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Rebuilt spine

Brailley excited as Newcastle return to full strength

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WITH FINALS FAST APPROACHING,
WHO HAVE PENRITH GOT THEIR EYE ON?



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The screenshot displays the League Unlimited website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, NEWS, COMPETITIONS & STATS, QUICK LINKS, FORUMS, and LIVE. Below this is a 'Match Centre: Round 19' section with a table of match results:

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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 the upcoming game between MELBOURNE STORM and PENRITH PANTHERS. The score is 0-0, and the match is scheduled for 7:35pm on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Suncorp Stadium. A pre-match timer shows 0:00. Navigation tabs include PRE-MATCH, TEAMS, PLAY BY PLAY, SCORERS, and WRAP UP. Below this is a 'Round 20:' section with 'Form Guide' and 'Upcoming Games' for both teams.

Form Guide:

- Melbourne Storm:** Round 19 (16-20), Round 18 (48-4)
- Penrith Panthers:** Round 21 (0-0), Round 18 (16-30)

Upcoming Games:

- Melbourne Storm:** Round 21 at Suncorp Stadium, Round 22 at AAMI Park
- Penrith Panthers:** Round 21 at Suncorp Stadium, Round 22 at WIN Stadium

On the left side of the screenshot, there is a news article titled 'NRL statement: Api Koroisau' and a 'Latest News' section with a sub-headline 'Storm sneak past the Cowboys to record 15th win in a row'.

THERE IS NO OFF-SEASON

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From the editor

Tim Costello

As has been the case for a couple of months now, COVID's impacts continue to dominate the NRL. The entire competition currently sits in Queensland, with 15 of 16 teams in the South-East corridor of the state which has - as at the time of writing - just come out of lockdown and thankfully, crowds will be able to attend matches across the four venues in use this weekend.

Inside the magazine this week we have a look at Penrith's finals charge with Stephen Crichton, as well as Newcastle hooker Jayden Brailey returning to the Novocastrian line-up and completing a full-strength spine. TheBiggestTiger has chosen two Storm legends for his weekly illustration (see page 9) and we've also brought you the latest on the frustrating news from the state leagues - with NSWRL confirming the abandonment of their major competitions and the QRL having to make significant changes to ensure their seasons are completed.

Don't forget to flick through the program for a comprehensive look at the weekend ahead, a full review of the weekend gone and the huge Match Review Committee charges list that Round 21 delivered. Thanks for checking out The Front Row! Happy reading.

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PURRING PANTHERS

STORY BY PAUL JOBBER

IMAGE PANTHERS MEDIA

CRICHTON SAYS PENRITH ARE POISED FOR A SEPTEMBER RUN

After a few false starts Penrith have found a formula that works against other top eight contenders and now centre Stephen Crichton hopes they stick with it.

The Panthers knocked off the Sydney Roosters last weekend without halfback Nathan Cleary and while Crichton would love his captain to return sooner than later he knows they can get the job done without him.

He is aware of the importance of having a fit and firing Cleary at the back end of the season.

Crichton also thinks that whenever Cleary does return from a shoulder injury he won't take long to settle into the groove and the Panthers will start purring again.

"He knows the game in and out and said he played his best footy before the injury," Crichton said.

"So every week he's in every meeting with the boys and giving us tips about other teams and the way to play. He's still teaching us the game as if he's been playing for 10 years."

The 20-year-old centre also missed the six-point win over the Roosters due to suspension with his return against the Dragons this weekend to add another dimension to the Panthers attack.

"100 percent it burns every time you don't get the chance to go out with the boys and I definitely used that week to prepare myself mentally and physically," he said.

"I'm definitely keen to get back this week."

Penrith will gain plenty of confidence from last week's win, but Crichton knows they still have plenty to work on.

"Getting a win was definitely a confidence booster for our team, but we still have a lot to work on in attack and those are the things we're working on to be better for the next game," he said.

"We've definitely used last year as a big experience leading into the finals and we've got to finish the year strong. We just take it game by game and week by week and look after our injuries so we can put our best foot forward."

The high-flying Manly Sea Eagles have a lot of top four teams nervously looking over their shoulders and Crichton admitted the Panthers were wary of the team from the northern beaches.

Penrith hold a 2-0 record over the Eagles this season, but it appears likely the two teams will meet again in week two or three of the finals.

"Manly having Tommy Turbo back is a big influence for their team, but they are high contenders for the title," Crichton said.

"Even if we don't play them or we do play them, they're fighting for the title. It will be good to verse them if we see them in finals footy."

SURGICAL PROCEDURE

BRAILEY RETURNS AS KNIGHTS' SPINE IS PUT BACK TOGETHER

Newcastle are getting players back on the field at just the right time ahead of the sprint to the NRL finals series.

For just the second time this season Newcastle will field their first-choice spine on Sunday.

Hooker Jayden Brailey will once again line up alongside fullback Kalyn Ponga, halfback Mitchell Pearce and five-eighth Jake Clifford.

The only other time they have done so in 2021 was a month ago when the Knights ran rampant in a 38-0 shutout of the Cowboys.

While the Knights appear to have the best run home of any of the sides competing for the bottom two spots in the top eight, Brailey knows they can't afford a slip-up.

"We're coming into the last month of competition and time isn't on our side," Brailey said.

"We need to win football games, but we're focusing on us more than anything and fingers crossed we can keep it going."

Halfback Pearce made a successful return from a hamstring injury last week, but Brailey was missing courtesy of a head knock he suffered against the Raiders four days previous.

Before that, Ponga was missing.

