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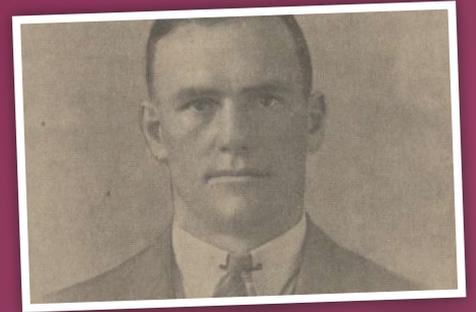
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Ray Morris

*Rugby league history: A friend's
sacrifice for a dying teammate*

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HOW STATE OF "ORIGIN" SHOULD HAVE LOOKED OVER THE YEARS

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Round 1 - AAMI Park
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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

We're another week into the COVID-19 drama that's engulfed Sydney and as expected, it's pushed State of Origin out of its comfort zone for the final game.

At the time of writing, the venue for Game III had just been changed to McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle, with Stadium Australia no longer available as a result of the extended lockdown in Greater Sydney. The new location will enable approximately 20,000 fans through the gates and be the second new Origin venue used this year.

The impact on the NRL is evident as well - the same venue shift has taken place for this Friday's Rabbitohs v Cowboys contest with Newcastle to host that game. The other three games appear likely to remain at their current venues and be played in front of empty seats.

In this week's issue of The Front Row, Andrew Ferguson does the stats on State of Origin - and how series results would have looked down the years if strict eligibility criteria (i.e. playing for where you were born) were enforced. It's a fascinating read.

Andrew has also shared an intriguing history of Kangaroo pair Ray Morris and Sam Haron. Morris died on a Kangaroos tour after sustaining an ear infection, Haron giving up his spot in the green and gold under Harry Sunderland to look after his teammate. A truly selfless tale from rugby league back in the 1930's.

Some housekeeping before you flip the pages - we have no games in NSWRL again this weekend with the COVID-draws applying across all the grades. We don't have confirmation as to whether the following weekend will proceed as planned. Thankfully it looks like short of a snap lockdown between now and Friday, QRL's grades will proceed.

As always, make sure you stay locked on LeagueUnlimited.com through the coming days in case anything changes and follow us on Twitter - www.twitter.com/leagueunlimited as news breaks.

Happy reading!



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TRAITORS OF ORIGIN

HISTORY CHANGED ON THE DECISIONS OF MEN

In the lead up to the second State of Origin game this year, Cronulla Sharks winger Ronaldo Mulitalo received a call up to make his Origin debut for Queensland, the state he represented at junior level.

The Blues hierarchy ultimately put a kibosh on the selection, destroying Mulitalo's Origin dreams on the day of the game.

This is but yet another chapter in the Origin book of questionable selections. Much mirth is had at Queensland picking players from all around the cosmos to play in their coveted maroon jumper, but truth be known, both sides have their fair share of questionable selections.

If we were to ignore the constantly shifting and somewhat hazy definition of 'origin' as per the NRL and go solely by where someone was born, we find that there's full line-ups for both sides that weren't born in their respective state, so let's go through them.

Now if we focus on the Queensland and New South Wales born players who played for the state opposite to the one they originated from – let's call them traitors, and reallocate their points scored in Origin to their state of birth, the following results are changed:

1991 – Game 2 – NSW 14-12 victory becomes a 16-10 win for QLD.

No change to series winner.

1994 – Game 1 – QLD 16-12 victory becomes a 16-12 win for NSW.

No change to series winner.

1997 – Game 3 – QLD 18-12 victory becomes a 22-8 win for NSW.

No change to series winner.

1999 – Game 1 – QLD 9-8 victory becomes a 17-0 win for NSW.

Drawn series becomes a NSW series win.

2005 – Game 1 – QLD 24-20 victory becomes a 24-20 win for NSW.

No change to series winner.

2007 – Game 1 – QLD 25-18 victory becomes a 26-17 win for NSW

2007 – Game 2 – QLD 10-6 victory becomes a 10-6 win for NSW

QLD series win becomes a NSW series win.

'Queens-all-over-the-land'

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| 1 – Karmichael Hunt (NZ) | 18 – Paul Bowman (NSW) |
| 2 – Mat Rogers (NSW) | 19 – Xavier Coates (PNG) |
| 3 – Willie Tonga (ACT) | 20 – Neville Costigan (PNG) |
| 4 – Will Chambers (NT) | 21 – Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (NSW) |
| 5 – Lote Tuqiri (Fiji) | 22 – Chris Flannery (NSW) |
| 6 – Greg Inglis (NSW) | 23 – Israel Folau (NSW) |
| 7 – Adrian Lam (PNG) | 24 – Moeaki Fotuaika (NZ) |
| 8 – Petero Cioniceva (Fiji) | 25 – Matt Gillett (NSW) |
| 9 – John Dowling (NSW) | 26 – Felise Kaufusi (NZ) |
| 10 – Josh Papalii (NZ) | 27 – Joe Ofahengaue (NZ) |
| 11 – Sam Thaiday (NSW) | 28 – Julian O'Neill (NSW) |
| 12 – Brad Thorn (NZ) | 29 – Scott Sattler (NSW) |
| 13 – Tonie Carroll (NZ) | 30 – Craig Smith (NZ) |
| 14 – Christian Welch (NSW) | 31 – Jaydn Su'A (NZ) |
| 15 – Antonio Kaufusi (Tonga) | 32 – Ben Te'o (NZ) |
| 16 – Kalyn Ponga (WA) | |
| 17 – Michael Crocker (NSW) | |

'New South Wheres'

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 – Josh Dugan (ACT) | |
| 2 – Timana Tahu (VIC) | |
| 3 – Chris Johns (QLD) | |
| 4 – Joel Monaghan (ACT) | |
| 5 – Akuila Uate (Fiji) | |
| 6 – Luke Keary (QLD) | |
| 7 – Peter Sterling (QLD) | |
| 8 – Justin Poore (WA) | |
| 9 – Ben Elias (Lebanon) | |
| 10 – James Tamou (NZ) | |
| 11 – Ryan Hoffman (ACT) | 18 – Hazem El Masri (Lebanon) |
| 12 – Willie Mason (NZ) | 19 – James McManus (Scotland) |
| 13 – Ian Roberts (England) | 20 – Ken Nagas (QLD) |
| 14 – Mario Fenech (Malta) | 21 – Paul Vaughan (ACT) |
| 15 – Junior Paulo (NZ) | |
| 16 – Peter Wallace (VIC) | |
| 17 – John Hopoate (Tonga) | |

2008 – Game 3 – QLD 16-10 victory becomes a 18-8 win for NSW.

QLD series win becomes a NSW series win.

2009 – Game 1 – QLD 28-18 victory becomes a 26-20 win for NSW.

2009 – Game 2 – QLD 24-14 victory becomes a 22-16 win for NSW.

QLD series win becomes a NSW series win.

2010 – Game 1 – QLD 28-24 victory becomes a 32-20 win for NSW.

No change to series winner.

2011 – Game 3 – QLD 34-24 victory becomes a 36-22 win for NSW.

QLD series win becomes a NSW series win.

2012 – Game 1 – QLD 18-10 victory becomes a 14 all draw.

QLD series win becomes a drawn series. NSW retains shield.

While we're at it, let us remove all foreign (to Queensland and New South Wales) points scored by players who were born everywhere else, on top of the reallocation of points above. The following results change:

2002 – Game 2 – QLD 26-18 victory becomes a 18-8 win for NSW

2002 – Game 3 – 18 all draw becomes a 18-12 win for NSW.

Drawn series becomes a NSW series win.

2010 – Game 2 – QLD 34-6 victory becomes a 18 all draw after traitor points reallocated also.

QLD series win become a drawn series. NSW retains shield.

2012 – Game 1 – QLD 18-10 victory became a 14 all draw after traitor points reallocated, but then changes to a QLD 14-10 win after foreign points removed – Drawn series reverts back to a QLD series win.

2019 – Game 1 – QLD 18-14 victory becomes a 14-12 win for NSW.

No change to series winner.

So the series leaderboard is updated on the right of page.

And with all that said, let's look at the all-time Traitor of Origin squad:

1 – Julian O'Neill

14 – Paul Bowman

2 – Mat Rogers

15 – Tino Fa.asuamaleau

3 – Greg Inglis

16 – Chris Flannery

4 – Chris Johns

17 – Ken Nagas

5 – Israel Folau

6 – Luke Keary

7 – Peter Sterling

8 – Christian Welch

9 – John Dowling

10 – Sam Thaiday

11 – Matt Gillett

12 – Michael Crocker

13 – Scott Sattler

HOW ORIGIN SHOULD HAVE LOOKED

Year	Original Series Winner	Updated	More Updated
1982	Queensland		
1983	Queensland		
1984	Queensland		
1985	New South Wales		
1986	New South Wales		
1987	Queensland		
1989	Queensland		
1990	New South Wales		
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2013	Queensland		
2014	New South Wales		
2015	Queensland		
2016	Queensland		
2017	Queensland		
2018	New South Wales		
2019	New South Wales		
2020	Queensland		
2021	New South Wales		

They essentially ruined 8 State of Origin series, all of which were originally won by Queensland and 7 of which became Blues series wins.

Which means essentially, New South Wales produces the best traitors.

**STORY BY
ANDREW FERGUSON**

WITH HIM TO THE END

THE STORY OF SAM HARON, RAY MORRIS AND QUIET HEROICS

“I was with Ray until the end.”

Sam Haron isn't the name of someone synonymous with anything remarkable to the general public. But for a brief period, he was an absolute blessing to one Rugby League player, his family and the Rugby League organisations in Australia and England.

In 1933, aged 52, he set off on an epic journey to England from Sydney, joined on his venture by the entire Australian Rugby League Kangaroo squad as they too embarked on their voyage to mother England to attempt to wrest the Ashes back from the old dart.

On Tuesday July 4th the Kangaroos, among a throng of other travellers, boarded the motorship Manunda, which would take them to Melbourne where they would board the S.S. Jervis Bay and so begin the long journey to England. As the Manunda was about to set sail, the Kangaroos staged their war cry before waving to their families and fans.

Some of the game's greatest players were on board; Dave Brown, Wally Prigg, Sandy Pearce, Vic Hey, Ray Stehr, Frank McMillan and Viv Thicknesse among a cavalcade of the games stars.

One of those players was a pioneer, the first player from the ailing University club to be represented for Australia, Ray Morris. Ray began his career in third grade at Western Suburbs before very quickly moving up through the ranks to first grade in 1927.

Morris was a very strong and talented centre who was also a capable five-eighth. He made his debut for Wests in 1927, quickly becoming a regular in first grade. Wests comfortably qualified for the finals in 1930; however Morris missed the first two games of the series before being selected on the wing in the Grand Final Challenge against St. George. He scored a try in what was a comfortable 27-2 win for Wests, securing their first ever Premiership.

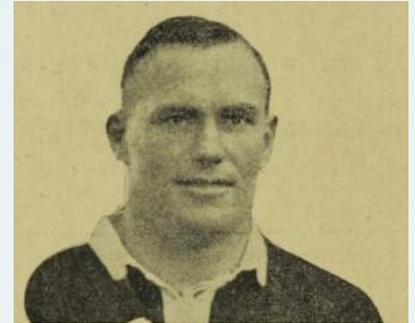
In 1931 he was selected for City on the wing against Country, scoring a try on debut. He was then selected for New South Wales to play against Queensland. 1932 saw Morris shift to the centres where his game began showing rapid improvement. He was again selected for City and New South Wales. Wests went all the way to the Grand Final Challenge yet again, but were unable to topple Souths.

At seasons end, Morris made the surprising announcement that he was joining the University club for the 1933 season. Morris' good form in the Interstate clashes saw him selected in the Australian Kangaroos touring squad. When he left Australia, his team University had managed to sneak into third on the ladder.

The 25 year old, who was an exceptionally fine surf swimmer and clever amateur wrestler, became the ideal man to lead the physical training sessions on board the S.S. Jervis Bay as it steadily made way for England.

Just days after the departure from Western Australia, Morris began

his training regimes on the ships which included aerobics, boxing and shovelling coal. He believed it was necessary to vary the exercise to maximise its effects and to prevent the players from being bored.



In one of the boxing sessions, Morris received a blow to the ear. He wasn't affected initially and continued training. Later in the day he complained of a pain in his ear to the team doctor, who treated it accordingly.

Initially the treatment was ineffective, but eventually the pain dissipated. The ship stopped over at Colombo where some of the players spent a day relaxing, while others played an exhibition game on a local cricket ground against each other. Morris took the opportunity to go for a swim in a local swimming pool.

The ship set sail the following day, with Morris' ear problems returning, this time more seriously. The doctors had him confined to the ship's hospital quarters for ten days while his condition was constantly observed. Each day he grew weaker.

After just one month on the ship Ray Morris had gone from one of the fittest and strongest men to gravely ill. Doctor Gordon and Doctor Clough consulted and agreed to send a wireless message to Valetta in Malta, for an ear specialist to meet the ship upon its arrival so that Morris' condition could be analysed by a specialist.

The next day, Morris was taken ashore to the Blue Sisters' Hospital in Valetta, where he was immediately attended to by Doctor Vella. The news was not good from the specialist and he announced that Morris would require immediate surgery.

Harry Sunderland, the manager of the Kangaroo's, had to decide whether to stay in Malta or to sail on and honour the tour program.

Sam Haron then stepped forward and volunteered to stay with Morris in Malta to comfort him while in hospital, so that the team could continue to England without delay.

Reluctantly, the ship set sail the next day without their beloved team mate, while Haron began a bedside vigil for Morris in his hour of need.

It was found that Morris had ruptured his eardrum during the boxing session and the injury became infected while bathing in Colombo. Dr Vella feared that Morris was suffering from meningitis.

He told Haron to take some time off while Morris was being operated on. Sam went for a drive around Malta to see the sights. He arrived back at the hospital the next day.

Sam revealed:

“...on my return Ray asked me about my trip and seemed cheerful, but early next morning I awakened feeling instinctively that all was not well.”

