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# From the editor

Tim Costello

As we bid farewell to the regular season of the NRL this week, we have a bumper issue from all corners of the globe.

We pay tribute to the incredible sacrifices made by the Warriors in remaining in Australia for several months to ensure the NRL could resume and complete the 2020 premiership; as well as a tribute to the careers of some of the NRL's finest departing and retiring stars. We've also got a look at the top eight forward packs heading into the finals series.

But this week most excitingly - international footy is back. Netherlands and Germany face off in the annual Griffin Cup this Saturday! You can find teamlists, officials and a full preview right here in The Front Row, as well as some remarks from IRL CEO Nigel Wood and a story from renowned journalist Steve Mascord.

We welcome back our crossword this week as well as squad lists, previews and match stats for Super League as the season moves into Round 13. It really is a huge edition - check it out. And most of all, stay safe and happy reading!

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# Packing their bags

## New Zealand Warriors prepare for emotion-charged family reunions

**O**NE hundred and forty nine days.

Four months and 26 days.

Two-fifths of one calendar year.

No matter how you look at it, the New Zealand Warriors have sacrificed plenty in 2020, but their 21-week stay in the country will finally come to an end on Monday.

While some families have had their loved ones by their side for a large portion of the time, others haven't been quite so fortunate.

Second-rower Adam Blair was one of the lucky ones who managed to have his family included in the team's bubble.

But wife Jess is more than aware they were in a better position than a number of teammates, but they also had to sacrifice some normality in the process.

"I decided after about six weeks in Auckland while we were still in lockdown that I was to head over with the boys to reunite with Adam," she said.

"I am Australian so I guess I had that choice, whereas many of the families didn't even get that option."

It was seven weeks apart by the time the Blair's were reunited at the team's Terrigal base after they were forced to quarantine.

"My dad drove me and the kids from Brisbane to Terrigal but obviously due to the NRL bubble he couldn't stop and stay so he just dropped us at reception and had to leave," she said.

**"I had planned to go back to Queensland to stay and see my family, but when the borders shut I was essentially stuck in NSW too."**

The Blair's visit was only meant to be a short one with Jess and the kids due to return to Auckland on July 20.

"I wanted the kids to be back at school, but with the news Adam's nan was sick and the kids wanting to stay, we decided to stay," she said.

That meant enrolling nine-year-old Harlem into a new school which resulted in the naturopath and nutritionist losing most of her work.

She then had to study from Terrigal while trying to settle into life in the bubble.

While the Blair's will be the first to admit they have been fortunate, others including Roger Tuivasa-Sheck haven't been.

Coach Todd Payten admitted his superstar fullback had been counting down the days until he was reunited with partner Ashley and their two children.

"I'd like to put him on a plane (now), but it's just not going to happen," he said.

"We spoke about putting him on a commercial flight, but he'll get home quicker on a charter.

"I know he's counting down the days; he told me that his wife Ash was relieved we got beat (against Cronulla which ended their finals hopes) and I can't hold that against the kid."

Tuivasa-Sheck told the Wide World of Sports that he had been going to bed early and laying awake at night watching videos of his two kids.

"I miss them everyday," he said.

"My little boy started crawling not so long ago, my girl's speaking so much and she's only two so the toughest part for me has been not being home to do my duties like that."

The 27-year-old has already missed out on a number of small milestones while being in Australia.

"The kids are doing really cool things now that they weren't doing when I was at home," he said.

"I'm hoping to make it back for my son's first birthday which is on October 14. I missed my girl's second birthday so I've been missing things like that."

The Warriors tackle Manly at Central Coast Stadium on Sunday before the NRL community will bid them a fond farewell.

While coach Todd Payten will head to North Queensland in 2021, he admitted he would look back on his time at the club with great pride.

**"I'm really proud of this group of men; they've changed my life and I owe them a whole debt of gratitude," he said.**

Payten is now requesting one final 80-minute performance.

They don't want their last match to undo all the hard work they've done over the past 149 days since they arrived in Tamworth on May 3.

"If we don't show the same effort that we've shown for the past 10 weeks then we'll get some people saying it's the same old Warriors," Payten said.

# Paul Jobber

Contributor



**Bags packed:** Life on the road hasn't been easy for the men from across the Tasman.



Adam with wife Jess and children Harlem & Taika



Warriors forward Adam Blair with his grandfather Patrick and late grandmother Ngahaia

# A lasting legacy

## We celebrate the NRL's departing class of 2020

**C**lose to 2,700 games of NRL experience will finish up at the end of the home-and-away season this weekend.

For many, the final whistle will bring a close to wonderful careers. Some will progress on to the finals. Others will head overseas in pursuit of new challenges.

Each of these players has left an impression on the NRL and will be missed by clubs and supporters alike.

From everyone at League Unlimited, we would like to extend our admiration and thanks to the departing class of 2020.

### DARIUS BOYD

Excelling for club, state and country over the past 15 seasons, Darius Boyd finishes as the ninth most capped player in premiership history. Featuring in 337 matches for Brisbane, St George Illawarra and Newcastle, the 33-year-old Clive Churchill Medallist played an integral role in Queensland's eight-in-a-row dynasty with 17 tries in 28 appearances for the Maroons.

*337 NRL Games (Brisbane Broncos: 2006-2008, 2015-2020; St George Illawarra Dragons: 2009-2011; Newcastle Knights: 2012-2014)*

*NRL Debut: Brisbane Broncos 4 v North Queensland Cowboys 36 - Round 1, 2006 (Wing, #5)*

### MITCHELL AUBUSSON

Retiring as the most-capped player in the history of the Sydney Roosters with 304 appearances - and counting - Mitchell Aubusson epitomised what it meant to be a one-club man. Playing every position expect fullback and front row over the course of 14 seasons in the top grade, the 32-year-old three-time premiership winner was afforded the honour of captaining Country Origin in the final City v Country match in 2017.

*304 NRL Games\* (Sydney Roosters: 2007-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Sydney Roosters 6 v South Sydney Roosters 18 - Round 1, 2007 (Five-Eighth, #6)*

### GAVIN COOPER

Reaping the benefits of playing outside Johnathan Thurston for much of his career, Gavin Cooper etched his name into North Queensland legend as a member of the 2015 premiership-winning team. Playing in the very first Gold Coast side and spending two seasons at Penrith, the 35-year-old veteran made six appearances for Queensland - becoming one of the oldest Origin debutants at age 30 in 2016.

*323 NRL Games (North Queensland Cowboys: 2006, 2011-2020; Gold Coast Titans: 2007-2008; Penrith Panthers: 2009-2010)*

*NRL Debut: North Queensland Cowboys 20 v Manly Sea Eagles 16 - Round 2, 2006 (Interchange, #21)*

### CHRIS LAWRENCE

Holding the records as the equal leading try-scorer (84) and youngest player to debut (17-years-old) for the Wests Tigers, Chris Lawrence showed remarkable determination to come back from several injuries that threatened to prematurely end his career. Finishing up as a one-club player with the joint venture, the 31-year-old centre-turned-second rower represented Australia on six occasions.

*253 NRL Games (Wests Tigers: 2006-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Wests Tigers 20 v Brisbane Broncos 6 - Round 21, 2006 (Wing, #18)*

### JOEL THOMPSON

Leaving the NRL as one of the most respected players in the league, Joel Thompson gave great service to Canberra, St George Illawarra and Manly over the course of 13 seasons. Granted a release from the final year of his contract to join English powerhouse St Helens, the 32-year-old second rower appeared for the Indigenous All Stars on a record seven occasions.

*234 NRL Games (Canberra Raiders: 2008-2013; St George Illawarra Dragons: 2014-2017; Manly Sea Eagles: 2018-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Canberra Raiders 52 v Bulldogs 34 - Round 26, 2008 (Interchange, #20)*

### JOHN BATEMAN

Making an immediate impact in the NRL by helping Canberra reach their first grand final in a quarter of a century, John Bateman endeared himself to supporters with his competitive nature. Named Dally M Second Rower of the Year in 2019, the 26-year-old will return to Wigan next season to be closer to his family.

*31 NRL Games\* (Canberra Raiders: 2019-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Canberra Raiders 19 v Gold Coast Titans 0 - Round 1, 2019 (Lock, #13)*

### AIDAN GUERRA >

Making a try-scoring debut for Sydney in 2010, Aidan Guerra went on to win a premiership, play for Queensland and represent Australia and Italy on the international stage. Taking a giant leap of faith as the first high profile player to join Newcastle during the club's rebuilding years, the 32-year-old is set to hang up the boots after helping the Knights reach the finals for the first time in seven years.

*210 NRL Games\* (Sydney*

*Roosters: 2010-2017; Newcastle Knights: 2018-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Sydney Roosters 36 v South Sydney Rabbitohs 10 - Round 1, 2010 (Interchange, #14)*



Photo: Newcastle Knights media

# Robert Crosby

Contributor



## TIM GLASBY

Forced to cut his time in the NRL short following a number of head knocks, Glasby rose from an unknown to become a premiership-winning forward in a career spanning eight seasons. Playing the bulk of his career with Melbourne before offering a wealth of experience to Newcastle, the 31-year-old appeared in five Origins for Queensland to finish as one of the great success stories of the past decade.

*138 NRL Games (Melbourne Storm: 2013-2018; Newcastle Knights: 2019-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Melbourne Storm 4 v Wests Tigers 22 - Round 16, 2013 (Interchange, #21)*

## KERROD HOLLAND

Kicking a match-winning conversion after the siren on debut, Kerrod Holland earned the Steve Mortimer Medal as the Canterbury-Bankstown Rookie of the Year in 2016. Playing five seasons in the top grade as a centre, winger and bench utility, the 28-year-old will return to Newcastle with his young family - while leaving the door ajar for a return should the Knights come knocking.

*70 NRL Games (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs: 2016-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 18 v Penrith Panthers 16 - Round 2, 2016 (Centre, #4)*

## JAYSON BUKUYA

Playing the bulk of his career with Cronulla, along with one season at New Zealand, Jayson Bukuya will be forever remembered as a member of the Sharks' first premiership-winning team. Opting to hang up the boots during the COVID-19 break, the 31-year-old has continued to ply his trade in the President's Cup with Dubbo CYMS.

*186 NRL Games (Cronulla Sharks: 2008-2013, 2015-2019; New Zealand Warriors: 2014)*

*NRL Debut: Cronulla Sharks 22 v Bulldogs 30 - Round 11, 2008 (Interchange, #19)*

## SHANNON BOYD

Representing the Kangaroos in four test matches at the height of his powers, Shannon Boyd elected to bring a close to his career in order to return to his family's farm in Cowra. Playing the bulk of his career

with Canberra before heading to the Gold Coast, the 28-year-old also appeared for Country Origin on one occasion.

*125 NRL Games (Canberra Raiders: 2014-2018; Gold Coast Titans: 2019-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Canberra Raiders 22 v North Queensland Cowboys 28 - Round 1, 2014 (Interchange, #17)*

## JAMES GRAHAM

Returning to England shortly after the COVID-19 resumption to see out his career with St Helens, James Graham changed the way front rowers played during his time with Canterbury-Bankstown. Spending two-and-a-half seasons with St George Illawarra, the 35-year-old has discussed the possibility of returning to Australia once his playing days are done.

*186 NRL Games (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs: 2012-2017; St George Illawarra Dragons: 2018-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 22 v Penrith Panthers 14 - Round 1, 2012 (Interchange, #14)*

## CHRIS MCQUEEN

Coming off the bench in South Sydney's historic premiership victory in 2014, Chris McQueen will forever have his Rabbitohs player number - 1070 - emblazoned on his neck. Going on to play with the Gold Coast and Wests Tigers in the NRL, the 33-year old Queensland and England representative linked with Huddersfield midway through 2020.

*164 NRL Games (South Sydney Rabbitohs: 2009-2015; Gold Coast Titans: 2016-2017; Wests Tigers: 2018-2020)*

*NRL Debut: South Sydney Rabbitohs 36 v Manly Sea Eagles 22 - Round 22, 2009 (Wing, #20)*

## KALLUM WATKINS

Managing eight appearances for the Gold Coast after a successful career with Leeds and England, Kallum Watkins chose to return to the UK during the COVID-19 shutdown to be with his family.

*8 NRL Games (Gold Coast Titans: 2019-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Gold Coast Titans 12 v Brisbane Broncos 34 - Round 19, 2019 (Centre, #3)*

## < SULIASI VUNIVALU

Bursting onto the scene with 23 tries in 21 appearances during his record-breaking rookie year, Suliasi Vunivalu has gone on to score 83 tries - and counting. Winning a premiership with Melbourne in 2017 and scoring 12 tries in 10 tests for Fiji, the 24-year-old will head to the Queensland Reds for the next two seasons after penning a deal with Rugby Australia.

*108 NRL Games\* (Melbourne Storm: 2016-2020)*

*NRL Debut: Melbourne Storm 19 v Wests Tigers 18 - Round 7, 2016 (Wing, #22)*

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# Forward power

Last week in our build up to finals footy we rated the spines of the 8 sides, but as the old adage goes – you don't win big games without laying the platform first. This week we rate the forward packs set to go to war in October.

## 8. SHARKS - 8. Braden Hamlin-Uele 10. Aaron Woods 11. Wade Graham 12. Briton Nikora 13. Toby Rudolf

It was only a couple of years ago coming up against the Sharks pack was viewed as one of the biggest challenges in rugby league and there was always going to be a transition period after the exit of hard-nosed forwards such as Paul Gallen and Luke Lewis. Hamlin-Uele has earned his starting spot this year and along with impressive rookie Rudolf, provides most of their punch through the middle. Woods continues to toil away whilst the skillset of Graham provides them with another attacking dimension. They were probably banking on a more from Fifita this season, but the Tongan international's body has let him down and he hasn't been able to provide the impact that once made him the best prop in the game.

BENCH – Siosifa Talakai, Jack Williams, Andrew Fifita, Scott Sorensen

## 7. RABBITOHS - 8. Tevita Tatola 10. Tom Burgess 11. Bayley Sironen 12. Jaydn Su'a 13. Cameron Murray

Another pack in transition mode this year after the losses of John Sutton and Burgess Brothers Sam and George, they also lost Ethan Lowe to a neck injury mid-year further stretching their depth. Tevita Tatola has impressed in nailing down a starting position and provides the initial punch through the middle and his absence to over the last two weeks has been evident. Su'a has been another to impress with his hard running on an edge and physicality in defence a real X factor. Murray continues to churn out top-end performances on a weekly basis, but the edge he held over the rest of the comp with his play the ball speed has been offset a touch this year due to the six again rule speeding up the ruck as a whole

BENCH - Liam Knight, Mark Nicholls, Hame Sele, Keaon Koloamatangi

## 6. EELS - 8. Reagan Campbell-Gillard 10. Junior Paulo 11. Shaun Lane 12. Ryan Matterson 13. Nathan Brown

The Eels pack were the dominant force behind their early season form. Running with vigour through the middle third - starting middles Campell-Gillard, Paulo and Brown were punching holes into the opposition to lay a great platform. Like their team as a whole, that form has slipped in recently and the bath they were given by the Panthers forwards two weeks ago looked alarming. A pack that can also be creative through Paulo who leads the comp for offloads and Matterson on the right edge, but they have to get back to running hard and direct behind the ruck first. If they can manage to flick that switch and get back to their aggressive mind-set, they can still be a threat in this competition. Former New South Wales rep Campbell-Gillard was back to career best form for most of the year and has the leg-speed to get his pack rolling again.

BENCH – Kane Evans, Oregon Kaufusi, Marata Niukore, Ray Stone

## 5. KNIGHTS - 8. David Klemmer 10. Daniel Saifiti 11. Lachlan Fitzgibbon 12. Aidan Guerra 13. Mitchell Barnett

There's been an ominous look about the Knights pack this year, working as a unit to roll up the park. Last season, it was left to Klemmer to carry the bulk of the load whilst some of the younger brigade continued to develop. This year, Klemmer who leads the league for post contact metres is just one of many getting the job done. Daniel Saifiti has come on in leaps and bounds since making his Origin debut last year and has more line-breaks than any of the other middle forwards on this page, with 6 in just the 11 games he's played. D-Saf made his second injury return of the season two weeks ago and after blowing out the cobwebs, looks set for a monster finals campaign. Twin brother Jacob has been just as impressive and will provide some serious starch off the pine, whilst the aggressive nature of Barnett applies the finishing touches on the novocastrian's pack.

BENCH – Jacob Saifiti, Herman Ese'ese, Sione Mata'utia

## 4. RAIDERS - 8. Josh Papalii 10. Dunamis Lui 11. Elliott Whitehead 12. John Bateman 13. Joseph Tapine

Matching strides with the Roosters for much of last year's grand final, the Raiders pack will boast plenty of confidence coming into another finals series and are led by arguably the best bookend in the game in Papalii. Whitehead is one of the real unsung heroes in the comp with his line-running on an edge a constant threat, Tapine is hitting his straps at the right time of year, whilst Bateman remains the wildcard in the pack capable of coming up with a big play at any given time. Sutton, Young and Harawira-Naera have all contributed in recent times, leaving Ricky Stuart with a selection headache with the return of experienced forward Soliola back in the mix. The key that separates the Raiders from most other packs is their consistency over the 80 minutes. No matter what happens during the match, you know they will keep coming at you.

BENCH – Ryan Sutton, Hudson Young, Corey Harawira-Naera, Iosia Soliola

## 3. PANTHERS - 8. James Tamou 10. James Fisher-Harris 11. Viliame Kikau 12. Liam Martin 13. Isaah Yeo

A bit stiff not to be rated number one given the role they've played in the Panthers season. Led up front by the experienced Tamou who continues to poke his nose through the line and New Zealand International Fisher-Harris who leads the comp amongst forwards for metres gained with an average 188. Unsung hero Yeo has been a revelation since moving from an edge to a big minute Lock this year and along with his tireless work rate often provides the link to his halves. A large part of the Panthers game this year has been their strike power on the edges. On the left, Kikau is the league's equal leading try scorer amongst forwards and leads them for line-breaks, making him one of many X factors in their side. On the right, Martin continues to thrive working outside Nathan Cleary and is the type of player that competes on every play.

BENCH – Zane Tetevano, Moses Leota, Spencer Leniu

## 2. STORM - 8. Jesse Bromwich 10. Christian Welch 11. Kenny Bromwich 12. Felise Kaufusi 13. Dale Finucane

It's never a surprise to see the Storm rated highly in any category with Bellamy's army continuing to soldier up for duty every year. You get the sense this pack are a little hungrier this year though. Long regarded as one of the best props in the game, Jesse Bromwich with his footwork before the line and the tough as teak Welch ensure they start strong. Kenny Bromwich and Kaufusi perform their roles perfectly on an edge and Finucane who should be back from injury for the finals - packs plenty of punch on both sides of the ball. If you're good enough to survive that initial onslaught, imagine Brandon Smith like a bull at a gate along with Asofa-Solomona and Fa'asumaleaui charging at you off the back fence when they enter the fray. Nelson leads the comp amongst forwards for tackle busts and Tino is matching Kikau for tries scored amongst forwards.

BENCH - Brandon Smith, Tino Fa'asumaleaui, Nelson Asofa-Solomona, Tui Kamikamica

## 1. ROOSTERS - 8. Jared Waerea-Hargreaves 10. Siosua Taukeiaho 11. Boyd Cordner 12. Sitili Topouniua 13. Isaac Liu

The premiership winning pack from the previous two years are showing no signs of slowing down. There's no better man in the game at putting an early dint in the defensive line than Waerea-Hargreaves and his front-row partner in crime Taukeiaho provides tremendous leg-speed and footwork at the line. Liu in many ways is the unsung hero of this pack, but his footwork is also great and you never see him get dominated in a tackle. Loads of strike on the edges through Australian skipper Cordner and the rapidly improved Topouniua who now demands a spot in this team. Off the bench, Collins is playing career best footy and Crichton who will be looking to force his way back into the run-on side, packs plenty of punch. It's going to be a huge decision for Trent Robinson to leave one of the below names out of their 17 once the big games roll around, but such is the inclusion of one Sonny Bill Williams into this squad. The biggest attribute of the Roosters pack is the speed they play at across the park. One after another, they'll keep coming at you on every play and for the past two seasons the task of stopping that juggernaut has proven a bridge too far.

