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Yet to play this season	Round 2 Bankwest Stadium Storms V Bulldogs	Yet to play this season	Round 2 Lotoland Rabbitohs V Panthers
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	Round 4 AAMI Park Storms V Bulldogs		Round 4 Stadium Australia Rabbitohs V Panthers
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From the editor

Tim Costello

Welcome to a bumper issue of The Front Row! Origin is firmly in the rear-view mirror and all the distractions of the state-v-state series are pushed aside as we focus on the business end of the 2021 season.

Next week we'll have a look at the run home for the teams in contention for the finals - but first this week we have three brilliant write-ups.

Parramatta are embracing a change of scenery with the COVID-19-forced relocation to South East Queensland - our writer Paul Jobber dissects what that means for the blue-and-gold with fullback Clint Gutherson.

Paul also chats to Penrith back-rower Isaah Yeo in the wake of a confusing start to the week where the club was, then wasn't - and then was going to sign Canterbury-bound Broncos forward Tevita Pangai Junior for the remaining weeks of the 2021 season.

The other key feature this week is a look at the announcement of Phil Gould as Canterbury's GM of football. Emile El-Azar shares his views on what's happened at the club lately and exactly why 'Gus' is the right man to reverse those fortunes for the Belmore club after his shift to the club last week.

Happy reading!

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MOVING PIECES

COULD GOLD COAST RELOCATION RESULT IN EELS ENDING PREMIERSHIP DROUGHT?

It might be the change of location that could see Parramatta end a premiership drought that stretches back to 1986.

The blue-and-gold's fled Parramatta in the middle of last week bound for Queensland along with 12 other NRL clubs at the direction of NRL powerbrokers.

Just when they again play at Bankwest Stadium remains to be seen although the chance it is in 2021 appears unlikely as Sydney's COVID outbreak continues.

Suncorp Stadium has already been tossed up as a possible grand final venue – and that's a place the Eels have had some success at over the years.

But with their fan base growing increasingly impatient at the lack of premierships despite successful seasons in recent years, leaving their home surrounds could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

Captain Clint Gutherson and his teammates will hope halfback Mitchell Moses can take his game to the next level despite a disappointing performance in his Origin debut last Wednesday night.

"Whenever someone goes to that level you find that extra confidence in yourself to realise you are that good of a player," Gutherson said.

"For Mitch - who has been knocking at the door for a number of years now and finally got his crack - it didn't go the way NSW planned it to go, but that's footy and that's the way it goes sometimes."

Gutherson, Moses and front-rower Junior Paulo were in Origin camp with the Blues last week when they were made aware of the competition's relocation.



While it's not an ideal situation, the skipper knows players have to adapt.

"We'd only packed for that one week and found out we had to come straight up (to the Gold Coast), but it made it easier for us because we were only half an hour away," Gutherson said.

"Instead of going back to Sydney and then coming back up... we couldn't complain."

While clubs have been relocated to three different hubs in Queensland, Gutherson said they had not been made aware when family members would be able to join them in the bubble.

"There are a lot of boys in this team with kids and they can't wait to see them," he said.

"They just need to get them in quarantine and wait two weeks, but I'm sure the NRL, the government and everyone involved is doing their part to get them up here because we can't feel at home and do what we can do on the field if our family's away for a long periods of time."

STORY BY PAUL JOBBER

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GOOD AS GOULD

WHY 'GUS' IS THE MAN TO BRING BACK THE GLORY DAYS AT BELMORE

OPINION: EMILE EL-AZAR

My Bulldogs have finally got their man. Phil Gould has joined Canterbury-Bankstown as General Manager of Football, after all hope of snaring him had seemed lost just a few days ago.

I'm here to talk about why this is exactly what the Bulldogs need right now.

I'll be upfront. I have a love-hate relationship with Phil Gould. He was Canterbury's coach for my first Rugby League memory, the 1988 premiership, when I was just 5 years old. I absolutely believe that he has one of the finest Rugby League minds in the game. On the other hand, I can't watch him on a game analysis on Channel 9, due to his rants, based on his current opinions on the rules/club he currently works at/weather that day. Although - I do think a lot of it is theatre.

Let's start with some words from the man himself, September 6, 2020:

"I'm sure that Trent Barrett doesn't know what he's getting himself into and if I was associated with Trent in any way, shape or form I think I'd be advising him to reconsider his decision.

"I just think this is going to deteriorate into a real mess in the coming weeks, and I just can't see a way out. I think it's just too much for him to take on at this time, given what happened to him at Manly, and given that his next NRL appointment is very, very important.

"He's in a really good club at the moment at the Panthers, he's got a great role and is doing a tremendous job. [In his position] I'd be nearly inclined to decline it and go back to where he is and just wait a little bit more time because the Bulldogs is an absolute mess. Behind the scenes it is a toxic mess."

You know what? He was absolutely on the money.

The Dogs have not played in the finals since 2016. This alone is unacceptable for this club. *Wait, no.* Once upon a time, it may have been seen as unacceptable. It's been become very clear that mediocrity has been welcomed in and accepted in the time since. I never thought I would see the day when "honourable" losses are celebrated by Bulldogs fans. From top

to bottom, the bar has been lowered.

The very ugly and public boardroom & front office dramas have been part and parcel of this bar-lowering. Watching a protracted battle of self-interest play out in the media, watching the board and front office fumble and bumble their way through everything from recruitment, salary cap, coaching, to memberships, ticketing, merchandise, social media, down to the very basic of communication with members. Everything at the club is now at a lower standard that is was since the last time we played in the finals.

But finally - maybe - now some stability. John Khoury and his board, Aaron Warburton as CEO are in, and are attempting to steady the ship with new coach Barrett at the helm. They have a vision for the future, and are working towards that. I want them, NEED them to all succeed. But there is still one thing missing. These are all really nice guys. They really are. They are high quality human beings that are working tirelessly for the club, around the clock. However, they are nice guys who are still on their L plates at NRL level (okay - Barrett is maybe on his P's).

The first thing Gould brings to Canterbury is a "take no shit" attitude. This club needs an absolute head-kicker who will bring that bar up to where it needs to be. Again, this is from top to bottom. In this writer's eyes, at the moment the lunatics are running the asylum. We have a playing group that have not had a football manager for nearly a year now. The recent COVID-19 breaches by a group of players, and the fact that the club was fined for poor player management as a result, says everything.

To quote Canterbury's High Performance Manager, Steve Hansen:

"Gus knows Canterbury inside out. He's extremely smart, he's a good motivator and has a clear vision on how he wants to do things. The thing with Gus is he gets things done. He's a doer and he doesn't muck around when he does it."

"Gus's role will be to run the rugby league side of the business, Aaron's job is to run the commercial side of it, and I'm there to help Trent do what he's good at, which is coaching."

Gould will bring some clear direction to the coaches and players, and crucially, in my view, will allow Barrett to focus on actually coaching the team and developing his players. Gould also knows what the Bulldogs culture used to be like, and what it should be. He is in a rare position to be able to convey his message from both a cultural and technical perspective.

Hansen again:

“Gus has got the experience, he’s got the contacts and he’s a former Bulldogs man himself”.

Clout and influence. For way too long, Canterbury has been the club that all officialdom has made an example of. The media love to absolutely smash the club at every single opportunity. If a player who has misbehaved so much as driven past Belmore once in their lives, the articles are headlined with “ex-bulldogs STAR”. In every single metric on and off the field, Canterbury are held to a higher standard than the rest of the NRL in every facet (don’t fight me on this).

The long and short of it? The Bulldogs have been a pushover when it comes to dealing with the NRL, the media and player managers. Gould is the man to change all that. He is a man who will stand up to officialdom, who will tell media and player managers to pull their heads in. He is a man who will relentlessly push and promote the club, and its agenda, publicly. Finally, we can use Gould’s more annoying traits for good and not evil. He will fight for the club, whilst at the same time, pulling people into line internally. I actually can’t wait to see this play out.

Contacts. This is a man with the most coveted “little black book” in the entire NRL. Canterbury now have almost limitless opportunities. More players will want to come to the club now, simply by having Gould in place, and using marquee new signings like Josh Addo-Carr will help sell the message. And boy has that message just become so much more meaningful and compelling to a prospective signing.

This also applies for the business side of the club. Gould, and what he brings, also will attract more corporate interest. In these uncertain times (yep, COVID-19), corporate sponsorship will be much harder to come by, Gould’s influence will be worth its weight in gold.

Linked to all the points above - **salary cap management.** One of the major reasons the club is where it is now, has been tremendously poor management of the club’s cap. From back-ended contracts, to paying players to turn out for other clubs, to paying desperation overs for players on the market. This all ends here. Add in Gould’s influence with players and player



managers (as mentioned earlier) he knows his way around a salary cap, and knows how to build a roster, especially with the future in mind.

Finally - **grassroots.** Let’s start with Gould’s own words:

“We will invest time, energy and money into the Canterbury junior league, to increase participation and enjoyment for girls and boys of all ages groups,” We will provide development pathways and coaching to graduate kids from junior league into the junior representative programs. We will also provide opportunity for talented kids from all areas to come to the Bulldogs and work hard to realise their dreams of being NRL footballers.

“There has already been a lot of work done over the past 12 months. Chairman John Khoury and his board have worked tirelessly to lay important foundations. It’s a terrific starting point on which to build the future of the Bulldogs.”

This is such a crucial thing. Khoury is, and always has been extremely passionate about junior league and grassroots Rugby League, having this as part of Gould’s job description is huge for the club. We need to get back to being a club that kids want to play for. Promoting this wonderful sport we love so dearly (when it isn’t being dismantled by a certain ARL Chairman, in this writer’s view). We need to nurture and develop these kids, and make sure talent identification processes are on the money, and a clear pathway to the NRL for those good enough.

Let’s not mince words. The Bulldogs have been the laughing stock of the NRL for a while now. It’s been a sad, depressing decline in the last five years. The building blocks are in place to arrest the slide and bring the club back where it needs to be. I won’t say “where it deserves” because you reap what you sow.

In the end, all of this hinges on the club’s on-field performance. This is why Gould is here now. He is the man for the job, in fact, with the magnitude of the task in front of him, he is the **ONLY** man for the job. Good luck, and God speed, Mr Gould.

PANTHERS POUNCE

PENRITH PREPARE TO WELCOME
PANGAI JR ... OR WILL THEY?

All it took was an hour inside the Penrith Panthers' bubble on the Sunshine Coast to further emphasise the strange world they are currently living in.

From the time Panthers' lock-forward Isaah Yeo had wandered from the massage room to his hotel room, Tevita Pangai Jr was headed to the foot of the mountains, then he wasn't - and then on Wednesday he was again.

"It's funny how it all changes," Yeo said on Tuesday.

"Within the space of half an hour [on Tuesday] I was thinking he was coming for the last three months (this season) and then there was a quote from our CEO Bryan Fletcher on Instagram that knocked that on the head."

While it would appear to be a strange end to the season, the Panthers are preparing to welcome the runaway Bronco with open arms.

It's a strange world we're living in - by the time you read this, Pangai may not be going to Penrith after all. But he may be too.

"It doesn't happen very often I guess, but it's the world we're in. We're in a game where you just have to adapt," Yeo said.

The addition of Pangai Jr will give the Panthers an extra X-factor ahead of what could be termed a mini-finals series leading into the end of the season.

After Saturday night's clash with the Broncos, Penrith



STORY BY PAUL JOBBER

IMAGE PANTHERS MEDIA

face the Storm, Roosters and Rabbitohs in the next four weeks ahead of a last-round clash with the Eels.

Yeo said they were looking forward to the challenge of testing themselves against other premiership contenders.

"You obviously want to be versing those teams and you want to be battle-hardened for the semi-finals and those games are perfect for that," he said.

"They're the teams you're going to be playing when it comes to that last part of the season so I think it's good preparation. We've put ourselves in a good position to be playing finals and hopefully pushing for the top four.

"To be able to verse those kind of teams will certainly help us."

MATCH CENTRE: WEEKEND RESULTS

QRL INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 14

Tweed Seagulls 40 Tries: Treymain Spry 3, Brent Woolf, Brayden McGrady, Lindon McGrady, Lamar Liolevave, Josh Preston; Goals: Lindon McGrady 4 **def Sunshine Coast Falcons 18** Tries: BJ Aufaga-Toomaga, Daniel Dole, Luke Polselli; Goals: Todd Murphy 3 **at Murgon Showgrounds**

Burleigh Bears 26 Tries: Andre Niko 2, Kurtis Rowe, Sami Sauluma, Conor Carey; Goals: Josh Rogers 3 **def Wynnum Manly Seagulls 20** Tries: Max Elliott, Delouise Hoeter, Richie Kennar; Goals: Jack Campagnolo 4 **at Bulldog Park, Chinchilla**

Redcliffe Dolphins 26 Tries: Preston Riki 2, Peesi Kepu, Shane Pumipi, Justice Utatao; Goals: Justin Worley 3 **def Ipswich Jets 22** Tries: Tyler Coburn, Jordan Carriera, Nathaniel Neale, Rhys Jacks; Goals: Josh Cleeland 3 **at John Waugh Park, Quilpie**

Townsville Blackhawks 18 Tries: Bacho Salem, Josh Hoffman, Carlin Anderson, Shaun Nona; Goals: Shaun Nona **def Souths Logan Magpies 14** Tries: Ezra Mann 2, Benaiah Bowie; Goals: Kevin Locke 1 **at Charlie Wehlow Oval, Richmond**

Norths Devils 40 Tries: Jonathon Reuben 2, Jack Ahearn, Michael Molo, Matthew Milson, Jacob Gagan, Connor Broadhurst; Goals: Jack Miers 3, Connor Broadhurst 2 **def Mackay Cutters 16** Tries: Josh Smith, Ross Bella, Blake Atherton; Goals: Jack Quinn 2 **at Hickey Oval, Dysart**

PNG Hunters 34 Tries: Solo Wane 3, Brandon Nima, Charlie Simon, Junior Rau; Goals: Ase Boas 4, Charlie Simon 1 **def Northern Pride 22** Tries: Shawn Bowen, Grant Anderson, Matt Musumeci, Bernard Lewis, Joshua Stuckey; Goals: Grant Anderson 1 **at Atherton**

CQ Capras 30 Tries: Cooper Marshall, Jack Madden, Blake Moore, Jedidiah Simbikin, Jack Pattie; Goals: Blake Moore 3, Trey Browne 2 **def Brisbane Tigers 22** Tries: Oliver Pascoe 2, Darren Nicholls, Zachary Croft; Goals: Brayden Torpy 3 **at Marley Brown Oval, Gladstone**

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 18

26 points - Nathan Cleary (Blues 2, Panthers 24)

23 points - Tom Trbojevic (Blues 6, Sea Eagles 17)

22 points - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)

20 points - Clinton Gutherson (Eels)

19 points - Will Kennedy (Sharks), Ben Hunt (Maroons 3, Dragons 16) **17 points** - Nicholas Hynes (Storm) **16 points** - Jahrome Hughes (Storm) **15 points** - Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors) **14 points** - Mitchell Moses (Eels) **13 points** - David Fifita (Titans), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers) **12 points** - Sam Walker (Roosters), Latrell Mitchell (Blues 2, Rabbitohs 10) **11 points** - Brandon Smith (Storm), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Brian To'o (Panthers), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Jarome Luai (Blues 2, Panthers 9) **10 points** - Reece Walsh (Warriors), Cameron Munster (Storm), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), James Tedesco (Roosters) **9 points** - Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Alexander Brimson (Titans), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Joseph Manu (Roosters) **8 points** - Shaun Johnson (Sharks), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), George Williams (Raiders), Payne Haas (Broncos) **7 points** - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Keaon Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs) **6 points** - Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Harry Grant (Storm), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Christian Welch (Storm), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos) **5 points** - Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Luke Keary (Roosters), Brett Morris (Roosters), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (2 Maroons, 3 Titans) **4 points** - Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Dale Finucane (Storm), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Matt Burton (Panthers), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Nathan Brown (Eels), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Maika Sivo (Eels), Jayden Brailey (Knights) **3 points** - Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Jake Granville (Cowboys), Alex Hodgson (Raiders), Bradman Best (Knights), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Sam Williams (Raiders), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Connor Watson (Knights), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Adam Clune (Dragons), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Ryan Sutton (Raiders) **2 points** - Jack Bird (Dragons), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Waqa Blake (Eels), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Hudson Young (Raiders), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Matthew Lodge (Broncos), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Bailey Simonsson (Raiders), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Victor Radley (Roosters), Tyrone May (Panthers), Tyson Gamble (Broncos), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Moeaki Fotu'auka (Titans), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Marata Niukore (Eels), Josh Morris (Roosters), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Tom Starling (Raiders), Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Junior Paulo (Eels), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Jack Wightton (Raiders), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Phillip Sami (Titans) **1 point** - Enari Tuala (Knights), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Lachlan Lewis (Bulldogs), Dylan Brown (Eels), Jaydn Su'a (Rabbitohs), Francis Molo (Cowboys), Kurt Mann (Knights), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Corey Thompson (Titans), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Caleb Aekins (Raiders), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Paul Momirovski (Panthers), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Ryan James (Raiders), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warriors), Shane Wright (Cowboys), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Moses Leota (Panthers), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Siosua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Brodie Jones (Knights), David Nofaluma (Wests Tigers), Emre Guler (Raiders), Xavier Coates (Broncos), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Andrew McCullough (Dragons)

