

# THE FRONT ROW

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## Steady hands

TheBiggestTiger pays tribute to the fearless ARLC chairman



## On with the job

Newcastle won't let a four-day turnaround harsh their buzz



# BACK (JUST) IN TIME

MOSES RETURNS TO STOP THE SLIDE



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Eels 10	Roosters 28	Cowboys 16	Rabbitohs	Sea Eagles	Panthers	Dragons	Bulldogs
Flaiders 12	Knights 8	Storm 20	Warriors	Wests Tigers	Broncos	Titans	Sharks
Match Centre							

The main content area features a 'MATCH CENTRE' for Round 20: MELBOURNE STORM vs PENRITH PANTHERS. The score is 0-0. The match is scheduled for 7:35pm on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Suncorp Stadium. A pre-match timer shows 0:00. Below the match details are tabs for PRE-MATCH, TEAMS, PLAY BY PLAY, SCORERS, and WRAP UP. A 'Form Guide' section shows results for Round 19 (Storm 16 vs Cowboys 20) and Round 18 (Storm 48 vs Cowboys 4). 'Upcoming Games' for Round 21 and Round 22 are also listed.

On the left side, there is a 'Latest News' section with a headline: 'Storm sneak past the Cowboys to record 15th win in a row'. The article text reads: 'MELBOURNE has survived a late scare from North Queensland to register a club record 15th straight win by 20-16 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium tonight.'

Another news item is titled 'NRL statement: Api Koroisau'. The text states: 'THE National Rugby League (NRL) has issued NSW Blues player Api Koroisau with a Breach Notice for failing to comply with the game's biosecurity protocols during the State's Game II camp.'

THERE IS NO OFF-SEASON

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# From the editor

Tim Costello

The hits keep coming! After a tumultuous Saturday following Queensland's snap COVID-19 lockdown, the NRL managed to complete Round 20 on Sunday and Monday after the ARLC agreed to a range of strict provisions. Unlike other codes who simply 'got the hell out of Dodge' on Saturday, the NRL will - for now - remain in the Sunshine State. This weekend's games will be split across two grounds - Suncorp in Brisbane and Cbus Super on the Gold Coast - with fans not permitted to attend.

While the game goes on in spite of climbing case numbers in Queensland, unfortunately the two active QRL competitions - Intrust Super Cup and Hastings Deering Colts - will not be held this weekend, after being cancelled at late notice last round too.

This week we've got plenty of content to enjoy - yarns with Mitch Moses (who's back for the Eels after being missing since Origin III) and Bradman Best from the Knights. We update you on the run home, TheBiggestTiger offers a tribute to the fearless ARLC chair with his weekly illustration, and you've got the full program to get you through Round 21 of this NRL season.

Happy reading!

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# BACK ON DECK

## MOSES RETURNS AS EELS LOOK TO STOP THE SLIDE BEFORE NRL FINALS

**T**here is little doubt the footsteps Parramatta heard in the distance over the first half of the 2021 Telstra Premiership have gradually transformed into a stampede.

If the Eels aren't careful they could slide into the bottom half of the top eight and face four-straight weeks of elimination finals.

It seems like an eternity ago when nine wins from their first 10 matches saw them go toe-to-toe with Melbourne and Penrith at the top of the table.

Halfback Mitchell Moses returns from a fractured back in Friday night's crucial top four shoot out with South Sydney. And it couldn't have come at a better time.

The polarising halfback seemingly can't win - when he's playing and the Eels lose, they'll never win a competition. But when he doesn't play, they rarely win.

"I don't want to get into that. I try not to listen to anything in the media and just worry about my job and how to do that for Parramatta each week," Moses said.

"We started off the year really well and put ourselves in a good position now to be able to play finals footy, so it's about where we finish on the ladder.

"Top four is the goal and it has been since the start of the year so we're going to be looking to try and cement a top four spot and whatever happens, happens."

Since Moses suffered the back injury in NSW's game three Origin loss to Queensland, the blue-and-golds have lost

three of their last four and were kept scoreless in a 28-0 hammering to the Roosters last weekend.

Trent Robinson's men are now breathing down the Eels' neck for a top four spot, but Moses doesn't feel any added pressure on turning his side's fortunes around.

"I'm pumped to get back. I haven't played for three or four weeks now and we haven't put in the best performances the last two weeks, so I'm happy to come in and do a job for the boys," he said.



Moses was looking forward to providing some much-needed direction to Parramatta's attack against the Rabbitohs.

They're going to need to score points when you consider South Sydney have had no trouble scoring 110 in their previous three encounters.

"They've got class across the field and they've put some big scores on the last few weeks so we'll have to limit how much good ball they get and really get into the grind with them," the halfback said.

The Eels play South Sydney, Melbourne, Manly and Penrith in the final five rounds leading into the finals, but Moses was looking forward to the challenge.

"It's very challenging. We verse some really good sides and most of the sides in the top six block so it's going to be tough, but these are the games you want to be playing heading into the finals.

"It will be a good test for us."

# GET ON WITH IT

## KNIGHTS CENTRE SAYS PEARCE'S RETURN WILL HELP SOFTEN BLOW OF TAXING FOUR-DAY TURNAROUND

**F**inding a solution to their ever-present inconsistent performances over the closing five rounds of the competition will determine Newcastle's finals fate for 2021.

The return of players from injury and as a result the settled 17-man squad every week could be just what the Knights need.

With centre Bradman Best returning in style from a lengthy injury lay-off last week followed by Mitchell Pearce (pictured) at halfback this week, the Knights have cause for optimism.

Hooker Jayden Brailey, halfback Pearce and fullback Kalyn Ponga have played just one game together all season - a 38-0 shutout of the Cowboys on July 3.

Best is aware the Knights have been plagued by inconsistency throughout the year and said the key to another strong performance was simply between the ears.

"We just need to go in with the same mindset as we did with the Raiders," he said.

"It's sort of do-or-die for us so us boys know what needs to be done and we need to train really well and have a clear focus of what our job is.

"Come Thursday night us, us boys are going to be up for the challenge and we'll get on with it."

The talented centre admitted their much-needed 34-24

win over the Raiders on Sunday could just be the tonic they need to kickstart their run into the finals.

"It gives us a lot of confidence and that self-belief back because we know what we're capable of and we're definitely a team that can play semi-final footy," Best said.

"Just gotta keep training well, keep switched on week in, week out and the results will come."



The 19-year-old said the addition of Pearce would help to strengthen the team's confidence levels which had taken a hit through his absence.

"Our confidence and our mindset is only going to get better so having Pearcey back is definitely a big help and we all know what he's capable of," Best said.

"It's going to be good to have him back on the field."

Pearce's return will go a way to cancelling out the taxing four-day turnaround the Knights have before their Thursday night clash with the Broncos.

Newcastle will only have one training session between games to iron out any deficiencies which may have bubbled to the surface last weekend.

"It's going to be a bit different with four days, but we'll get that in and make sure we make that one count and then it's up to us to get our prep right," Best said.

"It is what it is and we'll get on with it."

STORY BY PAUL JOBBER

IMAGES KNIGHTS MEDIA



# THE RUN HOME

HOW EACH TEAM LOOKS ON THE APPROACH TO SEPTEMBER



## MELBOURNE STORM

36 PTS +465

**Current position** 1ST

**Predicted finish** 1ST

Run Home: Manly - Canberra - Gold Coast - Parramatta - Cronulla



## PENRITH PANTHERS

34 PTS +305

**Current position** 2ND

**Predicted finish** 2ND

Run Home: Roosters - St Geo Illa - Souths - Wests Tigers - Parramatta



## SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

34 PTS +231

**Current position** 3RD

**Predicted finish** 3RD

Run Home: Parramatta - Gold Coast - Penrith - Roosters - St Geo Illa



## PARRAMATTA EELS

28 PTS +189

**Current position** 4TH

**Predicted finish** 6TH

Run Home: Souths - Manly - North Qld - Melbourne - Penrith



## SYDNEY ROOSTERS

28 PTS +146

**Current position** 5TH

**Predicted finish** 5TH

Run Home: Penrith - Brisbane - St Geo Illa - South Sydney - Canberra



## MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

26 PTS +169

**Current position** 6TH

**Predicted finish** 4TH

Run Home: Melbourne - Parramatta - Canberra - Canterbury - Nth Qld



## GOLD COAST TITANS

18 PTS -24

**Current position** 7TH

**Predicted finish** 7TH

Run Home: Nth Qld - Souths - Melbourne - Newcastle - Warriors



## CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

18 PTS -58

**Current position** 8TH

**Predicted finish** 8TH

Run Home: Warriors - Newcastle - W. Tigers - Brisbane - Melbourne



## CANBERRA RAIDERS

18 PTS -82

**Current position** 9TH

**Predicted finish** 10TH

Run Home: St Geo Illa - Melbourne - Manly - Warriors - Roosters



## ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

18 PTS -82

**Current position** 10TH

**Predicted finish** 11TH

Run Home: Canberra - Penrith - Roosters - North Qld - Souths



## NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

18 PTS -147

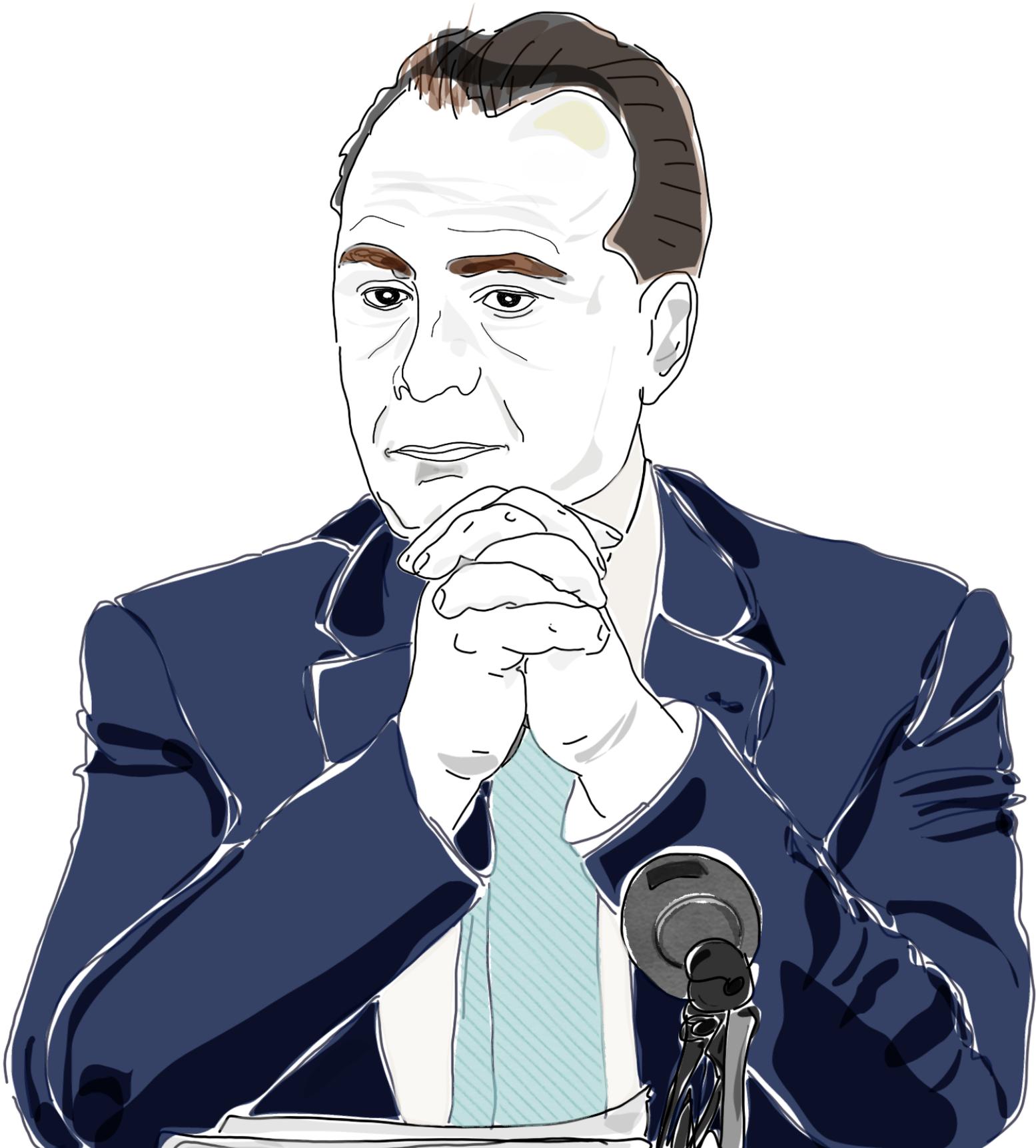
**Current position** 11TH

**Predicted finish** 9TH

Run Home: Brisbane - Cronulla - Canterbury - Gold Coast - Brisbane

# P.V.L.

More COVID challenges, and more Peter V'Landys responses.  
As different parts of the country's league heartlands go into lockdown, the NRL  
keeps finding a way to continue season 2021. **Artwork by TheBiggestTiger**



# PREMIERSHIP LADDER **RUGBY LEAGUE** project

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 20

Pos	Team	Overall									Home						Away							
		P	W	L	D	B	F	A	PD	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD
1	Melbourne Storm	19	17	2	-	1	689	224	465	36	10	10	-	-	383	124	259	9	7	2	-	306	100	206
2	Penrith Panthers	19	16	3	-	1	527	222	305	34	10	10	-	-	265	82	183	9	6	3	-	262	140	122
3	South Sydney Rabbitohs	19	16	3	-	1	613	382	231	34	10	8	2	-	291	236	55	9	8	1	-	322	146	176
4	Parramatta Eels	19	13	6	-	1	484	295	189	28	9	6	3	-	225	128	97	10	7	3	-	259	167	92
5	Sydney Roosters	19	13	6	-	1	503	357	146	28	10	8	2	-	284	164	120	9	5	4	-	219	193	26
6	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	19	12	7	-	1	569	400	169	26	9	6	3	-	284	200	84	10	6	4	-	285	200	85
7	Gold Coast Titans	19	8	11	-	1	460	484	-24	18	9	3	6	-	212	277	-65	10	5	5	-	248	207	41
8	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	19	8	11	-	1	400	458	-58	18	9	5	4	-	204	164	40	10	3	7	-	196	294	-98
9	Canberra Raiders	19	8	11	-	1	383	465	-82	18	9	3	6	-	195	251	-56	10	5	5	-	188	214	-26
10	St George Illawarra Dragons	19	8	11	-	1	382	464	-82	18	9	4	5	-	208	218	-10	10	4	6	-	174	246	-72
11	Newcastle Knights	19	8	11	-	1	325	472	-147	18	10	6	4	-	199	202	-3	9	2	7	-	126	270	-144
12	Warriors	19	6	13	-	1	373	502	-129	14	9	3	6	-	169	210	-41	10	3	7	-	204	292	-88
13	Wests Tigers	19	6	13	-	1	412	564	-152	14	10	3	7	-	226	284	-58	9	3	6	-	186	280	-94
14	North Queensland Cowboys	19	6	13	-	1	358	584	-226	14	10	5	5	-	224	257	-33	9	1	8	-	134	327	-193
15	Brisbane Broncos	19	5	14	-	1	331	578	-247	12	9	4	5	-	187	236	-49	10	1	9	-	144	342	-198
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	19	2	17	-	1	242	600	-358	6	10	1	9	-	120	342	-222	9	1	8	-	122	258	-136

## STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 20

### Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	17	24
2	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	17	21
3	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	19	18
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	11	18
5	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	18	16
6	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	19	15
7	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	19	14
8	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	16	13
	David NOFOALUMA	WST	W	19	13
10	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	17	12
	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	19	12
	Reimis SMITH	MEL	CTR	19	12
	Cody WALKER	SOU	FB, 5/8	18	12
14	Matt IKUVALU	SYD	W, INT	12	11
	George JENNINGS	MEL	W	15	11
	Will KENNEDY	CRO	FB	19	11
	Brett MORRIS	SYD	W, CTR	7	11
	Connor TRACEY	CRO	W, CTR, 5/8, INT	19	11
	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	SYD	2RF, INT	17	11

### Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	19	15	83	-	226
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	18	4	89	2	198
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	8	65	1	164
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	17	9	57	-	150
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	4	55	-	126
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	16	2	58	2	126
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	17	6	48	-	120
	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	17	6	48	-	120
9	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	18	4	42	-	100
10	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	15	3	41	2	96
	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	17	24	-	-	96

### Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	18	89	113	79%
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	19	83	104	80%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	65	76	86%
4	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	16	58	77	75%
5	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	17	57	73	78%
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	55	69	80%
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	17	48	64	75%
	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	17	48	59	81%
9	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	18	42	52	81%
10	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	15	41	53	77%

# THE FRONT ROW

# GAME DAY

## ROUND 21 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS · STATISTICS · PREVIEWS

### THURSDAY



**NEWCASTLE  
v BRISBANE**  
Sunshine Coast

### FRIDAY



**CANBERRA  
v ST GEO ILLA**  
Cbus Super Stadium



**PARRAMATTA  
v SOUTHS**  
Cbus Super Stadium

### SATURDAY



**WARRIORS  
v CRONULLA**  
Suncorp Stadium



**SYDNEY v  
PENRITH**  
Suncorp Stadium



**MANLY v  
MELBOURNE**  
Suncorp Stadium

### SUNDAY



**CANTERBURY  
v WESTS TIGERS**  
Moreton Daily Stadium



**GOLD COAST  
v NORTH QLD**  
Cbus Super Stadium

## WEEKLY TIPS Round 21

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

#### Paul Jobber (6/114)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Warriors  
Sydney Roosters  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Sam Bourke (5/112)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Cronulla  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Justin Davies (6/108)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Cronulla  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Rick Edgerton (4/107)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Warriors  
Sydney Roosters  
Manly  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Lachy MacCorquodale (5/107)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Cronulla  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Adam Huxtable (5/104)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Cronulla  
Sydney Roosters  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Rob Crosby (5/100)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Warriors  
Sydney Roosters  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Jason Hosken (6/114)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Cronulla  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Steven Williams (4/109)

Newcastle  
St George Illawarra  
Parramatta  
Warriors  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Hamish Parker (6/108)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Cronulla  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Andrew Ferguson (5/107)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Cronulla  
Sydney Roosters  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Josh Robertson (3/105)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Warriors  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Wests Tigers  
Gold Coast

#### Tim Costello (6/102)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
Warriors  
Sydney Roosters  
Melbourne  
Canterbury  
Gold Coast

#### Andrew Jackson (5/98)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
Parramatta  
Cronulla  
Penrith  
Melbourne  
Canterbury  
North Queensland

# NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS



# BRISBANE BRONCOS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
9	7	10	-	48	23	Kalyn PONGA	<b>1</b>
19	5	-	-	20	22	Enari TUALA	<b>2</b>
16	3	-	1	13	28	Kurt MANN	<b>3</b>
11	2	-	-	8	20	Bradman BEST	<b>4</b>
12	3	-	-	12	27	Hymel HUNT	<b>5</b>
14	1	14	-	32	23	Jake CLIFFORD	<b>6</b>
6	1	-	-	4	32	Mitchell PEARCE	<b>7</b>
18	3	-	-	12	25	Jacob SAIFITI	<b>8</b>
1	1	-	-	4	25	Chris RANDALL	<b>9</b>
17	2	-	-	8	25	Daniel SAIFITI	<b>10</b>
15	3	-	-	12	29	Tyson FRIZELL	<b>11</b>
19	3	13	-	38	27	Mitchell BARNETT	<b>12</b>
19	2	-	-	8	25	Connor WATSON	<b>13</b>
18	2	-	-	8	29	Sauaso SUE	<b>14</b>
16	-	-	-	-	27	David KLEMMER	<b>15</b>
14	1	-	-	4	26	Josh KING	<b>16</b>
16	3	-	-	12	23	Brodie JONES	<b>17</b>
8	1	1	-	6	21	Phoenix CROSSLAND	<b>18</b>
9	2	-	-	8	27	Lachlan FITZGIBBON	<b>19</b>
11	5	-	-	20	21	Starford TO'A	<b>20</b>
5	-	-	-	-	23	Jack JOHNS	<b>21</b>

Adam O'BRIEN

FULLBACK

WING

CENTRE

CENTRE

WING

FIVE-EIGHTH

HALFBACK

FRONT ROW

HOOKER

FRONT ROW

SECOND ROW

SECOND ROW

LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

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

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

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

PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Tesi NIU	20	11	4	-	-	16
<b>2</b>	Corey OATES	26	9	2	-	-	8
<b>3</b>	Jesse ARTHARS	23	10	5	2	-	24
<b>4</b>	Herbie FARNWORTH	21	16	1	-	-	4
<b>5</b>	Jamayne ISAAKO	25	17	6	48	-	120
<b>6</b>	Tyson GAMBLE	25	11	1	1	1	7
<b>7</b>	Brodie CROFT	24	11	1	-	-	4
<b>8</b>	Keenan PALASIA	24	8	1	-	-	4
<b>9</b>	Danny LEVI	25	5	-	-	-	-
<b>10</b>	Payne HAAS	21	15	-	-	-	-
<b>11</b>	Alex GLENN	33	13	2	-	-	8
<b>12</b>	Jordan RIKI	21	14	2	-	-	8
<b>13</b>	Kobe HETHERINGTON	22	9	2	-	-	8
<b>14</b>	Xavier WILLISON	19	1	-	-	-	-
<b>15</b>	Rhys KENNEDY	26	11	1	-	-	4
<b>16</b>	Ethan BULLEMOR	21	13	3	-	-	12
<b>17</b>	TC ROBATI	19	6	2	-	-	8
<b>18</b>	David MEAD	32	10	5	-	-	20
<b>19</b>	Albert KELLY	30	3	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Anthony MILFORD	27	9	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Xavier COATES	20	13	8	-	-	32

Kevin WALTERS

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

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

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

# #NRLKnightsBroncos



Thursday 5  
August 2021



7:50PM  
AEST



Suncorp  
Stadium,  
Milton QLD



Nine Network  
Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport,  
Triple M  
NRL Nation

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Grant ATKINS
Touch Judges	Kasey BADGER Phil HENDERSON
NRL Bunker	Alan SHORTALL

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 50 MATCHES

**BRISBANE 33-16 (1 DRAW)**

At Suncorp Stadium: 15 matches, Brisbane 11-4

LAST TEN: BRISBANE 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2013	R25	Newcastle 26-18	Suncorp Stadium	27601
2014	R7	Brisbane 32-6	McDonald Jones	22254
2014	R24	Brisbane 48-6	Suncorp Stadium	22282
2015	R11	Brisbane 31-18	McDonald Jones	12673
2015	R16	Brisbane 44-22	Suncorp Stadium	27246
2016	R7	Brisbane 53-0	Suncorp Stadium	30394
2017	R19	Brisbane 34-22	McDonald Jones	13773
2018	R5	Newcastle 15-10	McDonald Jones	21969
2019	R15	Newcastle 26-12	McDonald Jones	24397
2020	R6	Newcastle 27-6	Central Coast	167

BIGGEST WINS

2001	R18	Newcastle 44-0	McDonald Jones	22,834
2007	R11	Brisbane 71-6	Suncorp Stadium	27,433

## MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Connor Watson (NEW)	100 career points	8 points
Jake Clifford (NEW)	50 career games	1 game
	100 career points	5 points
Kalyn Ponga (NEW)	400 club points	2 points
NRL/NSWRL/ARL (since 1908)	496,000 points	64 points

Match stats courtesy of

# RUGBY LEAGUE project



### NEXT THREE: NEWCASTLE

R22	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND
R23	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN
R24	GOLD COAST



### NEXT THREE: BRISBANE

R22	SYDNEY ROOSTERS
R23	WARRIORS
R24	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND

## Preview

with Jason Hosken

Knights' friendly road to the finals starts at Brisbane

The Knights on-again off-again season took another twist with last week's surprise victory over the Canberra Raiders.

Still in 10th spot, the win places Adam O'Brien's side level with five teams on 18 points including the seventh and eighth placed Titans and Sharks.

Now with the lowly ranked Broncos in their sights, for Knights fans, the return of Mitchell Pearce alongside the strike of Kalyn Ponga and Bradman Best means expectations are running high.

And with a soft draw to round out the season that sees Newcastle tackle the Sharks, Bulldogs, Titans and Broncos in the final four rounds, on paper at least, a repeat of last season's September breakthrough is there for the taking.

This week the Knights chase back-to-back wins for the third time this season, but they'll have to do it without skipper Jayden Brailey. In a surprise selection, O'Brien has chosen to rest the reliable

dummy-half, opening the door for Chris Randall to return for just the second time this season.

Not without problems of his own, Kevin Walters is now a strike weapon short. In a major blow for Brisbane, last week's match winner Kotoni Staggs has been ruled out for the remainder of the season with a knee injury.

Despite limited touches, Staggs was instrumental in Brisbane's six tries to three rout of the Cowboys. In just his fourth appearance of the season the bustling centre's tries either side of halftime ensured Brisbane never lost control.

Jesse Arthurs will slot into Staggs' big boots, while upfront, hooker Danny Levi will tackle his former club in place of Jake Turpin who suffered an ankle injury against the Cowboys.

Without Brailey, Ponga captains Newcastle for the first time. In addition to juggling Newcastle's poor record against Brisbane where they've won just twice in Queensland since 2010, Ponga's inspiration will also be needed to overcome a tricky four-day turnaround.

For the Broncos, seemingly clear of consecutive wooden spoons, Newcastle' fatigue may just be enough for them to score back-to-back wins for the first time in 2021.

**Who to watch:** On the cusp of his 20th birthday, Bradman Best is due for a change of luck. Having already missed eight games this season, his dominant first half against the Raiders served as a reminder to the upside in Newcastle's season. In what would've been a bone rattling head-to-head contest, the absence of Staggs now means Brisbane's defenders will have to double team the outside back, freeing up space for his eager teammates.

With the strut of an Olympic sprint champion, it's hard to believe Tyson Gamble is just 14 games into an NRL career that began with the Wests Tigers way back in 2018. As the Broncos begin the climb back to the glory days, Gamble's competitive spirit counts for plenty. Without the finesse of a Pearce or Jake Clifford, look for the Broncos playmaker to square the ledger with physical presence.

**Favourite:** Having won the past three contests, Newcastle are short odds to extend their run.

**My tip:** Just as it will take two Saifiti's to stop one Payne Haas, Newcastle should have Brisbane's measure right across the park. With a more reliable kicking game and Ponga's class, there's too much on the line here for Newcastle to slip up. **Knights by 6.**

# CANBERRA RAIDERS



# ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
17	10	2	-	44	32	Jordan RAPANA	<b>1</b>
9	2	-	-	8	22	Semi VALEMEI	<b>2</b>
10	1	34	-	72	30	Jarrold CROKER	<b>3</b>
4	-	-	-	-	21	Matthew TIMOKO	<b>4</b>
2	1	-	-	4	21	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS	<b>5</b>
16	4	-	-	16	28	Jack WIGHTON	<b>6</b>
9	4	11	-	38	30	Sam WILLIAMS	<b>7</b>
15	3	-	-	12	29	Josh PAPALII	<b>8</b>
15	1	-	-	4	31	Josh HODGSON	<b>9</b>
14	2	-	-	8	27	Joseph TAPINE	<b>10</b>
14	4	-	-	16	23	Hudson YOUNG	<b>11</b>
16	3	-	-	12	32	Elliott WHITEHEAD	<b>12</b>
17	2	-	-	8	26	Ryan SUTTON	<b>13</b>
17	1	-	-	4	23	Tom STARLING	<b>14</b>
13	4	-	-	16	26	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	<b>15</b>
14	4	-	-	16	23	Emre GULER	<b>16</b>
-	-	-	-	-	22	Elijah ANDERSON	<b>17</b>
15	1	-	-	4	35	Iosia SOLIOLA	<b>18</b>
10	-	-	-	-	31	Dunamis LUI	<b>19</b>
2	-	-	-	-	26	Matt FRAWLEY	<b>20</b>
9	-	-	-	-	28	Siliva HAVILI	<b>21</b>

Ricky STUART

FULLBACK

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PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Jack BIRD	26	17	3	6	-	24
<b>2</b>	Mathew FEAGAI	20	4	1	-	-	4
<b>3</b>	Cody RAMSEY	21	17	6	-	-	24
<b>4</b>	Zac LOMAX	21	8	3	25	-	62
<b>5</b>	Mikaele RAVALAWA	23	11	9	-	-	36
<b>6</b>	Corey NORMAN	30	17	2	23	2	56
<b>7</b>	Adam CLUNE	26	8	1	-	-	4
<b>8</b>	Blake LAWRIE	24	17	-	-	-	-
<b>9</b>	Andrew McCULLOUGH	31	19	-	-	-	-
<b>10</b>	Josh McGUIRE	31	12	1	-	-	4
<b>11</b>	Billy BURNS	22	10	2	-	-	8
<b>12</b>	Tariq SIMS	31	17	3	-	-	12
<b>13</b>	Jack DE BELIN	30	6	-	-	-	-
<b>14</b>	Talatau AMONE	19	6	2	-	-	8
<b>15</b>	Jackson FORD	23	7	-	-	-	-
<b>16</b>	Jaiyden HUNT	23	3	-	-	-	-
<b>17</b>	Kaide ELLIS	25	7	-	-	-	-
<b>18</b>	Matt DUFTY	25	14	10	-	-	40
<b>19</b>	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	25	10	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Jayden SULLIVAN	19	2	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Daniel ALVARO	28	16	-	-	-	-

Anthony GRIFFIN

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# #NRLRaidersDragons



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6:00PM  
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Cbus Super  
Stadium,  
Robina QLD



Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport, MIX  
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M, NRL Nation

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Chris SUTTON
Touch Judges	Drew OULTRAM Belinda SHARPE
NRL Bunker	Steve CHIDDY

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 33 MATCHES

**CANBERRA 20-12 (1 DRAW)**

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R23	St Geo Illa 34-16	GIO Stadium	10,318
2015	R3	St Geo Illa 22-20	GIO Stadium	11,774
2015	R10	St Geo Illa 32-18	WIN Stadium	13,102
2016	R10	St Geo Illa 16-12	Netstrata Jubilee	9,647
2017	R19	Canberra 18-14	GIO Stadium	10,977
2018	R11	St Geo Illa 25-18	Glen Willow Stadium	8,962
2019	R17	Canberra 36-14	WIN Stadium	9,159
2020	R8	Canberra 22-16	GIO Stadium	1,420
2020	R18	Canberra 37-8	WIN Stadium	2,588
2021	R15	St Geo Illa 22-20	WIN Stadium	9,239

### BIGGEST WINS

1999	R7	St Geo Illa 44-2	Netstrata Jubilee	12,237
2007	R17	St Geo Illa 58-16	WIN Stadium	7,561
2020	R18	Canberra 37-8	WIN Stadium	2,588

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jordan Rapana (CAN)	150 club games	1 game
St.George-Illawarra (since 1999)	2100 tries	4 tries
NRL/NSWRL/ARL (since 1908)	496,000 points	64 points

Match stats courtesy of

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### NEXT THREE: CANBERRA

R22	MELBOURNE
R23	MANLY-WARRINGAH
R24	WARRIORS



### NEXT THREE: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

R22	PENRITH
R23	SYDNEY ROOSTERS
R24	NORTH QUEENSLAND

## Preview

with Tim Costello

Crunch time for fading finals hopes.