The hooker said Pearce's influence is often understated with the Knights possessing an 83 per cent winning rate when he's been on the field in 2021.

They have won five of six games he has finished with a 24-20 loss to the Tigers the only defeat they have suffered in that time.

Confidence levels would be high ahead of the crucial clash with the Sharks at Redcliffe.

"It's not just (Pearce's) skills on the footy field, but just his energy and the atmosphere he brings," Brailey said.

"There's also his experience and there's a lot of great qualities that Junior brings to our footy side and we missed him there for a good chunk of the season.

"It's really good to have him back."



STORY BY
PAUL JOBBER
IMAGE KNIGHTS MEDIA

NSWRL makes tough call to abandon Major Competitions

NSWRL Media Release, Tuesday 10 August

The NSWRL Board has made the very difficult decision to abandon a number of Major Competitions for the 2021 season in response to the COVID-19 outbreak across the Greater Sydney Region.

The competitions affected include The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup, Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership, Jersey Flegg Cup, Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield, which were suspended at the start of July.

The NSW Government last month extended the lockdown for the Greater Sydney Region, including Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour, to try and combat the rising COVID-19 outbreak.

"With the current Public Health Order in force until at least 28 August, and there understandably being no current NSW Government sanctioned roadmap out of the lockdown for sport, the Board was left with little option but to cancel our Major Competitions," NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden said.

"In reaching their decision, the Board considered its obligation to provide participants with a safe environment to play sport. The NSW Government's health advice, particularly the state of infection rates and vaccination rates, made it difficult to provide that environment in the immediate future.

"The NSWRL thanks our participants, officials and volunteers for their contribution to our Major Competitions this season. We urge them to remain safe, adhere to the COVID-19 safe guidelines and we look forward to their return in 2022."

The NSWRL continues to work with the Office of Sport, NSW Health and other winter codes to form a position on Community Sport with a decision expected on Monday 16 August 2021.

QRL competitions to extend into October

QRL Media Release, Wednesday 11 August

Queensland Rugby League has provided clarity about the remainder of the Intrust Super Cup and Hastings Deering Colts seasons following consultation with its statewide competition clubs and stakeholders.

In a concerted effort to ensure as many rounds and games are played as possible following the current suspension of fixtures due to COVID-19 pandemic, the duration of both competitions will be extended by two weeks. This means the 2021 grand final is now scheduled for the weekend of October 9-10 at Redcliffe's Moreton Daily Stadium.

"We're pleased to be in a position today to share with our clubs and fans that we have the capability to extend the season into October," QRL chief operating officer Rohan Sawyer said.

"We understand what rugby league means to our participants and communities and the prospect of getting more games in after the recent scheduling setbacks is certainly an exciting one for many.

"We are living in extraordinary times though where things can change quickly, so we will continue to monitor the latest advice and direction from the relevant authorities to ensure the health and safety of our participants.

"Our QRL competitions team and our clubs have been working hard behind the scenes to get us to this point today, and we're now hopeful that we can resume fixtures shortly and march on until our showpiece games in October."

Key dates of the revised Intrust Super Cup and Hastings Deering Colts finals series are as follows:

Finals Week 1: Sep 18-19
Preliminary finals: Oct 2-3

Finals Week 2: Sep 25-26
Grand final: Oct 9 or 10

In further developments, Round 18 of the Intrust Super Cup, and Round 15 of the Hastings Deering Colts, will only proceed as scheduled on the weekend of August 21-22 if restrictions across the entire state are lifted by 5pm Monday, August 16.

However, if any restrictions remain at this point, these fixtures will be cancelled. Under the revised draw, the final rounds of the regular Intrust Super Cup season are as follows:

Round 19: August 28-29
* Round 17: September 11-12

* Round 16: September 4-5
* Postponed rounds

THE RUN HOME

HOW EACH TEAM LOOKS ON THE APPROACH TO SEPTEMBER



MELBOURNE STORM

38 PTS +475

Current position 1ST

Predicted finish 1ST

Run Home: Canberra - Gold Coast - Parramatta - Cronulla



PENRITH PANTHERS

36 PTS +311

Current position 2ND

Predicted finish 2ND

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



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

36 PTS +259

Current position 3RD

Predicted finish 3RD

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



PARRAMATTA EELS

28 PTS +161

Current position 4TH

Predicted finish 6TH

Run Home: Manly - North Qld - Melbourne - Penrith



SYDNEY ROOSTERS

28 PTS +140

Current position 5TH

Predicted finish 5TH

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



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

26 PTS +159

Current position 6TH

Predicted finish 4TH

Run Home: Parramatta - Canberra - Canterbury - Nth Qld



GOLD COAST TITANS

20 PTS -2

Current position 7TH

Predicted finish 7TH

Run Home: Souths - Melbourne - Newcastle - Warriors



CANBERRA RAIDERS

20 PTS -74

Current position 8TH

Predicted finish 10TH

Run Home: Melbourne - Manly - Warriors - Roosters



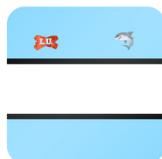
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

18 PTS -139

Current position 9TH

Predicted finish 8TH

Run Home: Cronulla - Canterbury - Gold Coast - Brisbane



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

18 PTS -60

Current position 10TH

Predicted finish 9TH

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



ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

18 PTS -90

Current position 11TH

Predicted finish 11TH or lower

Run Home: Penrith - Roosters - North Qld - Souths

STORM BOYS

The Melbourne Storm, with their elegance and power, equalled the 2002 Bulldogs' and 2020 Panthers' records for consecutive wins, following their 17th win last weekend. The 1975 Roosters and their 19 wins are the Storm's next target.