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Norths	13	12	1	0	410	240	170	24
2	Wynnum Manly	13	10	3	0	429	266	163	20
3	Tweed	13	9	3	1	352	278	74	19
4	Burleigh	13	9	4	0	343	250	93	18
5	Redcliffe	13	9	4	0	330	304	26	18
6	Townsville	13	8	5	0	356	262	94	16
7	Souths Logan	13	7	6	0	384	334	50	14
8	Pride	13	6	5	2	278	301	-23	14
9	SC Falcons	13	6	7	0	332	326	6	12
10	PNG Hunters	13	4	9	0	278	369	-91	8
11	Brisbane	13	3	10	0	264	332	-68	6
12	Ipswich	13	2	10	1	281	413	-132	5
13	CQ Capras	13	1	10	2	225	389	-164	4
14	Mackay	13	2	11	0	230	428	-198	4

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Round 18 Charge Sheet

Player	Club	Charge - Grade	On who?	Base Penalty	Priors / discounts (loading)	Carry overs	Points/fine if guilty	Points/fine early plea	Plea / result	Suspension / fine	Carryovers accrued
Kevin PROCTOR	Gold Coast	Dangerous Throw - 1	Isaiah Papali'i	\$1500	2 non similar (+40%)	N/A	\$2100	\$1600	Gilty - early plea	\$1600	N/A
Patrick HERBERT	Gold Coast	Dangerous Throw - 1	Isaiah Papali'i	\$1500	1 non similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Gilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Shane WRIGHT	North Qld	Dangerous Contact (head/neck) - 1	Sam Verrills	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Gilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Aiden TOLMAN	Cronulla	Careless High Tackle - 1	Xavier Savage	100*	2 non similar (+40%)	35	140	175	Gilty - early plea	1 match	40
Chris LEWIS	Melbourne	Careless High Tackle - 1	Dominic Young	\$1500	1 non similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Gilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Apisai KOROISAU	Penrith	Dangerous Contact (head/neck) - 1	Reece Walsh	\$1500	1 non similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Gilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Thomas MIKAELE	Wests Tigers	Careless High Tackle - 1	Rhys Kennedy	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Gilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Lachlan LEWIS	Canterbury	Contrary Conduct - 1	Cody Walker	\$1500	2 non similar (+40%)	N/A	\$2100	\$1600	Gilty - early plea	\$1600	N/A
Dylan NAPA	Canterbury	Careless High Tackle - 1	Mark Nicholls	\$1500	1 x similar, 1 x non-similar (+70%)	N/A	\$2550	\$1900	Gilty - early plea	\$1900	N/A

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 18

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Pos	Team	Overall										Home					Away							
		P	W	L	D	B	F	A	PD	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD
1	Melbourne Storm	17	15	2	-	1	632	198	434	32	9	9	-	-	346	114	232	8	6	2	-	286	84	202
2	Penrith Panthers	17	15	2	-	1	499	173	326	32	9	9	-	-	247	70	177	8	6	2	-	252	103	149
3	South Sydney Rabbitohs	17	14	3	-	1	503	346	157	30	9	7	2	-	231	214	17	8	7	1	-	272	132	140
4	Parramatta Eels	17	13	4	-	1	474	255	219	28	8	6	2	-	215	116	99	9	7	2	-	259	139	120
5	Sydney Roosters	17	11	6	-	1	447	349	98	24	8	6	2	-	228	156	72	9	5	4	-	219	193	26
6	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	17	10	7	-	1	485	354	131	22	8	5	3	-	240	176	64	9	5	4	-	245	178	67
7	St George Illawarra Dragons	17	8	9	-	1	358	382	-24	18	7	4	3	-	184	136	48	10	4	6	-	174	246	-72
8	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	17	7	10	-	1	334	394	-60	16	8	5	3	-	182	124	58	9	2	7	-	152	270	-118
9	Canberra Raiders	17	7	10	-	1	347	421	-74	16	9	3	6	-	195	251	-56	8	4	4	-	152	170	-18
10	Newcastle Knights	17	7	10	-	1	283	420	-137	16	9	5	4	-	165	178	-13	8	2	6	-	118	242	-124
11	Gold Coast Titans	17	6	11	-	1	394	468	-74	14	9	3	6	-	212	277	-65	8	3	5	-	182	191	-9
12	Wests Tigers	17	6	11	-	1	372	502	-130	14	9	3	6	-	210	266	-56	8	3	5	-	162	236	-74
13	North Queensland Cowboys	17	6	11	-	1	324	527	-203	14	9	5	4	-	208	237	-29	8	1	7	-	116	290	-174
14	Warriors	17	5	12	-	1	333	426	-93	12	9	3	6	-	169	210	-41	8	2	6	-	164	216	-52
15	Brisbane Broncos	17	4	13	-	1	282	542	-260	10	8	3	5	-	150	218	-68	9	1	8	-	132	324	-192
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	17	2	15	-	1	212	522	-310	6	8	1	7	-	90	264	-174	9	1	8	-	122	258	-136

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 18

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	17	24
2	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	15	19
3	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	17	16
4	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	16	15
5	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	17	14
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	9	14
7	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	17	13
8	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	15	12
	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	14	12
	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	17	12
	David NOFOALUMA	WST	W	17	12
12	Matt IKUVALU	SYD	W, INT	11	11
	George JENNINGS	MEL	W	15	11
	Brett MORRIS	SYD	W, CTR	7	11
15	Matthew DUFTY	SGI	FB	13	10
	Brandon SMITH	MEL	HK, LK	16	10
	Reimis SMITH	MEL	CTR	17	10
	Murray TAULAGI	NQL	W	15	10
	Connor TRACEY	CRO	W, CTR, INT	17	10
	Cody WALKER	SOU	FB, 5/8	16	10

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	17	14	71	-	198
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	16	3	75	2	166
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	8	65	1	164
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	15	7	51	-	130
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	4	55	-	126
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	16	2	58	2	126
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	15	6	45	-	114
8	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	15	5	40	-	100
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	15	3	41	2	96
	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	17	24	-	-	96
	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	16	3	42	-	96

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	16	75	95	79%
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	17	71	89	80%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	65	76	86%
4	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	16	58	77	75%
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	55	69	80%
6	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	15	51	66	77%
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	15	45	58	78%
8	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	16	42	52	81%
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	15	41	53	77%
10	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	15	40	50	80%

THE FRONT ROW

GAME DAY

ROUND 19 MATCH PROGRAM

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THURSDAY



**PARRAMATTA
v CANBERRA**
Cbus Super Stadium

FRIDAY

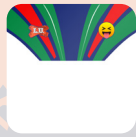


**SYDNEY v
NEWCASTLE**
Sunshine Coast



**NORTH QLD v
MELBOURNE**
QLD Country Bank

SATURDAY



**SOUTH SYDNEY
v WARRIORS**
Sunshine Coast



**MANLY v
WESTS TIGERS**
Suncorp Stadium

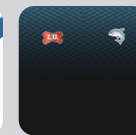


**PENRITH v
BRISBANE**
Suncorp Stadium

SUNDAY



**ST GEORGE ILLA
v GOLD COAST**
Cbus Super Stadium



**CANTERBURY
v CRONULLA**
Cbus Super Stadium

WEEKLY TIPS Round 19

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

Paul Jobber (7/102)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
St George Illawarra
Cronulla

Steven Williams (5/100)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
St George Illawarra
Canterbury

Rick Edgerton (7/98)

Parramatta
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Canterbury

Justin Davies (6/97)

Parramatta
Sydney
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Canterbury

Hamish Parker (6/96)

Parramatta
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Manly
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St George Illawarra
Cronulla

Adam Huxtable (8/93)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
Gold Coast
Canterbury

Rob Crosby (7/89)

Canberra
Newcastle
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
St George Illawarra
Cronulla

Jason Hosken (7/101)

Parramatta
Sydney
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Penrith
Gold Coast
Cronulla

Sam Bourke (6/100)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
Gold Coast
Cronulla

Andrew Ferguson (6/97)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Penrith
Gold Coast
Cronulla

Josh Robertson (7/97)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
St George Illawarra
Canterbury

Lachy MacCorquodale (7/95)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
Gold Coast
Cronulla

Tim Costello (5/91)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
St George Illawarra
Canterbury

Andrew Jackson (5/87)

Parramatta
Sydney
Melbourne
South Sydney
Manly
Penrith
Gold Coast
Canterbury

PARRAMATTA EELS



CANBERRA RAIDERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
17	12	10	-	68	26	Clinton GUTHERSON	1
16	15	-	-	60	27	Maika SIVO	2
-	-	-	-	-	18	Will PENISINI	3
9	2	-	-	8	26	Waqā BLAKE	4
12	6	-	-	24	31	Blake FERGUSON	5
13	2	-	-	8	21	Dylan BROWN	6
4	2	-	-	8	-	Jakob ARTHUR	7
16	4	-	-	16	28	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	8
14	3	-	-	12	23	Reed MAHONEY	9
15	2	-	-	8	27	Junior PAULO	10
17	7	-	-	28	22	Isaiah PAPALII	11
12	4	-	-	16	26	Ryan MATTERSON	12
16	1	-	-	4	28	Nathan BROWN	13
14	2	-	-	8	25	Marata NIUKORE	14
17	4	-	-	16	26	Shaun LANE	15
16	1	-	-	4	22	Oregon KAUFUSI	16
9	-	-	-	-	29	Will SMITH	17
7	2	-	-	8	22	Haze DUNSTER	18
12	4	-	-	16	26	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	19
-	-	-	-	-	28	Makahesi MAKATOA	20
5	1	-	-	4	25	Joey LUSSICK	21

Brad ARTHUR

FULLBACK

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Jordan RAPANA	32	15	9	2	-	40
2	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS	21	-	-	-	-	-
3	Jarrold CROKER	30	8	1	28	-	60
4	Sebastian KRIS	22	16	6	-	-	24
5	Semi VALEMEI	22	7	2	-	-	8
6	Matt FRAWLEY	26	1	-	-	-	-
7	Sam WILLIAMS	30	7	4	11	-	38
8	Josh PAPALII	29	13	2	-	-	8
9	Josh HODGSON	31	13	1	-	-	4
10	Emre GULER	23	12	3	-	-	12
11	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	26	11	3	-	-	12
12	Hudson YOUNG	23	12	3	-	-	12
13	Ryan SUTTON	26	16	2	-	-	8
14	Tom STARLING	23	15	1	-	-	4
15	Matthew TIMOKO	21	2	-	-	-	-
16	Iosia SOLIOLA	35	13	1	-	-	4
17	Joseph TAPINE	27	12	2	-	-	8
18	Caleb AEKINS	23	7	-	-	-	-
19	Ryan JAMES	30	12	2	-	-	8
20	Siliva HAVILI	28	9	-	-	-	-
21	Trey MOONEY	19	-	-	-	-	-

Ricky STUART

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#NRL Eels Raiders

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 22 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:50pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium, Robina QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, MIX Canberra, NRL Nation, Triple M
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Phil HENDERSON Peter GOUGH
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 60 MATCHES

CANBERRA 31-29 (no draws)

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: CANBERRA 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R26	Canberra 28-24	Pirtek Stadium	10,515
2016	R6	Parramatta 36-6	Pirtek Stadium	12,947
2016	R24	Canberra 28-18	GIO Stadium	18,825
2017	R5	Canberra 30-18	GIO Stadium	17,653
2017	R11	Canberra 22-16	Stadium Australia	10,074
2018	R6	Canberra 18-2	GIO Stadium	12,328
2019	R5	Canberra 19-0	GIO Stadium	16,059
2019	R15	Parramatta 22-16	TIO Stadium	5,391
2020	R7	Parramatta 25-24	Bankwest Stadium	560
2021	R6	Parramatta 35-10	GIO Stadium	20,089

BIGGEST WINS

1982	R7	Parramatta 54-3	Belmore	6,429
1993	R21	Canberra 68-0	GIO Stadium	20,411

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	100 career points	2 points
Mitchell Moses (PAR)	100 club games	1 game
Parramatta (since 1947)	1700 games	1 game
	5200 tries	7 tries
Jarrold Croker (CAN)	2223 points (3rd all time)	5 points

Match stats courtesy of

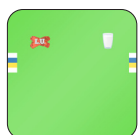
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NEXT THREE: PARRAMATTA

R20	SYDNEY ROOSTERS
R21	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS
R22	MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



NEXT THREE: CANBERRA

R20	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS
R21	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS
R22	MELBOURNE STORM

Match Preview

with Tim Costello

Holy Moses, are the Eels in trouble? And Savage times for Canberra...

Both sides come into Thursday night's clash at Cbus Super Stadium with plenty at stake, and plenty to adapt to.

The Parramatta Eels are staring down several weeks without halfback Mitchell Moses, who seemed to be rested last round after Origin III, but it has since been revealed broke his back in the third interstate clash of the season. The Raiders' fullback curse means they're also staring down another player missing for the rest of the season - having already lost Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad for the season and stand-in Bailey Simonsson to a shorter-term injury, the Green Machine have now lost rookie Xavier Savage after just two (electrifying) NRL games, the exciting new talent having sustained a season-ending shoulder injury.

Elsewhere across the lineups, news is mixed. The Eels get Junior Paulo back and Blake Ferguson earns a recall, but Tom Opacic is out of the side, along with Haze Dunster. Will Penisini - whose name has appeared in the Parramatta reserves list several times and has been 18th man previously - finally gets a starting gig in the starting backline.

Canberra, meanwhile, are scrambling. Savage's omission pushes Rapana to fullback, with rookie Harley Smith-Shields coming in on the wing. Moses' Origin halves partner Jack Wighton is out of the side as well with a rib injury, so Matt Frawley comes back into the halves. Experienced prop Ryan James drops to the reserves.

As for what's at stake - for Parramatta, it's all about consolidating the top four finish. As the 16 clubs round the final turn and surge toward the finals, the Eels have the benefit of being four points clear of the fifth-placed Roosters. With seven rounds left, there's plenty of scope to slip out of that top eight for the Eels - particularly without their star half for the next couple of weeks - so a win over a floundering Raiders side is super important.

The Raiders on the other hand? Ooooh boy. They're right on the edge of the top eight after last week's surprise win over Cronulla. In fact - they trail that team by just -14 differential - close that gap and they're over the top and into the eight. The other thing to combat - an up-and-down Knights right on their heels.

Last time these sides met - Round 6 this year - was a comfortable 35-10 victory for Parramatta at a packed GIO Stadium. The Eels' win was their first in the Nation's Capital since 2006 and helped them correct the ship after a surprise loss to the Dragons a week earlier.

Who to watch: It's a weekend for understudies in the halves for both clubs. Jakob Arthur returns to the lineup after lighting up Magic Round just two months ago. At the time he partnered Moses, and as such had the benefit of great experience with his scrumbase partner. This time around he's partnered with a less-experienced Dylan Brown at five-eighth, so even as a two-game rookie, he'll need to step up and take a greater leadership role.

Matt Frawley is the five-eighth replacement for the Green Machine and pulls on a first-grade jersey for just the second time this season. The 33-game journeyman has enjoyed quiet a ride in the five seasons he's played at the top level - first in a two-season stint at Canterbury, before a UK sojourn to Huddersfield in 2019. He's only made two appearances since a switch to Canberra last year, and will be keen to impress.

Favourite: Ladder position gives the Eels the edge with the bookies quite comfortably.

My tip: On its face, this is an Eels win. They have enough star-power across the park (even with a couple of key men missing), they're arguably in better form, and they're a top four team. Realistically - Canberra shouldn't get a look in here. But they did surprise us in that win over Cronulla on Saturday and there's every chance there's something in the air. I'm going to stick with the Eels, but not by much. **Parramatta by 4.**

SYDNEY ROOSTERS



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
13	7	3	-	34	28	James TEDESCO	1
17	8	-	-	32	30	Daniel TUPOU	2
2	2	-	-	8	21	Billy SMITH	3
17	6	-	-	24	25	Joseph MANU	4
11	11	-	-	44	27	Matt IKUVALU	5
11	2	-	-	8	26	Drew HUTCHISON	6
12	6	21	1	67	19	Sam WALKER	7
17	-	-	-	-	32	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	8
6	-	-	-	-	22	Sam VERRILLS	9
17	-	-	-	-	30	Isaac LIU	10
14	7	-	-	28	25	Angus CRICHTON	11
15	8	-	-	32	24	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	12
10	-	-	-	-	23	Victor RADLEY	13
11	1	-	-	4	23	Lachlan LAM	14
13	2	-	-	8	24	Nat BUTCHER	15
6	-	-	-	-	21	Egan BUTCHER	16
14	-	15	-	30	29	Sio Siua TAUKEIAHO	17
8	1	18	-	40	24	Adam KEIGHRAN	18
9	2	-	-	8	21	Fletcher BAKER	19
16	7	-	-	28	35	Josh MORRIS	20
3	-	-	-	-	23	Ben THOMAS	21

Trent ROBINSON

FULLBACK

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INTERCHANGE

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SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Kalyn PONGA	23	7	6	10	-	44
2	Dominic YOUNG	20	5	4	-	-	16
3	Kurt MANN	28	14	2	-	1	9
4	Enari TUALA	22	17	2	-	-	8
5	Hymel HUNT	27	10	3	-	-	12
6	Jake CLIFFORD	23	12	1	7	-	18
7	Phoenix CROSSLAND	21	6	1	1	-	6
8	Jacob SAIFITI	25	16	2	-	-	8
9	Jayden BRAILEY	25	17	3	-	-	12
10	Daniel SAIFITI	25	15	2	-	-	8
11	Tyson FRIZELL	29	13	3	-	-	12
12	Mitchell BARNETT	27	17	3	13	-	38
13	Connor WATSON	25	17	2	-	-	8
14	Sauaso SUE	29	16	2	-	-	8
15	David KLEMMER	27	15	-	-	-	-
16	Josh KING	26	12	1	-	-	4
17	Brodie JONES	23	14	3	-	-	12
18	Jack JOHNS	23	4	-	-	-	-
19	Simi SASAGI	20	1	-	-	-	-
20	Tex HOY	21	8	1	6	-	16
21	Lachlan FITZGIBBON	27	9	2	-	-	8

Adam O'BRIEN

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#NRLRoostersKnights

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 23 July 2021
KICKOFF	6:00pm AEST
VENUE	Sunshine Coast Stadium, Kawana Waters QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Kasey BADGER Todd SMITH
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 56 MATCHES

SYDNEY 34-20 (2 DRAWS)

At Sunshine Coast Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: SYDNEY 9=1

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R22	Sydney 38-22	McDonald Jones	17,718
2016	R9	Sydney 38-0	Allianz Stadium	9,502
2017	R7	Sydney 24-6	McDonald Jones	21,412
2017	R20	Sydney 28-4	Allianz Stadium	7,121
2018	R3	Sydney 38-8	Allianz Stadium	15,153
2018	R14	Sydney 18-16	McDonald Jones	18,029
2019	R11	Newcastle 38-12	McDonald Jones	25,929
2019	R18	Sydney 48-10	SCG	14,053
2020	R18	Sydney 42-12	SCG	6,375
2021	R8	Sydney 38-4	McDonald Jones	22,172

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R22	Newcastle 46-12	McDonald Jones	15,394
2001	FN	Newcastle 40-6	McDonald Jones	22,061
2004	R15	Sydney 48-4	Allianz Stadium	11,678

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Matt Ikuvalu (SYD)	100 club & career points	12 points
Connor Watson (NEW)	100 career points	8 points
Kalyn Ponga (NEW)	400 club points	6 points

Match stats courtesy of

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NEXT THREE: SYDNEY ROOSTERS

R20	PARRAMATTA EELS
R21	PENRITH PANTHERS
R22	BRISBANE BRONCOS



NEXT THREE: NEWCASTLE

R20	CANBERRA RAIDERS
R21	BRISBANE BRONCOS
R22	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Match Preview

with Adam Huxtable

Knights look to keep finals dream alive against inconsistent Roosters

The situation for the Knights in this competition hasn't changed much at all for the last 6 weeks or so, maybe even longer. They sit right on the brink of the top 8, 2 points behind the team in 7th place (the Dragons) and 2 points ahead of the team in 13th place (Cowboys).

