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From the editor

Tim Costello

Good week to be a Queenslander, eh?

An Origin win to wrap up the series on Wednesday, coupled with an exodus of NRL teams to their state and wall-to-wall footy likely each weekend for what could be the rest of the season.

It's a tough time for those in Sydney and even regional NSW with lockdowns and restrictions wreaking havoc for the second straight year.

We've got the lowdown from the NRL and PRLMO over the page on what that means for the upcoming weeks of the competition.

You can also check out a full review of Wednesday's Origin finale as well as the full program for the Round ahead - assuming nothing changes before we reach it!

Stay safe - wherever you are - and happy reading!



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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

COVID-19 DRAMA FORCES CLUBS TO FLEE TO QUEENSLAND

We're back here again.

Just over 13 months on from the resumption of the NRL 2020 season, the future of the NRL's showpiece competition - the Telstra Premiership - is on the rocks again. The Greater Sydney COVID-19 situation has forced 12 clubs up the Pacific Highway to the sunshine state. Even as we prepare to publish this weekend's edition of *The Front Row*, there's growing uncertainty about at least one of the upcoming NRL Round 18 fixtures - in a sign that things change so rapidly in this COVID-engulfed scenario it's hard to predict what's next.

Here's what we know so far - thanks to an NRL media release:

Two double headers will headline the updated schedule for Round 18 of the NRL Telstra Premiership after the relocation of NSW and ACT teams to Southeast Queensland.

Match-ups from the original Round 18 schedule will remain the same, but the locations for four games have changed.

The updated schedule will feature two double headers, on Friday at Cbus Super Stadium and Sunday at Suncorp Stadium. The Melbourne Storm will also return to AAMI Park on Saturday night.

"We have moved as quickly as possible to provide certainty to our Clubs, fans and partners," NRL Chief Executive Andrew Abdo said.

"Two double headers across the weekend is an exciting outcome for our fans in Queensland, it gives them an opportunity to see four teams at one venue, in one day.

"I'm particularly pleased that Storm fans, who have been starved of rugby league, will have the opportunity to watch the Storm take on the Knights live at AAMI Park on Saturday night.

"I'd like to thank all Club staff and players for their monumental efforts so far.

"We are continuing the biggest logistical operation our game has ever faced, moving teams and families into their Southeast Queensland hubs over the coming days. We hope to ensure as little disruption to the Clubs and to the competition as possible.

"I'd also like to acknowledge the support of the Queensland Government for their guidance and efforts to support the relocation of our matches, as well as the Victorian Government who will be allowing the Storm to play at AAMI Park."

The schedule announcement comes alongside confirmation of hubs in Southeast Queensland for the 12 relocated teams:

- Gold Coast (Bulldogs, Eels, Rabbitohs, Raiders, Warriors)
- Brisbane (Dragons, Sharks, Wests Tigers)
- Sunshine Coast (Knights, Panthers, Roosters, Sea Eagles)

The updated Round 18 Schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, JULY 16

Titans v Eels, Cbus Super Stadium (Fox), 6pm
Sea Eagles v Dragons, Cbus Super Stadium (Nine/Fox), 8.05pm

SATURDAY, JULY 17

Raiders v Sharks, Cbus Super Stadium (Fox), 3pm
Cowboys v Roosters, QCB Stadium (Fox), 5.30pm
Storm v Knights, AAMI Park (Fox), 7.35pm

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Warriors v Panthers, Suncorp Stadium (Fox), 1.50pm
Broncos v Tigers, Suncorp Stadium (Nine/Fox), 4.05pm
Rabbitohs v Bulldogs, Cbus Super Stadium (Fox), 6.15pm

Clubs relocated to the Gold Coast is made possible with the support of the City of Gold Coast and their Sport Business and Attraction Program.

Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate said the city had a long history supporting rugby league.

"Our support for the league goes back decades in this city and we are honoured to be able to help the NRL keep season 2021 alive," he said.

"The deal to secure a 'home base' for the clubs, their support staff and administrators came through the exceptional work of our City Sport Attraction program. We can always make it happen."

REFS HEAD NORTH AS THE GAME MUST GO ON

from the PRLMO Inc

This week the NRL is facing one of the greatest logistical challenges in its history, as 12 clubs converge on the sunshine state to keep the competition alive. As all of the Sydney-based clubs, along with the Raiders, Knights and Warriors, prepare to make the move, the game's whistle blowers are also packing their bags.

Earlier in the week, the fulltime match officials were advised they would have to leave their Sydney-based homes and follow the clubs to the safe haven of Queensland. For many, this means saying goodbye to partners, children, family and friends, a sacrifice they are willing to make to ensure the sustainability of the competition.

"We'll have twenty officials and five staff making the trip up to Queensland tomorrow afternoon and they will be based in Brisbane for the foreseeable future" said NRL General Manager of Elite Officiating Jared Maxwell.

"The NRL will facilitate the travel and accommodation of immediate family to ensure our officials can have their support network around them.

"These family members will have to do 14 days of hotel quarantine separately but will then be able to join the officials and be there for them throughout this period."

Maxwell acknowledged the importance of the rugby league community working through this period together and praised the willingness of the match officials to again play their part.

"Our squad members have proven they are resilient and adaptable. They are rugby league fans who love what they do. Their focus remains on doing a good job across the remaining rounds of the competition.

"I'd particularly like to thank the NRL and the ARLC for the empathy and support they have shown by their willingness to include families of our officials."

NRL match official Kasey Badger echoed Maxwell's sentiments.

"You don't start refereeing, and stay

refereeing for such a long time, unless you genuinely love the game," she said.

"It's that love for the game that makes us all want to contribute in ensuring the competition continues.

"We are very supportive of the decision the game has made and recognise the hard work that is going on behind the scenes to make this move happen.

"We hope to play our part in ensuring the season continues uninterrupted, and hopefully the NRL can provide some entertainment for fans in the community who are doing it tough at the moment."

Leading whistle blower Grant Atkins will already be in Queensland as the standby referee for tomorrow night's final State of Origin. He now faces the prospect of an indefinite stay.

"As a group, we understand the importance of serving the game the best we can for the remainder of the season," Atkins said.

"Many of us are leaving behind partners and children, which is incredibly difficult, however, the support of our families should never be underestimated."

Speaking about leaving his two young daughters in Sydney, Atkins said, "It's heartbreaking to be honest, but kids have a level of understanding that often blows my mind."

Chairman of the PRLMO Silvio Del Vecchio reflected on what is an anxious time for many.

"This is unlike anything the game has ever faced," he said.

"Our members have always been committed to ensuring the game can continue.

"This move will be a huge sacrifice. Some will leave behind young families and even pregnant partners, but they know these are unprecedented times and the decision to move was very much a necessary one for the game."

Del Vecchio thanked the NRL for supporting the officials and allowing families to travel where possible.

"I want to sincerely thank Jared Maxwell, Gavin Reynolds, and the team at the NRL for making this process as smooth as possible in difficult circumstances.

"The refereeing department are a small group, but they are working tirelessly, and are also having to leave their families behind to relocate. As fans of the game, that deserves our acknowledgement and appreciation.

STATE OF ORIGIN III WRAP

Wednesday | NEW SOUTH WALES v QUEENSLAND



NEW SOUTH WALES (18)

Tries: Latrell Mitchell, Jack Wighton, Apisai Koroisau

Conversions: Latrell Mitchell (3/3)

Penalty Goals: Latrell Mitchell (0/1)

QUEENSLAND (20)

Tries: Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, Ben Hunt (2)

Conversions: Valentine Holmes (1/1), Daly Cherry-Evans

(2/2); **Penalty Goals:** Valentine Holmes (1/1)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 26307

Halftime Score: New South Wales 6 Queensland 8

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Ben Hunt

2 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui

1 points - Payne Haas

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Maroons save face and win game 3 thriller

Queensland Maroons have avoided a bluewash in a 20-18 success against the New South Wales Blues tonight at Robina.

It has been a weird Origin series, but it came down to an old maxim in passion. Queensland dug deep led 8-6 at halftime then held on in a frantic finish to hold off the Blues and avoid being swept by the Blues side tonight.

Into the starting side for the first time this series, Ben Hunt, was the key man for the Maroons tonight. The Dragons playmaker scored twice in the second half, once through a burrowed effort then off a long range break to make it 20-12 to the Maroons.

For the first time in this year's Origin, the Maroons went ahead after four minutes when Valentine Holmes sent over a penalty goal. The Maroons had a period just before the break where they could've opened up the game but couldn't break down the Blues. Their only four-pointer in the first half came from Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow after the break was made by Tino Fa'asuamaleaui.

The change in the halves made the usually slick Blues attack look much

more clunky in their execution. At points, James Tedesco looked more like the halfback than both Mitch Moses and Jack Wighton. The Blues only points in the first half was through a rampaging run from Latrell Mitch to draw back within two points.

Coming out in the second half, the Blues knew they needed a spark and it came through Wighton sliced through the defense and planted the ball down to make it 12-8 to the side searching for the series sweep. Wighton tried his heart out for the side but the final pass kept going to ground.

It was a big job for both Wighton and Moses to replace the Panthers halves. They weren't at their best tonight and the service to the backline wasn't crisp but both still had moments in the contest which will hold them in good stead for their next opportunity.

Queensland Maroons stuck in the fight and two moments of brilliance from Hunt helped them home. Another key contributor was the returning fullback Kalyn Ponga who was strong with the ball all night and created the movement for Hunt's second. Paul Green closes out his first series as Maroons coach with a morale boosting win.

For the Blues, they will be disappointed to not complete the sweep but they still get to lift the shield. Tom Trbojevic was awarded the Wally Lewis Medal for his outstanding work across the series but tonight gives coach Brad Fittler something to aim for next season.

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Round 17 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
Taane MILNE	Souths	Careless High Tackle - 1	Reece Robson	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty-early plea	\$1150	N/A
Liam KNIGHT	Souths	Dangerous Contact - head/neck - 1	Tom Dearden	\$1500	2 non-similar (+40%)	0	\$2100	\$1600	Guilty-early plea	\$1600	N/A
Heilum LUKI	North Qld	Careless High Tackle - 2	Peter Mamouzelos	200	None	N/A	200	150	Guilty-early plea	1 match	50

MATCH CENTRE: WEEKEND RESULTS

QRL INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 13

Burleigh Bears 28 Tries: Josh Rogers 2, Andre Niko 2, Conor Carey; Goals: Josh Rogers 4 **def Tweed Seagulls 22** Tries: Brayden McGrady 3, Will Brimson; Goals: Lindon McGrady 3 at Pizzey Park --/-- **Sunshine Coast Falcons 26** Tries: Luke Polselli 2, Campbell Duffy, Todd Murphy; Goals: Todd Murphy 5 **def PNG Hunters 12** Tries: Benji Kott 2; Goals: Ase Boas 2 at Sunshine Coast Stadium --/-- **Ipswich Jets 32** Tries: Ben White 2, Ratu Jope Rotavisoro, Jordan Carriera, Blake Lenehan; Goals: Josh Cleeland 6 **def Brisbane Tigers 20** Tries: Kea Pere 2, Darren Nicholls; Goals: Brayden Torpy 4 at Totally Workwear Stadium --/-- **Townsville Blackhawks 30** Tries: Sam Hoare, Jordan Kenworthy, Patrick Kaufusi, Sam Murphy, Bacho Salam; Goals: Shaun Nona 5 **def Northern Pride 26** Tries: Nick Lui-Toso, Grant Anderson, Terrence-Casey Douglas, Denzel King, Lata Fakaletu; Goals: Tom Steadman 3 at Barlow Park --/-- **Mackay Cutters 20** Tries: Kell Jenner, Josh Smith, Jesse Dee; Goals: Jack Quinn 3, Brandon Finnigan **def CQ Capras 18** Tries: Jake Maizen, Nixon Putt, Jedidiah Simbiken; Goals: Blake Moore 3 at BB Print Stadium Mackay --/-- **Redcliffe Dolphins 40** Tries: Jayden Nikorima 2, Junior Ratvu, Peesi Kepu, Ryan Turner, Samual Elara, Trai Fuller; Goals: Justin Worley 6 **def Wynnum Manly Seagulls 34** Tries: Edward Burns 2, Zeb Taia, Mathew Lyons, Harrison Graham, Jack Campagnolo; Goals: Jack Campagnolo 5 at Moreton Daily Stadium --/-- **Norths Devils 46** Tries: Jonathon Reuben 2, Moses Noovao-McGreal, Tony Tumusa, Leivaha Pulu, Jack Ahearn, Michael Molo, Rashaun Denny; Goals: Jack Miers 3, Connor Broadhurst 2 **def Souths Logan Magpies 4** Tries: Creedence Toia at Bishop Park

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Norths	12	11	1	0	370	224	146	22
2	Wynnum Manly	12	10	2	0	409	240	169	20
3	Tweed	12	8	3	1	312	260	52	17
4	Burleigh	12	8	4	0	317	230	87	16
5	Redcliffe	12	8	4	0	304	282	22	16
6	Townsville	12	7	5	0	338	248	90	14
7	Souths Logan	12	7	5	0	370	316	54	14
8	Northern Pride	12	6	4	2	256	267	-11	14
9	SC Falcons	12	6	6	0	314	286	28	12
10	Brisbane	12	3	9	0	242	302	-60	6
11	PNG Hunters	12	3	9	0	244	347	-103	6
12	Ipswich	12	2	9	1	259	387	-128	5
13	Mackay	12	2	10	0	214	388	-174	4
14	CQ Capras	12	0	10	2	195	367	-172	2