Artwork by
TheBiggestTiger



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2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 21

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	20	18	2	-	1	717	242	475	38	10	10	-	-	383	124	259	10	8	2	-	334	118	216
2	Penrith Panthers	20	17	3	-	1	547	236	311	36	10	10	-	-	265	82	183	10	7	3	-	282	154	128
3	South Sydney Rabbitohs	20	17	3	-	1	653	394	259	36	10	8	2	-	291	236	55	10	9	1	-	362	158	204
4	Parramatta Eels	20	13	7	-	1	496	335	161	28	10	6	4	-	237	168	69	10	7	3	-	259	167	92
5	Sydney Roosters	20	13	7	-	1	517	377	140	28	11	8	3	-	298	184	114	9	5	4	-	219	193	26
6	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	20	12	8	-	1	587	428	159	26	10	6	4	-	302	228	74	10	6	4	-	285	200	85
7	Gold Coast Titans	20	9	11	-	1	496	498	-2	20	10	4	6	-	248	291	-43	10	5	5	-	248	207	41
8	Canberra Raiders	20	9	11	-	1	403	477	-74	20	10	4	6	-	215	263	-48	10	5	5	-	188	214	-26
9	Newcastle Knights	20	9	11	-	1	353	492	-139	20	11	7	4	-	227	222	5	9	2	7	-	126	270	-144
10	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	20	8	12	-	1	416	476	-60	18	9	5	4	-	204	164	40	11	3	8	-	212	312	-100
11	St George Illawarra Dragons	20	8	12	-	1	394	484	-90	18	9	4	5	-	208	218	-10	11	4	7	-	186	266	-80
12	Warriors	20	7	13	-	1	391	518	-127	16	10	4	6	-	187	226	-39	10	3	7	-	204	292	-88
13	Wests Tigers	20	7	13	-	1	440	580	-140	16	10	3	7	-	226	284	-58	10	4	6	-	214	296	-82
14	North Queensland Cowboys	20	6	14	-	1	372	620	-248	14	10	5	5	-	224	257	-33	10	1	9	-	148	363	-215
15	Brisbane Broncos	20	5	15	-	1	351	606	-255	12	9	4	5	-	187	236	-49	11	1	10	-	164	370	-206
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	20	2	18	-	1	258	628	-370	6	11	1	10	-	136	370	-234	9	1	8	-	122	258	-136

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 21

Top Tryscorer

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	17	24
2	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	18	21
3	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	20	19
4	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	12	18
5	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	20	17
	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	19	17
7	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	18	14
	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	17	14
	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	20	14
10	David NOFOALUMA	WST	W	20	13

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	20	17	86	-	240
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	19	4	97	2	214
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	8	65	1	164
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	18	9	63	-	162
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	4	55	-	126
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	17	2	58	2	126
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	18	6	50	-	124
	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	6	50	-	124
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	16	4	42	2	102
10	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	19	4	42	-	100

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	19	97	122	80%
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	20	86	108	80%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	12	65	76	86%
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	18	63	79	80%
5	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	17	58	77	75%
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	55	69	80%
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	18	50	67	75%
	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	50	63	79%
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	16	42	56	75%
	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	19	42	52	81%

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GAME DAY

ROUND 22 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS · STATISTICS · PREVIEWS

THURSDAY



**MELBOURNE
v CANBERRA**
Sunshine Coast

SATURDAY



**SOUTHS v
GOLD COAST**
Cbus Super

SUNDAY

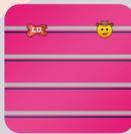


**WARRIORS v
CANTERBURY**
Moreton Daily Stadium

FRIDAY



**ST GEO ILLA
v PENRITH**
Suncorp Stadium



**NORTH QLD v
WESTS TIGERS**
QLD Country Bank



**BRISBANE
v SYDNEY**
Suncorp Stadium



**MANLY v
PARRAMATTA**
Sunshine Coast



**CRONULLA v
NEWCASTLE**
Moreton Daily Stadium

WEEKLY TIPS Round 22

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

Paul Jobber (7/121)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Sam Bourke (7/119)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Justin Davies (7/115)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Canterbury
Newcastle

Rick Edgerton (7/114)

Canberra
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Andrew Ferguson (6/113)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Adam Huxtable (6/110)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
North Queensland
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Rob Crosby (7/107)

Melbourne
Penrith
Brisbane
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Jason Hosken (7/121)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
North Queensland
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Steven Williams (6/115)

Melbourne
St George Illawarra
Brisbane
South Sydney
North Queensland
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Hamish Parker (7/115)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
North Queensland
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Lachy MacCorquodale (7/114)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Parramatta
Warriors
Newcastle

Josh Robertson (8/113)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Tim Costello (6/108)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
Wests Tigers
Manly
Warriors
Newcastle

Andrew Jackson (4/102)

Melbourne
Penrith
Sydney Roosters
South Sydney
North Queensland
Manly
Canterbury
Cronulla