There's little doubt that both Ricky Stuart and Anthony Griffin will be looking to throw everything they've got at this clash on Friday evening. Canberra and St George Illawarra both sit just outside the top eight and if we're honest, on current form neither side looks like they belong in finals contention.

The Green Machine have been a rollercoaster to watch. They've managed to snag wins over Parramatta, Cronulla and Manly in the past month, but somehow failed to get past Newcastle last weekend, and even lost to the Dragons back in Round 15.

The Dragons since Round 15 though? Ooh boy. Snuck home against the Warriors and have lost every game after that - including last week's shellacking at the hands of Souths. In their defence, injuries and suspensions have decimated their lineup - a good chunk of which is back on deck this week - but it's still not great for a team that has spent the bulk of 2021 inside the top eight.

In a quick squiz at the team sheets, we can see Canberra have made a forced change in the backline. Seb Kris (HIA) comes out of the lineup, with rookie

Matt Timoko to play in his spot at centre. Ryan Sutton returns from injury at lock, pushing Hudson Young to the back row and in turn, Corey Harawira-Naera to the interchange. Iosia Soliola moves out to the reserves, while Elijah Anderson is named to debut from the pine.

The Dragons lineup is awash with changes after Sunday's demoralising 50-14 loss to Souths. Josh Kerr and Gerard Beale are the 'COVID suspensions' from \*that\* incident over a month ago - the last such the Dragons will have to endure after four weeks of hell on the field. Joining Kerr and Beale on the sideline are Ben Hunt (arm), Tyrell Sloan (omitted) and Tyrell Fuimaono (1 game suspension).

The resulting changes are sweeping. Jack Bird returns and will play fullback, Cody Ramsey and Zac Lomax are back and will play in the centres, Mikaele Ravalawa returns on the wing, Corey Norman moves to five-eighth and Adam Clune replacing Hunt at halfback. Blake Lawrie and Josh McGuire are the new front row pairing, Jack de Belin returns at lock, Kaide Ellis is benched, and Jayden Sullivan & Poasa Faamausili drop to the reserves.

As referred to previously, these sides met in Round 15, just six rounds ago at a windy Wollongong, just days before the COVID-19 surge in NSW gripped the competition. St George Illawarra were 22-20 winners that day, with Ben Hunt and Corey Norman leading the Red V to a win on a confusing evening which saw now-injured Raiders rookie Xavier Savage make a controversial debut.

**Who to watch:** Both these sides find themselves with makeshift fullbacks and halfbacks after a tumultuous season. The Raiders' fullback curse is yet to claim Jordan Rapana and after a handful of solid performances in the role could be key to helping the Green Machine break this game open. Sam Williams meanwhile has been thrust into the 'lime' light following the high-profile departure of namesake George Williams mid-season. While a capable fill-in, he's struggled with shifting sands alongside him at the scrumbase, with regular stand-off Jack Wighton in and out of the side with rep duty and injury.

Jack Bird is the latest man to don the Dragons' #1 jumper, with rookie Tyrell Sloan taken off the teamlist and Canterbury-bound Matt Dufty remaining in the reserves. Literally a Jack-of-all-trades, could Bird be the solution to the Dragons issues at the back? Elsewhere, the loss of Ben Hunt will be felt by Adam Clune, who will carry the pressure of guiding the Red V around the park on Friday evening. He's joined by five-eighth Corey Norman who had a - shall we say - below par performance in his brief stint as a centre last week. It's Clune's first starting gig since Round 6 - when the Dragons were still flying high on the NRL table.

**Favourite:** Canberra are solid favourites given the Dragons' last-start thumping.

**My tip:** The impact of the returning Dragons' cavalry shouldn't underestimated. **St George Illawarra by 10.**

# PARRAMATTA EELS



# SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITHOHS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
19	12	11	-	70	26	Clinton GUTHERSON	<b>1</b>
18	16	-	-	64	27	Maika SIVO	<b>2</b>
18	5	-	-	20	26	Tom OPACIC	<b>3</b>
11	2	-	-	8	26	Waqā BLAKE	<b>4</b>
14	6	-	-	24	31	Blake FERGUSON	<b>5</b>
15	3	-	-	12	21	Dylan BROWN	<b>6</b>
16	2	58	2	126	26	Mitchell MOSES	<b>7</b>
18	1	-	-	4	22	Oregon KAUFUSI	<b>8</b>
16	3	-	-	12	23	Reed MAHONEY	<b>9</b>
17	2	-	-	8	27	Junior PAULO	<b>10</b>
19	7	-	-	28	22	Isaiah PAPALII	<b>11</b>
14	4	-	-	16	26	Ryan MATTERSON	<b>12</b>
18	1	-	-	4	28	Nathan BROWN	<b>13</b>
12	4	-	-	16	26	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	<b>14</b>
19	4	-	-	16	26	Shaun LANE	<b>15</b>
15	2	-	-	8	25	Marata NIUKORE	<b>16</b>
11	-	-	-	-	29	Will SMITH	<b>17</b>
7	2	-	-	8	22	Haze DUNSTER	<b>18</b>
5	1	-	-	4	24	Ray STONE	<b>19</b>
6	2	-	-	8	18	Jakob ARTHUR	<b>20</b>
-	-	-	-	-	28	Makaheesi MAKATOA	<b>21</b>

Brad ARTHUR

FULLBACK  
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PENALTIES

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SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
<b>1</b>	Latrell MITCHELL	24	13	9	5	1	47
<b>2</b>	Josh MANSOUR	31	8	6	-	-	24
<b>3</b>	Dane GAGAI	30	17	8	-	-	32
<b>4</b>	Taane MILNE	26	9	7	-	-	28
<b>5</b>	Jaxson PAULO	21	5	2	-	-	8
<b>6</b>	Cody WALKER	31	18	12	-	-	48
<b>7</b>	Adam REYNOLDS	31	18	4	89	2	198
<b>8</b>	Mark NICHOLLS	31	19	1	-	-	4
<b>9</b>	Damien COOK	30	17	2	-	-	8
<b>10</b>	Thomas BURGESS	29	19	4	-	-	16
<b>11</b>	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	23	17	3	-	-	12
<b>12</b>	Jai ARROW	26	16	2	-	-	8
<b>13</b>	Cameron MURRAY	23	13	4	-	-	16
<b>14</b>	Benji MARSHALL	36	15	3	-	-	12
<b>15</b>	Jacob HOST	24	13	1	-	-	4
<b>16</b>	Tevita TATOLA	24	13	-	-	-	-
<b>17</b>	Jaydn SU'A	23	16	5	-	-	20
<b>18</b>	Braidon BURNS	25	6	-	-	-	-
<b>19</b>	Patrick MAGO	26	10	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Blake TAAFFE	22	4	1	-	-	4
<b>21</b>	Davy MOALE	18	1	-	-	-	-

Wayne BENNETT

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# #NRL Eels Souths



Friday 6  
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7:55PM  
AEST



Cbus Super  
Stadium,  
Robina QLD



Nine Network  
Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport,  
2GB, 4BC

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Ashley KLEIN
Touch Judges	Todd SMITH Jon STONE
NRL Bunker	Henry PERENARA

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 130 MATCHES

**SOUTH SYDNEY 72-55 (3 DRAWS)**

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: SOUTH SYDNEY 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R10	Souths 22-20	Pirtek Stadium	16,013
2016	R15	Parramatta 30-12	Stadium Australia	11,860
2017	R12	Parramatta 22-16	Stadium Australia	14,218
2017	R26	Parramatta 22-16	Stadium Australia	21,533
2018	R15	Souths 42-24	Stadium Australia	8,047
2018	R20	Souths 26-20	Stadium Australia	15,542
2019	R12	Parramatta 26-14	Bankwest Stadium	21,645
2020	R16	Souths 38-0	Bankwest Stadium	7,014
2020	FN	Souths 38-24	Bankwest Stadium	14,510
2021	R12	Souths 38-20	Stadium Australia	20,743

### BIGGEST WINS

2002	R22	Parramatta 54-0	Pirtek Stadium	10,148
2011	R22	Souths 56-6	Stadium Australia	13,908

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	100 career points	4 points
Mitchell Moses (PAR)	100 club games	1 game
Parramatta (since 1947)	5200 tries	5 tries
Cameron Murray (SOU)	100 club & career points	4 points
Damien Cook (SOU)	100 career points	6 points

Match stats courtesy of

# RUGBY LEAGUE project



### NEXT THREE: PARRAMATTA

R22	MANLY-WARRINGAH
R23	NORTH QUEENSLAND
R24	MELBOURNE



### NEXT THREE: SOUTH SYDNEY

R22	GOLD COAST
R23	PENRITH
R24	SYDNEY ROOSTERS

## Preview with Adam Huxtable

Stalling Eels look to get back on track against a red-hot Souths outfit

What a difference 2 weeks can make in Rugby League.

Before their Round 19 game against the Raiders a fortnight ago, the Eels were sitting pretty in the top 4, 4 points clear of 5th place and, despite an incredibly tough run home, it seemed it would take a mighty capitulation for them to undo all their hard work and miss the top 4.

Since then, they've lost both their games (the ones that they were expected to win), and they've scored a pathetic 10 cumulative points. Granted, they were without Mitch Moses, but can 1 man really make all the difference?

Eels fans will certainly be hoping so as they prepare to take on a South Sydney side coming off 2 huge wins, albeit against teams who will likely not feature in the finals. Remember how the Eels have scored a combined 10 points in the last 2 weeks? The Rabbitohs have scored 110. A full century more.

This should signal a clear outcome, and it does in the

minds of many, however Souths are not perfect. 2 weeks ago, against the Warriors, they let in 22 points while missing Tuivasa-Sheck and Wayne Egan. Souths points conceded in the highest of any team in the top 4 at 382, significantly higher than the Eels' figure of 295.

What I'm getting at is that while Souths' attack will present a huge challenge to the Eels, their defence isn't of the same calibre, and if Parramatta are to find form with the ball again it could definitely come up against this South Sydney side.

In team news, Mitchell Moses is back, and carrying the weight of the entire Eels fanbase on his shoulders. His return sees Jakob Arthur drop out of the side, while Reagan Campbell-Gillard won't feature after suffering a groin injury last week. Taking his place as starter is Oregon Kaufusi, while Bryce Cartwright will come onto the bench. Marata Niukore is also back from a knee injury, forcing Ray Stone out of the side.

For the Rabbitohs, star lock forward Cameron Murray is back from injury, pushing Jai Arrow to the back row and Jaydn Su'A to the bench and Moale out of the side. There are a host of changes on the South Sydney interchange, with Marshall and Tatola returning in place of Mago and Taafa. Liam Knight and Campbell Graham remain sidelined due to concussion protocols.

**Who to watch:** It goes without saying, but all eyes will be on Mitchell Moses and his ability to resurrect

an Eels attack not showing any signs of life at the moment. Against the Roosters last week, the Eels game plan inside the red zone consisted of pass it out wide, and then kick and hope they make a mistake, with very little structure. Last time the Eels played Souths they were missing Dylan Brown, and all 4 of their tries came off kicks. The Eels would certainly take it if they could do that again and grind out a victory with their defence, but they wouldn't turn down an improved attacking showing from both Moses and Brown either.

For the Rabbitohs, Tom Burgess continues to step up as a leader in the Rabbitohs forward pack. Last week, he had 16 runs for a whopping 202 metres (71 post contact), including one where he was tackled inches short of the try line in the shadows of fulltime. He also amassed 4 tackle breaks and an offload, while also making 22 tackles and missing just 1. Burgess will again have his work cut out for him this week against the likes of Paulo, Papali'I and Brown. Look for him to lay an excellent platform for Cody Walker and the like, who were extremely dangerous, particularly on the left, the last time these two sides met.

**Favourite:** The Rabbitohs are favoured by 8 and a half points at the time of writing.

**My tip:** The Eels will put up more points this week with the inclusion of Mitchell Moses, but it won't be nearly enough to cover for their severe defensive deficiencies, particularly on the edges. **Souths by 16.**

# NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS



# CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
11	7	11	-	50	19	Reece WALSH	<b>1</b>
14	6	-	-	24	26	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	<b>2</b>
5	-	-	-	-	28	Peta HIKU	<b>3</b>
1	-	-	-	-	18	Viliani VAILEA	<b>4</b>
13	4	-	-	16	25	Marcelo MONTOYA	<b>5</b>
7	2	-	1	9	22	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	<b>6</b>
8	1	-	-	4	23	Sean O'SULLIVAN	<b>7</b>
10	1	-	-	4	25	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	<b>8</b>
18	-	-	-	-	26	Jazz TEVAGA	<b>9</b>
15	-	-	-	-	26	Matt LODGE	<b>10</b>
9	5	-	-	20	26	Euan AITKEN	<b>11</b>
9	2	-	-	8	22	Joshua CURRAN	<b>12</b>
15	2	-	-	8	24	Bayley SIRONEN	<b>13</b>
18	4	42	-	100	27	Kodi NIKORIMA	<b>14</b>
17	2	-	-	8	25	Bunty AFOA	<b>15</b>
10	-	-	-	-	29	Kane EVANS	<b>16</b>
12	1	-	-	4	21	Eliesa KATOA	<b>17</b>
12	-	-	-	-	24	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	<b>18</b>
4	-	-	-	-	22	Edward KOSI	<b>20</b>
10	1	-	-	4	24	Jack MURCHIE	<b>21</b>
14	4	-	-	16	23	Adam POMPEY	<b>22</b>

Nathan BROWN

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Will KENNEDY	24	19	11	-	-	44
<b>2</b>	Sione KATOA	24	8	4	-	-	16
<b>3</b>	Will CHAMBERS	33	8	1	-	-	4
<b>4</b>	Jesse RAMIEN	24	12	3	-	-	12
<b>5</b>	Ronaldo MULITALO	21	13	7	-	-	28
<b>6</b>	Connor TRACEY	25	19	11	-	-	44
<b>7</b>	Braydon TRINDALL	22	13	3	18	-	48
<b>8</b>	Toby RUDOLF	25	19	1	-	-	4
<b>9</b>	Blayne BRAILEY	22	19	2	-	-	8
<b>10</b>	Aaron WOODS	30	19	3	-	-	12
<b>11</b>	Briton NIKORA	23	17	3	-	-	12
<b>12</b>	Siosifa TALAKAI	24	10	1	-	-	4
<b>13</b>	Jack WILLIAMS	24	19	2	-	-	8
<b>14</b>	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	26	14	1	-	-	4
<b>15</b>	Royce HUNT	26	2	-	-	-	-
<b>16</b>	Aiden TOLMAN	32	17	1	-	-	4
<b>17</b>	Andrew FIFITA	32	4	-	-	-	-
<b>18</b>	Jonaiah LUALUA	21	-	-	-	-	-
<b>19</b>	Luke METCALF	22	1	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Billy MAGOULIAS	24	9	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Matt MOYLAN	30	12	2	-	-	8

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# #NRLWarriorsSharks



Saturday 7  
August 2021



3:00PM  
AEST



Cbus Super  
Stadium,  
Robina QLD



Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport  
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## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Matt CECCHIN
Touch Judges	Darian FURNER Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL Bunker	Alan SHORTALL

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 43 MATCHES

**CRONULLA 26-17 (no draws)**

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: CRONULLA 8-2

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R9	Warriors 20-16	PointsBet Stadium	13,988
2015	R21	Cronulla 18-14	Mt Smart Stadium	12,481
2016	R16	Cronulla 19-18	PointsBet Stadium	12,074
2017	R21	Cronulla 26-12	Mt Smart Stadium	9,771
2018	R16	Cronulla 18-15	Mt Smart Stadium	14,195
2019	R18	Warriors 19-18	WestpacTrust	14,295
2019	R23	Cronulla 42-16	PointsBet Stadium	11,218
2020	R10	Cronulla 46-10	Central Coast	2,513
2020	R18	Cronulla 22-14	Netstrata Jubilee	2,306
2021	R17	Cronulla 20-12	Netstrata Jubilee	-

### BIGGEST WINS

2001	R23	Warriors 30-0	Mt Smart Stadium	10,131
2012	R22	Cronulla 45-4	Mt Smart Stadium	13,812

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Warriors (since 1995)	50 field goals	2 fg's
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	100 career points	4 points
Matt Moylan (CRO)	200 career points	6 points
Ronaldo Mulitalo (CRO)	100 club & career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

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### NEXT THREE: WARRIORS

R22	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN
R23	BRISBANE
R24	CANBERRA



### NEXT THREE: CRONULLA

R22	NEWCASTLE
R23	WESTS TIGERS
R24	BRISBANE

## Preview with Rob Crosby

New Zealand look to bring chaos to Cronulla's top eight hopes

The New Zealand Warriors will be looking to play spoilers when they face the Cronulla Sharks on Saturday afternoon at Cbus Super Stadium.

