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Parramatta's
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October?

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primed for finals frontier

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From the editor

Tim Costello

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This week fans of the table-topping Panthers will love our features - Paul Jobber speaks with **Josh Mansour** as the mountain men edge closer to that elusive third title; while Josh Robertson explores the history between Penrith and their rivals this Friday - Parramatta - ahead of the 100th first grade game between the clubs.

Rick Edgerton's finals build-up continues - after last week's 'MVP' selections, this week he's dissecting who the X-Factors might be among the current top eight.

Up the back you'll find NSWRL teamlists - the Women's competition is into its second week of finals while the Presidents Cup and Sydney Shield competitions enter their final rounds, and there's plenty to play for.

Happy reading!

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Cowboys name Todd Payten as new coach

Cowboys media release, 4 September 2020

The North Queensland Toyota Cowboys have today unveiled Todd Payten as the club's next Head Coach on a three-year deal beginning in the 2021 season.

Payten was previously a member of the Cowboys coaching staff from 2015 to 2018, including as assistant coach for the club's maiden premiership in 2015.

As a player, the 41-year-old appeared in 259 NRL games for the Raiders, Roosters and Wests Tigers, winning a premiership in 2005 with the Tigers.

Payten transitioned into coaching immediately after his playing career ended in 2011, coaching the Tigers NYC team to a grand final victory in 2012 and another finals appearance in 2013.

He progressed to an assistant coach role with the Tigers NRL side in 2014 before moving to the Cowboys the following season.

Payten departed North Queensland at the end of 2018 to take up an assistant coach role with the Warriors. In June he was named Interim Head Coach of the Warriors for the remainder of the 2020 season.

"We went through a thorough process and were thrilled with the large number of exceptional candidates who expressed interest in being the next Head Coach of our club. We are delighted to bring Todd back to North Queensland and believe he is the right choice to lead our club into an exciting new chapter," Cowboys Chairman Lewis Ramsay said.

"His strong leadership abilities, the importance he places on culture and communication and the confidence he has in continuing to develop our playing group were all major factors in choosing Todd as our next Head Coach."

CEO Jeff Reibel said the Cowboys had secured a high-quality coach with a thorough understanding of the club's importance to the North Queensland community.

"We have been fortunate to secure the services of one of the best young coaches in the NRL. Todd has served his apprenticeship over many years, firstly at the Wests Tigers, here in North Queensland and finally at the Warriors," Reibel said.

"He also understands here at the Cowboys we are more than just a rugby league club, he appreciates we are a community-focused club which brings the whole of North Queensland together.

"Todd has proved he is ready to be a Head Coach and we're delighted to give him that opportunity at the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys."

Payten said he and his family were thrilled to be returning to North Queensland.

"I am honoured to be appointed Head Coach of the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys. I'm excited for the opportunity which lies ahead for myself and my family. Returning to this club, town and region is something which makes us extremely happy," Payten said.

"I see a huge amount of upside within the Cowboys organisation and it is my job to see that eventuate into results on the field.

"Developing the players within the club to be good footballers and good men along with playing a style of football our members and supporters can be proud of will be my main focus."

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Dragons appoint Griffin head coach

Dragons media release, 7 September 2020

The St George Illawarra Dragons have announced Anthony Griffin as its head coach for at least the next two seasons.

Griffin will take over the coaching reins ahead of the Dragons' 2021 campaign, having last coached in the NRL back in 2018.

The 54-year-old has coached 173 first grade games to date with the Brisbane Broncos (2011-14) and the Penrith Panthers (2016-18), with a 55.5 per cent win rate.

In his time away from the NRL, Griffin was an assistant coach for the Tongan international team alongside current interim Dragons coach Dean Young.

Dragons chief executive Ryan Webb said Griffin's appointment was one of the most important decisions the club has made in recent times.

"We are excited to announce that Anthony Griffin will be joining St George Illawarra next season. Anthony is an experienced operator with a proven track record across his previous seven seasons as a head coach," Webb said.

"The board of directors were unanimous in their decision on Monday afternoon in appointing Anthony ahead of the other candidates. Anthony has missed finals football only once which speaks to the strong discipline and ability to develop young talent of which he has exhibited both throughout his career.

"The next steps for the Dragons are now determining the correct framework and structures to put around Anthony and the football department to ensure his tenure as coach is a successful one."

Griffin spoke of his pride in being afforded the opportunity to coach such a prestigious club in the St George Illawarra Dragons.

"There is no doubt that St George Illawarra is one of the biggest and proudest clubs in the game and I am excited to commence my role as coach later in the year," Griffin said.

"While results may not have gone in the club's favour in recent years, I see many a positive in the playing squad and the current crop of juniors currently coming through the ranks. My goal is a simple one, to ensure the Dragons are a club that every member, partner and fan can be proud of moving forward."

Super League results: Round 11

Castleford 37 (Paul McShane 2, Danny Richardson, Michael Shenton, Grant Millington, Mike McMeeken tries; Danny Richardson 6 goals and 1 field goal) def **Salford 30** (Kevin Brown, Niall Evalds, Joey Lussick, Luke Yates, Rhys Williams tries; Krisnan Inu 5 goals) Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Thursday 3 September 2020, 6pm BST

Hull KR 34 (Greg Minikin 3, Elliott Minchella 2, Dean Hadley tries; Mikey Lewis 2, Will Dagger 2 goals) def **Wigan 18** (Sam Powell, Harry Smith, Jackson Hastings tries; Zak Hardaker 3 goals); Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Thursday 3 September 2020, 8pm BST

St Helens 54 (Alex Walmsley, Dominique Peyroux, Lachlan Cootie 2, Matthew Costello, Regan Grace 2, Louie McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Aaron Smith tries; Lachlan Cootie 9 goals) def **Huddersfield 6** (Owen Trout try; Oliver Russell 1 goal); Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Friday 4 September 2020, 6pm BST

Warrington 37 (Blake Austin, Leilani Latu, Jake Mamo 2, Matty Ashton, Mike Cooper tries; Stefan Ratchford 5, Dec Patton 1 goals; Blake Austin 1 field goal) def **Hull FC 12** (Carlos Tuimavave, Josh Griffin tries; Jake Connor 2 goals) Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Friday 4 September 2020, 8pm BST

Wakefield v Leeds postponed due to positive COVID-19 tests

Ready to pounce

Mansour says Panther cubs are poised to end 17-year premiership drought at the foot of the mountains

A YOUTHFUL exuberance is the key ingredient Penrith hope will steer them to their first premiership in almost two decades.

Experienced winger Josh Mansour was the club's leading try scorer the last time the club made the top four in 2014 before they were bundled out in the preliminary final.

Before that, you have to go back to 2010 and then 2003 as the previous years where the Panthers were in premiership contention.

The 30-year-old told The Front Row that while the 2014 Panthers wrote their own success story, the 2020 edition is arguably more balanced.

He attributes that largely to a squad who have progressed through the ranks with 15 of their top 17 graduating through the club's academy.

"There is a lot of youth coming through mixed with a good leadership group with a lot of experience," he said.

"It's a very hungry team to be a part of and everyone is looking to get better every week; there's so much fun around the joint which makes it awesome to come to training.

"In 2014 there were a lot of older guys there, but with me being a part of this squad, it's definitely the most special year I've been involved with the club."

Halfback Nathan Cleary has steered the side to 12-straight victories, however Mansour said the club's development program shouldn't be discounted.

"There has been so much success coming through the junior grades and now the boys have had that success they can hopefully transfer that to first grade," he said.

"It's an exciting group of young men and I'm excited and grateful to be a part of it." Mansour had the same carefree attitude as most of his 2020 teammates the last time the club finished in the top four.

But after playing his 150th first grade game three weeks ago, that experience had resulted in a more level head.

"Now I've got a family to look after so I have to take that into consideration," he said.

"A lot of young guys in this team look to me for guidance as well so I have to play my role in that," he said.

Paul Jobber Contributor



There is plenty at stake in this Friday's Battle of the West with the Panthers looking to square the western Sydney win ledger in 2020.

It also doubles as the Panthers' last chance to play a top eight side before the finals.

"Every game is a challenge, but coming up against Parramatta, they're a side in the top four and definitely a side that we want to beat," Mansour said.

"They're the only side that beat us this year so it does add a lot of fire to the belly and we want to aim up especially in front of our home fans being our last home game for the year.

"We want to get a lot of confidence out of this game as Parra have been playing great footy of late."

Victory on Friday will maintain a three-point gap on Melbourne with two rounds to play as the Panthers chase the club's first minor premiership in nearly two decades.

"It will be part of the silverware we can put in the cabinet if we can achieve that and it will top off a remarkable season for us," Mansour said.

Photos: NRL Imagery, supplied Penrith Panthers



Finals X-Factors

Down to just three weeks of regular season footy left and the current top eight teams are firming by the minute to be the ones duking it out in the finals.

After looking at the MVPs of the premiership contenders last week, we turn our attention to the X Factors – the players who is capable of lighting up this year's finals series with a piece of individual brilliance or a 'something out of nothing' play that could turn a match on its head.

SHARKS – Shaun Johnson

Spending the last three weeks on the sideline nursing niggling hamstring and groin injuries, the Sharks half is set to return this weekend in a timely boost for his team. Despite coming into criticism early in the season, Johnson has proven a genuine attacking threat laying on a league leading 20 try assists this year – five more than his nearest rival. More noted as a running half with fancy footwork for much of his career, the 32 cap New Zealand international has developed more control into his game since moving to Cronulla last year. With a deft kicking game and the ability to fire passes both short and long, Johnson has the complete skillset. As good as all that sounds, if the Sharks are going to make an impact in this year's finals, they'll be needing Johnson running the football more and using the dancing feet that have seen him light up highlight reels throughout his career.

RABBITOHS – Cody Walker

Setting the competition alight in the first half of the season last year, Walker was rewarded by New South Wales Coach Brad Fittler with an Origin debut. Despite not having a howler in that game by any means, he was fairly quiet on the night prompting his omission for the rest of that series. Over 12 months on and Walker is again at his blistering best and has been key to the Rabbitohs finding form at the business end of the year. Posting solid attacking stats of 7 tries, 11 line-breaks and 10 try-assists for the year, the Rabbitohs pivot has a chance to step up and own some big end of season games next month. A brilliant runner of the footy with footwork and deceptive strength, but it's his pure footballing nous and the ability to sniff out a big play that could prove lethal come finals time.

KNIGHTS – Kalyn Ponga

Making his first grade debut in a semi-final for the Cowboys in 2016, Ponga immediately caught the rugby league world's attention with some blistering side-stepping runs down the left touchline. That night was

Rick Edgerton

Contributor



just a snippet of the complete skillset the now Knights fullback has in his kitbag. Apart from the wizardry of his feet, Ponga has speed to burn and the ball playing ability that can see him go short to a back-rower or fire a bullet onto the chest of his winger. An underrated aspect of his game until recently is the toughness he shows in coping plenty of heavy knocks from his opposition. With the Knights now assured of a finals birth, Coach Adam O'Brien has opted to rest his prized asset this weekend, to freshen him up for an all-out assault on what will be his first finals series since debuting for the Cowboys four years ago.

RAIDERS – Jack Wighton

Backing up his breakout season in the number six jersey last year, the Raiders five-eighth has been one of the green machine's best again in 2020. Despite many pundits happily writing the Raiders off when hooker Josh Hodgson went down with a season-ending ACL injury earlier in the year, Wighton has been one of the key reasons they continue to trouble the top teams and remain a premiership threat. Always an attacking threat in good ball situations, the New South Wales representative has the options of firing passes to his outside men or using his speed and strength to burst through the defensive line. Proven on the big stage with a couple of Origins and a Clive Churchill medal under his belt, expect the presence of Wighton to be front and centre of the Raiders finals campaign.

ROOSTERS – James Tedesco

Regarded by many as the best player in the world today, the Australian fullback continues to throw up ten out of ten performances on a consistent basis. Leading the league for line-break assists with 18, Teddy also has 12 try-assists and 11 line-breaks to his name in 2020. Speed, power, side-step, shimmy, swerve – there's simply no better ball runner in the game today and if he's not notching up the attacking stat himself, it'll invariably be the four tackles he's bounced off and quick play the ball that leads to one of his team mates taking the spoils. For all his attacking threat running the ball, his ball-playing also continues to excel at a rapid rate. Shooting for three straight premierships since joining the tri-colours and it'd be a brave man to bet against him achieving such a rare feat.

Happy birthday!

This round's birthday boys and girls

Wednesday 9 September

Shannon Boyd (Titans) - 28
 AJ Brimson (Titans) - 22
 Clint Gutherson (Eels) - 26
 Shaun Johnson (Sharks) - 30
 Jack Williams (Sharks) - 24
 Bronson Xerri (Sharks) - 20

Thursday 10 September

Nick Meaney (Bulldogs) - 23
 Maddison Weatherall (Dragons) - 19

Friday 11 September

Jarrold Croker (Raiders) - 30
 Matt Croker (Knights) - 21

Sunday 13 September

Cameron Munster (Storm) - 26
 Botille Vette-Welsh (Dragons) - 24
 Shaylee Bent (Dragons) - 20

Monday 14 September

Cade Cust (Sea Eagles) - 22
 Rikeya Horne (Dragons) - 21

Tuesday 15 September

Kyle Flanagan (Roosters) - 22
 Joe Ofahengaue (Broncos) - 25
 Jessica Sergis (Dragons) - 23
 Tasia Seumanufagai (Warriors) - 31

EELS – Maika Sivo

The Fijian flyer has proven his 2019 rookie season was no flash in the pan as he continues to terrorise opposition wingers with his brute strength near unstoppable close to the line. The Eels winger has crossed for another 13 tries so far this year – taking his impressive strike rate to 35 tries in 42 games. Also sitting as joint leader for line-breaks in the competition with 17, Sivo in all his might looms as the man most capable of flipping a game on its head for the blue and golds. Losing just one game this year when Sivo crosses the stripe, getting their main attacking threat one on one with his opposite man will be key to the Eels chances of breaking their long premiership drought.

STORM – Ryan Papenhuyzen

Sound the alarm – 'The Papenhuyzen Alarm' - That is of course the go-to line of Fox League commentator Andrew Voss with the evident excitement rising in his voice whenever the Storm fullback threatens to tear open a defensive line. With an average 191 running metres this season, Papanhuyzen is getting through plenty of work and his blistering pace and strength sees him getting in between defenders constantly as he threatens to burst through the other side. Apart from his strong running game, his ball-playing when chiming into the Storm backline has also impressed with his 10 try-assists doubling his total tally from last year. Resting an Achilles injury this weekend should give him a good freshen up ahead of the finals. Expect to hear the alarm ringing loudly over the next six weeks as the Storm look to surge towards another Grand Final appearance.

PANTHERS – Apisai Koroisau

Arguably the buy of the season this year, the Panthers number nine has been a major reason his team has surged to the top of the ladder in 2020 and look every bit the premiership contender. His craft and subtleties with the ball out of dummy half is brilliant to watch for fans, but must be torture for opposition defenders as he leaves them constantly guessing which way he's going. If his work with the ball isn't threatening enough, he also possesses the speed off the mark to slice through a defensive line himself. If the Panthers go all the way through to the big dance this year, Koroisau will be no stranger to the big stage after winning a premiership with the Rabbitohs in 2014 when filling in for Isaac Luke after just 13 top grade games at the time. Don't be surprised to see the Fijian International leave the biggest impression on what shapes as an enthralling finals series.

Word Jumbles

Each of these high achievers have won a Dally M award in recent seasons. How many of the names can you unscramble?

THRILLA CELLMELT	CENTRE	2019
MOLEY MAJEANS	FIVE EIGHTH	2016
FLUKE GRABNOSE	WINGER	2018
PEPSI KAZE	FEMALE	2016
THINRAM BONDS	INTERCHANGE	2019
MELANIE CHINS	HOOVER	2015
HOTLADS INBONEY	COACH	2018
REALLY SHOTYA	ROOKIE	2016
SHAPE NAYS	PROP	2019
CARAMEL HOMING	HALFBACK	2017
REAR MADRAIDS	WINGER	2015
WALLY REDANK	CENTRE	2017

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: David Fusitu'a, Shaun Kenny-Dowall, Colin Best, Lote Tuqiri, Josh Morris, David Williams, Joel Monaghan, Ashley Graham, Matt King, Amos Roberts, Valentine Holmes, Michael Buettner

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Last week's crossword answers

Penrith v Parramatta: more than just a game

Josh Robertson
Contributor



As the Panthers and Eels meet for the 100th time in an NRL premiership match, we look back at the storied history between these fierce western rivals.

Just one point separated the Penrith Panthers and Parramatta Eels in the first contest between the two sides when Penrith defeated Parramatta 6-5 in the 1967 pre-season cup. Although this was the first contest as first grade sides, the rivalry between Penrith and Parramatta was long established.

Rugby League was first played in Penrith in 1912 when the Glenbrook Rovers took on a side combined with Penrith and Emu Plains players at the Penrith Showground (opposite to current Panthers Stadium). The quick growth of Rugby League in Penrith was shown with the Penrith United Football Club joining the Parramatta competition.

In May, 1912 the Penrith United side played their first match in the Parramatta competition when they took on Parramatta North F.C at the Penrith Showground. A notice in the May 11, 1912 edition of the Nepean Times read about the match: "The following will represent Penrith United FC against Parramatta North F.C" C. Hamilton, F. Smith, A McNeil, A Jones, W Roveen, M Kellett, A McLennan, J Beddan, V Colless, H Maxwell, A Bailey & B Forrest with L Walker, W Miller and M Taylor listed as "emergencies".

The following weekend's edition of the Nepean Times provided a summary of the contest between the sides which saw North Parramatta score a 16-5 victory. "The game throughout was hotly contested but better condition with better knowledge of the game stuck to Parramatta". The players performance was a mixed one with one description of the backs "one or two were faulty at catching the ball" whilst the passing game "was erratic with some not passing the ball until they were tackled" (a trait that has carried on through Penrith teams until today).

Rugby League continued to develop slowly through the Penrith area which was still very much a rural country town unlike the sub-city of Sydney that Penrith has become today and during the times of the great depression it was the catalyst to keeping up the spirits of the country town. Penrith saw Rugby League growing in popularity and in 1938 the Penrith junior rugby league competition was re-formed after being disbanded at some point in the years prior.

The re-establishment of the Penrith Junior League saw the fledgling competition growing in influence and in 1945 the Western Suburbs President's Cup winning team contained seven players from junior clubs in the Penrith area.

As Penrith grew so did it's growing standing in Rugby League and there was a sense around Penrith that admission to the NSWRL competition was something that was achievable and no longer just an aspiration following the admission of Parramatta in 1947. The 1950s was a boom time for the Penrith area when the Penrith, St Marys & Castlereagh councils all merged to become the Municipality of Penrith which boosted the population along with the establishment of the first Penrith Rugby League club.



