then added a late Josh Addo-Carr second to cement their first win under Brad Fittler at Suncorp Stadium and bring the shield back to the locked-down Emerald City.

Coming of their massive win in Townsville, the Blues were back on the front foot tonight. The Blues spread it right to find a wide open Storm finisher Josh Addo-Carr to stride over to make it 6-nil. They added a further two tries to extend their lead to 18 on the break as they lurched towards regaining the Origin shield.

It was a moment to savour for Latrell Mitchell. The centre who was dropped

in 2019 extended the Blues lead to 12-nil after he snaffled an intercept to run 80 metres and outpaced the Queensland defense to continue his strong series.

One of the Blues superstars has been Manly fullback Tom Trbojevic. The star fullback finished off a good movement from the Blues from their own half which put Addo-Carr away before he passed inside to Trbojevic to score his fourth try of the series. Blues led 18-nil at the break.

The second half was a much more competitive matchup, as Queensland aimed up. The Maroons had several chances to get themselves off the duck egg through Kyle Feldt and Dane Gagai but some determined Blues defense denied them as the visitors scored 72 points to Queensland's six thus far this series.

Blues first points in the second half came from the boot of Nathan Cleary. He piloted over a penalty to make it 20-nil as Brad Fittler's side inched closer to getting the Origin shield back after their disappointing 2020 series.

It was double delight for Addo-Carr. The Storm winger finished off a right side move after Roosters fullback James Tedesco flicked the ball out to Addo-Carr who stepped back inside and touched down to make it 26-nil.

Tonight's success is Fittler's first at Suncorp Stadium. Much of the Blues squad also hadn't tasted success at the venue, now they have won this series with a game to spare. They head to game three wherever it is played to finish off a whitewash.

For Queensland, it was an improved performance from game one but they still were unable to deal with the Blues attack and have lost control of the shield after their success in 2020 and now they have to rebuild against a possible Blues dynasty in the next few years.

Next up... who knows. As it stands the third and final game is scheduled for Stadium Australia in Sydney - but the current lockdown in that city has that venue in serious doubt for the July 14 contest.

ORIGIN MATCH REVIEW

Women's & Game II Charge Sheet

Player	Club	Charge - Grade	On who?	Base Penalty	Priors / discounts (loading)	Carry overs	Points/fine if guilty	Points/fine if early plea	Plea / result	Suspension / fine	Carryovers accrued
Ali BRIGGINSHAW	Queensland / Brisbane	Contrary Conduct - 1	Kennedy Cherrington	100	1 x non similar (+20%)	15	135	105			
No charges were laid by the Match Review Committee from Origin II.											

2021 NR

ROUND 1

Thursday, Mar 11
Friday, Mar 12

Saturday, Mar 13

Sunday, Mar 14

March 11-14

Melbourne v Souths	26-18	AAMI	8:05pm
Newcastle v Canterbury	32-16	McD. Jones	6:00pm
Brisbane v Parramatta	16-24	Suncorp	8:05pm
Warriors v Gold Coast	19-6	C. Coast	3:00pm
Sydney v Manly	46-4	SCG	5:30pm
Penrith v North Qld	24-0	Penrith	7:35pm
Canberra v Wests Tigers	30-12	GIO	4:05pm
St Geo Illa v Cronulla	18-32	Netstrata	6:15pm

ROUND 2

Thursday, Mar 18
Friday, Mar 19

Saturday, Mar 20

Sunday, Mar 21

March 18-21

Parramatta v Melbourne	16-12	Bankwest	8:05pm
Warriors v Newcastle	16-20	C. Coast	6:00pm
Gold Coast v Brisbane	28-16	Cbus	8:05pm
Canterbury v Penrith	0-28	Bankwest	3:00pm
Manly v Souths	12-26	Lottoland	5:30pm
North Qld v St Geo Illa	18-25	QLD CB	7:35pm
Wests Tigers v Sydney	6-40	C'town	4:05pm
Cronulla v Canberra	10-12	Netstrata	6:15pm

ROUND 3

Thursday, Mar 25
Friday, Mar 26

Saturday, Mar 27

Sunday, Mar 28

March 25-28

Penrith v Melbourne	12-10	Bluebet	8:05pm
St Geo Illa v Manly	38-12	WIN	6:00pm
Souths v Sydney	26-16	Stad. Aus.	8:05pm
Canberra v Warriors	31-34	GIO	3:00pm
Brisbane v Canterbury	24-0	Suncorp	5:30pm
Parramatta v Cronulla	28-4	Bankwest	7:35pm
Newcastle v Wests Tigers	20-24	McD. Jones	4:05pm
North Qld v Gold Coast	8-44	QLD CB	6:15pm