Sitting four points outside the top eight in 12th position, the New Zealand Warriors will be determined to use last week's inspirational win as a launching pad for a strong finish to the year.

Rallying from a 10-0 halftime deficit to down the Wests Tigers 18-16 last Friday, Nathan Brown will be hoping to record consecutive wins for the first time in his tenure as Warriors coach while keeping the side's mathematical hopes of featuring in finals football alive.

Regaining the services of Addin Fonua-Blake, Matt Lodge, Chanel Harris-Tavita and Josh Curran from injury and suspension, Euan Aitken has been formally named in the second-row after a strong introduction to the forward pack last week.

Locked on 18 premiership points as one of five teams vying for the final two positions in the top eight, the Cronulla Sharks will be hoping to continue a dominant record over their weekend opponents.

Winning 13 of their past 16 clashes against the Warriors since 2012, the Sharks will be aiming to replicate their previous win over the nomadic New Zealanders in the final match played in Sydney before the competition was uprooted to Queensland a month ago.

Rallying from an early deficit before going down comprehensively 40-22 to the Sea Eagles, coach Josh Hannay will be demanding an improved defensive effort after the side missed 51 tackles on Monday night.

Jesse Ramien will return in the centres after being withdrawn on game day last week due to an ear infection, while Jack Williams retains his place in the starting pack with Aiden Tolman dropping to the bench.

**Who to watch:** Making an eye-catching transition into the forward pack in his last outing, Euan Aitken will have his sights set on a similar showing on Saturday afternoon. Touted as a potential representative calibre outside back during his formative years in first grade, the 26-year-old centre may be set for a long-term future in the second-row after bagging

a double, breaking six tackles and aiming up with 41 tackles in last week's win over the Tigers. Earning rave comparisons to former centre-turned-second-rower Beau Scott from his coach, look for Aitken to be heavily involved as the Warriors strive to record back-to-back wins for the first time in close to a year.

Generating plenty of eyeballs for his outstanding post-try celebration against the Warriors earlier this season, interchange forward Braden Hamlin-Uele will be looking to make a similar impact on Saturday afternoon. Spending an extended stint on the sideline with a syndesmosis injury during May and June, the 26-year-old Auckland-born prop has struggled to recapture the form that saw him represent the Kiwis during his breakout 2019 campaign. Facing off against a New Zealand pack featuring some of the most formidable players in the league, the Sharks will need a strong showing from Hamlin-Uele as they strive to hold off the Titans, Knights, Raiders and Dragons for a place in the finals.

**Favourite:** Despite heading into the contest on a shortened preparation, the Sharks are expected to bounce back in daytime conditions.

**My tip:** Coming off an iconic performance and welcoming back a wealth of talent, the Warriors will have their sights set on going back-to-back at Suncorp. **Warriors by 11.**

# SYDNEY ROOSTERS



# PENRITH PANTHERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	7	5	-	38	28	James TEDESCO	<b>1</b>
19	10	-	-	40	30	Daniel TUPOU	<b>2</b>
9	1	21	-	46	24	Adam KEIGHRAN	<b>3</b>
19	8	-	-	32	25	Joseph MANU	<b>4</b>
3	1	-	-	4	30	Dale COPLEY	<b>5</b>
13	2	-	-	8	26	Drew HUTCHISON	<b>6</b>
14	7	22	1	73	19	Sam WALKER	<b>7</b>
19	-	-	-	-	32	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	<b>8</b>
8	-	-	-	-	22	Sam VERRILLS	<b>9</b>
19	-	-	-	-	30	Isaac LIU	<b>10</b>
16	8	-	-	32	25	Angus CRICHTON	<b>11</b>
17	11	-	-	44	24	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	<b>12</b>
12	-	-	-	-	23	Victor RADLEY	<b>13</b>
13	2	-	-	8	23	Lachlan LAM	<b>14</b>
15	2	-	-	8	24	Nat BUTCHER	<b>15</b>
8	-	-	-	-	21	Egan BUTCHER	<b>16</b>
15	-	15	-	30	29	Sio Siua TAUKEIAHO	<b>17</b>
10	-	-	-	-	24	Ben MARSCHKE	<b>18</b>
10	2	-	-	8	21	Fletcher BAKER	<b>19</b>
-	-	-	-	-	19	Moala GRAHAM-TAUFA	<b>20</b>
-	-	-	-	-	19	Naufahu WHYTE	<b>21</b>

Trent ROBINSON

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SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Dylan EDWARDS	25	13	3	-	1	14
<b>2</b>	Charlie STAINES	20	19	14	-	-	56
<b>3</b>	Paul MOMIROVSKI	25	10	4	-	-	16
<b>4</b>	Kurt CAPEWELL	28	15	5	-	-	20
<b>5</b>	Brent NADEN	25	4	1	-	-	4
<b>6</b>	Matt BURTON	21	17	12	2	1	53
<b>7</b>	Jarome LUAI	24	16	1	-	-	4
<b>8</b>	Moses LEOTA	26	17	2	-	-	8
<b>9</b>	Apisai KOROISAU	28	10	1	-	-	4
<b>10</b>	Liam MARTIN	24	18	3	-	-	12
<b>11</b>	Viliame KIKAU	26	18	8	-	-	32
<b>12</b>	Scott SORENSEN	28	11	1	-	-	4
<b>13</b>	Isaah YEO	26	16	2	-	-	8
<b>14</b>	Mitchell KENNY	23	13	-	-	-	-
<b>15</b>	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	25	15	3	-	-	12
<b>16</b>	Spencer LENIU	20	16	1	-	-	4
<b>17</b>	Matt EISENHUTH	29	15	1	-	-	4
<b>18</b>	Izack TAGO	19	4	1	-	-	4
<b>19</b>	Taylan MAY	19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	J'maine HOPGOOD	22	4	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Nathan CLEARY	23	12	8	65	1	164

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# #NRLRoostersPanthers



Saturday 7  
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5:30PM  
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Suncorp  
Stadium,  
Milton QLD



Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport  
2GB, 4BC

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Gerard SUTTON
Touch Judges	Phil HENDERSON Matt NOYEN
NRL Bunker	Henry PERENARA

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 94 MATCHES

**SYDNEY ROOSTERS 56-37 (1 DRAW)**

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: PENRITH 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R18	Sydney 24-4	BlueBet Stadium	13,654
2016	R7	Penrith 20-16	Allianz Stadium	10,117
2016	R22	Penrith 38-18	BlueBet Stadium	9,653
2017	R3	Sydney 14-12	BlueBet Stadium	11,044
2018	R15	Sydney 32-6	Allianz Stadium	10,078
2019	R13	Penrith 19-10	BlueBet Stadium	16,833
2019	R24	Sydney 22-6	S.C.G.	11,311
2020	R1	Penrith 20-14	BlueBet Stadium	10,160
2020	FN	Penrith 29-28	BlueBet Stadium	7,209
2021	R15	Penrith 38-12	BlueBet Stadium	14,406

### BIGGEST WINS

2009	R11	Penrith 48-6	BlueBet Stadium	8,515
2013	R21	Sydney 42-6	BlueBet Stadium	11,879

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
James Tedesco (SYD)	400 career points	10 points
James Tedesco (SYD)	200 club points	10 points
Sydney (since 1908)	7,400 tries	7 tries
Penrith (since 1967)	24,000 points	39 points

Match stats courtesy of

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### NEXT THREE: SYDNEY ROOSTERS

R22	BRISBANE
R23	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA
R24	SOUTH SYDNEY



### NEXT THREE: PENRITH

R22	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA
R23	SOUTH SYDNEY
R24	WESTS TIGERS

## Preview with Andrew Jackson

Once again, the Roosters will have their depth tested on Saturday night as they look to push towards an unlikely top-four berth.

Josh Morris was the latest to go down, succumbing to a hamstring issue and will be replaced by new recruit Dale Copley.

In a welcome boost though prop Jared Waerea-Hargreaves is free to play after being found not guilty at the judiciary.

The Roosters have been written off all year but continue to push on, scoring a 28-0 win over the Eels in their last start.

Trent Robinson's men made an error-riddled start to that game but Parramatta also struggled with its completion rate early and crucially the Roosters were able to capitalise.

This time around they have a far sterner task in the form of a desperate Panthers side.

Penrith was handed a reality check last week in a 37-10 defeat to Melbourne. No-one was expecting the undermanned Panthers to really test the Storm last week but even with their absences six tries conceded is simply not good enough. Coach Ivan Cleary said just as much post-game.

Fortunately for Penrith the cavalry return this week with Apisai Koroisau and Isaah Yeo named while Tevita Pangai Jr is set to make his club debut off the bench.

Nathan Cleary is also a chance of making a comeback after being included on the extended bench.

Stephen Crichton though will be sidelined due to suspension with Paul Momirovski recalled to first grade in his place.

Robert Jennings, meanwhile, has been dropped after a poor outing against the Storm with Kurt Capewell shifting to the centres and Brent Naden to the wing.

If Cleary plays though Matt Burton will take Capewell's spot with Matt Eisenhuth likely the man to drop out. Young gun Taylan May could also be in line for a debut if Cleary is simply playing ducks and drakes by naming Capewell at centre.

**Who to watch:** The Roosters are fortunate Jared Waerea-Hargreaves is available to play this week

as he shapes as their best hope of sticking it to a monster Panthers pack. Even without James Fisher-Harris, Penrith boast an impactful forward rotation only boosted by the inclusion of Pangai Jr. Waerea-Hargreaves though has taken on an increased leadership role in the Roosters side and pushed himself to play extra minutes when needed as the club battled an injury crisis. If Cleary does play look out for the Roosters prop to put plenty of pressure on the halfback in his first game back.

All eyes will be on the Panthers bench to see when coach Cleary injects late-season recruit Tevita Pangai Jr. Yes, there are question marks over Pangai Jr's fit in the Penrith squad and whether the club risks upsetting team unity but for the moment that is just speculation. All we can go off is on-field results and Pangai Jr adds plenty. As the league's most prolific offloading machine he will only make the Panthers a tougher unit to handle as the game drags on. He also has the streak of aggression needed to take it to Waerea-Hargreaves.

**Favourite:** The returning troops see Penrith strong favourites here.

**My tip:** The Roosters have a habit of proving doubters wrong and they may well do it again here. Even still though, it is too hard to tip against Penrith given the quality of the calvary it is welcoming back. **Panthers by 18.**

# MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



# MELBOURNE STORM

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
11	18	-	-	72	24	Tom TRBOJEVIC	<b>1</b>
19	18	-	-	72	20	Jason SAAB	<b>2</b>
19	7	-	-	28	24	Brad PARKER	<b>3</b>
15	6	-	-	24	23	Morgan HARPER	<b>4</b>
19	15	83	-	226	24	Reuben GARRICK	<b>5</b>
17	3	-	-	12	31	Kieran FORAN	<b>6</b>
17	7	1	1	31	32	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	<b>7</b>
19	-	-	-	-	23	Taniela PASEKA	<b>8</b>
19	4	-	-	16	24	Lachlan CROKER	<b>9</b>
18	2	-	-	8	31	Martin TAUPAU	<b>10</b>
13	5	-	-	20	22	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	<b>11</b>
13	2	-	-	8	20	Josh SCHUSTER	<b>12</b>
15	1	-	-	4	27	Jake TRBOJEVIC	<b>13</b>
12	3	-	-	12	26	Dylan WALKER	<b>14</b>
8	3	-	-	12	25	Karl LAWTON	<b>15</b>
9	-	-	-	-	25	Josh ALOIAI	<b>16</b>
16	2	-	-	8	26	Toafofoa SIPLEY	<b>17</b>
10	1	-	-	4	23	Mosese SULI	<b>18</b>
10	2	-	-	8	22	Cade CUST	<b>19</b>
2	-	-	-	-	28	Curtis SIRONEN	<b>20</b>
5	-	-	-	-	25	Kurt DE LUIS	<b>21</b>

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PENALTIES

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SET RESTARTS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
25	17	6	48	-	120	Nicholas HYNES	<b>1</b>
20	7	5	-	-	20	Dean IEREMIA	<b>2</b>
24	19	12	-	-	48	Reimis SMITH	<b>3</b>
27	19	9	-	-	36	Justin OLAM	<b>4</b>
26	17	21	1	-	86	Josh ADDO-CARR	<b>5</b>
26	14	5	16	-	52	Cameron MUNSTER	<b>6</b>
26	18	9	-	-	36	Jahrome HUGHES	<b>7</b>
32	18	1	-	-	4	Jesse BROMWICH	<b>8</b>
25	18	10	-	-	40	Brandon SMITH	<b>9</b>
27	15	1	-	-	4	Christian WELCH	<b>10</b>
29	16	1	-	-	4	Chris LEWIS	<b>11</b>
29	15	2	-	-	8	Kenneath BROMWICH	<b>12</b>
29	12	2	-	-	8	Dale FINUCANE	<b>13</b>
23	8	4	-	-	16	Harry GRANT	<b>14</b>
29	13	4	-	-	16	Tom EISENHUTH	<b>15</b>
27	2	-	-	-	-	Jordan GRANT	<b>16</b>
23	8	8	28	1	89	Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	<b>17</b>
20	5	2	-	-	8	Trent LOIERO	<b>18</b>
25	-	-	-	-	-	Tepai MOEROA	<b>19</b>
23	-	-	-	-	-	Isaac LUMELUME	<b>20</b>
22	4	1	-	-	4	Cooper JOHNS	<b>21</b>

Craig BELLAMY

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# #NRLManlyStorm



Saturday 7  
August 2021



7:35PM  
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Suncorp  
Stadium,  
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Nine Network  
Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport  
2GB, 4BC

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Adam GEE
Touch Judges	Dave MUNRO Peter GOUGH
NRL Bunker	Steve CHIDDY

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 38 MATCHES

MELBOURNE 22-15 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R8	Manly 12-10	AAMI Park	13,948
2016	R24	Melbourne 38-18	4 Pines Park	8,241
2017	R7	Melbourne 30-26	4 Pines Park	10,144
2017	R21	Melbourne 40-6	AAMI Park	15,036
2018	R11	Manly 24-4	AAMI Park	13,172
2018	R18	Melbourne 14-13	4 Pines Park	9,277
2019	R19	Manly 11-10	AAMI Park	14,836
2019	R24	Melbourne 36-6	4 Pines Park	14,640
2020	R1	Melbourne 18-4	4 Pines Park	10,315
2020	R16	Melbourne 30-6	Sunshine Coast	2,910

### BIGGEST WINS

2008	GF	Manly 40-0	Stadium Australia	80,388
2017	R21	Melbourne 40-6	AAMI Park	15,036

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Josh Aloiai (MAN)	100 career games	1 game
Kenneath Bromwich (MEL)	100 club & career points	8 points
Ryan Papenhuyzen (MEL)	200 club & career points	18 points

Match stats courtesy of

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### NEXT THREE: MANLY

R22	PARRAMATTA
R23	CANBERRA
R24	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN



### NEXT THREE: MELBOURNE

R22	CANBERRA
R23	GOLD COAST
R24	PARRAMATTA

## Preview with Hamish Parker

### The Battle of Suncorp

In what would have been another instalment of the famous "Battle of Brookvale", we now look forward to a fiery match between rivals Manly and Melbourne in Brisbane due to COVID-19 protocols. There have been some classics over the years between these two, with none being for famous than the 2011 match-up which saw Manly's Glenn Stewart and the Storm's Adam Blair mix it up before both being sent from the field. This Saturday's game shapes up to be another classic, with the sides currently arguably the best two teams in the competition.