Haron called the doctor but there was little they could do and Morris died a few hours later, with Sam by his side.

“Ray knew that he was dying. He gripped my hand, mentioned his mother, and then died peacefully.”

Aboard the S.S. Jervis Bay, the Kangaroos were celebrating the birthday of Fred Neumann when they received the tragic news that Ray Morris had died in Malta. All of the 500 odd passengers were grief stricken and immediately held a memorial service on board as the ship sailed towards Spain.

Back home, the Sporting community were shocked and deeply saddened upon hearing the news. All Rugby League games, as well as some Rugby Union and even Victorian Rules games being played that weekend, observed a minutes silence.

Upon arrival in England, Sunderland decided that the best way to pay tribute to Ray Morris was to leave his place in the team vacant for the remainder of the tour.

A small ceremony for Morris took place in Malta before his body was shipped aboard the steamer ‘Hobson’s Bay’ on August 22, to be taken back to Sydney. Once the body was safely aboard the ship, Haron then made arrangements to continue his journey to England.

On August 26 in England, the Australian team lined up against St. Helens Recs for the first game of their tour. Before the game started, a local band played the hymn “Silver Hill” as a tribute to Morris before both sides observed two minutes silence.



The team travelled to Ilkley the next day where co-manager of the tour, Wally Webb greeted Sam Haron.

Back home, on September 23, a public memorial for Ray Morris was held. Thousands attended, Sydney’s Town Hall overflowed with people in what was reportedly one of the largest memorial services Sydney has ever seen.



His casket was carried by team mates from the two clubs he played for. They were Charlie Cornwell, Bob Lindfield, Cecil Rhodes and Charlie Wrench from Wests and Ross McKinnon, Gordon Favell, Tom Monaghan and George Sullivan from University.

Also in attendance was the entire board of the NSWRL as well as founder James Giltinan, along with Presidents, Secretaries and board members from the Queensland Rugby League, NSW Cricket Association, NSW Baseball association, NSW Rugby Union and Aussie Rules as well as committee men and players from all NSWRL clubs and former players such as Dally Messenger, Dinny Lutge, Alec Burdon, Charlie Russell, Webby Neill, Cec Blinkhorn, Claud O’Donnell, Bert Gray, Clarrie Prentice, Arthur Justice, Clarrie Tye, George Bishop, Benny Wearing, amongst many others.

Upon the Kangaroos return home, Sunderland announced that the tour had made a good profit and consequently, each of the 37 players received £200 each. Also, the family of Ray Morris received his £200, while the £315 doctors’ bill for Ray as well as the costs of returning Ray’s body back to Australia and the burial service were all taken from the tours profits.

The NSWRL board placed on record the services rendered by Sam Haron for remaining with Morris in his hour of need.

Sam Haron died in 1940, a modest ceremony has held in comparison to that of Ray Morris, but no doubt he wouldn’t have wanted it any other way.

Ray Morris

b. April 4, 1908, Ashfield
d. August 11, 1933, Malta

Premiership Career

Western Suburbs (1927-32) – 52 games – 29 tries – 87 points
University (1933) – 5 games – 2 tries – 6 points
TOTAL (1927-33) – 57 games – 31 tries – 93 points

Representative Career

Probables (1928) – 1 game – 0 points
City Probables (1931-33) – 3 games – 2 tries – 6 points
City Seconds (1930, 1933) – 2 games – 2 tries – 6 points
City (1931-32) – 2 games – 2 tries – 6 points
New South Wales (1931-33) – 8 games – 3 tries – 9 points
TOTAL (1928-33) – 16 games – 9 tries – 27 points

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 16

RUGBY LEAGUE project

Team	Team	Overall										Home						Away						
		P	W	L	D	B	F	A	PD	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD
1	Melbourne	16	14	2	-	-	584	194	390	28	8	8	-	-	298	110	188	8	6	2	-	286	84	202
2	Penrith	16	14	2	-	-	469	157	312	28	9	9	-	-	247	70	177	7	5	2	-	222	87	135
3	South Sydney	15	12	3	-	1	425	304	121	26	7	5	2	-	153	172	-19	8	7	1	-	272	132	140
4	Parramatta	16	12	4	-	-	448	247	201	24	8	6	2	-	215	116	99	8	6	2	-	233	131	102
5	Manly	15	9	6	-	1	437	306	131	20	6	4	2	-	192	128	64	9	5	4	-	245	178	67
6	Sydney	15	9	6	-	1	391	315	76	20	8	6	2	-	228	156	72	7	3	4	-	163	159	4
7	St George Illawarra	16	8	8	-	-	340	350	-10	16	7	4	3	-	184	136	48	9	4	5	-	156	214	-58
8	Cronulla	15	6	9	-	1	296	348	-52	14	7	4	3	-	162	112	50	8	2	6	-	134	236	-102
9	Newcastle	16	7	9	-	-	279	372	-93	14	9	5	4	-	165	178	-13	7	2	5	-	114	194	-80
10	North Queensland	15	6	9	-	1	288	447	-159	14	8	5	3	-	190	203	-13	7	1	6	-	98	244	-146
11	Gold Coast Titans	16	6	10	-	-	386	442	-56	12	8	3	5	-	204	251	-47	8	3	5	-	182	191	-9
12	Warriors	15	5	10	-	1	305	376	-71	12	8	3	5	-	153	180	-27	7	2	5	-	152	196	-44
13	Canberra	15	5	10	-	1	283	387	-104	12	8	2	6	-	161	233	-72	7	3	4	-	122	154	-32
14	Wests Tigers	16	5	11	-	-	330	478	-148	10	9	3	6	-	210	266	-56	7	2	5	-	120	212	-92
15	Brisbane	16	4	12	-	-	258	500	-242	8	7	3	4	-	126	176	-50	9	1	8	-	132	324	-192
16	Canterbury	15	2	13	-	1	172	468	-296	6	7	1	6	-	74	242	-168	8	1	7	-	98	226	-128

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 16

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	15	14	63	-	182
2	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	8	65	1	164
3	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	14	3	64	2	144
4	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	16	4	55	-	126
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	16	2	58	2	126
6	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	14	7	46	-	120
7	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	15	3	41	2	96
	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB	14	3	42	-	96
9	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	14	5	37	-	94
10	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	14	5	36	-	92

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	65	76	86%
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	14	64	78	82%
3	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	15	63	80	79%
4	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	16	58	77	75%
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	16	55	69	80%
6	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	14	46	58	79%
7	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB	14	42	52	81%
8	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	15	41	53	77%
9	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	14	37	50	74%
10	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	14	36	45	80%

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	15	19
	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	15	19
3	Jason SAAB	MAN	Wing	15	16
4	Maika SIVO	PAR	Wing	15	15
5	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	15	14
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	9	14
7	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	14	12
	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	16	12
9	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	13	11
	Brett MORRIS	SYD	W, CTR	7	11
	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	16	11

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

26 points - Nathan Cleary (24 Panthers, 2 NSW)
 23 points - Tom Trbojevic (17 Sea Eagles, 6 NSW)
 19 points - Will Kennedy (Sharks)
 18 points - Clinton Gutherson (Eels)
 17 points - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)
 16 points - Ben Hunt (Dragons)
 15 points - Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors)
 14 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels), Nicholas Hynes (Storm)
 13 points - David Fifita (Titans)
 12 points - Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Latrell Mitchell (10 Rabbitohs, 2 NSW)
 11 points - Brandon Smith (Storm), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Jarome Luai (9 Panthers, 2 NSW)
 10 points - Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Reece Walsh (Warriors), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), James Tedesco (Roosters)
 9 points - Alexander Brimson (Titans), Sam Walker (Roosters), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Kaly Ponga (Knights)
 8 points - Reed Mahoney (Eels), Cameron Munster (Storm), George Williams (Raiders), Brian To'o (Panthers), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm)
 7 points - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Payne Haas (Broncos)
 6 points - Christian Welch (Storm), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Harry Grant (Storm), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos)
 5 points - Joseph Manu (Roosters), Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Luke Keary (Roosters), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Jason Saab

(Sea Eagles), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Brett Morris (Roosters), Chad Townsend (Sharks)
 4 points - Nathan Brown (Eels), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Maika Sivo (Eels), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Matt Burton (Panthers), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Dale Finucane (Storm), Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs)
 3 points - Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Connor Watson (Knights), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Jake Granville (Cowboys), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Adam Clune (Dragons), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Bradman Best (Knights), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans)
 2 points - Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Junior Paulo (Eels), Matthew Lodge (Broncos), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Jack Bird (Dragons), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Hudson Young (Raiders), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Tyson Gamble (Broncos), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Bailey Simonsson (Raiders), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Josh Morris (Roosters), Blayne Brailey (Sharks), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Phillip Sami (Titans), Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Waqa Blake (Eels), Marata Niukore (Eels)
 1 point - Coen Hess (Cowboys), Emre Guler (Raiders), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Enari Tuala (Knights), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Kurt Mann (Knights), Corey Thompson (Titans), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Siosua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Brodie Jones (Knights), Xavier Coates (Broncos), Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warriors), Andrew McCullough (Dragons), Paul Momirovski (Panthers), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Ryan James (Raiders), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Francis Molo (Cowboys), Josh Hodgson (Raiders), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Moses Leota (Panthers), Nat Butcher (Roosters), David Nofoaluma (Wests Tigers), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Tom Starling (Raiders), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Caleb Aekins (Raiders), Shane Wright (Cowboys)

THE FRONT ROW GAME DAY

ROUND 17 & ORIGIN III MATCH PROGRAM TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS & STATS · PREVIEWS

THURSDAY



**MANLY
v CANBERRA**
4 Pines Park

FRIDAY



**SOUTH SYDNEY
v NORTH QUEENSLAND**
McDonald Jones Stadium

SATURDAY



**CANTERBURY
v SYDNEY**
Bankwest Stadium

SUNDAY



**CRONULLA
v WARRIORS**
Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

WEDNESDAY



NEW SOUTH WALES v QUEENSLAND
Origin III - McDonald Jones Stadium

WEEKLY TIPS Round 17

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

Steven Williams (7/93)

Manly
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Jason Hosken (5/91)

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Rick Edgerton (4/89)

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Andrew Ferguson (5/88)

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Justin Davies (6/88)

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Tim Costello (7/84)

Manly
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Rob Crosby (6/80)

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Paul Jobber (5/92)

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Sam Bourke (5/90)

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Hamish Parker (4/88)

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Josh Robertson (5/88)

Manly
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Lachy MacCorquodale (5/86)

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Adam Huxtable (5/82)

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Andrew Jackson (6/78)

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Queensland

Manly-Warringah
SEA EAGLES



Canberra
RAIDERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	14	63	-	182	24	Reuben GARRICK	1
15	16	-	-	64	20	Jason SAAB	2
15	6	-	-	24	24	Brad PARKER	3
11	1	-	-	4	23	Morgan HARPER	4
8	-	-	-	-	23	Moses SULLI	5
13	2	-	-	8	31	Kieran FORAN	6
8	1	-	-	4	26	Dylan WALKER	7
15	-	-	-	-	23	Taniela PASEKA	8
15	3	-	-	12	24	Lachlan CROKER	9
14	2	-	-	8	31	Martin TAUPAU	10
9	3	-	-	12	22	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	11
5	3	-	-	12	25	Karl LAWTON	12
13	1	-	-	4	23	Sean KEPPIE	13
8	1	-	-	4	22	Cade CUST	14
4	-	-	-	-	19	Ben TRBOJEVIC	15
3	-	-	-	-	25	Kurt DE LUIS	16
12	2	-	-	8	26	Toafofoa SIPLEY	17
5	-	-	-	-	27	Jack GOSIEWSKI	18
3	-	-	-	-	23	Tevita FUNA	19
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						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Xavier SAVAGE	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Semi VALEMEI	22	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
3	Jarrold CROKER	30	6	1	16	-	-	-	-	-	36
4	Sebastian KRIS	22	14	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
5	Jordan RAPANA	32	13	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	36
6	Matt FRAWLEY	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Sam WILLIAMS	30	5	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	30
8	Emre GULER	23	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
9	Josh HODGSON	31	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
10	Dunamis LUI	31	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	26	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
12	Hudson YOUNG	23	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
13	Ryan SUTTON	26	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
14	Tom STARLING	23	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Ryan JAMES	30	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
16	Iosia SOLIOLA	35	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
17	Joseph TAPINE	27	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
18	Matthew TIMOKO	21	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Trey MOONEY	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Brad SCHNEIDER	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Harry RUSHTON	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLManlyRaiders

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 8 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:50pm AEST
VENUE	4 Pines Park, Brookvale NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, MIX Canberra, Triple M SYD/BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Peter GOUGH Dave MUNRO
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 58 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 36-21 (1 DRAW)

At 4 Pines Park: 29 matches, Manly-Warringah 19-10

LAST TEN: MANLY-WARRINGAH 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R23	Manly 26-24	GIO Stadium	13,113
2016	R13	Canberra 30-18	GIO Stadium	9,157
2016	R25	Canberra 44-30	4 Pines Park	11,137
2017	R8	Manly 20-18	GIO Stadium	15,976
2017	R13	Manly 21-20	4 Pines Park	11,318
2018	R4	Manly 32-16	4 Pines Park	9,392
2018	R12	Canberra 21-20	GIO Stadium	11,105
2019	R7	Manly 24-20	4 Pines Park	10,706
2019	R23	Manly 18-14	GIO Stadium	20,265
2020	R6	Manly 14-6	Campbelltown	-

BIGGEST WINS

1982	R20	Manly 61-20	4 Pines Park	7,133
2003	R22	Canberra 51-16	4 Pines Park	10,485

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dylan Walker (MAN)	200 club points	8 points
Lachlan Croker (MAN)	50 career games	1 game
Jarrold Croker (CAN)	2200 club & career points	6 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: MANLY-WARRINGAH

R18	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA (H)	4 PINES
R19	WESTS TIGERS (H)	CEN. COAST
R20	CRONULLA (A)	NETSRTATA



NEXT THREE: CANBERRA

R18	CRONULLA (H)	GIO
R19	PARRAMATTA (A)	BANKWEST
R20	NEWCASTLE (A)	McD. JONES

Match Preview

with Rob Crosby

Can the Sea Eagles make a mark without Turbo and DCE?