BENCH – Lindsay Collins, Angus Crichton, Sonny Bill Williams, Mitchell Aubusson, Nat Butcher

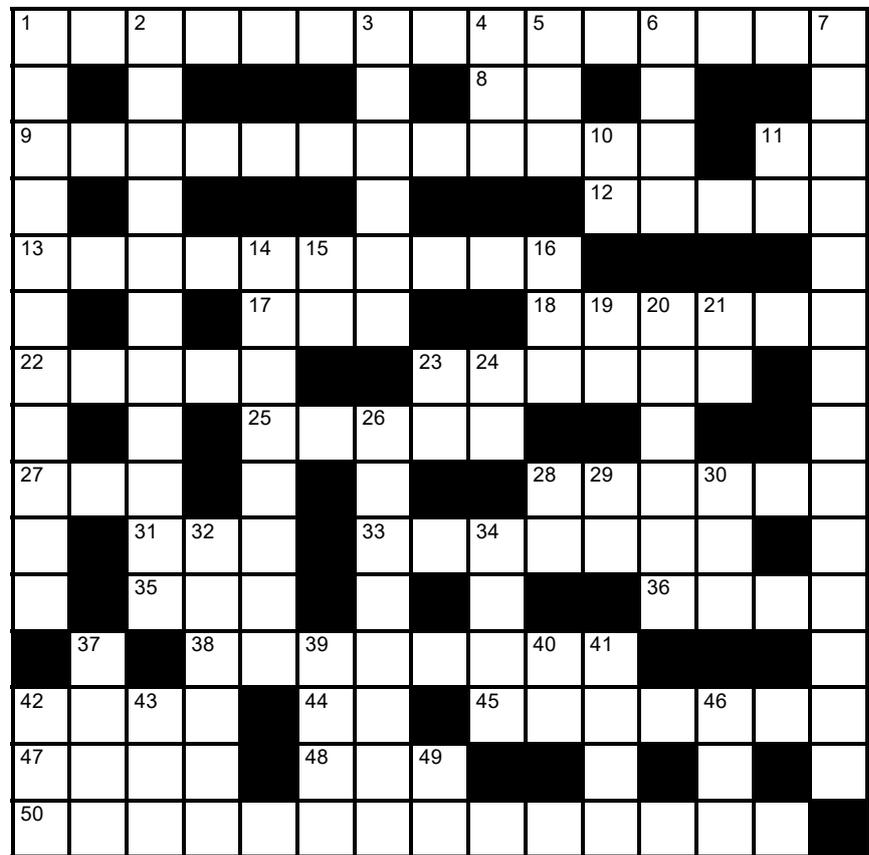
# Crossword

## Across

- 1 The 2020 NRL minor premiers (7,8)  
 8 Plural for I (2)  
 9 ARLC Chairman (5,7)  
 11 Grand National (acronym) (2)  
 12 First name of Portugese international hooker who played for the Tigers, Knights, Sharks and Eels, recently retired. (5)  
 13 Former Fijian dual code international ranked in the top-25 Raiders players of all time. (3,7)  
 17 Business Activity Statement (acronym) (3)  
 18 Eels coach (6)  
 22 Relating to a town or city. (5)  
 23 Name of the Japenese National Rugby League team. (6)  
 25 Name given to Australian Women's Basketball team (5)  
 27 A collection of animals on display. (3)  
 28 First name of NewsCorp boss. (6)  
 31 Web Based Management (initials) (3)  
 33 Bobcat was a famous one. (7)  
 35 Network User Address (acronym) (3)  
 36 Long serving Southport Tigers coach. (4)  
 38 Second part of 23 across. (8)  
 42 Affectionately known as Baa Baa (4)  
 44 Plural for me. (2)  
 45 Newly arrived or newly developed. (7)  
 47 Shape of a cricket ground. (4)  
 48 Same as 27 across. (3)  
 50 Plays five-eighth and fullback for the Storm. (7,7)

## Down

- 1 Storm fullback. (11)  
 2 Plays lock for the Eels (6,5)  
 3 Minor monetary unit of the Czech republic (plural) (6)  
 4 Bristle that grows from the ear of wheat and barley (3)  
 5 Nickname of Noel Kelly who recently passed and known as one of the hardest men to ever play the game of rugby league. (3)  
 6 The noise made by a snake. (4)  
 7 Broncos' home ground. (14)  
 10 Youth Initiative (acronym) (2)  
 11 Initials of one of our busiest NRL referees. (2)



- 14 Not normal. (8)  
 15 Initials of NRL coach who coached Eels, Warriors and St Helens, as well as the Kangaroos. Won a Dally M for coach of the year. (2)  
 16 United Arab Emirates. (3)  
 19 Resource Record (initials) (2)  
 20 Camera stand with 3 legs. (6)  
 21 Initials of Raiders back rower twice suspended for eye gouging in 2019. (2)  
 23 Initials of back rower and centre for the Tigers, NSW & Australia from '07 to '12. (2)  
 24 Human Services (initials) (2)  
 26 Recently crowned as the most capped Chook ever. (8)  
 28 Initials of our great game (2)  
 29 Urban Dictionary (initials) (2)  
 30 Not a dirty word. (3)  
 32 The imaginary compartment that all NRL players are currently in to avoid contamination. (6)  
 34 First name of former dual code international who played as an outside back for Sharks and Broncos in '00s. (4)  
 37 Fijian's favourite liquor (4)  
 39 Greek's favourite liquor. (4)  
 40 Mail Order (acronym) (2)  
 41 They wear the numbers 14 to 17 (4)  
 42 Line Of Credit (acronym) (3)  
 43 Short for madam (3)  
 46 Female sheep. (3)  
 49 Order Management (acronym) (2)

## Happy birthday!

This round's birthday boys and girls

### Wednesday 23 September

Blayke Brailey (Sharks) - 22  
 Aieshaleigh Smalley (Warriors) - 29

### Thursday 24 September

Zac Lomax (Dragons) - 21

### Friday 25 September

Kerrod Holland (Bulldogs) - 28  
 Teig Wilton (Sharks) - 21

### Sunday 27 September

Lachlan Burr (Warriors) - 28  
 Adam Tuimavave-Gerrard (Warriors) - 26  
 Dylan Walker (Sea Eagles) - 26

### Tuesday 29 September

Dean Blore (Panthers) - 22

## Word Jumbles

These players are part of a growing group to have played first grade for more than one club in the same season. How many of the names can you unscramble?

**SPOON MORTECHY**  
**HATPEN SANTA**  
**SONAR WADOO**  
**LUSSI CAKE**  
**MORSE JETBARS**  
**DARKER RONHULL**  
**BARBIE FARH**  
**GREEK NABLE**  
**BELLEND RATION**  
**STAN MEELY**  
**ROHILL TEAJAY**  
**THORK NINTENDOS**

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**EELS & TITANS 2016**

**BULLDOGS & SHARKS 2018**

**DRAGONS & BRONCOS 2020**

**BRONCOS & RABBITOHS 2019**

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**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:** Cameron Smith, Gareth Widdop, Suliasi Vunivalu, Bastien Ader, Liam Finn, Josh Mantellato, Mitchell Moses, Shaun Johnson, Rhyse Martin, Tim Lafai, Daniel Addy, Siua Taukeiaho

## Bulldogs beat the odds to stun Rabbitohs

Robert Crosby



16-26



**The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have recorded their third win of the season after stunning the South Sydney Rabbitohs 26-16 at ANZ Stadium.**

Scoring four tries to three to claim victory in the opening match of Women In League Round, the win sees the Bulldogs temporarily move off the bottom of the ladder with one round remaining.

Getting off to a strong start with a penalty goal to rookie Jake Averillo, the Bulldogs posted the first try through Tim Lafai (13th minute) after a bat-back from Jayden Okunbor.

Taking advantage of Rabbitohs second-rower Jady Su'a being sent to the sin bin for high contact on Lachlan Lewis, a powerhouse effort from Reimis Smith (23rd minute) followed by a third to Raymond Faitala-Mariner (26th minute) saw the visitors establish a 20-0 lead.

Needing to be next to score having managed to fight back from a 20-point deficit on just two occasions in their history, Rabbitohs winger Jaxson Paulo (32nd minute) was awarded a try on the spot only for replays to show his foot out of play.

Striking again shortly before halftime, centre Campbell Graham (39th minute) sent the Rabbitohs to the sheds trailing 20-10.

Reducing the margin to four points when Alex Johnston (48th minute) finished off a lovely cut-out pass from Cody Walker, the Rabbitohs were made to pay for their inability to stay composed during the remainder of the match.

Securing the result through journeyman forward Chris Smith (65th minute), who claimed his first try after six seasons in the NRL, the Blue and Whites held on to give captain Josh Jackson a win in his 200th appearance.

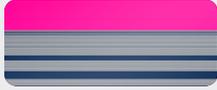
Next week, the Rabbitohs face the Roosters at ANZ Stadium on Friday night in a foundation clash set to have a major bearing on the final make-up of the top eight, while the Bulldogs play their final match against the Panthers at ANZ Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Sione Katoa  
2 points - Josh Jackson  
1 points - Jayden Okunbor

## Panthers pounce Cowboys, earn third Minor Premiership

Justin Davies



12-32



**Penrith Panthers have confirmed their third Minor Premiership in their 53-year history after a 32-12 success against North Queensland Cowboys tonight in Townsville.**

A first half onslaught which saw the Panthers stride out to a 20-nil half-time lead. All the destruction came down the Panthers vaunted left-hand side with Stephen Crichton, Villiame Kikau and Josh Mansour found first half tries. Tonight's result made it 14 straight for the runaway leaders.

Much of the plaudits this season went to halfback Nathan Cleary, tonight Jarome Lui showed he isn't he isn't some second fiddle to the Blues representative. Lui has double digit try assists and picked up a four-pointer before the break. His combination with Crichton and Kikau tortured the Cowboys defense all night.

After a rare outing where he didn't cross the stripe, Crichton made up for that with a powerful first half. The star centre scored his 14th try of the season from a Kikau pass and could've had a second for being taken out, and Mansour grounding.

All this season, the Panthers have looked a happy side. It shows in their celebrations, their work around the ball and tonight, it showed in their resolute defense to deny the Cowboys until late in the contest. It will take a big effort to dethrone them on the trip to the Premiership.

When Kikau scored five minutes after half-time, it looked like another heavy defeat was on the cards. Kikau just swatted away at Cowboys defenders all night but this time, he showed his athleticism to catch and slam the ball down. The only trouble for Kikau will be his report for a high tackle from the first half.

Cowboys have only one more game to finish out what has been wretched 2020 season. They will avoid the wooden spoon albeit for some whacky results in the last two rounds, but there isn't much to take from this season. Young winger Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow has shown promise, but outside that, it is a big rebuild for incoming coach Todd Payten.

Tonight also was the final game of a storied North Queensland Cowboys career of Gavin Cooper. The Premiership winning forward had a literal hand in Tabuai-Fidow's four-pointer and put together another consistent game in front of his friends and family.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Jarome Lui; 2 points - Stephen Crichton; 1 points - Villiame Kikau

## Gutherson's Eels too slippery for bottom placed Broncos

Sam Bourke



26-12



**Parramatta are on the brink of a Top 4 finish in 2020, with an unconvincing 26-12 win over the bottom placed Broncos in wet conditions at Bankwest Stadium tonight.**

Eels skipper Clint Gutherson scored a double in a matter of minutes just before halftime to give his side the advantage. However the win was far from impressive, with Parramatta's attack again failing to fire to the standards set following their red hot early season form.

The loss for the Broncos firmly places Queensland's glamour club in prime position for their first ever Wooden Spoon if they are unable to register a win against bitter rivals North Queensland in the final round of the season. Brisbane will likely have to get the win without strike weapon David Fifita, with the Titans bound backrower injuring his ankle just after halftime, when his leg got caught under the weight of Eels prop Junior Paulo. Fifita was seen on crutches on the sideline at the conclusion of the match and looks likely to have played his last game for the club.

This was a vital game for both sides for vastly different reasons. Parramatta needed to win to solidify their Top 4 position on the ladder, while after Canterbury's upset victory last night, Brisbane had pride and unwanted club history to avoid the Wooden Spoon. The game got off to a shocking start for the visitors, when rookie half Tyson Gamble was knocked out by a trademark Maika Sivo charge in the first defensive set. Gamble managed to collect Sivo's shoulder in an unlucky collision for the young five-eighth.

As well documented in recent weeks, the Eels attack had been clunky at best and this was

reflected in their first try, when halfback Mitchell Moses and Clint Gutherson combined to put winger Blake Ferguson over in the corner in an awkward try to open the Eels' account. Off the back of the first try however, Parramatta then sprung to life when hooker Reed Mahoney made a bust and off the back of the quick play the ball. The Eels then spread the ball wide to the left, where Moses then found Maika Sivo with a looping pass over the top. The giant winger then displayed some silky skills to touch down just inches inside the corner post. Just as the game seemed to be slipping away from the last placed Broncos, halfback Tom Deardon then provided David Fifita with a nice one on one opportunity close to the line and the Queensland Origin backrower then shrugged off Mitchell Moses with ease to score the Broncos first try of the match.

Skipper Gutherson then took the game by the scruff of the neck just prior to halftime with back to back tries. The first with an element of luck, when the Eels skipper kicked for the in-goal which luckily rebounded off Kotoni Staggs and Gutherson then regathered to score. Minutes later, Gutherson then touched down off a set scrum play, with the Eels skipper selling a dummy close to the line to slide over to extend his side's lead. Moses missed the conversion from out wide but the Eels went to the break leading 20-6.

With the Wooden Spoon hovering, the Broncos needed to do something quick and they did so after halftime, when captain Darius Boyd thread through a neat kick on the last for centre Herbie Farnworth. The young Englishman then showed tremendous speed to beat everyone to the ball to narrow the Eels lead. Parramatta however again struck back almost immediately, when Jai Field pounced onto a loose pass from Broncos hooker Issac Luke and the former Dragon put on the afterburners to race 53m to score. Moses converted and the Eels were never headed from that point, winning the game 26-12.

The Eels now return to Bankwest for the last game of the regular season, where they face local rivals the Wests Tigers in one last chance to impress before the Finals Series begins the following week. Brisbane now face one of the most important weeks in the club's history, where they will look to avoid the dreaded Wooden Spoon and you can be sure that their bitter Queensland rivals the Cowboys will show them no sympathy given the history between them.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Clinton Gutherson; 2 points - Ryan Matterson; 1 points - Kotoni Staggs

# Titans thrash Sea Eagles for fourth straight win

Justin Davies



24-42



**Gold Coast Titans produced a wonderful display to down the Manly Sea Eagles, 42-24, this afternoon down at Brookvale Oval for their fourth straight success.**

Today was the most points scored by the Gold Coast Titans side since their admission in 2007. It was another reminder of the talent which is already in the side, shown by fullback AJ Brimson, centre Young Tonumaiepa and halfback Jamal Fogarty that is furnished by the big signings for 2021.

Brimson has made the fullback position his own since his return. He scored twice today, set up another and was judged Man of the Match in the dominant performance. One noticeable aspect of their attack was the settled nature of the spine - Brimson himself, Ash Taylor and Fogarty all had hands in their eight tries at Brookvale.

Going into 2021, there is a renewed sense of optimism for the Gold Coast. Four games won in a row, some big signings coming in the off-season and Justin Holbrook seems to have the

side dancing to the beat. The Titans will finish 2020 as the highest ranked Queensland side and might be short odds to retain that title in 2021.

After conceding early, the Titans hit the gas. Brimson and Tonumaiepa gave the Sea Eagles defense headaches alongside a tip-toe effort from mid-season transfer Corey Thompson to head into the break, up 22-12.

Young backrower Sam Stone extended their lead right after the break, then the Titans ran riot. Newly re-signed captain Kevin Proctor crossed followed by Brimson's second then centre Tremain Spry put the Titans past 40 points and a club record total for the league's newest franchise.

Sea Eagles scored first through Jack Gosiewski and fellow front rower Taniela Paseka crossed in the first 40 but the Sea Eagles were off the boil. Passes went to ground, DCE directed passes to the opposition and there was a concerted effort to get the returned Tom Trbojevic involved.

Trbojevic didn't finish his return game. The star fullback who has become the Sea Eagles most valuable player left the field with a shoulder stinger with 10 minutes left. He looked bright in attack but was slightly behind the pace and it effected the Eagles attack.

One player who continues to impress for the Sea Eagles, Curtis Sironen kept going for the full contest. He created the break which saw DCE score and was best on-ground for the well beaten Sea Eagles.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Alexander Brimson; 2 points - Young Tonumaiepa; 1 points - Moeaki Fotuika

# Defence out the window as Storm belt abysmal Tigers

Andrew Ferguson



50-22



**Melbourne's attack was in fantastic form but the same couldn't be said about their defence, as they drummed up a 50-22 win over a very disappointing Tigers side at Sunshine Coast Stadium tonight.**

The first half saw more than a point scored per minute. Melbourne opened the scoring in the fourth minute when Jahrome Hughes looked up and saw the Tigers winger was up in the line, so he kicked to the wing and Suliasi Vunivalu regathered and scored unopposed in the right corner. Cameron Smith converted from touch.

Four minutes later and the Storm were in again thanks to a very easy training run style play. Hughes on the left side at first receiver shaped to kick, then passes to Cameron Munster who linked with Nicho Hynes in motion, who held up a pass before drawing the defender, linked with Kenny Bromwich who put Josh Addo-Carr in for a try on the left edge. Smith converted from the left sideline. Melbourne looked to have scored in the 13th minute, but Aloiai produced a stunning try saving tackle on Tino Fa'asuamaleau who was falling over the line and looked certain to score. Aloiai knocked the ball out and Marshall cleaned up. The Tigers got on the board in the 16th minute when Benji Marshall ran to the line and sent a customary no-look, flat, cut-out pass to Asu Kepaoa, who dived dramatically to score in the left corner. Adam Doueihi fails to convert from out wide. Melbourne hit back 3 minutes later. This time they went to the left side where Hynes received a pass out the back and ran between a pair of flat footed Tigers defenders to score a soft try. Smith fails to convert from touch.

The Tigers responded in the 24th minute when Josh Aloiai stormed onto a crash ball in the middle, smashed through Jesse Bromwich and then fell over the line for a strong try near the posts. Doueihi converted. Three minutes later and the Storm were in again, with Vunivalu

bagging his second try after snatching a Hughes bomb out of the sky and falling over the line in the right corner. Smith converted from the sideline again. After Hughes received the ball at second receiver in the middle and strolled through the middle to score in the 32nd minute, which Smith converted, the Storm had a 28-10 lead. Luke Garner got sent to the sin bin in the 37th minute for pushing Hynes off the ball. A minute later, the Storm scored a great try against the run of play. Marshall's kick for his right side was allowed to bounce and Justin Olam claimed the ball, danced in front of Joey Leilua, before running past him and then passing to Addo-Carr who raced away, stepping Harry Grant and then getting away from a defiant effort by Doueihi, to score on the left side. Smith failed to convert. At halftime, Melbourne lead 32-10.

The opening 11 minutes of the second half was quite unique for the game, as no points were scored. But that soon changed. In the 51st minute Marshall produced another stunning play under pressure, firing a beautiful pass that cut out two players and hit Kepaoa on the chest who then ran 15 metres to score in the left corner. Doueihi nailed the sideline conversion. Three minutes passed before the Tigers were in again and an ominous comeback looked to be on the cards. Doueihi received the ball in the middle, with no options. So he ran between two defenders and got through them with ease to score under the posts. He quickly converted to reduce the deficit to just 10 points. But from this point on, it was all Melbourne.

In the 58th minute Felise Kaufusi stepped back infield and made a break on the right before passing to Justin Olam who dived over to score. Smith converted. Nine minutes later, it looked like Olam was going to score, but Grant denied him with a stunning defensive effort on his own line.

A silly play by Luciano Leilua lead to another Storm try in the 71st minute. After completing a tackle but still lying on the ground, Leilua swatted at the ball after it had been played by the Storm. Cameron Smith toed the loose ball into the Tigers ingoal area, followed it through and grounded it for a try, which he also converted.

With just 4 minutes remaining in the game, Cameron Smith grubbered the ball from dummy half, into the Tigers in goal and Tino Fa'asuamaleau followed through and grounded it on the left side. Smith added the extras to bring up the half century.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

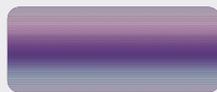
3 points - Jahrome Hughes; 2 points - Cameron Smith; 1 points - Josh Addo-Carr

# Roosters too good for injury-hit Sharks

Josh Robertson



34-18



**The Sydney Roosters have kept up their strong run into the NRL finals going with a 34-18 victory over the Cronulla Sharks.**

Despite the Roosters victory, the biggest talking point to come out of the match will be the injury toll for the Cronulla Sharks with star halfback Shaun Johnson suffering a suspected snapped Achilles whilst Royce Hunt suffered a serious knee injury also during the second half.

The Roosters opened the scoring in just the fifth minute when Mitch Aubusson crossed for his opening try when the Sharks defence opened up with ease following the veteran's angled run.

The lead for the home-side didn't last too long when the Sharks hit back through Siosifa Talakai got through to score after Shaun Johnson set him up with a flat pass along the 10m line which opened up the space.

A Kyle Flanagan penalty goal put the tri-colours back in front before the Roosters hit back

with two tries in quick succession with Daniel Tupou getting over the line despite the valiant efforts Sione Katoa trying to hold him up. The second try in the succession for the Roosters came when Isaac Liu charged through the middle of the of the Sharks defence with some footwork before finding Luke Keary who scored.

The Roosters then added a second try for the record-breaking Aubusson who got the green lights from the NRL bunker despite replays suggesting Aubusson had knocked on in the lead-up when chasing through a desperate kick from Angus Crichton on the last.

The Sharks ended the first half on a high when Ronaldo Mulitalo crossed with a remarkable dive in the corner and Shaun Johnson converted to close the gap to 24-12 at the break.

The second half became a disaster for the Sharks despite only conceding two tries with the injuries to Johnson and Hunt whilst Josh Dugan also succumbed to a knee injury.

The Sharks dominated possession during the open 20 minutes of the second half but it was the Roosters who were able to get on the board first when Luke Keary got his second of the night after Brett Morris was able to go down the short-side before flinging a pass back into the inside which found Keary.