As the 1950's moved on, arguably the most famous Rugby League school in Penrith was established with the opening of St Dominic's college. Rugby League became fully entrenched in Penrith and the community was very quickly wanting to emerge from the control of the Parramatta Rugby League to become their own club.

Penrith had established itself as a Rugby League heartland and in the 1960's the push to create an identity away from Parramatta was fully in swing. Penrith's push to create an identity met many challenges early on both from the external forces to even some inside the Penrith Junior Rugby League. The New South Wales Rugby League's establishment of a new second division competition gave many the hopes of taking the first step to creating an individual Penrith brand. However, the push was met with opposition with many in the Penrith Junior Rugby League questioning what value the new intra-district competition would have for the area and so that it saw Penrith become a divided football town between those who saw the local junior league needing to branch out whilst others thought that nothing was broken, so no need to upset the apple cart so to speak.

The divide in the Penrith Junior Rugby League didn't stop the push for the addition of Penrith to the newly established second division competition with Merv Cartwright continuing his push to grow the area's rugby league presence. In 1962, the Penrith rugby league team was admitted to the inter-district and in 1964, what we now know as the Penrith Panthers were established.

During the time of the second division competition, the NSWRL established the State Cup which saw Penrith added to the competition and the decision was vindicated to enter the second division competition when Penrith defeated first division side Canterbury. Opposition to Penrith's push quickly fell silent and in fact support to move forward was gaining momentum.

Rumours of expansion were always on the cards for the NSWRL and Penrith were hopeful that when and if expansion did occur that they could take the step up. 1966 saw the announcement that the NSWRL would expand the competition and it was the opportunity that Penrith saw to take the step up. It became a three-way battle for promotion between Cronulla, Penrith and Wentworthville for the two places that were going to come up.

It was heavily expected that Cronulla and Wentworthville would be the two sides selected for promotion and when Cronulla was the first side voted to be promoted, it became a battle between heavy favourites Wentworthville against Penrith. With everything favouring the Wentworthville

admission, it came as a shock that the vote favoured Penrith given the strength of backing that the Wentworthville had from the upper echelons of the NSWRL board.

Penrith's admission to the NSWRL could be put down to the push from Parramatta President Jack Argent who argued that Penrith would bring a better value to the competition. At the end of things, it was a 19-12 result that saw Penrith admitted to the NSWRL first division. Ironically, it was also the same result that saw Penrith take their first premiership.

The rivalry between Penrith and Parramatta isn't just based on location but it's a battle between neighbours, friends and family. Penrith had always played the little brother to Parramatta both in their metropolitan size and also in the footballing aspects as Parramatta's strength through the 70s and 80s dwarfed that of Penrith.

The Panthers always gave Parramatta a strong contest but the Eels always had the upper hand, however by the mid-80s Penrith began to drop their little brother tag and were matching their neighbours. The rivalry was growing in the top grade and the through juniors, where competition for spots was fierce.

The first-grade rivalry faded through the 90s and early 2000s, but the junior rivalry was always fierce - especially in the lower grades where the passion was on show and all-in brawls were nothing unusual for the fans, simply through the passion and hatred that the two sides held.

Despite the rivalry, the Panthers and Eels contests were predominantly calm affairs and interestingly, the two sides haven't met in a finals series since 2000 when Parramatta defeated Penrith. This was just the second time the two sides had met in a finals campaign after the first meeting in 1985 - Penrith's first finals series. The rivalry over recent years has taken a strong turn, highlighted in 2011 when now Parramatta centre Michael Jennings said "I don't hate Parramatta players, just the team they represent. If you come through the Penrith juniors, you're brought up to hate Parra. That's how I was brought up and I'm sure it's still going on." This didn't come as any surprise to Penrith fans because performances against the Eels are what a team is judged on. Losing to Parramatta leaves a bitter taste in the mouth of any Panthers fan, no matter where the sides sit on the ladder.

The rivalry over time has fired up and the Battle of the West no matter what game it is, trials or competition, the Penrith v Parramatta rivalry is more important than ever for the fans (at least from a Penrith perspective) and this weekend, it will probably take it's biggest importance ever with the two sides inside the top 4 and in front of a small but what is set to be a vocal crowd. With the likes of Reagan Campbell-Gillard to Penrith for the first time since his acrimonious departure from the foot of the mountains. The Round 18 battle is set to be the fiercest clash yet between the two sides and no matter what relationships are held between the Panthers and Eels fans, it's going to get fiery both on the park and off the park this week.

Tale of the Tape

All 99 premiership matches between the Panthers and Eels since 1967

Year	Round	Score	Score	Venue	Crowd
1967	R10	Penrith 2	Parramatta 25	Cumberland Oval	12917
1967	R21	Penrith 9	Parramatta 18	Penrith Park	5368
1968	R5	Penrith 6	Parramatta 21	Cumberland Oval	17239
1968	R16	Penrith 14	Parramatta 12	Penrith Park	13163
1969	R1	Penrith 10	Parramatta 21	Penrith Park	11338
1969	R12	Penrith 10	Parramatta 8	Cumberland Oval	14572
1970	R3	Penrith 12	Parramatta 9	Cumberland Oval	10065
1970	R14	Penrith 14	Parramatta 12	Penrith Park	8825
1971	R4	Penrith 24	Parramatta 12	Penrith Park	9125
1971	R15	Penrith 0	Parramatta 11	Cumberland Oval	13375
1972	R9	Penrith 12	Parramatta 19	Cumberland Oval	3174
1972	R20	Penrith 27	Parramatta 15	Penrith Park	4100
1973	R7	Penrith 12	Parramatta 21	Penrith Park	8676
1973	R18	Penrith 29	Parramatta 15	Cumberland Oval	4381
1974	R8	Penrith 5	Parramatta 21	Cumberland Oval	6526
1974	R19	Penrith 29	Parramatta 21	Penrith Park	5931
1975	R7	Penrith 8	Parramatta 13	Cumberland Oval	8949
1975	R18	Penrith 15	Parramatta 30	Penrith Park	10290
1976	R11	Penrith 10	Parramatta 12	Cumberland Oval	13570
1976	R22	Penrith 10	Parramatta 11	Penrith Park	15342
1977	R7	Penrith 4	Parramatta 23	Cumberland Oval	15288
1977	R18	Penrith 14	Parramatta 33	Penrith Park	12308
1978	R9	Penrith 10	Parramatta 19	Penrith Park	10859
1978	R20	Penrith 7	Parramatta 31	Cumberland Oval	9140
1979	R7	Penrith 11	Parramatta 20	Cumberland Oval	6992
1979	R18	Penrith 19	Parramatta 22	Penrith Park	10732
1980	R6	Penrith 19	Parramatta 19	Penrith Park	13423
1980	R12	Penrith 9	Parramatta 19	Cumberland Oval	5775
1981	R7	Penrith 10	Parramatta 13	Penrith Park	14736
1981	R18	Penrith 5	Parramatta 22	Cumberland Oval	9682
1982	R4	Penrith 9	Parramatta 33	Belmore	6453
1982	R18	Penrith 6	Parramatta 12	Penrith Park	16478
1983	R3	Penrith 8	Parramatta 46	Belmore	5024
1983	R17	Penrith 4	Parramatta 16	Penrith Park	9584
1984	R13	Penrith 22	Parramatta 10	Belmore	9086
1984	R26	Penrith 10	Parramatta 22	Penrith Park	20523
1985	R6	Penrith 24	Parramatta 16	Penrith Park	14607
1985	R19	Penrith 10	Parramatta 21	SCG	8080
1985	FN	Penrith 6	Parramatta 38	SCG	18939
1986	R7	Penrith 16	Parramatta 12	Penrith Park	15360
1986	R20	Penrith 10	Parramatta 16	Parramatta	21049
1987	R13	Penrith 10	Parramatta 23	Parramatta	20002
1987	R26	Penrith 4	Parramatta 30	Penrith Park	8155
1988	R4	Penrith 8	Parramatta 6	Penrith Park	11611
1988	R19	Penrith 14	Parramatta 10	Parramatta	9174
1989	R3	Penrith 6	Parramatta 8	Parramatta	12070
1989	R18	Penrith 11	Parramatta 18	Penrith Park	8481
1990	R1	Penrith 10	Parramatta 19	Parramatta	15036
1990	R16	Penrith 14	Parramatta 2	Penrith Park	13137

1991	R12	Penrith 20	Parramatta 14	Penrith Park	12349
1992	R11	Penrith 0	Parramatta 20	Parramatta	11006
1993	R1	Penrith 10	Parramatta 11	Penrith Park	10782
1993	R16	Penrith 22	Parramatta 4	Parramatta	13191
1994	R7	Penrith 34	Parramatta 10	Parramatta	12045
1994	R22	Penrith 16	Parramatta 23	Penrith Park	10819
1995	R1	Penrith 24	Parramatta 18	Penrith Park	10340
1995	R22	Penrith 18	Parramatta 12	Parramatta	6020
1996	R22	Penrith 24	Parramatta 16	Penrith Park	3870
1998	R1	Penrith 16	Parramatta 27	Parramatta	12222
1998	R22	Penrith 14	Parramatta 20	Penrith Park	10214
1999	R5	Penrith 13	Parramatta 0	Penrith Park	13027
1999	R23	Penrith 16	Parramatta 17	Parramatta	19060
2000	R10	Penrith 12	Parramatta 14	Parramatta	16142
2000	R16	Penrith 16	Parramatta 14	Penrith Park	18371
2000	FN	Penrith 10	Parramatta 28	SFS	25746
2001	R1	Penrith 4	Parramatta 40	ANZ	54833
2001	R14	Penrith 28	Parramatta 54	Parramatta	14019
2002	R1	Penrith 6	Parramatta 64	Parramatta	13348
2003	R26	Penrith 40	Parramatta 22	Penrith Park	22304
2004	R16	Penrith 26	Parramatta 16	Penrith Park	20567
2004	R25	Penrith 30	Parramatta 20	Parramatta	14280
2005	R4	Penrith 16	Parramatta 26	Parramatta	15119
2005	R13	Penrith 22	Parramatta 32	Penrith Park	18519
2006	R5	Penrith 44	Parramatta 18	Parramatta	14194
2006	R11	Penrith 30	Parramatta 20	Penrith Park	16764
2007	R5	Penrith 14	Parramatta 27	Penrith Park	18746
2008	R8	Penrith 18	Parramatta 26	Penrith Park	18724
2008	R17	Penrith 22	Parramatta 16	Parramatta	14012
2009	R17	Penrith 38	Parramatta 34	Penrith Park	16845
2009	R25	Penrith 6	Parramatta 48	Parramatta	20237
2010	R19	Penrith 28	Parramatta 34	Penrith Park	22582
2011	R2	Penrith 20	Parramatta 6	Parramatta	15974
2011	R19	Penrith 23	Parramatta 22	Penrith Park	17333
2012	R4	Penrith 39	Parramatta 6	Parramatta	13788
2012	R16	Penrith 18	Parramatta 19	Penrith Park	15275
2013	R7	Penrith 44	Parramatta 12	Penrith Park	14211
2013	R18	Penrith 17	Parramatta 10	Parramatta	9327
2014	R4	Penrith 16	Parramatta 32	Parramatta	14448
2014	R12	Penrith 38	Parramatta 12	Penrith Park	19141
2015	R12	Penrith 20	Parramatta 26	Penrith Park	17821
2015	R22	Penrith 4	Parramatta 10	Darwin	8340
2016	R5	Penrith 20	Parramatta 18	Parramatta	15600
2016	R19	Penrith 22	Parramatta 18	Penrith Park	15251
2017	R8	Penrith 12	Parramatta 18	ANZ	14071
2018	R1	Penrith 24	Parramatta 14	Penrith Park	21506
2018	R5	Penrith 12	Parramatta 6	ANZ	10061
2019	R1	Penrith 12	Parramatta 20	Penrith Park	12604
2019	R11	Penrith 16	Parramatta 10	Bankwest	16228
2020	R5	Penrith 10	Parramatta 16	Bankwest	507

The Record

Played
Penrith
Parramatta
Draws

99

40 Wins

58 Wins

1

268 tries

340 tries

278 goals

328 goals

8 field goals

16 field goals

1572 points

1926 points

Cleary shines as Panthers go 12 straight

Robert Crosby



12-25



The Penrith Panthers look set to secure the 2020 minor premiership after accounting for the Brisbane Broncos 25-12 at Suncorp Stadium.

Scoring four tries to two to record their twelfth straight win this season, halfback Nathan Cleary was a standout for the visitors with two try-assists, four goals, two forced drop outs and a field goal.

Beginning the match with an intent rarely seen in 2020, the Broncos were rewarded with the opening try via Kotoni Staggs (9th minute) after building pressure through precision kicking from Sean O'Sullivan and Tom Dearden.

Working their way into the match after conceding the opening try for only the third time this season, Josh Mansour (24th minute) put the Panthers on level terms.

Taking the lead for the first time via a Nathan Cleary penalty goal, returning second-rower Kurt Capewell (36th minute) snared a crucial try to send the visitors to the sheds ahead 14-6.

Scoring a crucial try midway through the second half, Jarome Luai (56th minute) put the Panthers out beyond two converted tries despite appearing to knock-on in the act of grounding the ball.

Reducing the margin to eight-points heading into the final quarter, Maori front-rower Jordan Riki (62nd minute) claimed his first try in the top grade with a bullocking 45 metre run.

Securing the result with a try to Brian To'o (68th minute) and a late field goal from Cleary, the Panthers proved too strong to run out 25-12 winners.

Producing a much-improved showing after last week's embarrassing loss against the reigning premiers, the Broncos slumped to their eighth consecutive loss - equalling the club record set 17 years ago.

Next week, the Broncos face the Titans away from home on Saturday evening, while the Panthers take on the Eels at home on Friday night.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

- 3 points - Nathan Cleary
- 2 points - James Fisher-Harris
- 1 points - Dylan Edwards

Ponga power lifts Knights over Sharks

Justin Davies



38-10



Newcastle Knights rebounded well, defeating Cronulla Sharks 38-10 in a spiteful contest tonight in Newcastle.

The Knights issued a finals statement in their 28-point win. Kalyn Ponga starred with a hat-trick as the Knights did all their damage in a first half rampage to consolidate their position in the top eight three weeks out from the semi-finals.

Ponga was dangerous from his first run which almost broke open the Sharks defense. The superstar fullback put the Knights in the lead in the 14th minute and they were never headed. Ponga was safe under the high ball all night, scored once more in the first half then in the 69th minute to complete his hat-trick.

It wasn't all a stroll in the park for Ponga. The fullback came under heavy attention from the Sharks defense which bloodied his nose. He was left downed after a shoulder charge from Chad Townsend which saw the Sharks halfback sent off.

After their embarrassment against the Warriors, the Knights played like they had a point to prove tonight. Starford To'a crossed for a first half double which helped them to a 22-4 half-time lead, alongside some hard defense which frustrated the Sharks.

The visitors frustration boiled over in several incidents which will see four players possibly face a suspension headed into the final three games. Toby Rudolph, Braden Hamlin-Uele and Wade Graham all for dangerous tackles. Townsend will be the talking point after he was sent off for a shoulder charge to deny Ponga a quick tap.

Despite being reduced to twelve, Sharks brought the margin down to 12 when young halfback Connor Tracey poked through. The Sharks were quite plain in their attack all night after scoring first through Ronaldo Mulitalo to make it 4-nil, and will give coach John Morris plenty to ponder this week.

For the Knights, it was the perfect tonic for coach Adam O'Brien. They only conceded ten points and showed grit in defense, muscling up against the Sharks pack. The forwards got their reward late in the contest when Lachlan Fitzgibbon and Josh King both got off the duck egg for the season.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

- 3 points - Kalyn Ponga; 2 points - Lachlan Fitzgibbon; 1 points - Kurt Mann

Storm comeback ends Rabbitohs run of five

Sam Bourke



16-22



The Melbourne Storm have solidified their Top 4 position on the ladder with a gritty 22-16 come from behind victory over a resilient Rabbitohs side in slippery conditions at ANZ Stadium tonight.

Storm fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen was superb for the visitors, scoring a try and having a hand in two more crucial tries in an outstanding performance from the dynamic fullback who managed to also run for over 200 metres from 21 hit ups.

The Melbourne victory ended the Bunnies five match winning streak, with Wayne Bennett's men dominating large periods of the first half but it is fair to say that the wet weather in the second half didn't help the home side, with the Bunnies dropping far too much ball to allow the Storm too many opportunities to take the game.

Souths came out with a lot of energy early and were rewarded, when Storm skipper Cameron Smith was penalised for a high tackle inside the Rabbitohs attacking zone. The Rabbitohs elected to take the sensible option and Adam Reynolds took the penalty goal on offer to get his side on the scoreboard to lead 2-0. The Rabbitohs continued to dominate possession throughout the early parts of the game and it resulted in the first try, when Cody Walker rolled the ball in goal on the last. Rookie Storm winger Isaac Lumelume willed the ball over the line, however Bunnies centre Campbell Graham reached around his legs to ground the ball to score. Reynolds then converted and the home side led 8-0.

The Storm needed to respond and they did so in style, when Josh Addo-Carr managed to get on the outside of Bunnies centre Steven Marsters to race away down the sideline. The NSW winger then looked inside to find a familiar sight in a flying Ryan Papenhuyzen who scored a superb try. Cameron Smith converted from out wide and the home side's lead was narrowed to 8-6 with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Souths then found themselves on the attack close to the line and Reynolds then managed to deliver some early ball to his elusive halves partner in Walker. Walker then dug deep into the line and sliced through, beating four Storm defenders to score a superb solo try. Reynolds converted and Souths were looking great, leading 14-6 as halftime approached. South Sydney then made a crucial error inside their own half, with Souths interchange player Liam Knight knocking on a loose offload. Of course as Melbourne do, they made their opposition pay for the error, with Cameron Munster and Ryan Papenhuyzen combining on the left edge to put Justin Olam over in the corner to score just as the halftime siren was about to wail. Smith's conversion grazed the upright from out wide, but the Storm had swung the momentum, despite Souths leading 14-10 at the break.

Souths got on the board first again in the second half however, after Storm prop Christian Welsch was penalised for a crusher tackle on Liam Knight. Souths elected to again take the shot at goal and Reynolds converted extending his side's lead to 16-10. Melbourne then began to build pressure and they locked up the game at 16 all, when Cameron Smith ducked out of dummy half close to the line and picked up a flying Tino Fa'asuamaleaui who drove over like a Mack truck to score a try next to the uprights.