They had an opportunity last week to start to differentiate themselves from the pack against the Storm, but they were blown out, losing by over 40 points, becoming what feels like the 10th different team to be unable to compete with Melbourne.

The Roosters on the other hand were able to get away with the two points last week, although the Cowboys pushed them all the way and could've easily got the win for themselves had they made better decisions in some key moments.

It leaves the tricolours in an interesting situation with 6 more games to play, they appear to have definitely locked up a finals spot, but are struggling against teams that are well below them on the ladder, whilst not providing any resistance when they come up against a contender.

It's why the Knights should fancy themselves as having a red-hot chance at causing an upset on Friday evening. They fall into the category of teams well below the Roosters, but at the moment are playing at least the same quality of football as them. There's no reason Newcastle can't play better than the Bulldogs and Cowboys did against the Roosters in the last two weeks respectively, in fact considering their current predicament they're going to have to.

In team news, James Tedesco returns at fullback after not backing up from origin, pushing Joseph Manu back to the centres. Josh Morris has been the one to give way, meaning Billy Smith retains his starting position. Angus Crichton will resume his starting position, pushing Nat Butcher back to the bench, while Taukeiaho returns from injury, pushing Baker out of the 17.

The Knights continue not being able to field their full-strength spine, which is a shame because they looked like a very classy team the one game Ponga, Clifford, Pearce and Brailey were all on the field together against the Cowboys. In more positive news, star front rower Daniel Saifiti returns from injury to partner brother Jacob, while Lachlan Fitzgibbon has been dropped, meaning Barnett shifts to the edge and Connor Watson will start at lock, while Sauaso Sue is on the bench in number 14. David Klemmer will come off the bench, pushing Jack Johns back to the reserves.

Who to watch: It's certainly early doors in his rookie career, but so far young centre Billy Smith is certainly repaying the faith shown to him by Trent Robinson and the Roosters management, who continued to offer him contracts during a horror period of injury in which his 3rd career first grade came 674 days after his 2nd. You wouldn't know it watching him play however, Smith scored a try 4 minutes into his comeback game, while last week he ran for 145 metres (47 post contact) to go with 9 tackle busts, a line break and another try. It was a performance good enough to unseat veteran centre Josh Morris, and if the last two weeks are anything to go by, Smith won't disappoint on Friday evening.

Connor Watson has, in my opinion, been the Knights most consistent player all year. He's shaken off previous injury struggles to play all 17 possible games this season and has been named to start at lock for the 4th time, although Adam O'Brien has been known to make a late switch. For Knights fans sake, let's hope he doesn't, because one thing is clear when watching the Novocastrians play, they are a better team when Connor Watson is on the park. The dynamic ball playing he offers in the lock forward role brings another dimension to the Knights attack, while he can also be relied on to make 40+ tackles if required. Despite his performances, Watson remains unsigned beyond 2021 after being dissatisfied with the offer put forward to him by the Knights, making a strong end to the year a necessity.

Favourite: The Roosters are favoured by 11 and a half points over the Knights in this one.

My tip: While the Roosters haven't been at all convincing in recent weeks, they have continued doing enough to get the job done, and while if Mitchell Pearce was playing I'd be giving the Knights a big chance of causing the upset, he isn't, so I'll say **Sydney Roosters by 8**.

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS



MELBOURNE STORM

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

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Nicholas HYNES	25	15	6	45	-	114
2	Dean IEREMIA	20	5	2	-	-	8
3	Reimis SMITH	24	17	10	-	-	40
4	Justin OLAM	27	17	8	-	-	32
5	Josh ADDO-CARR	26	15	19	1	-	78
6	Cooper JOHNS	22	3	1	-	-	4
7	Jahrome HUGHES	26	16	9	-	-	36
8	Jesse BROMWICH	32	16	-	-	-	-
9	Brandon SMITH	25	16	10	-	-	40
10	Christian WELCH	27	13	1	-	-	4
11	Chris LEWIS	29	14	1	-	-	4
12	Kenneath BROMWICH	29	13	2	-	-	8
13	Tui KAMIKAMICA	27	17	3	-	-	12
14	Aaron BOOTH	25	5	-	-	-	-
15	Aaron PENE	25	6	-	-	-	-
16	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	25	13	4	-	-	16
17	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	23	6	8	24	-	80
18	Trent LOIERO	20	4	2	-	-	8
19	Jordan GRANT	27	1	-	-	-	-
20	Isaac LUMELUME	23	-	-	-	-	-
21	Marion SEVE	26	-	-	-	-	-

Craig BELLAMY

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#NRLCowboysStorm

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 23 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:55pm AEST
VENUE	Queensland Country Bank Stadium, Townsville QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Matt CECCHIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Jon STONE Belinda SHARPE
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 41 MATCHES

MELBOURNE 31-10 (no draws)

At QLD Country Bank Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 10-0

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R21	Melbourne 16-8	1300Smiles	20,256
2016	FN	Melbourne 16-10	AAMI Park	21,233
2017	R15	Melbourne 23-22	AAMI Park	17,124
2017	R22	Melbourne 26-8	1300Smiles	21,380
2017	GF	Melbourne 34-6	Stadium Australia	79,772
2018	R3	Melbourne 30-14	AAMI Park	12,866
2018	R12	Melbourne 7-6	1300Smiles	16,003
2019	R5	Melbourne 18-12	1300Smiles	14,130
2019	R25	Melbourne 24-16	AAMI Park	12,085
2020	R18	Melbourne 36-20	Sunshine Coast	4,056

BIGGEST WINS

2006	R3	North Qld 40-8	1300Smiles	21,346
2007	R14	Melbourne 58-12	1300Smiles	20,023
2010	R15	Melbourne 58-12	AAMI Park	10,661

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Kyle Feldt (NQL)	100 club & career tries	1 try
North Qld (since 1995)	2300 tries	3 tries
Josh Addo-Carr (MEL)	100 career tries	2 tries
Josh Addo-Carr (MEL)	400 career points	6 points
Kenneath Bromwich (MEL)	100 club & career points	8 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R20	BRISBANE BRONCOS
R21	GOLD COAST TITANS
R22	WESTS TIGERS



NEXT THREE: MELBOURNE

R20	PENRITH PANTHERS
R21	MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES
R22	CANBERRA RAIDERS

Match Preview

with Josh Robertson

David v Goliath heads to Townsville this weekend as an out-of-form North Queensland play host to a rampant and high-flying Melbourne Storm who would be short odds to crack the 40-point mark on Saturday night.

The North Queensland Cowboys have been able to start fast over the past fortnight but turning that into an 80-minute performance has been something that they have struggled with after leading both the Rabbitohs and Roosters early on. Last weekend, the Cowboys were able to start fast up against the Roosters when they looked strong in the opening 20 minutes leading 12-0 before they were blown off the park by the 'tricolours' eventually falling to a 34-18 defeat.

The Cowboys season has been far from ideal as they sit down in 13th on the ladder with just six wins from their 17 games this season. The Cowboys have struggled to find consistency this season and they are on a five-game losing streak which doesn't look to turn around suddenly especially coming up against a Storm side in good form.

A season-ending injury to Javid Bowen has forced the Cowboys into a number of changes with Murray Taulagi moves into the centres whilst Kane Bradley is set to debut on the wing. The Cowboys also enjoy the return of Heilum Luki who missed last week through suspension.

On the other end of the form scale, the Melbourne Storm have stamped themselves as premiership heavyweights on the competitions having won 15 of their 17 games this season. Last weekend, the Melbourne Storm were at their scintillating best as they scored a dominant 48-4 victory over the Newcastle Knights on the Gold Coast. The effort from the Storm was purple domination from start to finish as they were again able to lead 30-0 at the break before they lifted off the pedal only scoring 18 points in the second half and conceding the one try.

Sitting in first position on the ladder, the Melbourne Storm are equal on points with the Panthers but at the same time the domination of Melbourne is on show as they have a 108 point better for and against compared to the Panthers (+434 / +326). Unlike most other teams, the Storm haven't struggled to find consistency which is ominous for the competition.

The Storm have been boosted by the naming of Ryan Papenhuyzen on the bench but at this stage is no guarantee to play on the weekend which if playing will ease the burden of Cameron Munster being rested. After backing up from origin 3, Cameron Munster and Felise Kaufusi are being rested whilst Josh Addo-Carr and Christian Welch return after being rested in the game against Newcastle.

Who to watch: Being paired with a poor halves partner, Scott Drinkwater's reputation has suffered as he hasn't been able to control the game to the extent that the Cowboys have wanted and given Tom Dearden's poor form, the Cowboys have struggled and it's been left up to Drinkwater to pull off the miracles for the Cowboys.

Jahrome Hughes has been a key player for the Storm over recent weeks and his starring performance against the Knights will be key given that his usual halves partner Cameron Munster is being rested. Hughes can change the game in an instant and will be something to look out for on Saturday.

Favourite: Storm are heavy favourites.

My tip: Sorry Cowboys fans but a Melbourne forfeit is the only way they'll lose this one; The Cowboys on their best day still don't match Melbourne on a good day and the form of the Storm mean that it's impossible to not expect them to rack up their 12th 40 point tally of the year and if not go beyond the half century mark. **Melbourne by 40.**

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS



NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
11	6	4	1	33	24	Latrell MITCHELL	1
6	3	-	-	12	31	Josh MANSOUR	2
15	8	-	-	32	30	Dane GAGAI	3
15	6	-	-	24	22	Campbell GRAHAM	4
3	1	-	-	4	21	Jaxson PAULO	5
16	10	-	-	40	31	Cody WALKER	6
16	3	75	2	166	31	Adam REYNOLDS	7
17	1	-	-	4	31	Mark NICHOLLS	8
15	2	-	-	8	30	Damien COOK	9
17	2	-	-	8	29	Thomas BURGESS	10
15	1	-	-	4	23	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	11
14	2	-	-	8	23	Jaydn SU'A	12
12	3	-	-	12	23	Cameron MURRAY	13
7	6	-	-	24	26	Taane MILNE	14
11	1	-	-	4	24	Jacob HOST	15
8	-	-	-	-	26	Patrick MAGO	16
14	1	-	-	4	26	Jai ARROW	17
5	-	-	-	-	25	Braidon BURNS	18
3	-	-	-	-	24	Jed CARTWRIGHT	19
3	1	-	-	4	22	Blake TAAFFE	20
2	-	-	-	-	22	Dean HAWKINS	21

Wayne BENNETT

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Reece WALSH	19	9	6	5	-	34
2	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	26	12	5	-	-	20
3	Adam POMPEY	23	12	4	-	-	16
4	Euan AITKEN	26	7	3	-	-	12
5	Marcelo MONTOYA	25	11	3	-	-	12
6	Kodi NIKORIMA	27	16	3	42	-	96
7	Chad TOWNSEND	30	13	-	34	1	69
8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	25	9	1	-	-	4
9	Jazz TEVAGA	26	16	-	-	-	-
10	Matt LODGE	26	14	-	-	-	-
11	Jack MURCHIE	24	9	1	-	-	4
12	Bayley SIRONEN	24	13	2	-	-	8
13	Josh CURRAN	22	8	2	-	-	8
14	Taniela OTUKOLO	19	1	-	-	-	-
15	Eliesa KATO	21	10	1	-	-	4
16	Bunty AFOA	25	15	1	-	-	4
17	Leeson AH MAU	31	17	1	-	-	4
18	Kane EVANS	29	9	-	-	-	-
20	Edward KOSI	22	4	-	-	-	-
21	Sean O'SULLIVAN	23	7	1	-	-	4
22	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA	30	15	6	-	-	24

Nathan BROWN

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#NRLSouthsWarriors

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 24 July 2021
KICKOFF	3:00pm AEST
VENUE	Sunshine Coast Stadium, Kawana Waters QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris BUTLER
TOUCH JUDGES	Drew OULTRAM Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL BUNKER	Grant ATKINS

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 36 MATCHES

WARRIORS 19-17 (no draws)

At Sunshine Coast Stadium: 1 match, South Sydney 1-0

LAST TEN: SOUTH SYDNEY 9-1

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2013	R17	Souths 30-13	HBF Park	20,221
2014	R13	Souths 34-18	HBF Park	20,267
2015	R13	Souths 36-4	HBF Park	20,727
2016	R23	Souths 41-22	Mt Smart Stadium	17,409
2017	R24	Souths 36-18	Stadium Australia	6,213
2018	R1	Warriors 32-20	Optus Stadium	38,824
2018	R12	Souths 30-10	Mt Smart Stadium	15,958
2019	R5	Souths 28-24	Sunshine Coast	11,912
2019	R24	Souths 31-10	Mt Smart Stadium	15,295
2020	R6	Souths 40-12	Bankwest Stadium	437

BIGGEST WINS

2006	R16	Warriors 66-0	Stadium Australia	6,597
2015	R13	Souths 36-4	HBF Park	20,727

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Cameron Murray (SOU)	100 club & career points	8 points
Damien Cook (SOU)	100 career points	6 points
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (WAR)	200 career points	4 points
Kodi Nikorima (WAR)	50 club games	1 game
Warriors (since 1995)	50 field goals	2 fg's

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: SOUTH SYDNEY

R20	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS
R21	PARRAMATTA EELS
R22	GOLD COAST TITANS



NEXT THREE: WARRIORS

R20	WESTS TIGERS
R21	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS
R22	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Match Preview

with Justin Davies

Kicking off Super Saturday is a mismatch contest between the top four South Sydney Rabbitohs and the finals chasing New Zealand Warriors on the Sunshine Coast.

The Rabbitohs seem to be stuck in their own form of purgatory in this 2021 season. They are very good but remain a step below the two class sides in Penrith and Melbourne – shown in their heavy losses to both – but they account for the rest of the competition in easy fashion.

Souths attack can be at times frightening and cut through teams at will shown by hitting 30+ in ten of their wins this season.

Losing Alex Johnston to an injury will be a blow, but like a good SNES game it will be plug and play with Josh Mansour on the wing this weekend.

For the Rabbitohs – they should stroll to the win this weekend without much fanfare but their true test will come closer to September. Can Wayne Bennett head off into the sunset with a Premiership or will it be another year of Preliminary Final heartbreak for the famous club.

Looking at the Warriors to quote the great philosopher John Cena – “their time is now” in their quest for the top eight.

The nomadic side are four points outside eighth currently occupied by the Sharks and will need a mighty effort to wedge that gap.

Not helping matters is the huge injury toll for the Warriors. They finished last weekend's loss to the Panthers without a bench and now might have lost Tohu Harris for the season.

Roger Tuivasa-Sheck is another big out which piles pressure on the inexperienced Reece Walsh and another new halves pairing in Kodi Nikorima and Chad Townsend who come up against one of the most established combos.

One bright spot for the Warriors might be their forward pack. Matt Lodge took the Panthers pack on head-on last week and was a star while Addin Fonua-Blake takes the captaincy.

Fonua-Blake has been a consistent meter eater for the Warriors and he might have to do his best Greg Jennings impression and put the team on his back to get anything from this contest.

Who to watch: Back after a successful origin series, Rabbitohs fullback Latrell Mitchell now has his eyes set on bringing some premiership glory to the famous myrtle and cardinal.

Mitchell is a destructive force at the back and his understanding with Cody Walker and Adam Reynolds – added to his wonderful origin will make him a must watch on Saturday night.

The halves pairings for the Warriors in 2021 has been a turnstyle, switching almost every week. Due to Roger Tuivasa-Sheck's injury, now Kodi Nikorima is back in the six jersey.