Cronulla did eventually get on the board again inside the final 10 minutes of the game when Braden Hamlin-Uele charged his way through to the line after a missed SBW tackle gave the Sharks big man space.

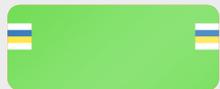
Joey Manu showed why he is one of the strongest players in the competition as he fought his way to the line and got the ball on the line despite the efforts of 3 Sharks defenders to score.

**LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:**

3 points - Joseph Manu; 2 points - Isaac Liu; 1 points - Luke Keary

## Battered Raiders earn hard fought win over Warriors

Andrew Ferguson



26-14



Canberra's top four aspirations remain intact after they scored a tough 26-14 win over the Warriors at GIO Stadium today, however they could have a few players carrying injuries into next week.

Winger Semi Valemei copped a pair of strong head knocks which forced him off the field late in the game, John Bateman picked up an elbow injury but played on, George Williams and Jarrod Croker copped head knocks in the first half, forcing the former off the field for the rest of the game, Josh Papalii requiring strapping to his right thigh, while Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad and Elliott Whitehead both copped some heavy knocks in the second half.

The Warriors opened the scoring in the 10th minute when Kodi Nikorima found open space with a nice grubber into the Raiders in-goal where Peta Hiku slid in knees first, regathered and grounded the ball just before the dead ball line. Chanel Harris-Tavita converted.

The Raiders hit back five minutes later with a simple four pointer to Jarrod Croker, who got 1 on 1 with his defender, then bumped out of the tackle attempt to score, copping a knock to his head in the collision. Croker converted and then came off for an HIA.

Harris-Tavita kicked a penalty goal in the 20th minute to reclaim the lead.

A four minute period of Raiders brain snaps saw Harris-Tavita kick another penalty goal before the referee lost his patience and gave Jack Wighton 10 minutes in the sin bin.

In the 29th minute, the Warriors extended their lead further when Hiku snared his second try after Kodi Nikorima imitated Benji Marshall, looking out the back while throwing a short, flat ball to the lead runner Hiku, who fell over the line in a tackle to score. Harris-Tavita failed to convert a somewhat easy attempt at goal.

Three minutes later, the Warriors were pressing the Raiders line once again, but a nothing play saw an offload hit the deck. Semi Valemei swooped in and cleaned up the loose ball 10 metres from his own line and then raced 90 metres to score untouched. Croker's sideline conversion was waved away.

Four minutes later and the Raiders levelled the scores after Elliott Whitehead grubbered. The ball bounced off Tuivasa-Sheck and went back to Whitehead, who kicked it again into the middle, where Hudson Young dived to juggle the ball, but managed to control it and score under the posts. Croker converted from in front to give Canberra a 2 point lead at the break

In the 51st minute, Tuivasa-Sheck busted through the middle, getting to within 5 metres of the Raiders line and then offloaded, but it was intercepted by Wighton who runs to halfway, linked with Jordan Rapana who was then tackled 15 metres inside the Warriors half. On the next play, the Raiders quickly shifted the ball left to Croker, who took the ball to the line before producing a flick pass out the back to Valemei, who ran back infield and through the defender to score his second try. Croker's sideline conversion was again no good.

Less than 2 minutes later, Croker added a penalty goal to give the Raiders an 8 point lead.

Some sloppy play crept into the game as did a number of stoppages to attend to injured players.

Canberra put the game to bed in the 73rd minute when Chanel Harris-Tevita made a break, linked with Rapana, who ran and then drew the final defender before passing to Nick Cotric, who pulls out a spectacular dive to score in the right corner. Croker again failed to convert from the sideline. The Raiders running out 26-14 winners.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Semi Valemei; 2 points - Jarrod Croker; 1 points - Hudson Young

## Knights surge towards home final with huge win over dreadful Dragons

Adam Huxtable



42-18



The Newcastle Knights are just one win away from the right to host an elimination final in Newcastle, with a 42-18 win against the Dragons who didn't put up much of a fight.

The writing was on the wall that this would be a big margin right from the outset, with the home side scoring in the third and seventh minute through Kalyn Ponga and Gehamat Shibasaki. Ponga was on the end of a break from rookie hooker Chris Randall, while Shibasaki took to the air to pluck the ball out of the Dragons' hands.

The one way traffic continued, with Kalyn Ponga again proving his attacking prowess by chinking across field and putting Aidan Guerra through a hole in final regular season home game of his career.

The Knights were scoring them in batches, and 3 minutes after the Guerra try Daniel Saifiti took advantage of some soft Dragons defence to reach out and make it a 22 point lead. There were 3 Dragons holding on to the big man but none of them thought to secure the ball, with Saifiti using his long reach to score the try.

The onslaught was put on hold for a bit and the Dragons even looked as if they could mount a comeback of sorts when Zac Lomax scored for them 3 minutes before half time. The Dragons had the advantage of a set start from a scrum and Matt Dufty scouted the Newcastle defence with a cross field run, before handing it off to Lomax who beat a few defenders on his way to the line.

Any joy Dragons fans had was short lived, however. Rookie Cody Ramsey had an unfortunate moment when he dropped the kick off and handed possession straight back to the home side. They were able to capitalise, with Mitchell Pearce this time the provider to Enari Tuala, who ran through a gap that was becoming all too familiar for the Knights to make the scoreline 30-6 at the break.

The Knights waited 12 minutes to pile on the 2nd half points, with Jacob Saifiti this time barging over to make it the first time ever that both the Saifiti twins had scored in the same NRL match.

The Dragons didn't lie down as much as they had in the first 40 however, with Corey Norman scoring for them 6 minutes later. Lomax was again in the thick of it, creating space for his outside man Cody Ramsey who showed great speed to get away from the Knights winger. The pass on the inside to Norman wasn't great but got the job done, and the margin was back to 24.

In the final 10 minutes, Tuala scored try number 2 in similar fashion to his first, while Lomax again proved his worth to the Dragons when he out-leapt Kalyn Ponga to score his second, equally impressive try. It wasn't enough however, the final score 42-18 to the Knights.

Next week, the Knights will look to put the home final beyond doubt with a win against a strong Titans outfit on the Gold Coast, while it doesn't get any easier for the Dragons who will return home to face the Storm.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Kalyn Ponga; 2 points - David Klemmer; 1 points - Zac Lomax

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# The Scoresheet

## Scores, scorers, match details from Round 19

**Bulldogs 26** (Tim Lafai, Reimis Smith, Raymond Faitala-Mariner, Chris Smith tries; Jake Averillo 4/4, Brandon Wakeham 1/2 goals) def **Rabbitohs 16** (Jaxon Paulo, Campbell Graham, Alex Johnston tries; Adam Reynolds 2/3 goals); Venue: ANZ Stadium; Date: Thursday 17 September 2020, 7:50pm AEST; Halftime: Bulldogs 20-10; Crowd: 4859; Referee: Ashley Klein; Touch Judges: Chris Butler, Phil Henderson; NRL Bunker: Henry Perenara

**Panthers 32** (Brian To'o, Stephen Crichton, Josh Mansour, Jarome Luai, Viliame Kikau, Brent Naden tries; Nathan Cleary 4/6 goals) def **Cowboys 12** (Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, Kyle Feldt tries; Valentine Holmes 2/2 goals); Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium; Date: Friday 18 September 2020, 7:50pm AEST; Halftime: Panthers 20-0; Crowd: 7247; Referee: Matt Cecchin; Touch Judges: Jon Stone, Drew Outtram; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark

**Eels 26** (Blake Ferguson, Maika Sivo, Clinton Gutherson (2), Jai Field tries; Mitchell Moses 3/5 goals) def **Broncos 12** (David Fifita, Herbie Farnworth tries; Kotoni Staggs 2/2 goals); Venue: Bankwest Stadium; Date: Friday 18 September 2020, 7:55pm AEST; Halftime: Eels 20-6; Referee: Henry Perenara; Touch Judges: Chris Sutton, Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski; NRL Bunker: Ashley Klein

**Titans 42** (Alexander Brimson (2), Corey Thompson, Young Tonumaiepa (2), Sam Stone, Kevin Proctor,

Treymain Spry tries; Ashley Taylor 5/8 goals) def **Sea Eagles 24** (Jack Gosiewski (2), Daly Cherry-Evans, Taniela Paseka tries; Daly Cherry-Evans 4/4 goals) def; Venue: Lottoland; Date: Saturday 19 September 2020, 3:00pm AEST; Halftime: Titans 22-12; Referee: Matt Noyen; Touch Judges: Liam Kennedy, Gavin Badger; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell

**Storm 50** (Suliasi Vunivalu (2), Cameron Smith, Josh Addo-Carr (2), Nicholas Hynes, Jahrome Hughes, Justin Olam, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui tries; Cameron Smith 7/9 goals) def **Tigers 22** (Asu Kepaao (2), Adam Doueihi, Josh Aloiai tries; Adam Doueihi 3/4 goals); Venue: Sunshine Coast Stadium; Date: Saturday 19 September 2020, 5:30pm AEST; Halftime: Storm 32-10; Referee: Gerard Sutton; Touch Judges: Todd Smith, Peter Gough; NRL Bunker: Ashley Klein

**Roosters 34** (Mitchell Aubusson (2), Daniel Tupou, Luke Keary (2), Joseph Manu tries; Kyle Flanagan 5/7 goals) def **Sharks 18** (Siosifa Talakai, Ronaldo Mulitalo, Braden Hamlin-Uele); Venue: Sydney Cricket Ground; Date: Saturday 19 September 2020, 7:35pm AEST; Halftime: Roosters 24-12; Referee: Ben Cummins; Touch Judges: Phil Henderson, Belinda Sharpe; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy

**Raiders 26** (Jarrod Croker, Semi Valemi (2), Hudson Young, Nick Cotric tries; Jarrod Croker 3/6 goals) def **Warriors 14** (Peta Hiku (2) tries; Chanel Harris-Tavita 3/4 goals); Venue: GIO Stadium Canberra; Date: Sunday 20 September 2020, 2:00pm AEST; Halftime: Raiders 16-14; Referee: Chris Sutton; Touch Judges: Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski, Drew Outtram; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark

**Knights 42** (Kalyn Ponga, Gehamat Shibusaki, Aidan Guerra, Daniel Saifiti, Enari Tuala (2), Jacob Saifiti tries; Mason Lino 7/7 goals) def **Dragons 18** (Zac Lomax (2), Corey Norman tries; Zac Lomax 3/3 goals); Venue: McDonald Jones Stadium; Date: Sunday 20 September 2020, 4:05pm AEST; Halftime: Knights 30-6; Referee: Grant Atkins; Touch Judges: David Munro, Jon Stone; NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy

# LeagueUnlimited Player of the Year

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

**30 points** - Nathan Cleary (Panthers); **27 points** - Cameron Smith (Storm); **22 points** - Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs); **21 points** - Kalyn Ponga (Knights)  
**20 points** - James Tedesco (Roosters), Jack Wightton (Raiders); **17 points** - Cameron Munster (Storm); **16 points** - Luke Keary (Roosters), Clinton Gutherson (Eels); **14 points** - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Brett Morris (Roosters), Benji Marshall (Wests Tigers), Jahrome Hughes (Storm); **13 points** - Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Jarome Luai (Panthers); **12 points** - George Williams (Raiders), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles); **11 points** - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), David Klemmer (Knights), Matthew Dufty (Dragons); **10 points** - Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Sione Katooa (Bulldogs), Jason Taumalalo (Cowboys), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors); **9 points** - Ashley Taylor (Titans), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Stephen Crichton (Panthers); **8 points** - Dylan Brown (Eels), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Blake Green (Warriors), Kurt Mann (Knights); **7 points** - James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Wade Graham (Sharks), Liam Martin (Panthers), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Harry Grant (Storm), Jarrod Croker (Raiders), Isaiah Yeo (Panthers), David Nofoaluma (Wests Tigers), Peta Hiku (Warriors); **6 points** - Reed Mahoney (Eels), Alexander Brimson (Titans), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Junior Paulo (Eels), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Siosiaua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Curtis Sironen (Sea Eagles), Matt Burton (Panthers), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Eliesa Katooa (Warriors); **5 points** - Maika Sivo (Eels), Nathan Brown (Eels), Michael Morgan (Cowboys), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Cade Cust (Sea Eagles), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Young Tonumaiepa (Titans), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Corey Norman (Dragons), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Apisai Koroisau

(Panthers), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels); **4 points** - Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Josh Morris (Sharks), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Kyle Flanagan (Roosters), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Anthony Milford (Broncos), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Storm), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Justin Olam (Storm), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Hudson Young (Raiders), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Shaun Lane (Eels), Sitali Tupouniua (Roosters); **3 points** - Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Semi Valemi (Raiders), Will Kennedy (Sharks), Joseph Leilua (Wests Tigers), Jack Murchie (Raiders), Kevin Proctor (Titans), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Nick Meaney (Bulldogs), Aiden Tolman (Bulldogs), John Bateman (Raiders), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Adam Clune (Dragons), Charlie Staines (Panthers), Waqa Blake (Eels), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Addin Fonua-Blake (Sea Eagles), Bradman Best (Knights), Brian Kelly (Titans), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters); **2 points** - Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Raiders), Jorge Taufua (Sea Eagles), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Christian Welch (Storm), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Payne Haas (Broncos), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Morgan Harper (Bulldogs), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), Josh Jackson (Bulldogs), Ryan Matternson (Eels), Isaac Liu (Roosters), Beau Ffermor (Titans), Lachlan Fitzgibbon (Knights), Kieran Foran (Bulldogs), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Michael Jennings (Eels), Dale Finucane (Storm), Emre Guler (Raiders), Wayne Egan (Warriors), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Cameron McInnes (Dragons), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), David Fifita (Broncos), Nick Cotric (Raiders), Corey Thompson (Wests Tigers), Tyson Frizell (Dragons), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks); **1 point** - Ethan Lowe (Rabbitohs), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Connor Watson (Knights), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Tyrell Fuimaono (Dragons), Adam Pompey (Warriors), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Josh McGuire (Cowboys), Jayden Okunbor (Bulldogs), Tom Opacic (Cowboys), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Chanel Harris-Tavita (Warriors), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), James Tamou (Panthers), Sam Lisone (Titans), Billy Walters (Wests Tigers), Liam Knight (Rabbitohs), Josh Reynolds (Wests Tigers), Caleb Aekins (Panthers), Herman Ese'ese (Knights), Adam Elliott (Bulldogs), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Darius Boyd (Broncos), Phillip Sami (Titans), Andrew McCullough (Broncos), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Tom Starling (Raiders), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Brendan Elliot (Sea Eagles), Luke Garner (Wests Tigers), Jordan Pereira (Dragons), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs)

# NRL Match Review Round 19 Charge Sheet

Player	Club	Grade / Charge	Minute / on who	Base Penalty	Priors / discounts (loading)	Carry overs	Points/fine if guilty	Points/fine if early plea	Plea	Suspension / fine	Carryovers accrued
Jaydn Su'A	Rabbitohs	Grade 2 Careless High Tackle	22', Lachlan Lewis	200	1 non similar (+20%)	15	265	195	Guilty - early plea	1 match	95
Tim LAFAI	Bulldogs	Grade 2 Careless High Tackle	73', Jaydn Su'A	200	7 yr incident free (-25%)	0	150	100	Guilty - disputes grading	1 match	50
Viliame KIKAU	Panthers	Grade 1 Careless High Tackle	17', Valentine Holmes	\$750 fine	1 non similar (+20%)	N/A	\$900 fine	\$700 fine	Guilty - early plea	\$700 fine	N/A
Alex GLENN	Broncos	Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (other)	3', Reagan Campbell-Gillard	100	None	0	100	75	Guilty - early plea	None	75
Junior PAULO	Eels	Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (other)	42', David Fifita	100	None	0	100	75	Guilty - early plea	None	75
Michael JENNINGS	Eels	Grade 1 Careless High Tackle	47', Kotoni Staggs	\$750 fine	1 similar (+50%)	N/A	\$1150 fine	\$850 fine	Guilty - early plea	\$850 fine	N/A
Mitch REIN	Titans	Grade 1 Dangerous Throw	1', Curtis Sironen	100	1 non similar (+20%)	15	115	90	Guilty - early plea	None	90
Morgan HARPER	Sea Eagles	Grade 1 Tripping	22', Moeaki Fotuauka	\$750 fine	None	N/A	\$750 fine	\$550 fine	Guilty - early plea	\$550 fine	N/A
Josh PAPALI'I	Raiders	Grade 1 Contrary Conduct	27', Tohu Harris	\$750 fine	1 non similar (+20%)	N/A	\$900 fine	\$700 fine	Guilty - early plea	\$700 fine	N/A
Jack MURCHIE	Warriors	Grade 1 Careless High Tackle	70', Semi Valemei	\$750 fine	1 non similar (+20%)	N/A	\$900 fine	\$700 fine	Guilty - early plea	\$700 fine	N/A
Ben HUNT	Dragons	Grade 1 Crusher Tackle	7', Hymel Hunt	200	None	0	200	150	Guilty - early plea	1 match	50

## Premiership ladder

NRL 2020 Telstra Premiership after Round 19

Team	Total								Home							Away						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-
1. Penrith Panthers	19	17	1	1	495	238	257	35	10	9	0	0	239	96	143	9	8	1	1	256	142	114
2. Melbourne Storm	19	16	3	0	512	246	266	32	10	9	1	0	330	141	189	9	7	2	0	182	105	77
3. Sydney Roosters	19	14	5	0	544	262	282	28	10	7	3	0	264	145	119	9	7	2	0	280	117	163
4. Parramatta Eels	19	14	5	0	364	264	100	28	10	8	2	0	188	136	52	9	6	3	0	176	128	48
5. Canberra Raiders	19	13	6	0	407	289	118	26	10	6	4	0	204	162	42	9	7	2	0	203	127	76
6. Newcastle Knights	19	11	7	1	415	338	77	23	10	7	3	0	237	116	121	9	4	4	1	178	222	-44
7. South Sydney Rabbitohs	19	11	8	0	461	344	117	22	9	6	3	0	246	146	100	10	5	5	0	215	198	17
8. Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	19	10	9	0	452	442	10	20	9	5	4	0	190	196	-6	10	5	5	0	262	246	16
9. Gold Coast Titans	19	8	11	0	310	457	-147	16	9	4	5	0	146	215	-69	10	4	6	0	164	242	-78
10. Wests Tigers	19	7	12	0	416	477	-61	14	9	3	6	0	215	213	2	10	4	6	0	201	264	-63
11. Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	19	7	12	0	347	469	-122	14	10	3	7	0	202	258	-56	9	4	5	0	145	211	-66
12. Warriors	19	7	12	0	303	430	-127	14	9	4	5	0	173	174	-1	10	3	7	0	130	256	-126
13. St George Illawarra Dragons	19	6	13	0	348	430	-82	12	9	3	6	0	192	205	-13	10	3	7	0	156	225	-69
14. North Queensland Cowboys	19	4	15	0	336	504	-168	8	10	3	7	0	210	245	-35	9	1	8	0	126	259	-133
15. Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	19	3	16	0	282	462	-180	6	9	1	8	0	124	216	-92	10	2	8	0	158	246	-88
16. Brisbane Broncos	19	3	16	0	252	592	-340	6	9	2	7	0	136	284	-148	10	1	9	0	116	308	-192

## Stats leaders

NRL 2020 Telstra Premiership after Round 19

## Top Pointscorer

Pos	Player	Club	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Kyle FLANAGAN	Sydney	17	4	84	-	184
2	Adam REYNOLDS	South Sydney	19	6	73	1	171
3	Zac LOMAX	St George Illawarra	19	12	58	-	164
4	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	17	4	71	3	161
5	Cameron SMITH	Melbourne	16	2	70	-	148
6	Jarrold CROKER	Canberra	19	5	63	-	146
7	Kalyn PONGA	Newcastle	17	10	43	-	126
8	Shaun JOHNSON	Cronulla	16	2	56	-	120
9	Kyle FELDT	North Queensland	19	16	23	-	110
10	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	16	3	45	1	103
11	Reuben GARRICK	Manly Warringah	16	3	39	-	90
12	Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	19	15	7	-	74
13	Moses MBYE	Wests Tigers	15	4	29	-	74
14	Kotoni STAGGS	Brisbane	13	10	17	-	74
15	Ashley TAYLOR	Gold Coast	18	1	33	-	70
16	Nicholas MEANEY	Canterbury	16	6	22	-	68
17	David NOFOALUMA	Wests Tigers	19	17	-	-	68
18	Sione KATOA	Cronulla	18	15	1	-	62
19	Josh ADDO-CARR	Melbourne	18	15	-	-	60
20	Alex JOHNSTON	South Sydney	18	15	-	-	60

## Top Tryscorers

Pos	Player	Club	P	T
1	David NOFOALUMA	Wests Tigers	19	17
2	Kyle FELDT	North Queensland	19	16
3	Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	19	15
	Sione KATOA	Cronulla	18	15
	Josh ADDO-CARR	Melbourne	18	15
	Alex JOHNSTON	South Sydney	18	15
7	Maika SIVO	Parramatta	19	14
8	Mikaele RAVALAWA	St George Illawarra	16	13
9	Zac LOMAX	St George Illawarra	19	12
	Campbell GRAHAM	South Sydney	18	12
	Brett MORRIS	Sydney	15	12