The Manly Sea Eagles will be out to press their credentials on Thursday evening when they host the Canberra Raiders at 4 Pines Park.

Surging into premiership contention with nine wins from their past 11 matches, the Manly Sea Eagles will be out to dispel the tenacious belief that the side's fortunes rest entirely on the shoulders of Tom Trbojevic and Daly Cherry-Evans.

Coming off a short turn-around after posting a club record 66-0 victory over the last-placed Bulldogs, coach Des Hasler has been forced to revamp his squad with Reuben Garrick shifting to fullback, Moses Suli coming into the backline, Dylan Walker starting at halfback and Cade Cust returning to the side after a two month stint in reserve grade.

Holding a dominant record against the Raiders since 2017 with six wins from their previous seven meetings, the Sea Eagles have struggled in fixtures leading into Origin with a single win from their past six attempts.

Plummeting from pre-season contenders to the league's most disappointing team, the Canberra Raiders will be out to regain their dignity following a dreadful run of losses.

Hitting a new low in the wake of a 44-6 defeat on home soil against the Titans last Saturday, the Raiders have managed just two wins - against the lowly Bulldogs and Broncos - from their past 11 matches in a sign the side's long-awaited premiership window has passed.

Holding a lacklustre 33 per cent record against the Sea Eagles during coach Ricky Stuart's tenure, the side has managed 10 wins from 29 appearances on the Northern Beaches historically.

Making sweeping changes in an attempt to hold the side to account, Xavier Savage, Matt Frawley, Hudson Young and Ryan James come into the side due to injury and representative commitments.

Last tasting victory at the ground formerly known as Brookvale back in 2016, the Raiders have fared strongly without their representative stars with six wins from their previous seven fixtures leading into State of Origin.

Who to watch: Flying largely under the radar during the club's resurgence this season, the Sea Eagles will need Kieran Foran to step up in the absence of their dominant playmakers. Benefitting from his latter-day supporting role at the club where he made his name, the veteran half has played without the pressures of expectation resulting in five try-assists, five forced restarts and appearing in 13 out of a possible 15 matches. Tasked with the responsibility of directing play with Cherry-Evans and Trbojevic unavailable due to State of Origin commitments, look for the premiership-winning five-eighth to wind back the clock with a performance belying the age of a man set to turn 31 next week.

Set to make his official first grade debut after a false dawn prior to Origin II, young gun Xavier Savage will be looking to stake a claim for the Raiders number one jersey. Taking the field for 11 minutes after being incorrectly activated as 18th man against the Dragons, the 19-year-old Cairns speedster will be tasked with bringing a much-needed injection of youthful exuberance to a team that has experienced an unceremonious fall from grace. Tying up his future at Canberra until the end of 2023, look for Savage's playing style to live up to his name as the Raiders eye just their sixth win of the season.

Favourite: In a contest of contrasting fortunes, the high-flying Sea Eagles are expected to feast on the out-of-form Raiders.

My tip: Even without Tom Trbojevic and Daly Cherry-Evans in their ranks, the confidence rife throughout the Northern Beaches should result in another win for Des Hasler's men. **Manly by 16.**

South Sydney RABBITOHS



North Queensland COWBOYS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
1	-	-	-	-	22	Blake TAAFFE	1
15	19	-	-	76	26	Alex JOHNSTON	2
3	-	-	-	-	25	Braidon BURNS	3
13	6	-	-	24	22	Campbell GRAHAM	4
5	2	-	-	8	26	Taane MILNE	5
14	10	-	-	40	31	Cody WALKER	6
14	3	64	2	144	31	Adam REYNOLDS	7
15	-	-	-	-	31	Mark NICHOLLS	8
14	3	-	-	12	36	Benji MARSHALL	9
15	1	-	-	4	29	Thomas BURGESS	10
13	1	-	-	4	23	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	11
12	2	-	-	8	23	Jaydn SU'A	12
5	1	-	-	4	24	Hame SELE	13
8	-	-	-	-	26	Liam KNIGHT	14
9	-	-	-	-	24	Jacob HOST	15
6	-	-	-	-	26	Patrick MAGO	16
1	-	-	-	-	20	Peter MAMOUELOS	17
6	3	-	-	12	31	Josh MANSOUR	18
3	1	-	-	4	21	Jaxson PAULO	19
-	-	-	-	-	27	Tautau MOGA	20
-	-	-	-	-	18	Davy MOALE	21

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Age P T G FG Pts

1	Daejarn ASI	20	-	-	-	-	-
2	Kyle FELDT	29	12	6	-	-	24
3	Javid BOWEN	28	7	2	-	-	8
4	Connelly LEMUELU	23	8	1	-	-	4
5	Murray TAULAGI	22	13	10	-	-	40
6	Scott DRINKWATER	24	15	5	-	-	20
7	Tom DEARDEN	20	8	2	-	-	8
8	Coen HESS	25	14	1	-	-	4
9	Reece ROBSON	23	15	4	-	-	16
10	Jordan McLEAN	29	15	-	-	-	-
11	Shane WRIGHT	25	12	-	-	-	-
12	Mitchell DUNN	24	11	2	-	-	8
13	Jason TAUMALOLO	28	8	1	-	-	4
14	Jake GRANVILLE	32	15	2	-	-	8
15	Thomas GILBERT	21	5	-	-	-	-
16	Lachlan BURR	28	13	1	-	-	4
17	Heilum LUKI	20	3	1	-	-	4
18	Peter HOLA	22	2	-	-	-	-
19	Michael BELL	21	-	-	-	-	-
20	Ben CONDON	21	6	3	-	-	12
21	Kane BRADLEY	21	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLSouthsCowboys

MATCH DETAILS

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

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Matt CECCHIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Chris BUTLER Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 37 MATCHES

SOUTH SYDNEY 19-17 (1 DRAW)

At McDonald Jones Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: SOUTH SYDNEY 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R23	Souths 31-18	1300Smiles	16,685
2016	R7	North Qld 44-18	1300Smiles	15,487
2016	R17	North Qld 20-0	Barlow Park	14,923
2017	R5	North Qld 20-6	1300Smiles	13,671
2017	R19	North Qld 23-10	Barlow Park	11,217
2018	R11	Souths 20-19	1300Smiles	14,270
2018	R16	Souths 21-20	Barlow Park	7,195
2019	R9	Souths 32-16	Suncorp Stadium	34,564
2019	R18	Souths 30-18	1300Smiles	16,638
2020	R14	Souths 31-30	QLD Country Bank	7,611

BIGGEST WINS

2003	R24	North Qld 60-8	1300Smiles	13,872
2010	R13	Souths 32-4	Stadium Australia	9,688

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Adam Reynolds (SOU)	1800 club & career points	20 points
Tautau Moga (SOU)	100 career points	8 points
North Qld (since 1995)	2300 tries	9 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: SOUTH SYDNEY

R18	CANTERBURY (H)	STAD. AUS.
R19	WARRIORS (H)	SUN. COAST
R20	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA (A)	WIN



NEXT THREE: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R18	SYDNEY ROOSTERS (H)	QLD C.B.
R19	MELBOURNE (H)	QLD C.B.
R20	BRISBANE (A)	SUNCORP

Match Preview

with Jason Hosken

Cowboys desperate to kick-start their season against an Origin depleted Rabbitohs

Minus eight Origin stars, this week's South Sydney versus North Queensland clash may not have the aura of a traditional Friday night blockbuster, but for the Cowboys the result could be season-defining.

Another loss would make it four on the trot for Todd Payten's outfit. Yet despite their slump and sitting in 10th place, the Cowboys still find themselves in finals contention with 14 competition points alongside the eighth placed Sharks.

But as they prepare to embark on a tough run, one that sees them return home to host the Roosters and Storm in consecutive weeks, first up the Cowboys must adjust their attitude on the road. Having conceded 88-points in their last two away games, as it stands, September action is a world away.

This week they'll have to make do without three Maroons stars. The fleet footed Daejarn Asi comes in for Valentine Holmes at fullback while Connolly Lemuelu slots back in at centre in place of Queensland debutant, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow. Upfront, Maroons reject Coen Hess will start at prop in place of Francis Molo.

At Leichhardt Oval, the Rabbitohs barely got out of second gear in their last start. Inspid Tigers defence saw them cruise to halftime with a 26-point advantage before easing their way to a comfortable 38-22 victory in what amounted to little more than a training run.

They'll need another gear this week though. Without the strike power of Latrell Mitchell, Damien Cook and Dane Gagai as well as the upfront grunt of Cameron Murray and Jai Arrow, coach Wayne Bennett has opted for a mix of youth and experience.

Blake Taaffe has been named at fullback in what will be his second appearance in the top grade. Centre Braidon Burns gets another chance to impress while veteran Benji Marshall assumes dummy-half duties for the second time this year. Hame Sele will pack in at lock behind Jaydn Su'A, who returns for the first time since round 14.

In a bonus for Souths fans, they'll be guided by Adam Reynolds and Cody Walker, who many predicted would be the Blues new halves in light of injuries to Panthers' duo Nathan Cleary and Jarome Luai. Now on a four game winning streak, the Rabbitohs' position in the top-four is far from in jeopardy and with the Bulldogs, Warriors and Dragons scheduled in the coming month, Souths are just about assured of two bites of the finals cherry.

Who to watch: With 125 tries in just 159 appearances, more often than not, Alex Johnston is in the midst of a try scoring blitz. Last week's first half double against the Tigers made it 10 from his last four outings. Now atop the NRL leaderboard with 19, the Souths flyer is rapidly closing in on Les Brennan's 29 tries, the most by a Rabbitoh in one season.

Now playing less minutes under new coach Todd Payten, Jason Taumalolo's decline in statistical output is understandable. What hasn't changed is his ability to bend the line, but in a side low on confidence his best charges are often one out. Last week the new halves pairing of Tom Deardon and Scott Drinkwater failed to spark, but if they've learnt anything, this week they'll be hanging off Taumalolo's hip pocket.

Favourite: The Cowboys will fancy themselves against a depleted South Sydney, but having come up empty on their past four road trips, the smart money is on the Rabbitohs to extend their winning run to five.

My tip: There's a good chance this one will be closer than many think, but with a competitive pack and the guile of Reynolds and Walker, Souths should have the power and smarts to get the job done. **South Sydney by 12.**

Canterbury-Bankstown BULLDOGS



Sydney ROOSTERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
13	4	1	-	18	23	Nick MEANEY	1
10	-	-	-	-	23	Corey ALLAN	2
15	1	-	-	4	29	Will HOPOATE	3
4	1	-	-	4	20	Aaron SCHOUPP	4
9	2	-	-	8	22	Tuipulotu KATO	5
9	1	11	-	26	22	Kyle FLANAGAN	6
14	4	14	-	44	21	Jake AVERILLO	7
10	-	-	-	-	25	Jack HETHERINGTON	8
12	-	-	-	-	26	Sione KATO	9
11	2	-	-	8	26	Luke THOMPSON	10
13	-	-	-	-	24	Corey WADDELL	11
5	-	-	-	-	25	Joe STIMSON	12
8	-	-	-	-	30	Josh JACKSON	13
1	-	-	-	-	19	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	14
12	1	-	-	4	28	Dylan NAPA	15
8	-	-	-	-	25	Ofahiki OGDEN	16
11	2	-	-	8	26	Renouf ATONI	17
2	-	-	-	-	25	Lachlan LEWIS	19
5	-	-	-	-	20	Jackson TOPINE	20
1	-	-	-	-	24	Falakiko MANU	21
1	-	-	-	-	19	Chris PATOLO	22

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1	Joseph MANU	25	15	4	-	-	16
2	Daniel TUPOU	30	15	8	-	-	32
3	Josh MORRIS	35	14	7	-	-	28
4	Billy SMITH	21	-	-	-	-	-
5	Matt IKUVALU	27	9	8	-	-	32
6	Drew HUTCHISON	26	9	2	-	-	8
7	Sam WALKER	19	10	5	15	1	51
8	Jared WAAREA-HARGREAVES	32	15	-	-	-	-
9	Sam VERRILLS	22	4	-	-	-	-
10	Sio Siva TAUKEIAHO	29	13	-	15	-	30
11	Isaac LIU	30	15	-	-	-	-
12	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	24	13	6	-	-	24
13	Victor RADLEY	23	8	-	-	-	-
14	Lachlan LAM	23	9	1	-	-	4
15	Egan BUTCHER	21	4	-	-	-	-
16	Nat BUTCHER	24	11	2	-	-	8
17	Ben THOMAS	23	2	-	-	-	-
18	Adam KEIGHRAN	24	8	1	18	-	40
19	Tukupu-Ke HAU TAPUHA	20	1	-	-	-	-
20	Naufahu WHYTE	19	-	-	-	-	-
21	Joseph SUAALII	18	5	1	-	-	4

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#NRLBulldogsRoosters

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 10 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Grant ATKINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Belinda SHARPE Liam KENNEDY
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 176 MATCHES

SYDNEY 91-80 (5 DRAWS)

At Bankwest Stadium: 1 matches, Sydney 1-0

LAST TEN: SYDNEY 8-2

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	FN	Sydney 38-12	Allianz Stadium	35,711
2016	R11	Canterbury 32-20	Stadium Australia	17,704
2016	R17	Canterbury 24-20	Allianz Stadium	7,741
2017	R2	Sydney 28-24	Allianz Stadium	13,505
2017	R11	Sydney 24-18	Stadium Australia	15,090
2018	R2	Sydney 30-12	Allianz Stadium	12,226
2018	R7	Sydney 6-0	Stadium Australia	11,309
2019	R14	Sydney 38-12	S.C.G.	8,217
2019	R19	Sydney 20-12	Stadium Australia	10,586
2020	R5	Sydney 42-6	Bankwest Stadium	366

BIGGEST WINS

1935	R6	Easts 87-7	Sydney S.G.	-
2010	R3	Canterbury 60-14	Stadium Australia	19,738

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Corey Waddell (CBY)	50 career games	1 game
Josh Jackson (CBY)	100 club & career points	4 points
Will Hopoate (CBY)	100 club points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN

R18	SOUTH SYDNEY (A)	STAD. AUS.
R19	CRONULLA (H)	BANKWEST
R20	GOLD COAST (H)	Venue TBC



NEXT THREE: SYDNEY ROOSTERS

R18	NORTH QUEENSLAND (A)	QLD C.B.
R19	NEWCASTLE (H)	SCG
R20	PARRAMATTA (H)	SCG

Match Preview

with Emile El-Azar

The Canterbury Bulldogs host the Sydney Roosters on Saturday night, at what looks to be an empty Bankwest Stadium - with the Greater Sydney lockdown set to be extended (at the time of writing).