QRL U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - ROUND 11

Sunshine Coast Falcons 64 Tries: Pat McGinn 2, Jaiden Zanchetta 2, Gian Largiader, Kaleb Sutton, Jake Zammit, Nick Ellems, Jack Aiken, Blake Wilson, Zach Miles; Goals: Jai Smoothy 5, John McLaughlin 3 **def Western Mustangs 12** Tries: Matt Butler; Brandon Clarke; Goals: Matt Wilson 2 at Sunshine Coast Stadium --/-- **Brisbane Tigers 40** Tries: Solomona Faataape 2, Jude Saldanha 2, Harry Farimbella, Bailey Bartley, Jacob Reedy-Bartlett, Lachlan West; Goals: Jonah Glover 4 **def Ipswich Jets 18** Tries: Joseph Ross, Nathan Stephensen, Lochlan Turnbull, Josiah Mauga; Goals: Lochlan Turnbull 1 at Totally Workwear Stadium --/-- **Townsville Blackhawks 54** Tries: Jordan Lipp 2, Jake Bourke 3, Jesse Yallop, Dylan White, Jacson Lott, Mitch Fogarty, Zinzaan Martin; Goals: Zac Laybutt 6, Dylan White 1 **def Northern Pride 6** Tries: Taniela Ta'ua'ou; Goals: Zane Knowles 1 at Barlow Park --/-- **Tweed Seagulls 38** Tries: James Torrens 2, Troy Duckett, Solomon Torrens, Tyler Han, Jack Cullen; Goals: James Torrens 4, Tyler Han 1 **def Burleigh Bears 22** Tries: Vaka Sikahale 2, Tyler Mahon, Isaac Matalavea-Booth; Goals: Cameron Brown 3 at Pizzey Park --/-- **Mackay Cutters 54** Tries: Taine Browne 2, Blake Paskins 2, Sean Dalton, Paul Bryan, Ethan Borg, Harley Proctor, Arthur Miller-Stephen, Henri Stocks; Goals: Henri Stocks 7 **def CQ Capras 16** Tries: Laish Salam 2, Harlem Russell; Goals: Peyton Jenkins 2 at BB Print Stadium Mackay --/-- **Wynnum Manly Seagulls 30** Tries: Ethan Malt, Jacob Sturt-Tobin, Ben Farr, Will Parslow, Caius Faatili; Goals: Braden Whittaker 5 **def Redcliffe Dolphins 16** Tries: Logan Cox, Toby Elliott, Harrison McIndoe; Goals: William Fakatoumafi 1, Sam Thompson 1 at Moreton Daily Stadium --/-- **Souths Logan Magpies 30** Tries: Fa'ata'ape Timai 2, Lance Bagon, Denzel Samoa, Byron Johnson, Jack Canning; Goals: Byron Johnson 2, Josh James 1 **def Norths Devils 20** Tries: Leighton Milburn, Trent Casey, Jack Garrod, Lodoviko Cokanautu; Goals: Dec Haydon 2 at Bishop Park

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Wynnum Manly	10	8	1	1	434	164	270	17
2	Brisbane	10	8	2	0	368	226	142	16
3	SC Falcons	10	7	3	0	370	238	132	14
4	Townsville	10	6	4	0	364	192	172	12
5	Souths Logan	10	6	4	0	377	284	93	12
6	Redcliffe	10	6	4	0	326	252	74	12
7	Tweed	10	6	4	0	288	252	36	12
8	Mackay	10	5	4	1	270	256	14	11
9	Burleigh	10	5	5	0	316	278	38	10
10	Norths	10	4	6	0	294	280	14	8
11	CQ Capras	10	4	6	0	246	398	-152	8
12	Northern Pride	10	3	7	0	240	406	-166	6
13	Mustangs	10	1	9	0	162	550	-388	2
14	Ipswich	10	0	10	0	174	453	-279	0

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 17 + Origin III

- 26 points** - Nathan Cleary (Blues 2, Panthers 24)
- 23 points** - Tom Trbojevic (Blues 6, Sea Eagles 17)
- 20 points** - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)
- 19 points** - Will Kennedy (Sharks) Ben Hunt (Maroons 3, Dragons 16)
- 18 points** - Clinton Gutherson (Eels)
- 15 points** - Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors)
- 14 points** - Nicholas Hynes (Storm), Mitchell Moses (Eels)
- 13 points** - David Fifita (Titans)
- 12 points** - Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Latrell Mitchell (Blues 2, Rabbitohs 10)
- 11 points** - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Adam Douiehi (Wests Tigers), Brandon Smith (Storm), Jarome Luai (Blues 2, Panthers 9)
- 10 points** - Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), James Tedesco (Roosters), Reece Walsh (Warriors)
- 9 points** - Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Sam Walker (Roosters), Alexander Brimson (Titans), Kalya Ponga (Knights)
- 8 points** - Cameron Munster (Storm), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Brian To'o (Panthers), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Shaun Johnson (Sharks), George Williams (Raiders), Payne Haas (1 Blues, 7 Broncos)
- 7 points** - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Matthew Dufty (Dragons)
- 6 points** - Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Christian Welch (Storm), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Harry Grant (Storm), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs)
- 5 points** - Luke Keary (Roosters), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Brett Morris (Roosters), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (2 Maroons, 3 Titans)

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

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 17

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Pos	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 Storm	16	14	2	-	1	584	194	390	30	8	8	-	-	298	110	188	8	6	2	-	286	84	202
2	Penrith Panthers	16	14	2	-	1	469	157	312	30	9	9	-	-	247	70	177	7	5	2	-	222	87	135
3	South Sydney Rabbitohs	16	13	3	-	1	471	322	149	28	8	6	2	-	199	190	9	8	7	1	-	272	132	140
4	Parramatta Eels	16	12	4	-	1	448	247	201	26	8	6	2	-	215	116	99	8	6	2	-	233	131	102
5	Sydney Roosters	16	10	6	-	1	413	331	82	22	8	6	2	-	228	156	72	8	4	4	-	185	175	10
6	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	16	9	7	-	1	453	336	117	20	7	4	3	-	208	158	50	9	5	4	-	245	178	67
7	St George Illawarra Dragons	16	8	8	-	1	340	350	-10	18	7	4	3	-	184	136	48	9	4	5	-	156	214	-58
8	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	16	7	9	-	1	316	360	-44	16	8	5	3	-	182	124	58	8	2	6	-	134	236	-102
9	Newcastle Knights	16	7	9	-	1	279	372	-93	16	9	5	4	-	165	178	-13	7	2	5	-	114	194	-80
10	Gold Coast Titans	16	6	10	-	1	386	442	-56	14	8	3	5	-	204	251	-47	8	3	5	-	182	191	-9
11	Canberra Raiders	16	6	10	-	1	313	403	-90	14	8	2	6	-	161	233	-72	8	4	4	-	152	170	-18
12	North Queensland Cowboys	16	6	10	-	1	306	493	-187	14	8	5	3	-	190	203	-13	8	1	7	-	116	290	-174
13	Warriors	16	5	11	-	1	317	396	-79	12	8	3	5	-	153	180	-27	8	2	6	-	164	216	-52
14	Wests Tigers	16	5	11	-	1	330	478	-148	12	9	3	6	-	210	266	-56	7	2	5	-	120	212	-92
15	Brisbane Broncos	16	4	12	-	1	258	500	-242	10	7	3	4	-	126	176	-50	9	1	8	-	132	324	-192
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	16	2	14	-	1	188	490	-302	6	8	1	7	-	90	264	-174	8	1	7	-	98	226	-128

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 17

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	16	14	65	-	186
2	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	8	65	1	164
3	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	15	3	71	2	158
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	15	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
11	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	16	22	-	-	88
12	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	6	8	24	-	80
13	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	15	19	1	-	78
14	Chad TOWNSEND	CRO, WAR	HB	12	-	34	1	69
15	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	16	16	-	-	64
16	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	16	12	7	-	62
	Zac LOMAX	SGI	CTR	8	3	25	-	62
18	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	15	15	-	-	60
19	Sam WALKER	SYD	HB	11	5	18	1	57
20	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	9	14	-	-	56

Top Tryscorer

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	16	22
2	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	15	19
3	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	16	16
4	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	15	15
5	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	16	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

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	15	71	88	81%
2	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	65	76	86%
	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	16	65	83	78%
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	15	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%

THE FRONT ROW

GAME DAY

ROUND 18

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FRIDAY



GOLD COAST v PARRAMATTA
Cbus Super Stadium



MANLY v ST GEORGE ILLA
Cbus Super Stadium

SATURDAY



CANBERRA v CRONULLA
Cbus Super Stadium



NORTH QLD v SYDNEY
Queensland Country Bank Stadium



MELBOURNE v NEWCASTLE
AAMI Park

SUNDAY



WARRIORS v PENRITH
Suncorp Stadium



BRISBANE v WESTS TIGERS
Suncorp Stadium



SOUTH SYDNEY v CANTERBURY
Cbus Super Stadium



WEEKLY TIPS Round 18

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

Steven Williams (2/95)

Gold Coast
St George Illawarra
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Sydney
Melbourne
Penrith
Brisbane
South Sydney

Jason Hosken (3/94)

Parramatta
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Canberra
Sydney
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Rick Edgerton (2/91)

Parramatta
Manly
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Justin Davies (3/91)

Parramatta
St George Illawarra
Canberra
Sydney
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Penrith
Brisbane
South Sydney

Josh Robertson (2/90)

Parramatta
Manly
Canberra
Sydney
Melbourne
Penrith
Brisbane
South Sydney

Tim Costello (2/86)

Parramatta
St George Illawarra
Cronulla
Sydney
Melbourne
Penrith
West Tigers
Canterbury

Rob Crosby (2/82)

Parramatta
Manly
Canberra
Sydney
Melbourne
Penrith
Brisbane
South Sydney

Paul Jobber (3/95)

Parramatta
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Canberra
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Penrith
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South Sydney

Sam Bourke (4/94)

Gold Coast
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Melbourne
Penrith
West Tigers
South Sydney

Andrew Ferguson (3/91)

Gold Coast
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South Sydney

Hamish Parker (2/90)

Parramatta
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Lachy MacQuodale (2/88)

Parramatta
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Adam Huxtable (3/85)

Parramatta
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Andrew Jackson (4/82)

Gold Coast
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Penrith
Brisbane
South Sydney

GOLD COAST TITANS



PARRAMATTA EELS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
13	6	-	-	24	22	AJ BRIMSON	1
14	5	-	-	20	24	Phillip SAMI	2
13	5	-	-	20	25	Brian KELLY	3
12	4	-	-	16	24	Patrick HERBERT	4
9	7	-	-	28	31	Corey THOMPSON	5
10	-	-	-	-	26	Ashley TAYLOR	6
16	4	55	-	126	27	Jamal FOGARTY	7
16	3	-	-	12	30	Jarrold WALLACE	8
13	1	-	-	4	23	Erin CLARK	9
14	2	-	-	8	21	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	10
15	6	-	-	24	32	Kevin PROCTOR	11
13	11	-	-	44	21	David FIFITA	12
13	2	-	-	8	21	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	13
14	4	-	-	16	30	Tyrone PEACHEY	14
8	-	-	-	-	27	Sam LISONE	15
16	1	-	-	4	24	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	16
6	2	-	-	8	23	Beau FERMOR	17
7	-	-	-	-	23	Sam McINTYRE	18
4	-	-	-	-	24	Sam STONE	19
3	-	-	-	-	26	Herman ESE'ESE	20
3	1	-	-	4	21	Jayden CAMPBELL	21
13	1	-	-	4	31	Mitch REIN	22

Justin HOLBROOK

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		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Clinton GUTHERSON	26	16	12	7	-	62
2	Maika SIVO	27	15	15	-	-	60
3	Tom OPACIC	26	16	5	-	-	20
4	Waqā BLAKE	26	8	2	-	-	8
5	Haze DUNSTER	22	6	1	-	-	4
6	Dylan BROWN	21	12	1	-	-	4
7	Mitchell MOSES	26	16	2	58	2	126
8	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	28	15	4	-	-	16
9	Reed MAHONEY	23	13	2	-	-	8
10	Junior PAULO	27	15	2	-	-	8
11	Isaiah PAPALII	22	16	7	-	-	28
12	Ryan MATTERSON	26	11	3	-	-	12
13	Nathan BROWN	28	15	1	-	-	4
14	Marata NIUKORE	25	13	2	-	-	8
15	Shaun LANE	26	16	3	-	-	12
16	Oregon KAUFUSI	22	15	1	-	-	4
17	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	26	11	4	-	-	16
18	Viliami PENISINI	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Will SMITH	29	8	-	-	-	-
20	Joey LUSSICK	25	5	1	-	-	4
21	Jakob ARTHUR	-	3	2	-	-	8
22	Keegan HIPGRAVE	24	7	-	-	-	-

Brad ARTHUR

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#NRLTitansEels

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 16 July 2021
KICKOFF	6:00pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium, Robina QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Matt CECCHIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Darian FURNER Jon STONE
NRL BUNKER	Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 20 MATCHES

GOLD COAST 11-9 (no draws)

At Cbus Super Stadium: 11 matches, Gold Coast 7-4

LAST TEN: PARRAMATTA 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R20	Parramatta 24-18	Cbus Super	14,175
2015	R6	Gold Coast 38-16	Pirtek Stadium	11,136
2015	R21	Gold Coast 24-14	Cbus Super	7,496
2016	R14	Parramatta 22-12	TIO Stadium	7,722
2016	R20	Gold Coast 34-14	Cbus Super	15,273
2017	R3	Gold Coast 26-14	Cbus Super	11,612
2017	R24	Parramatta 30-8	Stadium Australia	6,826
2018	R21	Parramatta 28-12	Stadium Australia	6,158
2019	R22	Parramatta 36-12	Cbus Super	10,780
2020	R2	Parramatta 46-6	Cbus Super	-

BIGGEST WINS

2013	R11	Gold Coast 42-4	Glen Willow Oval	9132
2020	R2	Parramatta 46-6	Cbus Super	-

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
AJ Brimson (GLD)	100 club & career points	4 points
Brian Kelly (GLD)	100 career games	1 game
Patrick Herbert (GLD)	100 career points	8 points
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	100 career points	4 points
Mitchell Moses (PAR)	100 club games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

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NEXT THREE: GOLD COAST

R19	ST GEORGE ILLA
R20	CANTERBURY
R21	NORTH QLD



NEXT THREE: PARRAMATTA

R19	CANBERRA
R20	SYDNEY ROOSTERS
R21	SOUTH SYDNEY

Match Preview

with Jason Hosken

Consistency first if the Titans are to net slippery Eels

An enigmatic Titans return home to host an Eels outfit braced for the toughest run to September of the top four sides.