The Storm continued to camp themselves on the Rabbitohs line, when they again got on a roll and confidently ran the ball on the last tackle. Smith found the dangerous Papenhuyzen with a sharp run on a tight angle. The Storm fullback then linked Cameron Munster in support, who crashed over for a crucial try with what proved to be the match winning play with 10 minutes remaining.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

- 3 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen; 2 points - Cameron Smith; 1 points - Cody Walker

Titans go back-to-back as Dogs lurch to spoon

Justin Davies



14-18



Gold Coast Titans did enough to get the points in a 18-14 success against a committed Canterbury Bulldogs outfit today at ANZ Stadium.

There was a whiff of desperation around Homebush, the Bulldogs aiming to avoid the spoon whilst the Titans try to continue their rebuild. It was the visitors in the Gold Coast Titans who showed enough to secure back-to-back victories for the first time in 2020.

Two weeks ago, Jamal Fogarty felt the brunt of the fans laughing after being ankle-tapped by Raiders prop Josh Papalii. Since then, Fogarty scored the winner against the Dragons and masterminded today's win against the Bulldogs.

From the first set, the Titans looked to express themselves. The first switch wide almost gave AJ Brimson the opener. It came next set as Corey Thompson tip-toed over the tryline to set the tone for the afternoon.

The game never climbed to any great heights, as errors and missed conversions were plentiful. When there was some skill, it came through the visitors. Beau Fermor and Fogarty crossed to make it 14-6 at the break.

When the Dogs attack came alive, it was through veteran Kieran Foran. He set up their first four-pointer to winger Nick Meaney then sparked the comeback with a slicing effort close to the line to make it 14-10. Sadly, Foran left the field midway through the second half with a suspected pectoral injury.

If there was a try to sum up the contest, it was a kick from one winger from the other to stretch Gold Coast's advantage to eight. Anthony Don scored in his return from injury and it looked like the Titans would continue their rise as the best performing Queensland side.

Bulldogs, like they have all season, tried until the end. Lachlan Lewis thrust into the main playmaker role after Foran left the field injured, mimicked his halves partner with his four-pointer to make it 18-14. From there, the Bulldogs failed to fire another shot to try and move off the bottom of the ladder.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Jamal Fogarty; 2 points - Beau Fermor; 1 points - Luke Thompson

Scrappy Tigers launch comeback to beat Manly

Andrew Ferguson



32-34



The Wests Tigers looked no chance to beat Manly for all bar the final ten minutes, when Manly were out on their feet. The Tigers put on three tries to take the lead for the first time - and the win 34-32 - with just 80 seconds remaining in the game.

Manly dominated the first half field position, possession and on the scoreboard. In the fourth minute of the game, they opened the scoring via a simple crash run play on the short side where Daly Cherry-Evans dished a line ball to Morgan Harper, who forced his way over for a try out wide on the right. Cherry-Evans failed to convert. Five minutes later and Manly were in again. From the back of a scrum near the Tigers line, play went to the left side where debutant Josh Schuster sent a stunning no look pass out the back to Cherry-Evans, who drifted left, drew the defence and then sent a good ball out to Jorge Taufua, who bulldozed his way over to score in the corner. Cherry-Evans again failed to convert from touch.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard in the 16th minute through a well-weighted kick from Benji Marshall, which just sat up nicely for David Nofaloama, who flew through and somehow planted the rolling ball, one-handed, before it went dead in goal. Adam Doueihi converted from touch. Manly hit back just over 2 minutes later after Josh Aloiai turned the ball over near his own line from the restart. Cherry-Evans grubbered behind the Tigers defensive line, no-one was home and Jack Gosiewski regathered to score under the posts. Cherry-Evans makes no mistake with the conversion.

The next ten minutes saw much of the game camped in the Tigers half and eventually the defensive workload was too much for the Tigers, when Tevita Funa received the ball on the right, stopped, stepped back inside and then walked through some very tired defence in the

middle to score under the posts. Cherry-Evans again converted to give Manly a 20-6 lead.

The Tigers kept themselves in the game just before halftime when they went right with some less than ideal passing. Marshall's ball to Joey Leilua was low and bounced, but Leilua sent it along with great skill to Nofaloama, who stepped inside the cover defence to run in for his second try. Doueihi again sent a great sideline conversion between the sticks from out wide.

The second half started similarly to the first, with Manly dominating possession and field position, however it was the Tigers who scored first when Mbye received a nice pass from Luke Brooks and slipped between the disjointed Manly right side defence to score. Doueihi again nailed the sideline conversion to reduce Manly's lead to just 2 points.

Within 5 minutes, Manly crossed again thanks to some brilliant playmaking from Martin Taupau, who got the ball at first receiver, drifted right towards the posts and then hit the lead runner, Jake Trbojevic with a nice short ball and he strolled through a weak tackle attempt to score a soft try. Cherry-Evans slotted the easy conversion. Manly extended their lead even further in the 66th minute when Cherry-Evans hit Harper with a hard, flat ball. Harper receives the ball outside of Doueihi and strolls over for an easy try. Cherry-Evans converted to give Manly what seemed like an unassailable 32-18 lead.

With just 10 minutes remaining in the game, Moses Mbye drew his outside defender before dishing the ball to Doueihi who dived over in the left corner for an easy try. Doueihi converted yet again to reduce the deficit to 8 points. The Tigers crossed again in the 74th minute with a bit of razzle dazzle. Doueihi with a great bumping run, eventually got a ball along to Brooks, who then sent it along to Harry Grant. Grant went right with a nice draw and pass to Joey Leilua, who did the same to put Nofaloama on a saloon passage to the tryline and he dived over in the right corner. Doueihi failed to convert, leaving the Tigers trailing by 4 points.

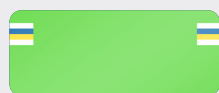
Then on the 78th minute, Brooks on the right side, kicked across to left side and found Doueihi, who took a clean contested catch above his head and scored to the left of the posts to level the scores. Doueihi nailed the conversion, his easiest of the night to give the Tigers a 2 point lead and the victory.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - David Nofaloama; 2 points - Daly Cherry-Evans; 1 points - Martin Taupau

Roosters class their way to victory in Canberra

Josh Robertson



6-18



All eyes at GIO Stadium were on the return of Sonny Bill Williams as the Sydney Roosters took an 18-6 victory over the Canberra Raiders.

The first half was a quality affair with both sides matching each other in intensity and in skill at stages. The Roosters opened the scoring after just seven minutes when poor ball security put the Raiders under deep pressure. The Raiders were caught short of numbers and the Roosters took advantage of that down their left and James Tedesco was able to get over the line.

The Raiders were matching the intensity of the Roosters and soon after the Raiders were on the board when John Bateman kicked through for himself after being on the end of a tap back and Bateman's effort put Canberra on the board, then level soon after Croker's conversion.

Discipline with the ball was becoming an enemy of the Raiders as they kept inviting pressure

despite dominating the possession stats and they fell behind in the 24th minute when Daniel Tupou soared through the air when Kyle Flanagan's kick landed on a dime for Tupou to dive over Nick Cotric.

Neither side could break their opponents' line in the remainder of the first half although on the stroke of half-time the Roosters were given what will be a nervous 12 hour wait when Luke Keary was put on report for a crusher tackle.

The second half was a more dominant affair for the Roosters as the Raiders couldn't really fire any shots at the Roosters defence. The Roosters were able to tap into the insecurities at the back of the Raiders as they put the pressure on with the high kicks.

The first points of the second half though came through a Kyle Flanagan penalty goal that he didn't look like missing even though it came from over 40m out. The biggest moment of the game for many came just short of the hour mark when Sonny Bill Williams came onto the field which marked his NRL return. The Raiders looked to build momentum but poor ball security cost them and it was the Roosters who were able to go back upfield and create pressure. The Roosters extended their lead just after the hour mark when James Tedesco created a little bit of magic when he kicked through for himself but a ricochet landed perfectly for Tedesco to clean up and score and following the conversion, the Roosters lead by 12.

Despite not being able to score anymore points, the Roosters continued to push the Raiders defence but the closest they were able to come was when Kyle Flanagan sent a field goal attempt flush into the left uprights.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - James Tedesco; 2 points - Kyle Flanagan; 1 points - Daniel Tupou

Eels score unconvincing win over defiant Warriors

Andrew Ferguson



18-24



A valiant Warriors side was held at bay by a sketchy Parramatta Eels outfit 24-18 at Gosford this afternoon.

Parramatta got off to a strong start against the Warriors, but two quick tries late in the half helped get the Warriors back in the hunt. A hard fought second half saw neither side take advantage as Parramatta hung on to score a tough victory. The Eels opened the scoring in the fifth minute when Shaun Lane on the short side produced a stunning no-look cut-out pass at the line, found Maika Sivo unmarked and the winger walked over for an easy try in the left corner. Mitch Moses failed to convert from out wide.

An awkward bounce denied Blake Ferguson of his first try just 4 minutes later. Then in the 16th minute, things started to heat up between opposing locks Jazz Tevaga and Nathan Brown, resulting in the former being sin binned for ten minutes for what appeared to be a rather innocuous push on Brown. The referee deemed Tevaga had hit Brown and was duly binned. Parramatta extended their lead in the 24th minute after Clint Gutherson hit a gap, stepped out of a tackle and then chipped over the head of Roger Tuivasa-Sheck. Jai Field zoomed after the ball and regathered it to score a brilliant try. Moses converted. Just two minutes later the Eels were in again when a grubber at the line beat Waqa Blake and the Warriors defenders, but not Blake Ferguson, who got a sweet bounce this time. He regathered and raced away to score under the posts, breaking his try scoring drought. Moses again made no mistake with the conversion.

The Warriors rallied in the 5 minutes before halftime, to put on two rapid-fire tries to get themselves back in the game.

In the 35th minute Chanel Harris-Tavita chipped to the left corner, where the mid-air contest saw Hayze Perham tap it back. Harris-Tavita regathered but was immediately yet managed to offload just before the tackle was completed. Tuivasa-Sheck received the ball and quickly passed over the top to Jack Murchie, who quickly sent it along to Perham, who was back on his feet. He tried to use his footwork to create a gap, but with no luck, so he fired a pass back infield to Harris-Tavita, who sent it further along to the right, over Kodi Nikorima's head. The ball bounced to Tohu Harris, who got caught, but still drew a second defender before passing to Peta Hiku, who very nearly died with the ball before getting a last gasp backdoor flick to Nikorima, who came back in and then grubbered. Harris-Tavita followed through, received a friendly bounce and he dived to regather and score all in the same motion. Harris-Tavita converted.

The Warriors then scored in the very next set after the restart. Tuivasa-Sheck backed up from a long way back, exploded onto a ball and through a huge gap in the middle. He ran 50 metres before getting a pass infield while being tackled. The ball hit the ground and comes off Nikorima's feet. Harris-Tavita followed close behind, cleaned up the loose ball and then scored to the right of the posts. Harris-Tavita converted to reduce the deficit from 16 points to just 4 in the space of 2 and a half minutes. The half ended with Moses kicking a 40/20 but the halftime siren denied the Eels a chance to make anything of it.

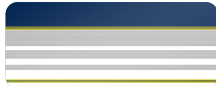
The second half was a dour struggle between both sides, but in the 64th minute Parramatta pulled ahead when a Moses deft chip kick found Waqa Blake, who positioned himself perfectly, took the ball cleanly and fell over the line to score on the right side. Moses converted to give the Eels a 10 point lead. But three minutes later the Warriors hit back after they sent the ball wide to the left on the last tackle to Gerard Beale, who couldn't quite get outside Ferguson, so he dropped it onto his toe and the gentle grubber is forced for a try by Perham. Harris-Tavita converted from out wide again. A Mitch Moses penalty goal in the 76th minute gave the Eels a 6 point lead and ultimately the victory.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Roger Tuivasa-Sheck; 2 points - Junior Paulo; 1 points - Clinton Gutherson

Holmes slays Dragons to end Cowboys' losing streak

Adam Huxtable



23-22



The North Queensland Cowboys have delivered for their home fans in spectacular fashion, winning a see-sawing clash against the Dragons by a solitary golden-point 23-22 in Townsville tonight.

The Dragons had a chance to put points on the board early when Valentine Holmes made a mess of a regulation pickup at the back, but the Cowboys were let off the hook when Ravalawa also knocked on on play 1. It was a case of getting the bad stuff out of the way early for Holmes, who was exceptional for the rest of the night. The Cowboys then gave their home faithful a reason to be hopeful that tonight could be the night when they opened the scoring in the 8th minute through Francis Molo. Molo ran a textbook crash ball line and was able to charge his way over the Dragons defence, which in all honesty should've stopped him with ease.

The match became an arm wrestle for the next 20 minutes or so until the Dragons big guns combined to send Warriors bound centre Euan Aitken over the try-line untouched. McInnes passed the ball from dummy half to Ben Hunt, who on his 250th elected to run on the last and caught out some poor Cowboys defenders with the pass to Aitken. The Cowboys would've been experiencing some deja vu from last week against Cronulla, where they also scored the first try only to get run down quite easily, when Mikaele Ravalawa produced a putdown for the ages only 4 minutes after the Aitken try. Ravalawa walked the tightrope and stayed upright the whole time while having Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow try to get bundle him into touch, and only just got the ball down in time. A penalty goal to Zac Lomax right on half time sent the away side into the sheds with a 6-point lead.

The Cowboys had a dream start to the second half and it came off the back of a Jake Clifford kick being allowed to bounce by Matt Dufty. Valentine Holmes was within the vicinity and took possession, chinking across field before linking up with Kyle Feldt, who did well to beat his opposite number and offload. The man on the receiving end of the offload was Jake Clifford, the same man who put the kick in on halfway, and he streaked down the touchline to finish off a spectacular team try and the scores were locked at 12 apiece. The Dragons weren't a fan of not being in the lead and went over themselves just 5 minutes later courtesy of some brilliant work close to the line from Adam Clune. "Cluney" was faced with a broken defensive line 20 metres out from the Cowboys in goal and beat a couple of defenders before handing the ball off to a determined Jacob Host who proved too strong for Feldt and Holmes.

The try for try nature of the match continued when Scott Drinkwater decided to take control of the team and combine brilliantly with fullback Valentine Holmes to lay on another try. Drinkwater did enough to get the defence moving left before stepping back off his right foot to give Holmes an inside ball to score the equaliser. It didn't last long however, with Lomax edging the Dragons ahead 20-18 with a penalty goal just 5 minutes later.

In the 68th minute, Drinkwater stole the show yet again, opting to go down a short-side and commit the Dragons defenders before getting a peach of a pass out to Kyle Feldt, who would not have scored an easier try in his career. The Cowboys had the lead but Holmes couldn't convert, leaving the score at 22-20.

Just as it seemed that the Cowboys couldn't possibly lose it, the Dragons got a penalty in kickable range with 2 minutes to go and Lomax made no mistake with the goal. Both sides missed field goal attempts and we were destined for golden point. After Corey Norman gifted the Cowboys 7 tackles with his missed field goal in the first period of golden point, the Cowboys looked set to strike. The ball went to Valentine Holmes, but it was charged down. In the aftermath, the ref found a Dragons knock on and the Cowboys had a full set in prime range to seal the match. Holmes was never going to miss 2 shots in a row. It was in the middle of the tackle count and the stage was set for the big money recruit, and boy did he deliver. The kick never looked like missing and for a second the Cowboys fans forgot all about the horrible season they've had to date. It was fitting that Holmes kicked the match winner, him and Drinkwater were the standouts for the home side.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Scott Drinkwater; 2 points - Valentine Holmes; 1 points - Josh Mcguire

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The Scoresheet

Scores, scorers, match details from Round 17

Panthers 25 (Josh Mansour, Kurt Capewell, Jarome Luai, Brian To'o tries; Nathan Cleary 4/5 goals and 1 field goal) def **Broncos 12** (Kotoni Staggs, Jordan Riki tries; Kotoni Staggs 2/2 goals); Venue: Suncorp Stadium; Date: Thursday 3 September 2020, 7:50pm AEST; Halftime: Panthers 14-6; Referee: Matt Cecchin; Sideline Officials: Chris Butler, Belinda Sharpe; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy, Bryan Norrie

Knights 38 (Starford To'a (2), Kalyon Ponga (3), Lachlan Fitzgibbon, Josh King tries; Kalyon Ponga 0/2, Mason Lino 5/6 goals) def **Sharks 10** (Ronaldo Mulitalo, Connor Tracey tries; Bryson Goodwin 1/1, Braydon Trindall 0/1 goals); Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium; Date: Friday 4 September 2020, 6:00pm AEST; Halftime: Knights 22-4; Crowd: 5597; Referee: Ben Cummins; Sideline Officials: Phil Henderson, Matt Noyen; NRL Bunker: Henry Perenara, Bryan Norrie

Storm 22 (Ryan Papenhuyzen, Justin Olam, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, Cameron Munster tries; Cameron Smith 3/4 goals) def **Rabbitohs 16** (Campbell Graham, Cody Walker tries; Adam Reynolds 4/4 goals); Venue: ANZ Stadium; Date: Friday 4 September 2020, 7:55pm AEST; Halftime: Rabbitohs 14-10; Referee: Ashley Klein; Sideline Officials: Todd Smith, Peter Gough; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Ben Galea

Titans 18 (Corey Thompson, Beau Farmor, Jamal Fogarty, Anthony Don tries; Ashley Taylor 1/3, Jamal Fogarty 0/1 goals) def **Bulldogs 14** (Nick Meaney, Kieran Foran,

Lachlan Lewis tries; Nick Meaney 1/2, Jake Averillo 0/1 goals); Venue: ANZ Stadium; Date: Saturday 5 September 2020, 3:00pm AEST; Halftime: Titans 14-6; Referee: Chris Sutton; Sideline Officials: Liam Kennedy, Drew Oultram; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Beau Scott

Tigers 34 (David Nofaloaluma (3), Adam Doueihi (2), Moses Mbye tries; Adam Doueihi 5/6 goals) def **Sea Eagles 32** (Morgan Harper (2), Jorge Taufua, Jack Gosiewski, Tevita Funa, Jake Trbojevic tries; Daly Cherry-Evans 4/6 goals); Venue: Lottoland; Date: Saturday 5 September 2020, 5:30pm AEST; Halftime: Sea Eagles 20-12; Referee: Henry Perenara; Sideline Officials: Jon Stone, Gavin Badger; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark, Bryan Norrie

Roosters 18 (James Tedesco (2), Daniel Tupou tries; Kyle Flanagan 3/4 goals) def **Raiders 6** (John Bateman try; Jarrod Croker 1/1 goal); Venue: GIO Stadium Canberra; Date: Saturday 5 September 2020, 7:35pm AEST; Halftime: Roosters 10-6; Referee: Gerard Sutton; Sideline Officials: Dave Munro, Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski; NRL Bunker: Ashley Klein, Ben Galea

Eels 24 (Maika Sivo, Jai Field, Blake Ferguson, Waqa Blake tries; Mitchell Moses 4/5 goals) def **Warriors 18** (Chanel Harris-Tavita (2), Hayze Perham tries; Chanel Harris-Tavita 3/3 goals); Venue: Central Coast Stadium; Date: Sunday 6 September 2020, 4:05pm AEST; Halftime: Eels 16-12; Referee: Grant Atkins; Sideline Officials: Chris Butler, Phil Henderson; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy, Beau Scott

Cowboys 23 (Francis Molo, Valentine Holmes, Jake Clifford, Kyle Feldt tries; Valentine Holmes 3/4 goals; Valentine Holmes 1 field goal) def **Dragons 22** (Euan Aitken, Mikael Ravalawa, Jacob Host tries; Zac Lomax 5/6 goals); Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium; Date: Sunday 6 September 2020, 6:30pm AEST; Halftime: Dragons 12-6; Crowd: 6755; Referee: Adam Gee; Sideline Officials: Todd Smith, Drew Oultram; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell, Ben Galea

NRL Match Review

Round 17 Charge Sheet

Jordan RIKI (Broncos) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle
55th minute on Nathan Cleary
Base penalty 200pts
1 x non-similar prior offence last 2 years (20% loading)
25 carryover points to add.
Guilty / no contest = 240+25=265pts (2 matches) QR Guilty - early plea = 180+25=205pts (2 matches)
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 2 matches.** 5 carryover points accrued.