The former Bronco will look to use his running game to open up the Rabbitohs defense which might take some pressure off Chad Townsend and give the Warriors some more structure against one of the toughest teams in the NRL.

Favourite: The Bunnies usually make light work of the lower-ranked sides and are expected to do so again this weekend.

My tip: A comfortable win for the home side in this one. **South Sydney by 30.**

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



WESTS TIGERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
9	14	-	-	56	24	Tom TRBOJEVIC	1
17	16	-	-	64	20	Jason SAAB	2
17	7	-	-	28	24	Brad PARKER	3
13	2	-	-	8	23	Morgan HARPER	4
17	14	71	-	198	24	Reuben GARRICK	5
15	3	-	-	12	31	Kieran FORAN	6
15	5	1	1	23	32	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	7
17	-	-	-	-	23	Taniela PASEKA	8
17	3	-	-	12	24	Lachlan CROKER	9
16	2	-	-	8	31	Martin TAUPAU	10
11	5	-	-	20	22	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	11
11	2	-	-	8	20	Josh SCHUSTER	12
13	1	-	-	4	27	Jake TRBOJEVIC	13
10	2	-	-	8	26	Dylan WALKER	14
8	-	-	-	-	25	Josh ALOIAI	15
15	1	-	-	4	23	Sean KEPPIE	16
14	2	-	-	8	26	Toafofoa SIPLEY	17
10	1	-	-	4	23	Moses SULI	18
10	2	-	-	8	22	Cade CUST	19
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SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Daine LAURIE	22	17	7	-	-	28
2	David NOFOALUMA	27	17	12	-	-	48
3	Junior PAUGA	25	1	1	-	-	4
4	Tommy TALAU	21	15	8	-	-	32
5	Ken MAUMALO	27	14	8	-	-	32
6	Adam DOUEIHI	23	15	7	51	-	130
7	Luke BROOKS	26	17	1	5	-	14
8	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	21	15	4	-	-	16
9	Jacob LITTLE	24	14	5	-	-	20
10	James TAMOU	32	17	2	-	-	8
11	Luke GARNER	25	17	5	-	-	20
12	Luciano LEILUA	25	17	3	-	-	12
13	Thomas MIKAELE	23	14	-	-	-	-
14	Joe OFAHENGAUE	25	16	1	-	-	4
15	Alex TWAL	25	17	-	-	-	-
16	Tukimihia SIMPKINS	19	1	-	-	-	-
17	Moses MBYE	28	16	-	-	-	-
18	Michael CHEE-KAM	29	3	-	-	-	-
19	Jake SIMPKIN	19	5	1	-	-	4
20	Alex SEYFARTH	22	10	1	-	-	4
21	Shawn BLORE	21	6	-	-	-	-

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#NRLManlyTigers

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 24 July 2021
KICKOFF	5:30pm AEST
VENUE	Suncorp Stadium, Milton QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M BNE, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Todd SMITH Darian FURNER
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 31 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 17-14 (no draws)

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: WESTS TIGERS 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R15	Manly 30-20	4 Pines Park	8,093
2016	R2	Wests Tigers 36-22	Leichhardt Oval	11,269
2017	R19	Manly 28-16	4 Pines Park	14,128
2017	R23	Wests Tigers 30-26	Leichhardt Oval	12,208
2018	R6	Wests Tigers 38-12	4 Pines Park	15,456
2018	R24	Wests Tigers 22-20	Campbelltown	8,163
2019	R1	Wests Tigers 20-6	Leichhardt Oval	13,159
2019	R22	Manly 32-12	4 Pines Park	8,512
2020	R17	Wests Tigers 34-32	4 Pines Park	2,691
2021	R7	Manly 40-6	Bankwest Stadium	14,095

BIGGEST WINS

2003	R4	Wests Tigers 38-12	4 Pines Park	11,174
2018	R6	Wests Tigers 38-12	4 Pines Park	15,456
2021	R7	Manly 40-6	Bankwest Stadium	14,095

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dylan Walker (MAN)	200 club points	4 points
Reuben Garrick (MAN)	500 club & career points	10 points
Adam Doueihi (WST)	200 club points	14 points
James Tamou (WST)	100 career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: MANLY-WARRINGAH

R20	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS
R21	MELBOURNE STORM
R22	PARRAMATTA EELS



NEXT THREE: WESTS TIGERS

R20	WARRIORS
R21	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS
R22	NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

Match Preview

with Jason Hosken

Desperate Tigers after a Turbo charged scalp

Last week the Wests Tigers roared back into finals contention with four late tries to eventually ease past the Brisbane Broncos 42-24.

Still in 12th place, the late escape leaves Michael Mcguire's side clinging to a mid-table cluster, just one win shy of the eighth placed Sharks.

If not for a string of butchered Broncos line-breaks, the season for the joint-venture club may have been over by halftime. But Adam Doueihi, back in his favoured No.6 jumper took it upon himself, righting the ship with five try assists to set up a mouth watering clash with Kieran Foran.

For Tigers fans, Tales from Tigertown should be compulsive viewing, but it'll rate higher if the Tale of Two Halves script makes way for consistency.

A mountain of missed tackles in the opening half followed by a 32 point turnaround can beat the battlers, but against the top teams, picking and choosing your moments usually spells defeat.

Ranked 14th for run metres, it's easy to see why Wests' potency can be hit and miss. But with sustained forward momentum and with David Nofoaluma, the club's greatest ever try scorer, the Tigers' right edge can foot it with anyone.

And with Macguire retaining last week's 17, the Tigers combinations should be better for the run.

Coming off a heavy defeat to the Raiders, Manly's undermanned win over the Dragons not only lifted spirits, it shone a bright light on the Sea Eagles' future. Josh Schuster and Haumole Olakau'atu's combined power and finesse at times proved unstoppable.

Now with Origin done and his three state stars rested, Des Hasler looks primed to raise the bar as the Sea Eagles ready themselves for an unlikely tilt at the top four.

The return of Tom Trbojevic alone should sound the warning bells in Tigertown, but failing that, vision from round 7 must. That was Anzac Day, and the Sea Eagles ran riot in a 40-6 victory crafted by a line-up almost identical to the one named to play this Saturday.

In another key selection, the Sea Eagles welcome back prop Josh Aloiai from a long term wrist injury. And with the former Tiger named on the bench, it means Hasler's side is practically at full strength.

Who to watch: Without meaning to offend, Hamole Olakaauto is a freak. One of a stack of Sea Eagle youngsters forced to bide their time, the 22-year-old back-rower is now Manly's right edge boss. With hands like dinner plates, his one handed carries are a defenders worst nightmare. And failing that, at nearly two metres, he can crash through the line.

Once you see Stefano Utoikamanu in action, it's little surprise Brad Fittler found the man mountain a place in his Origin 3 squad. Last week's head-to-head with Payne Haas was an insight into the Blues front-row future. Now with increased minutes, the former Eel is quickly building a formidable reputation. And having already crossed the stripe four times this season, if Manly let the Tigers get close enough, then don't be surprised if the rampaging tearaway is good enough.

Favourite: At full strength, Manly are the universal tip in this one.

My tip: With a refreshed Tom Trbojevic drifting behind a full strength combination of veterans and carefree youngsters, Manly will be armed and dangerous. It spells trouble for a Wests outfit prone to falling asleep at the wheel. If the Tigers don't jump at the first whistle it could be a long evening, otherwise, the Sea Eagles should power clear in the closing stages. **Manly by 16.**

PENRITH PANTHERS



BRISBANE BRONCOS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
11	3	-	-	12	25	Dylan EDWARDS	1
17	13	-	-	52	20	Charlie STAINES	2
17	6	13	-	50	20	Stephen CRICHTON	3
15	12	-	1	49	21	Matt BURTON	4
15	9	-	-	36	23	Brian TO'O	5
14	1	-	-	4	24	Jarome LUAI	6
16	3	-	-	12	25	Tyrone MAY	7
15	2	-	-	8	26	Moses LEOTA	8
10	1	-	-	4	28	Apisai KOROISAU	9
17	2	-	-	8	25	James FISHER-HARRIS	10
16	8	-	-	32	26	Viliame KIKAU	11
13	5	-	-	20	28	Kurt CAPEWELL	12
15	2	-	-	8	26	Isaah YEO	13
11	-	-	-	-	23	Mitchell KENNY	14
9	-	-	-	-	28	Scott SORENSEN	15
14	1	-	-	4	20	Spencer LENIU	16
16	3	-	-	12	24	Liam MARTIN	17
2	-	-	-	-	25	Brent NADEN	18
10	4	-	-	16	25	Paul MOMIROVSKI	19
14	1	-	-	4	29	Matt EISENHUTH	20
3	1	-	-	4	19	Izack TAGO	21

Ivan CLEARY

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SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Tesi NIU	20	9	4	-	-	16
2	Corey OATES	26	7	2	-	-	8
3	Kotoni STAGGS	22	2	1	-	-	4
4	Herbie FARNWORTH	21	14	1	-	-	4
5	Jamayne ISAAKO	25	15	5	40	-	100
6	Tyson GAMBLE	25	9	1	1	-	6
7	Brodie CROFT	24	9	-	-	-	-
8	Thomas FLEGLER	22	16	1	-	-	4
9	Jake TURPIN	24	17	-	-	-	-
10	Payne HAAS	21	13	-	-	-	-
11	Alex GLENN	33	11	1	-	-	4
12	Jordan RIKI	21	12	1	-	-	4
13	Kobe HETHERINGTON	22	7	1	-	-	4
14	Cory PAIX	21	2	-	-	-	-
15	Rhys KENNEDY	26	9	1	-	-	4
16	Keenan PALASIA	24	6	1	-	-	4
17	Teui ROBATI	19	6	2	-	-	8
18	Ethan BULLEMOR	21	11	2	-	-	8
19	Jesse ARTHARS	23	10	5	2	-	24
20	Xavier WILLISON	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Xavier COATES	20	13	8	-	-	32

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#NRLPanthersBroncos

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 24 July 2021
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	Suncorp Stadium, Milton QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ben CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Dave MUNRO Peter GOUGH
NRL BUNKER	Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 56 MATCHES

BRISBANE 34-21 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: 22 matches, Brisbane 14-8

LAST TEN: 5-ALL

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R18	Penrith 35-34	BlueBet Stadium	12,439
2015	R9	Brisbane 8-5	Suncorp Stadium	24,566
2016	R3	Penrith 23-22	BlueBet Stadium	12,086
2016	R20	Penrith 31-12	Suncorp Stadium	30,878
2017	R9	Brisbane 32-18	Suncorp Stadium	21,464
2017	FN	Brisbane 13-6	Suncorp Stadium	38,623
2018	R19	Brisbane 50-18	Suncorp Stadium	26,357
2019	R22	Brisbane 24-12	Suncorp Stadium	23,643
2020	R17	Penrith 25-12	Suncorp Stadium	5,626
2021	R6	Penrith 20-12	Suncorp Stadium	21,224

BIGGEST WINS

1997	R16	Brisbane 54-12	QEII Stadium	13,921
2000	R22	Brisbane 48-6	QEII Stadium	24,912
2004	R26	Penrith 46-20	BlueBet Stadium	20,043

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Corey Oates (BRI)	100 club & career tries	4 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE

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NEXT THREE: PENRITH

R20	MELBOURNE STORM
R21	SYDNEY ROOSTERS
R22	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS



NEXT THREE: BRISBANE

R20	NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS
R21	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS
R22	SYDNEY ROOSTERS

Match Preview

with Andrew Jackson

Before Penrith dropped back-to-back games against the Tigers and Sharks during the Origin period, the Broncos had come surprisingly close to shocking the Panthers in their last trip to Suncorp.

Once again on Saturday night Brisbane will be eyeing a big scalp and it will be on home turf again, with the relocation of the entire league seeing Penrith forced to sacrifice its home-ground advantage. For a team in premiership contention though it should not be a concern, particularly against a team that conceded 42 points against the Tigers last week. The Panthers were far from their best too in a 30-16 win over an injury-ravaged Warriors outfit.

Fortunately for them they welcome back Jarome Luai this week, seeing Matt Burton shift to the centres while Tyrone May remains in the halves. May excelled in the later stages of the game against the Warriors but needs to better assert himself on the contest when it is in the balance. The ball-playing of lock forward Isaah Yeo seemed to help free up more time and space for May. For the time being keeping him alongside Luai makes the most sense given it allows Burton to return to the centres ahead of Nathan Cleary's likely return next week.

The Panthers will not be tracking down the Storm on points differential so next week's top-of-the-table clash looms as the decisive factor in determining the minor premiership. Entering that game on the back of a dominant win over Brisbane would be the perfect injection of confidence that Penrith can match it with a relentless Melbourne outfit.

Meanwhile, once again the Broncos proved last week that we cannot declare they have genuinely turned a corner unless they have won two-straight games. Brisbane backed up an upset victory over Cronulla with a 42-24 defeat to the Tigers. It was the most points the Tigers have scored all season and proved once again that the Broncos can't solely rely on Payne Haas or the strike of Kotoni Staggs to get them home. The 26-18 win over the Sharks was a team effort but against the Tigers the same defensive resolve had disappeared.

"We were good against the Sharks – a lot of our defence is a mental thing," coach Kevin Walters said post-game.

"Their effort was good today, I just thought we were a bit soft mentally. When you do that at this level, you always get found out."

10 errors and a 6-1 penalty count did not help, heaping pressure on a Brisbane side that simply could not cope defending its own line.

Thomas Flegler and Jordan Riki have been promoted to the starting side after coming off the bench against the Tigers, with Rhys Kennedy and TC Robati back to the pine. Xavier Coates was rested following Origin III but has been listed on the reserves. The only other change sees Jesse Arthurs drop to the reserves list, with Cory Paix the replacement on the bench.

Who to watch: Do yourself a favour and even if it is for a few sets just watch how Isaah Yeo plays his role in this Panthers team. Nathan Cleary and Jarome Luai have both been missed but Yeo's absence during the Origin period went understated at times. As well as a defensive workhorse in the middle, Yeo has taken his game to new levels in the past year after developing a passing game. It allows him to take the ball right up to the line and present both a running and passing threat. Take his double-pump last week in the lead-up to the Liam Martin try as the perfect example. Look for Yeo to really test Brisbane's decision-making under pressure in defence.

If the Broncos are any hope on Saturday they need someone with a bit of grit and tenacity to take it to these plucky Panthers. Five-eighth Tyson Gamble is that man. He had a try assists and two linebreak assists last week against the Tigers. But Gamble's natural ability or skillset has never been his strongest asset. Instead, it is his determination and willingness to compete, including getting in the opposition's face. Gamble needs to take it to Penrith's own cheeky five-eighth in Luai and make it a personally running battle to try put the Blues playmaker off his game. It will be key to stifling one of Penrith's main attacking threats.

Favourite: Penrith is heavy favourites for this one.

My tip: The Panthers were sluggish to open their last game against the Broncos. The return of Luai should give a much-needed energy boost and lead to a far more comfortable win. **Penrith by 30.**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS



GOLD COAST TITANS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
13	10	-	-	40	25	Matthew DUFTY	1
3	-	-	-	-	28	Jordan PEREIRA	2
6	4	-	-	16	31	Gerard BEALE	3
16	6	-	-	24	21	Cody RAMSEY	4
2	1	-	-	4	20	Mathew FEAGAI	5
-	-	-	-	-	19	Jayden SULLIVAN	6
13	4	-	-	16	31	Ben HUNT	7
16	-	-	-	-	24	Blake LAWRIE	8
17	-	-	-	-	31	Andrew McCULLOUGH	9
16	2	-	-	8	25	Josh KERR	10
16	3	5	-	22	26	Jack BIRD	11
15	3	-	-	12	31	Tariq SIMS	12
11	1	-	-	4	31	Josh McGUIRE	13
6	1	-	-	4	26	Adam CLUNE	14
11	-	-	-	-	25	Tyrell FUIMAONO	15
10	-	-	-	-	24	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	16
5	-	-	-	-	30	Jack DE BELIN	17
6	-	-	-	-	25	Kaide ELLIS	18
5	2	-	-	8	19	Talatau AMONE	19
9	1	-	-	4	22	Billy BURNS	20
2	2	-	-	8	19	Tyrell SLOAN	21

Anthony GRIFFIN

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PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	AJ BRIMSON	22	14	6	-	-	24
2	Greg MARZHEW	24	3	3	-	-	12
3	Brian KELLY	25	14	6	-	-	24
4	Patrick HERBERT	24	13	4	-	-	16
5	Corey THOMPSON	31	10	7	-	-	28
6	Ashley TAYLOR	26	11	-	-	-	-
7	Toby SEXTON	20	-	-	-	-	-
8	Jarrod WALLACE	30	17	3	-	-	12
9	Mitch REIN	31	13	1	-	-	4
10	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	21	15	2	-	-	8
11	Kevin PROCTOR	32	16	6	-	-	24
12	David FIFITA	21	14	12	-	-	48
13	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	21	14	2	-	-	8
14	Tyrone PEACHEY	30	15	4	-	-	16
15	Sam LISONE	27	9	-	-	-	-
16	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	24	17	1	-	-	4
17	Beau FERMOR	23	7	2	-	-	8
18	Esan MARSTERS	25	7	-	-	-	-
19	Sam McINTYRE	23	7	-	-	-	-
20	Tanah BOYD	21	6	1	-	-	4
21	Jayden CAMPBELL	21	3	1	-	-	4

Justin HOLBROOK

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#NRLDragonsTitans

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 25 July 2021
KICKOFF	1:50pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium, Robina QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, 2GB, 4BC
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Grant ATKIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Matt NOYEN Kasey BADGER
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 24 MATCHES

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16-8 (no draws)

At Cbus Super Stadium: 10 matches, St George Illawarra 6-4

LAST TEN: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R25	Gold Coast 28-26	Cbus Super	12,335
2016	R7	St Geo Illa 19-14	Cbus Super	12,215
2016	R19	Gold Coast 32-12	Netstrata Jubilee	8,256
2017	R17	Gold Coast 20-10	Cbus Super	13,140
2017	R23	St Geo Illa 42-16	Netstrata Jubilee	8,973
2018	R3	St Geo Illa 54-8	Clive Berghofer	7,297
2019	R21	St Geo Illa 40-28	Netstrata Jubilee	6,532
2019	R25	St Geo Illa 24-16	Cbus Super	11,274
2020	R6	St Geo Illa 20-8	Suncorp Stadium	1,930
2020	R16	Gold Coast 14-10	Netstrata Jubilee	2,097

BIGGEST WINS

2016	R19	Gold Coast 32-12	Netstrata Jubilee	8,256
2018	R3	St Geo Illa 54-8	Clive Berghofer	7,297

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
AJ Brimson (GLD)	100 club & career points	4 points
Patrick Herbert (GLD)	100 career points	8 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

R20	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS
R21	CANBERRA RAIDERS
R22	PENRITH PANTHERS



NEXT THREE: GOLD COAST

R20	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS
R21	NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS
R22	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

Match Preview

with Rob Crosby

Last start losers look to stay in the finals race

With seven rounds remaining until 16 teams become eight, the St George Illawarra Dragons and the Gold Coast Titans will be treating Sunday's encounter at CBUS Super Stadium as a must-win.