The Gold Coast defied the critics with a last start demolition in the nation's capital, but to be any hope this week, they'll need to reverse a horror trend that has them conceding an average 39 points against the top six teams.

The 44-6 shellacking of the Raiders, the biggest victory in the club's history, was all the more impressive given three of the tries came with only 12 men on the park.

It could be a sign Justin Holbrook's side has finally turned the corner. With David Fifita returning from suspension possibly alongside the club's three other Maroons stars, on paper at least, the Titans look better than their meagre tally of six wins.

Fielding the same 17 that were so successful against Canberra, the Titans are now at the fork in the road. With games against the lowly ranked Dragons, Bulldogs and Cowboys to follow, it's now or never in a year that promised so much.

For the Eels, Blues half Mitchell Moses should be jumping out of his skin to run back onto Robina for the second time in just three days, even if it's just to erase the memory of his botched kick that cost the Eels against Penrith.

Helping to ease the heartbreak of a fortnight ago, Reed Mahoney returns in a match where the two points are imperative for the Eels' top four aspirations. With the Roosters only one win away in fifth place and a draw that pits Parramatta against five of the top six sides in the run home, now isn't the week for Brad Arthur to rest on his laurels.

For the Titans, victory here would mean an end to another bad habit. Since 2017 Parramatta has dominated, cruising to victories in the last four contests by an average margin of 25 points including big wins in the past two on the Sunset Strip.

Who to watch: In just his second full season, Jamal Fogarty is a late bloomer who has quickly evolved into the mainstay of the Titans' halves. Named co-captain at the start of the season, the halfback has surpassed the high-priced Ash Taylor as Holbrook's primary playmaker and front line goal-kicker. Not afraid to back himself, the 27-year-old showed his full repertoire against the Raiders with a solo try and several try assists. This week in the quest for space, his challenge will be to rev-up an Origin jaded pack.

Brad Fittler's Origin favourites are the players who back up with a strong club performance. It sets the scene for a Mitchell Moses masterclass. Up against an at times tackle-shy Titans and with nine of 13 try-assists against the bottom six sides, Moses' potency should be magnified on a slick surface where 28 tries have been scored in the last two NRL games.

Favourite: With a terrible record against the top teams, the Gold Coast at long odds to trouble the Eels.

My tip: At home on a dry track, the Titans host some of the most entertaining games in the competition. With an ability to pile on back-to-back tries, the home team are a threat to any side, but if the Eels return the favour there's little to suggest the tide will change. **Parramatta by 18.**

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
9	14	-	-	56	24	Tom TRBOJEVIC	1
16	16	-	-	64	20	Jason SAAB	2
16	6	-	-	24	24	Brad PARKER	3
12	1	-	-	4	23	Morgan HARPER	4
16	14	65	-	186	24	Reuben GARRICK	5
14	2	-	-	8	31	Kieran FORAN	6
15	5	1	1	23	32	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	7
16	-	-	-	-	23	Taniela PASEKA	8
16	3	-	-	12	24	Lachlan CROKER	9
15	2	-	-	8	31	Martin TAUPAU	10
10	4	-	-	16	22	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	11
10	2	-	-	8	20	Josh SCHUSTER	12
14	1	-	-	4	23	Sean KEPPIE	13
9	2	-	-	8	26	Dylan WALKER	14
6	3	-	-	12	25	Karl LAWTON	15
4	-	-	-	-	25	Kurt DE LUIS	16
13	2	-	-	8	26	Toafofoa SIPLEY	17
9	1	-	-	4	23	Moses Suli	18
3	-	-	-	-	23	Tevita FUNA	19
6	-	-	-	-	27	Jack GOSIEWSKI	20
9	1	-	-	4	22	Cade CUST	21

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PENALTIES
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Age P T G FG Pts

1	Tyrell SLOAN	19	1	1	-	-	4
2	Cody RAMSEY	21	15	6	-	-	24
3	Jack BIRD	26	15	3	2	-	16
4	Brayden WILIAME	28	11	5	-	-	20
5	Gerard BEALE	31	5	3	-	-	12
6	Corey NORMAN	30	15	2	22	2	54
7	Ben HUNT	31	12	4	-	-	16
8	Blake LAWRIE	24	15	-	-	-	-
9	Andrew McCULLOUGH	31	16	-	-	-	-
10	Jack DE BELIN	30	4	-	-	-	-
11	Josh KERR	25	15	2	-	-	8
12	Tariq SIMS	31	14	3	-	-	12
13	Jackson FORD	23	5	-	-	-	-
14	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	25	8	-	-	-	-
15	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	24	9	-	-	-	-
16	Josh McGUIRE	31	10	-	-	-	-
17	Billy BURNS	22	8	1	-	-	4
18	Adam CLUNE	26	6	1	-	-	4
19	Jaiyden HUNT	23	2	-	-	-	-
20	Talatau AMONE	19	5	2	-	-	8
21	Daniel ALVARO	28	16	-	-	-	-

Anthony GRIFFIN

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#NRLManlyDragons

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 16 July 2021
KICKOFF	8:05pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium, Robina QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Peter GOUGH Belinda SHARPE
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 31 MATCHES

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 21-10 (no draws)

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R19	Manly 21-12	Netstrata Jubilee	10,530
2015	R4	St Geo Illa 12-4	WIN Stadium	12,087
2016	R17	Manly 36-6	4 Pines Park	9,048
2017	R6	St Geo Illa 35-10	4 Pines Park	11,654
2017	R20	St Geo Illa 52-22	WIN Stadium	16,883
2018	R15	St Geo Illa 32-8	WIN Stadium	13,069
2019	R6	St Geo Illa 12-10	WIN Stadium	14,268
2019	R14	Manly 34-14	4 Pines Park	8,468
2020	R9	St Geo Illa 34-4	Netstrata Jubilee	1,571
2021	R3	St Geo Illa 38-12	WIN Stadium	9,253

BIGGEST WINS

2008	FN	Manly 38-6	4 Pines Park	19,227
2009	R18	St Geo Illa 48-18	WIN Stadium	16,792
2017	R20	St Geo Illa 52-22	WIN Stadium	16,883
2020	R9	St Geo Illa 34-4	Netstrata Jubilee	1,571

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dylan Walker (MAN)	200 club points	4 points
Lachlan Croker (MAN)	50 club games	1 game
Gerard Beale (SGI)	200 career games	1 game
Tariq Sims (SGI)	100 club games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: MANLY-WARRINGAH

R19	WESTS TIGERS
R20	CRONULLA
R21	MELBOURNE



NEXT THREE: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

R19	GOLD COAST
R20	SOUTH SYDNEY
R21	CANBERRA

Match Preview

with Rick Edgerton

High flying Sea Eagles host under fire Dragons as hub life takes hold.

Sitting 6th and 7th on the competition ladder with just two points separating them, this bottom eight match-up should have all the makings of a quality contest as clubs come out of the Origin period and hit the home straight in a race for finals positions.

Of course, the world is a little upside down right now and both teams will be barely adjusting to life in their South East Queensland hubs. The under-strength Dragons will be hitting the park for the first time since their infamous 'Weekend at Vaughnies' and both sides will be sweating on their respective stars backing up from Origin on Wednesday night.

Manly Coach Des Hasler named both his Origin guns in Tom Trbojevic and Daly Cherry-Evans on Tuesday's team sheet but whether they actually line-up will remain a mystery until game day with the popular theory being Tommy Turbo will again be rested as was the case following game one.

The difference now is the top 4 is slipping out of the Sea Eagles grasp and after losing to the Raiders without their stars last week, another loss here would almost bring down the curtain on getting two bites at the cherry come September.

The only other change for Hasler's men sees impressive rookie Josh Schuster named to make his return from a calf injury that's kept him on the sidelines since round 11. His inclusion shifts mid-season recruit Karl Lawton back to the interchange.

Dragons Coach Anthony Griffin has elected for Matt Dufty, Daniel Alvaro, Tyrell Fuimaono and Kaide Ellis to be the first players to serve one week suspensions following their Covid breaches.

Rookie fullback Tyrell Sloan will start his second game at the back, whilst Jack De Belin moves into the front-row with Jackson Ford at Lock. Poasa Faamausili comes onto the interchange where he will be joined by Jamayne Taunoa-Brown who has signed with the club on a short term loan deal.

Who to watch: Only expected to be a short term injury, boom back-rower Josh Schuster ended up missing six rounds of footy but is raring to go now and will be a welcome relief for the Sea Eagles, especially if they do decide to rest their stars. At an imposing 185cm and 106kg, Schuster is a strong presence on Manly's left edge but it's not just his size and strength that pose a threat. Blessed with an abundance of skill from his days coming through the grades as a five-eighth, the rookie of the year contender has great footwork and a classy set of hands which keeps defenders guessing.

After a classy debut against the Raiders three weeks ago, Tyrell Sloan will again get the chance to impress as he stakes his claim for the number one jersey to be vacated permanently by Dufty at season's end. With plenty of raps on his name coming into his debut, the 19-year-old Dapto junior didn't disappoint and came up with a crucial play in a tight win. Having the audacity to chip and chase on debut, Sloan used his speed to position himself in support to score a scintillating try.

Favourite: The Sea Eagles are red hot favourites with the Dragons paying more than \$5 to cause an upset.

My tip: Tough to predict until we know if Trbojevic and Cherry-Evans back up – they were pretty ordinary last week without them. With their skipper and the world's form player in the squad, the Sea Eagles have been in irresistible form and prior to last week's loss without them had piled on half centuries in three straight contests. Could be a tight one in their absence but otherwise look for another polished Sea Eagles victory. **Manly by 18.**

CANBERRA RAIDERS



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
1	-	-	-	-	19	Xavier SAVAGE	1
6	1	-	-	4	22	Semi VALEMEI	2
7	1	21	-	46	30	Jarrold CROKER	3
15	6	-	-	24	22	Sebastian KRIS	4
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						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Will KENNEDY	24	16	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
2	Sione KATOA	24	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
3	Connor TRACEY	25	16	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
4	Jesse RAMIEN	24	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
5	Ronaldo MULITALO	21	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
6	Braydon TRINDALL	22	10	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	12
7	Shaun JOHNSON	30	8	1	18	1	-	-	-	-	41
8	Aiden TOLMAN	32	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
9	Blayne BRAILEY	22	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
10	Aaron WOODS	30	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
11	Briton NIKORA	23	14	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
12	Teig WILTON	21	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
13	Toby RUDOLF	25	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Mawene HIROTI	22	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
15	Siosifa TALAKAI	24	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Jack WILLIAMS	24	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
17	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	26	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
18	Billy MAGOULIAS	24	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Royce HUNT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Andrew FIFITA	32	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Luke METCALF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLRaidersSharks

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 17 July 2021
KICKOFF	3:00pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium, Robina QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, MIX Canberra, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Grant ATKINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Kasey BADGER Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 76 MATCHES

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 39-37 (no draws)

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: CANBERRA 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	FN	Cronulla 16-14	GIO Stadium	25,592
2017	R2	Cronulla 42-16	GIO Stadium	15,807
2017	R22	Canberra 30-12	Sharks Stadium	11,639
2018	R10	Cronulla 24-16	GIO Stadium	11,047
2018	R19	Cronulla 28-24	Sharks Stadium	10,016
2019	R14	Canberra 22-20	GIO Stadium	10,021
2019	R24	Canberra 15-14	Sharks Stadium	18,985
2020	R20	Canberra 38-28	Netstrata Jubilee	2,783
2020	FN	Canberra 32-20	GIO Stadium	9,602
2021	R2	Canberra 12-10	Netstrata Jubilee	3,145

BIGGEST WINS

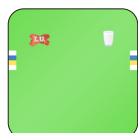
1982	R10	Cronulla 44-5	Seiffert Oval	11,955
1994	R16	Canberra 56-12	GIO Stadium	11,901

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	100 career points	8 points
Sione Katoa (CRO)	100 club & career points	2 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: CANBERRA

R19	PARRAMATTA
R20	NEWCASTLE
R21	ST GEO ILLA



NEXT THREE: CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND

R19	CANTERBURY
R20	MANLY
R21	WARRIORS

Match Preview

with Adam Huxtable

Resurgent Raiders look to continue winning ways against Wobbly Sharks

This Saturday Afternoon's clash against the Sharks shapes as a defining one in the season of the Canberra Raiders. Having just caused a major upset against Manly – albeit without Tom Trbojevic – they have a chance to prove that it wasn't just a flash in the pan and can continue that form against other teams also vying for those last couple of spots in the 8.