## Top Goalkickers

Pos	Player	Club	P	G	GA	GK%
1	Kyle FLANAGAN	Sydney	17	84	103	82%
2	Adam REYNOLDS	South Sydney	19	73	84	87%
3	Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	17	71	87	82%
4	Cameron SMITH	Melbourne	16	70	84	83%
5	Jarrold CROKER	Canberra	19	63	75	84%
6	Zac LOMAX	St George Illawarra	19	58	75	77%
7	Shaun JOHNSON	Cronulla	16	56	73	77%
8	Mitchell MOSES	Parramatta	16	45	56	80%
9	Kalyn PONGA	Newcastle	17	43	67	64%
10	Reuben GARRICK	Manly Warringah	16	39	54	72%

THE FRONT ROW

# GAME DAY

ROUND 20 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS & STATS · PREVIEWS

## Thursday



**Broncos  
v Cowboys**  
Suncorp

## Saturday



**Bulldogs  
v Panthers**  
ANZ Stadium

## Sunday



**Warriors  
v Sea Eagles**  
Central Coast Stadium

## Friday



**Titans  
v Knights**  
Cbus Super



**Sharks  
v Raiders**  
Netstrata Jubilee



**Dragons  
v Storm**  
Netstrata Jubilee Stadium



**Rabbitohs  
v Roosters**  
ANZ Stadium



**Tigers  
v Eels**  
Bankwest

## WEEKLY TIPS Round 20

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

### Andrew Jackson (7/99)

Broncos  
Titans  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Eels  
Warriors  
Storm

### Jeff Dickinson-Fox (7/98)

Cowboys  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Eels  
Sea Eagles  
Storm

### Justin Davies (6/91)

Cowboys  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Eels  
Warriors  
Dragons

### Hamish Parker (6/90)

Cowboys  
Titans  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Eels  
Warriors  
Storm

### Tim Costello (5/87)

Cowboys  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Raiders  
Eels  
Warriors  
Storm

### Steven Williams (5/82)

Cowboys  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Raiders  
Eels  
Sea Eagles  
Dragons

### Rick Edgerton (7/99)

Cowboys  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Eels  
Warriors  
Storm

### Josh Robertson (6/97)

Cowboys  
Titans  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Raiders  
Eels  
Warriors  
Storm

### Sam Bourke (6/91)

Cowboys  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Eels  
Warriors  
Dragons

### Rob Crosby (7/88)

Cowboys  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Raiders  
Eels  
Warriors  
Storm

### Adam Huxtable (6/85)

Broncos  
Knights  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Eels  
Warriors  
Dragons

### Andrew Ferguson (5/82)

Cowboys  
Titans  
Roosters  
Panthers  
Sharks  
Tigers  
Storm  
Warriors

# Brisbane BRONCOS



# North Queensland COWBOYS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
19	2	-	8	Darius BOYD	1	FULLBACK	1	Valentine HOLMES	11	4	21 <sup>1</sup>	59	
11	5	-	20	Xavier COATES	2	WING	2	Kyle FELDT	19	16	23	110	
5	1	0	4	Jesse ARTHARS	3	CENTRE	3	Murray TAULAGI	3	-	-	-	
18	6	3	30	Herbie FARNWORTH	4	CENTRE	4	Daejarn ASI	5	1	-	4	
9	3	-	12	Richard KENNAR	5	WING	5	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	13	5	-	20	
13	10	17	74	Kotoni STAGGS	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Scott DRINKWATER	15	2	-	8	
11	1	-	4	Tom DEARDEN	7	HALFBACK	7	Jake CLIFFORD	13	2	1	10	
14	-	-	-	Joe OFAHENGAUE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Josh McGUIRE	16	-	-	-	
14	-	-	-	Issac LUKE	9	HOKKER	9	Reuben COTTER	9	-	-	-	
16	-	-	-	Payne HAAS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Jordan McLEAN	14	-	-	-	
4	1	-	4	Jordan RIKI	11	SECOND ROW	11	Gavin COOPER	14	1	-	4	
7	-	-	-	Alex GLENN	12	SECOND ROW	12	Mitchell DUNN	16	1	-	4	
18	-	-	-	Patrick CARRIGAN	13	LOCK	13	Jason TAUMALOLO	15	2	-	8	
12	1	-	4	Cory PAIX	14	INTERCHANGE	14	John ASIATA	10	-	-	-	
15	1	-	4	Ben TE'O	15		15	Thomas GILBERT	11	-	-	-	
13	1	-	4	Corey OATES	16		16	Corey JENSEN	7	-	-	-	
11	-	-	-	Jamil HOPOATE	17		17	Francis MOLO	19	3	-	12	
13	1	-	4	Rhys KENNEDY	18	RESERVES	18	Emry PERE	2	-	-	-	
8	-	-	-	Ethan BULLEMOR	19		19	Jake GRANVILLE	8	-	-	-	
3	-	-	-	Sean O'SULLIVAN	20		20	Ben CONDON	1	-	-	-	
14	1	-	4	Brodie CROFT	21		21	Justin O'NEILL	16	5	-	20	

\* includes 3 games for Dragons

Peter GENTLE

COACH

Josh HANNAY

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PENALTIES

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SCRUMS

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**RLP MILESTONES** Darius Boyd's 337th and final NRL match will elevate him to outright 9th on the all-time first grade appearances list, ahead of Brad Fittler and John Sutton.



Gold Coast  
**TITANS**



Newcastle  
**KNIGHTS**

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
8	5	-	20	Alexander BRIMSON	1	FULLBACK	1	Kalyn PONGA		17	10	43	126
15	10	-	40	Anthony DON	2	WING	2	Edrick LEE		9	5	-	20
15	5	-	20	Brian KELLY	3	CENTRE	3	Enari TUALA		18	11	-	44
9	3	-	12	Young TONUMAIPEA	4	CENTRE	4	Bradman BEST		9	7	-	28
4	1	-	4	Treymain SPRY	5	WING	5	Hymel HUNT		18	6	-	24
18	1	33	70	Ashley TAYLOR	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Mason LINO		4	-	14	28
17	3	8	28	Jamal FOGARTY	7	HALFBACK	7	Mitchell PEARCE		19	2	- <sup>1</sup>	9
16	1	-	4	Jarrod WALLACE	8	FRONT ROW	8	David KLEMMER		19	-	-	0
8	1	-	4	Mitch REIN	9	HOKKER	9	Kurt MANN		18	6	-	24
17	-	-	-	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	10	FRONT ROW	10	Daniel SAIFITI		12	3	-	12
11	3	-	12	Kevin PROCTOR	11	SECOND ROW	11	Sione MATA'UTIA		10	1	-	4
8	3	-	12	Sam STONE	12	SECOND ROW	12	Aidan GUERRA		19	2	-	8
19	1	-	4	Tyrone PEACHEY	13	LOCK	13	Mitchell BARNETT		11	1	-	4
12	1	-	4	Tanah BOYD	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Chris RANDALL		5	-	-	0
17	1	-	4	Sam LISONE	15		15	Jacob SAIFITI		19	3	-	12
17	-	-	-	Jai ARROW	16		16	Herman ESE'ESE		19	1	-	4
8	-	-	-	Jai WHITBREAD	17		17	Brodie JONES		6	-	-	0
-	-	-	-	Darius FARMER	18	RESERVES	18	Josh KING		7	1	-	4
14	5	-	20	Corey THOMPSON	19		19	Gehamat SHIBASAKI		11	5	-	20
13	7	-	28	Phillip SAMI	20		20	Starford TOA		7	4	-	16
8	-	-	-	Nathan PEATS	21		21	Jirah MOMOISEA		-	-	-	-

Justin HOLBROOK

COACH

Adam O'BRIEN

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PENALTIES

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SCRUMS

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RLP MILESTONES Aidan GUERRA (Knights) - 4 more points for 200 career points

# #NRLTitansKnights

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 25 September 2020
KICKOFF	6:00pm AEST
VENUE	Cbus Super Stadium Robina, QLD
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Liam KENNEDY Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 22 MATCHES

## Titans 10 Knights 12

At Cbus Super Stadium: 9 matches, Titans 5, Knights 4

### LAST TEN

LAST TEN		5-ALL	
2015	R3	Knights 20-18	Cbus Super
2015	R19	Knights 30-2	Hunter
2016	R1	Titans 30-12	Cbus Super
2016	R24	Titans 26-6	Hunter
2017	R2	Knights 34-26	McDonald Jones
2017	R9	Titans 38-8	Cbus Super
2018	R11	Titans 33-26	Cbus Super
2018	R19	Knights 30-24	McDonald Jones
2019	R6	Titans 38-14	Cbus Super
2019	R24	Knights 38-4	McDonald Jones

### BIGGEST WINS

2017	R9	Titans 38-8	Cbus Super
2019	R24	Knights 38-4	McDonald Jones

### SEASON FORM LINE

**TITANS** 9th, 16pts  
L L L W L L W L W L L L W L L W W W W

**KNIGHTS** 6th, 23pts  
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# Match Preview

## with Andrew Jackson

**Titans look to set records as Knights hope to secure home final.**

A top-eight finish may be out of sight for the Titans in 2020 but from the outside looking in, it was never a realistic goal.

Most had Justin Holbrook's men once again dwindling down the bottom of the ladder with the arrivals of big-name recruits next season being the lone positive to take out of an otherwise listless season.

Instead, Holbrook has instilled a resilience that has been severely lacking in this Gold Coast side. He has also seemingly started to unlock the enormous potential of million-dollar halfback Ashley Taylor.

By handing Jamal Fogarty not only an NRL lifeline but the captaincy too, he has uncovered a genuinely passionate leader capable of making the Gold Coast a desirable location.

The issue has always been attracting big names. But with David Fifita, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui and Herman Ese'ese on the move, this is a Titans side that is on the rise.

With four-straight wins to their name, it will only build even more confidence heading forward if the Gold Coast topple Newcastle this week.

The Knights put a disappointing performance against the Roosters behind them last round to flog the lowly Dragons.

They'll face a much sterner test against the fast-improving Titans though. The big incentive for Newcastle is a home final.

The Rabbitohs aren't likely to beat the Roosters anyway but in the off chance they do, a loss on Friday would see the Knights forced to travel to Homebush as opposed to staying put in the Hunter.

Mason Lino has been retained in the halves this week while in a huge boost Edrick Lee and Bradman Best make their returns just in time for the finals.

**Who to watch:** While most of the focus heading into next year is placed on the Gold Coast's big-name recruits, they also have plenty of talent externally.

Alexander Brimson in particular has taken his involvement to another level. With a locked down spot in the No. 1 jersey, Brimson has thrived – averaging 48 more running metres while he also has more try assists, linebreak assists and linebreaks despite playing 13 fewer games.

The Knights could look to the Titans for inspiration to one of their biggest flaws heading into the finals.

Against the tough teams, Newcastle have a tendency to be overreliant on Kalyn Ponga to spark their attack. It makes sense given he is their most dangerous player. Unlike Brimson who chimes in and out, Ponga is constantly fed the ball (he averages 42 possessions per game compared to 30) on expectations he will create points. The Knights could better use him as a decoy to draw defenders in and build uncertainty.

**Favourite:** The Knights are backed to carry momentum into the finals.

**My tip:** Even though they are out of finals contention, I get the sense the Titans will lift for the chance to prove themselves against a top-eight side. **Titans by 7.**



P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
6	2	-	8	Corey ALLAN	1	FULLBACK	1	James TEDESCO	16	8	-	32
18	15	-	60	Alex JOHNSTON	2	WING	2	Daniel TUPOU	12	10	-	40
18	12	-	48	Campbell GRAHAM	3	CENTRE	3	Josh MORRIS	16*	8	-	32
15	10	-	40	Dane GAGAI	4	CENTRE	4	Mitchell AUBUSSON	14	5	-	20
9	2	-	8	Jaxson PAULO	5	WING	5	Brett MORRIS	15	12	-	48
17	7	-	28	Cody WALKER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Luke KEARY	17	10	- <sup>2</sup>	42
19	6	73 <sup>1</sup>	171	Adam REYNOLDS	7	HALFBACK	7	Kyle FLANAGAN	17	4	84	184
15	-	-	-	Liam KNIGHT	8	FRONT ROW	8	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	15	1	-	4
19	3	-	12	Damien COOK	9	HOOKER	9	Jake FRIEND	17	1	-	4
19	2	-	8	Thomas BURGESS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Sio Siua TAUKEIAHO	17	1	3	10
2	-	-	-	Jed CARTWRIGHT	11	SECOND ROW	11	Boyd CORDNER	10	2	-	8
15	1	-	4	Bayley SIRONEN	12	SECOND ROW	12	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	17	5	-	20
19	2	-	8	Cameron MURRAY	13	LOCK	13	Angus CRICHTON	12	4	-	16
15	2	-	8	Mark NICHOLLS	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Lachlan LAM	6	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	Hame SELE	15		15	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	14	-	-	-
12	-	-	-	Patrick MAGO	16		16	Nat BUTCHER	16	1	-	4
10	-	-	-	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	17		17	Sonny Bill WILLIAMS	3	-	-	-
17	1	-	4	Tevita TATOLA	18	RESERVES	18	Matt IKUVALU	9	7	-	28
2	-	-	-	Jack JOHNS	19		19	Daniel SULUKA-FIFITA	4	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Troy DARGAN	20		20	Freddy LUSSICK	4	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Cory DENNISS	21		21	Ryan HALL	5	-	-	-

\* includes 2 games for Sharks

Wayne BENNETT

COACH

Trent ROBINSON

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RLP MILESTONES Dane GAGAI (Rabbitohs) - 200th NRL match; Cody WALKER (Rabbitohs) - 1 more try for 50 club and career tries

# #NRLSouthsRoosters

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 25 September 2020
KICKOFF	7:55pm AEST
VENUE	ANZ Stadium
	Sydney Olympic Park, NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now
	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand
	2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES	Chris BUTLER
	Dave MUNRO
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 223 MATCHES

**Rabbitohs 115 Roosters 103 Drawn 5**

At ANZ Stadium: 15 matches, Rabbitohs 6, Roosters 9

### LAST TEN

		ROOSTERS 7-3	
2016	R6	Roosters 17-10	ANZ
2017	R4	Roosters 20-6	ANZ
2017	R18	Roosters 14-12	Allianz
2018	R6	Rabbitohs 26-14	Allianz
2018	R22	Roosters 18-14	ANZ
2018	PF	Roosters 12-4	Allianz
2019	R1	Rabbitohs 26-16	SCG
2019	R25	Rabbitohs 16-10	ANZ
2019	QF	Roosters 30-6	SCG
2020	R3	Roosters 28-12	Bankwest

### BIGGEST WINS

1952	R8	Rabbitohs 50-0	SSG
1996	R6	Roosters 62-0	SFS

### SEASON FORM LINE

**RABBITOHS** 7th, 22pts  
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**ROOSTERS** 3rd, 28pts  
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# Match Preview

## with Robert Crosby

### Foundation foes face off in finals prelude

Finals football arrives a week early on Friday night as the seventh-placed South Sydney Rabbitohs host the third-placed Sydney Roosters at ANZ Stadium.

Relying on favourable results to secure a home ground advantage in the opening week of the finals, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will be out to atone for a shock loss last week.

Becoming only the third team to lose to the Bulldogs all year following a 26-16 defeat at home, coach Wayne Bennett will know prior to kick-off whether the Rabbitohs are in contention to secure a home final with the Knights facing the Titans earlier in the evening.

Needing to defeat the reigning premiers and hope the Knights lose to secure sixth position, the mistakes of last week look set to thrust the Rabbitohs into a hostile Elimination Final in Newcastle next week.

Holding a fierce rivalry against the Roosters dating back more than a century, the Rabbitohs have enjoyed a number of competitive clashes over the decade with ten wins from their past 21 meetings.

Recalling speedster Dane Gagai to the centres for his 200th NRL appearance, Patrick Mago comes into the side after Jadyn Su'A accepted a one-match ban for a careless high tackle.

Guaranteed to finish in the top four irrespective of the result on Friday night, the Sydney Roosters will be looking to build momentum with their sixth straight win.

Unable to finish higher than third after downing the Sharks 34-18 last Saturday, a win would see the reigning premiers face the Storm in a Qualifying Final at Suncorp Stadium next week. In the worse case scenario the side could finish fourth should they lose and the Eels triumph over the Tigers.

Returning to ANZ Stadium for the first time since last year's Grand Final, the Roosters have thrived at the Homebush venue winning 16 out of 22 appearances during coach Trent Robinson's tenure.

Boosted by the return of James Tedesco, Jake Friend, Sio Siua Taukietaho and Boyd Cordner after a week off, the final 17 may differ from the team named on Tuesday given Trent Robinson's history of resting players on the eve of the finals.

**Who to watch:** Managing one match in the past five weeks due to injury and suspension, speedster Dane Gagai will be hoping to mark his latest milestone with a win. Losing his debut, 50th, 100th and 150th matches in the NRL, the 29-year-old will be determined to defy history in his 200th appearance and put the Rabbitohs back on track heading towards the finals. Failing to score a try against the Roosters in 14 previous meetings throughout his career, Gagai will achieve a season best strike rate should he cross for a four-pointer on Friday evening.

Having shown plenty of promise since coming into the top grade two years ago, second-rower Sitili Tupouniua has enjoyed a breakout season for the Tricolours in 2020. Running for 76 metres to go with 25 tackles on average, the 23-year-old Tongan representative will be determined to prove he belongs in the premiers' best 17 during the business end of the season. Facing the possibility of being overlooked following the return of several established stars and the form of fellow emerging forward Lindsay Collins, look for Tupouniua to make his presence felt with a strong showing on the right edge.

**Favourite:** Eyeing off three consecutive wins over their rivals for the first time since 2017, the Roosters are expected to head into the finals in winning form.

**My tip:** Coming into the final round following five straight wins, the Roosters should have too much class for an improved Rabbitohs side. **Roosters by 8.**

Canterbury-Bankstown  
**BULLDOGS**



Penrith  
**PANTHERS**

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
12	2	-	8	William HOPOATE	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Daine LAURIE	2	-	-	-
17	2	-	8	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Josh MANSOUR	18	9	-	36
13	4	-	16	Reimis SMITH	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Tyrone MAY	12	-	-	-
7	2	1	10	Tim LAFAI	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Brent NADEN	15	10	-	40
2	1	-	4	Jayden OKUNBOR	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Brian TO'O	12	5	-	20
13	3	12	36	Jake AVERILLO	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Jarome LUAI	19	7	-	28
13	3	-	12	Lachlan LEWIS	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Nathan CLEARY	17	4	71 <sup>3</sup>	161
17	2	-	8	Aiden TOLMAN	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	James TAMOU	18	-	-	-
19	1	-	4	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Apisai KOROISAU	16	3	-	12
9	-	-	-	Luke THOMPSON	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	James FISHER-HARRIS	18	-	-	-
2	1	-	4	Chris SMITH	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Kurt CAPEWELL	5	2	-	8
19	6	-	24	Raymond FAITALA-MARINER	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Liam MARTIN	17	5	-	20
19	1	-	4	Josh JACKSON	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Isaah YEO	19	2	-	8
9	-	4	8	Brandon WAKEHAM	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Matt BURTON	4	2	-	8
15	1	-	4	Renouf TO'OMAGA	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Spencer LENIU	11	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	Sione KATO A	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Moses LEOTA	19	-	-	-
14	-	-	-	Sauaso SUE	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Zane TETEVANO	15	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	Dean BRITT	<b>19</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Mitchell KENNY	5	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Jack COGGER	<b>20</b>		<b>19</b>	Dean WHARE	8	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Tuipulotu KATO A	<b>21</b>		<b>20</b>	Jack HETHERINGTON	8	-	-	-
10	2	4	16	Kerrod HOLLAND	<b>22</b>		<b>21</b>	Billy BURNS	10	2	-	8

\* includes 2 games for Dragons

Steve GEORGALLIS

COACH

Ivan CLEARY

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RLP MILESTONES Will HOPOATE (Bulldogs) - 100th Bulldogs match; Josh JACKSON (Bulldogs) - 4 more points for 100 club and career points

# #NRLBulldogsPanthers

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 26 September 2020
KICKOFF	3:00pm AEST
VENUE	ANZ Stadium Sydney Olympic Park, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD, BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Henry PERENARA
TOUCH JUDGES	Jon STONE Gavin BADGER
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 95 MATCHES

**Bulldogs 53 Panthers 39 Drawn 3**

At ANZ Stadium: 15 matches, Bulldogs 6, Panthers 8, Drawn 1

### LAST TEN

Year	Round	Match	Opponent
2014	PF	Bulldogs 18-12	ANZ
2015	R1	Panthers 24-18	Panthers
2015	R15	Bulldogs 24-12	ANZ
2016	R2	Bulldogs 18-16	Panthers
2016	QF	Panthers 28-12	Allianz
2017	R13	Panthers 38-0	ANZ
2017	R21	Panthers 16-8	Panthers
2018	R3	Bulldogs 20-18	ANZ
2018	R8	Panthers 22-14	Panthers
2019	R20	Bulldogs 16-8	Bankwest

### 5-ALL

### BIGGEST WINS

1980	R3	Bulldogs 40-14	Penrith
2001	R18	Bulldogs 40-14	Sydney Showground
2004	R21	Bulldogs 46-20	Telstra
2017	R13	Panthers 38-0	ANZ

### SEASON FORM LINE

**BULLDOGS** 15th, 6pts  
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**PANTHERS** 1st, 35pts  
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# Match Preview

with Emile El-Azar

Canterbury-Bankstown look to end a forgettable 2020 on a high, clashing with Minor Premiers Penrith, who have a premiership in their sights, at ANZ Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Let's call this the Trent Barrett Cup, as the Panthers assistant coach continues his preparations to take over at Belmore in 2021.