Jamil HOPOATE (Broncos) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw
58th minute on James Fisher-Harris
Base penalty 100pts
1 x non-similar prior offence last 2 years (20% loading)
40 carryover points to add
Guilty / no contest = 120+40=160pts (1 match) QR Guilty - early plea = 90+40=130pts (1 match)
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 1 match.** 30 carryover points accrued.

Cory PAIX (Broncos) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw
58th minute on James Fisher-Harris
Base penalty 100pts
Guilty / no contest = 100pts (1 match) QR Guilty - early plea = 75pts (0 matches)
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **No suspension.** 75 carryover points accrued.

Christian WELCH (Storm) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (head/neck)
42nd minute on Liam Knight
Base penalty 100pts
Guilty / no contest = 100pts (1 match) QR Guilty - early plea = 75pts (0 matches)
PLEA: Guilty - no contest. **Suspended 1 match.** No carryover points accrued.

Chad TOWNSEND (Sharks) Grade 3 Shoulder Charge
53rd minute on Kalyon Ponga
Base penalty 500pts
Guilty / no contest = 500pts (5 matches) QR Guilty - early plea = 375pts (3 matches)
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 3 matches.** 75 carryover points accrued.

Toby RUDOLF (Sharks) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw
21st minute on Mason Lino
Base penalty 100pts
Guilty / no contest = 100pts (1 match) QR Guilty - early plea = 75pts (0 matches)
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **No suspension.** 75 carryover points accrued.

Wade GRAHAM (Sharks) Grade 2 Dangerous Throw
21st minute on Mason Lino
Base penalty 300pts
Guilty / no contest = 300pts (3 matches) QR Guilty - early plea = 225pts (2 matches)
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **Suspended 2 matches.** 25 carryover points accrued.

David KLEMMER (Knights) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct
19th minute on Siosifa Talakai
Base penalty \$750 fine
2 x similar prior offences last 2 years (100% loading)
Guilty / no contest = \$1500 fine QR Guilty - early plea = \$1150 fine
PLEA: Guilty - early plea. **\$1150 fine.**

LeagueUnlimited Player of the Year

At the conclusion of each match our reporters choose their best three players from the match. On this page, we'll publish the full standings throughout the season.

28 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers); **22 points** - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Cameron Smith (Storm); **19 points** - Shaun Johnson (Sharks); **18 points** - Kalyon Ponga (Knights), James Tedesco (Roosters), Jack Wighton (Raiders); **15 points** - Cameron Munster (Storm); **14 points** - Brett Morris (Roosters); **13 points** - Dylan Marshall (Wests Tigers), Clinton Gutherson (Eels); **12 points** - Luke Keary (Roosters); **11 points** - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Matthew Dufty (Dragons), George Williams (Raiders), Jahrome Hughes (Storm); **10 points** - Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Jarome Luai (Panthers), Jamal Fogarty (Titans); **9 points** - David Klemmer (Knights), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Josh Papalii (Raiders); **8 points** - Dylan Brown (Eels), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Blake Green (Warriors), Kurt Mann (Knights); **7 points** - Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Wade Graham (Sharks), Liam Martin (Panthers), Harry Grant (Storm), Peta Hiku (Warriors), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), David Nofaloaluma (Wests Tigers); **6 points** - Ben Hunt (Dragons), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Eliesa Katoa (Warriors), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Curtis Sironen (Sea Eagles), Matt Burton (Panthers), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Junior Paulo (Eels); **5 points** - Corey Norman (Dragons), Maika Sivo (Eels), Nathan Brown (Eels), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Siosiaua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Cade Cust (Sea Eagles), Jarrod Croker (Raiders), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Michael Morgan (Cowboys); **4 points** - Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Sitili

Tupouniua (Roosters), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Storm), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Josh Morris (Sharks), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Kyle Flanagan (Roosters), Anthony Milford (Broncos), Shaun Lane (Eels), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Justin Olam (Storm); **3 points** - Kevin Proctor (Titans), Bradman Best (Knights), Adam Clune (Dragons), Charlie Staines (Panthers), Will Kennedy (Sharks), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Aiden Tolman (Bulldogs), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Joseph Leilua (Wests Tigers), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Young Tonumaipea (Titans), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Nick Meaney (Bulldogs), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Waqa Blake (Eels), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Brian Kelly (Titans), Addin Fonua-Blake (Sea Eagles), John Bateman (Raiders), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Alexander Brimson (Titans), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Jack Murdoch (Raiders); **2 points** - Kieran Foran (Bulldogs), Mikael Ravalawa (Dragons), Tyson Frizell (Dragons), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Christian Welch (Storm), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Charnze Nicol-Klokstad (Raiders), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Michael Jennings (Eels), Nick Cotric (Raiders), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Wayde Egan (Warriors), Dale Finucane (Storm), David Fifita (Broncos), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Jorge Taufua (Sea Eagles), Cameron McInnes (Dragons), Payne Haas (Broncos), Beau Farmor (Titans), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Corey Thompson (Wests Tigers), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Lachlan Fitzgibbon (Knights), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Emre Guler (Raiders), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans); **1 point** - Josh McGuire (Cowboys), James Tamou (Panthers), Jordan Pereira (Dragons), Adam Pompey (Warriors), Luke Garner (Wests Tigers), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Tom Starling (Raiders), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Josh Reynolds (Wests Tigers), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Connor Watson (Knights), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Herman Ese'ese (Knights), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Tyrell Fuimaono (Dragons), Phillip Sami (Titans), Ethan Lowe (Rabbitohs), Alex Talw (Wests Tigers), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Adam Elliott (Bulldogs), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Brendan Elliot (Sea Eagles), Darius Boyd (Broncos), Caleb Aekins (Panthers), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Billy Walters (Wests Tigers), Tom Opacic (Cowboys), Sam Lisone (Titans), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Andrew McCullough (Broncos), Liam Knight (Rabbitohs)

Premiership ladder

NRL 2020 Telstra Premiership after Round 17

Pos	Team	Overall								Home						Away							
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD
1	Panthers	17	15	1	1	443	224	219	31	9	8	-	1	219	94	125	8	7	1	-	224	130	94
2	Storm	17	14	3	-	426	204	222	28	8	7	1	-	244	99	145	9	7	2	-	182	105	77
3	Eels	17	13	4	-	336	232	104	26	9	7	2	-	162	124	38	8	6	2	-	174	108	66
4	Roosters	17	12	5	-	468	232	236	24	8	5	3	-	188	115	73	9	7	2	-	280	117	163
5	Raiders	17	11	6	-	344	267	77	22	9	5	4	-	178	148	30	8	6	2	-	166	119	47
6	Knights	17	10	6	1	361	278	83	21	9	6	3	-	195	98	97	8	4	3	1	166	180	-14
7	Rabbitohs	17	10	7	-	419	294	125	20	8	6	2	-	230	120	110	9	4	5	-	189	174	15
8	Sharks	17	9	8	-	412	394	18	18	8	4	4	-	168	182	-14	9	5	4	-	244	212	32
9	Wests Tigers	17	7	10	-	370	401	-31	14	8	3	5	-	191	187	4	9	4	5	-	179	214	-35
10	Warriors	17	7	10	-	275	382	-107	14	9	4	5	-	173	174	-1	8	3	5	-	102	208	-106
11	Dragons	17	6	11	-	322	351	-29	12	8	3	5	-	184	168	16	9	3	6	-	138	183	-45
12	Sea Eagles	17	6	11	-	291	407	-116	12	9	3	6	-	178	216	-38	8	3	5	-	113	191	-78
13	Titans	17	6	11	-	250	427	-177	12	8	3	5	-	128	209	-81	9	3	6	-	122	218	-96
14	Cowboys	17	4	13	-	304	436	-132	8	9	3	6	-	198	213	-15	8	1	7	-	106	223	-117
15	Broncos	17	3	14	-	234	548	-314	6	9	2	7	-	136	284	-148	8	1	7	-	98	264	-166
16	Bulldogs	17	2	15	-	236	414	-178	4	8	1	7	-	104	184	-80	9	1	8	-	132	230	-98

Stats leaders

NRL 2020 Telstra Premiership after Round 17

Top Pointscorers

Pos	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Kyle FLANAGAN	Roosters	15	4	72	-	160
2	Adam REYNOLDS	Rabbitohs	17	6	66	1	157
3	Zac LOMAX	Dragons	17	10	55	-	150
4	Nathan CLEARY	Panthers	15	4	63	3	145
5	Kalyn PONGA	Knights	16	9	43	-	122
6	Jarrold CROKER	Raiders	17	3	54	-	120
7	Cameron SMITH	Storm	14	1	57	-	118
8	Shaun JOHNSON	Sharks	14	2	51	-	110
9	Kyle FELDT	Cowboys	17	14	23	-	102
10	Mitchell MOSES	Eels	14	3	41	1	95
11	Reuben GARRICK	Sea Eagles	16	3	39	-	90
12	Moses MBEY	Wests Tigers	15	4	29	-	74
13	Stephen CRICHTON	Panthers	17	14	7	-	70
14	David NOFOALUMA	Wests Tigers	17	17	-	-	68
	Kotoni STAGGS	Broncos	11	10	14	-	68
16	Nicholas MEANEY	Bulldogs	15	6	18	-	60
17	Alex JOHNSTON	Rabbitohs	16	14	-	-	56
	Sione KATOA	Sharks	16	14	-	-	56
19	Ashley TAYLOR	Titans	16	1	25	-	54
20	Mikaele RAVALAWA	Dragons	16	13	-	-	52
	Maika SIVO	Eels	17	13	-	-	52

Top Tryscorers

Pos	Player	Team	P	Tries
1	David NOFOALUMA	Wests Tigers	17	17
2	Stephen CRICHTON	Panthers	17	14
	Kyle FELDT	Cowboys	17	14
	Alex JOHNSTON	Rabbitohs	16	14
	Sione KATOA	Sharks	16	14
6	Mikaele RAVALAWA	Dragons	16	13
	Maika SIVO	Eels	17	13
8	Josh ADDO-CARR	Storm	16	12
	Brett MORRIS	Roosters	13	12
10	Matthew DUFTY	Dragons	15	11

Top Goalkickers

Pos	Player	Team	P	G	Att	%
1	Kyle FLANAGAN	Roosters	15	72	89	81%
2	Adam REYNOLDS	Rabbitohs	17	66	76	87%
3	Nathan CLEARY	Panthers	15	63	77	82%
4	Cameron SMITH	Storm	14	57	69	83%
5	Zac LOMAX	Dragons	17	55	70	79%
6	Jarrold CROKER	Raiders	17	54	62	87%
7	Shaun JOHNSON	Sharks	14	51	66	77%
8	Kalyn PONGA	Knights	16	43	67	64%
9	Mitchell MOSES	Eels	14	41	50	82%
10	Reuben GARRICK	Sea Eagles	16	39	54	72%

THE FRONT ROW

GAME DAY

ROUND 18 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS & STATS · PREVIEWS

Thursday



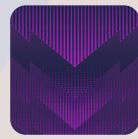
**West Tigers
v Rabbitohs**
Bankwest

Saturday



**Dragons
v Raiders**
WIN Stadium

Sunday



**Storm
v Cowboys**
Sunshine Coast Stadium

Friday



**Bulldogs
v Sea Eagles**
ANZ Stadium



**Titans
v Broncos**
Cbus Super



**Sharks
v Warriors**
Netstrata Jubilee Stadium



**Panthers
v Eels**
Panthers



**Roosters
v Knights**
SCG

WEEKLY TIPS Round 18

Bracketed figures (X/Y): X is correct tips for last round; Y is total correct since Round 3

Andrew Jackson (7/86)

Rabbitohs
Sea Eagles
Panthers
Raiders
Broncos
Roosters
Storm
Warriors

Josh Robertson (5/85)

Rabbitohs
Bulldogs
Panthers
Raiders
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Warriors

Justin Davies (4/79)

Rabbitohs
Sea Eagles
Panthers
Dragons
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Warriors

Hamish Parker (5/76)

Rabbitohs
Sea Eagles
Panthers
Raiders
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Sharks

Adam Huxtable (7/75)

Tigers
Sea Eagles
Eels
Dragons
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Warriors

Steven Williams (5/72)

Tigers
Sea Eagles
Panthers
Dragons
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Warriors

Rick Edgerton (4/85)

Rabbitohs
Sea Eagles
Panthers
Raiders
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Warriors

Jeff Dickinson-Fox (7/85)

Rabbitohs
Sea Eagles
Panthers
Raiders
Broncos
Roosters
Storm
Warriors

Sam Bourke (4/78)

Rabbitohs
Sea Eagles
Panthers
Raiders
Broncos
Roosters
Storm
Sharks

Tim Costello (3/75)

Rabbitohs
Bulldogs
Panthers
Raiders
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Sharks

Rob Crosby (7/74)

Rabbitohs
Bulldogs
Panthers
Raiders
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Sharks

Andrew Ferguson (4/71)

Tigers
Bulldogs
Panthers
Raiders
Titans
Roosters
Storm
Sharks

WESTS TIGERS



South Sydney RABBITOHS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
15	4	29	74	Moses Mbye	1	FULLBACK	1	Corey Allan	4	1	-	4	
17	17	-	68	David Nofoaluma	2	WING	2	Alex Johnston	16	14	-	56	
13	4	-	16	Joseph Leilua	3	CENTRE	3	Campbell Graham	16	9	-	36	
17	5	7	34	Adam Doueihi	4	CENTRE	4	Steven Marsters	3	1	-	4	
2	-	-	-	Asu Kepaoa	5	WING	5	Dane Gagai	14	9	-	36	
13	2	14 ¹	37	Benji Marshall	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Cody Walker	15	7	-	28	
15	2	- ¹	9	Luke Brooks	7	HALFBACK	7	Adam Reynolds	17	6	66 ¹	157	
16	3	-	12	Josh Aloiai	8	FRONT ROW	8	Liam Knight	13	-	-	-	
12	3	-	12	Harry Grant	9	HOOKER	9	Damien Cook	17	3	-	12	
15	-	-	-	Thomas Mikaele	10	FRONT ROW	10	Thomas Burgess	17	2	-	8	
14	5	-	20	Luke Garner	11	SECOND ROW	11	Jaydn Su'a	16	2	-	8	
17	6	-	24	Luciano Leilua	12	SECOND ROW	12	Bayley Sironen	13	1	-	4	
10	-	-	-	Alex Twal	13	LOCK	13	Cameron Murray	17	2	-	8	
11	1	-	4	Matt Eisenhuth	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Mark Nicholls	13	2	-	8	
9	-	-	-	Elijah Taylor	15		15	Jed Cartwright	-	-	-	-	
4	1	-	4	Jacob Liddle	16		16	Patrick Mago	11	-	-	-	
10	2	-	8	Sam McIntyre	17		17	Keon Koloamatangi	8	-	-	-	
10	-	-	-	Chris Lawrence	18	RESERVES	18	Jaxson Paulo	8	1	-	4	
10	5	-	20	Tommy Talau	19		19	Ky Rodwell	-	-	-	-	
9	1	-	4	Josh Reynolds	20		20	Troy Dargan	2	-	-	-	
6	-	-	-	Russell Packer	21		21	Cory Dennis	-	-	-	-	

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RLP MILESTONES Mark Nicholls (Rabbitohs) - 50th Rabbitohs game; Cody Walker (Rabbitohs) - 1 more try for 50 club and career tries

#NRLTigersSouths

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 10 September 2020
KICKOFF	7:50pm AEST
VENUE	Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ben CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Todd SMITH Chris SUTTON
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA Bryan NORRIE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

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OVERALL 35 MATCHES

Tigers 16 Rabbitohs 19

At Bankwest Stadium: 2 matches, Tigers 1, Rabbitohs 1

LAST TEN

LAST TEN		TIGERS 6-4	
2015	R14	Tigers 34-6	ANZ
2016	R9	Tigers 30-22	ANZ
2016	R14	Tigers 30-14	ANZ
2017	R1	Tigers 34-18	ANZ
2017	R10	Rabbitohs 28-8	ANZ
2018	R19	Tigers 22-6	ANZ
2018	R25	Rabbitohs 51-10	ANZ
2019	R11	Rabbitohs 32-16	ANZ
2019	R15	Tigers 14-9	Bankwest
2020	R9	Rabbitohs 18-10	Bankwest

BIGGEST WINS

2004	R22	Tigers 56-6	Leichhardt
2013	R10	Rabbitohs 54-10	ANZ

FORM: LAST FIVE

TIGERS	L W L L W	9th, 14pts
RABBITOHS	W W W W L	7th, 20pts

THE RUN HOME

TIGERS			
R19	A	v Storm, Sunshine Coast	Sat 5:30pm
R20	H	v Eels, Venue TBC	Sat 7:35pm
RABBITOHS			
R19	H	v Bulldogs, ANZ	Thu 7:50pm
R20	H	v Roosters, ANZ	Fri 7:55pm

Match Preview

with Jason Hosken

Rabbitohs on the rebound as Tigers plot another escape

The full moon that rose above Round 17 may not have determined South Sydney's demise, but the chaotic scenes at Lottoland are proof that it reversed the tide on the Wests Tigers' season.