For the Sharks, they did get the win last week, however they looked everything but convincing in their 8-point victory over the Warriors. They had a 15-minute period where they scored all their tries late in the first half, and then were not able to take advantage of any of the countless opportunities they had to ice the game. Their defence was sound to keep the Warriors out for the majority of the second half, however the kiwis lack of points can be put more down to their inability to maintain a cohesive attack.

It makes this matchup between the two sides all the more intriguing, with the seemingly improved Raiders to do battle with the apparently vulnerable Sharks. The Green Machine can move ahead of the Sharkies with a big win of 24 points or more, which would potentially see them move into the 8, pending other results.

In their clash earlier in the year, the Raiders narrowly outlasted the Sharks by 2 points, but were saved by 3 missed penalty goals and conversions from Chad Townsend, who is now playing for the Warriors.

In team news, Jack Wighton has been named to back up from State of Origin, pushing Matt Frawley to the reserves. Same goes for Josh Papalii, who comes in as a direct replacement for Dunamis Lui, who is out with a calf injury. Those are the only two changes, with youngster Xavier Savage doing enough to maintain his spot at fullback for the time being.

The Sharks have named the same 17 that took the field against the Warriors, with the only change being that Nikora has been named to start and Talakai on the bench, however coach Hannay swapped the two an hour out from kick-off last week, so don't be surprised to see him do the same again.

Who to watch: As strange as this may sound, Raiders origin five-eighth Jack Wighton will have a tough time filling the boots of last weeks temporary replacement Matt Frawley. Frawley was instrumental to the Raiders victory against Manly, forcing 3 of the 8 total dropouts with his deft short kicking game in partnership with Sam Williams. Although Wighton is playing for the Blues, his form this year certainly doesn't warrant his selection. This year, he has forced just 4 dropouts, half of what his team did in his absence, while also creating just 4 tries, which is anaemic compared to the 15 he forced during the Raiders Grand Final year.

For the Sharks, Braydon Trindall is getting his 3rd consecutive start at five-eighth with Matt Moylan injured, and if he can recapture the form he had in the first half last week, the Sharks will be hard to stop. He was able to dig into the line and create a huge hole for centre Connor Tracey to run through and score, which he did off of Trindall's pass, before running the ball himself and powering over a couple of Warriors defenders to score a try of his own. Shaun Johnson was still the primary playmaker, doing the bulk of general play kicking and forcing all 5 of the Sharks dropouts, however Trindall was a constant threat, and if he can play the same role against the Raiders it could result in a lot of points for Cronulla, particularly against the defence of Sam Williams, who has been targeted close to the line by the halves of Canberra's two most recent opponents with great success.

Favourite: The Sharks are favoured by a narrow 3 and a half points against the Raiders this week.

My tip: This game should be close, both sides are capable of so much more than what they've shown throughout much of 2021. In my opinion, the Raiders win last week was a lot more convincing than that of the Sharks, who's form has been questionable of late. **Canberra by 6.**

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS



SYDNEY ROOSTERS

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

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Age P T G FG Pts

1	James TEDESCO	28	13	7	3	-	34
2	Daniel TUPOU	30	16	8	-	-	32
3	Josh MORRIS	35	15	7	-	-	28
4	Joseph MANU	25	16	5	-	-	20
5	Matt IKUVALU	27	10	9	-	-	36
6	Drew HUTCHISON	26	10	2	-	-	8
7	Sam WALKER	19	11	5	18	1	57
8	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	32	16	-	-	-	-
9	Sam VERRILLS	22	5	-	-	-	-
10	Isaac LIU	30	16	-	-	-	-
11	Angus CRICHTON	25	13	6	-	-	24
12	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	24	14	7	-	-	28
13	Victor RADLEY	23	9	-	-	-	-
14	Lachlan LAM	23	10	1	-	-	4
15	Nat BUTCHER	24	12	2	-	-	8
16	Egan BUTCHER	21	5	-	-	-	-
17	Fletcher BAKER	21	8	2	-	-	8
18	Ben THOMAS	23	3	-	-	-	-
19	Billy SMITH	21	1	1	-	-	4
20	Adam KEIGHRAN	24	8	1	18	-	40
21	Tukupā-Ke HAU TAPUHA	-	1	-	-	-	-

Trent ROBINSON

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#NRLCowboysRoosters

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 17 July 2021
KICKOFF	5:30pm AEST
VENUE	Queensland Country Bank Stadium, Townsville QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M BNE, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Dave MUNRO Todd SMITH
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 40 MATCHES

SYDNEY 28-12 (draws)

At QLD Country Bank Stadium: 1 match, Sydney 1-0

LAST TEN: SYDNEY 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	FN	Sydney 31-30	Allianz Stadium	18,355
2015	R1	Sydney 28-4	1300Smiles	17,123
2016	R3	North Qld 40-0	1300Smiles	8,099
2016	R23	Sydney 22-10	Allianz Stadium	8,760
2017	R21	Sydney 22-16	Allianz Stadium	9,476
2017	FN	North Qld 29-16	Allianz Stadium	28,108
2018	R21	Sydney 26-20	Allianz Stadium	9,721
2019	R17	North Qld 15-12	Central Coast	14,668
2020	R9	Sydney 42-16	QLD Country Bank	6,478
2021	R10 (M)	Sydney 30-16	Suncorp Stadium	45,155

BIGGEST WINS

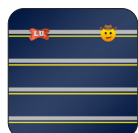
2002	R6	Sydney 58-12	Allianz Stadium	7,318
2016	R3	North Qld 40-0	1300Smiles	8,099

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jake Granville (NQL)	150 club games	1 game
Jordan McLean (NQL)	150 career games	1 game
Kyle Feldt (NQL)	100 club & career tries	1 try
North Qld (since 1995)	2300 tries	6 tries
Angus Crichton (SYD)	100 career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

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NEXT THREE: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R19	MELBOURNE
R20	BRISBANE
R21	GOLD COAST



NEXT THREE: SYDNEY

R19	NEWCASTLE
R20	PARRAMATTA
R21	PENRITH

Match Preview

with Josh Robertson

Despite not being one of the NRL's hubs, focus goes on Townsville on Saturday afternoon as the North Queensland Cowboys look to overturn a losing streak as they come up against a full-strength Sydney Roosters side.

Coming off four straight defeats, the Cowboys sit in twelfth spot on the NRL ladder with just six wins from their sixteen matches so far in 2021. The North Queenslanders have been poor this season and of their four past defeats by more than 28 points including their 46-18 defeat last weekend against South Sydney in Newcastle.

The Cowboys started fast last Thursday opening a 12-2 lead over the first twenty minutes before the Rabbitohs found their spark and blew the Cowboys off the park to take the game 46-18. The North Queenslanders have struggled to match their opponents over recent rounds and a lack of control of their halves has become a problem as well as key forwards that haven't stood up or made the impact that has been expected of them.

A boost for the Cowboys will be the return of Francis Molo, Val Holmes and Hamiso Tabulai-Fidow who are expected to back up following Origin three with Daejarn Asi and Javid Bowen out of the side. Coen Hess drops back to the interchange bench whilst Heilum Luki is out suspended with Peter Hola coming onto the bench.

The Sydney Roosters have had an up and down season with injuries, player retirements and inconsistent performances but still sit in fifth spot with ten victories from their sixteen matches this season. Last weekend, an extra-weakened Roosters were far from impressive in their 22-16 victory over the last placed Canterbury Bulldogs.

The Roosters were depleted with a number of origin stars out but they struggled to dominate through the contest only just doing enough up against the Bulldogs to take the 22-16 in wet conditions. A lack of quality in their opposition was probably the saving grace for the tricolours who struggled to exert any dominance which would concern their coach Trent Robinson slightly.

The returns of Angus Crichton and James Tedesco to the Eastern Suburbs line up will be a massive boost to go with Victor Radley who is set to get some more match fitness after returning from a five-game suspension last week. The returning Crichton sees Isaac Liu moved into the front row with Siosia Taukeiaho dropping out of the side. Joey Manu returns to the centres with Tedesco back in the Number 1 jersey with Billy Smith dropping to the bench, although with Trent Robinson's habit of line-up alterations, the 1-17 is very unlikely to look that way on Saturday night.

Who to watch: A mid-season signing that has been so far a dud one at best, Tom Dearden struggled for the Broncos before moving to Townsville and honestly his form for North Queensland has been dreadful to say the least. The creativity of halves partner Scott Drinkwater has been hampered by Dearden's lack of form and the Cowboys need Dearden to find something to be in with a chance of getting close to the Roosters.

Coming back from a five-week suspension, Victor Radley was good last week for the Roosters but the temperamental NSW representative will quickly become a target of opposing sides trying to bait Radley. It's important for the Roosters that Radley changes his game given his already lengthy judiciary record and that come the end of the season, the Roosters need all hands-on deck if they want to match it with the likes of Melbourne and Penrith.

Favourite: The Sydney Roosters are heavy favourites for the contest given the poor form of the Cowboys and the strength of the tricolours.

My tip: It's hard to go past the Roosters, although they weren't impressive over the last few weeks, they have more than enough to get past a Cowboys side who have been almost pathetic at times over their past few games. The Roosters will be boosted by having all their key players back playing together again. **Sydney by 18.**

MELBOURNE STORM



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
14	5	37	-	94	25	Nicholas HYNES	1
14	9	-	-	36	28	George JENNINGS	2
16	9	-	-	36	24	Reimis SMITH	3
16	6	-	-	24	27	Justin OLAM	4
15	19	1	-	78	26	Josh ADDO-CARR	5
12	4	15	-	46	26	Cameron MUNSTER	6
15	8	-	-	32	26	Jahrome HUGHES	7
15	-	-	-	-	32	Jesse BROMWICH	8
15	10	-	-	40	25	Brandon SMITH	9
13	1	-	-	4	27	Christian WELCH	10
13	3	-	-	12	29	Felise KAUFUSI	11
12	2	-	-	8	29	Kenneath BROMWICH	12
10	2	-	-	8	29	Dale FINUCANE	13
4	-	-	-	-	25	Aaron BOOTH	14
16	3	-	-	12	27	Tui KAMIKAMICA	15
13	1	-	-	4	29	Chris LEWIS	16
5	-	-	-	-	25	Aaron PENE	17
-	-	-	-	-	-	Isaac LUMELUME	18
4	2	-	-	8	20	Dean IEREMIA	19
3	1	-	-	4	22	Cooper JOHNS	20
4	2	-	-	8	-	Trent LOIERO	21
-	-	-	-	-	-	Jordan GRANT	22
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Craig BELLAMY

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	Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1 Kalyn PONGA	23	6	6	10	-	44
2 Dominic YOUNG	20	4	3	-	-	12
3 Kurt MANN	28	13	2	-	1	9
4 Enari TUALA	22	16	2	-	-	8
5 Hymel HUNT	27	9	3	-	-	12
6 Jake CLIFFORD	23	11	1	7	-	18
7 Mitchell PEARCE	32	6	1	-	-	4
8 Jacob SAIFITI	25	15	2	-	-	8
9 Jayden BRAILEY	25	16	3	-	-	12
10 Daniel SAIFITI	25	15	2	-	-	8
11 Tyson FRIZELL	29	12	3	-	-	12
12 Lachlan FITZGIBBON	27	8	2	-	-	8
13 Mitchell BARNETT	27	16	3	13	-	38

14 Connor WATSON	25	16	2	-	-	8
15 David KLEMMER	27	14	-	-	-	-
16 Josh KING	26	11	1	-	-	4
17 Brodie JONES	23	13	3	-	-	12
18 Jack JOHNS	23	3	-	-	-	-
19 Simi SASAGI	20	1	-	-	-	-
20 Tex HOY	21	8	1	6	-	16
21 Jirah MOMOISEA	-	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLStormKnights

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 17 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	AAMI Park, Melbourne VIC
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

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

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 43 MATCHES

MELBOURNE 28-15 (no draws)

At AAMI Park: 12 matches, Melbourne 10-2

LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 9-1

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R24	Newcastle 20-6	AAMI Park	8,743
2016	R5	Melbourne 18-14	AAMI Park	11,443
2016	R19	Melbourne 20-16	McDonald Jones	10,748
2017	R13	Melbourne 40-12	AAMI Park	11,070
2017	R24	Melbourne 44-12	McDonald Jones	16,001
2018	R6	Melbourne 40-14	AAMI Park	12,386
2018	R15	Melbourne 28-10	McDonald Jones	14,803
2019	R14	Melbourne 34-4	AAMI Park	16,313
2020	R5	Melbourne 26-12	Central Coast	194
2020	R12	Melbourne 26-16	Sunshine Coast	5,837

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R2	Newcastle 38-6	McDonald Jones	16,155
2001	R19	Melbourne 48-16	McDonald Jones	21,367
2006	R7	Melbourne 52-6	Olympic Park	9,084

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
George Jennings (MEL)	100 career points	4 points
Josh Addo-Carr (MEL)	100 career tries	2 tries
Josh Addo-Carr (MEL)	400 career points	6 points
Justin Olam (MEL)	100 club & career points	4 points
Kenneath Bromwich (MEL)	100 club & career points	8 points
Tui Kamikamica (MEL)	50 club & career games	1 game
Connor Watson (NEW)	100 career points	8 points
Kalyn Ponga (NEW)	400 club points	6 points

Match stats courtesy of

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NEXT THREE: MELBOURNE

R19	NORTH QLD
R20	PENRITH
R21	MANLY



NEXT THREE: NEWCASTLE

R19	SYDNEY
R20	CANBERRA
R21	BRISBANE

Match Preview

with Lachy MacCorquodale

Melbourne return home for the first time in months as they host the Newcastle Knights.