The Bulldogs had a week to forget last round, losing 66-nil to Manly (and it could easily have been 100), where the worryingly-poor management of the team came to the fore. Players involved in the COVID-19 breach (with the exception of the young man Schoupp) have been selected in first grade every week, regardless of (poor) form and/or (poor) attitude, and the arrogance shown in their night out is there for all to see. Add to that the club being fined for not reasonably ensuring the players complied with the biosecurity protocols - you reap what you sow.

The Roosters had a terrible last game out too, falling 46-nil to the red-hot Melbourne Storm. It was 30-nil at half-time, in another high scoring, exciting match in PVL's new Rugby League world order. Absolutely on the edge of my seat for 80 minutes (not).

In team news, for the Bulldogs, despite talking about big taking a stand against the Covid breachers, Schoupp, Waddell, Napa and Sione Katoa waltz straight back into the side, with only Brandon Wakeham missing out. Ofahiki Ogden and Renouf Atoni return via the bench. In terms of outs, hooker Jeremy Marshall-King and bench forward Ava Seumanufagai are suspended, Matt Doorey is out with a head knock and Jackson Topine and Falakiko Manu have been dropped to the reserves. Former missing person Kyle Flanagan keeps his spot in the halves for the second week running.

For the Roosters, they welcome Victor Radley back from suspension with open arms. Angus Crichton and James Tedesco are out, as they have a dead rubber exhibition match to play next week. Billy Smith comes into the side at centre, pulling on an NRL jumper for the first time since 2019. Joey Manu takes up Tedesco's spot at fullback, Matt Ikuvalu comes back on the wing, with immortal Joseph Suaalii missing out. Nat Butcher and Ben Thomas come in on the bench to replace Fletcher Baker and Daniel Suluka-Fifita. Drew Hutchison starts five-eighth, bumping Lachlan Lam to the bench.

Last time they met - 13 months ago - in another empty stadium match at Bankwest, Easts ran out very comfortable 42-6 winners, in a match where the Bulldogs could easily have conceded double that.

Who to watch: Not who. What - All I'll be watching is the scoreboard. The Bulldogs will have a cricket score put on them and it will be very much deserved for the team selected.

Favourite: At the time of writing, the Roosters were paying \$1.10. If you have a spare couple of million, you can win some pocket change.

My tip: Do we have to? Really? **Sydney by 50.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 30 June - 7 July

Thu 8 Jul	Jesse Arthurs	Brisbane	23
	Braidon Burns	South Sydney	25
Sat 10 Jul	Adam Reynolds	South Sydney	31
	Reece Walsh	Warriors	19
Sun 11 Jul	Anthony Milford	Brisbane	27
	Braydon Trindall	Cronulla	22
Mon 12 Jul	Jai Arrow	South Sydney	26
	Kurt Capewell	Penrith	28
	Christian Crichton	Canterbury	25
Tue 13 Jul	Ben Condon	North Qld	21
	Kieran Foran	Manly	31
	Paul Momirovski	Penrith	25
Wed 14 Jul	Brodie Croft	Brisbane	24
	Cooper Johns	Melbourne	22

Cronulla-Sutherland SHARKS



New Zealand WARRIORS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	8	-	-	32	24	Will KENNEDY	1
4	1	-	-	4	24	Sione KATO	2
7	1	-	-	4	33	Will CHAMBERS	3
9	2	-	-	8	24	Jesse RAMIEN	4
9	5	-	-	20	21	Ronaldo MULITALO	5
15	9	-	-	36	25	Connor TRACEY	6
7	1	18	1	41	30	Shaun JOHNSON	7
14	1	-	-	4	32	Aiden TOLMAN	8
15	2	-	-	8	22	Blayne BRAILEY	9
15	3	-	-	12	30	Aaron WOODS	10
13	3	-	-	12	23	Briton NIKORA	11
10	1	-	-	4	21	Teig WILTON	12
15	-	-	-	-	25	Toby RUDOLF	13
9	-	-	-	-	22	Braydon TRINDALL	14
6	-	-	-	-	24	Siosifa TALAKAI	15
15	2	-	-	8	24	Jack WILLIAMS	16
10	-	-	-	-	26	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	17
9	-	-	-	-	24	Billy MAGOULIAS	18
9	5	-	-	20	22	Mawene HIROTI	19
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		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reece WALSH	19	7	4	1	-	18
2	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	25	10	5	-	-	20
3	Rocco BERRY	20	4	1	-	-	4
4	Marcelo MONTOYA	25	9	3	-	-	12
5	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK	28	15	3	-	-	12
6	Kodi NIKORIMA	27	14	3	42	-	96
7	Sean O'SULLIVAN	23	6	1	-	-	4
8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	25	7	1	-	-	4
9	Wayde EGAN	24	14	2	-	-	8
10	Matt LODGE	26	12	-	-	-	-
11	Eliesa KATO	21	8	1	-	-	4
12	Bayley SIRONEN	24	11	2	-	-	8
13	Jazz TEVAGA	26	14	-	-	-	-
14	Kane EVANS	29	9	-	-	-	-
15	Leeson AH MAU	31	15	1	-	-	4
16	Bunty AFOA	25	14	1	-	-	4
17	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA	30	14	6	-	-	24
18	Adam POMPEY	23	12	4	-	-	16
20	Jack MURCHIE	24	8	1	-	-	4
21	Taniela OTUKOLO	19	1	-	-	-	-
22	Edward KOSI	22	4	-	-	-	-

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#NRLSharksWarriors

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 11 July 2021
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Kasey BADGER Jon STONE
NRL BUNKER	Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 42 MATCHES

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 25-17 (no draws)

At Netstrata Jubilee Stadium: 1 match, Cronulla 1-0

LAST TEN: CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R22	Warriors 16-12	Mt Smart Stadium	13,939
2015	R9	Warriors 20-16	Sharks Stadium	13,988
2015	R21	Cronulla 18-14	Mt Smart Stadium	12,481
2016	R16	Cronulla 19-18	Sharks Stadium	12,074
2017	R21	Cronulla 26-12	Mt Smart Stadium	9,771
2018	R16	Cronulla 18-15	Mt Smart Stadium	14,195
2019	R18	Warriors 19-18	Westpac	14,295
2019	R23	Cronulla 42-16	Sharks Stadium	11,218
2020	R10	Cronulla 46-10	Central Coast	2,513
2020	R18	Cronulla 22-14	Netstrata Jubilee	2,306

BIGGEST WINS

2001	R23	Warriors 30-0	Mt Smart Stadium	1,0131
2012	R22	Cronulla 45-4	Mt Smart Stadium	13,812

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	50 club games	1 game
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	100 career points	8 points
Matt Moylan (CRO)	200 career points	6 points
Sione Katoa (CRO)	100 club & career points	2 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND

R18	CANBERRA (A)	GIO
R19	CANTERBURY (A)	BANKWEST
R20	MANLY-WARRINGAH (H)	NETSTRATA



NEXT THREE: WARRIORS

R18	PENRITH (H)	CEN. COAST
R19	SOUTH SYDNEY (A)	SUN. COAST
R20	WESTS TIGERS (A)	BANKWEST

Match Preview

with Andrew Jackson

Shaun Johnson still can't believe he is heading back to his boyhood club next year.

This week though he has his sights squarely set on putting another dent in his former club's finals prospects.

Cronulla blew a big opportunity to consolidate its spot in the top eight last week, failing to match the energy and intent of a motivated Brisbane side. The Sharks were coming off a four-game winning streak but the representative round came at the worst-possible time and a sense of comfort and security appeared to have crept in. Now Cronulla finds itself teetering in eight position with Newcastle and North Queensland gunning to steal its spot. This week's opponent – the Warriors – are only two points behind the Sharks.

Cronulla will once again be without five-eighth Matt Moylan but welcome back centre Will Chambers, who missed the Broncos game to be with his wife who was due to give birth.

The Warriors, meanwhile, are boosted by the return of Reece Walsh while new recruit Matt Lodge also comes into the line-up. There are some notable omissions for the visitors though, with Chad Townsend (shoulder) denied the chance to face his former side. The biggest loss though is that of lock forward Tohu Harris (shoulder), forcing a reshuffle that sees Jazz Tévaga start.

Eliesa Katoa has been named despite failing to finish last week's loss to the Dragons with shoulder and ankle complaints. Speaking of that defeat, the Warriors have now not won since the 21st of May, seeing their top-eight hopes dwindle. Crucially those defeats have come to teams in the fight for a finals spot – the Cowboys, Knights and Dragons.

Cronulla is another one.

There is plenty of motivation for the Warriors this week as they come up against a Cronulla side that ended their finals hopes last year with a 22-14 Round 18 win.

Who to watch: The battle of the fullbacks shapes as one of the most exciting on the park, pitting a rising star against a rapid improver.

For Cronulla, Will Kennedy has been a constant shining light in an inconsistent year, taking his game to another level. It is all about confidence for the 24-year-old, who first debuted two years ago. He has now spent two full seasons as Cronulla's first-choice fullback and the backing of the coaching staff has paid dividends, with Kennedy increasing his attacking output in all areas. Kennedy has drawn on his speed and evasiveness to average 34 more run metres this season along with 47 tackle busts and 12 linebreaks compared to 40 and six respectively last year. He has also one more linebreak assist and two fewer try assists. This is despite playing two fewer games this year and Kennedy is doing all this despite averaging just 27 touches a match. It ranks him right down the bottom of all regular starting fullbacks this season but speaks to how he is making every touch matter. 2021 has been all about efficiency for Kennedy.

While Kennedy has been much-improved, there is not much to compare against the breakout season of his opposite number this week. Reece Walsh has had an immediate impact at the Warriors and was so highly-rated and respected within the playing group that Roger Tuivasa-Sheck moved positions to accommodate him. Walsh has played just seven games but already has seven try assists, eight linebreak assists, seven linebreaks and 29 tackle busts. He is also averaging 113 run metres, proving he is not just doing the fancy stuff but also growing increasingly confident putting his body on the line.

Two electric fullbacks at very different times in their career but both had made their mark in 2021.

Favourite: The Sharks are well backed to bounce back.

My tip: The inclusion of Walsh is big for the Warriors but the loss of Harris cannot be underestimated. He helps hold their middle together. Add Shaun Johnson's elite kicking game and you get the sense this will end in the home side's favour. **Cronulla by 16.**

NSW



QLD

Sydney	James TEDESCO	1
Penrith	Brian TO'O	2
South Sydney	Latrell MITCHELL	3
Manly-Warringah	Tom TRBOJEVIC	4
Melbourne	Josh ADDO-CARR	5
Canberra	Jack WIGHTON	6
Parramatta	Mitchell MOSES	7
Brisbane	Payne HAAS	16
South Sydney	Damien COOK	9
Parramatta	Junior PAULO	10
South Sydney	Cameron MURRAY	11
St George Illawarra	Tariq SIMS	12
Penrith	Isaah YEO	13

Penrith	Api KOROISAU	14
Sydney	Angus CRICHTON	15
Penrith	Liam MARTIN	17
Melbourne	Dale FINUCANE	18

Melbourne	Nicho HYNES	19
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- SET RESTARTS

1	Kalyn PONGA	Newcastle
2	Valentine HOLMES	North Queensland
3	Dane GAGAI	South Sydney
4	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	North Queensland
5	Xavier COATES	Brisbane
6	Cameron MUNSTER	Melbourne
7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	Manly-Warringah
8	Christian WELCH	Melbourne
9	Ben HUNT	St George Illawarra
10	Josh PAPALI'I	Canberra
11	Kurt CAPEWELL	Penrith
12	Felise KAUFUSI	Melbourne
13	Jai ARROW	Gold Coast

14	AJ BRIMSON	Gold Coast
15	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	Gold Coast
16	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	Gold Coast
18	Francis MOLO	North Queensland

19	Kurt MANN	Newcastle
20	Thomas FLEGLER	Brisbane

Paul GREEN

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MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Wednesday 14 July 2021
KICKOFF	8:10pm AEST
VENUE	McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton NSW
WATCH LISTEN	Nine Network - check local guides ABC, 2GB/4BC, Triple M Network, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Todd SMITH Phil HENDERSON
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN

Match Stats

121 MATCHES: QLD 64-55 (2 DRAWS)

(does not include Origin 4 in 1987)

At McDonald Jones Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: NSW 6-4

SERIES	GAME	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2018	II	NSW 18-14	Stadium Aus.	82,223
2018	III	QLD 18-12	Suncorp	51,214
2019	I	QLD 18-14	Suncorp	52,191
2019	II	NSW 38-6	Optus Stadium	59,721
2019	III	NSW 26-20	Stadium Aus	82,565
2020	I	QLD 18-14	Adelaide Oval	25,218
2020	II	NSW 34-10	Stadium Aus	36,212
2020	III	QLD 20-14	Suncorp	49,155
2021	I	NSW 50-6	QLD C.B.	27,533
2021	II	NSW 26-0	Suncorp	52,273

BIGGEST WINS

2021	I	NSW 50-6	QLD C.B.	27,533
2015	III	QLD 52-6	Suncorp	52,500

MILESTONES

- Josh Addo-Carr needs 1 try to equal the record for most tries scored by a player for NSW, currently held by Jarryd Hayne (11). He is currently equal with Michael O'Connor in second place (10). NOTE: O'Connor also scored a try in the 1987 4th Origin which isn't included in his tally of 10.
- Valentine Holmes needs 6 points to equal Dale Shearer at 6th place on the Maroon's all-time Origin scorers list; 8 points to equal Darius Boyd at 5th, 12 points to equal Greg Inglis at 4th and 22 points to equal Darren Lockyer at 3rd. Holmes also needs to score 1 try to become just the 9th Origin player and 7th Maroon to notch at least 10 Origin tries.