ROUND 4

Thursday, Apr 1
Friday, Apr 2

Saturday, Apr 3

Sunday, Apr 4

Monday, Apr 5

April 1-5

Manly v Penrith	46-6	Lottoland	8:05pm
Canterbury v Souths	0-38	Stad. Aus.	4:05pm
Melbourne v Brisbane	40-6	AAMI Park	8:05pm
Cronulla v North Qld	48-10	Netstrata	5:15pm
Gold Coast v Canberra	4-20	Netstrata	7:45pm
Newcastle v St Geo Illa	13-22	McD. Jones	4:05pm
Sydney v Warriors	32-12	SCG	6:15pm
Wests Tigers v Parramatta	22-36	Stad. Aus.	4:00pm

Easter Weekend

Lottoland	8:05pm
Stad. Aus.	4:05pm
AAMI Park	8:05pm
Netstrata	5:15pm
Netstrata	7:45pm
McD. Jones	4:05pm
SCG	6:15pm
Stad. Aus.	4:00pm

ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8
Friday, Apr 9

Saturday, Apr 10

Sunday, Apr 11

April 8-11

Souths v Brisbane	35-6	Stad. Aus.	7:50pm
Warriors v Manly	12-13	C. Coast	6:00pm
Penrith v Canberra	30-10	Bluebet	7:55pm
Gold Coast v Newcastle	42-16	Cbus	3:00pm
Canterbury v Melbourne	18-52	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Sydney v Cronulla	26-18	SCG	7:35pm
Wests Tigers v North Qld	30-34	Leichhardt	4:05pm
Parramatta v St Geo Illa	12-26	Bankwest	6:15pm

ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15
Friday, Apr 16

Saturday, Apr 17

Sunday, Apr 18

April 15-18

Brisbane v Penrith	12-20	Suncorp	7:50pm
Newcastle v Cronulla	26-22	McD. Jones	6:00pm
Melbourne v Sydney	20-4	AAMI Park	7:55pm
Manly v Gold Coast	36-0	Mudgee	3:00pm
Souths v Wests Tigers	18-14*	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Canberra v Parramatta	10-35	GIO	7:35pm
St Geo Illa v Warriors	14-20	Netstrata	2:00pm
North Qld v Canterbury	30-18	QLD C.B.	4:05pm

ROUND 7

Thursday, Apr 22
Friday, Apr 23

Saturday, Apr 24

Sunday, Apr 25

April 22-25

Penrith v Newcastle	24-6	Bluebet	7:50pm
Gold Coast v Souths	30-40	Cbus	6:00pm
Parramatta v Brisbane	46-6	TIO Darwin	7:55pm
Cronulla v Canterbury	12-18	Netstrata	5:30pm
North Qld v Canberra	26-24	QLD C.B.	7:35pm
Wests Tigers v Manly	6-40	Bankwest	1:45pm
Sydney v St Geo Illa	34-10	SCG	4:05pm
Melbourne v Warriors	42-20	AAMI Park	6:15pm

ANZAC Round

ROUND 8

Thursday, Apr 29
Friday, Apr 30

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2

April 29-May 2

Canberra v Souths	20-34	GIO	7:50pm
Melbourne v Cronulla	40-14	AAMI Park	6:00pm
Brisbane v Gold Coast	36-28	Suncorp	7:55pm
Penrith v Manly	28-16	Bathurst	3:00pm
Canterbury v Parramatta	10-32	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Newcastle v Sydney	4-38	McD. Jones	7:35pm
Warriors v North Qld	24-20	C. Coast	2:00pm
St Geo Illa v Wests Tigers	8-16	WIN	4:05pm

ROUND 9

Thursday, May 6
Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

May 6-9

Souths v Melbourne	0-50	Stad. Aus.	7:50pm
Penrith v Cronulla	48-0	Bluebet	6:00pm
Parramatta v Sydney	31-18	Bankwest	7:55pm
Canberra v Newcastle	16-24	Wagga	3:00pm
Wests Tigers v Gold Coast	28-36	C'belltown	5:30pm
North Qld v Brisbane	19-18	QLD C.B.	7:35pm
Manly v Warriors	38-32	Lottoland	2:00pm
St Geo Illa v Canterbury	32-12	Netstrata	4:05pm