AAMI Park will host its first NRL match since the 30th of April when the Storm knocked off the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks by 26 points.

The Storm have won eight games in a row since they were last in Melbourne and incredibly, seven of these victories were by 22 points or more. They've won all five of their matches at AAMI Park so far this season and they'll be determined to keep this unbeaten run alive as a present to their loyal fans. In fact, the Storm haven't lost in Melbourne since their 16-point loss to the Canberra Raiders in May last year. Can Newcastle be the team to end Melbourne's streak at home? If so, they'll have to defy history as they've only won two of their 12 matches played at AAMI Park.

The Knights haven't recorded a win in Melbourne since 2015 when the likes of Kurt Gidley, Nathan Ross and current Origin players, Dane Gagai and Tariq Sims were running around in the blue and red of Newcastle. Newcastle arrive in Melbourne after a well earned week off after they dismantle the North Queensland Cowboys by 38 points in Kalyn Ponga's return. The star fullback was one of their better players in that victory and he'll need to be at his best on Saturday night if the Knights are to topple the current league leaders.

Ponga's return was much needed for the Knights who were languishing in 12th place before the victory over the Cowboys after they lost four of their six games in the Queensland fullback's absence. The Knights now occupy ninth place as they remain a win ahead of the 10th placed Titans whilst sitting level on points with the Sharks who remain in eighth place. A win for Newcastle would give them a great chance of moving into the top eight in the near future as the Sharks battle for consistency and the seventh placed Dragons struggle with suspensions.

Whilst Newcastle push for a top eight spot, the Melbourne Storm continue their charge for another minor premiership as they continue to convincingly deal with any opponent that gets thrown in front of them. The Storm haven't lost since round three when they lost to the Panthers by two points. Since then, they've won 13 matches on the trot, scoring 40 points or more in 11 of those matches and winning 11 of the 13 fixtures by 20 points or more. The league leaders have named the same side that defeated the Sydney Roosters by 46 points in their last outing, but don't be surprised if one of their several Origin players are rested after Wednesday night's third and final Origin fixture.

Meanwhile, the Knights will be ecstatic to welcome back Tyson Frizell and Daniel Saifti after returning from their respective injuries. As a result, Mitch Barnett moves to lock with Sauaso Sue dropping out of the squad. They'll be hoping that Kalyn Ponga is ready to go after Wednesday night's Origin clash as he is the key to any potential victory for the Knights.

Who to watch: If recent performances are anything to go by, the Melbourne Storm will be a treat to watch as they've played scintillating football for the majority of the season. A key matchup at AAMI Park will be the battle of the two fullbacks who are both involved in Wednesday night's State of Origin in some capacity. Newcastle fullback, Kalyn Ponga will line up in the number one jersey for the Maroons whilst Storm fullback Nicho Hynes soaks in the experience of being apart of this incredible Blues squad. His selection has been well deserved after he took the competition alight after the injury to Melbourne's number one fullback, Ryan Papenhuyzen. The 25-year-old has scored five tries this season whilst assisting an incredible 14 tries in the same number of appearances. Hynes has also managed to average a career high 131 run metres per game throughout this season. His opposite number was immense in the Knights victory over the Cowboys as scored two tries, assisted two tries and ran for 212 metres in an incredible performance. The Queenslander has only played six games this season but has made his presence felt, scoring six tries and assisting a further six. The 23-year-old can be a devastating ball runner on his day and he's shown some of that form so far this year, averaging 162 run metres per game whilst breaking 5.2 tackles each week. Hopefully these two young guns can light up AAMI Park on Saturday night as Melbourne's Rugby League fans are treated to their first game since late May.

Favourite: Melbourne are the favourites for this clash with the Newcastle Knights and for good reason as they're currently in the midst of a 13-game win streak in which only one side (Gold Coast) has come close to defeating the Storm. The Knights have struggled for consistency this season and will need the very best from the likes of Ponga and Mitchell Pearce if they're to come away with a result.

My tip: Melbourne are expected to continue their win streak this weekend and I believe they'll give their loyal fans something to cheer for as they attend their first league game in months. Melbourne are to continue their charge to another minor premiership.

Melbourne by 16.

NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS



PENRITH PANTHERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
8	5	3	-	26	19	Reece WALSH	1
11	5	-	-	20	26	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2
5	1	-	-	4	20	Rocco BERRY	3
10	3	-	-	12	25	Marcelo MONTOYA	4
16	4	-	-	16	28	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK	5
15	3	42	-	96	27	Kodi NIKORIMA	6
7	1	-	-	4	23	Sean O'SULLIVAN	7
8	1	-	-	4	25	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8
15	2	-	-	8	24	Wayde EGAN	9
13	-	-	-	-	26	Matt LODGE	10
9	1	-	-	4	21	Eliesa KATOA	11
12	2	-	-	8	24	Bayley SIRONEN	12
15	-	-	-	-	26	Jazz TEVAGA	13
7	2	-	-	8	22	Joshua CURRAN	14
16	1	-	-	4	31	Leeson AH MAU	15
15	1	-	-	4	25	Bunty AFOA	16
9	-	-	-	-	29	Kane EVANS	17
12	4	-	-	16	23	Adam POMPEY	18
6	3	-	-	12	26	Euan AITKEN	20
12	-	34	1	69	30	Chad TOWNSEND	21
14	3	-	-	12	29	Tohu HARRIS	22

Nathan BROWN

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		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Dylan EDWARDS	25	10	3	-	-	12
2	Charlie STAINES	20	16	11	-	-	44
3	Stephen CRICHTON	20	16	6	10	-	44
4	Brent NADEN	25	1	-	-	-	-
5	Brian TO'O	23	14	8	-	-	32
6	Matt BURTON	21	14	12	-	1	49
7	Tyrone MAY	25	15	3	-	-	12
8	Moses LEOTA	26	14	2	-	-	8
9	Apisai KOROISAU	28	9	1	-	-	4
10	James FISHER-HARRIS	25	16	2	-	-	8
11	Viliame KIKAU	26	15	6	-	-	24
12	Kurt CAPEWELL	28	12	5	-	-	20
13	Isaah YEO	26	14	2	-	-	8
14	Mitchell KENNY	23	10	-	-	-	-
15	Scott SORENSEN	28	8	-	-	-	-
16	Spencer LENIU	20	13	1	-	-	4
17	Liam MARTIN	24	15	2	-	-	8
18	Izack TAGO	19	3	1	-	-	4
19	Matt EISENHUTH	29	14	1	-	-	4
20	Paul MOMIROVSKI	25	10	4	-	-	16
21	Robert JENNINGS	25	2	-	-	-	-
22	Jaeman SALMON	22	1	-	-	-	-
23	J'maine HOPGOOD	22	3	-	-	-	-

Ivan CLEARY

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#NRLWarriorsPanthers

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 18 July 2021
KICKOFF	1:50pm AEST
VENUE	Suncorp Stadium, Milton QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris BUTLER
TOUCH JUDGES	Belinda SHARPE Peter GOUGH
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 46 MATCHES

PENRITH 27-18 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: PENRITH 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R21	Warriors 20-16	Mt Smart Stadium	13,026
2017	R10	Penrith 36-28	BlueBet Stadium	11,588
2017	R19	Penrith 34-22	Mt Smart Stadium	13,067
2018	R17	Penrith 36-4	BlueBet Stadium	10,255
2018	R24	Warriors 36-16	Mt Smart Stadium	17,195
2018	FN	Penrith 27-12	Stadium Aust	17,168
2019	R10	Warriors 30-10	BlueBet Stadium	10,084
2019	R15	Penrith 19-18	Mt Smart Stadium	12,952
2020	R4	Penrith 26-0	Campbelltown	-
2020	R14	Penrith 18-12	Central Coast	2,737

BIGGEST WINS

2001	R9	Warriors 52-8	Mt Smart	16,876
2013	R10	Penrith 62-6	BlueBet Stadium	9,386

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (WAR)	200 career points	4 points
Warriors (since 1995)	50 field goals	2 fg's

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE

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NEXT THREE: WARRIORS

R19	SOUTH SYDNEY
R20	WESTS TIGERS
R21	CRONULLA



NEXT THREE: PENRITH

R19	BRISBANE
R20	MELBOURNE
R21	SYDNEY

Match Preview

with Andrew Jackson

Another week and another loss against a top-eight hopeful for the Warriors.

Nathan Brown's men now find themselves four points adrift of the eighth-placed Sharks and in desperate need of victory. A relentless Panthers side though will likely only make the challenge that much harder.

The Warriors had plenty of chances in a 20-12 loss to Cronulla last week but lacked variety in attack when in strong field position. There just does not seem to be a plan or raft of options for the spine to go through if they are unable to breach the line. Too often it seems like it is just pass it to one side then back to the other then to the middle and repeat. For a team with plenty of attacking potential and natural talent it is not good enough.

Against the best defensive team in the league, it certainly won't be either. Chad Townsend, Tohu Harris and Euan Aitken have been named on the extended bench and could yet be late inclusions in a boost. Josh Curran though is a returned starter after isolating for 14 days following confirmation he was board a Virgin flight with a COVID-positive attendant.

Meanwhile, The Panthers are set for a big boost with all Origin representatives to back up on Sunday. It will provide a much-needed confidence boost for a Penrith side that lost both games earlier this year without their Origin stars. Dylan Edwards also returns pushing Brent Naden to the centres and Charlie Staines to the wing. Paul Momirvoski though could return after being named on the extended bench, which could push Naden out.

Crucially though Nathan Cleary and Jarome Luai remain sidelined through injury, meaning Matt Burton and Tyrone May will need to improve on their previous outings playing together.

In both cases Burton came into his own in the second half, starting to command the ball and back his running game. The problem for the Panthers in both games though was that it was far too late. Burton needs to discover the inner-confidence to demand the ball – a tough quality to build as a young playmaker still developing his game. He may as well build on it now though in a high-flying Panthers team before switching to the Bulldogs next year.

Meanwhile, for May he simply needs to stop trying to be Nathan Cleary. May has his own strengths, primarily running hard and direct due to his big frame. Against the Sharks and Tigers though he drifted across the field like Cleary would but lacked the speed and varied passing game to pose any real threat. In turn Penrith found itself going sideways and the defence simply slid across. May's try against the Eels showed what he can achieve if simplifying his game.

The hope for Panthers fans is that the extended break will have allowed May and Burton to really iron out any issues with their combination.

Who to watch: Penrith's defensive combinations were exposed at times by the Sharks and Tigers. With Cleary and Luai sidelined again, the Warriors need to test Burton and May's decision making. They have just the weapon to do it in Eliesa Katoa. The 21-year old has the tackle-busting ability to put the defence in two minds, with the Warriors capable of either playing it short to Katoa or going outside in the hope his presence alone draws opponents in. Both May and Burton have limited experience playing in the halves this season. If May in particular lines up on Katoa's side he is a target in defence given his struggles with lateral movement. Otherwise front on he is a strong defender.

If he pulls up fit all eyes will be on Apisai Koroisau to lead Penrith in attack. Burton and May have looked lost and unsure of themselves when playing together. Koroisau did play in the loss to Cronulla but showed sparks of his best. Those need to be there for the entire 80 minutes. A fortnight ago against Parramatta it was Koroisau showing the maturity and decision-making under pressure Penrith need without Cleary. He would spot markers offside and draw six-again calls while he would also pick his moments to run, kick or just play it safe and pass. His composure will be vital in keeping the Panthers on the same path without their strike halves.

Favourite: The Panthers are heavy favourites even without Cleary and Luai.