In what could have been mistaken as the NRL's Tackle Free Round, a late Tigers hat-trick in a 12 try extravaganza not only ruled a line through Manly's season but kept Michael Maguire's pulse throbbing for at least another week. Still four points adrift of the eighth placed Sharks, themselves a victim of last week's lunar madness, Maguire knows a repeat of last week's defensive inefficiencies will have his players eyeing fancy dress two weeks early.

Still grinning like a surfer who just found the ultimate break, Maguire couldn't turn his back on last week's 17. So after weeks of skittish selections an unchanged squad will make their way to Bankwest where Adam Doueih's newfound presence in the frontline will have his former teammates on their toes.

Last week wasn't as rosy for Wayne Bennett after Souths fell to the Storm. A glum Bennett stopped short of claiming the two competition points when he said the Rabbitohs beat themselves, before going on to back his side against any of the competition heavyweights. And with finals-like intensity to equal the Storm following a fortnight of untouchable bliss, it's tough to argue. But now scrambling in seventh place, last week's thoughts of the top-four have vanished along with the Rabbitohs' room for error. Now with the Bulldogs and Roosters to follow as Cody Walker and Damien Cook work their charm, Souths can still finish fifth or sixth where they'll be a week-1 nightmare eyeing a week-2 upset.

With the chocolates split four apiece with the Tigers since 2016, Souths welcome back winger Dane Gagai while Tevita Tatola is a big out, with Liam Knight to start upfront. Former Panther Jed Cartwright has been named on the bench, from where he looks set to make his Rabbitohs debut.

Who to watch: Before his second career hat-trick sank the Sea Eagles, Benji Marshall had already tagged David Nofalo as the Tigers' best. Rising from the back blocks of the NSW Cup just over a year ago to the top of the NRL try-scoring list, the Tigers' flyer is now just four shy of a club record 21 in a season. On the Blues' radar and oozing confidence in his eighth season, this week's match up with Alex Johnston is sure to max the rev limiter.

Campbell Graham is one of several rangy centres who've come into their own this season. Big stepping and high flying, the 21-year-old has cashed in on the Rabbitohs' recent blitz crossing the stripe six times in the past four matches. Already in his fourth season, the Coogee junior regularly tops 150 metres a game and is sure to cause the Tigers headaches either side of the Steeden.

Favourite: Three tries for Gagai secured South Sydney the points when these sides squared off in July. And while every game for Wests is now sudden death, the three extra wins already under Souths' belt means they are clear favourites.

My tip: Latrell Mitchell's absence might have cost the Rabbitohs last week yet the Storm only got them in the home straight. And while the Tigers' Houdini effort was one to savour, it was against a wounded Sea Eagles who still accumulated a winnable 32 points.

The difference between these two sides is upstairs, while one dreams of finals football the other is a finals team. So if the Rabbitohs don't get the jump early, expect them to finish with more in the tank and bolt clear as the clock winds down. **Rabbitohs by 12.**

Canterbury-Bankstown
BULLDOGS



Manly-Warringah
SEA EAGLES

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
10	2	-	8	Will HOPOATE	1	FULLBACK	1	Tevita FUNA	9	5	-	20
15	6	18	60	Nicholas MEANEY	2	WING	2	Albert HOPOATE	2	-	-	-
11	3	-	12	Reimis SMITH	3	CENTRE	3	Brad PARKER	16	2	-	8
15	2	-	8	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	4	CENTRE	4	Morgan HARPER	1	2	-	8
-	-	-	-	Jayden OKUNBOR	5	WING	5	Abbas MISKI	-	-	-	-
11	3	8	28	Jake AVERILLO	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Cade CUST	9	3	-	12
11	2	-	8	Lachlan LEWIS	7	HALFBACK	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	17	5	4 ¹	29
11	-	-	-	Ofahiki OGDEN	8	FRONT ROW	8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	14	3	-	12
17	1	-	4	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	9	HOOKER	9	Danny LEVI	17	2	-	8
15	2	-	8	Aiden TOLMAN	10	FRONT ROW	10	Martin TAUPAU	15	1	-	4
17	1	-	4	Josh JACKSON	11	SECOND ROW	11	Jack GOSIEWSKI	11	3	-	12
17	5	-	20	Raymond FAITALA-MARINER	12	SECOND ROW	12	Curtis SIRONEN	15	2	-	8
8	-	-	-	Luke THOMPSON	13	LOCK	13	Jake TRBOJEVIC	17	2	-	8
7	-	3	6	Brandon WAKEHAM	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Lachlan CROKER	17	1	-	4
13	1	-	4	Renouf TO'OMAGA	15		15	Corey WADDELL	10	-	-	-
4	1	-	4	Matt DOOREY	16		16	Sean KEPPIE	16	-	-	-
12	-	-	-	Sauaso SUE	17		17	Taniela PASEKA	15	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	Dean BRITT	19	RESERVES	18	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	4	1	-	4
-	-	-	-	Tui KATOA	20		19	Luke METCALF	-	-	-	-
6	1	1	6	Tim LAFAI	21		20	Morgan BOYLE	5	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Chris SMITH	23		21	Ben TRBOJEVIC	-	-	-	-

* 2 games for Dragons

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RLP MILESTONES Josh JACKSON (Bulldogs) - 4 more points for 100 club and career points

#NRLBulldogsManly

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 11 September 2020
KICKOFF	6:00pm AEST
VENUE	ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Matt NOYEN
TOUCH JUDGES	Belinda SHARPE Peter GOUGH
NRL BUNKER	Steve CLARK Bryan NORRIE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

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OVERALL 130 MATCHES

Bulldogs 58 Sea Eagles 67 Drawn 5

At ANZ Stadium: 14 matches, Bulldogs 8, Sea Eagles 6

LAST TEN

		BULLDOGS 6-4	
2014	SF	Bulldogs 18-17	Allianz
2015	R3	Bulldogs 16-12	Brookvale
2015	R7	Bulldogs 28-16	ANZ
2016	R1	Bulldogs 28-6	Brookvale
2016	R23	Bulldogs 20-16	ANZ
2017	R4	Sea Eagles 36-0	Lottoland
2017	R24	Bulldogs 30-16	ANZ
2018	R22	Sea Eagles 18-6	Lottoland
2019	R8	Sea Eagles 18-10	Lottoland
2020	R3	Sea Eagles 32-6	Central Coast

BIGGEST WINS

2003	R23	Bulldogs 56-24	Brookvale
1954	R14	Sea Eagles 45-7	Brookvale

FORM: LAST FIVE

BULLDOGS	LLLLL	16th, 4pts
SEA EAGLES	LLLLL	12th, 12pts

THE RUN HOME

BULLDOGS

R19	A	v Rabbitohs, ANZ	Thu 7:50pm
R20	H	v Panthers, ANZ	Sat 3:00pm

SEA EAGLES

R19	H	v Titans, Lottoland	Sat 3:00pm
R20	A	v Warriors, Central Coast	Sun 2:00pm

Match Preview

with Lachy MacCorquodale

The last placed Bulldogs kick-off Friday night football as they host the struggling Sea Eagles.

The second instalment of the 'Des Hasler Cup' for 2020 is upon with the Sea Eagles looking to retain the crown after defeating the Bulldogs 32-6 in the third round, the first after the season shutdown.

For the first time in a long time, one of these clubs are going to have something to cheer about as both teams have failed to register a win since Round 11 - when Canterbury upset Newcastle and the Sea Eagles knocked off the Cowboys.

The Bulldogs' losing streak continued with a four-point loss to the Titans which unfortunately keeps Canterbury as the favourites to take home the wooden spoon. Not only was another loss dealt to the Belmore club, both Kieran Foran and Dylan Napa sustained season ending injuries, which can only weaken their chance of avoiding last place. Canterbury haven't finished bottom since 2008 and will be doing everything in their power to avoid the dubious honour. This match against the Sea Eagles is their best chance of doing so from their remaining matches, with their final two against top eight sides, South Sydney and Penrith. They've won one of their past 13 matches (although this includes six losses by less than six points), so a victory this weekend is not out of reach for the 'Dogs. It'll be interesting to see how the new halves combination of Jake Averillo and Lachlan Lewis works out in the absence of Foran.

The Wests Tigers showed that Manly are a bit sketchy defensively when you attack at speed and with creativity which could play into the hands of the ad-lib Averillo as he'll be their key to their try scoring endeavours.

Foran and Napa are joined by Kerrod Holland and Marcelo Montoya who have been dropped from the 17. Jayden Okunbor makes his first appearance this season shifting Dallin Watene-Zelezniak into the centres whilst Reimis Smith fills the vacant centre role. Luke Thompson returns to the starting side at lock, moving Aiden Tolman to prop, with Brandon Wakeham and Sauaso Sue returning to the bench.

The Sea Eagles also on a six-game losing streak, gave up after 14-point lead in the final 10 minutes to succumb to the Tigers despite having possession of the football for 68 per cent of the match. Manly somehow coughed up 34 points despite giving the Tigers limited time with the ball in their hands. It's an all too familiar sign for the Sea Eagles who have now conceded 26 points or more for six straight weeks as they continue to slide down the ladder and could potentially see themselves drop to 13th if they fail to win and the Titans defeat the Broncos. Their defence has been a big worry since their losing streak begun and it has prevented them from winning on multiple occasions, just as it did on Saturday night. Despite the loss, Manly did look good in attack piling on 32 points as Addin-Fonua Blake and Martin Taupau marched their way through the Tigers' pack. They'll be key players once again in their clash against the Bulldogs this Friday. Manly do have the upper hand in fixtures against the Bulldogs recently, having won four of the previous five matches and three from three with Hasler back in charge.

The Sea Eagles are also with their own injury worries with Jorge Taufua and rookie Josh Schuster being ruled out for the rest of the season which sees Cade Cust return in the halves and Abbas Miski onto the wing for his first game this season.

Who to watch: Canterbury-Bankstown hooker Jeremy Marshall-King has been in some of his finest form since he came up against his former club, the Wests Tigers in Round 14. Since that performance he has been reinstated as the starting hooker and has assisted three tries in his last four appearances, one more than he had managed in the previous 13 matches. Marshall-King also has two-line breaks and eight tackle breaks to his name over the past four weeks and has been reliable running the football out of dummy-half. With Foran out, there is some work that needs to be picked up by the Bulldogs' spine and Marshall-King could be one to benefit. He lines up against Danny Levi this week and will be eager to show the former Kiwi hooker what he can do.

As always with Manly, it is skipper Daly Cherry-Evans who is the one to watch. The Queensland halfback was integral in his side's attack on the weekend producing an incredible four tries for his teammates, taking his season assist tally to 15. Cherry-Evans also came up with two forced dropouts as his side retained possession well on the weekend. It was their defence that let them down on the weekend, but they come up against a limited attacking side in the Bulldogs without their star Kieran Foran. So, whilst their defence continues to struggle, it could be their attack that wins the game for the Sea Eagles if they can manage to score 30 odd points again.

Favourite: Manly enter this fixture as the favourite with three wins from their last three matches against the Bulldogs. The Sea Eagles have also won three times the games that the Bulldogs have managed to win this year and as a result are favoured to win this match.

My tip: Despite Manly's defensive struggles, I still expect them to win this clash as their go-forward is just going to be too hard to stop. The loss of Kieran Foran is also a big factor as the Bulldogs may struggle to produce points. **Sea Eagles by 14.**

Penrith PANTHERS



Parramatta EELS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
9	4	-	16	Dylan EDWARDS	1	FULLBACK	1	Clinton GUTHERSON		17	5	12 ¹	45
16	7	-	28	Josh MANSOUR	2	WING	2	Maika SIVO		17	13	-	52
13	9	-	36	Brent NADEN	3	CENTRE	3	Michael JENNINGS		17	7	-	28
17	14	7	70	Stephen CRICHTON	4	CENTRE	4	Waga BLAKE		17	6	-	24
10	4	-	16	Brian TO'O	5	WING	5	Blake FERGUSON		16	1	-	4
17	5	-	20	Jarome LUAI	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Jai FIELD		4	2	-	8
15	4	63 ³	145	Nathan CLEARY	7	HALFBACK	7	Mitchell MOSES		14	3	41 ¹	95
17	-	-	-	James TAMOU	8	FRONT ROW	8	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD		17	1	-	4
15	3	-	12	Apisai KOROISAU	9	HOOKER	9	Reed MAHONEY		17	2	-	8
17	-	-	-	James FISHER-HARRIS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Junior PAULO		17	-	-	-
15	6	-	24	Viliame KIKAU	11	SECOND ROW	11	Shaun LANE		17	2	-	8
15	4	-	16	Liam MARTIN	12	SECOND ROW	12	Ryan MATTERSON		14	3	-	12
16	2	-	8	Isaah YEO	13	LOCK	13	Nathan BROWN		13	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Tyrone MAY	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Ray STONE		10	1	-	4
9	-	-	-	Spencer LENIU	15		15	Andrew DAVEY		5	-	-	-
17	-	-	-	Moses LEOTA	16		16	Kane EVANS		11	4	-	16
14	-	-	-	Zane TETEVANO	17		17	Oregon KAUFUSI		10	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Mitchell KENNY	18	RESERVES	18	Haze DUNSTER		-	-	-	-
4	2	-	8	Kurt CAPEWELL	19		19	Stefano UTOIKAMANU		3	-	-	-
4	2	-	8	Matt BURTON	20		20	Will SMITH		-	-	-	-
2	6	-	24	Charlie STAINES	21		21	David GOWER		3	-	-	-

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RLP MILESTONES Blake FERGUSON (Eels) - 4 more points for 500 career points; Junior PAULO (Eels) - 150th NRL match

#NRLPanthersEels

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 11 September 2020
KICKOFF	7:55pm AEST
VENUE	Panthers Stadium Penrith, NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Dave MUNRO Phil HENDERSON
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL Ben GALEA

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

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OVERALL 99 MATCHES

Panthers 40 Eels 58 Drawn 1

At Panthers Stadium: 48 matches, Panthers 23, Eels 24, Drawn 1

LAST TEN

Year	Round	Match	Opponent
2015	R12	Eels 26-20	Pepper
2015	R22	Eels 10-4	TIO
2016	R5	Panthers 20-18	Pirtek
2016	R19	Panthers 22-18	Pepper
2017	R8	Eels 18-12	ANZ
2018	R1	Panthers 24-14	Panthers
2018	R5	Panthers 12-6	ANZ
2019	R1	Eels 20-12	Panthers
2019	R11	Panthers 16-10	Bankwest
2020	R5	Eels 16-10	Bankwest

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BIGGEST WINS

2012	R4	Panthers 39-6	Parramatta
2002	R1	Eels 64-6	Parramatta

FORM: LAST FIVE

PANTHERS	W W W W W	1st, 29pts
EELS	W L W L W	3rd, 26pts

THE RUN HOME

PANTHERS

R19	A	v Cowboys, QLD C.Bank	Fri 6:00pm
R20	A	v Bulldogs, ANZ	Sat 3:00pm

EELS

R19	H	v Broncos, Bankwest	Fri 7:55pm
R20	A	v Tigers, Venue TBC	Sat 7:35pm

Match Preview

with Andrew Jackson

Eels look to do the double against Western Sydney rivals

The less-than-convincing Eels may not be in the same tier as the Storm or Roosters but this is the closest the Panthers are going to get to either. With the Cowboys and Bulldogs in the next fortnight and an uninspiring performance against the Broncos behind them, Penrith will get their only taste of genuine finals football this week. For all we know, they may have already been looking one week ahead last Thursday night when the uncharacteristic dropped balls came against Brisbane. This is the one game that the Panthers would circle with a red felt pen any year. This season though the Western Sydney derby takes on even greater importance. You see, for all their dominance this year there is still one mark against Penrith's name in 2020. Sure, there was the 14-all draw with Newcastle but the one loss, the one time that they fell short was against Parramatta. The last team they would want to have those bragging rights, especially when you consider it was a former Panther in Waqa Blake who single-handedly dragged the Eels out of a 10-0 deficit. Penrith are full strength, well-rested and almost have the minor premiership locked in. There are no excuses. If this is their preparation for the finals, they need to make it count.

Parramatta, on the other hand, have plenty of reasons to roll over. They are taking on the hottest side in the competition and coming off an underwhelming month which saw them thumped by South Sydney and scrape past a plucky Warriors side in a game overshadowed by a contentious sin-binning. There's no Dylan Brown again and Reed Mahoney is under an injury cloud. Then there's also a five-day turnaround to contend with. Parramatta will need all their energy to match it with Penrith's ferocious forward pack. They have to take it personally. There's no doubt they will with former Panther Reagan Campbell-Gillard returning to his old stomping ground and you don't have to ask Nathan Brown to fire up. The pack is never going to be the problem though. It's their vulnerable edge defence which is a concern. The form of Mitchell Moses is also a worry. Nathan Cleary, even in an ordinary outing last week, still had two try assists and importantly came up with the right plays late as Brisbane surged home. How will Moses stand up under pressure without his regular halves partner? He'll have to do it in the finals if Brown can't make a comeback so he might as well get some practice now.

Who to watch: Stephen Crichton was relatively quiet for his standards against Brisbane last week. A lack of early ball contributed to that but you can be made sure it won't be the case this week. Parramatta's edges have a habit of rushing out in defence and that is especially true for his opposite man Waqa Blake. The former Panther taught Crichton a lesson the last time they met but the youngster has lifted dramatically since then and will be looking to get one-up on Blake this time around.

Coming off a five-day turnaround, the key for the Eels will be energy and aggression. If they fail to match the Panthers for intent early they could be blown away like they were against Souths. That comes back to lock forward Nathan Brown. He troubled the Panthers the last time they met with his speed and change of direction when hitting the ball up. Some of Penrith's middles tired last week before Spencer Leniu and Zane Tetevano came on to provide a much-needed boost. Brown needs to set the tone early with his aggressive style in defence. If he can get under Penrith's skin he could unsettle their usually consistent pack and gain Parramatta an early advantage.

Favourite: Penrith are well-backed to make it 13 in a row.