MELBOURNE STORM



CANBERRA RAIDERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
18	6	50	-	124	25	Nicholas HYNES	1
8	5	-	-	20	20	Dean IEREMIA	2
20	12	-	-	48	24	Reimis SMITH	3
20	11	-	-	44	27	Justin OLAM	4
18	21	1	-	86	26	Josh ADDO-CARR	5
15	6	16	-	56	26	Cameron MUNSTER	6
19	9	-	-	36	26	Jahrome HUGHES	7
19	1	-	-	4	32	Jesse BROMWICH	8
19	10	-	-	40	25	Brandon SMITH	9
16	1	-	-	4	27	Christian WELCH	10
15	3	-	-	12	29	Felise KAUFUSI	11
16	3	-	-	12	29	Kenneath BROMWICH	12
13	2	-	-	8	29	Dale FINUCANE	13
9	4	-	-	16	23	Harry GRANT	14
17	1	-	-	4	29	Chris LEWIS	15
14	4	-	-	16	25	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	16
9	8	32	1	97	23	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	17
14	4	-	-	16	29	Tom EISENHUTH	18
1	-	-	-	-	25	Tepai MOEROA	19
2	-	-	-	-	27	Jordan GRANT	20
-	-	-	-	-	23	Isaac LUMELUME	21

Craig BELLAMY

FULLBACK
WING
CENTRE
CENTRE
WING
FIVE-EIGHTH
HALFBACK
FRONT ROW
HOOKER
FRONT ROW
SECOND ROW
SECOND ROW
LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Jordan RAPANA	32	18	11	2	-	48
2	Bailey SIMONSSON	23	14	2	-	-	8
3	Jarrold CROKER	30	11	1	38	-	80
4	Matt TIMOKO	21	5	-	-	-	-
5	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS	21	3	1	-	-	4
6	Jack WIGHTON	28	17	5	-	-	20
7	Sam WILLIAMS	30	10	4	11	-	38
8	Josh PAPALII	29	16	3	-	-	12
9	Josh HODGSON	31	16	1	-	-	4
10	Joseph TAPINE	27	15	2	-	-	8
11	Hudson YOUNG	23	15	4	-	-	16
12	Elliott WHITEHEAD	32	17	3	-	-	12
13	Ryan SUTTON	26	18	2	-	-	8
14	Tom STARLING	23	18	2	-	-	8
15	Emre GULER	23	15	4	-	-	16
16	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	26	14	4	-	-	16
17	Iosia SOLIOLA	35	15	1	-	-	4
18	Sebastian KRIS	22	18	6	-	-	24
19	Matt FRAWLEY	26	2	-	-	-	-
20	Dunamis LUI	31	10	-	-	-	-
21	Siliva HAVILI	28	9	-	-	-	-

Ricky STUART

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#NRLStormRaiders



Thursday 12
August 2021



7:50PM
AEST



Sunshine Coast
Stadium, Kawana
Waters QLD



Nine Network
Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport, MIX
Canberra, Triple
M, NRL Nation

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Gerard SUTTON
Touch Judges	Todd SMITH Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL Bunker	Chris BUTLER

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 48 MATCHES

MELBOURNE 34-14 (no draws)

At Sunshine Coast Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2017	R20	Melbourne 20-14	GIO Stadium	14,115
2017	R26	Melbourne 32-6	AAMI Park	20,508
2018	R20	Melbourne 44-10	AAMI Park	15,298
2019	R2	Melbourne 22-10	GIO Stadium	14,031
2019	R22	Canberra 22-18	AAMI Park	17,769
2019	FN	Canberra 12-10	AAMI Park	20,136
2020	R3	Canberra 22-6	AAMI Park	-
2020	R9	Melbourne 20-14	GIO Stadium	1,577
2020	FN	Melbourne 30-10	Suncorp Stadium	37,112
2021	R11	Melbourne 34-10	GIO Stadium	14,120

BIGGEST WINS

2012	R18	Canberra 40-12	AAMI Park	12214
2013	R21	Melbourne 68-4	GIO Stadium	10826

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Kenneath Bromwich (MEL)	100 club & career points	4 points
Ryan Papenhuyzen (MEL)	200 club & career points	10 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



RUN HOME: MELBOURNE

R23	GOLD COAST
R24	PARRAMATTA
R25	CRONULLA



RUN HOME: CANBERRA

R23	MANLY-WARRINGAH
R24	WARRIORS
R25	SYDNEY ROOSTERS

Preview with Rick Edgerton

Storm roll towards minor premiership as Raiders walk finals tightrope.

On their way to what appears a record breaking minor premiership, the Melbourne juggernaut will head back to their home away from home as they run out onto Sunshine Coast Stadium on Thursday night looking to notch what would be a staggering 18 straight wins as they continue to dominate the competition.

Coming off wins against premiership contenders Penrith and Manly, Craig Bellamy's men face the prospect of a five-day turnaround and a clash with good mate Ricky Stuart's Raiders who they've had some mighty battles with in recent years.

The Storm will be boosted by the return of star forwards Felise Kaufusi (Suspension) and Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Hamstring) with Tom Eisenhuth and Tepai Moeroa moving to the reserves.

For the Raiders, veteran bookend Iosia Soliola re-joins the squad in place of Elijah Anderson on the bench and Bailey Simonsson returns from a toe injury on the wing

with Semi Valemei making way.

After a disappointing opening half of the year, the green machine has turned a corner in recent times to chalk up four wins from their last five games as they continue to battle it out with the Knights, Titans, Sharks and Dragons for the final two spots available in this year's finals equation.

It will be interesting to see if Stuart tries to replicate a similar game plan to Manly's style of play that seemingly troubled the Storm at times last week by shifting the ball to the edges early in order to try and move Melbourne's big men around.

Who to watch: Two games back from a second stint on the sidelines with a hamstring injury, Harry Grant continues to flourish in his role coming off the bench at around the 20-minute mark.

In nine games this season, the crafty rake has crossed for four tries whilst setting up seven with his vision and sublime ball-playing skills.

Also possessing the nous to catch out lazy markers, Grant is lethal around the ruck with his strong running game.