My tip: It may not be pretty but Penrith has the best defence in the league and should be able to grind out a win. **Penrith by 14.**

BRISBANE BRONCOS



WESTS TIGERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
8	4	-	-	16	20	Fanitesi NIU	1
6	1	-	-	4	26	Corey OATES	2
1	-	-	-	-	22	Kotoni STAGGS	3
13	1	-	-	4	21	Herbie FARNWORTH	4
13	8	-	-	32	20	Xavier COATES	5
8	1	1	-	6	25	Tyson GAMBLE	6
8	-	-	-	-	24	Brodie CROFT	7
8	1	-	-	4	26	Rhys KENNEDY	8
16	-	-	-	-	24	Jake TURPIN	9
12	-	-	-	-	21	Payne HAAS	10
10	1	-	-	4	33	Alex GLENN	11
5	2	-	-	8	19	Teui ROBATI	12
6	1	-	-	4	22	Kobe HETHERINGTON	13
2	-	-	-	-	21	Cory PAIX	14
15	-	-	-	-	22	Thomas FLEGLER	15
5	1	-	-	4	24	Keenan PALASIA	16
11	-	-	-	-	21	Jordan RIKI	17
11	2	-	-	8	21	Ethan BULLEMOR	18
9	5	2	-	24	23	Jesse ARTHARS	19
-	-	-	-	-	-	Xavier WILLISON	20
14	5	36	-	92	25	Jamayne ISAAKO	21

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- SCRUMS
- SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Daine LAURIE	22	16	6	-	-	24
2	David NOFOALUMA	27	16	10	-	-	40
3	Junior PAUGA	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	James ROBERTS	28	11	3	-	-	12
5	Ken MAUMALO	27	13	8	-	-	32
6	Adam DOUEIHI	23	14	7	46	-	120
7	Luke BROOKS	26	16	1	5	-	14
8	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	21	14	3	-	-	12
9	Jacob LIDDLE	24	13	5	-	-	20
10	James TAMOU	32	16	2	-	-	8
11	Luke GARNER	25	16	5	-	-	20
12	Luciano LEILUA	25	16	2	-	-	8
13	Thomas MIKAELE	23	13	-	-	-	-
14	Joe OFAHENGAUE	25	15	1	-	-	4
15	Alex TWAL	25	16	-	-	-	-
16	Tuki SIMPKINS	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Moses MBYE	28	15	-	-	-	-
18	Michael CHEE-KAM	29	3	-	-	-	-
19	Tommy TALAU	21	14	6	-	-	24
20	Alex SEYFARTH	22	10	1	-	-	4
21	Shawn BLORE	21	6	-	-	-	-

Michael MAGUIRE

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#NRLBroncosTigers

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 18 July 2021
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	Suncorp Stadium, Milton QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Phil HENDERSON Darian FURNER
NRL BUNKER	Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 29 MATCHES

BRISBANE 21-7 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: 12 matches, Brisbane 7-5

LAST TEN: BRISBANE 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2012	R6	Brisbane 18-14	Allianz Stadium	17556
2013	R7	Brisbane 20-10	Campbelltown	11547
2013	R14	Brisbane 32-12	Suncorp Stadium	21339
2014	R11	Brisbane 16-14	Campbelltown	16511
2015	R19	Brisbane 42-16	Suncorp Stadium	37260
2016	R12	Wests Tigers 19-18	Suncorp Stadium	27153
2017	R11	Brisbane 36-0	Suncorp Stadium	21197
2018	R3	Brisbane 9-7	Campbelltown	11434
2019	R5	Wests Tigers 22-16	Suncorp Stadium	24398
2020	R10	Wests Tigers 48-0	Leichhardt Oval	2633

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R20	Brisbane 56-12	QEII Stadium	19,953
2020	R10	Wests Tigers 48-0	Leichhardt Oval	2,633

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jamayne Isaako (BRI)	500 club & career points	2 points
James Tamou (WST)	100 career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: BRISBANE

R19	PENRITH
R20	NORTH QLD
R21	NEWCASTLE



NEXT THREE: WESTS TIGERS

R19	MANLY
R20	WARRIORS
R21	CANTERBURY

Match Preview

with Rob Crosby

Plenty to play for in battle of the also-rans

Sunday's clash between the Brisbane Broncos and the Wests Tigers may have little bearing on premiership ladder, but for two teams running 15th and 14th respectively the result will mean much more than two competition points.

Coming into the contest well-rested after just their fourth victory of the season, the Brisbane Broncos will be hoping to string together consecutive wins for the first time since the opening rounds of last season.

Displaying plenty of spirit to down the Sharks 26-18 prior to State of Origin III, coach Kevin Walters will be approaching Sunday afternoon with trepidation having been lulled into a false sense of confidence following every win this season.

Drawn to play consecutive daytime matches at Suncorp Stadium for the first time since the final matches of Wayne Bennett's second stint with the club, the Broncos will be aiming to continue an emphatic record of 21 wins from 29 meetings against the joint venture.

Set to have representative trio Payne Haas, Xavier Coates and Thomas Flegler on board pending the toll of Wednesday night's final Origin encounter, Cory Paix has been named on the bench ahead of Jesse Arthurs.

Aiming to ease the pressure coming from all quarters after conceding 144 points in their past three performances, the Wests Tigers will need to drastically improve as speculation mounts over the future of Michael Maguire.

Going down to the Rabbitohs in a self-described "garbage" performance a fortnight ago, coach Maguire will be demanding a response from his players after questioning their character in the wake of the 38-22 loss.

Following through on his comments of needing to "find men who are accountable" by making a swathe of changes, Junior Pauga and Tukimihia Simpkins will make their NRL debuts, while Adam Doueihy reverts back to five-eighth in a move that sees Moses Mbye relegated to the bench.

Holding a poor overall record at Suncorp Stadium with five wins from 12 previous visits against the Broncos, the joint venture will be hoping to record three consecutive wins over their opponents for the first time.

Who to watch: In a season that has brought little joy to Brisbane supporters, young forward Kobe Hetherington has provided a rare glimmer of better days to come. Experiencing a turbulent entry to first grade with a try, send off and contract extension all in the space of six matches, the 22-year-old lock has been among the pick of the three debutants blooded by Kevin Walters over the past two months. Retaining his place in the number 13 jumper after starting for the first time in the win over Cronulla, look for the Hetherington to make an impact during the opening exchanges.

Earning an unexpected invitation to experience life alongside Brad Fittler's Blues, young prop Stefano Utoikamanu will be expected to stand up for his struggling club on Sunday afternoon. Changing stripes from the Eels to the Tigers over the off-season, the 21-year-old Cabramatta junior has averaged 38 minutes in 13 appearances predominantly off the bench in 2021. Averaging 80 metres and 24 tackles each week, Utoikamanu will need to up his involvement after being afforded a rare starting jersey.

Favourite: The Broncos will come into a match as favourites for only the second time this season.

My tip: Few teams have disappointed quite like the Broncos and Tigers in 2021. While the heft of favouritism can weigh upon teams unaccustomed to winning, the Broncos should get the job done against their shambolic opponents.
Brisbane by 12.

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
11	6	4	1	33	24	Latrell MITCHELL	1
16	22	-	-	88	26	Alex JOHNSTON	2
14	8	-	-	32	30	Dane GAGAI	3
14	6	-	-	24	22	Campbell GRAHAM	4
6	5	-	-	20	26	Taane MILNE	5
15	10	-	-	40	31	Cody WALKER	6
15	3	71	2	158	31	Adam REYNOLDS	7
16	-	-	-	-	31	Mark NICHOLLS	8
14	2	-	-	8	30	Damien COOK	9
16	2	-	-	8	29	Thomas BURGESS	10
14	1	-	-	4	23	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	11
13	2	-	-	8	23	Jaydn SU'A	12
11	2	-	-	8	23	Cameron MURRAY	13
15	3	-	-	12	36	Benji MARSHALL	14
9	-	-	-	-	26	Liam KNIGHT	15
7	-	-	-	-	26	Patrick MAGO	16
10	-	-	-	-	24	Jacob HOST	17
4	-	-	-	-	25	Braidon BURNS	18
3	-	-	-	-	24	Jed CARTWRIGHT	19
2	1	-	-	4	22	Blake TAAFFE	20
2	-	-	-	-	20	Peter MAMOUELOS	21
3	1	-	-	4	21	Jaxson PAULO	22
6	3	-	-	12	31	Josh MANSOUR	23

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1	Nick MEANEY	23	14	5	1	-	22
2	Corey ALLAN	23	11	-	-	-	-
3	Will HOPOATE	29	16	1	-	-	4
4	Aaron SCHOUPE	20	5	1	-	-	4
5	Falakiko MANU	24	2	-	-	-	-
6	Lachlan LEWIS	25	3	2	-	-	8
7	Jake AVERILLO	21	15	4	16	-	48
8	Jack HETHERINGTON	25	11	-	-	-	-
9	Sione KATOA	26	12	-	-	-	-
10	Luke THOMPSON	26	12	2	-	-	8
11	Corey WADDELL	24	14	-	-	-	-
12	Josh JACKSON	30	9	-	-	-	-
13	Renouf ATONI	26	12	2	-	-	8
14	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	19	2	-	-	-	-
15	Dylan NAPA	28	13	1	-	-	4
16	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	30	9	-	-	-	-
17	Joe STIMSON	25	6	-	-	-	-
19	Kyle FLANAGAN	22	10	1	11	-	26
20	Ofahiki OGDEN	25	9	-	-	-	-
21	Matt DOOREY	21	8	-	-	-	-
23	Jayden OKUNBOR	-	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLSouthsBulldogs

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 18 July 2021
KICKOFF	6:15pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium, Robina QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, NRL Nation, Triple M
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ben CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Matt NOYEN Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 163 MATCHES

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 83-76 (4 DRAWS)

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: SOUTH SYDNEY 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R26	Souths 28-10	Stadium Australia	14,731
2017	R7	Canterbury 24-9	Stadium Australia	35,984
2017	R23	Souths 28-14	Stadium Australia	8,247
2018	R4	Souths 20-16	Stadium Australia	32,471
2018	R18	Souths 24-6	Stadium Australia	14,278
2019	R6	Souths 14-6	Stadium Australia	30,040
2019	R22	Canterbury 14-6	Stadium Australia	14,112
2020	R8	Souths 26-10	Bankwest Stadium	3,585
2020	R19	Canterbury 26-16	Stadium Australia	4,859
2021	R4	Souths 38-0	Stadium Australia	23,240

BIGGEST WINS

2003	R21	Canterbury 62-12	Allianz Stadium	8,482
2021	R4	Souths 38-0	Stadium Australia	23,240

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Adam Reynolds (SOU)	1800 club & career points	6 points
Damien Cook (SOU)	100 career points	6 points
Mark Nicholls (SOU)	100 career games	1 game
Dylan Napa (CBY)	50 club 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: SOUTH SYDNEY

R19	WARRIORS
R20	ST GEO ILLA
R21	PARRAMATTA



NEXT THREE: CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN

R19	CRONULLA
R20	GOLD COAST
R21	WESTS TIGERS

Match Preview

with Emile El-Azar

The South Sydney Rabbitohs host the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs on Sunday night, at Cbus Super Stadium on the Gold Coast, of course, as the NRL season takes a COVID-forced bizarre turn.

Souths, without their Origin stars last weekend, overcame a slow start to absolutely trample the North Queensland Cowboys, turning a 12-2 deficit into a comfortable 46-18 win, up in Newcastle (of course).

The Bulldogs showed some real signs of life against the Sydney Roosters, however still fell 22-16, with the shock revelation that a high completion rate (83%) would lead to competitiveness. In this case, it was Easts explosive start to the game that proved the difference in the end.

In team news, the Rabbitohs have named their Origin stars (Latrell Mitchell, Cameron Murray, Damien Cook and Dane Gagai) to return, with the Sunday night fixture giving them every possible chance of taking their place in the lineup as they look to bring up their sixth win in a row.

Blake Taafe, Braidon Burns, Peter Mamouzelos, Jed Cartwright, Jaxson Paulo and Josh Mansour wait patiently on the extended bench in the event they will be required.

The Bulldogs have kept mostly the same lineup from last week, with a few cosmetic changes. Ava Seumanufagai returns from suspension on the bench, replacing Ofahiki Ogden.

Last week's administrative bungle has been corrected at the team list this week (Stimson bench, Atoni to start), so let's hope they all start as per the final team sheet. Jayden Okunbur has been named on the extended bench, as he returns from what has seemed like the longest injury of all time.

Last time these clubs met was in Round 4, when the world was a very different place. Souths ran out 38-0 winners in front of 23,000 people at Stadium Australia, with Cody Walker and Adam Reynolds ripping the Bulldogs to shreds.

Who to watch: For the Bulldogs, it's the curious case of Lachlan Lewis. He had possibly his best game for the Dogs last weekend against Easts, with this one performance in a losing team leading some fans into starting a petition to keep him, in another example of how the mighty have fallen. Regardless, for the Bulldogs to be in this game, he'll have to fire again.

For the Rabbitohs, it'll be watching Taane Milne. The winger ran in a comfortable hat trick last week. Add in the Origin contingent to that Souths backline, and you have one explosive team.

Favourite: At the time of writing, Souths were \$1.05 favourites, with the Bulldogs retuning \$10 for your hard earned dollar.

My tip: This is where I usually be really sarcastic and suggest Souths by 50, which might still happen. However, it is now bizzaro COVID-times, and an upset would not surprise in these conditions. Still... **South Sydney to win.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 15-20 July

Fri 16 Jul	Ken Maumalo (Wests Tigers)	27
Sat 17 Jul	Morgan Boyle (Manly)	25
	Tom Eisenhuth (Melbourne)	29
Sun 18 Jul	Gerard Beale (St George Illawarra)	31
Mon 19 Jul	Christian Welch (Melbourne)	27
Tue 20 Jul	Jaiyden Hunt (St George Illawarra)	23
	Ryan James (Canberra)	30
	Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers)	22
	Moses Leota (Penrith)	26

QRL TEAMLISTS

PLEASE NOTE: Teamlists are updated and finalised one hour before kickoff. Check QRL.com.au on match day.

INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 14

COUNTRY WEEK

SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS v TWEED SEAGULLS

Murgon Rugby League Grounds, Murgon

Saturday 17 July, kickoff 2:10pm

Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Tim Rutherford, Matt Colclough

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. Dalton Smith 13. Sam Burns 14. Daniel Dole 15. Sam Bernstrom 16. Campbell Duffy 17. William Toloi 18. Wyatt Reynolds **TWEED:** 1. Lndon 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 Liolveave 12. Joshua Patston 13. Braden Robson 14. Liam Hampson 15. Daniel Ross 16. Stuart Mason 17. Ryland Jacobs 18. Charlie Murray 19. Juwan Compain

BURLEIGH BEARS v WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS

Bulldog Park, Chinchilla

Saturday 17 July, kickoff 2:15pm

Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Jacob Whitehouse, Michael Wise

BURLEIGH: 1. Kurtis Rowe 2. Conor Carey 3. Sami Sauliluma 4. Joshua Berkers 5. Andre Niko 6. Joshua Rogers 7. Shallin Fuller 8. Luke Page 9. Pat Politoni 10. Jeff Lynch 11. Dylan Kelly 12. Hayden Schwass 13. Sam Coster 14. Guy Hamilton 15. Apiata Noema-Matenga 16. Jack Stockwell 17. Lochlyn Sheldon **WYNNUM:** 1. Ben Farr 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-tualau 18. Harrison Graham

REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS v IPSWICH JETS

John Waugh Park, Quilpie

Saturday 17 July, kickoff 3:00pm

Referee: Sam Swift; Sideline Officials: Jordan Morel, Glen Stewart

REDCLIFFE: 1. Trai Fuller 2. Samuel Elara 3. Jeremy Hawkins 4. Justin Worley 6. Jayden Nikorima 7. Cameron Cullen 8. Nathan Watts 9. Manaia Cherrington 10. Peesi Kepu 11. Lachlan Timm 12. Preston Riki 13. Tyson Cleal 15. Ryan Turner 16. Benjamin King 18. 'Otukinekina-He-Tofonga Kepu 20. Junior Ratuva 24. Sheldon Pitama **IPSWICH:** 1. Ono So'Oialo 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. Todd White 12. Ben White 13. Tyler Coburn 14. Jayden Connors 15. Gerome Burns 16. Blake Lenehan 17. Nicholas Flocas 18. Denzel Burns 19. Shar Walden 20. Timote Paseka 21. Owen McCarron

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

Charlie Wehlow Oval, Richmond

Saturday 17 July, kickoff 4:00pm

Referee: Jarrod Cole; Sideline Officials: Jack Ebert, Nick Morel

SOUTHS LOGAN: 1. Creedence Toia 2. Kevin Locke 3. Ethan Quai-Ward 4. Jacob Tonge 5. Benaiah Bowie 6. Ezra Mam 7. Lachlan Cooper 8. Fabien Paletua-Kiri 9. Christian Hazard 10. Tyrone Amey 11. Kobe Tararo 12. Jacob Allick 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Brad Frith 15. Jacob Elmore 16. Raiden Fonoti 18. Cameron Booth 19. Justin Fai **TOWNSVILLE:** 1. Josh Hoffman 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 11. Kieran Quabba 12. Patrick Kaufusi 13. Jordan Kenworthy 14. Sam Martin-Savage 15. Sam Murphy 16. Nick Brown 18. Moses Meninga 22. Sione Lousi

MACKAY CUTTERS v NORTHS DEVILS

Hickey Oval, Dysart

Saturday 17 July, kickoff 5:00pm

Referee: Ethan Menchin; Sideline Officials: Jeremy Meadows, Nathan Cornick

MACKAY: 1. Rayden Burns 2. Jake Riley 3. Buchanan Rawhiti 4. Josh Smith 5. Matiu Stone-Dunn 6. Bayley Gill 7. Brandon Finnegan 8. Jack Brock 9. Sean Mullany 10. Ross Bella 11. Jesse Dee 12. Kellen Jenner 13. Jack Quinn 14. Beaudan Dixon 15. Blake Atherton 16. Jake Thornton 17. Shaun Edwards 18. Jaymon Moore **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. Viko Puliuvea 16. Jerome Veve 17. Hiale Roycroft 18. Matthew Milson 19. Jayden Stephens 20. Kyle Van Klaveren

NORTHERN PRIDE v PNG HUNTERS

Junior Rugby League Grounds, Atherton

Saturday 17 July, kickoff 5:30pm

Referee: Dan Munroe; Sideline Officials: Taylor Worth, 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 **PNG:** 1. Terry Wapi 2. Junior Rau 3. Brandon Nima 4. Benji Kott 5. Brendon Gotuno 6. Ase Boas 7. Charlie Simon 8. Stanton Albert 9. Wartovo Pua 10. Enoch Maki 11. Emmanuel Waine 12. Keven Appo 13. Ila Alu 14. Judah Rimbu 15. Dilbert Isaac 16. Mark Pitti 17. Samuel Yegip 18. Solo Wane

BRISBANE TIGERS v CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS

Marley Brown Oval, Gladstone

Sunday 18 July, kickoff 2:10pm

Referee: Daniel Schwass; Sideline Officials: Jack Klein, Marcus Fitzgerald

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 Seiuli 16. Sam Lavea 17. Joseph Gilmour 18. Jack Peoples **CAPRAS:** 1. Blake Moore 2. Cooper Marshall 3. Nathan Bassani 4. Jake Maizen 5. Jediah Simbiken 6. Radean Robinson 7. Jack Madden 8. Tyler Szepanowski 9. Treymaine Brown 10. Bailey Butler 11. Jyde Dwyer 12. Nixon Putt 13. Lachlan Hubner 14. Jack Pattie 15. Jesse Jennings 16. Mckenzie Yei 18. Takai Mokohar 20. Michael Naseri

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 14 RESULTS

Catalans Dragons 26 Tries: Fouad Yaha, Mike McMeeken, Matt Whitley, Arthur Mourgue; Goals: James Maloney 2, Arthur Mourgue 3 **def** **Leeds Rhinos 18** Tries: Liam Sutcliffe, Bodene Thompson, Rhyse Martin; Goals: Rhyse Martin 3 **at** **Emerald Headingley Stadium**

St Helens 30 Tries: Tommy Makinson, Lachlan Coote, Lewis Dodd, Mark Percival; Goals: Lachlan Coote 7 **def** **Wakefield Trinity 14** Tries: Innes Senior 2, Lee Kershaw; Goals: Mason Lino 1 **at** **The Mobile Rocket Stadium**

Wigan Warriors 16 Tries: Harry Smith, Mitch Clark, Liam Marshall; Goals: Harry Smith 2 **def** **Huddersfield Giants 12** Tries: Chris McQueen, Leroy Cudjoe; Goals: Oliver Russell 2 **at** **DW Stadium**

Salford Red Devils 70 Tries: Rhys Williams 2, Ben Davies, Dan Norman, Chris Atkin, Matty Costello, Declan Patton, Morgan Escare 2, Ken Sio, Oliver Roberts, Jack Ormondroyd; Goals: Krisnan Inu 11 **def** **Castleford Tigers 18** Tries: Alex Foster, Grant Millington, Brad Martin; Goals: Danny Richardson 3 **at** **Mend-A-Hose Jungle**

Hull KR v Warrington Wolves Postponed
Hull FC v Leigh Centurions Postponed

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	DIF%	WIN%
1	Catalans	12	11	1	0	360	178	22	202.25	91.67
2	St Helens	12	10	2	0	286	96	20	297.92	83.33
3	Warrington	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	Wigan	13	8	5	0	208	244	16	85.25	61.54
6	Hull KR	10	6	4	0	241	212	12	113.68	60.00
7	Leeds	12	6	6	0	276	208	12	132.69	50.00
8	Castleford	14	6	8	0	251	354	12	70.90	42.86
9	Wakefield	13	4	9	0	233	305	8	76.39	30.77
10	Salford	12	3	9	0	197	353	6	55.81	25.00
11	Huddersfield	13	3	10	0	192	278	6	69.06	23.08
12	Leigh	13	0	13	0	212	508	0	41.73	0.00

CATCH-UP FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Thu 15 Jul	7:45pm	(R12) Hull KR v Hull FC	Hull College Craven
Fri 16 Jul	6:15pm	(R10) Catalans v Leeds	Gilbert Brutus
	7:30pm	(R12) Salford v Wakefield	Halliwell Jones
	7:45pm	(R9) Huddersfield v Wigan	John Smith's

BETFRED CHALLENGE CUP

THIS WEEK

CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Sat 17 Jul 3:00pm St Helens v Castleford Wembley Stadium

1895 CUP FINAL

Sat 17 Jul 12:00pm Featherstone v York Wembley Stadium

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 8 RESULTS

St Helens 78 def Featherstone 0 Victoria Park Asics Stadium
Leeds 28 def Wigan 6 Victoria Park Asics Stadium
Wakefield 46 def Bradford 6 Odsal Stadium
York 62 Warrington 0 Victoria Park Asics Stadium
Postponed: Huddersfield v Castleford

ROUND 9 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Sun 18 Jul	12:00pm	Warrington v Castleford	Victoria Park Asics Stadium
		Leeds v Huddersfield	Millennium Stadium
	3:30pm	St Helens v Wakefield	Victoria Park Asics Stadium
		Bradford v Featherstone	Millennium Stadium
Mon 19 Jul	7:45pm	Wigan v York	Odsal Stadium

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 13 RESULTS

Halifax Panthers 14 Tries: Connor Davies, Matt Garside; Goals: Liam Harris 3 **def** **Whitehaven RLFC 4** Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 2 **at** **The Shay Stadium**

Toulouse Olympique 32 Tries: Taiaolo Vaivai 2, Harrison Hansen, Latrell Schaumkel, Mathieu Jussaume, Justin Sangare; Goals: Mark Kheirallah 4 **def** **Batley Bulldogs 12** Tries: Greg Johnson, Adam Gledhill; Goals: Luke Hooley 2 **at** **Fox's Biscuits Stadium**

London Broncos 50 Tries: Will Lovell 2, Chris Hankinson, Ollie Leyland, Abbas Miski, Jacob Jones, Josh Hodson; Goals: Chris Hankinson 9 **def** **York City Knights 20** Tries: Perry Whiteley, Kieran Dixon, Will Jubb, Ryan Atkins; Goals: Kieran Dixon 2 **at** **Trailfinders Sports Ground**

Newcastle Thunder 24 Tries: Jack Johnson, Connor Bailey, Ukuma Ta'ai, Alex Clegg, Kieran Gill; Goals: Josh Woods 2 **def** **Dewsbury Rams 12** Tries: Lewis Carr, Davey Dixon; Goals: Michael Knowles 2 **at** **Kingston Park**

Bradford Bulls 54 Tries: Joe Keyes 3, Brandon Pickersgill 2, David Foggin-Johnston, Joe Brown, Rhys Evans, Brad England; Goals: Joe Keyes 9 **def** **Oldham RLFC 22** Tries: Ben Holcroft, Martin Reilly, Dan Abram, Tyler Dupree; Goals: Dan Abram **at** **Bower Fold**

Sheffield Eagles 30 Tries: Ryan Millar 3, Olly Davies 2; Goals: Izaak Farrell 5 **def** **Swinton Lions 22** Tries: Rhodri Lloyd, Owen Buckley, Ben Heyes, Jack Hansen; Goals: Martyn Ridyard 3 **at** **Heywood Road**

Featherstone Rovers 32 Tries: Fa'amanu Brown 3, Connor Jones, Gareth Gale; Goals: Dane Chisholm 6 **def** **Widnes Vikings 10** Tries: Kenneth Baker, Deon Cross; Goals: Ste Tyrer 1 **at** **Halton Stadium**

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	DIF%	WIN%
1	Toulouse	9	9	0	0	433	88	18	492.05	100.00
2	Featherstone	12	12	0	0	537	136	24	394.85	100.00
3	Bradford	12	9	3	0	324	279	18	116.13	75.00
4	Halifax	13	9	4	0	358	171	18	209.36	69.23
5	London	13	8	4	1	372	335	17	111.04	65.38
6	Batley	12	7	5	0	290	264	14	109.85	58.33
7	Newcastle	12	5	6	1	272	358	11	75.98	45.83
8	Widnes	13	5	7	1	307	344	11	89.24	42.31
9	Sheffield	13	4	6	3	285	373	11	76.41	42.31
10	Dewsbury	12	4	7	1	187	341	9	54.84	37.50
11	Whitehaven	13	4	8	1	249	372	9	66.94	34.62
12	York	13	4	9	0	297	317	8	93.69	30.77
13	Oldham	12	2	10	0	166	440	4	37.73	16.67
14	Swinton	13	0	13	0	224	483	0	46.38	0.00

ROUND 7 CATCH-UP FIXTURE

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Thu 15 Jul 7:30pm Dewsbury v Batley Tetley's Stadium

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	DIF%	WIN%
1	Leeds	6	6	0	0	340	38	12	894.74	100.00
2	St Helens	6	5	1	0	346	36	10	961.11	83.33
3	Wigan	6	5	1	0	222	64	10	346.88	83.33
4	York	6	4	2	0	186	102	8	182.35	66.67
5	Castleford	5	3	2	0	118	84	6	140.48	60.00
6	Huddersfield	6	2	4	0	104	264	4	39.39	33.33
7	Warrington	7	2	5	0	138	286	4	48.25	28.57
8	Bradford	7	2	5	0	116	252	4	46.03	28.57
9	Featherstone	7	2	5	0	112	296	4	37.84	28.57
10	Wakefield	6	0	6	0	50	310	0	16.13	0.00

NRL: ROUND 17 WRAP

Thursday | **CANBERRA 30 MANLY-WARRINGAH 16**



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (16)

Tries: Dylan Walker, Haumole Olakau'atu, Moses Suli

Conversions: Reuben Garrick (2/3)

CANBERRA RAIDERS (30)

Tries: Tom Starling, Sam Williams (2), Sebastian Kris, Emre Guler

Conversions: Jarrod Croker (5/5)

Venue: 4 Pines Park

Crowd: none due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles 4 Canberra Raiders 12

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Sam Williams

2 points - Josh Hodgson

1 points - Joseph Tapine

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Raiders rally to remain in the finals race

A man of the match performance from Sam Williams has seen the Canberra Raiders upset the Manly Sea Eagles 30-16 at 4 Pines Park on Thursday evening.