The Bulldogs head into this clash on the back of their best performance of the season, knocking off South Sydney in the upset of the season. Racking up a 20-0 lead by the half-hour mark, they showed some rare composure to hold on to defeat the Rabbitohs 26-16.

Coach Steve Georgallis has named an almost unchanged side for this week, with the only change to be confirmed after Tim Lafai copped a one match suspension on Tuesday night. Club stalwart Aidan Tolman plays his final final game for the club.

The Panthers continue their careful preparation for the finals, with Dylan Edwards, Stephen Crichton and Viliame Kikau all being rested for this week.

James Tamou, Api Koroisau and Zane Tetevano come back into the side after missing last week's professional win over the Cowboys. Daine Laurie, Matt Burton and Zane Tetevano also come into the Panthers side.

Penrith will be looking to fine tune their attack and defence in the lead in to the finals series, whilst the Bulldogs will know if they have to get a win or not to avoid the wooden spoon by the time 3pm Saturday comes around.

**Who to watch:** Luke Thompson had his first game at prop for the Bulldogs last week, and showed plenty of grunt.

With 13 runs, 132 metres, and 70 post-contact metres in his 55 minutes on the field, another week playing in his preferred position will do him the world of good, as he finds his feet in the NRL.

Panthers winger Brian To'o has scored a try in 3 of the last 4 games, and he'll look to add to that tally this week, his battle with Jayden Okunbor sure to be an intriguing one.

**Favourite:** Penrith are top of the pile, the Bulldogs are clinging for dear life in second last.

**My tip:** These final round matches always throw up something strange, however I think the Bulldogs used up their "massive upset" ticket on the Souths game last week.

I expect a professional 80 minute performance from a Penrith side with bigger fish to fry in 2020. **Penrith by 18.**



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Canberra  
**RAIDERS**

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
15	3	-	12	William KENNEDY	1	FULLBACK	1	Adam COOK	-	-	-	-	
1	1	-	4	Nene MACDONALD	2	WING	2	Semi VALEMEI	6	4	-	16	
1	1	-	4	Mawene HIROTI	3	CENTRE	3	Matthew TIMOKO	1	-	-	-	
18	8	-	32	Jesse RAMIEN	4	CENTRE	4	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS	1	-	-	-	
14	10	-	40	Ronaldo MULITALO	5	WING	5	Nick COTRIC	19	11	-	44	
17	3	-	12	Wade GRAHAM	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Matt FRAWLEY	-	-	-	-	
14	4	-	16	Connor TRACEY	7	HALFBACK	7	Sam WILLIAMS	-	-	-	-	
19	6	-	24	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Dunamis LUI	16	1	-	4	
19	3	-	12	Blayke BRAILEY	9	HOOKER	9	Tom STARLING	10	3	-	12	
19	1	-	4	Aaron WOODS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Iosia SOLIOLA	8	1	-	4	
14	4	-	16	Briton NIKORA	11	SECOND ROW	11	Hudson YOUNG	14	4	-	16	
15	4	-	16	Siosifa TALAKAI	12	SECOND ROW	12	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	7	-	-	-	
19	1	-	4	Toby RUDOLF	13	LOCK	13	Siliva HAVILI	19	-	-	-	
12	-	-	-	Scott SORENSEN	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Kai O'DONNELL	3	-	-	-	
15	2	-	8	Jack WILLIAMS	15		15	Ryan SUTTON	15	-	-	-	
10	1	-	4	Andrew FIFITA	16		16	Darby MEDLYN	-	-	-	-	
4	-	-	-	Teig WILTON	17		17	Jarrett SUBLOO	-	-	-	-	
2	1	-	4	Billy MAGOULIAS	18	RESERVES	18	Ata MARIOTA	-	-	-	-	
4	-	4	8	Braydon TRINDALL	19		19	Joseph TAPINE	18	2	-	8	
6	3	1	14	Bryson GOODWIN	20		20	Jack WIGHTON	19	10	-	40	
-	-	-	-	Daniel VASQUEZ	21		21	Elliott WHITEHEAD	19	4	-	16	

John MORRIS

COACH

Ricky STUART

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# #NRLSharksRaiders

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 26 September 2020
KICKOFF	5:30pm AEST
VENUE	Netstrata Jubilee Stadium Carlton, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE Mix 106.3 Canberra
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES	Todd SMITH Phil HENDERSON
NRL BUNKER	Jared MAXWELL

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 73 MATCHES

**Sharks 39 Raiders 34**

At Netstrata Jubilee Stadium: first meeting at this venue

### LAST TEN

LAST TEN		SHARKS 6-4	
2015	R19	Sharks 21-20	GIO
2016	R7	Sharks 40-16	GIO
2016	R22	Raiders 30-14	SC Group
2016	FN	Sharks 16-14	GIO
2017	R2	Sharks 42-16	GIO
2017	R22	Raiders 30-12	SC Group
2018	R10	Sharks 24-16	GIO
2018	R19	Sharks 28-24	PointsBet
2019	R14	Raiders 22-20	GIO
2019	R24	Raiders 15-14	PointsBet

### BIGGEST WINS

1982	R10	Sharks 44-5	Seiffert
1994	R16	Raiders 56-12	Bruce

### SEASON FORM LINE

**SHARKS** 8th, 20pts  
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**RAIDERS** 5th, 26pts  
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# Match Preview

## with Jason Hosken

**Raiders must beat Sharks then rely on others for a top-four miracle**

Victory over the Cronulla Sharks on Saturday evening will see the Canberra Raiders sneak into the top-four, but it may only be a fleeting visit if the Parramatta Eels dispose of the Wests Tigers in the final match of the evening.

Sitting two points adrift of Parramatta in fifth place but with a superior 18-point differential, win number eight on the road by the Raiders will up the ante on the Eels' quest for a finals double dip.

It's a simpler story for the Cronulla Sharks who will retain eighth place regardless of the round 20 washup. But if this weekend's favourites have it all their own way then John Morris and Ricky Stuart will meet again, one week later, in an eliminator in the nation's capital.

Canberra scored some memorable tries in last week's win over the Warriors at GIO Stadium but the slow start would have concerned Stuart. With a 45 per cent share of possession, a distracted Green Machine were their own worst enemy in a contest that could have easily gone down to the wire if not for some fortuitous outcomes against the run of play.

Now resting up to nine players this weekend, Stuart has seemingly put the cue in the rack, content to launch the Raiders' tilt for a consecutive grand final appearance from home soil in fifth place.

Canberra young guns Adam Cook, Darby Medlyn and Jarrett Subloo will each make their NRL debut with former Bulldog Matt Frawley named to make his club debut. And with Jack Wighton and George Williams joining leaders Josh Papalii and Jarrod Croker on the sidelines, Sam Williams returns as captain in his first appearance of the season.

Other changes include the selection of new centres Harley Smith-Shields and Matt Timoko, while Sia Soliola returns from injury to join Hudson Young and Corey Harawira-Naera in the pack. John Bateman is out and Elliott Whitehead moves to an extended bench.

Last week the Sharks were at the mercy of the Roosters long before Shaun Johnson's Achilles let go at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Already missing key personnel and yet to claim a top-eight scalp this season, Cronulla were no match in elite company.

And while Morris is no stranger to new halves combinations, the Johnston loss couldn't have come at a worse time. Well below his best in the Sharks' week-1 exit in 2019, the former Warrior had found his groove with an unparalleled 23 try assists after 19 rounds. With the suspended Chad Townsend still a week away, skipper Wade Graham makes his return alongside Connor Treacy in the halves.

Sione Katoa and Josh Dugan are other high profile omissions, replaced by winger Nene Macdonald and centre Mawene Hiroti. Forward Teig Wilton has been named on the interchange in place of the injured Royce Hunt.

**Who to watch:** With Johnson's season over, Townsend suspended and Matt Moylan unlikely to return, the Sharks ship is now Connor Tracey's. Despite playing behind a list of established names, last week the Sharks junior and former Rabbitoh racked up his 14th appearance of the season. Never short of confidence, expect Tracey's acceleration to challenge the inexperienced Raiders while Graham's deft ball play targets the fringes.

Despite missing the Raiders' 2019 finals campaign and the opening five rounds of 2020 due to suspension, Stuart's high praise for Hudson Young never wavered. Now with 14 consecutive appearances under his belt, the 22-year-old from Maitland is a key part of the coach's interchange puzzle. Capable of 80 minutes and always good for 30-plus tackles, now with four tries in five weeks, the probing backrower is one to watch from close range.

**Favourite:** The last time these sides met doubled as Paul Gallen's last on home turf. In what became a shootout, former Raider Aidan Sezer's third field goal - kicked in extra time, ruined the Sharks' party. Now a year on, Cronulla are favoured to reverse the result.

**My tip:** Little has separated Cronulla and Canberra in recent seasons with the past four split down the middle. With three of those decided by two points or less, another cliffhanger wouldn't surprise. The Raiders are barely recognisable and the Sharks have their own concerns, but with a home final on the cards and the exuberance of youth, watch for the Raiders to outlast a contented Sharks outfit. **Raiders by 2.**

# WESTS TIGERS



# Parramatta EELS

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
19	6	14	52	Adam DOUEIHI	1	FULLBACK	1	Clinton GUTHERSON	19	7	12 <sup>1</sup>	53	
19	17	-	68	David NOFOALUMA	2	WING	2	Maika SIVO	19	14	-	56	
11	6	-	24	Tommy TALAU	3	CENTRE	3	Michael JENNINGS	19	7	-	28	
12	-	-	-	Chris LAWRENCE	4	CENTRE	4	Waqā BLAKE	19	6	-	24	
4	3	-	12	Asu KEPAOA	5	WING	5	Blake FERGUSON	18	2	-	8	
15	2	14 <sup>1</sup>	37	Benji MARSHALL	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Jai FIELD	6	3	-	12	
16	3	- <sup>1</sup>	13	Luke BROOKS	7	HALFBACK	7	Mitchell MOSES	16	3	45 <sup>1</sup>	103	
5	1	-	4	Zane MUSGROVE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	19	1	-	4	
14	3	-	12	Harry GRANT	9	HOOKER	9	Reed MAHONEY	18	2	-	8	
17	-	-	-	Thomas MIKAELE	10	FRONT ROW	10	Junior PAULO	19	-	-	0	
16	6	-	24	Luke GARNER	11	SECOND ROW	11	Shaun LANE	19	2	-	8	
19	6	-	24	Luciano LEILUA	12	SECOND ROW	12	Ryan MATTERSON	16	3	-	12	
11	-	-	-	Alex TWAL	13	LOCK	13	Nathan BROWN	15	-	-	0	
13	1	-	4	Matt EISENHUTH	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Will SMITH	2	-	-	0	
10	-	-	-	Elijah TAYLOR	15		15	Andrew DAVEY	7	-	-	0	
4	-	-	-	Shawn BLORE	16		16	Kane EVANS	13	4	-	16	
8	-	-	-	Michael CHEE-KAM	17		17	Oregon KAUFUSI	12	-	-	0	
4	-	-	-	Alex SEYFARTH	18	RESERVES	18	Haze DUNSTER	-	-	-	-	
6	1	-	4	Jacob LIDDLE	19		19	Brad TAKAIRANGI	8	-	-	0	
10	1	-	4	Josh REYNOLDS	20		20	George JENNINGS	7	3	-	12	
14	4	-	16	Joseph LEILUA	21		21	Daniel ALVARO	7	-	-	0	

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RLP MILESTONES Adam DOUEIHI (Tigers) - 50th NRL match; Clint GUTHERSON (Eels) - 7 more points for 300 club points; Mitchell MOSES (Eels) - 12 more points for 700 career points

# #NRLTigersEels

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 26 September 2020
KICKOFF	7:35pm AEST
VENUE	Bankwest Stadium Parramatta, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD, 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Ben CUMMINS
TOUCH JUDGES	Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI Belinda SHARPE
NRL BUNKER	Steve CHIDDY

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 40 MATCHES

**Tigers 15 Eels 24 Drawn 1**

At Bankwest Stadium: 3 matches, Tigers 0, Eels 3

### LAST TEN

Year	Round	Match	Result
2015	R17	Eels 28-16	ANZ
2016	R4	Eels 8-0	ANZ
2016	R21	Tigers 23-8	ANZ
2017	R7	Eels 26-22	ANZ
2017	R20	Eels 17-16	ANZ
2018	R4	Tigers 30-20	ANZ
2018	R8	Eels 24-22	ANZ
2019	R6	Eels 51-6	Bankwest
2019	R17	Eels 30-18	Bankwest
2020	R11	Eels 26-16	Bankwest

### EELS 8-2

### BIGGEST WINS

2001	R11	Eels 66-12	Leichhardt
2004	R12	Tigers 33-6	Leichhardt

### SEASON FORM LINE

**TIGERS** 10th, 14pts  
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**EELS** 4th, 28pts  
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# Match Preview

## with Lachy MacCorquodale

**The Parramatta Eels take on rivals, the Wests Tigers as they aim to secure a spot in the top four.**

A win for the fourth placed Parramatta Eels will secure the club a spot in the top four for the second time over the past four seasons.

Awaiting them is the out of form Wests Tigers, who host them at Bankwest Stadium. Parramatta will hardly feel like the away team for this fixture and will expect to take the two points from the Tigers just as they did at this venue in round 11 earlier this year.

The Eels have won three of their last six matches, failing to win back to back games in the process. They are coming off a convincing 14-point win over the Brisbane Broncos on Friday night.

Brad Arthur's men will come into this fixture against the struggling Tigers with the utmost confidence and it'll be a game in which the Eels can get their attack firing before finals. The Eels have only managed to score over 20 points in two of their last eight fixtures, in fact, it's been a weakness of the side for majority of the season. Parramatta have only scored more than 20 points on seven occasions this season and their points scored total of 364 is the lowest out of all the teams in the top eight.

They have relied on their defence to get them through the tough games this season but they'll get a chance to pile on some points on Saturday night if they can get their attack firing.

The Eels have named the same 17 players to play this weekend, with the only changes to the team sheet involve Junior Paulo and Shaun Lane moving back into the starting 13 whilst Kane Evans and Andrew Davey return to the bench.

The Wests Tigers suffered a heavy 28-point defeat to the Melbourne Storm on Saturday. The Tigers conceded a massive 50 points, which extends their streak of conceding 26 points or more to nine games. The stats that are very representative of the Tigers season are their points for and against totals. The Tigers have scored 416 points, the fifth highest tally in the competition, however, they have also conceded a whopping 477 points, the third most in the competition to date.

Defence has been the biggest weakness in the Tigers game this year and it is something that Michael Maguire is trying to improve, highlighted by dropping Joseph Leilua for the match this weekend. Leilua made a few bad reads in defence on the weekend which led to tries and has a reputation of being a lazy defender, so we'll see if his exclusion does have any effect on how the Tigers defend on Saturday night.

Leilua is replaced by Tommy Talau in the centres whilst Luke Brooks returns from suspension in place of Josh Reynolds. Alex Twal returns at lock pushing Matt Eisenhuth to the bench, Thomas Mikaele and Luke Garner start at prop and second row respectively replacing both Josh Aloiai and Sam McIntyre who miss out with injuries. Elijah Taylor, Shawn Blore and Michael Chee Kam join the bench with Russell Packer and Jacob Little dropping out of the 17.

**Who to watch:** The battle of the halves will light up the television screen on Saturday night. Points are expected to flow following the recent form of the Tigers past three matches which have seen 50 points or more scored. Former Tiger, Mitchell Moses will line up at halfback for the Eels and albeit having a relatively quiet year in comparison to his stellar season in 2019, he will have to step up as Dylan Brown misses another week with injury. The 26-year-old half has provided his side with six try assists this season whilst forcing a whopping 20 drop outs. Moses provided two try assists in their win against the Broncos and surpassed 100 run metres for the third time this season.

In his final game in an orange, black and white jersey, Benji Marshall will be motivated to put in a stellar performance against the Eels. It'll be the former New Zealand international's 257th game for the Wests Tigers and he'll be sure to add to his 17 try assists that he's recorded this season. This includes a whopping total of 10 try assists in his last six outings. Providing tries seems to be no issue for Marshall who in 2012 record an incredible 35 try assists, but it has been the other side of the game that has lacked throughout his career. Marshall has struggled defensively this season and when paired next to Joseph Leilua it's not a pretty sight for Tigers fans. Despite his defensive deficiencies, Benji Marshall deserves one last all-star performance in the orange, black and white.

**Favourite:** Parramatta head into this fixture as the favourites and will be expecting to win as they did earlier in the season. The last four matches involving these sides have been won by Parramatta, including their massive 45-point victory at Bankwest Stadium last year.

**My tip:** Parramatta have more to play for out of the two sides with a top four spot beckoning. On paper the Eels should have this comfortably, but it's the unpredictability of the Tigers that could make this an interesting match. Despite it being Benji Marshall's last game for the Tigers I expect the Eels to secure their top four spot. **Eels by 14.**

**WARRIORS**



Manly-Warringah  
**SEA EAGLES**

P	T	G	Pts							P	T	G	Pts
17	8	-	32	Peta HIKU	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Tevita FUNA		11	5	-	20
12	5	1	22	Adam POMPEY	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Abbas MISKI		2	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Adam KEIGHRAN	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Brad PARKER		18	3	-	12
6	1	-	4	Hayze PERHAM	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Morgan HARPER		4	3	-	12
12	5	3	26	Patrick HERBERT	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Reuben GARRICK		16	3	39	90
18	2	17 <sup>1</sup>	43	Kodi NIKORIMA	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Lachlan CROKER		19	1	-	4
12	2	23	54	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Daly CHERRY-EVANS		19	6	12 <sup>1</sup>	49
13	-	-	-	Lachlan BURR	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Taniela PASEKA		17	2	-	8
16	2	-	8	Karl LAWTON	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Danny LEVI		19	2	-	8
14	1	-	4	Isaiah PAPALI'I	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Martin TAUPAU		17	2	-	8
12	4	-	16	Eliesa KATOA	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Corey WADDELL		12	-	-	-
19	1	-	4	Tohu HARRIS	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Curtis SIRONEN		17	3	-	12
11	1	-	4	Jazz TEVAGA	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Jake TRBOJEVIC		19	2	-	8
18	2	-	8	Wayde EGAN	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Albert HOPOATE		4	-	-	-
19	-	-	-	Adam BLAIR	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Morgan BOYLE		6	-	-	-
12	3	-	12	Jack MURCHIE	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Sean KEPPIE		18	-	-	-
18	1	-	4	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU		4	1	-	4
3	-	-	-	Joshua CURRAN	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Ben TRBOJEVIC		-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Paul TURNER	<b>20</b>		<b>19</b>	Luke METCALF		-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	Gerard BEALE	<b>21</b>		<b>20</b>	Toafofoa SIPLEY		-	-	-	-
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**RLP MILESTONES** Tohu HARRIS (Warriors) - 50th Warriors match; Gerard BEALE (Warriors) - 8 more points for 200 career points

# #NRLWarriorsManly

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 27 September 2020
KICKOFF	2:00pm AEST
VENUE	Central Coast Stadium Gosford, NSW
WATCH	Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand 2GB SYD / 4BC BNE
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Adam GEE
TOUCH JUDGES	Chris SUTTON Drew OULTRAM
NRL BUNKER	Ashley KLEIN

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 35 MATCHES

**Warriors 11 Sea Eagles 24**

At Central Coast Stadium: 1 match, Warriors 0, Sea Eagles 1

### LAST TEN

		SEA EAGLES 7-3	
2014	R20	Sea Eagles 22-12	Mt Smart
2015	R20	Sea Eagles 32-12	Mt Smart
2016	R6	Sea Eagles 34-18	Mt Smart
2016	R19	Sea Eagles 15-14	nib
2017	R17	Sea Eagles 26-22	nib
2017	R25	Sea Eagles 22-21	Mt Smart
2018	R14	Warriors 34-14	Orangetheory
2019	R3	Sea Eagles 46-12	AMI
2019	R21	Warriors 24-16	Mt Smart
2020	R13	Warriors 26-22	Lottoland

### BIGGEST WINS

1999	R3	Warriors 36-10	Brookvale
2008	R3	Sea Eagles 52-6	Brookvale

### SEASON FORM LINE

**WARRIORS** 12th, 14pts  
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**SEA EAGLES** 11th, 14pts  
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# Match Preview

## with Adam Huxtable

### Warriors and Sea Eagles to Each Have One Last Roll of the Dice Before Mad Monday

Both these teams have yielded similar outcomes in season 2020, however the Warriors will be much more satisfied with their ladder position than Manly. Pre-season, many pundits thought the Warriors would be lucky to avoid the wooden spoon, an opinion which grew in viability once it was announced that kiwi side would have to stay in Australia due to COVID-19. The Warriors showed a tremendous degree of resilience that has them sitting 12th on the premiership table (equal 10th but down due to for and against) and their finals hopes were only dashed a couple of weeks ago.