Sitting in seventh position after squandering a halftime lead last week, the St George Illawarra Dragons will field a revamped squad in an effort of recapturing their winning ways.

Going down 32-18 to the Sea Eagles last Friday on the Gold Coast, Dragons coach Anthony Griffin will be hoping his team can continue a dominant record against the Titans that has yielded 16 wins from 24 meetings since 2007.

Standing down Corey Norman for his COVID breach suspension, young pivot Jayden Sullivan will make his first appearance of the season, while Jack Bird shifts to the forward pack in a reshuffle that sees Cody Ramsey and Gerard Beale line up in the centres.

Among the other changes, Matt Dufty, Jordan Pereira, Mat Feagai, Adam Clune and Tyrell Fuimaono have all been named in the preferred squad.

Coming into the contest in 11th position - but only two premierships outside the top eight - the Gold Coast Titans will be determined to make a statement in a bid to extend their campaign beyond Round 25.

Producing an underwhelming 26-8 loss against the Eels to open last week's round of football, coach Justin Holbrook has responded by making a number of changes brought on by injury and performance.

Unable to call upon Jamal Fogarty, Phillip Sami and Erin Clark due to injury, debutant Toby Sexton headlines the new faces alongside Greg Marzhev and Mitch Rein. Queensland front-rower Moeaki Fotuauka returns to the starting side after coming off the bench last week.

Playing their inaugural premierships match against the joint venture 14 years ago, the Titans will appear as the visiting team at CBUS Super Stadium for the first time on Sunday afternoon.

Who to watch: Returning to the starting line-up after missing the loss to the Sea Eagles for his part in the infamous "Weekend at Vaughany's", fleet-footed fullback Matt Dufty will be hoping to finish his tenure at the Red V on a high. Penning a one-year deal with the Bulldogs after well-publicised negotiations, the 25-year-old looms as the Dragons' best chance of breaking back into September football. Producing 11 try-assists to go along with ten four-pointers of his own this season, look for Dufty to be heavily involved as the Dragons strive to continue a strong record on the Gold Coast.

Providing plenty of value for his new club in 14 appearances this season, the Titans will be looking for Tino Fa'asuamaleaui to draw upon his big game experience in Sunday's do-or-die clash. Boasting a premierships ring and six Origin for Queensland after just 41 matches in the top grade, the 21-year-old colossus has been among the side's top performers in a year that has been plagued by inconsistency. Averaging 137 metres and around 30 tackles each week, Fa'asuamaleaui will need to produce a performance befitting his reputation if the league's youngest club are to remain in the hunt for the top eight.

Favourite: In light of the Dragons missing several first choice first-graders, the Titans are expected to get the job done 'away from home'.

My tip: The Dragons have won six of their ten visits to CBUS Super Stadium previously; in a match between two teams capable of greatness and mediocrity in equal measure, the 'hosts' will be hoping that statistic acts as a fortuitous omen. **St George Illawarra by 6.**

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	5	1	-	22	23	Nick MEANEY	1
12	1	-	-	4	23	Corey ALLAN	2
17	1	-	-	4	29	Will HOPOATE	3
6	2	-	-	8	20	Aaron SCHOUPP	4
1	1	-	-	4	24	Jayden OKUNBOR	5
4	2	-	-	8	25	Lachlan LEWIS	6
16	4	20	-	56	21	Jake AVERILLO	7
10	-	-	-	-	30	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	8
5	1	-	-	4	25	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	9
12	-	-	-	-	25	Jack HETHERINGTON	10
15	-	-	-	-	24	Corey WADDELL	11
10	-	-	-	-	30	Josh JACKSON	12
13	2	-	-	8	26	Luke THOMPSON	13
3	1	-	-	4	19	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	14
14	1	-	-	4	28	Dylan NAPA	15
6	-	-	-	-	25	Joe STIMSON	16
10	-	-	-	-	25	Ofahiki OGDEN	17
10	1	11	-	26	22	Kyle FLANAGAN	19
12	-	-	-	-	26	Sione KATOA	20
2	-	-	-	-	24	Falakiko MANU	21
9	-	-	-	-	21	Matt DOOREY	22

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PENALTIES

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Will KENNEDY	24	17	8	-	-	32
2	Sione KATOA	24	6	2	-	-	8
3	Connor TRACEY	25	17	10	-	-	40
4	Jesse RAMIEN	24	11	3	-	-	12
5	Ronaldo MULITALO	21	11	6	-	-	24
6	Braydon TRINDALL	22	11	1	7	-	18
7	Shaun JOHNSON	30	9	1	18	1	41
8	Toby RUDOLF	25	17	-	-	-	-
9	Blayne BRAILEY	22	17	2	-	-	8
10	Aaron WOODS	30	17	3	-	-	12
11	Siosifa TALAKAI	24	8	-	-	-	-
12	Teig WILTON	21	12	1	-	-	4
13	Jack WILLIAMS	24	17	2	-	-	8
14	Mawene HIROTI	22	11	5	-	-	20
15	Royce HUNT	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Briton NIKORA	23	15	3	-	-	12
17	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	26	12	1	-	-	4
18	Billy MAGOULIAS	24	9	-	-	-	-
19	Luke METCALF	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Andrew FIFITA	32	2	-	-	-	-
21	Jonaiah LUALUA	-	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLBulldogsSharks

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 25 July 2021
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium, Robina QLD
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now, Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC, Triple M SYD / BNE, NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI Phil HENDERSON
NRL BUNKER	Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 94 MATCHES

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 56-36 (2 DRAWS)

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2013	R7	Canterbury 24-8	Central Coast	10,131
2014	R2	Canterbury 42-4	Stadium Australia	12,057
2015	R20	Cronulla 18-16	Belmore	19,005
2016	R13	Cronulla 20-18	Stadium Australia	10,081
2017	R12	Cronulla 9-8	Sharks Stadium	20,497
2018	R11	Cronulla 22-16	Sharks Stadium	14,004
2018	R25	Cronulla 30-18	Stadium Australia	14,189
2019	R15	Canterbury 14-12	Stadium Australia	8,358
2020	R6	Cronulla 20-18	Bankwest Stadium	410
2021	R7	Canterbury 18-12	Netstrata Jubilee	7,420

BIGGEST WINS

2001	FN	Cronulla 52-10	Allianz Stadium	21,507
2014	R2	Canterbury 42-4	Stadium Australia	12,057

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Josh Jackson (CBY)	100 club & career points	4 points
Will Hopoate (CBY)	100 club points	4 points
Ronaldo Mulitalo (CRO)	100 club & career points	8 points
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	100 career points	4 points
Cronulla (since 1967)	24000 points	24 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



NEXT THREE: CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN

R20	GOLD COAST TITANS
R21	WESTS TIGERS
R22	WARRIORS



NEXT THREE: CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND

R20	MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES
R21	WARRIORS
R22	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

Match Preview

with Hamish Parker

Sunday Slog set to shape team's seasons

The Bulldogs and the Sharks face off on Sunday afternoon at Cbus Super Stadium on the Gold Coast after biosecurity protocols have forced the NRL to move to Queensland. The match looks set to be a slog-fest between two teams that are traditional grinders. It also looms as a crucial game for both sides, as the Bulldogs look to claw their way to 8 competition points and get that little bit closer to leapfrogging the Broncos out of last place.

For the Sharks, they are clinging on for dear life in 8th spot on the ladder and a loss to the Bulldogs here would really hurt their finals chances. It was in fact the Sharks who first tasted defeat at the hands of the last-placed Bulldogs this season way back in round 7. They can't afford to drop another game to opposition below them on the table and this game could ultimately decide whether Cronulla make it or don't.

Canterbury coach Trent Barrett has made a few changes to his side that went down to the Rabbitohs last week. Jeremy Marshall-King is back and replaces Sione Katoa as the hooker. Ava Seumanufagai has been promoted the starting line-up at prop, with Luke Thompson shifting to lock, pushing captain Josh Jackson into the second row and Matt Doorey dropping out of the side. Joe Stimson comes onto the bench.

Josh Hannay has also made a handful of changes to his side that too suffered a defeat last week, this time at the hands of the Raiders. Prop Aiden Tolman is out, which means Toby Rudolf will move to the front-row from lock. Jack Williams is promoted into the starting 13 at lock to cover. This sees Royce Hunt come onto the bench.

Who to watch: Five-eighth Lachlan Lewis has struck a bit of form as of late and has been told he will not be re-signed at Belmore after this season. Lewis playing for a new contract elsewhere in the NRL and has a chance to prove his credentials if he can continue to maintain his form. This game is seemingly also an important one for the Bulldogs if they are to climb from the bottom of the ladder come the end of the season. Look for Lewis' kicking game to trouble the Sharks if the Bulldogs are to have a chance of pulling off an upset.

The Sharks must win this game and as Gus Gould said, "cometh the hour, cometh the champion". Following criticism this week for looking "uninterested", Shaun Johnson must live up to his huge pay packet and produce a good performance for the Sharks this week. The halfback has shown glimpses of being a great halfback at Cronulla but has never really fully hit his straps week-to-week whilst being at the Shire. This is the sort of game Johnson must step up in and guide his team to a valuable two points.

Favourite: The Sharks are solid favourites to win this game.

My tip: I definitely would not be writing Canterbury off. It was spirited performance against a top four Souths team last week and they weren't really completely out of that game until late on. That being said, the Bulldogs often struggle to put two weeks of decent footy together in a row and their best games are few and far between. The Sharks have something more to play for too, a spot in the finals. Cronulla should just simply be too good for Canterbury in a tight affair. **Cronulla by 8.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 21-27 July

Wed 21 Jul	Daniel Vasquez (Cronulla)	24
Fri 23 Jul	Jarrold Wallace (Gold Coast)	30
Sat 24 Jul	Valentine Holmes (North Queensland)	26
Sun 25 Jul	Nat Butcher (Sydney)	24
Mon 26 Jul	Raymond Faitala-Mariner (Canterbury)	28
Tue 27 Jul	Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Parramatta)	28

QRL TEAMLISTS

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

INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 12

(DEFERRED from JULY)

BURLEIGH BEARS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Pizzey Park, Friday 23 July 7:30pm
Referee: Dan Munroe; Sideline Officials: Tyson Brough, Jack Klein
BURLEIGH: 1. Kurtis Rowe 2. Andre Niko 3. Sami Sauliluma 4. Joshua Berkers 5. Conor Carey 6. Joshua Rogers 8. Luke Page 9. Pat Politoni 10. Jeff Lynch 11. Dylan Kelly 12. Hayden Schwass 13. Sam Coster 14. Guy Hamilton 15. Apiata Noema-Matenga 16. Jack Stockwell 17. Lochlyn Sheldon **BRISBANE:** 1. Brayden Torpy 2. Luke Dolbel 3. Lincoln Port 4. Kea Pere 5. Zachary Croft 6. Kyle Coghill 7. Darren Nicholls 8. Jack Svendsen 9. Haele Uha Finau 10. William Samuel 11. Mitch Frei 12. Sam Elliott 13. Bennett Leslie 14. Oliver Pascoe 15. Jack Peoples 16. Cameron Torpy 17. Joseph Gilmour 18. Ioane Seiuli 19. Solomona Faataape

WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v NORTHERN PRIDE

Pinklands Sports Complex, Saturday 24 July 2:10pm
Referee: Jarrod Cole; Sideline Officials: Daniel Schwass, Michael Wise
WYNNUM: 1. Ben Farr 2. Edward Burns 3. Delouise Hoeter 4. Richard Kennar 5. Ryan O'Keefe 6. Jack Campagnolo 7. Sam Scarlett 9. Jayden Berrell 10. Lucky Taavale 11. Maitu Love-Henry 12. Zeb Taia 13. Luke Bateman 14. Tristan Hope 16. Alec MacDonal 17. Francis Kalisolaite-tualau 18. Harrison Graham 17. Francis Kalisolaite-tualau **PRIDE:** 1. Jayden Corrigan 2. Shawn Bowen 3. Bernard Lewis 4. Grant Anderson 5. Matthew Musumeci 6. Tom Steadman 7. Even Child 8. Nick Lui-Toso 9. Jayden Hodges 10. Paea Pua 11. Joshua Stuckey 12. Ewan Moore 13. Terrence Casey-Douglas 15. Kenneth Fonoti 16. Lata Fakalelu 17. Rod Griffin 18. Matti Moyle 19. Denzel King 20. Mark Rosendale 21. Tom McGrath

PNG HUNTERS v MACKAY CUTTERS

Bycroft Oval, Saturday 24 July 3:00pm
Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Matt Colclough, Jack Ebert
PNG: 1. Terry Wapi 2. Junior Rau 3. Brandon Nima 4. Brendon Gotuno 5. Solo Wane 6. Ase Boas 7. Charlie Simon 8. Stanton Albert 9. Wartovo Puara 10. Enoch Maki 11. Emmanuel Wayne 12.

Benji Kott 13. Dilbert Isaac 14. Judah Rimbu 15. Sylvester Namu 17. Jordan Pat 18. Enoch Maki **MACKAY:** 1. Maitu Stone-Dunn 2. Jake Riley 3. Buchanan Rawhiti 4. Josh Smith 5. Keanu Wainohu-Kemp 6. Brandon Finnegan 7. Adam Cook 8. Jack Quinn 9. Bayley Gill 10. Ross Bella 11. Kai O'Donnell 12. Blake Atherton 13. Jesse Dee 14. Beaudan Dixon 16. Luke Webley 17. Morgan Mcwhirter 18. Jaymon Moore

CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS v REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

Browne Park, Sunday 25 July 2:00pm
Referee: Ethan Menchin; Sideline Officials: Dan Munroe, Aaron Geddes
CAPRAS: 1. Blake Moore 2. Cooper Marshall 3. Jake Maizen 4. Nathan Bassani 5. Jedidiah Simbiken 6. Jack Madden 7. Caleb Daunt 8. Tyler Szezanowski 9. Treymaine Brown 10. Bailey Butler 11. Jyde Dwyer 12. Nixon Putt 13. Lachlan Hubner 14. Jack Pattie 15. Mckenzie Yei 16. Takai Mokohar 17. Brendon Roberts 18. Michael Naseri **REDCLIFFE:** 1. Trai Fuller 2. Samuel Elara 3. Justice Utao 4. Justin Worley 5. Patrick Gallen 6. Jayden Nikorima 7. Cameron Cullen 8. Nathan Watts 9. Manaia Cherrington 10. Peesi Kepu 11. Lachlan Timm 12. Preston Riki 13. Tyson Cleal 14. Shane Pumpi 15. Taaalo Vaipulu 16. Benjamin King 18. Kina Kepu 20. Junior Ratuva

IPSWICH JETS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

North Ipswich Reserve, Saturday 25 July 2:00pm
Referee: Daniel Schwass; Sideline Officials: Steve Kanowski, Sam Swift
IPSWICH: 1. Ono So'Oialo 2. Ratu Jope Rotavisoro 3. Jordan Carriera 4. Gerome Burns 5. Denzel Burns 6. Josh Cleeland 7. Rhys Jacks 8. Tyson Lofipo 9. Kierran Moseley 10. Nathaniel Neale 11. Keenan Yorston 13. Tyler Coburn 14. Jayden Connors 15. Todd White 16. Blake Lenehan 17. Owen McCarron 18. Joshua Johnson 19. Hugh Sedger 20. Seb Pandia 21. Richard Pandia **FALCONS:** 1. Luke Poiselli 2. Paul Ulberg 3. Nathan Saumalu 4. William Toloi 5. Nat McGavin 6. Jack Wright 7. Todd Murphy 9. Tyson Smoothy 10. Patrice Siolo 11. Louis Geraghty 12. Dalton Smith 13. Sam Burns

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - ROUND 10

(DEFERRED from JULY)

WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v BURLEIGH BEARS

Pinklands Sports Complex, Saturday 24 July 11:40am
Referee: Dylan Cassidy; Sideline Officials: Cody Kwik, Liam Fryer
WYNNUM: 1. Braden Whittaker 2. Carsen Huth 3. Kurtis Farr 4. Germaine Bulsey 5. Tom Farr 6. Corey Herdegen 7. Will Parslow 9. Jackson Rohweder 10. John Radel 11. Ethan Malt 12. Isaac Carpenter 13. Nathan Ward 14. Shaun Packer 15. Kobe Martin 16. Caius Faatili 17. Devontai Seumanutafa **BURLEIGH:** 1. Tyler Mahon 2. Alofiana Khan-Pereira 3. Tuvalli Pereira 4. Tony Francis 5. Izaya Leota-beckett 6. Harry Bryant 7. Cameron Brown 8. Jayden Sharp 9. Vaka Sikahale 10. Isaac Matalavea-Booth 11. Sam McIntyre 12. Jeff Tatupu 13. Blake Campbell 14. Kaden Somerville 15. Zane Prophet 16. Iszac Fa'asumaleau 17. Reegan Creedy 18. T.J Devery 19. Daniel Shannon

NORTHS DEVILS v MACKAY CUTTERS

Emerson Park, Saturday 24 July 1:30pm
Referee: Nik Inthout; Sideline Officials: Marcus Fitzgerald, Brittane Stephan
NORTHS: 1. Declan Haydon 2. Trent Casey 3. Jared Chambers 4. Leighton Milburn 5. Lodoviko Cokanauto 6. Isaiah Tongi 7. Danny Heenan 8. Sosefo Filipine 9. Zakaria McGuire 10. Mose Tuifao-Papalii 11. Kye Jenkins 12. Jack Garrod 13. Zach Brooks 14. Hayden Rowbotham 15. Kahli Jnr Kali 16. Ryan Sauer 17. Leonard Burns **MACKAY:** 1. Arthur Miller-Stephen 2. Brenton Baira 3. Tyler Holmes 4. Harley Proctor 5. Flynn Camilleri 6. Caleb Sinn 7. Henri Stocks 8. Paul Bryan 9. Sean Dalton 10. Hayden Brownsey 11. Ethan Sweet 12. Blake Paskins 13. Jack Hoffmann 16. Henry Head 17. Ethan Borg 18. Mason Thorpe 19. Cody Hilton

WESTERN MUSTANGS v NORTHERN PRIDE

Jack Martin Oval, Sunday 25 July 11:30am
Referee: Cody Kwik; Sideline Officials: Bayden Sawyers, Nick McEwen
MUSTANGS: 1. Alexander Brighton 2. Nicholas Teske 3. Benji Nelman 4. Connor Williams 5. Oliver Bichel 6. Liam Short 7.