Crossing for a brace of tries and controlling play with a precise kicking game, the veteran playmaker was central to his side's first win on the Northern Beaches since 2016.

Given little hope of halting the Sea Eagles runaway momentum despite both side missing key players through Origin, the night started poorly for the visitors as makeshift halfback Dylan Walker (8th minute) opened the scoring with a try eerily similar to Jamal Fogarty's effort off a scrum last week.

Appearing to extend the lead after Brad Parker ran onto a beautiful pass from Kieran Foran, a desperate effort from Raiders debutant Xavier Savage managed to pry the ball free from Parker's grasp.

Working their way back into the contest with a number of repeat sets, interchange hooker Tom Starling (28th minute) left the Sea Eagles grasping at thin air with an explosive run from dummy half.

Making the most of a run of possession to take a 12-4 lead into the break, Williams (35th minute) exposed the tiring defence with a dummy before strolling over to score underneath the posts.

Maintaining their intensity after the resumption of play, Williams (51st minute) crossed for his second with a determined run to put the visitors out beyond two converted tries.

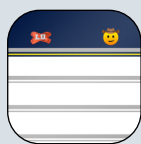
Securing the result following a bizarre passage of play involving a falcon, Sebastian Kris (56th minute) pounced on a Williams' kick that struck Moses Suli in the head, allowing the young centre to touch down for his sixth try of the season.

Posting their second try almost an hour after their first, Manly second-rower Haumole Olakau'atu (64th minute) made amends for an ill-conceived grubber with a powerful close-range charge before Suli (71st minute) set up a grandstand finish.

Capitalising on an error from Jason Saab inside the Sea Eagles' half, Emre Guler (75th minute) secured the result to lift the Raiders within striking distance of the top eight.

Next week, the Sea Eagles host the Dragons on Friday evening, while the Raiders will return home for a Saturday afternoon clash against the Sharks.

Friday | **SOUTH SYDNEY 46 NORTH QUEENSLAND 18**



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (46)

Tries: Blake Taaffe, Taane Milne (3), Alex Johnston (3), Thomas Burgess; Conversions: Adam Reynolds (5/8); Penalty Goals: Adam Reynolds (2/2)

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (18)

Tries: Tom Dearden, Shane Wright, Kyle Feldt; Conversions: Scott Drinkwater (2/3); Penalty Goals: Scott Drinkwater (1/1)

Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium

Crowd: 3127

Halftime Score: South Sydney 22 North Queensland 12

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Cody Walker

2 points - Hame Sele

1 points - Alex Johnston

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Wingers delight as Walker works his magic

Alex Johnston and Taane Milne both collected hat-tricks but it was Cody Walker who stole the show for South Sydney in their dominant win over North Queensland.

Having a hand in three tries and five line breaks, the dynamic five-eighth played a central role as the Rabbitohs overcame a ten-point deficit to maintain third position on the ladder with a 46-18 victory in Newcastle.

After a measured opening from both sides where penalty goals were exchanged, a bat back from Coen Hess allowed Tom Dearden (16th minute) to race 20 metres for the opening four-pointer.

Going further ahead after Jason Taumalolo exposed the Rabbitohs defence through the middle, an exchange of passing involving Reece Robson and Daejarn Asi enabled Shane Wright (20th minute) to establish a 12-2 lead.

Hitting back through rookie playmaker Blake Taaffe (24th minute) following an instinctive kick from Johnston, the Rabbitohs assumed the ascendancy with Walker setting up three tries in the final ten minutes of the first half.

Sending Taane Milne (31st and 35th minutes) over for his first career double in quick succession, a third pass saw Johnston (38th minute) put on the afterburners to give the Rabbitohs a 22-12 lead at the change of ends.

Opening the second half in identical form as the first with a penalty goal, Johnston (49th minute) showed pace and determination to collect his second.

Tom Burgess (58th minute) put the result beyond doubt by charging through the Cowboys' feeble defence and celebrated his four-pointer by emulating Greg Inglis' iconic goanna routine.

Having crossed for only three tries in the five years since debuting in the top grade, Milne (67th minute) doubled his career tally with a hat-trick after running onto a brash tap on from Walker.

Bringing up their biggest ever total against North Queensland courtesy of a lovely cut-out ball from Benji Marshall to Johnston (70th minute), a consolation effort from Kyle Feldt (77th minute) saw South Sydney run out convincing 46-18 winners.

Next week, the Rabbitohs will host the Bulldogs on Sunday evening, while the Cowboys will return to Townsville on Saturday night to take on the Roosters.

Saturday | SYDNEY 22 ANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 16



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (16)

Tries: Lachlan Lewis (2), Nick Meaney

Conversions: Jake Averillo (2/3)

SYDNEY ROOSTERS (22)

Tries: Billy Smith, Sitili Tupounia, Joseph Manu, Matt Ikuvalu

Conversions: Sam Walker (2/4)

Penalty Goals: Sam Walker (1/1)

Venue: Bankwest Stadium

Crowd: none due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Canterbury-Bankstown 10 Sydney 16

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Joseph Manu

2 points - Sitili Tupounia

1 points - Lachlan Lewis

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Roosters squeak past a spirited Bulldogs outfit

Sydney Roosters move into fifth after a tense 22-16 success against Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs tonight at Western Sydney stadium.

The Roosters weren't at their feathered best but did enough to beat a determined Bulldogs line-up. Tries to Billy Smith, Sitili Tupounia, Joseph Manu and Matt Ikuvalu were enough to put the tri-colours back in the winner's circle.

Trent Robinson wasn't happy after full-time, whether it was about his team's performance or Sam Walker's heads up play to secure the win it was hard to tell. Roosters laboured to the win

despite going out to a 10-nil advantage due to tries to Smith and Tupounia before the Bulldogs hit back. Joseph Manu and Lachlan Lewis found the stripe for a 16-10 lead at the break.

Bulldogs showed some spirit in their game tonight. Despite not being flush with attacking options, they were gallant tonight. Lewis starred for them back in first grade, got through the whole 80 minutes and provided two moments of magic in the first half. The half chipped for himself to score then profited on a Manu drop for his first double in the NRL.

Only down by six at the break, Bulldogs struck first to make it 16-all. Nick Meaney who is off to the Storm sliced through to get the Bulldogs back in the contest. Both sides got themselves into an arm wrestle as the conditions worsened at a damp Western Sydney stadium.

Both sides were unable to execute their attack in the wet. Roosters edged themselves through Matt Ikuvalu. The winger took a courageous kick to get a penalty before he stepped inside to make it 20-16. Roosters were sloppy in execution and unable to put away the plucky Bulldogs.

If Canterbury can repeat this effort for the rest of the season they might avoid the spoon. but they need to find more attacking options. Lewis showed some spark and their forwards rolled forward but execution wasn't their strong point. Jack Hetherington didn't help with some costly errors and a penalty which Sam Walker converted.

Walker also courted some controversy with his last minute decision to seal the game. The young halfback took the ball from the Bulldogs 20 metre and ran it all the way to his own line to make sure the Roosters survived and moved back into fifth spot.

Sunday | CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 20 WARRIORS 12



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (20)

Tries: Connor Tracey, Braydon Trindall, Braden Hamlin-Uele

Conversions: Braydon Trindall (3/3)

Penalty Goals: Braydon Trindall (1/1)

WARRIORS (12)

Tries: Reece Walsh, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck

Conversions: Reece Walsh (2/2)

Venue: Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

Crowd: none due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Cronulla-Sutherland 20 Warriors 6

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Shaun Johnson

2 points - Braydon Trindall

1 points - Braden Hamlin-Uele

OUR REPORT with ADAM HUXTABLE

Sharks outlast woeful Warriors to solidify top eight position

The Cronulla Sutherland Sharks have put themselves in prime position to stay in the top 8, outlasting the Warriors to win 20 points to 12 in a dire affair at Kogarah.

The Warriors were gifted an early attacking opportunity after Braydon Trindall knocked on, however Nikorima's grubber was deflected and then dived on by Teig Wilton.

Both sides went set for set for the next 10 minutes or so, however when the Sharks were able to muster some field position, Trindall's grubber kick was too big, giving the Warriors a 7 tackle set. They took full advantage this time, with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak putting in a grubber that couldn't be knocked dead by Katoa, the result being Reece Walsh diving on the loose ball and scoring the first try of the match.

It didn't take long for the Sharks to hit back; O'Sullivan charged down their kick, but it deflected into Matt Lodge who was standing in an offside position. Braydon Trindall threw a peach of a pass to Connor Tracey, who strolled over to level the scores.

The Sharks then began to take control and build pressure, with 4 consecutive sets attacking the Warriors line. It eventually became too much, Trindall backed up his assist with a try of his own, running the ball and proving too strong for Kodi Nikorima.

The horror period continued for the Warriors, with Reece Walsh kicking off out on the full. The Sharks were in a try-scoring mood, with the big man Braden Hamlin-Uele breaking the line and then steamrolling Walsh to score his first try of the year.

The Warriors found a way to concede a penalty in goal kicking range before the half, with Trindall making it a 20-6 scoreline at the break.

The second half was an error-riddled arm wrestle. Jack Murchie came on and made 2 errors in 3 minutes, while Ramien looked threatening, making a half break but then simply dropping it cold. The Warriors were handed an opportunity after a successful captains challenge deemed the Sharks had knocked on. They took full advantage for a change, with Sean O'Sullivan throwing a short ball to Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, who did the rest of the work and slimmed the gap to 8 points.

For the remainder of the contest, the Sharks had ample opportunity to put the result beyond doubt, while the Warriors also had their fair share of chances to make it a grandstand finish. Neither side were able to achieve these respective goals, and the game finished with the Sharks winning 20 points to 6.

Next week, both sides will be playing in the new South-East Queensland bubble, with the Sharks against the Raiders and Warriors against the Panthers.

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

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

ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8
Friday, Apr 9

Saturday, Apr 10

Sunday, Apr 11

April 8-11

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

ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15
Friday, Apr 16

Saturday, Apr 17

Sunday, Apr 18

April 15-18

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

ROUND 7

Thursday, Apr 22
Friday, Apr 23

Saturday, Apr 24

Sunday, Apr 25

April 22-25

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

ANZAC Round

Bluebet	7:50pm
Cbus	6:00pm
TIO Darwin	7:55pm
Netstrata	5:30pm
QLD C.B.	7:35pm
Bankwest	1:45pm
SCG	4:05pm
AAMI Park	6:15pm

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

Suncorp	6:00pm
Suncorp	8:05pm
Suncorp	3:00pm
Suncorp	5:30pm
Suncorp	7:45pm
Suncorp	1:50pm
Suncorp	4:05pm
Suncorp	6:25pm

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

Suncorp	7:50pm
QLD C.B.	6:00pm
Bankwest	7:55pm
Bluebet	3:00pm
Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
C. Coast	7:35pm
C.EX Coffs	2:00pm
McD. Jones	4:05pm

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	QLD Country Bank	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

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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

8-6 Sun. Coast 7:40pm

June 27

QLD v NSW

0-26 Suncorp 7:50pm

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

16-30 4 Pines 7:50pm
46-18 McD. Jones 7:55pm
16-22 Bankwest 7:35pm
20-12 Netstrata 4:05pm

July 14

NSW v QLD

18-20 Cbus Super 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
Cbus Super 8:05pm
Cbus Super 3:00pm
QLD Country Bank 5:30pm
AAMI Park 7:35pm
Suncorp 1:50pm
Suncorp 4:05pm
Cbus Super 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

TBC 7:50pm
TBC 6:00pm
QLD Country Bank 7:55pm
Sunshine Coast 3:00pm
TBC 5:30pm
TBC 7:35pm
TBC 2:00pm
TBC 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

TBC 7:50pm
TBC 6:00pm
Suncorp 7:55pm
TBC 3:00pm
TBC 5:30pm
AAMI Park 7:35pm
TBC 2:00pm
TBC 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

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

TBC 7:50pm
TBC 6:00pm
TBC 7:55pm
TBC 3:00pm
TBC 5:30pm
TBC 7:35pm
TBC 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

WEEK 1

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

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

WEEK 2

Day/Time TBC
Day/Time 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

WEEK 3

Day/Time TBC
Day/Time 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

GRAND FINAL

Sun, Time TBC

OCTOBER 2

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Venue TBC

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