Match stats courtesy of Rugby League Project

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THE PREVIEW

OUR EXCLUSIVE IN-DEPTH LOOK AT ORIGIN III WITH LACHY MACCORQUODALE

New South Wales look to become first team since 2010 to complete the Origin clean sweep.

As Origin football heads to Newcastle for the first time, the Blues find themselves in the rare situation of leading two-nil with a home game still to play.

The Blues have done a marvellous job so far this series, convincingly winning in both Games One and Two despite playing those respective matches in Queensland heartlands, Townsville and Brisbane. New South Wales field devastating players all over the park with the likes of James Tedesco, Tom Trbojevic and Latrell Mitchell putting in extraordinary performances thus far and they'll be expecting a similar outcome in Game Three in the hope of becoming the first New South Wales side to sweep Queensland since 2000.

To put into context how well this New South Wales side has come along you need to revisit Queensland's dominance from 2006 through to 2017. During this period Queensland won 24 matches compared to a mere 12 by New South Wales. However, since 2018, the Blues have won seven matches compared to Queensland's four. The disparity between the numbers suggests that this New South Wales side could be the start of something special for a state that had to watch Queensland continuously outdo them for 11 years (bar 2014 of course).

Queensland have been blessed with the return of both Kalyn Ponga and AJ Brimson as they look to avoid their fourth clean sweep in Origin history. These two players will bring some much-needed speed and creativity to a side that sorely lacked in the latter department over the course of the first two games, conjuring up just the sole try whilst their opponents scored an incredible 12. Ponga excelled in his return to club football, scoring twice and assisting a further two tries as the Knights cruised to a 38-point victory of the Cowboys. Game Three won't come without pressure for the fullback as Queensland and their loyal supporters will be expecting a much-improved performance as they look to gain something from the series. Ponga, whilst one of the more talented players in the competition, won't be able to do this by himself and will need his struggling forward pack to stand up to the Blues as they need to lay a platform for Ponga and his spine counterparts.

It wasn't long ago that Queensland were being hailed for their tremendous Queensland spirit as they pulled off one of the great upsets in Origin history as they triumphed two games to one in last year's series despite being written off multiple times by experts in the lead up to the series. This spirit has been outmatched by the genuine star-studded line up that New South Wales possess. Their forward pack has been exceptional but it's their incredible back line which has drawn all the attention this year. The top four metre eaters all preside in New South Wales back five with Brian To'o (232.3) and James Tedesco (223.7) averaging over 200 metres per game and Tom Trbojevic (197.9) and Latrell Mitchell (172.1) rounding out the top four.

These players demand so much attention when they've got the football that it's almost impossible to have all four of them covered throughout the course of the match, in fact it's almost hard to stop them when they have the full attention of the defence.

New South Wales' outside backs have definitely benefitted from having Penrith duo, Jarome Luai and Nathan Cleary in the halves, but they'll be absent in Game Three due to various injuries which gives Jack Wighton

and Mitchell Moses a chance to stamp their foot on the Origin arena. It's a great time for Moses to make his Origin debut with the series score line currently giving New South Wales a 76 to six points lead.

The Blues were forced to make another adjustment to the side with the news that Daniel Saifiti will miss the fixture due to injury which has made way for the return of Dale Finucane.

On the other hand, Queensland have made several changes to the line-up, including the inclusion of the aforementioned Ponga and Brimson. 19-year-old Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow will get his chance to prove himself as a Queenslander in the centres allowing Kurt Capewell to return to his natural second row position. As a result, Jai Arrow moves to lock, pushing Tino Fa'asuamaleaui to the bench. The other two changes include Kyle Feldt's omission as Valentine Holmes moves to the wing and Ben Hunt moves from the number 14 into hooker at the expense of Andrew McCullough.

Who to watch: As mentioned earlier, this New South Wales side is star-studded making it difficult to isolate just a single player, but it's been Latrell Mitchell's performances which reignited his Origin career and has him as one of three favourites to claim the Wally Lewis Medal, the other's being Tedesco and Trbojevic. In both games this series, Mitchell has come up with plays that either created tries for the Blues or completely switched the momentum of the game. He has terrorised Dane Gagai on that left edge and has some impressive statistics to back it up. The 24-year-old has scored three tries and assisted two in just two games so far. Mitchell has also broken 15 tackles (second most in the series), averaged 172 run metres and made two line breaks. To have five direct try involvements in two Origin matches is an incredible let alone for someone playing in the centre's.

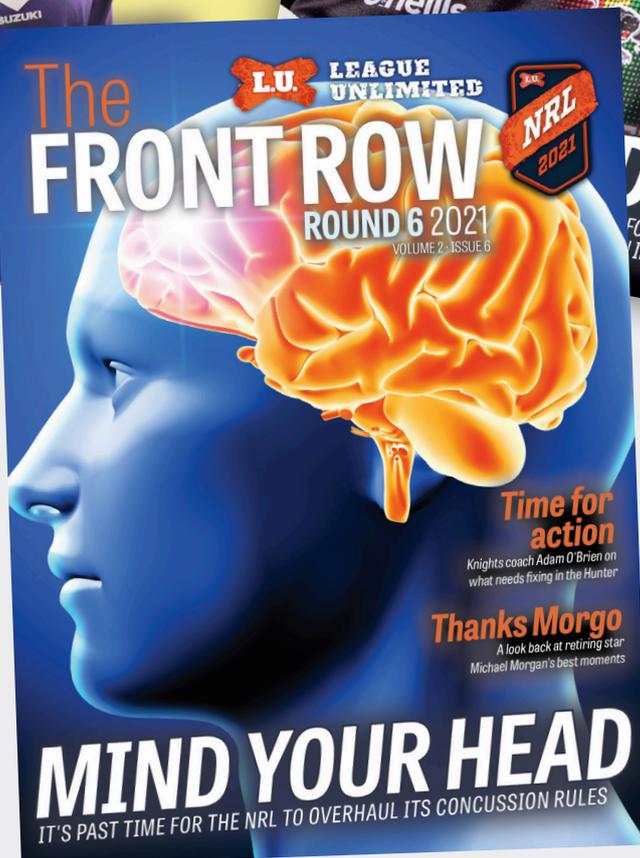
Queensland need a lot of players to step up, most namely the forward pack, but Cameron Munster has much room for improvement on his performances so far this year. The 2020 Wally Lewis Medallist was exceptional in last year's series scoring a try and assisting one in what was effectively two matches after being knocked out early in Game Two. His 93 run metres a game this series is a career low in his five series as a Queenslander, if you account for his two minute performance in Game Two last year. A positive for the Queenslander's is that his performance in Game Two, one line break, four tackle breaks and 117 run metres was a big improvement on his Game One performance which saw him break one tackle and run for just 69 metres. Hopefully for Queensland's sake, we get to see the best of Munster and if their forward pack can dominate the middle, the combination between Munster, Cherry-Evans and Ponga will be exciting to watch.

Favourite: New South Wales are the favourites for Game Three after absolutely obliterating Queensland in the opening two fixtures. The Blues do feature a new halves pairing for this game but they still possess the most potent back five in recent memory. Queensland forwards will need to step up if they're to prevent New South Wales from completing the sweep.

My tip: This could be a bit misguided as a New South Wales fan, but their previous form is hard to go past and I'd expect them to come out wanting that third win in a similar fashion to their two previous wins.
New South Wales by 18.

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ROUND 12 RESULTS

Warrington Wolves 40 Tries: Jake Mamo 3, Connor Wrench, Matt Davis, Jack Hughes, Ben Currie; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 6 **def Wigan Warriors 14** Tries: Sam Powell, Willie Isa, Oliver Gildart; Goals: Harry Smith 1 **at DW Stadium**

Leeds Rhinos 48 Tries: Tom Holroyd, Jack Broadbent 4, Sam Walters, Liam Sutcliffe, Kruise Leeming, James Donaldson; Goals: Rhyse Martin 6 **def Leigh Centurions 18** Tries: Ryan Brierley, Mark Ioane, Matty Russell; Goals: Ryan Brierley 3 **at Emerald Headingley Stadium**

Catalans Dragons 50 Tries: Tom Davies, James Maloney, Sam Tomkins, Arthur Mourgue, Benjamin Garcia, Samisoni Langi, Mike McMeeken, Benjamin Jullien; Goals: James Maloney 9 **def Huddersfield Giants 12** Tries: Jake Wardle, Ashton Golding; Goals: Oliver Russell 2 **at John Smith's Stadium**

St Helens 24 **def Castleford Tigers 0** on forfeit

Hull KR v Hull FC postponed

Salford Red Devils v Wakefield Trinity postponed

ROUND 13 RESULTS

St Helens 24 Tries: Mark Percival, Lachlan Coote, Regan Grace; Goals: Lachlan Coote 6 **def Wigan Warriors 6** Tries: Liam Farrell; Goals: Harry Smith 1 **at Totally Wicked Stadium**

Leeds Rhinos 22 Tries: Rob Lui, Alex Mellor, Ash Handley; Goals: Rhyse Martin 5 **def Warrington Wolves 16** Tries: Josh Charnley 2, Danny Walker; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 2 **at Halliwell Jones Stadium**

Castleford 24 **def Huddersfield 0** on forfeit

Hull FC v Salford Red Devils, Catalans v Hull KR postponed

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS	DIF%	WP%
1	Catalans Dragons	11	10	1	0	334	160	20	208.75	90.91
2	St Helens	11	9	2	0	256	82	18	312.20	81.82
3	Warrington Wolves	13	9	3	1	408	213	19	191.55	73.08
4	Hull FC	11	7	3	1	260	175	15	148.57	68.18
5	Hull Kingston Rovers	10	6	4	0	241	212	12	113.68	60.00
6	Wigan Warriors	12	7	5	0	192	232	14	82.76	58.33
7	Leeds Rhinos	11	6	5	0	258	182	12	141.76	54.55
8	Castleford Tigers	13	6	7	0	233	284	12	82.04	46.15
9	Wakefield Trinity	12	4	8	0	219	275	8	79.64	33.33
10	Huddersfield Giants	12	3	9	0	180	262	6	68.70	25.00
11	Salford Red Devils	11	2	9	0	127	335	4	37.91	18.18
12	Leigh Centurions	13	0	13	0	212	508	0	41.73	0.00

ROUND 14 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST		
Leeds v Catalans	Fri 9 Jul	7:45pm Emerald Headingley
Wakefield v St Helens		Mobile Rocket
Hull FC v Leigh	Sun 11 Jul	3:00pm MKM Stadium
Hull KR v Warrington		Hull College Craven
Wigan v Huddersfield		DW Stadium
Castleford v Salford		Mend-A-Hose Jungle

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 7 RESULTS

Leeds 56 **def Warrington 0** at Mobile Rocket Stadium
Huddersfield 40 **def Wakefield 14** at Mobile Rocket Stadium
Wigan 36 **def Featherstone 10** at Millennium Stadium
York **def Bradford 24-0** on forfeit
St Helens 38 **def Castleford 6** at Odsal Stadium

ROUND 8 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST		
St Helens v Featherstone	Sun 11 Jul	12:00pm Victoria Park
Huddersfield v Castleford		Mobile Rocket Stadium
York v Warrington		3:30pm Mobile Rocket Stadium
Wigan v Leeds		Victoria Park
Bradford v Wakefield	Mon 12 Jul	7:45pm Odsal Stadium

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 12 RESULTS

Featherstone Rovers 63 Tries: Craig Hall 3, William Dagger, Dane Chisholm, Junior Moors, Dean Parata, Gareth Gale, Callum Field, Fa'amanu Brown 2; Goals: Craig Hall 9; Field Goals: Dane Chisholm 1 **def London Broncos 14** Tries: Chris Hankinson, Jarrod Sammut, Abbas Miski; Goals: Chris Hankinson 1 **at Millennium Stadium**

Bradford Bulls 30 Tries: Thomas Doyle, Joe Brown, Brad England, Rhys Evans; Goals: Joe Keyes 5 **def Batley Bulldogs 16** Tries: Ben White, Elliott Hall, Lucas Walshaw; Goals: Ben White 1, George Senior 1 **at Odsal Stadium**

Dewsbury Rams 18 Tries: Michael Knowles 2, Dom Speakman; Goals: Paul Sykes 3 **drew with Sheffield Eagles 18** Tries: Travis Corian, Anthony Thackeray, Aaron Brown; Goals: Isaac Farrell 3 **at Tetley's Stadium**

Halifax Panthers 17 Tries: Elliot Morris, James Saltonstall 2; Goals: Liam Harris 2; Field Goals: Liam Harris 1 **def Widnes Vikings 16** Tries: Jack Owens, Jayden Hatton; Goals: Steve Tyrer 4 **at The Shay Stadium**

Whitehaven RLFC 36 Tries: Nikau Williams, Connor Holliday 2, Lachlan Walmsley 2, Karl Dixon; Goals: Connor Holliday, Lachlan Walmsley 4 **def Swinton Lions 22** Tries: Deane Meadows, Paul Nash, Mitch Cox, Geronimo Doyle; Goals: Martyn Ridyard 3 **at Recreation Ground**

Newcastle Thunder 28 Tries: Jake Shorrocks, Owen Harrison, Evan Simons, Alex Clegg 2; Goals: Josh Woods 4 **def York City Knights 26** Tries: Ryan Atkins, Chris Clarkson, Sam Scott, Perry Whiteley; Goals: Kieran Dixon 5 **at LNER Community Stadium**
Toulouse Olympique v Oldham RLFC cancelled