Matthew Wilson 8. Mitchell Murphy 9. Brandon Clarke 10. Luke Maiden 11. Cooper Howlett 12. Leslie Hartvigsen 13. Kyle Petersen 14. Lachlan Swan 15. Thomas Bell 16. Matthew Butler 17. Braith Ashurst 18. Riley Wilson 19. Udum Wala 20. Brenton Clement **PRIDE:** 1. Jack Bowyer 2. Matua Robinson 3. Robert Derby 4. Ronald Lewis 5. Sami Raivaroro 6. Seamus King-Smith 7. Adam Hepworth 8. Colt Salmond 9. Zane Knowles 10. Tyson Phineasa 11. Matti Moyle 12. Taniela Ta'ufu'ou 13. Ezra Tokarahi 14. Dmitri Ahwang 15. Braye Porter 16. Ricky Wardle 17. Elias Tuitama 18. Keishon Hunter-Flanders 19. Jonah Rameka

CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Browne Park, Sunday 25 July 1:45am
Referee: Jay Hardie; Sideline Officials: Tanner Howard, Trey Hubert
CAPRAS: 1. Ammaron Gudgeon 2. Kalani Sing 3. Harlem Russell 4. Coby Williamson 5. Jaxon Crockford 6. Laish Salam 7. Peyton Jenkins 8. Myles Gal 9. Tiko Hooper 10. Mitchell Leard-Lamont 11. Thallon Peters 12. Christopher Lee 13. Samuel Strohfeldt 14. Simeona Tala-Sio 15. Keinan Smith 16. Jeremy McLachlan 17. Ilami Buli 18. Te Urewera Potini 19. Haydn Andrews 21. Ronin Hadden **BRISBANE:** 1. Lachlan West 2. Ronald Philitoga 3. Shaquille McLeod 4. Jude Saldanha 5. Harry Farimbella 6. James Busby 7. Jonah Glover 8. Jacob Reedy-Bartlett 9. Bailey Bartley 10. Joshua Colls 11. Rhys Sparey 12. Simon Pratt 13. Madison Beckett 14. Brad Russell 15. Jordan Penquitt 16. Siaosi Tonga 17. Marly Bitungane

IPSWICH JETS v REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

North Ipswich Reserve, Sunday 25 July 12:00pm
Referee: Matt Gannon; Sideline Officials: Ryan Cracknell, Kailey Beattie
IPSWICH: 1. Joseph Ross 2. Mamakumai Naiyep 3. Bill Alataasi 4. Kaylis Barrott 5. Nathan Stephensen 6. Bradley Zamech 7. David Telea 8. Tate Rhea 9. Lochlan Turnbull 10. Josiah Mauga 11. Ngiyaani Waters 12. Mitchell Harsant 13. Riley Morris 14. Zachery Alley 15. Declan Buckley 16. Brian Burton 17. Mika Iakopo 18. Jack Fisher 19. Jay McGarrigal 20. Nicholas Merlehan 21. Raymond

14. Kurt Baptiste 15. Campbell Duffy 16. Wyatt Reynolds 17. Sam Bernstrom 18. Daniel Dole 19. Adam Tuimavave-Gerrard 20. Bessie Aufaga-Toomaga

TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS v NORTHS DEVILS

Jack Manski Oval, Saturday 25 July 2:00pm
Referee: Ben Watts; Sideline Officials: Josh Eaton, Jarrod Cole
TOWNSVILLE: 1. Carlin Anderson 2. Michael Carroll 3. Sam Martin-savage 4. Bacho Salam 5. Kalifa Faifai Loa 6. Kyle Laybutt 7. Shaun Nona 8. Joe Boyce 9. Josh Chudleigh 10. Sam Hoare 11. Riley Price 12. Patrick Kaufusi 13. Jordan Kenworthy 14. Aaron Moore 15. Sam Murphy 16. Kieran Quabba 22. Sione Lousi **NORTHS:** 1. Matthew Milson 2. Jonathon Reuben 3. Jacob Gagan 4. Connor Broadhurst 5. Bernard Gregorius 6. Jack Miers 7. Jack Ahearn 8. Michael Molo 9. Calum Gahan 10. Jerome Veve 11. Piki Rogers 12. Leivaha Pulu 13. Michael Sio 14. Tyrone Roberts 15. Viko Puliueva 16. Hiale Roycroft 17. Moses Noovao-McGreal 18. Rashaun Denny 19. Bryce Donovan 20. Kyle Van Klaveren

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES v TWEED SEAGULLS

Davies Park, Sunday 25 July 2:10pm
Referee: Jacob Whitehouse; Sideline Officials: Nick Morel, Glen Stewart
SOUTHS LOGAN: 1. Creedence Toia 2. Kevin Locke 3. Ethan Quai-Ward 4. Jacob Tonge 5. Jack Goodsell 6. Ezra Mam 7. Lachlan Cooper 8. Logan Bayliss-Brow 9. Brad Frith 10. Raiden Fonoti 11. Kobe Tararo 12. Unga Wolseke 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Blake Scott 15. Jacob Elmore 16. Fabien Paltetua-Kiri 20. Justin Fai **TWEED:** 1. Lindon McGrady 2. Brayden McGrady 3. Treymaine Spry 4. Lee Turner 5. Tolor Walters 6. Will Brimston 7. Luke Jurd 8. JJ Collins 9. Brent Woolf 10. Harrison Muller 11. Lamar Liolaveva 12. Joshua Patston 13. Braden Robson 14. Liam Hampson 15. Daniel Ross 16. Darius Farmer 17. Juwan Compain 18. Charlie Murray

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Turnbull **REDCLIFFE:** 1. Tahj Wood 2. Eric Vaafusuaga 3. William Fakatoumafi 4. Harrison McIndoe 5. Daeron Amituanai 6. Toby Elliot 8. Jordan Crocker 9. Kyle Barnwell 10. Jesse Tu'inukuafu 11. Mali Le Pou 12. Joe Clarke 13. Chayse Cavanagh 14. Cody Byrne 15. Aiden Aue 16. Rece Hansen 17. Levi Wilson

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

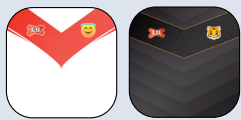
Davies Park, Sunday 25 July 12:10pm
Referee: Jake Stanton; Sideline Officials: Nik Inthout, Connor Baker
SOUTHS LOGAN: 1. Byron Johnson 2. Tyrone Harding 3. Konrad Tu'ua 4. Fa'ata'ape Timal 5. Denzel Samoa 6. Connor McLeod 7. Edward Downing-Brown 8. Sione Vakauta 9. Ezra Teuila 10. Lance Bagon 11. Jack Canning 13. Cruise Ten 14. Callum Eggerling 15. Billy Mozer 16. Tynan Forster 18. Feao Maka 20. Daniel Allan **TOWNSVILLE:** 1. Dylan White 2. Jesse Yallop 3. Zac Laybutt 4. Jordan Lipp 5. Zin Zan Martin 6. Jake Bourke 7. Tomas Chester 8. Hamilton Taia 9. Curtis Dempsey 10. Adam Mitchell 11. Joey Jensen 12. Zachery McMinn 13. Tyson Chang 14. Mitch Fogarty 15. Cameron Bateup 16. Jacson Lott 18. Braithen Knox 21. Maletino Lafoga

TWEED SEAGULLS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

Piggabeen Sports Complex, Sunday 25 July 2:00pm
Referee: Jordan Morel; Sideline Officials: Dylan Lawrence, Zac Schwass
TWEED: 1. Jaylan De Groot 2. Brenton Daley-Holten 3. James Torrens 4. Caleb Warman 5. Troy Duckett 6. Tyler Han 7. Harradyn Wilson 8. Ben Liyou 9. Jed Edwards 10. Carsil Vaikai 11. John-Thomas Manuofetoa 12. Klese Haas 13. Charlie Murray 14. Joshua Henderson 15. Cameron Campbell 16. Jack Cullen 17. Stepharn Holo **FALCONS:** 1. Zachariah Miles 2. Gian Largiader 3. Kane Jackson 4. Blake Wilson 5. Pat McGinn 6. John McLaughlin 7. Jayden Zanchetta 9. Jai Smoothy 10. Rory Curtis 11. Jack Aiken 12. Jake Zammit 13. Sam Reid 14. Nick Ellems 15. Dylan Carolan 16. Zacari Short 17. Blake Woodford 18. Kaleb Sutton 19. Lucas Bell

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

Challenge Cup Final | ST HELENS 26 CASTLEFORD 12



ST HELENS (26)

Tries: Theo Fages, James Roby, Tom Makinson, Kyle Amor; Conversions: Lachlan Coote (3/4); Penalty Goals: Lachlan Coote (2/3)

CASTLEFORD TIGERS (12)

Tries: Niall Evalds, Jake Trueman
Conversions: Gareth O'Brien (2/2)

Venue: Wembley Stadium

Crowd: 40000

Halftime Score: St Helens 6 Castleford 12

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

St Helens surge past Castleford to win 13th Challenge Cup

St Helens claimed their first Challenge Cup in 13 years in a 26-12 success against a gallant Castleford Tigers side at a sun drenched Wembley Stadium on Saturday.

One of the modern greats sides, St Helens just overwhelmed Castleford in the second half, scoring 20 straight points to lift their first Challenge Cup since 2008 and become the second most successful side in the

competition behind Leeds Rhinos. It was a picture perfect day in London and the game matched the occasion. From the pre-match to the absorbing 80 minutes, it was a fitting to have a crowd in to witness two of the Super League's heavyweight sides clash. Castleford Tigers gave them a fright but the class of Saints shone through. Castleford showed the greater bite in the first half, leading 12-6 at half-time and were led brilliantly by their dazzling fullback Niall Evalds. The former Salford man scored the Tigers first points when he sliced through to make it 6-6. Five eighth Jake Trueman plucked one out of the air as an upset loomed in the final. Saints have been the dominant domestic side in England in the

last few years but the Challenge Cup was the missing part of their burgeoning trophy case. They got off to the perfect start when Theo Fages was first to the ball after Jonny Lomax's kick hit the post. Saints weren't at their fluent best and trailed at the break.

The second half was one-way traffic. Both sides traded sets but it came down to an old Rugby League maxim - never let the ball bounce. Castleford did and the rugby league ball cruelled them as it was batted back by Reagan Grace to a waiting James Roby for 12-all. Their next raid felt more like a training run. The ball drifted right then all it needed was quick hands for Tom Makinson to stroll over to restore their

lead and it never was relinquished again by the Saints. Lachlan Coote booted a pair of penalty goals to stretch their advantage to eight. Castleford Tigers tried until the final whistle but they were unable to breach the dogged St Helens defense. The Tigers had a period after Makinson's four-pointer to strike back and were repelled each time and when Darrell Olphants was taken into touch, a huge roar came from the red vee side. Saints added some icing to their celebration late in the piece. Kyle Amor pushed himself across and celebrated like an Olympic gold medalist after it was confirmed by the video referee, making it 26-12 and a deserved triumph for the red and whites.

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

CATCH-UP RESULTS

Round 10 Catalans Dragons 27 Tries: Tom Davies, Matt Whitley, Arthur Mourgue, Sam Kasiano; Goals: Arthur Mourgue 5; Field Goals: Sam Tomkins 1 **def Leeds Rhinos 18** Tries: Tom Briscoe 2, Kruike Leeming; Goals: Luke Gale 3 **at Stade Gilbert Brutus** --/-- **Round 12 Salford Red Devils 24** Tries: Krisnan Inu 2, Morgan Escare, Ken Sio; Goals: Krisnan Inu 4 **def Wakefield Trinity 14** Tries: Innes Senior, Reece Lyne; Goals: Mason Lino 3 **at Halliwell Jones Stadium** --/-- **Round 9 Wigan Warriors 14** Tries: Mitch Clark, Liam Farrell; Goals: Harry Smith 3 **def Huddersfield Giants 12** Tries: Will Pryce, Nathaniel Peteru; Goals: Oliver Russell 2 **at John Smith's Stadium** --/-- Hull KR v Hull FC postponed

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	DIF %	WIN %
1	Catalans	13	12	1	0	387	196	24	197.45	92.31
2	St Helens	12	10	2	0	286	96	20	297.92	83.33
3	Warrington	13	9	3	1	408	213	19	191.55	73.08
4	Hull FC	11	7	3	1	260	175	15	148.57	68.18
5	Wigan	14	9	5	0	222	256	18	86.72	64.29
6	Hull KR	10	6	4	0	241	212	12	113.68	60.00
7	Leeds	13	6	7	0	294	235	12	125.11	46.15
8	Castleford	14	6	8	0	251	354	12	70.90	42.86
9	Salford	13	4	9	0	221	367	8	60.22	30.77
10	Wakefield	14	4	10	0	247	329	8	75.08	28.57
11	Huddersfield	14	3	11	0	204	292	6	69.86	21.43
12	Leigh	13	0	13	0	212	508	0	41.73	0.00

ROUND 15 FIXTURES

		all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST	
Thu 22 Jul	7:45pm	Hull KR v Hull FC	Hull College Craven
	8:00pm	Leigh v Warrington	Leigh Sports Village
Fri 23 July	7:45pm	Leeds v Salford	Emerald Headingley
		St Helens v Hull KR	Totally Wicked Stadium
		Wigan v Wakefield	DW Stadium
Sat 24 Jul	5:00pm	Catalans v Castleford	Stade Gilbert Brutus

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 7 CATCH-UP RESULT

Batley Bulldogs 38 Tries: Levi Edwards 2, Johnny Campbell, Jack Blagbrough, Dane Manning, Alistair Leak 2; Goals: Luke Hooley 5 **def Dewsbury Rams 10** Tries: Andy Gabriel, Will Oakes; Goals: Paul Sykes 1 **at Tetley's Stadium**

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	DIF %	WIN %
1	Toulouse	9	9	0	0	433	88	18	492.05	100.00
2	Featherstone	12	12	0	0	537	136	24	394.85	100.00
3	Bradford	12	9	3	0	324	279	18	116.13	75.00
4	Halifax	13	9	4	0	358	171	18	209.36	69.23
5	London	13	8	4	1	372	335	17	111.04	65.38
6	Batley	13	8	5	0	328	274	16	119.71	61.54
7	Newcastle	12	5	6	1	272	358	11	75.98	45.83
8	Widnes	13	5	7	1	307	344	11	89.24	42.31
9	Sheffield	13	4	6	3	285	373	11	76.41	42.31
10	Whitehaven	13	4	8	1	249	372	9	66.94	34.62
11	Dewsbury	13	4	8	1	197	379	9	51.98	34.62
12	York	13	4	9	0	297	317	8	93.69	30.77
13	Oldham	12	2	10	0	166	440	4	37.73	16.67
14	Swinton	13	0	13	0	224	483	0	46.38	0.00

ROUND 14 FIXTURES

		all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST	
Sun 25 Jul	12:30pm	Sheffield v Halifax	Mobile Rocket
	3:00pm	Batley v Newcastle	Fox's Biscuit
		Bradford v Featherstone	Odsal Stadium
		London v Widnes	Trailfinders
		Whitehaven v Oldham	Recreation Ground
		York v Swinton	LNER
		CANCELLED	Toulouse v Dewsbury

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 9 RESULTS

St Helens def Wakefield (24-0) on forfeit
Leeds def Huddersfield (24-0) on forfeit
Castleford def Warrington 48-12 at Victoria Park
Featherstone def Bradford 42-12 at Millennium Stadium
York def Wigan 12-4 at Odsal Stadium

ROUND 10 FIXTURES

		all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST	
Sun 25 Jul	12:00pm	Wigan v Wakefield	Victoria Park
		York v Huddersfield	Millennium Stadium
	3:30pm	Warrington v Featherstone	Victoria Park
		Castleford v Bradford	Millennium Stadium
Mon 26 Jul	7:45pm	Leeds v St Helens	Odsal Stadium

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	WIN %
1	Leeds	7	7	0	0	364	38	326	14	100.00
2	St Helens	7	6	1	0	370	36	334	12	85.71
3	Wigan	7	5	2	0	226	76	150	10	71.42
4	York	7	5	2	0	198	106	92	10	71.42
5	Castleford	6	4	2	0	166	96	70	8	66.67
6	Featherstone	8	3	5	0	152	308	-156	6	37.50
7	Bradford	8	2	6	0	128	294	-166	4	33.33
8	Huddersfield	7	2	5	0	104	288	-184	4	28.57
9	Warrington	8	2	6	0	150	334	-184	4	25.00
10	Wakefield	7	0	7	0	50	332	-282	0	0.00

NRL: ROUND 18 WRAP

Friday | PARRAMATTA 26 GOLD COAST 8



GOLD COAST TITANS (8)

Tries: Brian Kelly, David Fifita

Conversions: Patrick Herbert (0/2)

PARRAMATTA EELS (26)

Tries: Dylan Brown, Shaun Lane, Reed Mahoney, Haze Dunster, Ryan Matterson

Conversions: Clinton Gutherson (3/5)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 15038 (double header)

Halftime Score: Gold Coast 0 Parramatta 20

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Reed Mahoney

2 points - Clinton Gutherson

1 points - Dylan Brown

OUR REPORT with ADAM HUXTABLE Eels capitalise on Proctor sin-bin to return to winners circle

The Parramatta Eels have bounced back against the Titans, recording an 18 point, 26-8 win over the Gold Coast Titans at Cbus Super Stadium.