ROUND 10

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16

May 14-16

Wests Tigers v Newcastle	36-18	Suncorp	6:00pm
Manly v Brisbane	50-6	Suncorp	8:05pm
Canterbury v Canberra	18-20	Suncorp	3:00pm
Cronulla v Souths	22-32	Suncorp	5:30pm
Sydney v North Qld	30-16	Suncorp	7:45pm
Warriors v Parramatta	18-34	Suncorp	1:50pm
Melbourne v St Geo Illa	44-18	Suncorp	4:05pm
Gold Coast v Penrith	12-42	Suncorp	6:25pm

Magic Round Brisbane

ROUND 11

Thursday, May 20
Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

May 20-23

North Qld v Newcastle	36-20	QLD C.B.	7:50pm
Warriors v Wests Tigers	30-26	C. Coast	6:00pm
Cronulla v St Geo Illa	13-12	Netstrata	7:55pm
Gold Coast v Canterbury	30-20	Cbus	3:00pm
Sydney v Brisbane	16-34	SCG	5:30pm
Canberra v Melbourne	10-34	GIO	7:35pm
Souths v Penrith	12-56	Apex	2:00pm
Parramatta v Manly	6-28	Bankwest	4:05pm

ROUND 12

Thursday, May 27
Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

May 27-30

Brisbane v Melbourne	12-40	Suncorp	7:50pm
North Qld v Warriors	29-28	QLD C.B.	6:00pm
Wests Tigers v St Geo Illa	34-18	Bankwest	7:55pm
Penrith v Canterbury	30-4	Bluebet	3:00pm
Souths v Parramatta	38-20	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Sydney v Canberra	44-16	C. Coast	7:35pm
Cronulla v Gold Coast	38-10	C.EX Coffs	2:00pm
Newcastle v Manly	18-10	McD. Jones	4:05pm

Indigenous Round

ROUND 13

Thursday, Jun 3
Friday, Jun 4
Saturday, Jun 5
Sunday, Jun 6
Byes

June 3-6

St Geo Illa v Brisbane	52-24	Netstrata	7:50pm
Wests Tigers v Penrith	26-6	Leichhardt	7:55pm
Melbourne v Gold Coast	20-14	Sun. Coast	7:35pm
Newcastle v Parramatta	4-40	McD. Jones	4:05pm
Canterbury, North Qld, Souths, Canberra, Sydney, Manly, Cronulla, Warriors			

STATE OF ORIGIN 1

Wednesday, Jun 9

June 9

NSW v QLD	50-6	QLD C.B.	8:10pm
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ROUND 14

Friday, Jun 11

Saturday, Jun 12

Sunday, Jun 13

Monday, Jun 14

June 11-14

Manly v North Qld	50-18	4 Pines	6:00pm
Cronulla v Penrith	19-18	Netstrata	7:55pm
Gold Coast v Sydney	34-35	Cbus Super	3:00pm
Souths v Newcastle	24-10	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Canberra v Brisbane	38-16	GIO	7:35pm
Warriors v Melbourne	16-42	C. Coast	2:00pm
Parramatta v Wests Tigers	40-12	Bankwest	4:05pm
Canterbury v St Geo Illa	28-6	Stad. Aus.	4:00pm

NRL DRAW

ROUND 15

Thursday, Jun 17
Friday, Jun 18

Saturday, Jun 19

Sunday, Jun 20

WOMEN'S ORIGIN

Friday, Jun 25

ORIGIN 2

Sunday, Jun 27

ROUND 16

Thursday, Jul 1

Friday, Jul 2

Saturday, Jul 3

Sunday, Jul 4

ROUND 17

Thursday, Jul 8

Friday, Jul 9

Saturday, Jul 10

Sunday, Jul 11

Byes

ORIGIN 3

Wednesday, Jul 14

ROUND 18

Friday, Jul 16

Saturday, Jul 17

Sunday, Jul 18

ROUND 19

Thursday, Jul 22

Friday, Jul 23

Saturday, Jul 24

Sunday, Jul 25

ROUND 20

Thursday, Jul 29

Friday, Jul 30

Saturday, Jul 31

Sunday, Aug 1

June 17-20

Brisbane v Souths

North Qld v Cronulla

Penrith v Sydney

Newcastle v Warriors

St Geo Illa v Canberra

Melbourne v Wests Tigers

Parramatta v Canterbury

Gold Coast v Manly

June 25

QLD v NSW

June 27

QLD v NSW

July 1-4

Sydney v Melbourne

Warriors v St Geo Illa

Penrith v Parramatta

Canterbury v Manly

Canberra v Gold Coast

Newcastle v North Qld

Brisbane v Cronulla

Wests Tigers v Souths

July 8-11

Manly v Canberra

Souths v North Qld

Canterbury v Sydney

Cronulla v Warriors

Brisbane, St Geo Illa, Parramatta, Newcastle, Penrith, Melbourne, Wests Tigers, Gold Coast