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	11	11	0	0	505	126	22	400.79	100.00
3	Bradford Bulls	11	8	3	0	270	257	16	105.06	72.73
4	Halifax Panthers	12	8	4	0	344	167	16	205.99	66.67
5	Batley Bulldogs	11	7	4	0	278	232	14	119.83	63.64
6	London Broncos	12	7	4	1	322	315	15	102.22	62.50
7	Widnes Vikings	12	5	6	1	297	312	11	95.19	45.83
8	Newcastle Thunder	11	4	6	1	248	346	9	71.68	40.91
9	Dewsbury Rams	11	4	6	1	175	317	9	55.21	40.91
10	Sheffield Eagles	12	3	6	3	255	351	9	72.65	37.50
11	Whitehaven RLFC	12	4	7	1	245	358	9	68.44	37.50
12	York City Knights	12	4	8	0	277	267	8	103.75	33.33
13	Oldham RLFC	11	2	9	0	144	386	4	37.31	18.18
14	Swinton Lions	12	0	12	0	202	453	0	44.59	0.00

ROUND 13 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST		
Batley v Toulouse	Sun 11 Jul	3:00pm Fox's Biscuits
Halifax v Whitehaven		The Shay Stadium
London v York		Trailfinders
Newcastle v Dewsbury		Kingston Park
Oldham v Bradford		Bower Fold
Swinton v Sheffield		Heywood Road
Widnes v Featherstone		Halton Stadium

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	PTS	DIF%	WP%
1	Leeds Rhinos	5	5	0	0	312	32	10	975.00	100.00
2	Wigan Warriors	5	5	0	0	216	36	10	600.00	100.00
3	St Helens	5	4	1	0	268	36	8	744.44	80.00
4	Castleford Tigers	5	3	2	0	118	84	6	140.48	60.00
5	York City Knights	5	3	2	0	124	102	6	121.57	60.00
6	Warrington Wolves	6	2	4	0	138	224	4	61.61	33.33
7	Featherstone Rovers	6	2	4	0	112	218	4	51.38	33.33
8	Huddersfield Giants	6	2	4	0	104	264	4	39.39	33.33
9	Bradford Bulls	6	1	5	0	70	246	2	28.46	16.67
10	Wakefield Trinity	5	0	5	0	44	264	0	16.67	0.00

QRL TEAMLISTS

INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 13

BURLEIGH BEARS v TWEED SEAGULLS

Pizzey Park; Saturday 10 July 2:10pm
Referee: Ben Watts; Sideline Officials: Michael Wise, Daniel Schwass

BURLEIGH: 1. Kurtis Rowe 2. Andre Niko 3. Sami Sauliluma 4. Joshua Berkers 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. Apiata Noema-Matenga 16. Reece Summer 17. Lochlyn Sheldon **TWEED:** 1. Linton McGrady 2. Brayden McGrady 3. Treymain Spry 4. Lee Turner 5. Talor Walters 6. Will Brimson 7. Luke Jurd 8. JJ Collins 9. Brent Woolf 10. Harrison Muller 11. Lamar Liolveva 12. Joshua Patston 13. Braden Robson 14. Liam Hampson 15. Daniel Ross 16. Stuart Mason 17. Ryland Jacobs 18. Charlie Murray

SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS v PNG HUNTERS

Sunshine Coast Stadium; Saturday 10 July 3:00pm
Referee: Jarrod Cole; Sideline Officials: Dan Munroe, Steve Kanowski

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. William Toloi 15. Campbell Duffy 16. Daniel Dole 17. Dalton Smith 18. Wyatt Reynolds 19. Sam Bernstrom 20. Tom Geraghty **PNG:** 1. Terry Wapi 2. Junior Rau 3. Brandon Nima 4. Joe Joshua 5. Brendon Gotuno 6. Ase Boas 7. Charlie Simon 8. Stanton Albert 9. Wartovo Puara 10. Samuel Yegipo 11. Benji Kott 12. Sylvester Namu 13. Ila Alu 14. Judah Rimbau 15. Dilbert Isaac 16. Mark Pitti 17. Enoch Maki 18. Solo Wane

BRISBANE TIGERS v IPSWICH JETS

Totally Workwear Stadium; Saturday 10 July 4:00pm
Referee: Ethan Menchin; Sideline Officials: Glen Stewart, Matt Clough

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. Haele Uha Finau 10. William Samuel 11. Mitch Frei 12. Sam Elliott 13. Bennett Leslie 14. Oliver Pascoe 15. Ioane Seului 16. Sam Lavea 17. Joseph Gilmour 18. Jack Peoples **IPSWICH:** 2. Ratu

Jope Rotavisoro 3. Jordan Carriera 4. Keenan Yorston 5. Richard Pandia 6. Josh Cleeland 7. Rhys Jacks 8. Tyson Lofipo 9. Kierran Moseley 10. Nathaniel Neale 11. Zac Hetherington 12. Ben White 13. Tyler Coburn 14. Gerome Burns 15. Hugh Sedger 16. Blake Lenehan 17. Todd White 18. Jayden Connors 19. Denzel Burns 20. Nicholas Flocas

NORTHERN PRIDE v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

Barlow Park; Saturday 10 July 5:30pm
Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Nick Pelgrave, Peter MacKinnon

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. Matthew Musumeci 19. Cephas Chinfat 20. Mark Rosendale 21. Brad Lupi **TOWNSVILLE:** 1. Jaelen Feeney 2. Michael Carroll 3. Carlin Anderson 4. Bacho Salam 5. Kalifa Faifai Loa 6. Shaun Nona 7. Aaron Moore 8. Joe Boyce 9. Josh Chudleigh 10. Sam Hoare 12. Patrick Kaufusi 13. Jordan Kenworthy 14. Josh Hoffman 15. Sam Murphy 16. Kieran Quabba 17. Nick Brown 18. Moses Meninga 22. Sione Lousi

MACKAY CUTTERS v CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS

BB Print Stadium; Saturday 10 July 6:00pm
Referee: Sam Swift; Sideline Officials: Taylor Worth, Kurt Sheather

MACKAY: 1. Rayden Burns 2. Jake Riley 3. Buchanan Rawhiti 4. Josh Smith 5. Keanu Wainohu-Kemp 6. Matiu Stone-Dunn 7. Brandon Finnegan 8. Jack Brock 9. Sean Mullany 10. Ross Bella 11. Jesse Dee 12. Aiden Beard 13. Jack Quinn 14. Bayley Gill 15. Kellen Jenner 16. Shaun Edwards 17. Jaymon Moore **CAPRAS:** 1. Blake Moore 2. Cooper Marshall 3. Elliot Vincent 5. Jedidiah Simbiken 6. Radean Robinson 7. Jack Madden 8. Tyler Szeponowski 9. Treymaine Brown 10. Bailey Butler 11. Jyde Dwyer 12. Nixon Putt 13. Lachlan Hubner 14. Jake Maizen 15. Mckenzie Yei 16. Takai Mokohar 18. Brendon Roberts 19. Caleb Tull 20. Michael Naseri

REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS v WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS

Moreton Daily Stadium; Saturday 10 July 6:00pm
Referee: Jacob Whitehouse; Sideline Officials: Jordan Morel, Nick Morel

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 Pumipi 15. Ryan Turner 16. Benjamin King 18. 'Otukinekina-He-Tofonga Kepu **WYNNUM:** 1. Daine Spencer 2. Edward Burns 3. Delouise Hoeter 4. Matthew Lyons 5. Ryan O'Keefe 6. Jack Campagnolo 7. Sam Scarlett 8. Aaron Rockley 9. Jayden Berrell 10. Lucky Taavale 11. Matiu Love-Henry 12. Zeb Taia 13. Luke Bateman 14. Tristan Hope 15. Max Elliott 16. Alec MacDonald 17. Francis Kalisolaite-ualau

NORTHS DEVILS v SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES

Bishop Park; Sunday 11 July 2:10pm
Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Jacob Whitehouse, Jack Klein

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. Tuipolutu Puluvea 16. Jerome Veve 17. Hiale Roycroft 18. Matthew Milson 19. Jayden Stephens 20. Kyle Van Klaveren **SOUTHS LOGAN:** 1. Creedence Toia 2. Kevin Locke 3. Ethan Quai-Ward 4. Jacob Tonge 5. Haydyn O'Hara 6. Ezra Mam 7. Lachlan Cooper 8. Fabien Paletua-Kiri 9. Christian Hazard 10. Tyrone Ahey 11. Unga Wolske 12. Jacob Allick 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Brad Frith 15. Jacob Elmore 16. Raiden Fonoti 19. Justin Fai

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HASTINGS DEERING COLTS (U21) - ROUND 11

SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS v WESTERN MUSTANGS Sunshine Coast Stadium; Saturday 10 July 1:00pm; Referee: Matt Gannon; Sideline Officials: Trey Hubert, Connor Baker **SC FALCONS:** 1.

Zachariah Miles 2. Gian Largiader 3. Kane Jackson 4. Blake Wilson 5. Pat McGinn 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 **MUSTANGS:** 1. Brenton Clement 2. Oliver Bichel 3. Alexander Brighton 4. Benji Neliman 5. Nicholas Teske 6. Liam Short 7. Matthew Wilson 8. Mitchell Murphy 9. Brandon Clarke 10. Riley Wilson 11. Leslie Hartvigsen 12. Connor Williams 13. Kyle Petersen 14. Matthew Butler 15. Thomas Bell 18. Cooper Howlett 19. Lachlan Swan 20. Udom Wala 22. Luke Maiden 23. Xander Dunemann

BRISBANE TIGERS v IPSWICH JETS Totally Workwear Stadium; Saturday 10 July 2:00pm; Referee: Cody Kwik; Sideline Officials: Kailay Beattie, Liam Fryer **BRISBANE:** 1. Lachlan West 2. Ronald Philitoga 3. Solomona 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 17. Rhys Sparey 18. Marly Bitungane **IPSWICH:** 1. Isaac Fels 2. Mamakumai Naiyep 3. Kaylis Barrott 4. Nathan Stephenson 5. Joseph Ross 6. Bradley Zampach 7. David Telea 8. Tate Rhea 9. Lochlan Turnbull 10. Jack Fisher 11. Josiah Mauga 12. Mitchell Harsant 13. Riley Morris 14. Zachery Alley 15. Declan Buckley 16. Brian Burton 17. Nicholas Merlehan 18. Jai McGarrigal 19. Jayden Kirner

NORTHERN PRIDE v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS Barlow Park; Saturday 10 July 3:15pm; Referee: Guy Millar; Sideline Officials: Zac Stewart, Alan Bain **PRIDE:** 1. Jack Bowyer 2. Matua Robinson 3. Robert Derby 4. Orlando Swain 5. Sami Raivarova 6. Seamus King-Smith 7. Dmitri Ahwang 8. Colt Salmond 9. Zane Knowles 10. Tyson Phineasa 11. Matti Moyle 12. Taniela Ta'ufou'ou 13. Ezra Tokarahi 14. Hamish Davies 15. Braye Porter 16. Ricky Wardle 17.

Usaia Fonongaloa 18. Elias Tuitama 19. Keishon Hunter-Flanders 20. Tyrell Anton **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 Taia 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

BURLEIGH BEARS v TWEED SEAGULLS Pizzey Park; Saturday 10 July 4:00pm; Referee: Jake Stanton; Sideline Officials: Zac Schwass, Oliver Barker **BURLEIGH:** 1. Tyler Mahon 2. Kalani Skippis 3. Tuvali Pereira 4. Zane Prophet 5. Ronan Rio 6. Jakob Hall 7. Cameron Brown 8. Jayden Sharp 9. Vaka Sikahale 10. Isaac Matalavea-Booth 11. Sam McIntyre 12. Daniel Shannon 13. Blake Campbell 14. Kaden Somerville 15. T.J Devery 16. Iszac Fa'asumaleaui 17. Reegan Creedy **TWEED:** 1. Jaylan De Groot 2. Caleb Warman 3. James Torrens 4. Jaylan To'o 5. Troy Duckett 6. Glenn McGrady 7. Harradyn Wilson 8. Ben Liyou 10. Carsil Vaikai 11. Juwan Compain 12. Klese Haas 13. Charlie Murray 14. Joshua Henderson 15. Solomon Torrens 16. John-Thomas Manufofetoa 17. Jack Cullen 21. Jed Edwards

MACKAY CUTTERS v CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS BB Print Stadium; Saturday 10 July 4:00pm; Referee: Jeremy Meadows; Sideline Officials: Thomas Horne, Jake Bolton **MACKAY:** 1. Corey Shepherd 2. Taine Browne 3. Tyler Holmes 4. Harley Proctor 5. Flynn Camilleri 6. Caleb Sinn 7. Henri Stocks 8. Henry Head 9. Sean Dalton 10. Declan Laird 11. Ethan Sweet 12. Hayden Brownsey 13. Jack Hoffmann 14. Jedd Abbott 15. Mason Thorpe 17. Ethan Borg 18. Luke Webley 19. Blake Paskins 20. Morgan Mcwhirter **CAPRAS:** 1. Ammaron Gudgeon 2. Kalani Sing 3. Harlem Russell 4. Coby Williamson 5. Jaxon Crockford 6. Travis Field 7. Peyton Jenkins 8. Myles Gal 9. Riley Shadlow 10. Mitchell Leard-Lamont 11. Thallon Peters 12. Izaac Jackson 13. Samuel Strohfeldt 14. Tiko Hooper 15. Keinan Smith 16. Jeremy McLachlan 17. Christopher Lee 18. Lash Salam 19. Vini Unior Kabunare Tefoto 20. Blayton Vea-Youse 21. Te Urewera Potini

REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS v WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS Moreton Daily Stadium; Saturday 10 July 4:00pm; Referee: Jack Ebert; Sideline Officials: Nick McEwen, Ryan Cracknell **REDCLIFFE:** 1. Tahj Wood 2. Zarrin Galea 3. Eric Vaafusuaga 4. William Fakatoumafi 5. Daeon Amituanai 6. Toby Elliot 7. Samuel Thompson 8. Jordan Crocker 9. Logan Cox 10. Jesse Tu'inukuafie 11. Joe Clarke 12. Mali Le Pou 13. Chayse Cavanagh 14. Cody Byrne 15. Aiden Aue 16. Rece Hansen 17. Levi Wilson **WYNNUM:** 1. Ben Farr 2. Carsen Huth 3. Germaine Bulseay 4. Kurtis Farr 5. Tom Farr 6. Braden Whittaker 7. Will Parslow 8. Jacob Sturt 9. Harrison Graham 10. Malachai Retchford 11. Ethan Malt 12. Isaac Carpenter 13. John Radel 14. Jackson Rohweder 15. Nathan Ward 16. Sefa Roache-Faimalo 17. Caius Faatili

NORTHS DEVILS v SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES Bishop Park; Sunday 11 July 12:00pm; Referee: Jordan Morel; Sideline Officials: Jake Stanton, Dylan Cassidy **NORTHS:** 1. Declan Hayden 2. Trent Casey 3. Jared Chambers 4. Leighton Milburn 5. Lodoviko Cokanautu 6. Isaiah Longi 7. Danny Heenan 8. Mose Tuifao-Papalii 9. Zakaria McGuire 10. Sosefo Filipine 11. Kye Jenkins 12. Jack Garrod 13. Kahli Jnr Kali 14. Joshua Pese 15. Shaun Anderson 16. Ryan Sauer 17. Leonard Burns **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. Tynan Forster 15. Vincent Sefo 16. Jack Canning 20. Daniel Allan

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NRL: ROUND 16 WRAP

Thursday | MELBOURNE 46 SYDNEY 0



SYDNEY ROOSTERS (0)
No scorers

MELBOURNE STORM (46)

Tries: Josh Addo-Carr (3), Nicholas Hynes, Dale Finucane, Kenneath Bromwich, Cameron Munster, Brandon Smith; **Conversions:** Nicholas Hynes (6/8); **Penalty Goals:** Nicholas Hynes (1/1)

Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium

Crowd: 4289

Halftime Score: Sydney 0 Melbourne 30

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Dale Finucane

2 points - Nicholas Hynes

1 points - Cameron Munster

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Storm roast the Roosters in the wet

The Melbourne Storm have posted their 13th win in a row with a record-equalling 46-0 rout against the Sydney Roosters..