Despite the gap between the two sides on the ladder, this matchup was expected to be a close one, even more so an hour before kickoff, when it was revealed Parramatta would be missing origin stars Moses and Paulo, while all 3 of the Titans' would back up.

Five minutes in, it looked like the Titans had got off to the dream start, however replays revealed Corey Thompson had knocked on in goal. Two minutes later, the

Titans were threatening again, however the Eels were gifted field position due to foul play on their winger Haze Dunster.

Parramatta took full advantage of this field position through five-eighth Dylan Brown, who turned on the accelerator to break through the Titans frontline defence and burn fullback AJ Brimson on his way to the tryline.

The biggest turning point of the match came in the 22nd minute, where Kevin Proctor was rightly sin-binned for placing Eels big man Isaiah Papali'i into a dangerous position. The effect was immediate, with Shaun Lane spinning his way over the line courtesy of some good play from the hooker Reed Mahoney.

The next 5 minutes for the Titans were a blueprint on how not to defend with 12 men. The Eels made 80 or more metres in

basically all of their sets, and it resulted in two more tries for the Blue and Gold. For the first one, Nathan Brown threw a ball to Matterson, who broke the line and linked up with Brown again on the inside. He had only the fullback to beat, and gave it to Gutherson in support, who then handed it off to Reed Mahoney, who had a try to go with the assist in his return from injury.

Off the back of another 80 metre set, Clint Gutherson put in a superb kick which resulted in an even better bounce for rookie winger Haze Dunster to score and push the lead out to 20. Kevin Proctor then came back onto the field, his side down by 14 more points than they were when he was initially binned.

It appeared as if the onslaught would continue 10 minutes into the second half, with the Eels unleashing an array

of offloads to set up back rower Ryan Matterson with his 4th try of the year and make it 26-0.

The Titans did end up mounting some sort of resistance however, with Ash Taylor throwing a contender for cutout pass of the year to put Brian Kelly over the line untouched in the 61st minute.

They would score again 5 minutes later, when Peachey's kick was deflected off Dylan Brown and picked up by Fifita, who raced away to the tryline.

That was where the comeback ended, with the siren sounding while the score was 26-8 to the Eels.

Next week, the Eels are back at Cbus to play the Raiders, while the Titans will play an "away" game against the Dragons on the Gold Coast.

Friday | MANLY-WARRINGAH 32 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (32)

Tries: Morgan Harper, Haumole Olakau'atu, Kieran Foran, Cade Cust, Brad Parker; Conversions: Reuben Garrick (5/5); Penalty

Goals: Reuben Garrick (1/1)

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (18)

Tries: Tyrell Sloan, Josh McGuire, Gerard Beale

Conversions: Jack Bird (2/3); Penalty Goals: Jack Bird (1/1)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 15038 (double header)

Halftime Score: Manly-Warringah St George Illawarra 14

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Kieran Foran

2 points - Josh Schuster

1 points - Haumole Olakau'atu

OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE Sea Eagles soar without stars to a win over the Dragons

Despite Origin stars Tom Trbojevic and Daly Cherry-Evans sitting in the stands, Manly has bounced back from last week's shock loss to Canberra by defeating St George-Illawarra by 32-18 at Cbus Stadium on the Gold Coast tonight.

The Sea Eagles were led to victory by a vintage performance from five-eighth Kieran Foran who was superb for Manly, turning back the clock with a number of deft touches in attack, as well as controlling the second half of the match superbly in a promising sign for the Sea Eagles premiership chances in 2021.

St George were well in the match heading into halftime, as the game see-sawed several times before Manly broke away after the break to leave the Dragons floundering as they were terrorised on the edges by the silky skills of Josh Schuster and the

rampaging Haumole Olakau'atu who continue to improve at a rate of knots for Des Hasler's men. The Red V would have fancied their chances when the teamlists came out prior to kickoff, however unfortunately for Anthony Griffin, the game isn't played on paper and the loss now leaves the chances of St George staying in the Top 8 in jeopardy.

The Dragons got off to a nice start when Queensland Origin hero Ben Hunt continued his red-hot form from Wednesday night, when he put Jack Bird away down the right-hand edge. Bird then offloaded back inside to find a flying Tyrell Sloan who streaked away to score under the posts in just his second NRL game for the rookie fullback. Jack Bird converted from in front and the Dragons took an early lead.

It didn't take Manly long to respond however, when Haumole Olakau'atu stepped neatly away from Corey Norman and Tariq Sims to find Morgan Harper in support with the former Bulldog scoring Manly's first try and following the conversion from Reuben Garrick it was 6-all after 15 minutes. Olakau'atu was at it again on the right-hand

side, when he received some early ball off Schuster and the up and coming back rower steamrolled Dragons centre Brayden Williams to score and give the Sea Eagles the lead.

The Dragons then hit back, when former Queensland prop Josh McGuire crashed over, following a neat pass from dummy half from Andrew McCullough. Bird then converted from in front to again level the scores. St George then took the lead just before the break, when Sea Eagles utility Dylan Walker was penalised for a strip on Jack Bird close to the line and Bird took the two points on offer and give his side the edge 14-12 at halftime.

The Sea Eagles came out of a cannon to open the second half, when Josh Schuster and Moses Suli combined to make a break down the left edge. Schuster then found his five-eighth Kieran Foran with a superb no look pass and Manly edged back in front.

Cade Cust then made it back-to-back tries for Manly, when the bench utility took on the line and stretched out to keep his fingertips

on the ball to score an unlikely try for his side. The was quickly followed by a try to centre Brad Parker, following a sublime pass from Kieran Foran close to the line, which saw Parker charge through a gap to score untouched and extend the Sea Eagles lead to 34-12 following Garrick's successful conversion.

The Dragons finished with a consolation try, when Ben Hunt attempted a trick shot from a scrum, kicking for Tyrell Sloan who managed to collect the ball and offload in the one motion to veteran winger Gerard Beale who managed to hold off the cover defence to score a sensational try. The Dragons never threatened the Eagles however, and Manly then kicked a penalty on fulltime to extend their victory to 32-18 in a dominant display and keep Des Hasler's side in touch with the Top 4.

Manly will now welcome back their rested stars in Tom Trbojevic and Daly Cherry-Evans when they face Wests Tigers in Round 19 next Saturday, while St George with face the Titans which will now be a vital game for their finals hopes for 2021.

Saturday | SYDNEY 34 NORTH QUEENSLAND 18



NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (18)
Tries: Javid Bowen, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, Reece Robson
Conversions: Scott Drinkwater (3/3)
SYDNEY ROOSTERS (34)
Tries: Angus Crichton, Sam Walker, Billy Smith, Joseph Manu, Matt Ikuvalu (2), Sitali Tupouniua
Conversions: Sam Walker (3/6), Billy Smith (0/1)

Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium
Crowd: 15933
Halftime Score: North Queensland 12 Sydney 14
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
 3 points - Sam Walker
 2 points - Victor Radley
 1 points - Joseph Manu

OUR REPORT with ANDREW FERGUSON

Roosters score solid win over fading Cowboys

The Sydney Roosters came back from an early 12-point deficit to rack up 34 points to six after that point, beating a North Queensland side that fell away defensively again in the second half 34-18.

The Cowboys opened the scoring in the 5th minute when Scott Drinkwater ran right out of dummy half then turned back to the left before firing a good ball to Javid Bowen who strolled over for a good try. Drinkwater added the extras.

After getting three consecutive sets, the Cowboys crossed again in the 14th minute, again off the back of some great work by Drinkwater, who received the ball at first receiver on the left at halfway, drifted left and showed the ball twice before getting a pass to the straight and fast running Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, who hits a gap and raced 45 metres to score a great try. Drinkwater converted again.

The Roosters finally got on the board in the 26th minute when Drew Hutchison passed to Angus Crichton, who gets one-on-one

with Connelly Lemulelu and easily overpowers the flat-footed centre to score on the left side. Sam Walker's sideline conversion is a poor one.

The final 7 minutes of the half saw the Roosters get some momentum which they capitalised on. In the 34th minute, Billy Smith scored after running onto a crash ball. Walker converted to reduce the Roosters deficit to just 2 points.

5 minutes later, just as the halftime bell rang, Joey Manu received the ball on the left side, stepped left, shaped to pass to his winger, doesn't, then walks through the defence to score a pretty soft try. Walker's sideline conversion is waved away and at halftime, the Roosters had taken the lead 14-12.

It took almost 20 minutes for any points to be scored in the second half, with both sides running rather freely, but with rather unimaginative ends to their sets. In the 59th minute Matt Ikuvalu was on the receiving end of the trademark long ball over the top from Walker and he dived over to score in the corner. Walker again failed to convert from touch.

The Cowboys first set after the restart began in magnificent style when Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow fielded a kick on his own goal-line and then ran 90 metres downfield before getting grassed.

On the next play, Tom Dearden went left, linked with Mitchell Dunn who turned the ball back to Dearden who then dished a good ball to Reece Robson in support and he dived over to the left of the posts. Drinkwater converted to level the scores.

With the game in the balance going into the final 15 minutes, the Roosters stepped up a gear and the Cowboys defence helped them.

After a great Joseph Manu run, the Roosters shifted the ball left to Walker, who hit Sitali Tupouniua with a crisp pass and the back rower strolled through for an easy try. Walker converted.

Five minutes later, Victor Radley made a great run picking up 30 metres. Walker picked up the ball from dummy half, ran right, switched back to the left and dived over to score beside the posts. He then converted his own try.

A Kyle Feldt knock on inside the final 30 seconds saw a scrum set deep inside the Cowboys half. From the back of the scrum, the Roosters went right to Josh Morris, who got his nose through a tackle, offloaded around the corner to Matt Ikuvalu who strolled over for a try in the corner. Billy Smith was given the goalkicking duties but was unable to trouble the scorers from the sideline.

Saturday | CANBERRA 34 CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 18



CANBERRA RAIDERS (34)
Tries: Jordan Rapana, Jack Wighton, Hudson Young, Xavier Savage, Semi Valemei; **Conversions:** Jarrod Croker (4/5); **Penalty Goals:** Jarrod Croker (3/3)
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (18)
Tries: Jesse Ramien, Sione Katoa, Ronaldo Mulitalo
Conversions: Braydon Trindall (3/3)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium
Crowd: 3874 (double header)
Halftime Score: Canberra 12 Cronulla-Sutherland 12
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
 3 points - Xavier Savage
 2 points - Corey Harawira-Naera
 1 points - Tom Starling

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Raiders savage toothless Sharks in vital clash

Canberra Raiders made it back-to-back successes against a toothless Cronulla Sharks outfit with a 34-18 success tonight on the Gold Coast.

Canberra Raiders produced a 18 point second half led by exciting youngster Xavier Savage to overcome an 18-16 deficit in a game where defense at times seemed optional between these two top eight hopefuls.

Coming off their surprise win against Manly, the Raiders got themselves off to an ideal start. Jordan Rapana was awarded an eight-point try after some high contact from Sharks halfback Braydon Trindall to make it 8-nil.

Jarrod Croker has been a stalwart in the pointscore charts and the Raiders centre featured heavily in the contest. He kicked seven goals from eight attempts as

he edged closer to third in the all-time records and the Raiders held a firm 10-nil lead after his pair of penalty goals.

Sharks woke themselves up and scored twice in quick succession to hit right back. Centre Jesse Ramien rampaged across for the first then it was a slick backline play which featured both Shaun Johnson and William Kennedy to send Sione Katoa over in a pulsating first half.

Both sides came out of the sheds ready for action and traded four-pointers in the opening stages of the second stanza. Xavier Savage sliced through and linked up with his support for Jack Wighton to put them ahead before another simple structured play from the Sharks to Ronaldo Mulitalo gave them an 18-16 lead.

Wighton was forced from the field after his score which forced a reshuffle. The Raiders didn't skip a beat and piled on 18 points to move themselves in equal eighth with their opponents tonight - Cronulla. Hudson Young, Savage and Semi Valemei crossed the stripe in a morale boosting

start to their time in Queensland.

In his second NRL game, Savage looked lively whenever he was on the ball. He was heavily involved in the Raiders second try with his initial break before the fullback got himself on the scoresheet with a support run to ice the contest. Savage might have cemented his spot as the Raiders fullback for the rest of 2021.

For the Sharks, they never showed up after half-time. Some ill-discipline and missed tackles didn't help in their endeavours but it cruelled them in their quest to join the Dragons in seventh position. The halves combo of Shaun Johnson and Trindall failed to click after their slick work last week against the Warriors.

One thing that will be put under the microscope after the game is the decision to award the Raiders an eight-point try in the first half. Rapana was hit high in the act of scoring but wasn't fazed as he celebrated. Sharks five-eighth Trindall was put on report for a slight clip and again, shows inconsistency in the officiating.

NRL: ROUND 18 WRAP

Saturday | MELBOURNE 48 NEWCASTLE 4



MELBOURNE STORM (48)

Tries: Justin Olam (2), Nicholas Hynes, Cameron Munster, George Jennings (2), Jahrome Hughes, Reimis Smith

Conversions: Nicholas Hynes (8/8)

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (4)

Tries: Dominic Young

Conversions: Jake Clifford (0/1)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 3874

Halftime Score: Melbourne 30 Newcastle 0

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Nicholas Hynes

2 points - Cameron Munster

1 points - Jahrome Hughes

OUR REPORT with JOSH ROBERTSON

Storm untroubled by injury ravaged Newcastle

A midnight dash to Queensland hasn't cramped the style and flair of the Melbourne Storm as they took a comprehensive 48-4 victory over an injury-affected Newcastle Knights side on the Gold Coast.

A long night was forecast early on for the Knights when they left their intended playing kit back at the hub and instead were forced to wear their away white jersey which created an unintentional clash with the Storm's Naidoc Week jersey. The action on-field was just as error ridden for the Knights with Dominic Young coughing up the ball with the Novacastrians first touch of the steeden.

Thankfully for Newcastle, the Storm came up with their own error and couldn't turn position into points on this occasion. It wasn't too long later that Melbourne didn't get a Scrum play wrong once Nicho Hynes was able to draw defenders in before finding Justin Olam to score.

Despite having no field position or ball, the Knights were able to keep the Storm at bay until Jahrome Hughes took the most direct route up the field through the middle bursting through to find Cameron Munster to score next to the posts.

Another error from the Knights put Melbourne right on the attack and they needed just one play to score when they spread the ball out to the right and George Jennings just steamrolled Kalyn Ponga in getting over the line. Things didn't all go Melbourne's way with Dale Finucane failing a HIA early after copping a stray forearm from a teammate.

Luck was really missing from the Knights game as Kalyn Ponga left the field for a HIA which he ultimately failed after copping an accidental off the ball hit. The next Melbourne try proved that there was no luck for Newcastle as a routine Jahrome Hughes kick bounced poorly for Connor Watson at the back and it was picked up by Reimis Smith who found Hughes to score. Melbourne finished their scoring on the stroke of half-time when Nicho Hynes crossed for his first after Brandon Smith drew in defenders before Justin Olam kicked inside and Nicho Hynes was able to get to the ball first and after converting his own try, the Storm lead 30-0 at the break. The intensity of the play from the Storm in the second half dropped off but the style didn't as they opened the scoring for the second half after Jahrome Hughes cleaned up a sloppy kick from Connor Watson and ran through the middle of the park before finding Reimis Smith to score.

The Knights were caught out again as George Jennings scored his second after Cameron Munster created space after going through the middle, catching the defence and Jennings scored out wide.