My tip: This is a big game for the Panthers. Sure, they've won 12-straight games but this is against their biggest rivals and the same team that handed them their only loss of the year. It will be a tight tussle up until the 60th minute before the five-day turnaround will leave Parramatta without enough in the tank. **Panthers by 12.**

St George Illawarra
DRAGONS



Canberra
RAIDERS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
15	11	-	44	Matthew DUFTY	1	FULLBACK	1	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	16	7	-	28
13	1	-	4	Jordan PEREIRA	2	WING	2	Semi VALEMEI	4	1	-	4
15	4	-	16	Euan AITKEN	3	CENTRE	3	Jarrold CROKER	17	3	54	120
17	10	55	150	Zac LOMAX	4	CENTRE	4	Jordan RAPANA	14	2	-	8
-	-	-	-	Cody RAMSEY	5	WING	5	Nick ČOTRIĆ	17	10	-	40
16	4	-	16	Corey NORMAN	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Jack WIGHTON	17	8	-	32
13	-	-	-	Adam CLUNE	7	HALFBACK	7	George WILLIAMS	17	4	-	16
5	-	-	-	Kaide ELLIS	8	FRONT ROW	8	Josh PAPALII	17	4	-	16
17	1	-	4	Ben HUNT	9	HOOKER	9	Tom STARLING	8	3	-	12
13	-	-	-	Paul VAUGHAN	10	FRONT ROW	10	Ryan SUTTON	13	-	-	-
17	1	-	4	Tyson FRIZELL	11	SECOND ROW	11	John BATEMAN	6	2	-	8
9	2	-	8	Jacob HOST	12	SECOND ROW	12	Elliott WHITEHEAD	17	4	-	16
15	1	-	4	Cameron McINNES	13	LOCK	13	Joseph TAPINE	16	2	-	8
4	-	-	-	Billy BRITAIN	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Siliva HAVILI	17	-	-	-
17	2	-	8	Josh KERR	15		15	Dunamis LUI	14	1	-	4
17	-	-	-	Blake LAWRIE	16		16	Hudson YOUNG	12	2	-	8
9	-	-	-	Jackson FORD	17		17	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	5	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Eddie BLACKER	18	RESERVES	18	Sam WILLIAMS	-	-	-	-
14	1	-	4	Tyrell FUIMAONO	19		19	Matt FRAWLEY	-	-	-	-
4	1	-	4	Brayden WILIAME	20		20	Matthew TIMOKO	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Max FEAGAI	21		21	Iosia SOLIOLA	8	1	-	4

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COACH

Ricky STUART

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RLP MILESTONES Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD (Raiders) - 8 more points for 100 career points; Ben HUNT (Dragons) - 5 more points for 300 career points

#NRLDragonsRaiders

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 12 September 2020
KICKOFF	3:00pm AEST
VENUE	WIN Stadium Wollongong, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Jon STONE Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Ben GALEA

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

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OVERALL 31 MATCHES

Dragons 11 Raiders 19 Drawn 1

At WIN Stadium: 8 matches, Dragons 3, Raiders 4, Drawn 1

LAST TEN

Year	Round	Score	Result
2013	R3	Raiders 30-17	GIO
2013	R20	Raiders 22-18	WIN
2014	R23	Dragons 34-16	GIO
2015	R3	Dragons 22-20	GIO
2015	R10	Dragons 32-18	WIN
2016	R10	Dragons 16-12	WIN Jubilee
2017	R19	Raiders 18-14	GIO
2018	R11	Dragons 25-18	Glen Willow
2019	R17	Raiders 36-14	WIN
2020	R8	Raiders 22-16	GIO

5-ALL

BIGGEST WINS

1999	R7	Dragons 44-2	Kogarah
2007	R17	Dragons 58-16	WIN
2007	R11	Raiders 30-6	Canberra

FORM: LAST FIVE

DRAGONS	L W W L L	11th, 12pts
RAIDERS	L W W W L	5th, 22pts

THE RUN HOME

DRAGONS			
R19	A	v Knights, McDonald Jones	Sun 4:05pm
R20	H	v Storm, Netstrata Jubilee	Sun 4:05pm
RAIDERS			
R19	H	v Warriors, GIO	Sun 2:00pm
R20	A	v Sharks, Netstrata Jubilee	Sat 5:30pm

Match Preview

with Hamish Parker

Sinking Saints take on injury-ravaged Raiders

The St. George Illawarra Dragons and the Canberra Raiders will battle it out on Saturday afternoon at WIN Stadium, with the joint-venture's finals hopes now all but over. Canberra on the other hand, face an uphill battle for a top four position after last week's loss to the Roosters, but still remain hopeful. Individuals within the Dragons' playing group still have plenty to fight for, with a chance to impress incoming coach Anthony Griffin late in the season. It will be interesting to see how these sides respond to Round 17 losses and the match could potentially have a bearing on the make-up of the top four come finals time.

Interim coach Dean Young has made a few changes to the Red V lineup for this game. Cody Ramsey will make his NRL debut on the wing in place of Mikaele Ravalawa. Ramsey impressed early in the year at the Perth Nines tournament. Kaide Ellis will start for the first time as a Dragon at prop, in place of Blake Lawrie who drops back to the bench. Paul Vaughan is back from suspension and starts in the other prop forward position, pushing Josh Kerr back to the bench as well.

In the Raiders team news, Jordan Rapana has been moved into the centres, with Nick Cotric moved back to the wing. Josh Papalii has been named and will look to shake a shoulder injury suffered in the first half of last week's loss to the Roosters.

Who to watch: The Dragons were really poor in their last showing and they will need to improve significantly to beat the Raiders. Ben Hunt's kicking game will be important if they are to put a stamp on this game at all. When he first shifted to the dummy-half position, his kicking game had teams turning around and chasing, but that has gone missing and has been more rare to see in recent weeks. If he can get the Raiders coming out of their own end and forcing errors, then the Saints will be an outside chance.

For the Raiders, Jack Wighton will have to continue to stand up as he recently has in a team with their fair share of injuries. The Dragons' defence has been extremely flimsy and at times not first-grade standard. Look for Wighton to exploit this with his running game close to the line and potentially go over for a try or two.

Favourite: The Raiders are clear favourites to win this one.

My tip: The Dragons have been nothing short of terrible the last few weeks. Their defence has been soft and their big-money players aren't standing up and pulling their weight. Young guns Jacob Host and Jackson Ford can only do so much with such little help from the senior players within the group. If they don't stand up, this game could ugly for the Dragons with the likes of Wighton picking apart their defence. **Raiders by 16.**



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Gold Coast TITANS



Brisbane BRONCOS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
6	3	-	12	Alexander BRIMSON	1	FULLBACK	1	Darius BOYD		17	1	-	4
12	4	-	16	Corey THOMPSON	2	WING	2	Corey OATES		11	1	-	4
7	2	-	8	Beau FERMOR	3	CENTRE	3	Kotoni STAGGS		11	10	14	68
7	-	-	-	Young TONUMAIPEA	4	CENTRE	4	Herbie FARNWORTH		16	5	3	26
13	10	-	40	Anthony DON	5	WING	5	Richard KENNAR		7	3	-	12
16	1	25	54	Ashley TAYLOR	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Sean O'SULLIVAN		2	-	-	-
15	3	8	28	Jamal FOGARTY	7	HALFBACK	7	Tom DEARDEN		9	1	-	4
14	1	-	4	Jarrold WALLACE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Rhys KENNEDY		12	1	-	4
6	-	-	-	Mitch REIN	9	HOKKER	9	Issac LUKE		12	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	10	FRONT ROW	10	Payne HAAS		15	-	-	-
6	1	-	4	Sam STONE	11	SECOND ROW	11	David FIFITA		7	3	-	12
13	3	-	12	Keegan HIPGRAVE	12	SECOND ROW	12	Alex GLENN		5	-	-	-
17	1	-	4	Tyrone PEACHEY	13	LOCK	13	Patrick CARRIGAN		16	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	Erin CLARK	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Cory PAIX		10	1	-	4
6	-	-	-	Jai WHITBREAD	15		15	Ben TE'O		13	1	-	4
15	-	-	-	Jai ARROW	16		16	Xavier COATES		9	5	-	20
15	1	-	4	Sam LISONE	17		17	Joe OFAHENGAUE		12	-	-	-
11	1	-	4	Tanah BOYD	18	RESERVES	18	Jesse ARTHARS		5	1	-	4
2	-	-	-	Treymain SPRY	19		19	Ethan BULLEMOR		7	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Darius FARMER	20		20	Brodie CROFT		14	1	-	4
8	-	-	-	Nathan PEATS	21		21	Pride PETTERSON-ROBATI		-	-	-	-

* 2 games for Wests Tigers

* 3 games for Dragons

Justin HOLBROOK

COACH

Peter GENTLE

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RLP MILESTONES Ashley TAYLOR (Titans) - 3 more points for 300 club and career points; Jarrod WALLACE (Titans) - 150th NRL match

#NRLTitansBroncos

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 12 September 2020
KICKOFF	5:30pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium Robina, QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M Brisbane 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Henry PERENARA
TOUCH JUDGES	Liam KENNEDY Gavin BADGER
NRL BUNKER	Steve CLARK Bryan NORRIE

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

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OVERALL 28 MATCHES

Titans 8 Broncos 20

At Cbus Super: 13 matches, Titans 4, Broncos 9

LAST TEN

Year	Round	Opponent	Score
2015	R20	Broncos	34-0
2016	R5	Broncos	24-16
2016	FN	Broncos	44-28
2017	R7	Broncos	24-22
2017	R22	Broncos	54-0
2018	R4	Titans	26-14
2018	R17	Broncos	34-0
2019	R13	Titans	26-18
2019	R19	Broncos	34-12
2020	R7	Titans	30-12

BRONCOS 7-3

BIGGEST WINS

2017	R22	Broncos	54-0	Cbus Super
2020	R7	Titans	30-12	Suncorp

FORM: LAST FIVE

TITANS	W L L W W	13th, 12pts
BRONCOS	L L L L L	15th, 6pts

THE RUN HOME

TITANS			
R19	A	v Sea Eagles, Lottoland	Sat 3:00pm
R20	H	v Knights, Cbus Super	Fri 6:00pm
BRONCOS			
R19	A	v Eels, Bankwest	Fri 7:55pm
R20	H	v Cowboys, Suncorp	Thu 7:50pm

Match Preview

with Robert Crosby

In-form Titans eye off battling Broncos

The Gold Coast Titans will be chasing three straight wins when they take on the Brisbane Broncos at CBUS Super Stadium on Saturday evening.

Dismissed as also-rans before a ball had been kicked this season, the Gold Coast Titans have defied expectations to emerge as one of the competition's biggest improvers. Sitting in 13th position with a modest record of six wins over the first 17 rounds, the Titans have grown in confidence with each performance - culminating in back-to-back wins for the first time in 2020 after downing the Bulldogs 18-14 last Saturday.

Coming into the match as favourites for only the second time this season, coach Justin Holbrook will be hoping his team can continue a strong record over the Broncos following three wins from their past five meetings.

Forced into changes following ankle injuries to Brian Kelly and Jaimin Jolliffe in last week's win over the Bulldogs, forwards Moeaki Fotu'auka, Keegan Hipgrave and Jai Whitbread come into the side, while rookie Beau Fermor shifts into the backline.

Debuting in first grade with the Broncos back in 2012, Queensland representative Jarrod Wallace will line up for his 150th NRL match.

Staring down the prospect of an unwanted piece of history, the Brisbane Broncos will be desperate to finish their year from hell on a high. Winning just three matches all season to sit in 15th position with the worst attacking and defensive records in the league, a ninth straight loss will see the side condemned to the most consecutive losses in the club's history.

Showing signs of improvement during last Thursday's 25-12 loss to the Panthers, interim coach Peter Gentle will be banking on his team maintaining a strong record at CBUS Super Stadium following wins from their past five visits. Boosted by the return of captain Alex Glenn for the first time in nine weeks, Joe Ofahengaue and Xavier Coates have been named on the bench in place of suspended duo Jordan Riki and Jamil Hopoate.

Who to watch: Heading to the Gold Coast in pursuit of an opportunity after impressing in the lower grades at Newcastle, edge forward Beau Fermor has emerged as a player of the future for the Titans. Earmarked for big things after being named the Jersey Flegg Player of the Year in 2018, the 22-year-old Queenslander has averaged 86 metres and 22 tackles per game, while bagging two tries in his rookie season. Set to form a formidable back-row partnership in tandem with David Fifita and Tino Fa'asuamaleaui next season, Fermor will be out to hold his own in the centres as the Titans look to down the Broncos at CBUS Super Stadium for the first time since 2014.

Facing off against his future club for the first time since penning a three-year deal to head to the Gold Coast back in July, young gun David Fifita will be looking to finish his tenure at the Broncos on a high. Enduring a difficult campaign marred by well-documented contract negotiations and a lengthy stint on the sidelines, the 20-year-old Queensland representative has struggled since returning from injury to have the same impact that saw him touted as the best young player in the league. Averaging 136 metres and 24 tackles each week, the Broncos will need Fifita to stand up if they hope to break through for their fourth win of the season.

Favourite: Chasing back-to-back wins over the Broncos for the first time in history, the Titans are expected to prove too strong for their Queensland rivals.

My tip: On-track to record three consecutive wins for the first time since 2017, the pressure of expectation should see the Titans rise to the challenge against their lowly opponents. **Titans by 14.**

Sydney ROOSTERS



Newcastle KNIGHTS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
15	7	-	28	James TEDESCO	1	FULLBACK	1	Tex HOY		7	1	2	8
10	7	-	28	Daniel TUPOU	2	WING	2	Edrick LEE		8	5	-	20
14	7	-	28	Josh MORRIS	3	CENTRE	3	Enari TUALA		16	8	-	32
17	6	-	24	Joseph MANU	4	CENTRE	4	Gehamat SHIBASAKI		9	3	-	12
13	12	-	48	Brett MORRIS	5	WING	5	Starford TOA		5	4	-	16
15	6	- ²	26	Luke KEARY	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Mason LINO		2	-	5	10
15	4	72	160	Kyle FLANAGAN	7	HALFBACK	7	Mitchell PEARCE		17	2	- ¹	9
14	1	-	4	Jared WAREA-HARGREAVES	8	FRONT ROW	8	David KLEMMER		17	-	-	-
16	1	-	4	Jake FRIEND	9	HOKKER	9	Kurt MANN		17	6	-	24
16	1	3	10	Sio Siua TAUKEIAHO	10	FRONT ROW	10	Jacob SAIFITI		17	2	-	8
9	2	-	8	Boyd CORDNER	11	SECOND ROW	11	Lachlan FITZGIBBON		14	1	-	4
15	5	-	20	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	12	SECOND ROW	12	Aidan GUERRA		17	1	-	4
15	1	-	4	Isaac LIU	13	LOCK	13	Herman ESE'ESE		17	1	-	4
* 2 games for Sharks													
14	1	-	4	Nat BUTCHER	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Phoenix CROSSLAND		5	1	-	4
16	1	-	4	Lindsay COLLINS	15		15	Daniel SAIFITI		10	2	-	8
10	4	-	16	Angus CRICHTON	16		16	Josh KING		6	1	-	4
1	-	-	-	Sonny Bill WILLIAMS	17		17	Brodie JONES		6	-	-	-
13	-	-	-	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	18	RESERVES	18	Sione MATA'UTIA		8	1	-	4
12	3	-	12	Mitchell AUBUSSON	19		19	Pasami SAULO		7	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Freddy LUSSICK	20		20	Tautau MOGA		4	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	Ryan HALL	21		21	Chris RANDALL		3	-	-	-

* 4 games for Warriors

Trent ROBINSON

COACH

Adam O'BRIEN

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RLP MILESTONES Luke KEARY (Roosters) - 150th NRL match; Daniel TUPOU (Roosters) - 2 more tries / 8 more points for 100 club and career tries / 400 club and career points; Lachlan FITZGIBBON (Knights) - 4 more points for 100 club and career points

#NRLRoostersKnights

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 12 September 2020
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	Sydney Cricket Ground Moore Park, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Chris BUTLER Chris SUTTON
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL Beau SCOTT

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

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OVERALL 54 MATCHES

Roosters 32 Knights 20 Drawn 2

At the SCG: 1 match, Roosters 1, Knights 0

LAST TEN

LAST TEN		ROOSTERS 8-2	
2014	R14	Roosters 29-12	Allianz
2014	R20	Knights 16-12	Hunter
2015	R22	Roosters 38-22	Hunter
2016	R9	Roosters 38-0	Allianz
2017	R7	Roosters 24-6	McDonald Jones
2017	R20	Roosters 28-4	Allianz
2018	R3	Roosters 38-8	Allianz
2018	R14	Roosters 18-16	McDonald Jones
2019	R11	Knights 38-12	McDonald Jones
2019	R18	Roosters 48-10	SCG

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R22	Knights 46-12	Marathon
2001	QF	Knights 40-6	Marathon
2004	R15	Roosters 48-4	Aussie

FORM: LAST FIVE

ROOSTERS	W L W W W	4th, 24pts
KNIGHTS	W W L W W	6th, 21pts

THE RUN HOME

ROOSTERS			
R19	H	v Sharks, SCG	Sat 7:35pm
R20	A	v Rabbitohs, ANZ	Fri 7:55pm
KNIGHTS			
R19	H	v Dragons, McDonald Jones	Sun 4:05pm
R20	A	v Titans, Cbus Super	Fri 6:00pm

Match Preview

with Josh Robertson

Two sides firmly entrenched into the top eight battle at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday night as the Roosters host the Knights.

The Sydney Roosters welcomed back Sonny Bill Williams last week in their 18-6 defeat of the Canberra Raiders in the nation's capital. The Tricolours' victory was their third in a row, and kept the pressure on the Parramatta Eels for third position on the NRL ladder, all but securing their top four spot.

They started the season with back-to-back losses but since then they've had their own struggles with injury and suspension, yet won 12 of 15 games since the post-COVID resumption. They've welcomed back a number of key players from injury in recent weeks though, as well as the return of SBW all of which has helped them bounce back to form.

Head coach Trent Robinson has made just one change for this weekend with Jake Friend returning to the 17 at hooker, after missing last weekend having suffered a head knock against the Broncos a fortnight ago. Boyd Cordner has been named for the Roosters after having NRL approval to leave the 'COVID bubble' for personal reasons at the beginning of the week.

Newcastle bounced back to form last weekend when they scored a comprehensive 38-10 victory over the Cronulla Sharks. The victory was important for the Knights as they locked up a finals spot for the first time since 2013, as well as putting behind them an embarrassing 36-6 defeat to the Warriors a week prior.

The Knights started the season strongly but have struggled to find consistency with performances, though last week they were very impressive - albeit with an extra player. They come into the game sitting in 6th position with 10 wins through the season and having won four of their past five, although not all of these victories have been convincing.

Plenty of changes by Newcastle coach Adam O'Brien, with Kalyn Ponga, Mitch Barnett and Hymel Hunt all being rested for the contest which has seen Tex Hoy named at fullback, Edrick Lee on the wing and Herman Ese'ese at lock.

Who to watch: Roosters' five-eighth Luke Keary had a quiet game by usual standards last weekend with just one run which came at the very end of the game. Keary looked to be troubled by a rib injury last weekend, so it could be a key to why he didn't run the ball last week and could be something that Newcastle may look to target.

There has always been big wraps on Mason Lino since he was coming through the junior system of the Warriors. However, since debuting in 2015, Lino has struggled to make a mark in the NRL having only played 31 career matches - and only two this season. If the under-strength Knights are looking to make an impact on the Roosters, then Lino will have to take on a lot of the role that Ponga normally brings to the Knights attack.