2020 has been a huge disappointment for the Manly Sea Eagles. They were seen by many as a dark horse for the premiership, if not at least making the top 8. Injuries to key players, among other things, has meant that Manly are in 11th position and have only won 2 out of their last 9 matches, a far cry from the title contenders they were expected to be.

The winner of this clash can finish as high as 9th pending other results, while the loser could sink to 13th. The Warriors will draw confidence from the fact that when these sides met earlier in the year, they were able to grind out a 4-point victory away from home, while Manly have won 2 of their last 3 matches at Central Coast Stadium.

The Warriors will be without inspirational captain Roger Tuivasa-Sheck who succumbed to injury last week. He is replaced at the back by Peta Hiku, who last played the custodian role in Round 6 last year. Hayze Perham moves from the wing to the centres and Patrick Herbert is back in the side to accommodate. Eliesa Katoa is back and will start in the back row, pushing Jack Murchie to the bench and Josh Curran out of the side. Jamayne Taunoa-Brown also returns via the interchange, replacing Tom Ale.

Tevita Funa is at fullback for the Sea Eagles, replacing Tom Trbojevic who unfortunately got injured again in his return game. Abbas Miski covers Funa's wing while Reuben Garrick is back from injury, pushing Albert Hopoate to the bench. Taniela Paseka will move from the bench to the starting side in a direct swap with Morgan Boyle, while Bulldogs bound back rower Corey Waddell will start and Jack Gosiewski drops out. Gun Manly front-rower Addin Fonua-Blake signed with the Warriors during the week in an event that could perhaps increase the feeling in this one. The official reason for Fonua-Blake moving on was "family reasons," however there have been some whispers that the Manly playing group think there are more financial motivations at play. Unfortunately, Fonua-Blake will miss this one due to injury, but in the corresponding fixture next year look out for the Manly big men to target AFB.

**Who to watch:** Peta Hiku has been picked as the stand in custodian in Roger Tuivasa-Sheck's absence, however the New Zealand international isn't short on experience playing in the number 1 jumper. He debuted as a fullback with Manly in 2013 and he didn't do a bad job, guiding the team to a semi-final victory. Brett Stewart returned for the Grand Final that year, however he had shown enough to remain in the team at centre for 2014 and 15, where he found a home. Look for Hiku to tap into some of the form that established him as a first grader against his former team.

Taniela Paseka will start for the Sea Eagles in place of the injured Fonua-Blake and look to press his claims for the number 8 jersey in 2021. When he last started for Manly, against the Knights in Round 14, Paseka had 14 runs for an incredible 160 metres while also picking up 3 tackle breaks, a line break and, incredible for a big man, 2 try assists. Manly fans will be hoping Paseka can garner a similar performance and take it to a strong Warriors pack.

**Favourite:** Despite recent form, the Sea Eagles are slight favourites to end 2020 on a high.

**My tip:** For a team that carried so much expectation this year and finished 2019 so strongly, Manly have been nothing short of terrible this season. While fans and commentators may point to injury as an excuse, the Sea Eagles have only used 27 players in 2020, the second least of any NRL team. Compare them to the Warriors, who couldn't name 21 fit players last week but have still looked more promising, and it's clear which team has the higher morale and better performance, and I'll be tipping accordingly. **Warriors by 8.**

St George Illawarra  
**DRAGONS**



Melbourne  
**STORM**

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
17	11	-	44	Matthew DUFTY	<b>1</b>	FULLBACK	<b>1</b>	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	16	7	4 <sup>1</sup>	37
1	-	-	-	Max FEAGAI	<b>2</b>	WING	<b>2</b>	Sandor EARL	1	-	-	0
16	4	-	16	Euan AITKEN	<b>3</b>	CENTRE	<b>3</b>	Ricky LEUTELE	-	-	-	-
19	12	58	164	Zac LOMAX	<b>4</b>	CENTRE	<b>4</b>	Paul MOMIROVSKI	5	3	-	12
2	2	-	8	Cody RAMSEY	<b>5</b>	WING	<b>5</b>	Isaac LUMELUME	2	-	-	0
-	-	-	-	Jayden SULLIVAN	<b>6</b>	FIVE-EIGHTH	<b>6</b>	Ryley JACKS	8	1	-	4
14	-	-	-	Adam CLUNE	<b>7</b>	HALFBACK	<b>7</b>	Cooper JOHNS	1	-	-	0
19	-	-	-	Blake LAWRIE	<b>8</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>8</b>	Tui KAMIKAMICA	4	1	-	4
17	1	-	4	Cameron McINNES	<b>9</b>	HOOKER	<b>9</b>	Brandon SMITH	14	3	-	12
15	-	-	-	Paul VAUGHAN	<b>10</b>	FRONT ROW	<b>10</b>	Christian WELCH	15	-	-	0
19	1	-	4	Tyson FRIZELL	<b>11</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>11</b>	Tom EISENHUTH	12	1	-	4
9	2	-	8	Jacob HOST	<b>12</b>	SECOND ROW	<b>12</b>	Chris LEWIS	4	-	-	0
11	-	-	-	Jackson FORD	<b>13</b>	LOCK	<b>13</b>	Max KING	5	-	-	0
8	-	-	-	Tariq SIMS	<b>14</b>	INTERCHANGE	<b>14</b>	Nicholas HYNES	8	2	3	14
7	-	-	-	Kaide ELLIS	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	Darryn SCHONIG	5	-	-	0
19	2	-	8	Josh KERR	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>	Albert VETE	6	-	-	0
-	-	-	-	Eddie BLACKER	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Aaron PENE	-	-	-	-
5	1	-	4	Brayden WILIAME	<b>18</b>	RESERVES	<b>18</b>	Aaron BOOTH	-	-	-	-
18	5	-	20	Corey NORMAN	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>	Dean IEREMIA	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	4	Jordan PEREIRA	<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	Trent LOIERO	-	-	-	-
16	1	-	4	Tyrell FUIMAONO	<b>21</b>		<b>21</b>	Judda TURAHAI	-	-	-	-

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RLP MILESTONES Max KING (Storm) - 50th NRL game

# #NRLDragonsStorm

## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Sunday 27 September 2020
KICKOFF	4:05pm AEST
VENUE	Netstrata Jubilee Stadium Carlton, NSW
WATCH	Nine Network & 9Now Fox League & Kayo Sports
LISTEN	ABC Grandstand Triple M SYD / BNE NRL Nation
LIVE BLOG	LeagueUnlimited.com

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	<b>Matt CECCHIN</b>
TOUCH JUDGES	Peter GOUGH Liam KENNEDY
NRL BUNKER	Henry PERENARA

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 37 MATCHES

**Dragons 10 Storm 26 Drawn 1**

At Netstrata Jubilee Stadium: 5 matches, Dragons 2, Storm 3

### LAST TEN

2014	R6	Storm 28-24	AAMI
2014	R16	Dragons 24-12	WIN
2015	R1	Storm 12-4	WIN Jubilee
2015	R20	Storm 22-4	McLean Park
2016	R1	Storm 18-16	AAMI
2016	R15	Dragons 20-10	WIN
2017	R9	Storm 34-22	WIN
2018	R9	Dragons 34-14	Netstrata Jubilee
2018	R17	Sorm 52-30	AAMI
2019	R16	Storm 16-14	WIN

### STORM 7-3

### BIGGEST WINS

2000	R5	Storm 70-10	MCG
2000	R18	Dragons 50-4	WIN

### SEASON FORM LINE

**DRAGONS** 14th, 12pts  
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**STORM** 2nd, 32pts  
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# Match Preview

## with Josh Robertson

**159 games will have been played and won and on Sunday afternoon the 160th and final regular season game will see the St George Illawarra Dragons take on the Melbourne Storm at WIN Stadium.**

The St George Illawarra Dragons have again had a season to forget as they languish down in 13th spot on the NRL ladder. Last weekend, the Red 'V' didn't have the best of afternoons in Newcastle when they suffered a 42-18 defeat.

All that was wanted by Dragons fans was an improvement in their fortunes which saw them finish down the ladder in 15th spot but despite an improved ladder positions, the Saints have struggled to really put together an improved season. The Dragons performance last weekend was a disaster class where the Knights were able to run in five converted tries to one in the first half.

Dragons interim coach Dean Young has made a couple of changes to the squad with a completely new halves pairing this weekend with Corey Norman dropped whilst Ben Hunt has been suspended. The new look halves pairing sees Adam Clune return to the side to be partnered with debutant Jayden Sullivan.

The Melbourne Storm have had their usual consistent season which has seen them finish second behind the Penrith Panthers. The Storm who have lost just three games this season took victory last weekend over the Tigers with a 50-22 win.

The Storm have had a good season losing just three games this season but have impressed many people with the clinical nature in many of their victories. Last weekend, the Storm cracked the half century against the Tigers despite some question marks over their defence at times last weekend which saw the Wests Tigers run in four tries.

Craig Bellamy has wrung the changes with no less than 16 players added to the squad who didn't take the field last weekend with 12 players being rested including Cameron Smith, Cameron Munster, Josh Addo-Carr and Nelson Asofa-Solomona. Although, many key stars are being rested Ryan Papenhuyzen returns to the side.

**Who to watch:** Rookie half Adam Clune has had a solid start to his career in the halves but leading the attack for the Dragons up against the Storm will be his biggest challenge especially as he will be partnering debutant Jayden Sullivan in the halves. Clune will need to take a strong leadership role as the Storm despite missing key stars will be very tough to break down.

Storm fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen comes back into the side after missing the past few weeks and immediately picks up the captaincy on his return. Papenhuyzen has been ultra-important for the Storm this season but will need to take on a stronger leadership role this weekend against the Dragons. Papenhuyzen will likely take on the role of a third play-maker which will be a danger for the Red 'V'.

**Favourite:** The Dragons have been installed as favourites for the clash in Wollongong which would be due to the Storm resting almost all their key players this weekend.

**My tip:** Even though they've rested all their key players, the Dragons were too bad to ignore last weekend and there is still enough talent in the Melbourne squad to take victory. The Dragons have had almost no-form of late winning just one of their past five and it will take a lot of improvement to get up to a competitive standard. Although the Melbourne side is much weaker than normal, they still have enough to take victory on Sunday.

**Storm by 10.**

# 2020 Draw

## NRL Telstra Premiership

### ROUND 1

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

### MARCH 12-15

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

Bankwest 8-2  
GIO 24-6  
Townsville 21-28  
MJS 20-0  
ANZ 22-18  
Panthers 20-14  
Lottoland 4-18  
WIN 14-24

### ROUND 8

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

### JULY 2-5

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

Suncorp 27-25  
GIO 22-16  
Bankwest 42-4  
Cbus Super 10-40  
Gosford 26-16  
Bankwest 12-19  
Lottoland 12-14  
Bankwest 10-26

### ROUND 2

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

### MARCH 19-22

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

ANZ 16-24  
Kogarah 28-32  
Suncorp 22-18  
Cbus Super 6-20  
Leichhardt 8-9  
Kogarah 10-12  
Leichhardt 24-42  
Cbus Super 6-46

### ROUND 9

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

### JULY 9-12

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

Townsville 16-42  
Cbus Super 16-12  
Bankwest 18-10  
Kogarah 24-56  
Suncorp 26-8  
GIO 14-20  
MJS 4-10  
Kogarah 34-4

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

### ROUND 3

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

### MAY 28-31

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

Suncorp 6-34  
Townsville 36-6  
Bankwest 28-12  
Gosford 18-0  
Bankwest 16-28  
AAMI 6-22  
C'town 14-14  
Gosford 32-6

### ROUND 10

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

### JULY 16-19

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

SCG 20-24  
S. Coast 42-6  
Leichhardt 48-0  
WIN 28-22  
Bankwest 18-20  
Lottoland 22-18  
Gosford 10-46  
Panthers 22-10

### ROUND 4

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

### JUNE 4-8

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

### Queen's Birthday

Suncorp 0-59  
C'town 26-0  
AAMI 22-8  
Bankwest 19-16  
Townsville 16-26  
C'town 18-34  
Suncorp 28-23  
Bankwest 22-2

### ROUND 11

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

### JULY 23-26

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

Bankwest 26-16  
QCBS 12-24  
Suncorp 8-46  
Gosford 10-18  
Kogarah 28-24  
GIO 18-12  
MJS 12-18  
Cbus Super 14-22

### ROUND 5

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

### JUNE 11-15

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

Gosford 20-18  
Gosford 37-26  
Bankwest 16-10  
Bankwest 32-12  
Gosford 12-26  
C'town 6-14  
C'town 30-16  
Bankwest 6-42

### ROUND 12

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

### JULY 30-AUGUST 2

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

### Indigenous Round

Kogarah 24-32  
SCG 20-26  
Suncorp 26-36  
SCG 18-12  
Townsville 12-14  
Lottoland 12-42  
ANZ 16-18  
S. Coast 26-16

### ROUND 6

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

### JUNE 18-21

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

### Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

Gosford 27-6  
Bankwest 40-12  
C'town 21-14  
Suncorp 8-20  
C'town 36-20  
Bankwest 24-10  
C'town 6-14  
Bankwest 20-18

### ROUND 13

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

### AUGUST 6-9

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

WIN 16-24  
Lottoland 22-26  
ANZ 28-10  
S. Coast 41-10  
MJS 44-4  
Panthers 28-12  
Cbus Super 30-10  
Kogarah 12-14

### ROUND 7

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

### JUNE 25-29

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

Kogarah 20-12  
Kogarah 50-6  
Bankwest 26-12  
Townsville 32-20  
Suncorp 12-30  
Bankwest 25-24  
Gosford 22-40  
Bankwest 6-34

### ROUND 14

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

### AUGUST 13-16

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

SCG 6-24  
Gosford 12-18  
Bankwest 12-14  
Kogarah 30-18  
Townsville 30-31  
GIO 36-8  
MJS 26-24  
Bankwest 29-28

**ROUND 15**

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

**AUGUST 20-23**

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

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

**ROUND 20**

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

**SEPTEMBER 24-27**

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

Suncorp Stadium  
 Cbus Super Stadium  
 ANZ Stadium  
 ANZ Stadium  
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium  
 Bankwest Stadium  
 Central Coast Stadium  
 Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

**ROUND 16**

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

**AUGUST 27-30**

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

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

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

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

**OCTOBER 2-4**

QF 1 Panthers (1) v 4  
 QF 2 Storm (2) v 3  
 EF 1 5 v 8  
 EF 2 6 v 7

**Qualifying & Elimination Finals**

Panthers Stadium\*  
 Suncorp Stadium\*  
 Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC

**WEEK 2**

Day/Time TBC  
 Day/Time TBC

**OCTOBER 9-10**

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

**Semi Finals**

Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC

**WEEK 3**

Day/Time TBC  
 Day/Time TBC

**OCTOBER 16-17**

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

**Preliminary Finals**

Venue TBC  
 Venue TBC

**GRAND FINAL**

Sun, Time TBC

**OCTOBER 25**

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Venue TBC

**ROUND 17**

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

**SEPTEMBER 3-6**

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

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

**ROUND 18**

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

**SEPTEMBER 10-13**

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

Bankwest 24-26  
 ANZ 20-32  
 Panthers 20-2  
 WIN 8-37  
 Cbus Super 18-6  
 SCG 42-12  
 S. Coast 36-20  
 Kogarah 22-14

**ROUND 19**

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

**SEPTEMBER 17-20**

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

**Women in League Round**  
 ANZ 16-26  
 QCBS 12-32  
 Bankwest 26-12  
 Lottoland 24-42  
 S. Coast 50-22  
 SCG 34-18  
 GIO 26-14  
 MJS 42-18

**2020 STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES****GAME 1**

Wed

**NOVEMBER 4**

NSW v QLD

Adelaide Oval

**GAME 2**

Wed

**NOVEMBER 11**

NSW v QLD

ANZ Stadium

**WOMEN'S**

Fri

**NOVEMBER 13**

QLD v NSW

Sunshine Coast Stadium

**GAME 3**

Wed

**NOVEMBER 18**

QLD v NSW

Suncorp Stadium

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## MAITLAND PICKERS v GLEBE-BURWOOD WOLVES

BANKWEST STADIUM · SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 3:30PM

Referee: Kieren IRONS

Touch Judges: Ben TEAGUE, John WOODS

In-goal Judges: Daniel LUTTRINGER, Jake SUTHERLAND

**PICKERS:** 1. Daniel Langbridge 2. James Bradley 3. Henry Penn 4. Gary Anderson 5. Matthew Soper-Lawler 6. Chad O'donnell 7. Brock Lamb 8. James Taylor 9. Alex Langbridge 10. Jayden Butterfield 11. Cooper Jenkins 12. Jacob McCudden 13. Callan Burgess 14. Elijah Rasiga 15. Faitotoa Faitotoa 16. Marvin Filipo 20. Samuel Anderson 17. Jarred Anderson 21. Ben Ireland 22. Peter Wilson

**WOLVES:** 1. Jacob Gagai 2. Jonah Ngaronoa 3. Addison Demetriou 4. John Olive 5. Honeti Tuha 6. Sitiveni Moceidreke 7. Liam Coleman 8. Wesley Lolo 9. Jackson Garlick 10. Thomas Hazelton 11. Matt Stimson 12. Myles Taueli 13. Brock Gray 14. Trent Toelau 15. Duwayne Mariner 16. Sione Afemui 17. Kem Seru 22. Ethan Natoli 23. Patrice Siolo 24. Lorenzo Mulitalo

## RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS v CRONULLA-CARINGBAH SHARKS

BANKWEST STADIUM · SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 11:00AM

Referee: Cameron PADDY

Touch Judges: Mitchell STONE, Cameron MITCHELL

In-goal Judges: Damian BRADY, Clayton WILLS

**HAWKS:** 1. Curtis Wilson 2. Bradley Cousins 3. Regan Hughes 4. Reggie Alofipo 5. Liam Scolari 6. Adam Rizk 7. Mitchell Gray 8. Langi Suli-Ruka 9. Blake Layton 10. Edward Carter 11. Justin Frain 12. Tyler Seymour 13. Angus McElroy 15. Callum Ellis 18. Benjamin Fisiilose 19. Angelo Panambalama 23. Zac Vella 14. Bennett Wheelhouse 20. Suliasi Suli 21. Tyler Field 24. Joshua Suli-Ruka

**SHARKS:** 1. Callum Tutauha 2. Brent Anderson 21. Nesiasi Mataitonga 4. Jacob Gagan 5. Daniel Perkins 6. Kamren Cryer 7. Bailey Hayward 8. Hayden Fepuleai 9. Michael Lichaa 17. Jyi Seymour 11. James Spencer 12. Dj Purcell 13. Ryan King 14. Lachlan Hughes 15. Mathew Emery 10. Tokerau Raru 24. Joey Tramontana 18. Wiremu Peters 19. Benjamin Chahoud 20. Mason Pure 22. Blake Williamson

# WORLD FINAL DAY

2020 NSWRL HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP · GRAND FINAL

## CENTRAL COAST ROOSTERS v NORTH SYDNEY BEARS

BANKWEST STADIUM · SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020 · 1:15PM

Referee: Karra-Lee NOLAN

Touch Judges: Cameron TURNER, Dillian WELLS

In-goal Judges: Luke SALDERN, Paul EDEN

**ROOSTERS:** 1. Isabelle Kelly 2. Alicia Martin 3. Yasmin Meakes 4. Brydie Parker 5. Claire Reed 6. Bobbi Law 7. Melanie Howard 8. Keilee Joseph 9. Kylie Hilder 10. Tayla Predebon 11. Jocelyn Kelleher 12. Britney Duff 13. Hannah Southwell 14. Olivia Higgins 15. Madeline Jones 16. Olivia Kernick 17. Jasmine Strange 19. Tazmyne Luschwitz

**BEARS:** 1. Shanice Parker 2. Caitlin Keefe 3. Shontelle Stowers 4. Shenai Lendill 5. Tyla Gambell 6. Chloe Leaupepe 7. Sabrina Green 8. Josephine Maejiirs 9. Nita Maynard 10. Aliti Namocse 14. Talesha Quinn 12. Simaima Taufa 13. Nicole Backhouse 16. Mary Taupau 15. Monicqa Moale 18. Lacey Shields 17. Kirra Dibb 19. Pier Pritchard 20. Eunice Grimes 30. Losena Qiolevu

## NSWRL RESULTS

### PRESIDENT'S CUP - SEMI FINALS

**Maitland 16** (Brock Lamb, Matt Soper-Lawler, James Bradley tries; Brock Lamb 2 goals) def **Hills Bulls 14** (Daniel Harrison, Taniela Lasalo, Levi Li tries; Josh Lewis 1 goal) at Maitland Sports Ground

**Glebe-Burwood 26** (Trent Toelau, Matt Stimson, Liam Coleman, Sitiveni Moceidreke tries; Addison Demetriou 5 goals) def **North Sydney 6** (Tobias Westcott 3 goals) at Leichhardt Oval

**TEAMS ELIMINATED: Hills Bulls, North Sydney**

### SYDNEY SHIELD - SEMI FINALS

**Ryde-Eastwood 24** (Bradley Cousins, Reggie Alofipo, Tyler Seymour, Mitchell Gray tries; Curtis Wilson 4 goals) def **Helensburgh 12** (Harrison Geraghty, William Russell tries; Harrison Geraghty 1, William Russell 1 goals) at Leichhardt Oval