A bright spark for the Knights came when they were able to get on the outside of the Storm defence for Dominic Young to score the only four-pointer for Newcastle. Jake Clifford pushed the conversion wide.

The Storm took their foot off the pedal late on after their last try which started with Cameron Munster going out of dummy half catching the Knights defence in all sorts before finding Justin Olam for his second try of the night.

Next weekend, the Storm take on the Cowboys in Townsville whilst things don't get too much easier for the Knights as they take on the Sydney Roosters on the Sunshine Coast.

Sunday | PENRITH 30 WARRIORS 16



WARRIORS (16)

Tries: Wayne Egan, Reece Walsh, Rocco Berry

Conversions: Reece Walsh (2/3)

PENRITH PANTHERS (30)

Tries: Viliame Kikau (2), Brian To'o, Charlie Staines (2), Liam Martin

Conversions: Stephen Crichton (3/6)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 24894 (double header)

Halftime Score: Warriors 10 Penrith 16

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Brian To'o

2 points - Tyrone May

1 points - Addin Fonua-Blake

OUR REPORT with LACHY MACCORQUODALE

Panthers too strong for the injury-ravaged Warriors at Suncorp

The injury-ravaged Warriors couldn't hold on for long enough to prevent the Panthers from walking away with the two points in a 30-16 defeat at Suncorp Stadium.

The Panthers started brilliantly with a try in the opening minutes courtesy of a Viliame Kikau charge down who then collected the ball to score untouched. However, Penrith struggled to get into the game until late in the opening term.

The Warriors started to show their skill, scoring the next two tries as Wayne Egan opened the scoring for his side after Matthew Lodge returned him the ball after making a line break. Rocco Berry quickly added to the scoreboard after Reece Walsh isolated him with Brent Naden.

Unfortunately, the Warriors suffered injuries to some of their key players in the first half. Tohu Harris, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck and Egan all took to the sideline during the opening half with respective injuries. This caught up with the Warriors as Penrith started to gain some momentum.

Brin To'o was the man to bring the Panthers level after Tyrone May threw a looping ball out to his winger who did the rest, finishing it tidily in the corner for

his ninth try of the season. The Panthers would add to this with five minutes remaining in the half as Matt Burton bounced outside his opposite man as he received the ball and put Kikau threw a gap for his second try of the night.

The injuries to the Warriors look to be catching up to them now and it'll be a tough second half for the home side if they continue to play with three men down.

Penrith picked up from where they left off scoring the first three tries of the second half as they ran away with the victory. A double to Charlie Staines and a try to Liam Martin was too much for the Warriors to come back from.

The injuries sustained in the first half impacted the Warriors ability to keep

up with the Panthers during the second half. Which showed when Staines scored his second try as the Warriors were struggling to get set in the defence as the Panthers made multiple line breaks.

Reece Walsh was able to grab a consolation try in the final 10 minutes which at least gave the Warriors fans something to cheer about but they were unfairly hurt by injuries over the course of the match.

It's an important win for the Panthers as they strive to stay level with the in-form Melbourne Storm despite missing both Nathan Cleary and Jarome Luai. Meanwhile the loss for the Warriors leaves them two wins outside the eight with just seven games to play.

Sunday | WESTS TIGERS 42 BRISBANE 24



BRISBANE BRONCOS (24)

Tries: Corey Oates, Jordan Riki, Thomas Flegler, Kotoni Staggs;
Conversions: Jamayne Isaako (3/4); **Penalty Goals:** Jamayne Isaako (1/1)

WESTS TIGERS (42)

Tries: Luciano Leilua, David Nofoaluma (2), Daine Laurie, Tommy Talau (2), Junior Pauga, Stefano Utoikamanu
Conversions: Adam Doueihi (5/8)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 24894

Halftime Score: Brisbane 18 Wests Tigers 10

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Daine Laurie

2 points - Adam Doueihi

1 points - Payne Haas

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY Tigers find their roar in Queensland

A second half rampage has seen the Wests Tigers record a much-needed victory over the Brisbane Broncos at Suncorp Stadium.

Trailing at halftime and with their season on the line, the joint venture rallied with six second half tries to run out 42-24 victors.

The Broncos - starting as favourites for only the second time this season - opened the scoring through Corey Oates (5th minute) before establishing an 8-0 lead via a penalty goal in front of the posts.

The Tigers responded with a try to Luciano Leilua (15th minute) only to hand back possession to the hosts with an error from the ensuing kick-off.

Capitalising on the field position after Tyson Gamble threaded a grubber for Jordan Riki (19th minute) to score his first of the season, a succession of errors proved costly for the home side.

A beautiful cut-out ball from Adam Doueihi resulted in a historic try for David Nofoaluma (30th minute), as he surpassed Benji Marshall and Chris Lawrence to become the Wests Tigers' greatest ever try-scorer with 85 four-pointers.

Striking a pivotal blow on the cusp of halftime, the Broncos headed to the sheds up 18-10 after Payne Haas delivered a magical offload to send Thomas Flegler

(38th minute) underneath the posts.

Coming out for the second half determined to keep their season alive, Daine Laurie sparked a fight back by taking on the line from close range (45th minute), before following up with a huge break in the next set to allow Tommy Talau (47th minute) to capitalise on the retreating defence.

Kotoni Staggs (50th minute) put the Broncos back in front after Gamble and Riki combined to send the powerhouse centre over for his first try since returning from an ACL tear sustained in the final match of last season.

Talau (61st minute) steadied the ship for the visitors with his second, while the Tigers were afforded a slice of luck when the bunker overturned a try to Jamayne

Isaako as a result of Riki obstructing Luke Brooks in the lead up.

Getting out to their biggest lead of the match after the Broncos failed to clean up a bouncing ball in-goal, Nofoaluma (68th minute) pounced before Junior Pauga (70th minute) secured the victory with a try on debut.

Completing the stunning second half performance, Stefano Utoikamanu (73rd minute) crashed over to give the Tigers their biggest win of the season.

Next Saturday, the Broncos will face the Panthers 'away from home' in Brisbane, while the Tigers will oppose the Sea Eagles on the undercard of the Suncorp Stadium double header.

Sunday | SOUTH SYDNEY 32 CANTERBURY 24



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (32)

Tries: Taane Milne, Alex Johnston (2), Jacob Host, Cameron Murray, Mark Nicholls; **Conversions:** Adam Reynolds (3/6); **Penalty Goals:** Adam Reynolds (1/1)

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (24)

Tries: Aaron Schoupp, Corey Allan, Jayden Okunbor, Bailey Biondi-Odo; **Conversions:** Jake Averillo (4/4)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: TBC

Halftime Score: South Sydney 10 Canterbury-Bankstown 12

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Keon Koloamatangi

2 points - Cody Walker

1 points - Thomas Burgess

OUR REPORT with ANDREW JACKSON

Undermanned Bunnies survive scare against Dogs in thriller

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have outlasted the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 32-24 in a seesawing affair full of twists.

From an all-time brain fade from Lachlan Lewis to a slick set play from the Bulldogs, this game continued to deliver shocks. Lewis is off-contract at the end of the year and showed both his best and worst sides in the opening half.

A desperate attempt in defence from Lewis forced Taane Milne to drop the ball with a try begging but then went on to produce one of the craziest moments of the season.

With the Bulldogs leading 12-10 at the break and the halftime siren having already sounded, Lewis walked off and exchanged a few words with Cody Walker. Lewis then inexplicably tackled Walker to the ground sparking an all-in and was subsequently sent to the sin bin.

It spoiled what was an impressive turnaround in the first half from the Bulldogs after falling behind 10-0 early. Walker was a constant spark in attack for the Rabbitohs and set up the opening try of the night. It came after he played the ball flat for Campbell Graham who then popped a late offload for Taane Milne to score.

Halves partner Adam Reynolds then got involved in the next one as he cut it out to Dane Gagai, prompting the Bulldogs to rush in and leave Alex Johnston unmarked out wide. Souths though started to make a few errors and the Bulldogs were good enough to capitalise. Bailey Biondi-Odo

dummied out of dummy-half and used his pace to break through before putting Aaron Schoupp over for the away side's first. For a team that looked like strangers inside the opposition red zone early this was a fast-improving Bulldogs side as a slick set play put Corey Allan over in the corner.

The Rabbitohs threatened to pounce late as Johnston snuck down the sideline with the halftime siren looming but his kick back inside went dead. Of course, the drama was not over as a Lewis brain fade had Trent Barrett shaking his head. It proved costly as the Rabbitohs took advantage immediately to score through Johnston. A strange call soon after saw Souths opt to take the two with Lewis still off and they may have come to regret that decision as the Bulldogs hit back shortly after.

Lewis redeemed himself in some form as he tapped on a Corey Waddell offload to

put Jayden Okunbor over. Jake Averillo's goal kicking had proven crucial by that point with the playmaker nailing all three attempts from the sideline. Ill-discipline cost the Bulldogs midway through the second half as the Rabbitohs eventually capitalised with Walker kicking for Jacob Host to score. It quickly turned into two tries as Nick Meaney fumbled a bomb and Souths quickly spun it right as Cameron Murray put his name on the try scoring list.

The Rabbitohs appeared destined to run away with it before a wayward pass popped up for Biondi-Odo who raced away to reduce the deficit to four. Souths would end just doing enough though as Walker once again chimed in to float the ball over the top for Burns who threw it back inside and Mark Nicholls was there to score the winner. It was a fair effort from the Bunnies who were already without Latrell Mitchell while Johnston, Graham and Liam Knight all failed to finish.

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 1

Thursday, Mar 11
Friday, Mar 12

Saturday, Mar 13

Sunday, Mar 14

March 11-14

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

ROUND 2

Thursday, Mar 18
Friday, Mar 19

Saturday, Mar 20

Sunday, Mar 21

March 18-21

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

ROUND 3

Thursday, Mar 25
Friday, Mar 26

Saturday, Mar 27

Sunday, Mar 28

March 25-28

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

ROUND 4

Thursday, Apr 1
Friday, Apr 2

Saturday, Apr 3

Sunday, Apr 4

Monday, Apr 5

April 1-5

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

Easter Weekend

ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8
Friday, Apr 9

Saturday, Apr 10

Sunday, Apr 11

April 8-11

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

ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15
Friday, Apr 16

Saturday, Apr 17

Sunday, Apr 18

April 15-18

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

ROUND 7

Thursday, Apr 22
Friday, Apr 23

Saturday, Apr 24

Sunday, Apr 25

April 22-25

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

ANZAC Round

ROUND 8

Thursday, Apr 29
Friday, Apr 30

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2

April 29-May 2

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

ROUND 9

Thursday, May 6
Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

May 6-9

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

ROUND 10

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16

May 14-16

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

Magic Round Brisbane

ROUND 11

Thursday, May 20
Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

May 20-23

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

ROUND 12

Thursday, May 27
Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

May 27-30

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

Indigenous Round

ROUND 13

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

June 3-6

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

STATE OF ORIGIN 1

Wednesday, Jun 9

June 9

NSW v QLD	QLD Country Bank	8:10pm
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ROUND 14

Friday, Jun 11

Saturday, Jun 12

Sunday, Jun 13

Monday, Jun 14

June 11-14

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

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 15

Thursday, Jun 17
Friday, Jun 18

Saturday, Jun 19

Sunday, Jun 20

WOMEN'S ORIGIN

Friday, Jun 25

ORIGIN 2

Sunday, Jun 27

ROUND 16

Thursday, Jul 1
Friday, Jul 2

Saturday, Jul 3

Sunday, Jul 4

ROUND 17

Thursday, Jul 8
Friday, Jul 9
Saturday, Jul 10
Sunday, Jul 11
Byes

ORIGIN 3

Wednesday, Jul 14

ROUND 18

Friday, Jul 16
Saturday, Jul 17
Sunday, Jul 18

ROUND 19

Thursday, Jul 22
Friday, Jul 23
Saturday, Jul 24
Sunday, Jul 25

ROUND 20

Thursday, Jul 29
Friday, Jul 30
Saturday, Jul 31
Sunday, Aug 1

June 17-20

Brisbane v Souths
North Qld v Cronulla
Penrith v Sydney
Newcastle v Warriors
St Geo Illa v Canberra
Melbourne v Wests Tigers
Parramatta v Canterbury
Gold Coast v Manly

June 25

QLD v NSW

June 27

QLD v NSW

July 1-4

Sydney v Melbourne
Warriors v St Geo Illa
Penrith v Parramatta
Canterbury v Manly
Canberra v Gold Coast
Newcastle v North Qld
Brisbane v Cronulla
Wests Tigers v Souths

July 8-11

Manly v Canberra
Souths v North Qld
Canterbury v Sydney
Cronulla v Warriors
Brisbane, St Geo Illa, Parramatta, Newcastle,
Penrith, Melbourne, Wests Wests Tigers, Gold Coast

July 14

NSW v QLD

July 16-18

Gold Coast v Parramatta
Manly v St Geo Illa
North Qld v Sydney
Canberra v Cronulla
Melbourne v Newcastle
Warriors v Penrith
Brisbane v Wests Tigers
Souths v Canterbury

July 22-25

Parramatta v Canberra
Sydney v Newcastle
North Qld v Melbourne
Souths v Warriors
Manly v Wests Tigers
Penrith v Brisbane
St Geo Illa v Gold Coast
Canterbury v Cronulla

July 29-August 1

Sydney v Parramatta
Wests Tigers v Warriors
Brisbane v North Qld
St Geo Illa v Souths
Newcastle v Canberra
Melbourne v Penrith
Canterbury v Gold Coast
Cronulla v Manly

Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

0-46 Suncorp 7:50pm
24-26 QLD C.B. 6:00pm
38-12 Bluebet 7:55pm
10-6 McD. Jones 3:00pm
22-20 WIN 5:30pm
66-16 Sun. Coast 7:35pm
36-10 Bankwest 2:00pm
24-56 Cbus 4:05pm

8-6 Sun. Coast 7:40pm

0-26 Suncorp 7:50pm

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

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

18-20 Cbus Super 8:10pm

8-26 Cbus 6:00pm
32-18 Cbus 8:05pm
18-34 QLD C.B. 3:00pm
34-18 Cbus 5:30pm
48-4 Cbus 7:35pm
16-30 Suncorp 1:50pm
24-42 Suncorp 4:05pm
32-24 Cbus 6:15pm

Cbus Super 7:50pm
Sunshine Coast 6:00pm
QLD Country Bank 7:55pm
Sunshine Coast 3:00pm
Suncorp Stadium 5:30pm
Suncorp Stadium 7:35pm
Cbus Super 1:40pm
Cbus Super 4:05pm

TBC 7:50pm
TBC 6:00pm
Suncorp 7:55pm
TBC 3:00pm
TBC 5:30pm
TBC 7:35pm
TBC 2:00pm
TBC 4:05pm

ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5
Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12
Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19
Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26
Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2
Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES

WEEK 1

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

WEEK 2

Day/Time TBC
Day/Time TBC

WEEK 3

Day/Time TBC
Day/Time TBC

GRAND FINAL

Sun, Time TBC

August 5-8

Newcastle v Brisbane TBC 7:50pm
Canberra v St Geo Illa TBC 6:00pm
Parramatta v Souths TBC 7:55pm
Warriors v Cronulla TBC 3:00pm
Sydney v Penrith TBC 5:30pm
Manly v Melbourne TBC 7:35pm
Canterbury v Wests Tigers TBC 2:00pm
Gold Coast v North Qld Cbus Super 4:05pm

August 12-15

Melbourne v Canberra AAMI Park 7:50pm
St Geo Illa v Penrith WIN Stadium 6:00pm
Brisbane v Sydney Suncorp 7:55pm
Souths v Gold Coast Central Coast 3:00pm
North Qld v Wests Tigers QLD Country Bank 5:30pm
Manly v Parramatta 4 Pines Park 7:35pm
Warriors v Canterbury Mt Smart Stadium 2:00pm
Cronulla v Newcastle Netstrata Jubilee 4:05pm

August 19-22

Gold Coast v Melbourne Cbus Super 7:50pm
Canberra v Manly GIO Stadium 6:00pm
Penrith v Souths Bluebet Stadium 7:55pm
Wests Tigers v Cronulla Scully Park, Tamworth 3:00pm
Canterbury v Newcastle Stadium Australia 5:30pm
Parramatta v North Qld Bankwest 7:35pm
St Geo Illa v Sydney Netstrata Jubilee 2:00pm
Brisbane v Warriors Suncorp 4:05pm

August 26-29

Newcastle v Gold Coast McDonald Jones 7:50pm
Warriors v Canberra Central Coast 6:00pm
Sydney v Souths SCG 7:55pm
St Geo Illa v North Qld WIN Stadium 3:00pm
Cronulla v Brisbane Netstrata Jubilee 5:30pm
Melbourne v Parramatta AAMI Park 7:35pm
Manly v Canterbury 4 Pines Park 2:00pm
Penrith v Wests Tigers Bluebet Stadium 4:05pm

September 2-5

Canberra v Sydney GIO Stadium 7:50pm
Cronulla v Melbourne Netstrata Jubilee 6:00pm
Parramatta v Penrith Bankwest 7:55pm
Brisbane v Newcastle Suncorp 3:00pm
North Qld v Manly QLD Country Bank 5:30pm
Souths v St Geo Illa Stadium Australia 7:35pm
Gold Coast v Warriors Cbus Super 2:00pm
Wests Tigers v Canterbury Campbelltown 4:05pm

SEPTEMBER 10-12

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

Qualifying & Elimination Finals

Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC
Venue TBC

SEPTEMBER 17-18

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

Semi Finals

Venue TBC
Venue TBC

SEPTEMBER 24-25

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

Preliminary Finals

Venue TBC
Venue TBC

OCTOBER 2

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Venue TBC

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