His one-two punch with starting dummy half Brandon Smith is proving a deadly combination with Smith moving into a terrorising running forward role once

Grant hits the park.

In contrast, Canberra work their dummy half duties slightly different.

Before transitioning him into a ball-playing lock forward, the Raiders opt for the craft of Englishman Josh Hodgson at starting hooker before injecting Tom Starling's running game into the contest towards the end of the first half to try and catch out tiring defenders with his electric speed.

In recent weeks Starling has noticeably used his speed to lead the Raiders defensive line and engage his forward pack to play with more physicality – something they will need plenty of if they're to compete with the Storm.

Favourite: Unsurprisingly the Storm are overwhelming favourites at Winx like odds.

My tip: Don't mind the Raiders chances in this one.

Ricky Stuart will be desperate for a big scalp to help build momentum towards the finals and they have the side and style to make this one nice and physical against a Storm side who could be forgiven for dropping their guard slightly after a big fortnight against more fancied opposition.

Canberra by 2.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS



PENRITH PANTHERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
18	3	6	-	24	26	Jack BIRD	1
5	2	-	-	8	20	Mathew FEAGAI	2
8	4	-	-	16	31	Gerard BEALE	3
9	3	27	-	66	21	Zac LOMAX	4
12	9	-	-	36	23	Mikaele RAVALAWA	5
18	2	23	2	56	30	Corey NORMAN	6
9	1	-	-	4	26	Adam CLUNE	7
18	-	-	-	-	24	Blake LAWRIE	8
20	-	-	-	-	31	Andrew McCULLOUGH	9
13	1	-	-	4	31	Josh McGUIRE	10
11	2	-	-	8	22	Billy BURNS	11
13	1	-	-	4	25	Tyrell FUJIMAONO	12
7	-	-	-	-	30	Jack DE BELIN	13
7	2	-	-	8	19	Talatau AMONE	14
8	-	-	-	-	23	Jackson FORD	15
18	2	-	-	8	25	Josh KERR	16
8	-	-	-	-	25	Kaide ELLIS	17
14	10	-	-	40	25	Matt DUFTY	18
10	-	-	-	-	25	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	19
2	-	-	-	-	19	Jayden SULLIVAN	20
4	-	-	-	-	23	Jaiyden HUNT	21

Anthony GRIFFIN

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PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Dylan EDWARDS	25	14	3	-	1	14
2	Charlie STAINES	20	20	14	-	-	56
3	Stephen CRICHTON	20	19	7	14	-	56
4	Paul MOMIROVSKI	25	11	5	-	-	20
5	Brent NADEN	25	4	1	-	-	4
6	Matt BURTON	21	18	14	6	1	69
7	Jarome LUAI	24	17	1	-	-	4
8	Moses LEOTA	26	18	2	-	-	8
9	Apisai KOROISAU	28	11	1	-	-	4
10	Matt EISENHUTH	29	16	1	-	-	4
11	Viliame KIKAU	26	19	8	-	-	32
12	Liam MARTIN	24	19	3	-	-	12
13	Isaah YEO	26	17	2	-	-	8
14	Mitch KENNY	23	14	-	-	-	-
15	Scott SORENSEN	28	12	1	-	-	4
16	J'maine HOPGOOD	22	5	-	-	-	-
17	Izack TAGO	19	5	1	-	-	4
18	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	25	15	3	-	-	12
19	Jaeman SALMON	22	1	-	-	-	-
20	Taylan MAY	20	1	-	-	-	-
21	Nathan CLEARY	23	12	8	65	1	164

Ivan CLEARY

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#NRLDragonsPanthers



Friday 13
August 2021



6:00PM
AEST



Suncorp
Stadium,
Milton QLD



Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport
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NRL Nation

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Ben CUMMINS
Touch Judges Liam KENNEDY
Belinda SHARPE
NRL Bunker Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 35 MATCHES

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 20-15 (no draws)

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: PENRITH 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2013	R16	Penrith 25-10	BlueBet Stadium	6,271
2014	R14	Penrith 18-14	BlueBet Stadium	13,768
2014	R22	Penrith 16-4	WIN Stadium	13,107
2015	R24	St Geo Illa 19-12	WIN Stadium	9,145
2016	R4	St Geo Illa 14-12	WIN Stadium	12,983
2017	R1	St Geo Illa 42-10	Netstrata Jubilee	7,283
2017	R25	St Geo Illa 16-14	BlueBet Stadium	18,848
2018	R12	Penrith 28-2	BlueBet Stadium	21,656
2019	R18	Penrith 40-18	BlueBet Stadium	13,610
2020	R2	Penrith 32-28	Netstrata Jubilee	-

BIGGEST WINS

2000	R23	Penrith 42-12	BlueBet Stadium	19,330
2017	R1	St Geo Illa 42-10	Netstrata Jubilee	7,283

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
St Geo-Illa (since 1999)	2,100 tries	2 tries
Moses Leota (PEN)	100 club & career games	1 game
Penrith (since 1967)	24,000 points	19 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



RUN HOME: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

R23 SYDNEY ROOSTERS
R24 NORTH QUEENSLAND
R25 SOUTH SYDNEY



RUN HOME: PENRITH

R23 SOUTH SYDNEY
R24 WESTS TIGERS
R25 PARRAMATTA

Preview

with Rob Crosby

Dragons look to stop the rot in make-or-break clash

The St George Illawarra Dragons will put their top eight credentials to the test when they face the Penrith Panthers on Friday evening.