**Cronulla-Caringbah 32** (Kamren Cryer, Callum Tutauha, Takeau Raru, Brent Anderson tries; Kamren Cryer 8 goals) def **Belrose 12** (Jonathan Palau, Beau Abrahams, Christian Bate tries) at Leichhardt Oval

**TEAMS ELIMINATED: Helensburgh, Belrose**

### HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP - PRELIMINARY FINAL

**North Sydney 16** (Shanice Parker, Monicqa Moale, Shontelle Stowers tries; Chloe Leaupepe 2 goals) def **Cronulla 10** (Kennedy Cherrington, Andie Robinson tries; Maddie Studdon 1 goal) at Leichhardt Oval

**TEAM ELIMINATED: Cronulla**

# Hull Kingston ROVERS



# Leeds RHINOS

P	T	G	Pts					P	T	G	Pts
10	1	-	4	Shaun KENNY-DOWALL	3	2	Tom BRISCOE	4	1	-	4
10	-	-	-	Kane LINNETT	4	3	Harry NEWMAN	9	2	-	8
6	-	-	-	Robbie MULHERN	8	5	Ash HANDLEY	9	6	-	24
5	1	-	4	Matt PARCELL	9	6	Rob LUI	7	1	-	4
7	1	-	4	Harvey LIVETT	12	7	Luke GALE	9	3	13 <sup>2</sup>	40
5	-	-	-	Mitch GARBUTT	14	8	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	7	1	-	4
10	-	-	-	Daniel MURRAY	16	9	Kruise LEEMING	5	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	Kyle TROUT	17	10	Matt PRIOR	8	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	Jez LITTEN	18	11	Alex MELLOR	6	1	-	4
2	-	2	4	Mikey LEWIS	20	12	Rhyse MARTIN	6	-	17	34
1	-	-	-	Owen HARRISON	21	15	Liam SUTCLIFFE	5	1	-	4
-	-	-	-	Nick RAWSTHORNE	22	16	Richie MYLER	7	5	-	20
4	-	-	-	Joe KEYES	24	17	Adam CUTHBERTSON	9	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Matty GEE	25	19	Mikolaj OLEDZKI	9	2	-	8
6	-	-	-	Will MAHER	26	23	Callum McLELLAND	2	-	-	-
9	2	-	8	Elliott MINCHELLA	27	24	Luke BRISCOE	6	3	-	12
4	-	8	16	Jamie ELLIS	30	25	James DONALDSON	6	1	-	4
8	2	6	20	Ryan BRIERLEY	31	27	Sam WALTERS	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Nathaniel PETERU	32	28	Tom HOLROYD	2	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Will TATE	33	33	Jarrold O'CONNOR	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Jimmy KEINHORST	34	40	Brett FERRES	1	-	-	-
				Tony SMITH		COACH	Richard AGAR				

## Super League Round 13 Result

**Huddersfield 29** (Jake Wardle, Aidan Sezer, James Gavet, Suaia Matagi, Chris McQueen tries; Aidan Sezer 4 goals; Jordan Turner 1 field goal) def **Wakefield 6** (Kelepi Tanginoa try; Ryan Hampshire 1 goal) Venue: John Smith's Stadium; Date: Thursday 17 September 2020, 3pm BST

## Challenge Cup Quarter Final Results

**Salford 22** (Dan Sarginson 2, Krisnan Inu, James Greenwood tries; Krisnan Inu 3 goals) def **Catalans 18** (Fouad Yaha, James Maloney, Matt Whiteley tries; James Maloney 3 goals); Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium; Date: Friday 18 September 2020, 6pm BST

**Leeds 48** (Kruise Leeming 2, Ava Seumanufagai, Ash Handley, Tom Briscoe, Harry Newman, Luke Briscoe, Rhyse Martin tries; Rhyse Martin 8 goals) def **Hull KR 4** (Jamie Ellis 2, Jez Litten tries; Jamie Lewis 3 goals); Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium; Date: Friday 18 September 2020, 8:15pm BST

**Wigan 36** (Bevan French 2, Liam Farrell 2, Sam Powell, Joe Burgess, Oliver Gildart tries; Zak Hardaker 4 goals) def **Hull FC 4** (Mahe Fonua try) Venue: AJ Bell Stadium; Date: Saturday 19 September 2020, 6pm BST

**Warrington 20** (Josh Charnley 2, Anthony Gelling, Matty Ashton tries; Stefan Ratchford 2 goals) def **St Helens 18** (Jonny Lomax, Regan Grace, Kevin Naiqama tries; Lachlan Coote 3 goals) Venue: AJ Bell Stadium; Date: Saturday 19 September 2020, 8:15pm BST

**Semi Final Draw:** Leeds v Wigan, Salford v Warrington

## Super League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts	Win %
1	<b>St Helens</b>	11	8	3	0	303	135	168	16	73%
2	<b>Warrington</b>	11	8	3	0	228	132	96	16	73%
3	<b>Wigan</b>	11	8	3	0	267	182	85	16	73%
4	<b>Leeds</b>	9	6	3	0	214	174	40	12	67%
5	Catalans	8	5	3	0	228	169	59	10	63%
6	Castleford	11	5	6	0	213	216	-3	10	45%
7	Huddersfield	11	5	6	0	191	228	-37	10	45%
8	Hull FC	11	5	6	0	232	302	-70	8	45%
9	Salford	9	2	7	0	166	253	-87	4	22%
10	Hull KR	10	2	8	0	166	280	-114	4	20%
11	Wakefield	10	2	8	0	144	281	-137	4	20%

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## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 24 September
KICKOFF	2:45pm BST
VENUE	Halliwell Jones Stadium, Warrington
WATCH	Rugby League Hub (Aus & SE Asia)

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Jack SMITH
SIDELINE OFFICIALS	Cameron WORSLEY Tony MARTIN

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# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)

OVERALL 28 MATCHES

**Hull KR 8 Leeds 20**

At Halliwell Jones Stadium: first meeting at this venue

### LAST TEN

	LEEDS 7-3
2015	Leeds 40-30 Craven
2015	Leeds 36-16 Headingley
2016	Hull KR 30-10 Headingley
2016	Leeds 24-20 Craven
2018	Leeds 20-11 Headingley
2018	Leeds 20-18 Craven
2019	Hull KR 45-26 Craven
2019	Leeds 28-24 Headingley
2019	Hull KR 32-16 Headingley
2020	Leeds 52-10 Headingley

### BIGGEST WINS

2016	Hull KR 30-10	Headingley
2020	Leeds 52-10	Headingley

# Match Preview

## with Steve Mascord

**ON the weekend where his home nation of Germany plays an international against the Netherlands, Jimmy Keinhorst returns for Hull KR for what will be his first appearance of the year.**

Ireland international Ethan Ryan is out for the season with a broken hand while newly-re-signed fullback Will Dagger (knee) and second rower Matty Stornton (hand) were also unavailable for selection.

Coach Tony Smith welcomes back halfback Ryan Brierley from injury and Will Tate was included in the 21-man squad.

Brett Ferres and Adam Cuthbertson are the additions to the squad of Leeds coach Richard Agar while youngsters Sam Walters and Jarrod O'Connor were called into the preliminary squad.

Brad Dwyer is still recovering from Covid-19 and wasn't considered and Alex Sutcliffe was banned. Anticipated comebacks for Cameron Smith and Jack Walker have been delayed.

After the giddy heights of defeating Wigan a fortnight ago, avant guard Hull KR crashed to earth on Friday night when they were flogged 48-18 by Leeds - who just happen to be their opponents again this week in Super League's opening match of the round.

It's hard to see the result being reversed, even if Tony Smith's battle-beaten side can manage to narrow the margin.

Leeds believe they found the secret to containing the off-the-cuff attacking style which has won the Robins many admirers since the restart of Super League.

"When they got some offloads, they didn't really hurt us too much," Agar said. "We were really alive to the kicking game and the trick kicks. We did a really good job and a really concentrated job on that. They have been troubling a lot of teams."

Agar warns that the Rhinos are still in a transitional phase and certainly can't yet be compared to the likes of Wigan and St Helens.

"We're still a way to go if we're to do that on a consistent basis," he said.

"We've got a level to step up to consistency-wise.

"As a coach, I've got a certain amount of time to get this club competing at that level."

It's been reported during the week that even though talented forward Liam Sutcliffe is transfer listed, Leeds do want to keep him.

The match is also a significant one for rugby league fans in Australia and South East Asia with rugbyleaguehub.com to broadcast it. As a non-televised match it would normally be only available to season ticket holders of the two clubs who reside within the UK.

A better start is key to a more competitive showing, according to Smith.

"We took too long to get off the bus," he said of the Challenge Cup quarter-final at the Totally Wicked Stadium

**Who to watch:** York and Bradford have this week been linked to veteran off-contract Leeds forward Adam Cuthbertson, who is not quite the off-loading dynamo he once was but will be keen to prove he is still worthy of a berth in the top flight competition.

**Favourites:** Hull KR have the capacity to bounce back but a loss to Leeds will raise serious questions about whether they have actually progressed.

**My tip:** A much more competitive performance from Rovers but Leeds should open up a double-figure margin in the final quarter. **Leeds by 10.**

# HULL KR V

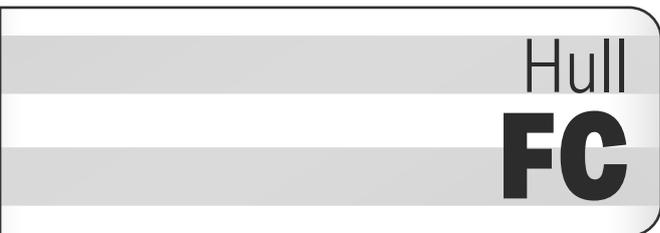
# RHINOS

LIVE THURSDAY 11:30 EST



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P	T	G	Pts					P	T	G	Pts
10	5	-1	21	Jamie SHAUL	1	2	Ed CHAMBERLAIN	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	Bureta FARAIMO	2	3	Kris WELHAM	9	1	-	4
9	5	-	20	Carlos TUIMAVAVE	3	4	Dan SARGINSON	5	1	-	4
10	4	3	22	Josh GRIFFIN	4	5	Krisnan INU	2	-	5	10
8	1	5	14	Jake CONNOR	6	6	Tuimoala LOLOHEA	9	4	16	48
9	2	28 <sup>3</sup>	67	Marc SNEYD	7	7	Kevin BROWN	6	2	-	8
10	1	-	4	Danny HOUGHTON	9	9	Joey LUSSICK	9	1	-	4
8	-	-	-	Tevita SATAE	10	10	Gil DUDSON	6	-	-	-
6	2	-	8	Manu MA'U	12	12	Pauli PAULI	9	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	Liligiifo SAO	13	13	Tyrone McCARTHY	8	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Joe CATOR	15	14	Sebastine IKAHIHIFO	8	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	Jordan JOHNSTONE	16	16	Greg BURKE	3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	Masi MATONGO	19	17	Luke YATES	9	2	-	8
7	-	-	-	Brad FASH	20	18	Chris ATKIN	4	1	-	4
8	2	-	8	Jordan LANE	21	19	Mark FLANAGAN	7	-	-	-
10	1	-	4	Josh BOWDEN	22	22	Rhys WILLIAMS	9	3	-	12
4	1	-	4	Andre SAVELIO	23	24	Elliot KEAR	5	-	-	-
10	4	-	16	Mahe FONUA	24	25	Connor JONES	3	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Connor WYNNE	25	29	Oliver ROBERTS	4	-	-	-
4	1	-	4	Jack BROWN	30	30	Andy ACKERS	1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Cameron SCOTT	31	32	Kallum WATKINS	-	-	-	-
				Andy LAST			Ian WATSON				
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## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Thursday 24 September 2020
KICKOFF	6:00pm BST
VENUE	Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington
WATCH	Sky Sports Arena

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Chris KENDALL
SIDELINE OFFICIALS	Scott MIKALOUSKAS Mike SMAILL
VIDEO REFEREE	Tom GRANT

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)

OVERALL 47 MATCHES

**Hull FC 35 Salford 12**

At Halliwel Jones Stadium: first meeting at this venue

### LAST TEN

		HULL 6-4
2016	Hull 28-20	AJ Bell
2017	Salford 54-18	KCOM
2017	Hull 34-10	AJ Bell
2017	Hull 32-18	KCOM
2018	Salford 24-8	AJ Bell
2018	Hull 45-14	KCOM
2019	Hull 23-16	AJ Bell
2019	Hull 35-32	KCOM
2019	Salford 44-22	KCOM
2020	Salford 54-18	Headingley

### BIGGEST WINS

2004	Hull 8-26	KCOM
2017	Salford 54-18	KCOM
2020	Salford 54-18	Headingley

# Match Preview

## with Steve Mascord

**IT used to be common for players from the Southern Hemisphere to make it in the top division in Britain before they'd made a home for themselves at home - but tighter immigration laws put paid to that.**

Which is why Chris Satae, a home-grown Tongan product who was playing Under 20s for Penrith as long ago as 2012, is such an anomaly.

Aussie fans watching Super League games this year would perhaps struggle to place him and assume he came from rugby union. Satae is the first to admit he got into the old "bad habits" off the field in Sydney and ended up back in Auckland, working in a chocolate factory.

For a while he played for fun but Satae, now 27, decided to give the big time one more shot. From Port Chevalier Pirates, he fought his way into the New Zealand Residents side and got a start with the Warriors before finally made his NRL debut before a mid-season transfer to Hull last year.

Now he appears to have finally found his footballing home.

Satae and his FC team-mates were well beaten, 36-4, at the hands of Wigan in the Challenge Cup last weekend and face a Salford side buoyed by their golden point win over Catalans.

But with the competition table now determined by percentages, Hull on 45.45 are still well ahead of Salford on 22.22. FC Veteran Gareth Ellis missed the loss to Wigan but is expected back. But forward Josh Jones is still suffering from the effects of a Covid-19 infection and did not feature last week.

The short turnarounds are a problem for last, who replaced Lead Radford when he was sacked mid-season

"That's the problem - we're not getting much time in-between games to put things right," Last said. "All we're doing is putting the players out there having done just a little bit of preview. We had one session leading into a Challenge Cup quarter-final which is really tough.

"But it is the same for everyone and you just need to get on with it."

England centre Kallum Watkins made a promising debut against Catalans. Ed Chamberlain is due back from a ruptured ACL in the coming weeks.

**Who to watch:** Centre Dan Sarginson scored the overtime clincher last week and will be looking to making an impression out wide once more this week. It's an area where the Red Devils may well have the edge.

**Favourites:** On paper, these sides look evenly matched with perhaps even Hull having a slight advantage. But out on the pitch, it's the gritty Mancunians who hold the edge and their never-say-die approach should get them home on Thursday.

**My tip:** Perhaps another last-minute thing for Ian Watson's men - **Salford** in a tight one.

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# Castleford TIGERS



# Huddersfield GIANTS

P	T	G	Pts					P	T	G	Pts
11	8	-	32	Derrell OLPHERTS	2	1	Ashton GOLDING	5	1	-	4
11	5	-	20	Michael SHENTON	4	2	Jermaine McGILLVARY	10	3	-	12
11	2	36 <sup>1</sup>	81	Danny RICHARDSON	7	3	Jake WARDLE	10	3	-	12
9	-	-	-	Liam WATTS	8	4	Jordan TURNER	7	1	- <sup>1</sup>	5
11	2	-	8	Paul McSHANE	9	5	Darnell McINTOSH	9	3	-	12
11	1	-	4	Grant MILLINGTON	10	6	Lee GASKELL	6	1	-	4
10	1	-	4	Oliver HOLMES	11	7	Aidan SEZER	9	2	25	58
10	2	-	8	Mike McMEEKEN	12	8	James GAVET	10	1	-	4
10	1	-	4	Nathan MASSEY	14	10	Suaia MATAGI	8	2	-	8
5	-	-	-	Jesse SENE-LEFAO	15	11	Kenny EDWARDS	11	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	George GRIFFIN	16	13	Michael LAWRENCE	10	-	-	-
6	4	-	16	Cheyse BLAIR	18	15	Oliver WILSON	6	-	-	-
8	4	-	16	James CLARE	21	21	Leroy CUDJOE	5	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	Jacques O'NEILL	22	22	Tom HOLMES	7	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Matt COOK	23	23	Oliver RUSSELL	4	1	8	20
2	-	-	-	Tyla HEPI	24	27	Sam WOOD	10	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Greg EDEN	25	31	Owen TROUT	2	1	-	4
3	1	-	4	Calum TURNER	26	32	Dominic YOUNG	1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Lewis PEACHEY	27	34	Chris McQUEEN	2	1	-	4
4	2	-	8	Gareth O'BRIEN	34	35	Robson STEVENS	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Jack SANDERSON	35						
				Darryl POWELL	COACH	Luke ROBINSON					

**MATCH CENTRE** HOME FORUMS

**SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS 16** **CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS 26**

Full Time **80:00**

7:50pm Thu September 17, 2020  
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**80** Wakeham is on the spot to clean up as the siren sounds.

**79** One set away from victory - enjoy the moment Bulldogs fans.

**78** Attempted by Brandon Wakeham. The kick is wide - play to resume with a 20 metre drop out.

**78** The Bulldogs will take the shot at two points.

**77** Souths concede a penalty in possession.

**76** Hippoate is tackled 10 metres out from the Rabbitohs line.

**75** Liam Knights comes up with a mistake.

**74** Brandon Wakeham finds the sideline.

**Referees & scorers:**

Referees: Ashley Klein  
Touch Judges: Chris Butler, Phil Henderson  
Video Referee: Henry Perenara

**SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (16)**  
Tries: Jason Paulo, Campbell Graham, Alex Johnston  
Conversions: Adam Reynolds (2/3)

**CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (26)**  
Tries: Tim Lafai, Ramisa Smith, Raymond Falata-Matiner, Chris Smith

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## MATCH DETAILS

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KICKOFF	8:15pm BST
VENUE	Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington
WATCH	Sky Sports Arena

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Liam MOORE
SIDELINE OFFICIALS	Dean BOWMER Clint SHARRAD
VIDEO REFEREE	Ben THALER

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## Match Stats

### HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)

OVERALL 47 MATCHES

**Castleford 29 Huddersfield 18**

At Halliwel Jones Stadium: first meeting at this venue

#### LAST TEN

	CASTLEFORD	8-2
2016	Castleford 30-22	John Smith's
2017	Castleford 52-16	M-A-H Jungle
2017	Castleford 26-21	John Smith's
2017	Castleford 24-16	John Smith's
2018	Castleford 40-28	John Smith's
2018	Huddersfield 32-18	M-A-H Jungle
2018	Castleford 44-12	M-A-H Jungle
2019	Huddersfield 20-18	John Smith's
2019	Castleford 27-26	M-A-H Jungle
2019	Castleford 24-0	John Smith's

#### BIGGEST WINS

2008	Huddersfield 64-12	John Smith's
2012	Castleford 52-6	M-A-H Jungle

# Match Preview

## with Steve Mascord

**A big 'in' for Castleford - as they say on NRL 360 - is powerful back rower Jesse Sene-Lafao, stood down last week due to track-and-trace protocols.**

Former Wolfpack fullback Gareth O'Brien also returns after being cup-tied last week while coach Darryl Powell potentially gives two men their 2020 debuts - Widnes-bound Matt Cook and youngster Jack Sanderson. Adam Milner, Sosaia Feki, Peter Matautia and Jake Trueman are four enormous absences due to injury and suspension.

For the Giants, their woes are such that their 21-man squad only included 20 players! Lee Gaskill is back from a broken thumb and youngsters Owen Trout, Dominic Young and Robson Stevens all gained selection. There was still no berth for talented Irish youngster Ronan Michael.

Statistics apparently don't support the old maxim of players lifting when there has been a change of coach but Huddersfield definitely put their best feet forward after Simon Woolford was relieved of his post last week.

Players showed up to training the day before the only Super League game last week to first be told a member of their opponents the previous week, Leeds, had tested positive to Covid-19 and then that their coach of two years had parted ways with the club.

The Giants nonetheless put the clearers through Wakefield 29-6 at John Smith's Stadium to give caretaker Luke Robinson a cruisey first day on the job - and a few hours later his was back in charge of some under sixes. But the Giants (5-6) face a tougher challenge this week against up-and-down Castleford (also 5-6). Powell's team has had four losses from five since the resumption of play but most of the performances were staunch, save a 40-4 defeat at the hands of Catalans. St Helens, Wigan and Warrington were pushed either side of a win over Salford.

By comparison, Huddersfield opened with four defeats - three of them heavy. The one-point defeat to Warrington on August 15 suggested better days ahead but that proved false until the breakthrough win over Trinity. Last week, as Robison said, "three starting players and one bench player" were barred from taking part after coming into contact with a Leeds Rhino who had subsequently tested positive for Covid.

The Giants have begun looking for a new coach and Robinson has thrown his hat into the ring. London's Danny Ward has been mentioned as another candidate.

**Who to watch:** Aiden Sezer is in superb form and will hold the key to Thursday's result. "I told him it was an honour to be his coach," Robinson said. "He improves the players around him."

**Favourites:** Despite the win last week for the Giants, Castleford's recent form is better. They've also had the weekend off, meaning it's a barometer of how much value to put in a rest when tipping the rest of the season.