July 14

NSW v QLD

July 16-18

Gold Coast v Parramatta

Manly v St Geo Illa

Canberra v Cronulla

North Qld v Sydney

Melbourne v Newcastle

Warriors v Penrith

Brisbane v Wests Tigers

Souths v Canterbury

July 22-25

Parramatta v Canberra

Sydney v Newcastle

North Qld v Melbourne

Souths v Warriors

Manly v Wests Tigers

Penrith v Brisbane

St Geo Illa v Gold Coast

Canterbury v Cronulla

July 29-August 1

Sydney v Parramatta

Wests Tigers v Warriors

Brisbane v North Qld

St Geo Illa v Souths

Newcastle v Canberra

Melbourne v Penrith

Canterbury v Gold Coast

Cronulla v Manly

Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

0-46 Suncorp 7:50pm

24-26 QLD C.B. 6:00pm

38-12 Bluebet 7:55pm

10-6 McD. Jones 3:00pm

22-20 WIN 5:30pm

66-16 Sun. Coast 7:35pm

36-10 Bankwest 2:00pm

24-56 Cbus 4:05pm

8-6 Sun. Coast 7:40pm

0-26 Suncorp 7:50pm

McDonald Jones 7:50pm

Central Coast 6:00pm

Bluebet Stadium 7:55pm

Bankwest 3:00pm

GIO Stadium 5:30pm

McDonald Jones 7:35pm

Suncorp 2:00pm

Leichhardt 4:05pm

4 Pines Park 7:50pm

Stadium Australia 7:55pm

Bankwest 7:35pm

Netstrata Jubilee 4:05pm

Stadium Australia 8:10pm

Cbus Super 6:00pm

4 Pines Park 7:55pm

GIO Stadium 3:00pm

QLD Country Bank 5:30pm

AAMI Park 7:35pm

Central Coast 2:00pm

Suncorp 4:05pm

Stadium Australia 6:15pm

Bankwest 7:50pm

SCG 6:00pm

QLD Country Bank 7:55pm

Sunshine Coast 3:00pm

Central Coast 5:30pm

Bluebet Stadium 7:35pm

Netstrata Jubilee 2:00pm

Bankwest 4:05pm

SCG 7:50pm

Bankwest 6:00pm

Suncorp 7:55pm

WIN Stadium 3:00pm

McDonald Jones 5:30pm

AAMI Park 7:35pm

Venue TBC 2:00pm

Netstrata Jubilee 4:05pm

ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5

Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12

Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19

Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26

Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2

Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

WEEK 1

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

WEEK 2

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

WEEK 3

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

GRAND FINAL

Sun, Time TBC

August 5-8

Newcastle v Brisbane

Canberra v St Geo Illa

Parramatta v Souths

Warriors v Cronulla

Sydney v Penrith

Manly v Melbourne

Canterbury v Wests Tigers

Gold Coast v North Qld

August 12-15

Melbourne v Canberra

St Geo Illa v Penrith

Brisbane v Sydney

Souths v Gold Coast

North Qld v Wests Tigers

Manly v Parramatta

Warriors v Canterbury

Cronulla v Newcastle

August 19-22

Gold Coast v Melbourne

Canberra v Manly

Penrith v Souths

Wests Tigers v Cronulla

Canterbury v Newcastle

Parramatta v North Qld

St Geo Illa v Sydney

Brisbane v Warriors

August 26-29

Newcastle v Gold Coast

Warriors v Canberra

Sydney v Souths

St Geo Illa v North Qld

Cronulla v Brisbane

Melbourne v Parramatta

Manly v Canterbury

Penrith v Wests Tigers

September 2-5

Canberra v Sydney

Cronulla v Melbourne

Parramatta v Penrith

Brisbane v Newcastle

North Qld v Manly

Souths v St Geo Illa

Gold Coast v Warriors

Wests Tigers v Canterbury

2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES

SEPTEMBER 10-12

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

SEPTEMBER 17-18

SF 1 L QF 1 v W EF 1

SF 2 L QF 2 v W EF 2

Semi Finals

Venue TBC

Venue TBC

SEPTEMBER 24-25

PF 1 W QF 1 v W SF 2

PF 2 W QF 2 v W SF 1

Preliminary Finals

Venue TBC

Venue TBC

OCTOBER 2

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Stadium Australia

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