Manly are coming off the back of another convincing win, beating out the Sharks 40-22 in their last outing. Fullback Tom Trbojevic starred again, with an incredible six try involvements. Three of those tries also belonged to himself. Manly are often cast as one of the only sides in the competition who have the potential to match it with the Storm. They have a chance to prove those claims this weekend in a game which could level them on competition points with the top 4.

The Storm were clinical again last week and made light work of heavyweights Penrith, winning 37-10. The Storm proved that they're still the top team in the race for this year's premiership, but they will have to get up for another big one this weekend against perhaps their biggest threat.

In team news, Sea Eagles coach Des Hasler has made a few changes ahead of this one. Taniela Paseka has been named to start, but may start off the bench as he did last week, with Toafofoa Sipleby back to the bench with a chance to start. Josh Aloiai is also a chance to start upon his return, but has been named to start on the bench with Curtis Sironen dropping back to the reserves.

Craig Bellamy's only changes to his team from last week are forced, following the suspension of Felise Kaufusi. Chris Lewis will come into the starting side to fill the hole left by Kaufusi in the second row. This sees Tom Eisenhuth come onto the bench for Melbourne to round out the changes.

**Who to watch:** When choosing who to look out for in Manly's side, it's hard to go past Tom Trbojevic. The fullback has been absolutely sensational this year in what may be one of the best individual seasons ever. It's crucial that Trbojevic is on his game for this one, facing the competition's best side. If Trbojevic can lead his side to a victory against Melbourne, it really stamps Manly's authority as contenders and would go a long way to securing the side a top four finish.

Starring as a fullback at Melbourne, many questioned Jahrome Hughes' ability to shift to a playmaking halfback role. Fast forward almost two seasons now and he is one of the best halfbacks in the competition. He's won a grand final at halfback, so we know the big games won't overwhelm him and if the Storm can pull off another win here, Hughes will have had a massive hand in what went right for Melbourne. In what shapes up to be a tight one, look for Hughes to control the game with a steady, calm approach.

**Favourite:** Given their current run of form, it's little surprise to see that Melbourne are again favourites to win this week.

**My tip:** In a competition this year that has separated the best from the worst so dramatically, we are finally about to see the two most in-form sides go toe-to-toe in what should be a tight one. Encounters between Manly and Melbourne are always tough games to pick, with it being a certainty that they'll both be up for the challenge. It looks like at the moment if anyone is going to beat Melbourne, it will be the Sea Eagles. But Melbourne won't allow Manly as much ball as other teams have given them, meaning the Sea Eagles' defence is going to be put to the test more than it has in previous weeks. Manly seem capable of holding off the Storm better than other sides which should make it tight, but I'm not sure they're going to be able to get over the line against a red-hot Storm. **Melbourne by 10.**

# CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS



# WESTS TIGERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
17	6	1	-	26	23	Nick MEANEY	<b>1</b>
14	1	-	-	4	23	Corey ALLAN	<b>2</b>
19	1	-	-	4	29	Will HOPOATE	<b>3</b>
8	2	-	-	8	20	Aaron SCHOUPP	<b>4</b>
2	-	-	-	-	24	Falakiko MANU	<b>5</b>
5	2	-	-	8	19	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	<b>6</b>
18	5	24	-	68	21	Jake AVERILLO	<b>7</b>
11	-	-	-	-	30	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	<b>8</b>
7	1	-	-	4	25	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	<b>9</b>
14	-	-	-	-	25	Jack HETHERINGTON	<b>10</b>
17	-	-	-	-	24	Corey WADDELL	<b>11</b>
15	2	-	-	8	26	Adam ELLIOTT	<b>12</b>
12	-	-	-	-	30	Josh JACKSON	<b>13</b>
12	-	-	-	-	26	Sione KATO A	<b>14</b>
16	2	-	-	8	28	Dylan NAPA	<b>15</b>
2	-	-	-	-	20	Chris PATOLO	<b>16</b>
10	-	-	-	-	21	Matt DOOREY	<b>17</b>
11	2	-	-	8	22	Tuipulotu KATO A	<b>19</b>
7	-	-	-	-	25	Joe STIMSON	<b>20</b>
11	1	12	-	28	22	Kyle FLANAGAN	<b>21</b>
5	-	-	-	-	20	Jackson TOPINE	<b>22</b>

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PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
<b>1</b>	Moses MBYE	FULLBACK	28	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>2</b>	David NOFOALUMA	WING	27	19	13	-	-	-	-	-	52
<b>3</b>	Michael CHEE-KAM	CENTRE	29	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>4</b>	Tommy TALAU	CENTRE	21	17	8	-	-	-	-	-	32
<b>5</b>	Ken MAUMALO	WING	27	16	10	-	-	-	-	-	40
<b>6</b>	Adam DOUEIHI	FIVE-EIGHTH	23	17	9	57	-	-	-	-	150
<b>7</b>	Luke BROOKS	HALFBACK	26	19	1	5	-	-	-	-	14
<b>8</b>	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	FRONT ROW	21	17	4	-	-	-	-	-	16
<b>9</b>	Jacob LITTLE	HOOKER	24	16	6	-	-	-	-	-	24
<b>10</b>	James TAMOU	FRONT ROW	32	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
<b>11</b>	Shawn BLORE	SECOND ROW	21	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>12</b>	Luciano LEILUA	SECOND ROW	25	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	12
<b>13</b>	Thomas MIKAELE	LOCK	23	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>14</b>	Alex TWAL	INTERCHANGE	25	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15</b>	Zachary CINI		21	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>16</b>	Joe OFAHENGAUE		25	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>17</b>	Kelma TUILAGI		22	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>18</b>	Tukimihia SIMPKINS	RESERVES	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>19</b>	Tom AMONE		24	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Jock MADDEN		21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Jake SIMPKIN		19	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	4

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# #NRLBulldogsTigers



Sunday 8  
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2:00PM  
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Cbus Super  
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Fox League  
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## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Chris BUTLER
Touch Judges	Belinda SHARPE Wyatt RAYMOND
NRL Bunker	Alan SHORTALL

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 38 MATCHES

**CANTERBURY 23-15 (no draws)**

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: 5-ALL

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R8	Wests Tigers 38-14	Stadium Australia	18,521
2016	R10	Canterbury 36-4	Stadium Australia	20,936
2016	R18	Canterbury 32-22	Stadium Australia	16,212
2017	R8	Wests Tigers 18-12	Stadium Australia	19,303
2018	R12	Wests Tigers 14-10	Stadium Australia	18,847
2018	R20	Canterbury 16-4	Stadium Australia	9,865
2019	R3	Canterbury 22-8	Campbelltown	15,127
2019	R21	Canterbury 18-16	Stadium Australia	9,636
2020	R7	Wests Tigers 34-6	Bankwest Stadium	519
2020	R14	Wests Tigers 29-28	Bankwest Stadium	2,758

### BIGGEST WINS

2005	R24	Wests Tigers 54-2	Stadium Australia	29,542
2008	R21	Wests Tigers 56-4	Stadium Australia	16,121
2013	R8	Canterbury 40-4	Stadium Australia	23,453

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Josh Jackson (CBY)	100 club & career points	4 points
Nick Meaney (CBY)	200 career points	8 points
William Hopoate (CBY)	100 club points	4 points
Wests Tigers (since 2000)	11,000 points	38 points

Match stats courtesy of

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### NEXT THREE: CANTERBURY

R22	WARRIORS
R23	NEWCASTLE
R24	MANLY-WARRINGAH



### NEXT THREE: WESTS TIGERS

R22	NORTH QUEENSLAND
R23	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND
R24	PENRITH

## Preview

with Emile El-Azar

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs host the Wests Tigers this Sunday afternoon, in a 2021 COVID Cup clash now to be played at an empty Cbus Super Stadium. This heavyweight contest was originally scheduled for Redcliffe - let's be honest though, even if crowds were allowed, Cbus would STILL be empty for this one.

The Bulldogs come into this clash on the back of one of their most insipid performances of the season - they just keep setting that bar lower and lower - this time in a 34-6 loss to the Titans, who were made to look like the Melbourne Storm at their absolute peak. The Tigers, not to be outdone, come into this after one of their most pathetic losses in club history, somehow losing the unlosable at the hands of a New Zealand Warriors side, that couldn't even name a full squad for their 18-16 victory.

Team news brings some welcome news for the Bulldogs. If last week's lineup was one of the most baffling this

long-suffering Dogs fan has ever seen, then this week's is one of the most sensible (Mr Gould's influence perhaps? I think so). In one of the most exciting changes, Bailey Biondi-Odo comes in at halfback, replacing Kyle Flanagan, who has now surely played his final match in blue and white. Jayden Okunbor, who to put it nicely, has 'had a bit of a struggle in recent weeks' has been dropped in favour of Kiko Manu, in another promising selection for the club. Allan moves back to the wing from fullback, and Meaney returns to his actual position at fullback, Seumanufagai starts, bumping the anonymous Dylan Napa to the bench.

For the Tigers, captain James Tamou makes a welcome return from injury, along with Thomas Mikaele, and both come straight into the starting side. Moses Mbye will move to fullback to replace the impressive Daine Laurie, who is out for the rest of the season with a broken fibula. Michael Chee Kam will start in the centres as a result. Alex Twal and Joe Ofaahengae are shunted down to the bench. Zac Cini has been named on the bench to make his NRL return - he hasn't been seen since Round 9.

Last time these sides met was in Round

14 of the 2020 COVID Cup at Bankwest, with the Tigers winning a see-saw battle 29-28, a late Luke Brooks field goal proving the difference.

**Who to watch:** For Canterbury, excuse me for being rather excited to see Bailey Biondi-Odo playing at #6 this week. I have such high hopes for him - let's hope Barrett gives him the rest of the year to show what he has, rather than chopping him a week (or 40 minutes) later.

Who to watch for Wests Tigers? Really it's to see which Tigers team shows up on any given week. To be slightly more specific, if the game-controlling, impressive version of Luke Brooks shows up, the Tigers will already be 75% on their way to victory.

**Favourite:** At the time of writing, Wests Tigers were \$1.50 favourites.

**My tip:** It's Canterbury and Wests. Which team will disappoint their fans more? It really is a toss of the coin. Both teams have made positive changes to their sides. Both teams have something to prove after embarrassing last outings. I'll go out on a limb and predict this one will go to Golden Point. **Bulldogs by 1.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 - 10 August

### Wednesday 4 August

Kaide Ellis (Dragons) 25  
Iosia Soliola (Raiders) 35  
Sam Stone (Titans) 24

### Thursday 5 August

Adam Doueihy (Wests Tigers) 23  
Tom Gilbert (Cowboys) 21

### Sunday 8 August

Tyrone Peachey (Titans) 30

### Monday 9 August

Bradman Best (Knights) 20  
Dominic Young (Knights) 20

### Tuesday 10 August

James Roumanos (Bulldogs) 22  
Jordan McLean (Cowboys) 30

# GOLD COAST TITANS



# NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
16	6	-	-	24	22	AJ BRIMSON	<b>1</b>
5	5	-	-	20	24	Greg MARZHEW	<b>2</b>
16	8	-	-	32	25	Brian KELLY	<b>3</b>
14	4	-	-	16	24	Patrick HERBERT	<b>4</b>
12	7	-	-	28	31	Corey THOMPSON	<b>5</b>
13	1	-	-	4	26	Ashley TAYLOR	<b>6</b>
2	1	11	-	26	20	Toby SEXTON	<b>7</b>
19	5	-	-	20	30	Jarrold WALLACE	<b>8</b>
15	1	-	-	4	31	Mitch REIN	<b>9</b>
17	2	-	-	8	21	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	<b>10</b>
18	6	-	-	24	32	Kevin PROCTOR	<b>11</b>
16	13	-	-	52	21	David FIFITA	<b>12</b>
16	3	-	-	12	21	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	<b>13</b>
14	1	-	-	4	23	Erin CLARK	<b>14</b>
11	-	-	-	-	27	Sam LISONE	<b>15</b>
9	2	-	-	8	23	Beau FERMOR	<b>16</b>
19	1	-	-	4	24	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	<b>17</b>
8	1	-	-	4	25	Esan MARSTERS	<b>18</b>
7	-	-	-	-	23	Sam McINTYRE	<b>19</b>
9	-	-	-	-	33	Anthony DON	<b>20</b>
17	4	55	-	126	27	Jamal FOGARTY	<b>21</b>

Justin HOLBROOK

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Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Valentine HOLMES	26	15	3	41	2	96
<b>2</b>	Kyle FELDT	29	16	9	-	-	36
<b>3</b>	Connelly LEMUELU	23	12	1	-	-	4
<b>4</b>	Ben HAMPTON	29	6	-	-	-	-
<b>5</b>	Murray TAULAGI	22	17	10	-	-	40
<b>6</b>	Scott DRINKWATER	24	19	5	11	-	42
<b>7</b>	Tom DEARDEN	20	12	4	-	-	16
<b>8</b>	Thomas GILBERT	21	9	-	-	-	-
<b>9</b>	Reece ROBSON	23	19	5	-	-	20
<b>10</b>	Jordan McLEAN	29	19	-	-	-	-
<b>11</b>	Jason TAUMALOLO	28	12	1	-	-	4
<b>12</b>	Heilum LUKI	20	6	1	-	-	4
<b>13</b>	Coen HESS	25	18	2	-	-	8
<b>14</b>	Mitchell DUNN	24	15	2	-	-	8
<b>15</b>	Ben CONDON	21	6	3	-	-	12
<b>16</b>	Lachlan BURR	28	14	1	-	-	4
<b>17</b>	Jake GRANVILLE	32	19	3	-	-	12
<b>18</b>	Francis MOLO	27	17	1	-	-	4
<b>19</b>	Daejarn ASI	21	2	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Peter HOLA	22	3	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Shane WRIGHT	25	16	1	-	-	4

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# #NRLTitansCowboys



Sunday 8  
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Cbus Super  
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Nine Network  
Fox League  
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ABC Sport,  
Triple M  
NRL Nation

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Ben CUMMINS
Touch Judges	Jon STONE Liam KENNEDY
NRL Bunker	Steve CHIDDY

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 26 MATCHES

**NORTH QUEENSLAND 16-10 (no draws)**

At Cbus Super Stadium: 11 matches, Gold Coast 6-5

### LAST TEN: TEAM

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R26	North Qld 32-16	1300Smiles	21,495
2017	R4	North Qld 32-26	Cbus Super	17,647
2017	R13	North Qld 20-8	1300Smiles	14,612
2018	R7	North Qld 26-14	1300Smiles	12,885
2018	R25	North Qld 30-26	Cbus Super	26,681
2019	R8	North Qld 28-14	1300Smiles	10,655
2019	R12	North Qld 6-4	Cbus Super	11,226
2020	R3	North Qld 36-6	QLD Country Bank	-
2020	R13	Gold Coast 30-10	Cbus Super	5,646
2021	R3	Gold Coast 44-8	QLD Country Bank	12,627

### BIGGEST WINS

2015	R26	North Qld 42-12	1300Smiles	16,977
2020	R3	North Qld 36-6	QLD Country Bank	-
2021	R3	Gold Coast 44-8	QLD Country Bank	12,627

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
AJ Brimson (GLD)	100 club & career points	4 points
Brian Kelly (GLD)	100 club points	12 points
Patrick Herbert (GLD)	100 career points	8 points
Kyle Feldt (NQL)	500 club & career points	8 points

Match stats courtesy of

# RUGBY LEAGUE project



### NEXT THREE: GOLD COAST

R22	SOUTH SYDNEY
R23	MELBOURNE
R24	NEWCASTLE



### NEXT THREE: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R22	WESTS TIGERS
R23	PARRAMATTA
R24	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

## Preview with Rick Edgerton

Titans on a finals surge as Payten rings the changes for out of contention Cowboys.