**My tip:** A fresh Castleford by 8.

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# Warrington WOLVES



# Catalans DRAGONS

P	T	G	Pts					P	T	G	Pts
11	2	35	78	Stefan RATCHFORD	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	David MEAD	2	-	-	-
6	3	-	12	Anthony GELLING	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	Lewis TIERNEY	4	1	-	4
11	1	-	4	Toby KING	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	Samisoni LANGI	8	4	-	16
11	3	-	12	Josh CHARNLEY	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	Israel FOLAU	6	2	-	8
11	6	- <sup>4</sup>	28	Blake AUSTIN	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	Fouad YAHA	8	6	-	24
7	4	2	20	Gareth WIDDOP	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	James MALONEY	8	2	34	76
7	-	-	-	Chris HILL	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	Josh DRINKWATER	7	1	-	4
10	1	-	4	Daryl CLARK	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	Rémi CASTY	8	-	-	-
11	1	-	4	Mike COOPER	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	Mike McILORUM	6	1	-	4
11	2	-	8	Ben CURRIE	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	Sam MOA	3	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Jack HUGHES	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	Matt WHITLEY	8	5	-	20
8	2	-	8	Ben MURDOCH-MASILA	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	Joel TOMKINS	6	1	-	4
9	-	-	-	Jason CLARK	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	Benjamin GARCIA	8	1	-	4
9	-	-	-	Joseph PHILBIN	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	Julian BOUSQUET	8	2	-	8
2	1	-	4	Leilani LATU	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	Mickaël SIMON	1	-	-	-
7	2	-	8	Jake MAMO	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	Tom DAVIES	3	5	-	20
7	1	-	4	Sitaleki AKAUOLA	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	Benjamin JULLIEN	7	2	-	8
4	-	-	-	Matt DAVIS	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	Alrix DA COSTA	3	1	-	4
9	-	-	-	Danny WALKER	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	Mickaël GOUDEMANT	1	-	-	-
2	-	1	2	Declan PATTON	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	Lucas ALBERT	1	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Luis JOHNSON	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	Paul SÉGUIER	2	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	Keanan BRAND	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	Arthur ROMANO	1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Samuel KIBULA	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	Antoni MARIA	3	-	-	-
6	2	-	8	Matthew ASHTON	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	Jason BAITIERI	8	1	-	4
2	-	-	-	Ellis ROBSON	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	Arthur MOURGUE	2	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Nathan ROEBUCK	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	Lambert BELMAS	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Josh THEWLIS	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	Gavin MARGUERITE	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Riley DEAN	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	Sam KASIANO	8	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	Ellis LONGSTAFF	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	Sam TOMKINS	6	4	2	20
1	-	-	-	Eribe DORO	<b>32</b>						

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## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Friday 25 September 2020
KICKOFF	6:00pm BST
VENUE	Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington
WATCH	Sky Sports Arena

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Robert HICKS
SIDELINE OFFICIALS	Mark CRAVEN Liam RUSH
VIDEO REFEREE	Liam MOORE

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# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)

OVERALL 34 MATCHES

**Warrington 20 Catalans 13 Drawn 1**

At Halliwel Jones Stadium: 16 matches, Warrington 12, Catalans 3, Drawn 1

## LAST TEN

2016	Warrington 20-18
2016	Warrington 26-22
2017	Catalans 20-12
2017	Warrington 24-16
2018	Warrington 26-0
2018	22-all draw
2018	Warrington 56-6
2019	Catalans 23-22
2019	Warrington 34-4
2019	Catalans 30-10

## WARRINGTON 6-1-3

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## BIGGEST WINS

2008	Catalans 52-14	Gilbert Brutus
2008	Catalans 46-8	Gilbert Brutus
2018	Warrington 56-6	Halliwel Jones

# Match Preview

## with Steve Mascord

**WARRINGTON** coach Steve Price hit the headlines last weekend by decry social distancing rules that impose at £250 fine for players who high-five after a try.

The Wire had just progressed in the Challenge Cup in a replay of last year's final by beating St Helens and Price said: "I just can't understand how that has been brought in.

"As a young kid growing up, you play rugby league for enjoyment, fun, a team environment and togetherness.

"To take away try-scoring celebrations I think is demoralising and not good for the game. They should show some understanding because the players are going above and beyond.

"Are we going to start telling women that when they give birth, they can't hold their baby?"

If anyone is going to comment on the issue, it should be Price - he and the Wolves have done plenty of celebrating since the resumption of play. They've won every game and they've done it just about every way in ties against Hull KR, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Hull and Castleford.

Catalans were another form team coming out of the break but, as has been their wont over the years, the French team has slumped badly over the past fortnight.

In the first Super League game since March watched by fans inside the stadium, they were never really in their 28-12 loss to Wigan.

And then they were eclipsed in golden point time by Salford to be tipped out the Cup last week.

"We stopped playing," said coach Steve McNamara, whose side now finds itself in fifth place just a couple of weeks after being installed at first when the competition table switched from points to percentages.

There is then a big gap to sixth-placed Castleford.

The clash of James Maloney and Blake Austin will be a highlight on Friday with the two play-makers among the form players in Super League since the resumption of play.

**Who to watch:** After starting his Super League tenure like world-beater, Israel Folau has been kept quiet in recent weeks by crowding defences which have stopped him getting near Maloney's kicks. He needs to find a new way to make an impact.

**Favourites:** Warrington seem to have come out of the Lockdown made of sturdier stuff than when they went in while the their opponents this week have the yips.

**My tip:** A comfortable 14-point win for improving Warrington over declining Catalans.

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# Wigan WARRIORS



# Wakefield TRINITY

P	T	G	Pts					P	T	G	Pts
10	1	38	80	Zak HARDAKER	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Alex WALKER	2	-	-	-
2	-	3	6	Chris HANKINSON	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Bill TUPOU	3	1	-	4
2	1	-	4	Oliver GILDART	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	Reece LYNE	9	-	-	-
4	4	-	16	Joe BURGESS	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	Ben JONES-BISHOP	2	-	-	-
11	6	-	24	Bevan FRENCH	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	Jacob MILLER	8	-	- <sup>1</sup>	1
9	-	-	-	Thomas LEULUAI	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	Danny BROUGH	1	-	2	4
10	7	-	28	Sam POWELL	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	David FIFITA	2	-	-	-
7	1	-	4	George BURGESS	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	Kyle WOOD	9	1	-	4
11	2	-	8	Willie ISA	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	Tinirau ARONA	3	-	-	-
11	3	-	12	Liam FARRELL	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	Mat ASHURST	7	1	-	4
2	-	-	-	Sean O'LOUGHLIN	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	Danny KIRMOND	3	-	-	-
3	1	-	4	Ben FLOWER	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	Joe WESTERMAN	9	2	-	8
3	-	-	-	Joe GREENWOOD	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	Jay PITTS	9	1	-	4
9	-	-	-	Morgan SMITHIES	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	Craig KOPCZAK	8	-	-	-
7	1	-	4	Oliver PARTINGTON	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	James BATCHELOR	3	-	-	-
7	1	-	4	Joe BULLOCK	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	Chris GREEN	4	-	-	-
10	1	-	4	Liam BYRNE	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	Adam TANGATA	6	-	-	-
8	3	-	12	Dominic MANFREDI	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	Jordan CROWTHER	5	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	Mitch CLARK	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	Max JOWITT	8	3	7	26
9	2	-	8	Jake BIBBY	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	George KING	2	-	-	-
10	1	- <sup>1</sup>	5	Harry SMITH	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	Josh WOOD	8	1	-	4
-	-	-	-	Jack WELLS	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	Jack CROFT	1	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	Ethan HAVARD	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	Titus GWAZE	1	-	-	-
11	5	-	20	Jackson HASTINGS	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	Ryan HAMPSHIRE	7	-	12 <sup>1</sup>	25
1	-	-	-	Amir BOUROUH	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	Yusuf AYDIN	1	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	Joe SHORROCKS	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	Connor BAILEY	2	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Kai PEARCE-PAUL	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	Kelepi TANGINOA	9	4	-	16
-	-	-	-	Sam HALSALL	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	Romain NAVARRETE	9	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Harry RUSHTON	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	Liam KAY	3	2	-	8
						<b>39</b>	Tony GIGOT	4	-	2	4
						<b>41</b>	Eddie BATTYE	1	-	-	-
				Adrian LAM	COACH		Chris CHESTER				

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VIDEO REFEREE	Marcus GRIFFITHS

## RUGBY LEAGUE project

# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)

OVERALL 51 MATCHES

**Wigan 39 Wakefield 12**

At Halliwell Jones Stadium: first meeting at this venue

### LAST TEN

		WIGAN 6-4
2017	Wigan 16-10	Belle Vue
2017	Wakefield 42-30	DW
2017	Wakefield 32-0	Belle Vue
2018	Wigan 30-18	DW
2018	Wakefield 32-16	Belle Vue
2018	Wigan 25-10	DW
2019	Wakefield 30-20	Belle Vue
2019	Wigan 46-16	DW
2019	Wigan 24-16	Belle Vue
2020	Wigan 23-22	Headingley

### BIGGEST WINS

2000	Wigan 56-6	Wakefield
2016	Wakefield 62-0	Wakefield

# Match Preview

with Steve Mascord

WAKEFIELD's Chris Chester provided some of the starkest quotes this reporter has ever heard from rugby league coach in defeat following the loss to Huddersfield last Thursday.

"We're just not seeing enough fight from the players," he said. "I've seen some individuals tonight jump out of the way of tackles and that's a first for me,

"These are the hardest six, seven weeks that I've had as a coach. Things don't look to be changing any time soon.

"There's a decent team in there. It just all boils down to attitude and we're just miles off, honestly. We just seem further and further away from the rest of the comp at the minute.

"We've missed an organiser probably since Liam Finn retired a few years ago. There's not a great deal out there.

"We spoke all week about toughness and resilience ... there was no toughness about us and there certainly wasn't any resilience."

On the "attitude" front, big forward David Fifita - brother of Andrew - was removed from the team bubble for refusing to wear a GPS device a fortnight ago. He's due back in this week for the clash with in-form Wigan (8-3).

Wigan winger Dom Manfredi is out of this week's game with concussion. Liam Marshall is also unavailable, leaving Joe Burgess as the only specialist winger. Jake Bibby and Chris Hankinson are among the players considered for the vacant flank spot.

Bevan French was man-of-the-match at fullback last week but Lam hasn't completely ruled out switching him elsewhere to cover for the wing crisis, with goal kicker Zak Hardaker returning to fullback.

Whatever Lam decides, the Warriors look too strong all over the park for Chesters' side as they continue to warm to Lam's coaching methods.

Meanwhile, Wakefield's postponed home game against Leeds on September 3 has been rearranged for November 1. That means the Rhinos and Trinity will play twice in four days!

**Who to watch:** Bevan French will be a catch for any NRL team that snares him next year. He's a speed machine with incredible balance whom Wakefield will struggle to contact. The try off Hardaker's kick last week was rugby league poetry.

**Favourites:** Wigan are without doubt the shortest-priced favourites of the weekend.

**My tip:** How about 40 points? **Wigan by 40.**

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# NETHERLANDS v GERMANY GAME DAY

## INTERNATIONAL MATCH PROGRAM



## Welcome to Amersfoort

It is an absolute delight to be asked to write a few words of welcome to what may be one of very few - if not the only - international rugby league matches to be played in 2020.

To many people a game between Netherlands and Germany will evoke memories of "total football" not the rough and tumble of rugby league. It is, once again, remarkable that a sport too often regarded as confined to certain territories, can shout proudly that, in the strangest of years with obstacles everywhere, it is the Nederlandse Rugby League Bond and Nationaler Rugby League Deutschland who are able to stage a game. I congratulate and thank them for that commitment. Across the world, we have been struggling to manage the impact of COVID-19, however the rugby league federations of the Netherlands and Germany have managed to arrange a game which will be played under the government restrictions – but will be played.

International sport brings a really special dynamic for everyone involved. For the players, it's a chance to collaborate with players with whom they normally compete in order to represent their nation with pride and honour. For the fans who normally follow their own club team, it's a chance to unite behind their flag with followers of other clubs, but more importantly, with people whose interest is piqued by the fact that it is an international match. International games bring us all together to share the experience and be inspired. It is international matches that give a sport a truly global status. For the majority of sports, the international programme is an added and extremely valuable dimension for players, fans and sponsors over and above their excellent club competitions.

Every rugby league match is a challenge, I wish all the participants in this historic game the best of luck for the game – you will certainly have a larger audience than you might normally expect, and I am sure that you will shine.

Best wishes to our rugby league family wherever you are in the world – please look out for each other.

**Nigel Wood**  
CEO, International Rugby League

# International rugby league - the sport they couldn't kill

- Steve Mascord

THEY say rugby league is the "cockroach of sports". Luckily, cockroaches are not afflicted by Covid-19.

International rugby league returns this Saturday at Amersfoort, a city in the Dutch province of Utrecht that is home to 152,000 people. The match was originally intended to take place 77 km away at Leiden and was switched less than a week out.

Only 50 people will be permitted through the gates due to the Global Pandemic - but the show must go on.

Dutch coach Kane Krlic explains: "We were all planned to play a Leiden and the Bond (Netherlands Rugby League) had a done a really good job to make it a big occasion.

"It was going to be streaming and still hopefully will be. We had a lot of signage up and we'd put our where everyone could be sitting (while socially distancing).

"Them on Friday, the Dutch government had an announcement that in north and south Holland there would be no gatherings of more than 50 people and also that the Germans can't come over the north or south Holland.

"It's quite hard to explain that to an English or Australian person because Holland is not the country, it's a region of the Netherlands. It's like saying you can't come to north or South Yorkshire.

"The Bond had to find a way around it so they moved the game into the middle of the Netherlands. We're still limited to just 50 people but it was a lot of legwork by the Bond, last minute."

Germany coach Don Doughton adds: "Anybody going into that zone would have to go into quarantine when they came back to Germany. It was either cancel the match or move it.

"The Dutch guys have done an incredible job to find a venue and set everything up. They've invested a lot and I'm sure they're going to make a big loss on this match. A massive amount of gratitude goes to the Dutch."

The changes mean enormous inconvenience for the players but, according to Doughton, they are more than willing to spend 14 days in quarantine if necessary just to get a game. "They haven't played any rugby and they just want to play," he said.

Each team will be permitted to have six interchanges in a match which will honour the memory of German rugby league pioneer Simon Cooper, who died in June aged 47 after a long battle with cancer.

There's even a compelling story regarding the match officials - the touch judges are father and son, Joseph and Dylan Jhugroo!

The Dutch side is made up entirely of domestic players, while Germany have some imports - most notably North Wales Crusaders halfback Brad Billsborough.

There has been talk of a return match next month - but amid the shifting sands of the pandemic, nothing is certain.

"We have pencilled in a match on the 24th of October against the Dutch because we thought some of the other English (based) guys who wanted a run-out could come to Germany because there's no quarantine at this moment in time," said Doughton.

"That can always change in the next five minutes.

"We have to discuss it at the weekend but that must be in question now because the Dutch guys who live in Rotterdam and The Hague would have to go into quarantine when they come to Germany.

"If they're not staying overnight and they come in and play the match, as it were, in a bubble like they are doing in the Super League and the NRL, maybe we can play the match but we don't want to take any undue risks with people's health."



# NETHERLANDS v GERMANY

Netherlands squad TBC

Check back Thursday morning AEST!

- 1 Florian FREDE (Moorteufel)
- 2 Jannek HAGENAH (Moorteufel)
- 3 George WOOD (Westfalen Warriors)
- 4 Basti PETER (Rhineland Raiders)
- 5 Aarre HEINRICHSSEN (Unattached)
- 6 Benedikt ESSER (Hunters)
- 7 Brad BILLSBOROUGH (North Wales Crusaders)
- 8 Connor HAMPSON (Unattached)
- 9 Liam DOUGHTON (Ruhrpott Rhinos)
- 10 Karsten BRUNING (Moorteufel)
- 11 Martin APOSTEL (Hunters)
- 12 Henning BROCKMANN (Moorteufel)
- 13 Phil WADEWITZ (Ruhrpott Rhinos)
- 14 Richard SEIDLER (Rhineland Raiders)
- 15 Max KOTHER (Rhineland Raiders)
- 16 Mawuli AMEFIA (Westfalen Warriors)
- 17 Benjamin LAUER (Rhineland Raiders)
- 18 Nikilas FULLGRAF (Moorteufel)
- 20 Matthias AYKEL (Rhineland Raiders)

FOR the German side, this Saturday's game is about one person: Simon Cooper.

The founder of rugby league in Germany fought a brave fight against cancer in recent years before finally succumbing in June, leading to an outpouring of grief from around the rugby league world.

Former Brisbane Broncos coach Anthony Seibold is just one who benefited from Cooper's passion and enthusiasm.

"It's going to be very special - his wife and daughter are coming," said Germany coach Don Doughton.

"We'll pay our respects to him and I'm sure that's going to be a very emotional moment for everyone.

"Simon originated from Halifax. His father was born in Germany. He played at Halifax's A-team and he started rugby league down in



Munich. It's had a stodderly growth but...

"We wouldn't have had any rugby league in Germany up to this date if Simon hadn't started it up.

"I came to Germany, I met Simon and I got involved in Rugby League Deutschland. Simon and I were both unavailable due because of illness and the organisation was basically run into the ground. The RLEF asked me if I'd start it up again so that's what we did.

"Simon came back and we both decided we'd do the coaching. It carried on like that ... and then Simon sadly passed away.

"Last year we started up a domestic cup competition and called it the Cooper Cup."

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## MATCH DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 26 September 2020
KICKOFF	5:00pm CEST
VENUE	RC Eemland, Amersfoort Utrecht, Netherlands

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE	Jaroslav BZOCH (CZE)
SIDELINE OFFICIALS	Joseph JHUGROO (AUS) Dylan JHUGROO (AUS)

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# Match Stats

## HEAD TO HEAD

OVERALL 8 MATCHES

**Netherlands 4 Germany 4**

At RC Eemland: first meeting at this venue

LAST EIGHT 4-ALL

2005 August 7  
Netherlands 34-28

2013 May 4  
Germany 28-22

2014 May 3  
Germany 70-16

2015 June 20  
Germany 46-12

2016 August 13  
Germany 8-6

2017 August 26  
Netherlands 30-18

2018 September 1  
Netherlands 38-22

2019 September 14  
Netherlands 56-18

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2014 May 3  
Germany 70-16

2019 September 14  
Netherlands 56-18

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**WHEN** Netherlands coach Kane Krilic says he was born into coaching, he means it in quite a hardcore way.

"I used to think it was normal that you'd go watch a live rugby league game, come home, watch the re-run and then watch it again in the morning," the 31-year-old Englishman explains. "I didn't realise it wasn't the normal thing to watch every game three times."

Why? Kane comes from a famous family - but not that of 1982 Kangaroos captain Max Krilich.

"My stepdad is John Kear," he says, in reference to the decorated Wales and Bradford mentor.

"I went to university, got a job at the RFL as a development officer in the Midlands, then a development officer at Sheffield Eagles. Then I met a Dutch girl who is now my ex-girlfriend."

Which brings him to the first rugby league international since lockdown began, against Germany in Amersfoort. Saturday's game will be played under open interchange rules with each team given six reserves. It's a change requested by the Germans which the Dutch took a little convincing about.

"We asked the Dutch if we could play more players," says Germany coach Don Doughton. "It's a friendly so I don't see any problem with that and they agreed."

"The point is to get a game of rugby league on in a safe environment."

The most accomplished player on the field is North Wales Crusaders half, Brad Billsborough. Last year the St Helens Academy product won a premiership with Group Nine's Grafton Ghosts; he's also had stints with Whitehaven and Swinton.

Krilic says fans will be impressed by a number of his players, all from the domestic competition.

"For games like this, we've had a rule that we always pick domestic-based players," he said. "For what was going to be the Euro Championships, we were going to bring in some heritage players. (For this game) they have to have played at least a season of rugby league in the Netherlands."

"It's been pretty much the same team for two or three years now and every year we have one or two new players."

"I really like Arie who's our fullback. He's a young lad, early 20s but he was one of the players who we coached in the school development programme when he was 15. Never played rugby union or rugby league before and he's gone through the pathways."

"He got the man of the match last year against Germany."

"We've got a new pivot, Auke, who's been around rugby league for a few years now but is finally making his debut. We're hoping he's the sort of player who, given a bit of space with the ball in his hand, can create something out of nothing."

"Then Joran, who's our left centre, he's very dangerous. Every time he touches the ball you think something could happen. We're hoping next year we can get him to some British clubs for some training over there."

Whoever wins, it's the continuation of a beautiful relationship. Doughton says: "Right from the start of Rugby League Deutschland's existence, we started working with Holland. It's now the eighth match in the series and we work together on various things."

"We're so close to one another. The match is two hours from where I live. If I go to Heidelberg, it takes me three hours. Munich it's about six hours."

"We have players in the German league who play in the Dutch league."

**Who to watch:** He's the only pro on the field so the exception on Germany half Brad Billsborough will be matched only by the defensive attention he attracts!

**Favourites:** Netherlands have the home ground advantage but Germany have the most experienced playmaker and a powerful motivation in paying tribute to their progenitor Simon Cooper.

**My tip:** Germany by 12

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