With their season in free fall off the back of four consecutive losses, the St George Illawarra Dragons will be desperate to stay in touch with the finals after slipping from 7th to 11th over the past month.

Squandering an opportunity to surpass the Raiders on the ladder as a result of last Friday's 20-12 loss on the Gold Coast, coach Anthony Griffin will be hoping to arrest a worrying trend that has emerged since the relocation to Queensland where the side has been outscored 72-12 in the second half of matches

In addition to leading the Dragons to victory over the Panthers for the first time in four years, coach Griffin will be chasing the personal satisfaction of getting one over the club that prematurely ended his contract a month out from the 2018 finals series.

Tyrell Fuimaono will replace suspended veteran Tariq

Sims in the second row, while Gerard Beale and Josh Kerr have been named to play after sitting out last week for their parts in the infamous "Weekend at Vaughany's".

All but guaranteed to finish in the top four for the second year in a row, the Penrith Panthers will be looking to build momentum ahead of the business end of the season.

Returning to form with a 20-14 win over the Roosters last Saturday, coach Ivan Cleary will be hoping his side can continue a dominant record of eight wins from their past 12 clashes against the joint venture.

Welcoming back Brent Naden and Stephen Crichton in the backline, mid-season acquisition Tevita Pangai Jr and captain Nathan Cleary could be late inclusions after being selected on the extended bench.

Underrated front-rower Moses Leota will bring up 100 first grade appearances for the club on Friday evening; the 26-year-old Samoan international has provided great service since moving into the starting side this season with an average of 111 metres and 26 tackles each week.

Who to watch: Out of contract and on the lookout for a new club, Dragons five-eighth Corey Norman will be playing for much more than two premierships points on Friday night.

Informed two months ago that his services with the club won't be required beyond 2021, the 30-year-old one time

Queensland representative will be out to prove he can still make an impact in the world's premier rugby league competition.

Capable of producing match-winning plays at his best, Norman will need to seize the occasion if the Dragons hope to be playing beyond Round 25.

Emerging as one of the breakout stars of the NRL last season, Stephen Crichton has been unable to have the same impact in 2021.

Switching to right centre and spending time at fullback after establishing his credentials as part of a potent left edge during the Panthers remarkable run of 17 wins last year, the 20-year-old has only managed glimpses of the form that saw Brad Fittler include him in the extended NSW squad for last year's post-season Origin series.

Crossing for seven tries, setting up a further eight and averaging 133 metres each week, look for Crichton to lift his involvement in his first match back from suspension.

Favourite: Coming into the contest with a wealth of experience back on board, the Panthers are expected to extinguish the Dragons' finals fire.

My tip: After promising so much over the opening rounds with a brand of football built around toughness, the Dragons will be no match for a Penrith team with a point to prove. **Panthers by 16.**

BRISBANE BRONCOS



SYDNEY ROOSTERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
12	5	-	-	20	20	Tesi NIU	1
10	3	-	-	12	26	Corey OATES	2
3	1	-	-	4	19	Selwyn COBBO	3
17	2	-	-	8	21	Herbie FARNWORTH	4
13	8	-	-	32	20	Xavier COATES	5
12	1	1	1	7	25	Tyson GAMBLE	6
4	-	-	-	-	30	Albert KELLY	7
17	1	-	-	4	22	Thomas FLEGLER	8
6	-	-	-	-	25	Danny LEVI	9
16	-	-	-	-	21	Payne HAAS	10
14	2	-	-	8	33	Alex GLENN	11
15	2	-	-	8	21	Jordan RIKI	12
10	2	-	-	8	22	Kobe HETHERINGTON	13
2	1	-	-	4	19	Xavier WILLISON	14
12	1	-	-	4	26	Rhys KENNEDY	15
14	3	-	-	12	21	Ethan BULLEMOR	16
6	2	-	-	8	19	TC ROBATI	17
3	-	-	-	-	21	Cory PAIX	18
9	-	-	-	-	27	Anthony MILFORD	19
-	-	-	-	-	19	Brendan PIAKURA	20
10	5	-	-	20	32	David MEAD	21

Kevin WALTERS

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SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	James TEDESCO	28	16	7	5	-	38
2	Daniel TUPOU	30	20	11	-	-	44
3	Adam KEIGHRAN	24	10	1	22	-	48
4	Joseph MANU	25	20	9	-	-	36
5	Dale COPLEY	30	3	1	-	-	4
6	Drew HUTCHISON	26	14	2	-	-	8
7	Sam WALKER	19	15	7	22	1	73
8	Isaac LIU	30	20	-	-	-	-
9	Sam VERRILLS	22	9	-	-	-	-
10	Sio Siva TAUKEIAHO	29	16	-	15	-	30
11	Nat BUTCHER	24	16	2	-	-	8
12	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	24	18	11	-	-	44
13	Victor RADLEY	23	13	1	-	-	4
14	Lachlan LAM	23	14	2	-	-	8
15	Egan BUTCHER	21	9	-	-	-	-
16	Fletcher BAKER	21	11	2	-	-	8
17	Naufahu WHYTE	19	-	-	-	-	-
18	Ben MARSCHKE	24	10	-	-	-	-
19	Tukupu-Ke HAU TAPUHA	-	1	-	-	-	-
20	Brad ABBEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Ben THOMAS	23	3	-	-	-	-

Trent ROBINSON

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#NRLBroncosRoosters



Friday 13
August 2021



7:55PM
AEST



Suncorp
Stadium,
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Nine Network
Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport,
2GB, 4BC

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Ashley KLEIN
Touch Judges Phil HENDERSON
Darian FURNER
NRL Bunker Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 53 MATCHES