On the back of three wins from their last four games including a dominant victory over the Bulldogs on Monday night, the Gold Coast Titans have moved into the top eight for the first time since round 11.

Locked in a battle with the Raiders, Sharks, Knights and Dragons for the final two positions in the eight, Coach Justin Holbrook's men look in a strong position sitting 7th with the strongest points differential out of the five teams.

Welcoming back Patrick Herbert from suspension, the former Warrior takes the place of Esan Marsters at right centre, whilst Erin Clark will make his return from injury via the interchange in place of Tyrone Peachey who entered an early guilty plea for a dangerous conduct charge and will sit this one out.

The only other change sees David Fifita named to start in the second-row with Beau Fermor on the bench although the two have switched roles an hour before kick-off the last two weeks which has proven a winning formula thus far.

Although still just two wins out of the eight, the Cowboys chances of playing finals in 2021 have seemingly slipped through their grasp after they slumped to a seventh straight loss at the hands of the Broncos last Friday night.

That has likely prompted Coach Todd Payten to make a raft of changes as he continues to experiment with his line-up and work out how to get the best out of his underperforming side.

In positive news, Maroons representative Valentine Holmes will make his return from a shoulder injury suffered in Origin three in place of Jake Granville who played a surprise role at fullback over the last two weeks.

A season ending injury to rookie winger Kane Bradley sees Murray Taulagi pushed back out onto the flank with Ben Hampton coming into the centres. Tom Gilbert has been promoted to the front-row with Maroons forward Francis Molo dropped to the reserves and a new look back-row sees Jason Taumalolo and Heilum Luki on the edges with Coen Hess at lock. Finally, a completely revamped interchange will be formed by Mitchell Dunn, Ben Condon, Lachlan Burr and Granville.

**Who to watch:** After struggling through the Origin period whilst carrying a knee injury, livewire fullback Alexander Brimson has seemingly returned to full fitness in recent weeks and has been a key figure in the Titans recent run of good form. Running for an

average 178 metres over the past four weeks, the Queenslander's blistering speed and footwork is causing plenty of headaches for opposition defenders. Not crossing the try line since round 11, look for Brimson to get across this weekend against the Cowboys having scored doubles in his last two games against Sunday's opposition.

In a mouth-watering individual battle, the returning Valentine Holmes will look to provide some much needed attacking spark for the Cowboys. Seemingly nailing down the number one jersey before injury halted his progress, Holmes was averaging 178 metres and just shy of four tackle busts per game this season whilst continuing to strengthen his ball-playing with six try-assists. With just five games left in the Cowboys season, look for the Maroons ace to have a strong block of games in order to nail down the custodian role heading into next year.

**Favourite:** The Titans are considered strong favourites to down their Queensland rivals.

**My tip:** With Payten declaring the Cowboys finals ambitions all but dead and buried following their loss to the Broncos, that leaves little more than pride for the North Queenslanders to play for. That won't be enough against a Titans side looking to rack up a big win and further stake their claims for finals footy. Looking for Brimson to get across the line more than once at nice odds in a dominant victory. **Titans by 26.**

# NRL: ROUND 20 WRAP

## Thursday | SYDNEY 28 PARRAMATTA 0



### SYDNEY ROOSTERS (28)

**Tries:** Josh Morris, Sitili Tupouniua, Sam Walker, Daniel Tupou, Joseph Manu; **Conversions:** Adam Keighran (3/4), Sam Walker (1/1)

**Penalty Goals:** Adam Keighran (0/1)

### PARRAMATTA EELS (0)

**No scorers**

Venue: BB Print Stadium Mackay

Crowd: 4926

Halftime Score: Sydney 12 Parramatta 0

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - James Tedesco

2 points - Sam Walker

1 points - Joseph Manu

### OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

#### Roosters ramp up for finals football

The Sydney Roosters have made a statement in the run towards September by embarrassing the Parramatta Eels 28-0 in Mackay.

Claiming the scalp of a top four team for the first time this season, the Roosters steadied after a poor start to draw level with the fourth-placed Eels on 28 premierships points.

The victory proved to be a fitting result for Jared Waerea-Hargreaves who became the fifth player in the history of the Sydney Roosters to reach 250 first grade appearances for the foundation club.

In an error-riddled opening where both teams completed at a standard unbecoming of first grade, the Roosters struck the opening blow through recalled veteran Josh Morris (25th minute) following a strong run from Joey Manu in the lead up.

Doubling their lead in the following set, Sam Walker sent James Tedesco into space before Sitili Tupouniua (27th minute) finished off the play with his 11th try of the season.

Losing Reagan Campbell-Gillard with a groin injury inside the opening ten minutes, the Eels were dealt a further blow with Waqa Blake failing his HIA while Blake Ferguson sustained a nasty head gash that required stitches.

A try-saving tackle from Tedesco on Dylan Brown in the final minutes of the first half saw the Roosters head to the sheds up 12-0.

Producing a 12-point turnaround after Tom Opacic was deemed to have knocked on in the act of scoring, Walker (52nd minute) used his speed and a show-and-go to put the 'home' side up by three converted tries.

The Eels squandered another opportunity to get on the board with Clinton Gutherson knocking on prior to Brown diving over the try line.

Coming into the centres after spending much of the season as an interchange hooker, Adam Keighran made amends for a wayward penalty goal by delivering the final pass for Daniel Tupou (69th minute) to secure the two points.

Manu (75th minute) capped a memorable night in Mackay by racing 60 metres from a quick tap to round out the 28-0 victory.

In the only negative for the victors, Josh Morris departed the match midway through the second half with a hamstring injury in a further blow to the side's backline stocks.

Next week, the Roosters face the Panthers on Saturday evening as part of the Suncorp Stadium triple-header, while the Eels take on the Rabbitohs at CBUS Super Stadium on Friday night.

## Friday | WARRIORS 18 WESTS TIGERS 16



### WARRIORS (18)

**Tries:** Euan Aitken (2), Bunty Afoa

**Conversions:** Reece Walsh (3/3)

### WESTS TIGERS (16)

**Tries:** David Nofaluma, Adam Douiehi, Moses Mbye

**Conversions:** Adam Douiehi (2/3)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 12443

Halftime Score: Wests Tigers 10 Warriors 0

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Euan Aitken

2 points - Bunty Afoa

1 points - Joe Ofahengaue

### OUR REPORT with ADAM HUXTABLE

#### Classic Wests Tigers display as they hand the game to gutsy Warriors

The Wests Tigers have clutched defeat from the jaws of victory against the New Zealand Warriors, going down 18-16 in a game they had 1,816 opportunities to win at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

The way things started in Brisbane, you'd be forgiven for thinking it was a case of the Tigers by how many. They enjoyed a whopping 70% of possession through the first 15 or so minutes, however only crossed the line for the first time in the 20th minute through David Nofaluma.

The Tigers appeared to have finally found their groove, running the same play on the other side of the field, with Moses Mbye electing to run instead of pass. The result was the same, and the Tigers went up 10-0.

The second half started in a fashion that Tigers fans are all too familiar with, with the Warriors coming out and dominating field position before scoring an all too easy try just 4 minutes after play resumed.

The Warriors would harness their new found momentum and force a Tigers mistake the next time they had the ball. The Tigers forwards were noticeably flatter than they were in the first half, and it showed when big Bunty Afoa burst through the defensive line to set Reece Walsh up for a conversion to put the kiwis ahead.

The Tigers weren't without their chances for the next little period, however they blew a golden broken field opportunity when David Nofaluma's grubber went into touch off a Warrior who didn't play at the ball.

The Warriors began building pressure and forced a repeat set. The Tigers attempted to go short, and they did, it's just that it bounced right into Euan Aitken's lap and he scored his second try.

The Tigers hit right back through Adam Douiehi though, and we were set for a grandstand finish with just under 20 minutes to go.

Tigers fans will want to wipe what followed from their memory. They had a plethora of opportunities, including one instance 2 metres away from the try-line where they didn't have anyone in at dummy half.

A couple of attempted 2-point field goals from Douiehi and Brooks were well short, and the Warriors ended up waiting the clock out.

Next week, the Tigers will take on the Bulldogs at Redcliffe, while the Warriors are back at Suncorp against the Sharks.

## Friday | BRISBANE 37 NORTH QUEENSLAND 18



### BRISBANE BRONCOS (37)

**Tries:** Jamayne Isaako, Alex Glenn, Kotoni Staggs (2), Brodie Croft, Jordan Riki; **Field Goals:** Tyson Gamble (1/1); **Conversions:** Jamayne Isaako (5/6); **Penalty Goals:** Jamayne Isaako (1/1)

### NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (18)

**Tries:** Jake Granville, Tom Dearden, Kyle Feldt; **Conversions:** Scott Drinkwater (2/3); **Penalty Goals:** Scott Drinkwater (1/1)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 29136

Halftime Score: Brisbane 22 North Queensland 12

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Tyson Gamble

2 points - Payne Haas

1 points - Kotoni Staggs

### OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE

## Broncos buck Cowboys to pull away from the spoon

Brisbane has secured their fifth win of the season to defeat the Cowboys by 37-18 in an open affair at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Broncos five-eighth Tyson Gamble finished the game with three try assists and a field goal, while Kotoni Staggs also bagged a double in easily Brisbane's best performance in 2021 with the home side running in six tries. The win all but assures Kevin Walters' men will avoid successive Wooden Spoons in his first year as coach. The game for the Cowboys was marred by a Video Referee howler, when Cowboys winger Kyle Feldt was denied back to back tries late in the game. Feldt and five-eighth Scott Drinkwater looked to have swung the

momentum for North Queensland, when the Bunker intervened, ruling that Feldt had knocked on in attempting to ground the ball. Replays suggested that the evidence was not sufficient for the on-field decision to be overturned, however the Cowboys still made some crucial errors in key moments which was more to blame for the disappointing derby loss. With both sides a long distance from their high-profile clashes of recent times, there is never any love lost in the Queensland derby. And it was the Broncos struck first, when Tyson Gamble rolled the ball in goal for his winger Jamayne Isaako who flew down the sideline to get to the ball first and score the opening try of the night to give the Broncos a 4-0 lead early. Isaako was involved again minutes later when the off contract outside back made a break down the right-hand side, producing a kick inside for support. The ball was then picked up by Kobe Hetherington and sent wide to Alex

Glenn who dummied past the Cowboys cover defence to score a great try. The Cowboys needed to get in the game and did so, when Scott Drinkwater took the ball to the line and found his fullback in Jake Granville who crashed over to get the Cowboys on the board and trail by 10-4 after 21 minutes. North Queensland then made an error off the kickoff through Francis Molo and the ball was immediately shifted wide to the right for the Broncos strike weapon Kotoni Staggs to score, with Isaako kicking the Broncos away to a 16-4 lead. The Cowboys hit back though, when Drinkwater put up a bomb on the last which saw Isaako go from hero to villain when he spilled the ball which fell at the feet of backrower Tom Gilbert who found his halfback in Tom Dearden. Dearden then threw a dummy to scamper over for a satisfying try against his former club and keep his side in touch. Brisbane then scored their fourth try, when halfback Brodie Croft put damaging

backrower Jordan Riki through a gap and then provided support on the inside to score under the posts and the Broncos led 22-10 following Isaako's conversion. The Cowboys received a late penalty just seconds before the break, when Brisbane were penalised for a high tackle from Ethan Bullemor on Reece Robson and Cowboys narrowed the lead to 22-12 through Drinkwater's penalty goal on halftime. After the break, the Broncos struck first, when off the back of a Coen Hess error, Kotoni Staggs slipped down the right touch line from close range, following a neat pass from Danny Levi from dummy half to score his second try of the night and extend the Brisbane lead 28-12. The Cowboys then received a piggy back up field, following a second high tackle in the match from backrower Rhys Kennedy. Cowboys five-eighth Drinkwater then threw a superb cut out pass close to the line, which hit Kyle Feldt on the chest and Feldt then stepped back

inside the Broncos cover defence to score in the corner. Drinkwater converted from the sideline and it was 28-18 with a quarter of the match remaining. The Video Referee then denied the Cowboys what looked to be a certain second try to Kyle Feldt following a deft grubber from Drinkwater. However, despite the replay suggesting a clean put down by Feldt, somehow the Video Referee disagreed, ruling a Cowboys knock on. The Broncos were then handed a gift penalty, following a short drop out attempt gone wrong, with Kyle Feldt penalised for being in front of the kicker. Jamayne Isaako added the extras and extended the home side's lead to 30-18. Tyson Gamble then put an exclamation mark on the win with a field goal to make it a 13-point lead and then moments later produced a neat kick over the top which found Jordan Riki who scored a superb try to give Brisbane their biggest win of the season.

## Sunday | NEWCASTLE 34 CANBERRA 24



### NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (34)

**Tries:** Enari Tuala (3), Bradman Best, Kurt Mann, Kalyn Ponga  
**Conversions:** Jake Clifford (4/6); **Penalty Goals:** Jake Clifford (1/1)

### CANBERRA RAIDERS (24)

**Tries:** Harley Smith-Shields, Josh Papali'i, Hudson Young, Emre Guler

**Conversions:** Jarrod Croker (4/4)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Newcastle 22 Canberra 6

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Kalyn Ponga

2 points - Bradman Best

1 points - David Klemmer

### OUR REPORT with LACHY MacCORQUODALE

## Ponga and Knights too strong for undisciplined Raiders

The Canberra Raiders failed to capitalise on their recent form as they fell to the Newcastle Knights 34-24 in the first game of a triple header at Suncorp Stadium today.

It was the perfect start by the Newcastle Knights who scored in the fifth minute through Enari Tuala after the Knights shifted the ball to the left side of the field with Kalyn Ponga and Bradman Best combining, which gave Tuala space to run into. He had options on his inside but went himself and proved too big and strong for the Raiders defenders to stop. It only took a few minutes before the Knights doubled their lead. Newcastle once again attacked down the left edge as Ponga and Best combined once again but this time it was

Best who got the chocolates as he barged his way over a tackle close to the line. The Knights continued their superb start with Kurt Mann joining Tuala and Best on the scoresheet as he contested a Jake Clifford bomb and was rewarded as he caught it in mid air and grounded the ball as he landed to send a statement to the Raiders.

The Raiders finally responded through Harley Smith-Shields as Canberra shifted the ball right and fullback Jordan Rapana did a superb job holding the defenders up before he passed to Smith-Shields with gave the winger enough room to score in the corner. Canberra had plenty of opportunities at keeping the Knights in their own half but failed to do so through their undisciplined play. These missed opportunities allowed the Knights to strike a devastating blow as Enari Tuala scored his second try of the afternoon in the dying stages of the first half. The Knights shifted the ball left once again, after a

line break from Jake Clifford. Best and Ponga combined again to set up Tuala's try, the third try that both the left centre and fullback have been involved in. The Green Machine opened the scoring in the second term as they needed to do with Josh Papali'i tucked the football under his arm and beat David Klemmer with some nice foot work as he went over the try line to score next to the posts. However, it would mostly be the Knights from here on in. Just moments after the Radiers try, the Knights were awarded a penalty in front of the posts and they opted to take the two, extending their lead to two converted tries.