Favourite: The Roosters have been installed as heavy favourites given their improved performances in recent weeks, their ladder position as well as the strengths of the line-ups.

My tip: There's no other option than to tip the Sydney Roosters for this one. The Roosters have had a better run of form and on paper should just get over the top of a weakened Knights side. The decision to rest players by coach Adam O'Brien for this one seems strange given the significance and what the likely outcome would be. **Roosters by 22.**

Melbourne STORM



North Queensland COWBOYS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
6	1	3	10	Nicho HYNES	1	FULLBACK	1	Valentine HOLMES	9	3	17 ¹	47
12	9	-	36	Suliasi VUNIVALU	2	WING	2	Kyle FELDT	17	14	23	102
9	3	-	12	Brenko LEE	3	CENTRE	3	Justin O'NEILL	15	5	-	20
16	8	-	32	Justin OLAM	4	CENTRE	4	Esan MARSTERS	11	1	-	4
16	12	-	48	Josh ADDO-CARR	5	WING	5	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	11	3	-	12
13	2	6 ¹	21	Cameron MUNSTER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Scott DRINKWATER	13	2	-	8
14	5	-	20	Jahrome HUGHES	7	HALFBACK	7	Jake CLIFFORD	11	2	1	10
14	-	-	-	Jesse BROMWICH	8	FRONT ROW	8	Francis MOLO	17	3	-	12
14	1	57	118	Cameron SMITH	9	HOKKER	9	Reuben COTTER	7	-	-	-
14	3	-	12	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	10	FRONT ROW	10	Jordan McLEAN	12	-	-	-
16	2	-	8	Felise KAUFUSI	11	SECOND ROW	11	Gavin COOPER	12	1	-	4
16	3	-	12	Kenneath BROMWICH	12	SECOND ROW	12	Mitchell DUNN	14	1	-	4
17	5	-	20	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	13	LOCK	13	Josh McGUIRE	15	-	-	-
7	1	-	4	Ryley JACKS	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Daejarn ASI	3	1	-	4
4	-	-	-	Darryn SCHONIG	15		15	John ASIATA	9	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	Albert VETE	16		16	Thomas GILBERT	9	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Isaac LUMELUME	17		17	Corey JENSEN	5	-	-	-
10	1	-	4	Tom EISENHUTH	18	RESERVES	18	Shane WRIGHT	8	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Sandor EARL	19		19	Jake GRANVILLE	8	-	-	-
3	1	-	4	Tui KAMIKAMICA	20		20	Ben HAMPTON	13	4	-	16
4	-	-	-	Max KING	21		21	Peter HOLA	4	-	-	-

Craig BELLAMY

COACH

Josh HANNAY

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RLP MILESTONES Melbourne STORM - 600th NRL Premiership match

#NRLStormCowboys

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 13 September 2020
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	Sunshine Coast Stadium Kawana Waters, QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD / BNE 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Grant ATKINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Peter GOUGH Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

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OVERALL 40 MATCHES

Storm 30 Cowboys 10

At Sunshine Coast Stadium: first meeting at this venue

LAST TEN

		STORM 10-0	
2016	R10	Storm 15-14	Suncorp
2016	R21	Storm 16-8	1300Smiles
2016	PF	Storm 16-10	AAMI
2017	R15	Storm 23-16	AAMI
2017	R22	Storm 26-8	1300Smiles
2017	GF	Storm 34-6	ANZ
2018	R3	Storm 30-14	AAMI
2018	R12	Storm 7-6	1300Smiles
2019	R5	Storm 18-12	1300Smiles
2019	R25	Storm 24-16	AAMI

BIGGEST WINS

2006	R3	Cowboys 40-8	Dairy Farmers
2007	R14	Storm 58-12	Dairy Farmers
2010	R15	Storm 58-12	AAMI Park

FORM: LAST FIVE

STORM	W W L W W	2nd, 28pts
COWBOYS	L L L L W	14th, 8pts

THE RUN HOME

STORM			
R19	H	v Tigers, Sunshine Coast	Sat 5:30pm
R20	A	v Dragons, Netstrata Jubilee	Sun 4:05pm
COWBOYS			
R19	H	v Panthers, QLD C. Bank	Fri 6:00pm
R20	A	v Broncos, Suncorp	Thu 7:50pm

Match Preview

with Adam Huxtable

Cowboys look to do the impossible against benchmark Melbourne outfit

Second versus fourteenth. Premiership threats against possible wooden spooners. On the surface, this looks like one for tipsters to pick the home side and not think about again, and there will be many who follow that strategy, and probably to success.

BUT (and there's always a but), the Cowboys recently broke their nine-game losing streak and will be on a moral high. Adding to that, the Storm have rested star fullback Ryan Papenhayzen and are still without Dale Finucane. So despite the odds being stacked against them, there is a small chance the Townsville side can pull off the miracle win to end all miracle wins.

Last week, the Storm did what they've done so many times before and found a way to win against a South Sydney side that was gallant for the first 60 minutes. The win keeps them two points clear in second place ahead of Parramatta, while the Cowboys finally gave their fans something to cheer about, with a win courtesy of a Valentine Holmes field goal in extra time.

As alluded to, Ryan Papenhayzen is out of this one and will have another impressive rookie in Nicho Hynes replacing him. Vunivalu is back from injury earlier than expected and will return on the wing, pushing Isaac Lumelume to the bench. Christian Welch will miss a week with suspension, but Nelson Asofa-Solomona is back just in time to act as a like-for-like replacement. Ryley Jacks has been named on the bench again but don't be surprised to see him drop out on game day like he did last week.

The Cowboys are 1-17 from the side that broke the drought in golden point last week, however Gavin Cooper has been named to start and Tom Gilbert on the bench. This will in all likelihood be reversed on Sunday, as was done against the Dragons.

While the Storm have had to relocate indefinitely due to the COVID-19 situation in Victoria, they have done a superb job of keeping up the reputation as most feared road trip in the NRL at their 'home away from home', Sunshine Coast Stadium. They are currently 4 from 4 in all matches played there and will look to leave a lasting impression on the locals. With just the Wests Tigers left to make the journey up north, it'll be interesting to see if and when the Storm's first defeat on the coast comes.

Who to watch: Storm young gun Tino Faasuaamaleaui has quietly cemented himself as a starter in the Melbourne pack thanks largely to injury, but some of his performances have been top notch. Last week, in just 49 minutes on the field, he made 10 runs for 101 metres, 2 tackle busts and a line break as well as bagging his 5th try of the year. It's early days in his career but if he keeps this up, Tino could be the Storm's X-Factor in the finals. We'll have to wait and see if he can break the curse of players underperforming after leaving the Storm system when he makes the move to the Titans next year.

After being in indifferent form for much of the Cowboys 2020 campaign, Scott Drinkwater last week reminded us all of the incredible talent that he possesses. After spending some time at fullback, Drinkwater returned to what many consider his better position of five-eighth and furthered his case to be Michael Morgan's long-term halves partner. He finished with 115 metres, 2-line break assists and one tackle bust, but what stood out was his two try assists in the last 20 minutes that kept the Cowboys in the game, including a brilliant inside ball to Valentine Holmes that showed signs of a very dangerous combination.

Favourite: The Storm are overwhelming favourites to continue their surge into the finals against North Queensland.

My tip: As much as most people would love this game to be a close one, I just don't see it. While the Cowboys win last week was great, they only just snuck home against a Dragons side that gave them way too many opportunities and I doubt the Cowboys will be able to remain competitive against a Storm side which just doesn't give teams that luxury. **Storm by 18.**

Cronulla-Sutherland SHARKS



WARRIORS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
13	3	-	12	Will KENNEDY	1	FULLBACK	1	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK	16	5	1	22	
16	14	-	56	Sione KATO A	2	WING	2	Adam POMPEY	10	4	1	18	
13	4	-	16	Josh DUGAN	3	CENTRE	3	Hayze PERHAM	4	1	-	4	
16	8	-	32	Jesse RAMIEN	4	CENTRE	4	Peta HIKU	15	6	-	24	
12	7	-	28	Ronaldo MULITALO	5	WING	5	George JENNINGS	6*	2	-	8	
12	4	-	16	Connor TRACEY	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Kodi NIKORIMA	16	2	17 ¹	43	
14	2	51	110	Shaun JOHNSON	7	HALFBACK	7	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	10	2	17	42	
17	5	-	20	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	17	1	-	4	
17	3	-	12	Blayne BRAILEY	9	HOOKEE	9	Karl LAWTON	14	2	-	8	
17	1	-	4	Aaron WOODS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Isaiah PAPALII	12	1	-	4	
12	4	-	16	Briton NIKORA	11	SECOND ROW	11	Jack MURCHIE	10	2	-	8	
13	3	-	12	Siosifa TALAKAI	12	SECOND ROW	12	Tohu HARRIS	17	1	-	4	
17	-	-	-	Toby RUDOLF	13	LOCK	13	Jazz TEVAGA	9	1	-	4	
3	-	-	-	Teig WILTON	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Wayde EGAN	16	2	-	8	
13	2	-	8	Jack WILLIAMS	15		15	Adam BLAIR	17	-	-	-	
8	1	-	4	Andrew FIFITA	16		16	Daniel ALVARO	6*	-	-	-	
12	1	-	4	Royce HUNT	17		17	Lachlan BURR	11	-	-	-	
11	-	-	-	Scott SORENSEN	18	RESERVES	18	Joshua CURRAN	2	-	-	-	
6	3	1	14	Bryson GOODWIN	19		20	Paul TURNER	1	-	-	-	
4	-	4	8	Braydon TRINDALL	20		21	Tom ALE	-	-	-	-	
2	1	-	4	Billy MAGOULIAS	21		22	Gerard BEALE	7	-	-	-	

* 1 game each for Eels

John MORRIS

COACH

Todd PAYTEN

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

PENALTIES

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

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SCRUMS

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

RLP MILESTONES Gerard BEALE (Warriors) - 8 more points for 200 career points

#NRLSharksWarriors

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 13 September 2020
KICKOFF	6:30pm AEST
VENUE	Netstrata Jubilee Stadium Carlton, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD / BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Matt CECCHIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Belinda SHARPE Dave MUNRO
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY Ben GALEA

Match Stats

Courtesy of Rugby League Project

HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 41 MATCHES

Sharks 24 Warriors 17

At Netstrata Jubilee Stadium: first meeting at this venue

LAST TEN

LAST TEN		SHARKS 7-3	
2014	R5	Sharks 37-6	Remondis
2014	R22	Warriors 16-12	Mt Smart
2015	R9	Warriors 20-16	Remondis
2015	R21	Sharks 18-14	Mt Smart
2016	R16	Sharks 19-18	SC Group
2017	R21	Sharks 26-12	Mt Smart
2018	R16	Sharks 18-15	Mt Smart
2019	R18	Warriors 19-18	Westpac
2019	R23	Sharks 42-16	Pointsbet
2020	R10	Sharks 46-10	Central Coast

BIGGEST WINS

2001	R23	Warriors 30-0	Mt Smart
2012	R22	Sharks 45-4	Mt Smart

FORM: LAST FIVE

SHARKS	L W L W L	8th, 18pts
WARRIORS	W L W W L	10th, 14pts

THE RUN HOME

SHARKS

R19	A	v Roosters, SCG	Sat 7:35pm
R20	H	v Raiders, Netstrata Jub.	Sat 5:30pm

WARRIORS

R19	A	v Raiders, GIO	Sun 2:00pm
R20	H	v Sea Eagles, Central Coast	Sun 2:00pm

Match Preview

with Robert Crosby

Sharks and Warriors do battle with everything to play for

The Cronulla Sharks and the New Zealand Warriors will be fighting for a place in the top eight when they clash on Sunday evening.

Coming off one of their worst performances of the year, the Cronulla Sharks will be desperate to make amends as they look to confirm a place in the finals for the sixth year in a row. Embarrassed by the Knights 38-10 last Friday to remain winless against top eight teams this season, coach John Morris will be hoping his side can continue an emphatic record over the Warriors having won 11 of their past 14 clashes.

Coming into the contest two wins clear of their opponents, the Sharks will remain in eighth position with a win, while a loss could see the side in danger of missing the play-offs with matches against the Roosters and Raiders still to play over the final fortnight of the regular season.

Losing Wade Graham and Chad Townsend to suspension after the premiership-winning duo accepted early guilty pleas, Shaun Johnson and Connor Tracey will become the seventh combination used in the halves, while Andrew Fifita, Jack Williams and Teig Wilton come into the side as part of a new-look bench.

Needing to win all three of their remaining matches to have any chance of qualifying for the finals, the New Zealand Warriors will be treating Sunday evening as a do-or-die contest. Fighting back from a 16-0 deficit before going down 24-18 against the Eels last Sunday, coach Todd Payten will be looking for a much-improved performance from his players after the Sharks trounced the Warriors 46-10 earlier in the season.

Sitting in tenth position with a concerning for-and-against differential of -107, a loss would end the side's top eight ambitions, while a win would set up an intriguing final fortnight against the Raiders and Sea Eagles.

Regaining the services of George Jennings and Daniel Alvaro after the Parramatta-contracted pair sat out last week's clash as per the terms of their loan agreement, Isaiah Papali'i will start in the front row for the first time in his career.

Who to watch: Returning to the Sharks' ranks after spending the past three weeks on the sidelines with a groin injury, **Shaun Johnson** will be determined to make a statement against his former club. Making 162 appearances with the Warriors before crossing the Tasman at the start of last season, the 29-year-old playmaker has developed his game management skills in 2020 with 16 forced drop-outs and 20 try-assists - the most in the league. Bagging an 18-point haul with a try and seven goals when the two sides faced off earlier in the year at Gosford, look for Johnson to rise to the occasion and leave his former teammates feeling black, white and blue.

Producing his most consistent season in the NRL under difficult circumstances, **Karl Lawton** has flown largely under the radar in the Warriors' bid to make the finals. Managing just 27 matches in the top grade prior to this year, the 24-year-old former Gold Coast utility has spent time in the backline and forward pack before settling in the number nine jersey as part of a potent dummy half combination with Wayde Egan. Averaging 30 tackles per game to go along with 21 tackle breaks over the course of the season, the Sharks will need to contain the unfashionable rake as the Warriors fight to keep their top eight dream alive.

Favourite: Bouncing back after a loss every time since the season resumption, the Sharks are expected to extend the Warriors' poor record at Kogarah.

My tip: With a spot in the finals up for grabs, the Sharks should have zero excuses for a poor performance on Sunday night. **Sharks by 10.**

NORTH SYDNEY BEARS v WESTS DEVILS

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY · SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 1PM

BEARS: 1. Dylan O'Connor 2. Sione Hopoate 3. James Tuitahi 4. Jordan Ah-One-Remfrey 5. Michael Pearsall 6. Coby Thomas 7. Tobias Westcott 8. Ben Thomas 9. Josh Daley 10. Elia Faatui 11. Edenn Rogers-Smith 12. Harrison Edwards 13. Thomas Freebairn 14. Kobe Burgess 15. Luca Moretti 16. Connagh Takairangi 17. Jacob Preston 18. Brae Verheyen

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

WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES v THIRROUL BUTCHERS

RINGROSE PARK · SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 6:30PM

MAGPIES: 1. Eli Levido 2. Cameron Hall 3. Ethan Parry 4. Josh Minhinnick 5. Nicholas Walker 15. Henry Raiwalui 7. Thomas Bartley 8. Adam Spicer 9. Ryan Pritchard 17. Brad Johnson 11. Kieran Hayman 12. Awishkar Gnyawali 13. Blake Cook 20. Brandon Shoveller 10. Carl Winterstein 16. Charles Shepherd 18. Sam Carusi

BUTCHERS: 1. Leigh Higgins 2. Dane Francis 3. Hayden Crossland 4. Cooper Bowen 5. Scott Galeano 6. Daniel Payne 7. Jack Payne 8. Riley Lord 9. Ryan Fletcher 10. Tim Grant 11. Jackson Shereb 12. Harry Leddy 13. Luke Gallagher 14. Connor Muhleisen 15. Julian Flego 16. Tom Simpson 17. Riley Graham 18. Marcus Moore

HILLS BULLS v DUBBO CYMS

CRESTWOOD OVAL · SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 1:00PM

BULLS: 1. Anthony Layoun 2. Maile Li 3. Shane Kiel 4. Leva Li 5. Zac Chong-Nee 6. Shannon Gardiner 7. Zach Dockar-Clay 8. Paea Pua 21. Joel Bradford 10. Taniela Lasalo 22. Jerry Key 12. Dean Matterson 13. Tim Robinson 14. David Hollis 24. Tyrone Faulkner 20. Nicholas Holliday 15. Matthew Ryan

CYMS: 1. Thomas Lawson 2. Mose Esera 3. Jyie Chapman 4. Joshua Toole 5. Jeremy Thurston 6. Alex Bonham 7. Bayden Searle 8. Jack Quinn 9. Isaac Thompson 10. Wade Kavanagh 11. Jayson Bukuya 12. Billy Sing 13. Ben Marlin 14. Cameron Dennis 15. Tom Stimpson 16. John Ciaparra 17. Mark Merritt

GLEBE-BURWOOD WOLVES v MAITLAND PICKERS

HENSON PARK · SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 2PM

WOLVES: 1. Jacob Gagai 2. Lorenzo Mulitalo 3. John Olive 4. Honeti Tuha 5. Jonah Ngaronoa 6. Sitiveni Moceidreke 7. Liam Coleman 8. Wesley Lolo 9. Trent Toelau 10. Thomas Hazelton 11. Myles Taueli 12. Matt Stimson 13. Brock Gray 15. Duwayne Mariner 16. Sione Afemui 29. Kem Seru 23. Patrice Siolo

PICKERS: 1. Daniel Langbridge 2. Elijah Rasiga 3. Henry Penn 4. Gary Anderson 5. James Bradley 6. Chad O'donnell 7. Brock Lamb 8. James Taylor 9. Alex Langbridge 10. Jayden Butterfield 11. Cooper Jenkins 12. Jacob McCudden 13. Callan Burgess 14. William Nieuwenhuise 15. Faitotoa Faitotoa 16. Marvin Filipo 20. Samuel Anderson 17. Gary Anderson