BRISBANE 31-22 (no draws)

At Suncorp Stadium: 14 matches, Brisbane 9-5

LAST TEN: 5-ALL

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2017	R6	Brisbane 32-8	Suncorp Stadium	30,376
2017	R13	Sydney 18-16	Allianz Stadium	12,236
2017	FN	Sydney 24-22	Allianz Stadium	21,212
2018	R11	Brisbane 28-22	Suncorp Stadium	29,009
2018	R24	Brisbane 22-8	Allianz Stadium	13,263
2019	R4	Sydney 36-4	SCG	9,304
2019	R10	Brisbane 15-10	Suncorp Stadium	28,228
2020	R4	Sydney 59-0	Suncorp Stadium	-
2020	R16	Sydney 58-12	SCG	3,841
2021	R11	Brisbane 34-16	SCG	13,186

BIGGEST WINS

1989	R9	Brisbane 36-2	Allianz Stadium	7,426
2020	R4	Sydney 59-0	Suncorp Stadium	-

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
James Tedesco (SYD)	400 career points	10 points
	200 club points	10 points
Sydney (since 1908)	7400 tries	4 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



RUN HOME: BRISBANE

R23 WARRIORS
R24 CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND
R25 NEWCASTLE



RUN HOME: SYDNEY ROOSTERS

R23 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA
R24 SOUTH SYDNEY
R25 CANBERRA

Preview

with Andrew Jackson

The Broncos have shown vast improvement in the latter stages of this season, although their form has still been wildly inconsistent.

Brisbane is yet to claim back-to-back wins this year, following up a dominant win over the Cowboys with a disappointing performance against the Knights.

The Broncos actually showed strong defensive resolve early against Newcastle but rued handling errors in prime field position as the Knights ran out 28-20 winners.

Brisbane currently sits six points ahead of the last-placed Bulldogs with victory on the weekend guaranteeing it will avoid the wooden spoon.

There are a host of changes of the team sheet this week with Albert Kelly replacing Brodie Croft in the halves while Selywn Cobbo comes in for Jesse Arthurs.

Xavier Coates also earns a recall on the wing while Thomas Flegler returns from suspension.

Meanwhile, last Saturday's game with Penrith may have ended in defeat for the Roosters but there will still plenty

of positives to take from it.

After falling behind 20-6, Trent Robinson's men had every chance of conceding cheap points as the game wore on.

The Panthers have a habit for getting on roll once the points start to flow but to their credit, the Roosters fought back and eventually came within a try of the win.

Ill-discipline though proved costly with 12 errors and eight conceded penalties making it hard for the Tricolours to mount pressure.

The loss of Angus Crichton for the next three weeks (via suspension) will also further test the club's depth, although the return of Sitili Tupouniua helps there with Joey Manu shifting back to the centres.

Fortunately for the Roosters both the Eels and Sea Eagles also slipped up last week, meaning they remain a strong chance of taking out a top-four spot with a win this week.

Earlier this season, the Broncos shocked the Roosters with a 34-16 win in Round 11.

Who to watch: Plenty of heads turned when the Broncos opted to play Albert Kelly against the Roosters earlier this year.

The veteran playmaker though proved his critics wrong in a sensational Brisbane debut, running for 43 metres alongside four tackle busts, an offload, a linebreak and

a try assist. Now Kelly is reportedly on the verge of a contract extension.

Without a deal at the end of the year, Kelly's recall to first grade gives him yet another chance to prove himself against the same team he did similar against back in May.

He will also be playing alongside the same halves partner in Tyson Gamble, adding an element of familiarity to his role.

Victor Radley's last outing against Brisbane did not exactly go to plan. Sent to the sin bin twice, Radley's game time was significantly limited and when he was on the field he was unable to settle back into his normal rhythm.

So often Radley's ball-playing close to the line frees up time for his playmakers and Sam Walker in particular to shine. But that night without him Walker was heavily targeted in defence and a shadow of his usual best.

With Radley's mix of aggression and subtle ball-playing the Roosters are a far better unit both in attack and defence.

Favourite: The Roosters are well backed here.

My tip: The Broncos may be at home but this game means far too much for the Roosters, who are closing in on a top-four spot. They will want revenge for their most recent defeat to Brisbane. **Roosters by 30.**

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS



GOLD COAST TITANS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
14	9	5	1	47	24	Latrell MITCHELL	1
9	8	-	-	32	31	Josh MANSOUR	2
18	9	-	-	36	30	Dane GAGAI	3
10	7	-	-	28	26	Taane MILNE	4
6	4	-	-	16	21	Jaxson PAULO	5
19	12	-	-	48	31	Cody WALKER	6
19	4	97	2	214	31	Adam REYNOLDS	7
20	1	-	-	4	31	Mark NICHOLLS	8
18	2	-	-	8	30	Damien COOK	9
20	4	-	-	16	29	Thomas BURGESS	10
18	3	-	-	12	23	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	11
17	2	-	-	8	26	Jai ARROW	12
14	5	-	-	20	23	Cameron MURRAY	13
16	3	-	-	12	36	Benji MARSHALL	14
14	1	-	-	4	24	Jacob HOST	15
14	-	-	-	-	24	Tevita TATOLA	16
17	5	-	-	20	23	Jaydn SU'A	17
6	-	-	-	-	25	Braidon BURNS	18
10	-	-	-	-	26	Patrick MAGO	19
6	1	-	-	4	24	Hame SELE	20
4	1	-	-	4	22	Blake TAAFFE	21