As they did in the first half, the Knights continued to attack down the left edge and were rewarded once again as Enari Tuala grabbed his third try of the afternoon as Ponga threw a brilliant cut out ball across the face Best which found the winger in space and Tuala grounded the ball in typical winger's fashion. The Raiders continued to drop the ball at the worst moments as they

failed to fight their way back into the match and in the 66th minute Kalyn Ponga put the Raiders to rest as he took on the defensive line on the first play from the scrum and was too hard to stop as he rolled across the white stripe to score the Knight's sixth try of the afternoon. Canberra managed to grab two late tries to improve the score in their favour but it was too little too late for the 'away' side. The two tries came through Hudson Young who capitalised on space after Jack Wighton made a line break and the second came through Emre Guler who took advantage of a tiring Newcastle defence as he put some footwork on at the line to weasel his way into a gap and grounded the ball right on the line. That was an important win for the Knights who are now sitting level with the Sharks, Dragons and Raiders on 18 points as they battle for a spot in the final eight. On the other hand the Raiders will be filthy with their performance this afternoon as a win would've taken them to seventh on the competition ladder.

# NRL: ROUND 20 WRAP

## Sunday | MELBOURNE 37 PENRITH 10



### MELBOURNE STORM (37)

**Tries:** Reimis Smith, Dean Ieremia (3), Jesse Bromwich, Harry Grant; **Field Goals:** Ryan Papenhuyzen (1/1); **Conversions:** Nicholas Hynes (1/2), Cameron Munster (1/1), Ryan Papenhuyzen (3/3); **Penalty Goals:** Ryan Papenhuyzen (1/1)

### PENRITH PANTHERS (10)

**Tries:** Brent Naden, Scott Sorensen; **Conversions:** Matt Burton (1/2)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Melbourne 18 Penrith 0

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Harry Grant

2 points - Jesse Bromwich

1 points - Dean Ieremia

### OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

#### No contest in grand final rematch

The Melbourne Storm have recorded a club record 16th win in succession by dominating the Penrith Panthers 37-10 at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Leading from start to finish in a match which saw rookie winger Dean Ieremia claim his first career hat-trick, Melbourne were never troubled by a Penrith side missing a number of star players due to injury.

In a frenetic opening where both teams signalled their intentions to attack, Reimis Smith (9th minute) withstood a valiant last-gasp effort from Matt Burton to slide over for first points.

The Storm extended their lead through Ieremia (12th minute) in the following set after a cross-field kick from

Josh Addo-Carr allowed the Victorian junior to pounce next to the posts.

Ieremia (18th minute) bagged his second of the afternoon after the bunker cleared Felise Kaufusi of an obstruction against Viliame Kikau in the lead up.

The Panthers attempted to get back in the contest through a barge-over from Liam Martin, however the combined strength of Brandon Smith and Cameron Munster ensured the home side kept their line in tact.

Ryan Papenhuyzen rounded out the first half scoring with a late penalty goal to send the Storm to the sheds up 18-0.

Continuing the flow of points after the resumption of play, Jesse Bromwich (53rd minute) crashed over for his first try of the season to elevate the Storm into outright first on the premiership ladder.

Harry Grant (63rd minute) burrowed over in his first match back from injury before Ieremia (65th minute) put himself in the right place to claim his first hat-trick in the NRL.

The Panthers avoided the embarrassment of being held scoreless for the first time since 2015 - incidentally against the Storm - with Matt Burton sending Brent Naden (71st minute) over in the corner.

Scott Sorensen (79th minute) collected a consolation four-pointer in his 50th NRL match, however the final say of the match belonged to Papenhuyzen who slotted a field-goal on full-time to seal the 37-10 victory.

Next Saturday as part of the Suncorp Stadium triple-header, the Storm will take on the Sea Eagles at 7.30pm, while the Panthers face the Roosters earlier in the day at 5.30pm.

## Sunday | SOUTH SYDNEY 50 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 14



### ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (14)

**Tries:** Billy Burns, Tyrell Fuimaono, Tyrell Sloan  
**Conversions:** Corey Norman (1/2), Jayden Sullivan (0/1)

### SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (50)

**Tries:** Latrell Mitchell (2), Adam Reynolds, Cody Walker, Taane Milne, Jaydn Su'A, Josh Mansour, Jai Arrow, Keaon Koloamatangi  
**Conversions:** Adam Reynolds (7/9)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: St George Illawarra 10 South Sydney 24

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Latrell Mitchell

2 points - Keaon Koloamatangi

1 points - Cody Walker

### OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

#### Souths sweep past sorry Dragons

South Sydney Rabbitohs posted a half century in their 50-14 demolition of the St George Illawarra Dragons tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

The Rabbitohs weren't at their blistering best but piled on the points against a Dragons side which were outclassed tonight led by their superstar fullback Latrell Mitchell to consolidate third position in the ladder.

Mitchell led from the front for the famous cardinal and myrtle. The fullback scored the first four pointer just strolling past the Dragons defense quickly followed by Cody Walker slicing through made it a 12-nil lead for Souths.

Dragons mounted a slight comeback with back-to-back

tries to get back to 12-10. Former Panther Billy Burns chased down a Ben Hunt grubber before another kick from the Saints halfback was swept up by Tyrell Fuimaono to get back in the game.

When the whips were cracked tonight, the Rabbitohs were the leaders. Taane Milne and Jaydn Su'A went bang bang just before the break which extended the lead out the lead to fourteen points at the half-time whistle. Coach Wayne Bennett still won't be pleased with their effort.

Josh Mansour strolled over five minutes after the break as it looked like the Rabbitohs would run away with the contest. Dragons again found a response when young fullback Tyrell Sloan had lift off after a Burns offload to cut the lead to 30-14 with 30 minutes to go.

From there, the Rabbitohs showed the gulf in class as they ran in four tries to go past the half century. The

first of which was a throwback, Adam Reynolds chipped for himself and outran Adam Clune then followed by Jai Arrow, Keon Koloamatangi and Mitchell to add the Dragons to the list of sides who can't win the Premiership due to having 50 posted against their name.

It seemed from the onset, the Dragons had factored this game as a loss after they rested Jack De Belin, Jack Bird and another player against one of the top four sides in the competition. Dragons are grimly holding on to eighth spot despite their loss and face an uphill battle to keep their finals hope alive.

For Souths, they are entrenched in third spot and remain just a step below the top two sides - Melbourne and Penrith - in the competition this year. Bennett will be happy with their effort in attack but the supercoach will have areas he wants to work on headed into the home stretch of the competition.

## Monday | GOLD COAST 34 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 6



### CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (6)

Tries: Bailey Biondi-Odo  
Conversions: Kyle Flanagan (1/1)

### GOLD COAST TITANS (34)

Tries: Ashley Taylor, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, Esan Marsters, Brian Kelly (2), Greg Marzhev  
Conversions: Toby Sexton (5/6)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Canterbury-Bankstown 0 Gold Coast 16

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Ashley Taylor  
2 points - Alexander Brimson  
1 points - Moeaki Fotuauka

### OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

## Titans breeze past battered Bulldogs

Gold Coast Titans move into the top eight after a comfortable 34-6 success against a battered Canterbury Bulldogs side tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

Back-to-back results have moved the Titans into the top eight after they ran in six tries to one led by mercurial five-eighth Ash Taylor and livewire fullback AJ Brimson that has bolstered their hopes of a finals charge.

Before the season Gold Coast were touted as one of the sides which would make the leap into the top eight. They have been more up-and-down than border restrictions across the country but might have timed their run perfectly. The Titans can pile on the points but the thing that coach Justin Holbrook will enjoy is only 10 and six conceded in the last fortnight after some huge scores racked up against them.

Coming off their 22-point success against the Dragons, Titans started the contest on the front foot with talisman Taylor kicking a 40/20 in the first ten minutes before they opened the scoring through one of their off-season splurges in Tino Fa'asuamaleaui from close range.

From there, the Titans opened up their shoulders and charged out to a 16-nil lead at the break. Brimson was a nuisance through the middle of the field which set up Esan Marsters to touch down before centre Brian Kelly raced through off a Taylor kick to complete the advantage.

Titans kept their foot on the throat after half-time, testing out the Bulldogs backline which had been prone to errors in the first half. Greg Marzhev took the Titans past 20 points when he was on the spot for a rebounded kick as the Titans looked to repair their disastrous for-and-against to help their finals chase.

Tonight was a game where Ash Taylor stood up and might have shown he wants the five-eighth spot alongside youngster Toby Sexton. Taylor was direct and purposeful with his kicking which trapped the Bulldogs several times. Taylor also started the break for his own four-pointer which featured Brimson.

Bulldogs are just playing out the string until the end of 2021 and look forward to a much more exciting 2022, hopefully. There was some consolation in the side not being kept to nil again after hooker Bailey Biondi-Odo scurried over to make it 34-6. It is almost certain they will now end the season with the wooden spoon.

Finishing off the contest in style, Titans pulled out the party tricks to make it 34-nil. Some wonderful displays of passing opened up the field before it ended up with Kelly again, who strolled over for his double. Gold Coast Titans now sit in seventh position headed into the final month of the season.

## Monday | MANLY-WARRINGAH 40 CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 22



### CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (22)

Tries: Will Kennedy (2), Braydon Trindall (2)  
Conversions: Braydon Trindall (3/4)

### MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (40)

Tries: Jason Saab (2), Reuben Garrick, Morgan Harper, Tom Trbojevic (3)  
Conversions: Reuben Garrick (6/7)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Cronulla-Sutherland 10 Manly-Warringah 16

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Tom Trbojevic  
2 points - Kieran Foran  
1 points - Braydon Trindall

### OUR REPORT with ADAM HUXTABLE

## Sizzling Sea Eagles ambush Sharks, now in Top 4 striking distance

The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles have set up a mouth watering encounter with ladder leaders Melbourne next week, disposing of the Sharks by 18 points in yet another Tommy Turbo masterclass at Suncorp Stadium.

The Sea Eagles had all the momentum from the outset and looked set to score every time they touched the ball. Despite this, the Sharks were relatively defiant early, with Braydon Trindall sprinting across field to deny Reuben Garrick of a certain try.

No less than 2 minutes later, it was Will Kennedy pulling off the miracle tackle, stopping speedster Jason Saab metres short of the line. Manly knocked on a couple of plays later and the Sharks looked to have held them off. 7 minutes later, the Sea Eagles made no mistake. Cherry-Evans put in a kick that was overrun by 3 players and looked to be going dead, but Jason Saab managed to reel it back in to score the opener.

Ronaldo Mulitalo invited the Gullies right back into attacking position by failing to defuse a DCE bomb. Manly executed a right side sweeping play to perfection, with Trbojevic throwing the last pass to Saab, who scored his second in 4 minutes.

By that point, the Sea Eagles had well and truly found their mojo. They rolled 100 metres upfield off the very next set and opted to run on the last, with Tom Trbojevic getting a late offload to Morgan Harper, who dove over.

The Sharks finally got a reprieve from the onslaught in the 23rd minute when Josh Schuster threw a forward pass. They took full advantage, with nifty fullback Will Kennedy getting on the outside and streaking away to put the Sharkies on the board.

The rest of the half was a bit of an arm wrestle, with the Sharks able to break the stalemate about 30 seconds before half-time. Braydon Trindall put in an ambitious grubber than bounced off Schuster into Nikora, before sitting right up for the halfback to get the Sharks within 6. Any hope the Sharks had of pulling off an upset was quickly snuffed out by Manly or, more specifically, Tom

Trbojevic. The star fullback received an offload from Lachlan Croker on the last, pinned the ears back and was too strong for the Cronulla defence. 5 minutes later, he took full advantage of a broken field situation and some terrible defence from Tolman and Fifita to sprint away and score again.

He wasn't finished either, getting Manly into great field position before steaming onto the ball as if he was a front rower, proving too strong for a retreating defensive line. Within 15 minutes, a 6-point game had turned into a 24 point game, and the Sharks were dead in the water.

The very next set Cronulla had, Jack Williams knocked on on play 2, gifting Manly excellent field position. What happened next wasn't exactly to script, with Tommy setting up the try for Reuben Garrick rather than scoring it himself.

Toby Rudolf and Taniela Paseka would each have a stint on the sidelines due to headbutting and tripping offences respectively. During this period, Cronulla would score two late consolation tries, both to the same men who scored for them earlier (Kennedy and Trindall).

# LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## 2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 20

After each game, our writers allocate 3-2-1 points to the best players on the field, including every NRL game and all three Origin matches. On this page we track the full tally for each player across the season.

**28 points** - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles 22, NSW 6)  
**26 points** - Nathan Cleary (Panthers 24, NSW 2)  
**23 points** - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)  
**20 points** - Clinton Gutherson (Eels)  
**19 points** - Will Kennedy (Sharks), Ben Hunt (Dragons 16, QLD 3)  
**17 points** - Nicholas Hynes (Storm)  
**16 points** - David Fifita (Titans), James Tedesco (Roosters), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs 14, NSW 2)  
**15 points** - Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers)  
**14 points** - Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Sam Walker (Roosters), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)  
**13 points** - Alexander Brimson (Titans), Payne Haas (Broncos 12, NSW 1)  
**12 points** - Kalyn Ponga (Knights)  
**11 points** - Brian To'o (Panthers), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Brandon Smith (Storm), Jarome Lui (Panthers 9, NSW 2)  
**10 points** - Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Isaiah Papalii (Eels), Reece Walsh (Warriors), Cameron Munster (Storm)  
**9 points** - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Harry Grant (Storm), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs)  
**8 points** - Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), George Williams (Raiders), Christian Welch (Storm)  
**7 points** - Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Matthew Dufty (Dragons)  
**6 points** - Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Maika Sivo (Eels), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Ashley Taylor (Titans)  
**5 points** - Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Tyson Gamble (Broncos), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Bradman Best (Knights), Josh Papalii (Raiders), Luke Keary (Roosters), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Brett Morris (Roosters), Jamal

Fogarty (Titans), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans 3, QLD 2)  
**4 points** - Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Nathan Brown (Eels), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs), Dale Finucane (Storm), Matt Burton (Panthers)  
**3 points** - Jordan Rapanua (Raiders), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Justin Olam (Storm), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Euan Aitken (Warriors), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Josh Hodgson (Raiders), Sam Williams (Raiders), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Moeaki Fotuauika (Titans), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Jake Granville (Cowboys), Adam Clune (Dragons), Connor Watson (Knights), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Ryan Sutton (Raiders)  
**2 points** - Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Jack Bird (Dragons), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Jesse Bromwich (Storm), Victor Radley (Roosters), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Matthew Lodge (Broncos), Phillip Sami (Titans), Marata Niukore (Eels), Waqa Blake (Eels), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Hudson Young (Raiders), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Bailey Simonsson (Raiders), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Tyrone May (Panthers), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Junior Paulo (Eels), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Tom Starling (Raiders), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Josh Morris (Roosters), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Bunty Afoa (Warriors)  
**1 point** - David Klemmer (Knights), Joe Ofahengaue (Wests Tigers), Dean Ieremia (Storm), Lachlan Lewis (Bulldogs), Drew Hutchison (Roosters), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Paul Momirovski (Panthers), Dylan Brown (Eels), Siosiaua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Toby Sexton (Titans), Ryan James (Raiders), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warriors), Corey Thompson (Titans), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), David Nofotaluma (Wests Tigers), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Kurt Mann (Knights), Francis Molo (Cowboys), Caleb Aekins (Raiders), Brodie Jones (Knights), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Moses Leota (Panthers), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Alex Twaal (Wests Tigers), Emre Guler (Raiders), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Enari Tuala (Knights), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Xavier Coates (Broncos), Shane Wright (Cowboys), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Andrew McCullough (Dragons)