BYE: WESTERN RAMS

WENTWORTHVILLE UNITED v CRONULLA-CARINGBAH SHARKS

RINGROSE PARK · SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 4:30PM

WENTY: 1. Bilal Maarbani 2. Obed Karwhin 3. Dominic Ayoub 14. Josh Reihana 5. Joshua Hey 6. Jandamurra Stewart 7. Sam Carusi 8. William Swann 9. Tamati Reihana 10. Saimone Lasalo 11. Shaiquan Terekia 18. Sam Radovu 13. James Boustani 15. Evander Filemu 16. Arimataia Fonoti
SHARKS: 1. Callum Tutauha 2. Daniel Perkins 3. Rea Pittman 4. Lachlan Hughes 5. Wiremu Peters 6. Penani Manumalealii 7. Kamren Cryer 8. Hayden Fepuleai 9. Michael Lichaa 10. Tokerau Raru 11. James Spencer 12. Rewi Brown 13. Ryan King 14. Dane Malone 24. Jyi Seymour 16. Mathew Emery 25. Paul Mcclory 19. Dean Bowen 20. Bradley Whettters 21. Zach Hansen

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY v EAST CAMPBELLTOWN EAGLES

HENSON PARK · SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 11:30AM

UNIVERSITY: 1. Kieran Wyld 2. Joel Kingham 3. Alvin Maungatti 4. Vito Tevaga 5. Nicholas Hedley 6. Jordan Chongsun 7. Josh Natoli 8. Khalil Rahme 9. Jack Boyling 10. Zane Elsley 11. Mason McCarthy 12. Arthur Melheam 13. Daniel Arahu 14. Ryan Dodson 15. Augustine Stowers 16. Stefano Totidis 17. Laurence Zarounas

EAGLES: 1. Bailey Hughes 19. Sakaraia Ratuvou 2. Piliaau Togamaga 4. Tevita Alifa 5. Samuel Kimi-loane 6. Baden Stewart 77. Shannon Gallant 8. Thomas Morrison 13. John Da Silva 10. Alapati Potifara 16. Jaycob Oloaga 12. Grant Lahey 15. Luke Williams 14. Dean Robson 25. Jarryd Eggleton 26. Kobe Chamberlain 17. Ryan Delponte

HILLS BULLS v MOOREBANK RAMS

CRESTWOOD OVAL · SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 3PM

BULLS: 1. Jesse Parker 2. Christopher McCoy 3. Lazarus Brown 4. Adam Fearnley 5. Daylen Meredith 6. Brad Speechley 7. Mitch Hyde 23. Mick Hawkings 18. Vea Tapaatoutai 16. Rhys Scigliatano 12. David Baumann 11. Jake Brennan 13. Sean Walpole 20. Brock Pelligra 15. Bruce Ward 24. Corey Kurnoth 14. Cameron Akauola

RAMS: 21. Declan Casey 2. Mosese Vuki 3. Zachary Rumble 4. Jazzaiah Schaafhausen 5. Laitia Moceidreke 6. Christian Urso 7. Joel Saldaneri 17. Mosese Pope 9. Ryan Gray 8. Elvis John Oloaga 11. Chance Te Atua 12. Justin Filo 13. Jake Horton 14. Jordan Mcgrath 15. Joshua Kalati 10. Jason Tuulau 19. Kurtis Morrin 20. Abdul-rahman Ghanem

BELROSE EAGLES v HELENSBURGH TIGERS

LIONEL WATTS RESERVE · SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 3PM

EAGLES: 20. Ben Pickering 24. Jonathon Palau 3. Christian Bate 4. Andrew Halstead 5. Beau Abrahams 6. William Kelly 7. Zachary Nicholls 8. James Mirceski 9. Andrew Layton 10. Ilija Radan 11. Josh Nichols 12. Joshua Martin 13. Steven Tavita 14. Ben Pickering 15. Judd Hanlon 16. Daniel Martin 19. Giuseppe Plati

TIGERS: 1. Zeik Foster 2. Azan Turoa 3. Jesse Cobb 4. Adam Mortlock 5. William Russell 6. Max Batty 7. Harrison Geraghty 8. Lachlan Peachey 9. Mitch Mcrae 10. Pierce Thompson 11. Vincent Stowers 12. Kurt Atkinson 13. Mitchell Baillie 14. James Russell 15. Liam O'toole 16. Tasmin Gilmour 20. Chris Coleman

BYE: RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS

Minor Semi Final**NORTH SYDNEY BEARS v WESTS TIGERS**

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM · SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 11AM

BEARS: 1. Shanice Parker 2. Caitlin Keefe 3. Shontelle Stowers 4. Shenai Lendill 5. Tyla Gambell 6. Chloe Leaupepe 7. Sabrina Green 8. Josephine Maejiirs 9. Nita Maynard 10. Aliti Nameoce 14. Talesha Quinn 12. Simaima Taufa 13. Nicole Backhouse 15. Losena Qiolevu 16. Lacey Shields 18. Moniqqa Moale 19. Mary Taupau 17. Pier Pritchard**TIGERS:** 1. Botille Vette-Welsh 2. Ana Fekeila 24. Patricia Raikadroka 4. Tia Cook 5. Christine Kani 6. Raecene McGregor 7. Emily Curtain 8. Awhina Akuhata 9. Sophie Curtain 10. Kina Hanisi 11. Christian Pio 12. Taylor Osborne 15. Filomina Hanisi 14. Naomi Kara 16. Janelle Williams 19. Stephanie Wilson 17. Tyler Pelligra 3. Teagan Toa Toa**Major Semi Final****CENTRAL COAST ROOSTERS (1) v CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (2)**

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM · SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 3PM

ROOSTERS: 1. Isabelle Kelly 2. Jasmine Strange 3. Yasmin Meakes 4. Brydie Parker 5. Alicia Martin 6. Bobbi Law 7. Melanie Howard 8. Caitlan Johnston 9. Kylie Hilder 10. Tayla Predebon 11. Jocelyn Kelleher 12. Britney Duff 13. Hannah Southwell 14. Olivia Higgins 16. Olivia Kernick 17. Keilee Joseph 20. Claire Reed**SHARKS:** 1. Jaime Chapman 2. Andie Robinson 3. Jamie Anne Wright 4. Kiana Takairangi 5. Zali Fay 6. Corban McGregor 7. Maddie Studdon 8. Georgie Brooker 9. Keeley Davis 10. Analei Netzler 11. Talei Holmes 12. Kennedy Cherrington 13. Kaarla Cowan 14. Tegan Dymock 15. Jade Etherden 18. Lavinia Taukamo 17. Lynda Howarth 16. Brandi-lee Stainton Payne**NSWRL RESULTS****PRESIDENT'S CUP - ROUND 8****Maitland 46** (Chad O'Donnell 2, Jacob McCudden 2, Faitotoa Faitotoa, James Taylor, Brock Lamb, Alex Langbridge tries; Brock Lamb 7 goals) def **North Sydney 16** (Jordon Ah-One-Remfrey, James Tuitahi, Brad Deitz tries; Coby Thomas 1 goal) at Maitland Sports Ground**Hills Bulls 44** (Maile Li 3, Taniela Lasalo 3, Anthony Layoun, Jerry Key, Matt Ryan tries; Shannon Gardiner 4 goals) def **Wests Devils 16** (Joseph Dickson, Michael Applebee, Cleveland McGhie tries; Kurt Aldridge 2 goals) at Sid Parrish Park**Thirroul 12** (Marcus Moore, Julian Flego tries; Dane Francis 2 goals) def **Dubbo CYMS 8** (Jyie Chapman, Jeremy Thurston tries) at Apex Oval**Glebe-Burwood 42** (Wesley Lolo 3, Honeti Tuha, Myles Taueli, John Olive, Jacob Gagai, Jonah Ngaronoa tries; Ben Jackson 5 goals) def **Western Rams 24** (Jed Betts, Jack Beasley, Liam Henry, Traie Merritt tries; Brendan Hands 4 goals) at Henson ParkBYE: **Wentworthville Magpies****PRESIDENT'S CUP LADDER****Pickers 16, Wolves 13, Bears 12, Bulls 10, Butchers 10, Devils 9, CYMS 6, Magpies 4, Rams 0****SYDNEY SHIELD - ROUND 8****Helensburgh 34** (Charly Runciman 2, Zeik Foster, Tasmin Gilmour, William Russell, Azan Turoa tries; William Russell 5 goals) def **Hills Bulls 28** (Christopher McCoy 3, Jesse Parker 2, Brock Pelligra tries; Mitch Hyde 2 goals) at Rex Jackson Park**Ryde-Eastwood 36** (Justin Frain, Tyler Seymour, Brad Cousins, Adam Rizk, Liam Scolari, Langi Suliruka, Reggie Alofipo tries; Curtis Wilson 4 goals) def **University 28** (Josh Natoli, Augustine Stowers, Jordan Chong Sun, Vito Tevaga, Khalil Rahme tries; Daniel Arahu 4 goals) at Henson Park**Belrose 24** (Jake Pickering 2, Steven Tavita, Alec Panetta tries; William Kelly 4 goals) def **East Campbelltown 16** (Luke Williams, Jaycob Oloaga, Shannon Gallant tries; Shannon Gallant 2 goals) at Waminda Oval**Cronulla-Caringbah 32** (Daniel Perkins 2, Blake Williamson, Callum Tutauha, Wiremu Peters, Ryan King, Nesiasi Mataitonga tries; Ryan King 2 goals) def **Moorebank 20** (Ryan Gray 2, Zachary Rumble, Declan Casey tries; Declan Casey 1, Ryan Gray 1 goals) at Hammondville Oval
BYE: **Wentworthville United****SYDNEY SHIELD LADDER****Hawks 14, Belrose 13, Sharks 12, Tigers 10, Rams 9, Bulls 9, ECE 5, University 5, Wenty 3****HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP - FINALS WEEK 1****First Elimination Final****North Sydney 24** (Tyla Gambell 2, Chloe Leaupepe, Moniqqa Mo'ale tries; Chloe Leaupepe 3, Kirra Dibb 1 goals) def **South Sydney 0** at Campbelltown Stadium**Second Elimination Final****Wests Tigers 20** (Patricia Raikadroka, Christine Kani, Sophie Curtain, Ana Fekeila tries; Emily Curtain 2 goals) def **Canterbury 10** (Haneen Zreika, Quincy Dodd tries; Maddison Weatherall 1 goal) at Campbelltown Stadium**TEAMS ELIMINATED: South Sydney Rabbits, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs****THIS WEEK - SEMI FINALS:****Minor Semi: North Sydney v Wests Tigers (11am)**
Major Semi: Central Coast v Cronulla (3pm)
Campbelltown Stadium, Saturday**NEXT WEEK - PRELIMINARY FINAL: Winner****Minor Semi Final v Loser Major Semi Final,**
Leichhardt Oval, Saturday 3pm**GRAND FINAL:****Winner Major Semi Final v Winner Prelim Final**
Bankwest Stadium, Sunday 27 September**LIVE NRL MATCH UPDATES** *Every NRL game. Every round.**Whether you're out and about and need to check the scorers, or just want to follow along with the game on the screen, LeagueUnlimited.com runs a detailed live blog of every single NRL match, every weekend. Head to [leagueunlimited.com](https://www.leagueunlimited.com) and look for the Match Centre to follow along with our live blogs.*

2020 Draw

NRL Telstra Premiership

ROUND 1

Thu 8:05pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 8:05pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:15pm

MARCH 12-15

Eels v Bulldogs
Raiders v Titans
Cowboys v Broncos
Knights v Warriors
Rabbitohs v Sharks
Panthers v Roosters
Sea Eagles v Storm
Dragons v Tigers
Bankwest 8-2
GIO 24-6
Townsville 21-28
MJS 20-0
ANZ 22-18
Panthers 20-14
Lottoland 4-18
WIN 14-24

ROUND 2

Thu 8:05pm
Fri 6:00pm
Fri 8:05pm
Sat 3:00pm
Sat 5:30pm
Sat 7:35pm
Sun 4:05pm
Sun 6:15pm

MARCH 19-22

Bulldogs v Cowboys
Dragons v Panthers
Broncos v Rabbitohs
Warriors v Raiders
Roosters v Sea Eagles
Sharks v Storm
Tigers v Knights
Titans v Eels
ANZ 16-24
Kogarah 28-32
Suncorp 22-18
Cbus Super 6-20
Leichhardt 8-9
Kogarah 10-12
Leichhardt 24-42
Cbus Super 6-46

PREMIERSHIP SUSPENDED MARCH 23 to MAY 27 due to COVID-19 restrictions

ROUND 3

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

MAY 28-31

Broncos v Eels
Cowboys v Titans
Roosters v Rabbitohs
Warriors v Raiders
Sharks v Tigers
Storm v Raiders
Panthers v Knights
Sea Eagles v Bulldogs
Suncorp 6-34
Townsville 36-6
Bankwest 28-12
Gosford 18-0
Bankwest 16-28
AAMI 6-22
C'town 14-14
Gosford 32-6

ROUND 4

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

JUNE 4-8

Broncos v Roosters
Panthers v Warriors
Storm v Rabbitohs
Eels v Sea Eagles
Cowboys v Sharks
Raiders v Knights
Titans v Tigers
Bulldogs v Dragons
Queen's Birthday
Suncorp 0-59
C'town 26-0
AAMI 22-8
Bankwest 19-16
Townsville 16-26
C'town 18-34
Suncorp 28-23
Bankwest 22-2

ROUND 5

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

JUNE 11-15

Sea Eagles v Broncos
Warriors v Cowboys
Eels v Panthers
Rabbitohs v Titans
Knights v Storm
Tigers v Raiders
Dragons v Sharks
Bulldogs v Roosters
Gosford 20-18
Gosford 37-26
Bankwest 16-10
Bankwest 32-12
Gosford 12-26
C'town 6-14
C'town 30-16
Bankwest 6-42

ROUND 6

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

JUNE 18-21

Knights v Broncos
Rabbitohs v Warriors
Panthers v Storm
Titans v Dragons
Tigers v Cowboys
Roosters v Eels
Raiders v Sea Eagles
Sharks v Bulldogs
Beanies for Brain Cancer Round
Gosford 27-6
Bankwest 40-12
C'town 21-14
Suncorp 8-20
C'town 36-20
Bankwest 24-10
C'town 6-14
Bankwest 20-18

ROUND 7

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

JUNE 25-29

Panthers v Rabbitohs
Storm v Warriors
Roosters v Dragons
Cowboys v Knights
Broncos v Titans
Eels v Raiders
Sea Eagles v Sharks
Bulldogs v Tigers
Kogarah 20-12
Kogarah 50-6
Bankwest 26-12
Townsville 32-20
Suncorp 12-30
Bankwest 25-24
Gosford 22-40
Bankwest 6-34

ROUND 8

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

JULY 2-5

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

ROUND 9

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

JULY 9-12

Cowboys v Roosters
Titans v Warriors
Rabbitohs v Tigers
Sharks v Panthers
Broncos v Bulldogs
Raiders v Storm
Knights v Eels
Dragons v Sea Eagles
Townsville 16-42
Cbus Super 16-12
Bankwest 18-10
Kogarah 24-56
Suncorp 26-8
GIO 14-20
MJS 4-10
Kogarah 34-4

ROUND 10

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

JULY 16-19

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

ROUND 11

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

JULY 23-26

Eels v Tigers
Cowboys v Sea Eagles
Broncos v Storm
Warriors v Roosters
Sharks v Dragons
Raiders v Rabbitohs
Knights v Bulldogs
Titans v Panthers
Bankwest 26-16
QCBS 12-24
Suncorp 8-46
Gosford 10-18
Kogarah 28-24
GIO 18-12
MJS 12-18
Cbus Super 14-22

ROUND 12

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

JULY 30-AUGUST 2

Dragons v Rabbitohs
Tigers v Warriors
Broncos v Sharks
Roosters v Titans
Cowboys v Raiders
Sea Eagles v Panthers
Bulldogs v Eels
Storm v Knights
Indigenous Round
Kogarah 24-32
SCG 20-26
Suncorp 26-36
SCG 18-12
Townsville 12-14
Lottoland 12-42
ANZ 16-18
S. Coast 26-16

ROUND 13

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

AUGUST 6-9

Dragons v Roosters
Sea Eagles v Warriors
Rabbitohs v Broncos
Storm v Bulldogs
Knights v Tigers
Panthers v Raiders
Titans v Cowboys
Sharks v Eels
WIN 16-24
Lottoland 22-26
ANZ 28-10
S. Coast 41-10
MJS 44-4
Panthers 28-12
Cbus Super 30-10
Kogarah 12-14

ROUND 14

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

AUGUST 13-16

Roosters v Storm
Warriors v Panthers
Eels v Dragons
Sharks v Titans
Cowboys v Rabbitohs
Raiders v Broncos
Knights v Sea Eagles
Tigers v Bulldogs
SCG 6-24
Gosford 12-18
Bankwest 12-14
Kogarah 30-18
Townsville 30-31
GIO 36-8
MJS 26-24
Bankwest 29-28

ROUND 15

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

AUGUST 20-23

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

Bankwest 14-0
 Panthers 38-12
 Suncorp 24-26
 Cbus Super 16-36
 Leichhardt 16-38
 ANZ 56-16
 ANZ 14-20
 MJS 12-0

ROUND 20

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

SEPTEMBER 24-27

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

Suncorp Stadium
 Cbus Super Stadium
 ANZ Stadium
 ANZ Stadium
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium
 Venue TBC
 Central Coast Stadium
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

ROUND 16

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

AUGUST 27-30

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

Bankwest 0-38
 Kogarah 10-14
 SCG 58-12
 Tamworth 36-6
 Kogarah 28-12
 Panthers 30-6
 S. Coast 30-6
 GIO 34-20

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

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

OCTOBER 2-4

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

Qualifying & Elimination Finals

Venue TBC
 Venue TBC
 Venue TBC
 Venue TBC

WEEK 2

Day/Time TBC
 Day/Time TBC

OCTOBER 9-10

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

Semi Finals

Venue TBC
 Venue TBC

WEEK 3

Day/Time TBC
 Day/Time TBC

OCTOBER 16-17

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

Preliminary Finals

Venue TBC
 Venue TBC

GRAND FINAL

Sun, Time TBC

OCTOBER 25

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Venue TBC

ROUND 17

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

SEPTEMBER 3-6

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

Suncorp 12-25
 MJS 38-10
 ANZ 16-22
 ANZ 14-18
 Lottoland 32-34
 GIO 6-18
 Gosford 18-24
 QCBS 23-22

ROUND 18

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

SEPTEMBER 10-13

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

Bankwest Stadium
 ANZ Stadium
 Panthers Stadium
 WIN Stadium
 Cbus Super Stadium
 Sydney Cricket Ground
 Sunshine Coast Stadium
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

ROUND 19

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

SEPTEMBER 17-20

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

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

2020 STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES**GAME 1**

Wed

NOVEMBER 4

QLD v NSW

Venue TBC

GAME 2

Wed

NOVEMBER 11

NSW v QLD

Venue TBC

WOMEN'S

Fri

NOVEMBER 13

NSW v QLD

Venue TBC

GAME 3

Wed

NOVEMBER 18

QLD v NSW

Venue TBC

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