In a match relocated to Newcastle due to the latest COVID-19 outbreak in NSW, the Storm defied wet conditions to score eight tries in front of 4,289 supporters.

Establishing their intentions to attack from the opening stages, an audacious early kick from Cameron Munster allowed Josh Addo-Carr (5th minute) to use his speed to take advantage of James Tedesco defending in the front line.

Steadying the flow of points with a penalty goal after Addo-Carr was denied a try due to a knock-on while contesting a high ball, Nicho Hynes (25th minute) made the most of a bouncing ball to outpace the Roosters' defenders to the line.

Piling on further points through Dale Finucane (28th minute) and Kenny Bromwich (31st minute), Addo-Carr (37th minute) streaked 50 metres shortly before halftime after Justin Olam swooped on a misdirected pass from Tedesco.

Showing no signs of respite after the resumption of play, Olam positioned Addo-Carr (47th minute) for his hat-trick a few sets after Hynes was denied for an obstruction.

Bringing up 40 points for the eighth time in their past ten

matches, a well-placed grubber from Jahrome Hughes allowed Munster (58th minute) to touch down next to the posts.

Scoring their eighth try of the night to equal their biggest ever win against the Roosters, Brandon Smith (71st minute) burrowed over for his tenth try of the season to complete the 46-0 rout.

Adding to the Roosters' woes, Daniel Suluka-Fifita could be in trouble with the match review committee after hitting Munster off the ball in a tackle that saw the interchange forward sent to the sin bin.

Next week, the Roosters face the Bulldogs at Bankwest Stadium on Saturday evening, while the Storm will rest up during the bye.

Friday | ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 19 WARRIORS 18



WARRIORS (18)

Tries: Wayde Egan, Eliesa Katoa, Bunty Afoa; **Field Goals:** Chad Townsend (0/2); **Conversions:** Chad Townsend (3/3)

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (19)

Tries: Ben Hunt, Gerard Beale, Jack Bird, Cody Ramsey
Field Goals: Corey Norman (1/2), Ben Hunt (0/1); **Conversions:** Corey Norman (0/4); **Penalty Goals:** Corey Norman (1/1)

Venue: Central Coast Stadium

Crowd: none due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Warriors 12 St George Illawarra 6

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Ben Hunt

2 points - Roger Tuivasa-Sheck

1 points - Paul Vaughan

OUR REPORT with ANDREW JACKSON

Norman redeems himself as Dragons win golden-point epic

The St George Illawarra Dragons have pulled off a great escape for the ages as Corey Norman redeemed himself with the match-winning field goal in a 19-18 win.

Norman missed all four of his attempts at conversion but slotted the one point in a frustrating game in which neither side were able to land the final blow.

In reality though it appeared the Warriors had long landed that final blow as they stormed to a 18-6 lead heading into the final 10 minutes. That was when the Dragons breathed fire after a largely inept start to the second half. An unnecessary offload from Addin Fonua-Blake proved a turning point late as Dufty put Gerard Beale over. The Warriors then inexplicably failed to clean up a Jack Bird grubber as the Dragons centre pounced to reduce the margin to four. The Dragons then forced a late dropout and caused a boilover as Cody Ramsey raced over on the siren to level the scores.

Norman missed every conversion in the game, meaning it went to golden point despite the away side scoring one more try.

The Warriors continued to lose their way and it was a Roger Tuivasa-Sheck error that handed the Dragons the win.

For the majority of the game Dragons fans were left disheartened, wondering if only the entire team played with the heart of halfback Ben Hunt. It is a sentiment that will still linger in the Red V faithful regardless of the late flurry of points. From scoring their only try of the opening half to relentless chasing a Corey Norman kick to force a dropout and coming up with a try-saving tackle soon after - Hunt did all he could while Paul Vaughan and Matt Dufty also did more than enough.

The Warriors though proved a far more cohesive and determined unit as a whole in a crucial victory. It was far closer than Nathan Brown would have liked though, with the Dragons scoring two quick-fire tries as Norman's wayward goal-kicking proved the difference.

The Dragons had all the running early with the error-prone and ill-disciplined Warriors failing to build any real pressure. Hunt, who impressed a fortnight ago against Canberra, was once again taking it upon himself to dictate terms for the away side. He ran for 85 metres and forced two drop outs in the opening half while also scoring the Dragons' only try of the opening 40 minutes. It came after he took the ball right up to the line and linked with Paul Vaughan who then offloaded for the Dragons halfback who was backing up in support.

Vaughan was enormous in the opening half as he ran for 154 metres.

The Warriors really came to life in the final 10 minutes of the half though, with Wayde Egan exposing a poor defensive effort from Norman to score the home team's first. Chad Townsend then turned it inside for a rampaging Eliesa Katoa to charge over for the second of the night. Townsend had some classy touches early off the boot but struggled after appearing to injure his shoulder early in the half.

The Warriors carried the momentum into the second, playing a fast-paced and up-tempo style of footy that had the Dragons forwards retreating. It eventually led to points as Egan put Bunty Afoa over to extend the lead to 12.

Hunt continued to try and desperately get the Dragons into the contest again, relentlessly chasing down a Norman kick midway through the second to force a dropout. The errors though continued to pile up as the Dragons struggled to build the same sort of pressure they had in the first.

We all know what happened from there though.

The Warriors though may be counting the costs of the defeat. Tohu Harris failed an HIA test and also had a shoulder issue while Katoa also came off with a shoulder concern and eventually failed to finish after initially returning. The Warriors play the Sharks next week while the Dragons have the bye.

Friday | **PENRITH 13 PARRAMATTA 12**



PENRITH PANTHERS (13)

Tries: Tyrone May, Apisai Koroisau

Field Goals: Matt Burton (1/1)

Conversions: Stephen Crichton (2/2)

PARRAMATTA EELS (12)

Tries: Maika Sivo, Isaiah Papali'i

Conversions: Mitchell Moses (1/2); **Penalty Goals:** Mitchell Moses (1/2)

Venue: BlueBet Stadium

Crowd: none due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Penrith 6 Parramatta 4

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Apisai Koroisau

2 points - Isaiah Papali'i

1 points - Brian To'o

OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE

Burton nails last minute field goal as Panthers hold off Eels

A last-minute Matt Burton field goal has given the Panthers a thrilling 13-12 win over their bitter rivals Parramatta at BlueBet Stadium tonight.

In dramatic scenes following Burton's successful field goal, Eels halfback and Blues contender Mitchell Moses was given a chance to win the game on the siren, after Panthers backrower Liam Martin was penalised for taking Parramatta winger Haze Dunster off the ball from the ensuing kickoff. Unfortunately for Moses and the Eels his shot drifted wide, allowing Penrith to escape with a dramatic victory and give them a four-point buffer in second place from the Eels on the NRL ladder. It was a shattering moment for Moses, who despite the miss remains a warm favourite to replace the injured Nathan Cleary in the Blues side for Origin III following a solid performance for the Eels despite the tense defeat.

Penrith will breathe a huge sigh of relief, as their attack clearly struggle without the regular number 7, but coach Ivan Cleary will be pleased with the resilience his side showed in a real arm wrestle against fellow premiership contenders in Parramatta.

All eyes were on the home side pre-match who were without their superstar halfback Nathan Cleary missing from the starting line up and the Panthers weren't themselves early in the match, making an uncharacteristic five handling errors in the first 20 minutes. Eels winger Maika Sivo then took advantage of the mountain of possession, when skipper Clint Gutherson scooped up at Mitchell Moses kick for Sivo to muscle his way over in the corner and give his side a 4-0 lead following Moses' missed conversion from the sideline.

Returning Panthers winger Brent Naden then gave his side a swing in momentum, when he snatched an intercept and made his way inside his own attacking zone. Off the back of the break from Naden, makeshift half Tyrone May then took the ball to the line and beat Eels backrower Isaiah Papali'i with a show and go to score and get his side back in the match. Stephen Crichton then converted to give Penrith an unlikely lead at the break despite their low completion rate and lack of field position.

After the break, the Eels wrestled back momentum when Mitchell Moses put up a bomb on the last which Panthers fullback Charlie Staines opted to let the ball bounce. It was a horrendous decision, which saw the ball bounce into the arms of a rampaging Isaiah Papali'i to score under the posts and get the Eels back in front by 10-6 following Moses' conversion.

The Panthers then fought back again, when Jarome Luai offloaded close to the line and found Apisai Koroisau in support and the crafty hooker then made a dash to the try line to score and give his side the lead back. Panthers interchange forward Spencer Leniu then caught the attention of the referee, when he was penalised twice in as many sets, for stripping the ball in the tackle. It proved costly and allowed Mitch Moses a penalty goal to level the scores with 20 minutes remaining.

The game continued to see-saw, until Panthers behemoth Villiame Kikau looked certain to score until Eels skipper Gutherson somehow got his body underneath the ball to hold him up over the line saving a certain try. Gutherson then went from hero to villain when he was penalised for a blatant forward pass from dummy half with the game in the balance. Fortunately for the Eels skipper, Matt Burton's shot at field goal hit the post and the game was still tied with minutes remaining. Matt Burton off the back of a strong last ditch run from his hooker Koroisau then made no mistake when given his second opportunity to give his side a 13-12 lead with a minute remaining.

Moses was then given one last chance to snatch the victory but unfortunately for Brad Arthur's men it was not to be and the Panthers held on for a morale boosting win over the fierce rivals at home.

Saturday | **MANLY-WARRINGAH 66 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 0**



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (0)

No scorers

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (66)

Tries: Reuben Garrick (2), Tom Trbojevic (3), Toafofoa Siple (2), Karl Lawton, Jason Saab (3)

Conversions: Reuben Garrick (11/11)

Venue: Bankwest Stadium

Crowd: none due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Canterbury-Bankstown 0 Manly-Warringah 36

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Tom Trbojevic

2 points - Jason Saab

1 points - Daly Cherry-Evans

OUR REPORT with LACHY MacCORQUODALE

Manly embarrass the Bulldogs in a 66-point drubbing

A first half hat trick from star fullback Tom Trbojevic put the Bulldogs out of the contest in the early stages of the match. In the opening half an hour the Sea Eagles had scored five tries to the Bulldogs nil.

A left sided shift presented the Sea Eagles with their first try of the afternoon as Trbojevic passed out wide to Garrick who had acres of space to run ahead and score in the corner. Trbojevic then grabbed his first of the afternoon with a textbook right-hand shift that has proved to be a real weapon for the Sea Eagles this season. All three of Trbojevic's tries involved a right edge shift with the ball going through the hands of both Daly Cherry-Evans and Jason Saab.

Manly's other two tries came through Toafofoa Siple who scored his first and second tries of his career this afternoon as he proved too strong and powerful for the Bulldogs to stop from close range.

After piling on 36 points in the opening term, the Sea Eagles weren't content with just that. They did start slowly in the second half but quickly found their highest gear as they scored five tries from the 48th to the 73rd minute. It was an outstanding performance from the Sea Eagles who recorded their largest win in the club's history. It also happens to be the tied sixth largest winning margin of all time and the largest win by any club since the Warriors beat Souths by 66 points in 2006.

Winger Jason Saab was the star of the second half as he scored a hat trick for himself after assisting two tries in the opening 40 minutes. Saab's hat trick came in the space of nine minutes and showcased all his best talents as he was able to use his afterburners to great effect.

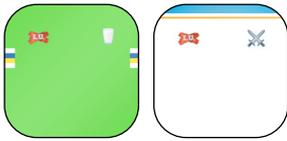
It was a tough afternoon for the Bulldogs, who already had a large number of players out through a combination of COVID isolation and injury. They never looked like scoring and with only 44 per cent of the possession it was always going to be hard for the Bulldogs to test Manly this afternoon. They couldn't get any momentum together in attack and the inexperience of their side showed as they now sit in last place on the competition ladder as the Broncos move ahead on point differential.

Reuben Garrick deserves a special mention for scoring 30 individual points in this clash, taking his tally to 58 over the course of his past two fixtures. It also equals the record for the most individual points in a game for Manly, now joining Ron Rowles and Matthew Ridge who scored 30 points in 1954 and 1996 respectively.