## NRL MATCH REVIEW

## Round 20 Charge Sheet

Player	Club	Charge - Grade	On who?	Base Penalty	Priors / discounts (loading)	Carry overs	Points/fine if guilty	Points/fine early plea	Plea / result	Suspension / fine	Carryovers accrued
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	Sydney Roosters	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Nathan Brown	100*	3 non similar (+60%)	0	160	120	Not guilty at judiciary	None	N/A
Sio Siva TAUKEIAHO	Sydney Roosters	Careless High Tackle - 1	Waqa Blake	\$1500	1 similar (+50%)	N/A	\$2250	\$1700	Guilty - early plea	\$1700	N/A
Joe OFAHENGAUE	Wests Tigers	Careless High Tackle - 1	Euan Aitken	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Ethan BULLEMOR	Brisbane	Careless High Tackle - 1	Reece Robson	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Coen HESS	North Queensland	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Tyson Gamble	\$1500	2 x non-similar priors (+40%)	N/A	\$2100	\$1600	Guilty - early plea	\$1600	N/A
Danny LEVI	Brisbane	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Tom Dearden	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Not guilty at judiciary	None	N/A
Jarome LUAI	Penrith	Careless High Tackle - 1	Kenny Bromwich	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Felise KAUFUSI	Melbourne	Careless High Tackle - 1	Matt Burton	100*	2 x non-similar priors (+40%)	0	140	105	Guilty - early plea	1 match	5
J'maine HOPGOOD	Penrith	Careless High Tackle - 1	Kenny Bromwich	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Kurt CAPEWELL	Penrith	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Dale Finucane	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	Contrary Conduct - 1	Cameron Munster	100*	1 x similar, 1 x non-similar (+70%)	0	170	127	Guilty - early plea	1 match	27
Jaydn SU'A	South Sydney	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Ben Hunt	\$1500	2 x non-similar priors (+40%)	N/A	\$2100	\$1600	Guilty - early plea	\$1600	N/A
Tyrell FUIMAONO	St George Illawarra	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Dane Gagai	100*	1 x similar, 2 x non-similar (+90%)	0	190	142	Guilty - early plea	1 match	42
Tyrone PEACHEY	Gold Coast	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Aaron Schoupp	100*	3 x non-similar (+60%)	0	160	120	Guilty - early plea	1 match	20
Braydon TRINDALL	Cronulla	Careless High Tackle - 1	Brad Parker	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Toby RUDOLF	Cronulla	Contrary Conduct - 1	Reuben Garrick	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Taniela PASEKA	Manly	Tripping - 1	Luke Metcalf	\$1500	1 similar (+50%)	N/A	\$2250	\$1700	Guilty - early plea	\$1700	N/A

\* not eligible for fine due to at least 2 fine-related offences this season

# UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

## BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

### ROUND 16 RESULTS

**Warrington Wolves 21** Tries: Jake Mamo, Josh Thewlis, Blake Austin; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 4; Field Goals: Blake Austin 1 **def Wigan Warriors 8** Tries: Liam Marshall 2 **at Halliwell Jones Stadium** --/-- **Catalans Dragons 40** Tries: Fouad Yaha 2, Gil Dudson, Sam Kasiano, Sam Tomkins, Alrix Da Costa; Goals: James Maloney 8 **def Wakefield Trinity 20** Tries: David Fifita 2, Yusuf Aydin; Goals: Mason Lino 4 **at Stade Gilbert Brutus** --/-- **Leeds Rhinos 22** Tries: Cameron Smith, Richie Myler, Brad Dwyer; Goals: Rhyse Martin 5 **def Hull FC 12** Tries: Carlos Tuimavave, Adam Swift; Goals: Marc Sneyd 2 **at MKM Stadium** --/-- **Postponed:** Salford v Hull KR, Leigh v Castleford, St Helens v Huddersfield

### ROUND 17 RESULTS

**Wigan Warriors 50** Tries: Umyla Hanley 3, Jackson Hastings, Joe Shorrocks, Sam Halsall, Liam Farrell 2, Thomas Leuluai; Goals: Harry Smith 7 **def Leigh Centurions 6** Tries: Liam Hood; Goals: Joe Mellor **at DW Stadium** --/-- **Warrington Wolves 27** Tries: Danny Walker, Josh Charnley, Blake Austin, Mike Cooper; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 5; Field Goals: George Williams 1 **def Leeds Rhinos 26** Tries: Harry Newman 2, Brad Dwyer, Mikolaj Oledzki; Goals: Rhyse Martin 5 **at Emerald Headingley Stadium** --/-- **Catalans Dragons 23** Tries: Sam Tomkins, Samisoni Langi, Romain Franco; Goals: James Maloney 5; Field Goals: James Maloney 1 **def Hull KR 16** Tries: Adam Quinlan 2; Goals: Jordan Abdull 4 **at Hull College Craven Park** --/-- **St Helens 42** Tries: Jack Welsby 3, Kevin Naiqama, Kyle Amor, Joel Thompson, Tommy Makinson; Goals: Lachlan Coote 7 **def Hull FC 10** Tries: Bureta Faraimo, Adam Swift; Goals: Marc Sneyd 1 **at MKM Stadium** --/-- **Huddersfield Giants 34** Tries: Jermaine McGillvary, Leroy Cudjoe 2, Luke Yates, Nathaniel Peteru; Goals: Oliver Russell 7 **def Castleford Tigers 16** Tries: Jake Sweeting, Brad Graham, Paul McShane; Goals: Paul McShane 2 **at Mend-A-Hose Jungle** --/-- **Postponed:** Wakefield v Salford

### CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Win %
1	Catalans	16	15	1	0	482	262	220	30	93.75
2	St Helens	13	11	2	0	328	106	222	22	84.62
3	Warrington	15	11	3	1	456	247	209	23	76.67
4	Wigan	17	11	6	0	305	295	10	22	64.71
5	Hull FC	14	7	6	1	308	279	29	15	53.57
6	Leeds	16	8	8	0	380	290	90	16	50.00
7	Hull KR	12	6	6	0	287	267	20	12	50.00
8	Castleford	15	6	9	0	267	388	-121	12	40.00
9	Huddersfield	16	5	11	0	278	334	-56	10	31.25
10	Salford	14	4	10	0	237	405	-168	8	28.57
11	Wakefield	16	4	12	0	279	394	-115	8	25.00
12	Leigh	14	0	14	0	218	558	-340	0	0.00

### ROUND 18 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Fri 6 Aug	7:45pm	Leeds v Castleford	Emerald Headingley
		Wigan v Salford	DW Stadium
Sat 7 Aug	2:30pm	St Helens v Catalans	Totally Wicked Stadium
Sun 8 Aug	3:00pm	Huddersfield v Wakefield	John Smith's Stadium
		Warrington v Hull FC	Halliwell Jones Stadium
	6:30pm	Leigh v Hull KR	Leigh Sports Village

## BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

### ROUND 15 RESULTS

**Swinton Lions 22** Tries: Owen Buckley, Louis Brogan, Mitch Cox, Jack Hansen; Goals: Jack Hansen 2 **def Dewsbury Rams 18** Tries: Matthew Fleming, Jonathan Magrin, Sam Day; Goals: Paul Sykes 3 **at Tetley's Stadium** --/-- **Toulouse Olympique 23** Tries: Dominique Peyroux 2, Justin Sangare, Remi Casty; Goals: Mark Kheirallah 3; Field Goals: Tony Gigot 1 **def Featherstone Rovers 6** Tries: Gareth Gale; Goals: Craig Hall 1 **at Millennium Stadium** --/-- **Halifax Panthers 24** Tries: James Woodburn-Hall, Greg Worthington, James Saltonstall 2, Liam Harris; Goals: Liam Harris 2 **def Bradford Bulls 21** Tries: Brandon Pickersgill, Thomas Doyle, Brad England, Joe Brown; Goals: Sam Hallas 2; Field Goals: George Flanagan 1 **at The Shay Stadium** --/-- **Whitehaven RLFC 20** Tries: Nikau Williams, Karl Dixon, Andrew Bulman; Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 2 **def Newcastle Thunder 14** Tries: Ukuma Ta'ai, Kieran Gill; Goals: Josh Woods 2 **at Kingston Park** --/-- **London Broncos 30** Tries: Josh Walters, Abbas Miski x2, Jarrod Sammut,

Jacob Jones; Goals: Chris Hankinson 4 **def Oldham RLFC 20** Tries: Ryan Ince, Tyler Dupree, Martin Reilly; Goals: Dan Abram 3 **at Bower Fold** --/-- **Batley Bulldogs 34** Tries: Kieran Buchanan, Elliott Hall 2, Alistair Leak, Dane Manning, Levi Edwards; Goals: Tom Gilmore 5 **def Widnes Vikings 16** Tries: Deon Cross 2, Danny Craven; Goals: Jack Owens 2 **at Halton Stadium** --/-- **Postponed:** Sheffield v York

### CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	DIF %	WIN %
1	Toulouse	10	10	0	0	456	94	20	485.11	100.00
2	Featherstone	14	13	1	0	579	189	26	306.35	92.86
3	Halifax	15	11	4	0	422	220	22	191.82	73.33
4	Batley	15	10	5	0	404	302	20	133.77	66.67
5	Bradford	14	9	5	0	375	339	18	110.62	64.29
6	London	14	9	4	1	402	357	17	112.61	60.71
7	Whitehaven	15	6	8	1	297	410	13	72.44	43.33
8	Widnes	14	5	8	1	323	378	11	85.45	39.29
9	Sheffield	14	4	7	3	313	413	11	75.79	39.29
10	Newcastle	14	5	8	1	298	420	11	70.95	39.29
11	York	14	5	9	0	345	327	10	105.50	35.71
12	Dewsbury	14	4	9	1	215	401	9	53.62	32.14
13	Oldham	14	2	12	0	210	498	4	42.17	14.29
14	Swinton	15	1	14	0	256	547	2	46.80	6.67

**DEDUCTION:** London Broncos: 2 points, Failing to fulfil their away fixture at Toulouse in February.

### ROUND 16 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Sun 8 Aug	3:00pm	Batley v Featherstone	Fox's Biscuit Stadium
		Bradford v Sheffield	Odsal Stadium
		Halifax v Newcastle	The Shay Stadium
		London v Toulouse	Trailfinders
		Swinton v Oldham	Heywood Road
		Whitehaven v Dewsbury	Recreation Ground
		York v Widnes	LNER Community Stadium



# 2021 NRL DRAW

## ROUND 1

Thursday, Mar 11  
Friday, Mar 12  
  
Saturday, Mar 13  
  
Sunday, Mar 14

### March 11-14

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

## ROUND 2

Thursday, Mar 18  
Friday, Mar 19  
  
Saturday, Mar 20  
  
Sunday, Mar 21

### March 18-21

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

## ROUND 3

Thursday, Mar 25  
Friday, Mar 26  
  
Saturday, Mar 27  
  
Sunday, Mar 28

### March 25-28

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

## ROUND 4

Thursday, Apr 1  
Friday, Apr 2  
  
Saturday, Apr 3  
  
Sunday, Apr 4  
  
Monday, Apr 5

### April 1-5

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

### Easter Weekend

## ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8  
Friday, Apr 9  
  
Saturday, Apr 10  
  
Sunday, Apr 11

### April 8-11

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

## ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15  
Friday, Apr 16  
  
Saturday, Apr 17  
  
Sunday, Apr 18

### April 15-18

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

## ROUND 7

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

### April 22-25

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

### ANZAC Round

## ROUND 8

Thursday, Apr 29  
Friday, Apr 30  
  
Saturday, May 1  
  
Sunday, May 2

### April 29-May 2

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

## ROUND 9

Thursday, May 6  
Friday, May 7  
  
Saturday, May 8  
  
Sunday, May 9

### May 6-9

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

## ROUND 10

Friday, May 14  
  
Saturday, May 15  
  
Sunday, May 16

### May 14-16

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

### Magic Round Brisbane

## ROUND 11

Thursday, May 20  
Friday, May 21  
  
Saturday, May 22  
  
Sunday, May 23

### May 20-23

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

## ROUND 12

Thursday, May 27  
Friday, May 28  
  
Saturday, May 29  
  
Sunday, May 30

### May 27-30

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

### Indigenous Round

## ROUND 13

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

### June 3-6

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

## STATE OF ORIGIN 1

Wednesday, Jun 9

### June 9

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

Friday, Jun 11  
  
Saturday, Jun 12  
  
Sunday, Jun 13  
  
Monday, Jun 14

### June 11-14

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

# 2021 NRL DRAW

## ROUND 15

Thursday, Jun 17  
Friday, Jun 18

Saturday, Jun 19

Sunday, Jun 20

## WOMEN'S ORIGIN

Friday, Jun 25

## ORIGIN 2

Sunday, Jun 27

## ROUND 16

Thursday, Jul 1  
Friday, Jul 2

Saturday, Jul 3

Sunday, Jul 4

## ROUND 17

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

## ORIGIN 3

Wednesday, Jul 14

## ROUND 18

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

## ROUND 19

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

## ROUND 20

Thursday, Jul 29  
Friday, Jul 30  
Sunday, Aug 1  
Monday, Aug 2

## June 17-20

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

## Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

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

## June 25

QLD v NSW

8-6 Sun. Coast 7:40pm

## June 27

QLD v NSW

0-26 Suncorp 7:50pm

## July 1-4

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

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

## July 8-11

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

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

## July 14

NSW v QLD

18-20 Cbus Super 8:10pm

## July 16-18

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

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

## July 22-25

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

10-12 Cbus 7:50pm  
28-8 Sun Coast 6:00pm  
16-20 QLD C.B. 7:55pm  
60-22 Sun. Coast 3:00pm  
44-24 Suncorp 5:30pm  
18-12 Suncorp 7:35pm  
10-32 Cbus 1:50pm  
24-44 Cbus 4:05pm

## July 29-August 1

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

28-0 Mackay 7:50pm  
16-18 Suncorp 6:00pm  
37-18 Suncorp 8:05pm  
34-24 Suncorp 1:50pm  
37-10 Suncorp 4:05pm  
14-50 Suncorp 6:25pm  
6-34 Suncorp 6:00pm  
22-40 Suncorp 8:05pm

## ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5  
Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

## August 5-8

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

Suncorp 7:50pm  
Cbus Super 6:00pm  
Cbus Super 8:05pm  
Cbus Super 3:00pm  
Suncorp 5:30pm  
Suncorp 7:35pm  
Cbus Super 1:50pm  
Cbus Super 4:05pm

## ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12  
Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

## August 12-15

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

## Women in League Round

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

## ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19  
Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

## August 19-22

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

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

## ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26  
Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

## August 26-29

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

Venue TBC 7:50pm  
Venue TBC 6:00pm  
Venue TBC 7:55pm  
Venue TBC 3:00pm  
Venue TBC 5:30pm  
AAMI Park 7:35pm  
Venue TBC 2:00pm  
Venue TBC 4:05pm

## ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2  
Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

## September 2-5

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

Venue TBC 7:50pm  
Venue TBC 6:00pm  
Venue TBC 7:55pm  
Venue TBC 3:00pm  
QLD Country Bank 5:30pm  
Venue TBC 7:35pm  
Cbus Super 2:00pm  
Venue TBC 4:05pm

## 2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES

### WEEK 1

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

### SEPTEMBER 10-12

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

### Qualifying & Elimination Finals

Venue TBC  
Venue TBC  
Venue TBC  
Venue TBC

### WEEK 2

Day/Time TBC  
Day/Time TBC

### SEPTEMBER 17-18

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

### Semi Finals

Venue TBC  
Venue TBC

### WEEK 3

Day/Time TBC  
Day/Time TBC

### SEPTEMBER 24-25

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

### Preliminary Finals

Venue TBC  
Venue TBC

## GRAND FINAL

Sun, Time TBC

## OCTOBER 2

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Venue TBC

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