Manly now move into fifth place on the competition ladder, overtaking the Roosters for the first time this season and they now sit just four points behind the Rabbitohs.

NRL: ROUND 16 WRAP

Saturday | GOLD COAST 44 CANBERRA 6



CANBERRA RAIDERS (6)

Tries: Sam Williams

Conversions: Jarrod Croker (1/1)

GOLD COAST TITANS (44)

Tries: David Fifita, Jamal Fogarty, Kevin Proctor (2), Moeaki Fotuaika, Brian Kelly, Patrick Herbert, Phillip Sami

Conversions: Jamal Fogarty (6/8)

Venue: GIO Stadium Canberra

Crowd: 7646

Halftime Score: Canberra 0 Gold Coast 22

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Ashley Taylor

2 points - Jamal Fogarty

1 points - David Fifita

OUR REPORT with ADAM HUXTABLE

Terrific Titans put Raiders rabble to the sword in Canberra

The Gold Coast Titans have equalled their club record for points scored and winning margin with a 44-6 win over the Raiders in Canberra.

Despite the lopsided scoreline it ended up being, the match started as an arm wrestle, with the Titans defence putting in a much improved showing compared to recent weeks. The Raiders were winning the field position battle, with Josh Papalii taking 18 carries inside the opening 20 minutes while offloading the ball a number of times as well.

However, once the Titans got some momentum, they were able to take full advantage, with Ash Taylor first putting in a kick that saw Simonsson bundled into touch. In the ensuing set, David Fifita got the ball relatively flat footed but was able to power over Sam Williams and then prove too strong for Corey Harawira-Naera and Sebastian Kris to score the first try of the match.

8 minutes later, David Fifita was sent to the sin bin for making late contact on Sam Williams and the Raiders looked primed to hit back against 12 men. It wasn't to be, with Elliot Whitehead knocking on. The mistake gave AJ Brimson the chance to manufacture a try on his own, and he did so by making a break downfield to give his team momentum, before throwing a peach of a pass to put his captain Kevin Proctor over the line.

At that point, the Raiders were only down 10-0 and had a period of 8 minutes left against 12 men. You wouldn't know it however, with the Titans again making a break downfield, this time courtesy of Ash Taylor. He was pulled down, but it counted for naught, as Moeaki Fotuaika picked and went from dummy half to score the Titans third.

It went from bad to worse for the Green machine before the break, with Jamal Fogarty taking possession off a scrum win and pinning the ears back, burning Seb Kris and fending off Sam Williams to score a try that was in the top 3 softest of the night. The Titans lead 22-0 at half time.

The second half picked up where the first left off, with Valemei forced to take the ball dead in the 42nd minute and give the Titans a repeat set. They took advantage, with Ash Taylor getting another try assist by grubbering for Brian Kelly, who made no mistake.

Off the very next set, the Raiders gave away a penalty, and the Titans compounded their misery. Fogarty put in a cross-field kick on the last that Jarrod Croker tried to knock dead. The ball bounced at a 90 degree angle though, sitting up perfectly for Kevin Proctor to score his first try double since 2015.

The Raiders were finally able to get off the mark in the 58th minute, with Jordan Rapana coming in at dummy half to put the milestone man Sam Williams over for a try in his 100th game.

That was where the good times ended for the Raiders, with Jamal Fogarty throwing a sublime right to left cutout pass to put Phil Sami over just 4 minutes later. A try at the death to Patrick Herbert pushed the margin out to 38.

Next week, the Raiders play Manly at the newly named 4 Pines Park in Brookvale, while the Titans have a bye.

Saturday | NEWCASTLE 38 NORTH QUEENSLAND 0



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (38)

Tries: Kalyn Ponga (2), Jacob Saifiti, Connor Watson (2), Dominic Young (2)

Conversions: Jake Clifford (5/7)

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (0)

No scorers

Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium

Crowd: 7610

Halftime Score: Newcastle 22 North Queensland 0

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Kalyn Ponga

2 points - Mitchell Pearce

1 points - Jake Clifford

OUR REPORT with JOSH ROBERTSON

Knights turn on the style in Cowboys shut out

The Newcastle Knights have turned on the style as they took an impressive 38-0 victory at McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle.

The Cowboys defence looked to be in a different place from the get go and a loose ball off a last tackle kick found Dominic Young who was able to find the returning Kalyn Ponga who scored. Jake Clifford missed his first conversion of the night.

North Queensland would definitely take the award for disallowed try of the year when Hamiso Tabulai-Fidow almost pulled off one of the tries of the century when he was able to get on the outside of the Knights defence and kicked the ball back infield and despite being miles outside the field, he got back in only to be pushed into touch at the last moment denying the try.

That was the only bright light for the Cowboys who looked disinterested and a step behind the Knights all night and that was on show when Jacob Saifiti was able to crash over to extend the Newcastle lead following Jake Clifford's conversion.

Just after the 20-minute mark, Dominic Young was able to get over the line however, it was very quickly rejected by the bunker with an obvious double movement ruled. The Knights continued to dominate as the as Kurt Mann took an uncontested catch off a Mitchell Pearce kick before offloading to Connor Watson who got his first try of the night.

Kalyn Ponga's remarkable return from injury continued as he scored a second try after the Knights made easy metres through Dominic Young yet again before the potential Jamaican international found KP for his second. The Knights continued to attack in the first half but couldn't get over for anymore points and took a 22-0 lead into the break.

The lack of enthusiasm from the Cowboys was on show

and despite some potential bright sparks early on, their play was lacklustre and predictable.

The Knights attack picked up from where it left off and they added to their lead just after the hour mark when Kalyn Ponga created something out of nothing when Ponga broke through some soft defence and found Dominic Young to score his first.

Not long afterwards, Dominic Young was able to cross again after some luck and good work from the Knights and Kalyn Ponga after Kurt Mann tapped the ball backwards off a kick before finding Kalyn Ponga who kicked across field to an unmarked Dominic Young who scored his second.

Just shy of the fulltime siren, the Knights added their final try of the night when Connor Watson scored under the posts after a short ball from Mitchell Pearce.

The Knights have the bye next weekend before heading to Melbourne to play the Storm whilst the Cowboys take on the South Sydney Rabbitohs before hosting the Roosters.

Sunday | BRISBANE 26 CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 18



BRISBANE BRONCOS (26)
Tries: Alex Glenn, Tesi Niu (2), Ethan Bullemor, Jesse Arthurs
Conversions: Jamayne Isaako (3/5)
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (18)
Tries: Aiden Tolman, Connor Tracey (2)
Conversions: Shaun Johnson (3/3)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium
Crowd: 13840
Halftime Score: Brisbane 12 Cronulla-Sutherland 12
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
 3 points - Payne Haas
 2 points - Tyson Gamble
 1 points - Will Kennedy

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Broncos produce boilover against shambolic Sharks

Brisbane Broncos won their fourth game of the season against a disappointed Cronulla Sharks outfit, 26-18 this afternoon at Lang Park.

Playing a rare daytime contest, the Broncos produced their best performance of the season to down the finals chasing Sharks in a five tries to three success to give themselves some breathing room as they look to avoid the wooden spoon.

From the opening set where they muscled up, the Broncos looked in a mood this afternoon. Buoyed by some superb defense early in the contest, the Broncos showed some grit which has been

lacking in parts this season, drawing level thrice before they ran in two tries in the last 15 minutes to secure the win.

Broncos skipper Alex Glenn got the home side on the board after the hairy's comet of rugby league, Aidan Tolman opened the scoring for the Sharks. Brisbane briefly hit the front when Tesi Niu finished off a raid on the right before Connor Tracey made sure it was 12-all at the break.

The second half was back and forth between two sides desperate to get the win. Brisbane snuck ahead through Ethan Bullemor who rampaged onto a delightful pass from Man of the Match Payne Haas then the Sharks bit back through Tracey's second from some wonderful work from William Kennedy.

From there, the Broncos stampeded all over the Sharks. Niu created a highlight reel moment. The young fullback broke one tackle and raced the length of the field despite the attention of

Mulitalo to complete his double, putting Brisbane ahead 22-18.

Jesse Arthurs who started on the bench came on after a fine return performance from Kotoni Staggs gave the Broncos a buffer in the 65th minute. He chewed up the metres and the slack defense of the Sharks to make it 26-18.

There was some brief late fight from the Sharks but they were clearly second best tonight. It was left to some of the younger members of the squad in Kennedy, Tracey and Braydon Trindall who showed some spirit while the only time Jesse Ramien fired up was after being stunned by Tyson Gamble.

Ramien was involved in one of the more interesting bunker calls of the season. He looked to have scored the opening try after sprinting away from a forward pass. The bunker intervened and decided that the bat-on was forward which saved the touch judges blushes.

Sunday | SOUTH SYDNEY 38 WESTS TIGERS 22



WESTS TIGERS (22)
Tries: Adam Doueihi (2), Daine Laurie, David Nofaloama
Conversions: Adam Doueihi (3/4)
SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (38)
Tries: Taane Milne, Cody Walker, Alex Johnston (2), Campbell Graham (2), Cameron Murray; **Conversions:** Adam Reynolds (5/7);
Penalty Goals: Adam Reynolds (0/1)

Venue: Leichhardt Oval
Crowd: none due to COVID-19 restrictions
Halftime Score: Wests Tigers 0 South Sydney 26
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
 3 points - Cody Walker
 2 points - Alex Johnston
 1 points - Thomas Burgess

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Rabbitohs savage toothless Tigers

A first half demolition has paved the way for the South Sydney Rabbitohs to move into third position with a 38-22 victory over the Wests Tigers.

Scoring seven tries to four in their first appearance at Leichhardt Oval since 2007, the Rabbitohs were never troubled in a match played behind closed doors due to COVID-19 restrictions. Keeping the scoreboard ticking over during the opening exchanges with tries to Taane Milne (2nd minute) and Cody Walker (8th minute), a third four-pointer to Alex Johnston

(16th minute) put the visitors up 16-0 in equal time.

Appearing to extend the lead after Adam Reynolds strolled through the Tigers' non-existent goal-line defence, the Rabbitohs captain had a moment destined to end up on blooper reels for years to come by putting his foot on the dead ball line before grounding the ball. Resuming the flow of points with Johnston (29th minute) claiming his second to draw level with Josh Addo-Carr as the league's leading try-scorer, a fifth try to Campbell Graham (33rd minute) sent the foundation club to the sheds up 26-0.

Content to play out the second half at a lesser intensity, the Rabbitohs were made to pay for a poor defensive read from

Milne as Adam Doueihi (46th minute) raced into open space to avoid the ignominy of a shutout.

Giving the faintest impression of a comeback after a determined charge from Daine Laurie narrowed the margin to 26-10, that was as close as it got as Graham (66th minute) embarrassed the home side with a gliding run off a scrum.

Posting a consolation effort through Doueihi (69th minute) only for Cameron Murray (72nd minute) to respond minutes later, a length of the field intercept from David Nofaloama (76th minute) rounded out a bitterly disappointing afternoon for the joint venture.

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Round 16 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
Daniel SULUKA-FIFITA	Sydney	Dangerous Contact - other - 1	Cameron Munster	100	2 non-similar priors (+40%)	0	140	105	Guilty - early plea	1 match	5
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	Sydney	Contrary Conduct - 1	In a melee	\$1500	1 similar, 1 non-similar (+70%)	N/A	\$2550	\$1900	Guilty at judiciary	\$2550	N/A
Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	Canterbury	Crusher Tackle - 1	Morgan Harper	200	1 similar (+50%)	10	310	235	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	35
Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	Canterbury	Dangerous Contact - other - 1	Martin Taupau	100	2 similar (+100%)	0	200	150	Guilty - early plea	1 match	50
David FIFITA	Gold Coast	Dangerous Contact - other - 1	Sam Williams	100	2 non-similar (+40%)	0	140	105	Guilty at judiciary	1 match	40
Valentine HOLMES	North Qld	Dangerous Contact - head/neck - 1	Kalyn Ponga	\$1500	1 non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Jack WILLIAMS	Cronulla	Contrary Conduct - 1	Payne Haas	\$1500	1 non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A

2021 NRL DRAW

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

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

2021 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

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

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

0-46 McD. Jones 7:50pm
18-19* C. Coast 6:00pm
13-12 Bluebet 7:55pm
0-66 Bankwest 3:00pm
6-44 GIO 5:30pm
38-0 McD. Jones 7:35pm
26-18 Suncorp 2:00pm
22-38 Leichhardt 4:05pm

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 Wests Tigers, Gold Coast

4 Pines Park 7:50pm
McDonald Jones 7:55pm
Bankwest 7:35pm
Netstrata Jubilee 4:05pm

July 14

NSW v QLD

McDonald Jones 8:10pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

McDonald Jones 7:50pm
GIO Stadium 6:00pm
Bankwest 7:55pm
Central Coast 3:00pm
SCG 5:30pm
4 Pines Park 7:35pm
Belmore 2:00pm
Cbus Super 4:05pm

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

Women in League Round
AAMI Park 7:50pm
WIN Stadium 6:00pm
Suncorp 7:55pm
Central Coast 3:00pm
QLD Country Bank 5:30pm
4 Pines Park 7:35pm
Mt Smart Stadium 2:00pm
Netstrata Jubilee 4:05pm

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

Cbus Super 7:50pm
GIO Stadium 6:00pm
Bluebet Stadium 7:55pm
Scully Park, Tamworth 3:00pm
Stadium Australia 5:30pm
Bankwest 7:35pm
Netstrata Jubilee 2:00pm
Suncorp 4:05pm

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

McDonald Jones 7:50pm
Central Coast 6:00pm
SCG 7:55pm
WIN Stadium 3:00pm
Netstrata Jubilee 5:30pm
AAMI Park 7:35pm
4 Pines Park 2:00pm
Bluebet Stadium 4:05pm

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

GIO Stadium 7:50pm
Netstrata Jubilee 6:00pm
Bankwest 7:55pm
Suncorp 3:00pm
QLD Country Bank 5:30pm
Stadium Australia 7:35pm
Cbus Super 2:00pm
Campbelltown 4:05pm

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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