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SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	AJ BRIMSON	22	17	7	-	-	28
2	Greg MARZHEW	24	6	5	-	-	20
3	Brian KELLY	25	17	10	-	-	40
4	Patrick HERBERT	24	15	5	-	-	20
5	Corey THOMPSON	31	13	7	-	-	28
6	Ashley TAYLOR	26	14	2	-	-	8
7	Toby SEXTON	20	3	1	15	-	34
8	Jarrold WALLACE	30	20	5	-	-	20
9	Mitch REIN	31	16	1	-	-	4
10	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	21	18	2	-	-	8
11	Kevin PROCTOR	32	19	6	-	-	24
12	David FIFITA	21	17	14	-	-	56
13	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	21	17	3	-	-	12
14	Tyrone PEACHEY	30	17	4	-	-	16
15	Sam LISONE	27	12	-	-	-	-
16	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	24	20	1	-	-	4
17	Beau FERMOR	23	10	3	-	-	12
18	Erin CLARK	23	15	1	-	-	4
19	Sam McINTYRE	23	7	-	-	-	-
20	Esan MARSTERS	25	8	1	-	-	4
21	Jamal FOGARTY	27	17	4	55	-	126

Justin HOLBROOK

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#NRLSouthsTitans



Saturday 14
August 2021



3:00PM
AEST



Cbus Super
Stadium,
Robina QLD



Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport
Triple M
NRL Nation

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Adam GEE
Touch Judges	Kasey BADGER Chris BUTLER
NRL Bunker	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 19 MATCHES

SOUTH SYDNEY 13-6 (no draws)

At Cbus Super Stadium: 7 matches, South Sydney 6-1

LAST TEN: SOUTH SYDNEY 8-2

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2013	R20	Souths 32-4	Cbus Super	20,392
2014	R9	Souths 40-18	Cbus Super	19,107
2014	R17	Gold Coast 14-10	Stadium Australia	10,925
2015	R12	Souths 22-16	Cbus Super	15,583
2016	R13	Gold Coast 29-28	HBF Park	13,142
2017	R15	Souths 36-20	Stadium Australia	7,163
2018	R14	Souths 18-16	Cbus Super	11,833
2019	R3	Souths 28-20	Stadium Australia	10,128
2020	R5	Souths 32-12	Bankwest Stadium	415
2021	R7	Souths 40-30	Cbus Super	17,383

BIGGEST WINS

2009	R8	Gold Coast 22-14	Cbus Super	19,833
2009	R23	Gold Coast 22-14	Stadium Australia	11,977
2013	R20	Souths 32-4	Cbus Super	20,392

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Damien Cook (SOU)	100 career points	6 points
Dane Gagai (SOU)	300 career points	10 points
South Sydney (since 1908)	2200th game	
Brian Kelly (GLD)	100 club points	4 points
Jarrold Wallace (GLD)	100 club games	1 game
Patrick Herbert (GLD)	100 career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE
project



RUN HOME: SOUTH SYDNEY

R23	PENRITH
R24	SYDNEY ROOSTERS
R25	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA



RUN HOME: GOLD COAST

R23	MELBOURNE
R24	NEWCASTLE
R25	WARRIORS

Preview

with Josh Robertson

Saturday afternoon heads to the Gold Coast as the South Sydney Rabbitohs "host" to the Gold Coast Titans who are looking for their fourth straight win and hope to end their Rabbitohs 9 game winning streak.

The Rabbitohs extended their winning streak out to 9 last weekends after their 40-12 victory over the Parramatta Eels where they were dominant yet again.

The Rabbitohs were unmatched for the most of the clash with the Eels which has become a trend for the Bunnies since their streak started back in Round 12 when they beat the Eels 38-20.

The Rabbitohs form has seen them shoot into contention for the top 2 with their win streak and the faltering of the Panthers mid-season.

The Rabbitohs are also in touch with Melbourne should their streak falter but the Rabbitohs need to ensure they keep winning to keep in touch with the Victorians and the Panthers who will start welcoming key players back very shortly.

Coming into this week's clash with the same 17 and same 21 as last weekend, the South Sydney Rabbitohs are unlikely to tinker with the winning formula of last week.

Looking for their first finals appearance since 2016, the Gold Coast Titans have put themselves well in the hunt for a top 8 spot following their 36-14 victory over the North Queensland Cowboys last Sunday which marked a third consecutive win for the Gold Coast.

The Titans were impressive if not a touch lucky in their victory with things not going right for the North Queenslanders at times.

Many will have question marks on the form of the three-game winning streak for the Titans given that they have come against sides who are completely out of form (Dragons, Bulldogs & Cowboys) and that the Rabbitohs will be the first genuine test that the Gold Coast have had for a while.

Just like their opponents, the Titans are without any changes to their 17 with at this stage Tyrone Peachey fit to play and Jamal Fogarty kept waiting to break back into the side.

The question though will be does coach Justin Holbrook again elect to bench David Fifita to start the game.

Who to watch: At the foot of the mountains, Josh Mansour was a fan favourite (No.1 member of the Sauce

fan club) so his move to South Sydney came with plenty of expectations but a stop start season through injury and poor form hasn't helped Mansour.

Though since coming back into the side in R19, Mansour has had a major impact scoring five tries in three games and cracked over 150m including a massive 254m last week.

With the nickname Sexy, Toby Sexton is going to have a big reputation to live up to on and off the football field but focussing on the field, The Titans rookie has made a big impact in his three career appearances to date.

Whether Sexton is the Titans messiah and the reason they've gone on the winning streak may be a coincidence, but his performances have been excellent and will need to lead the Titans if they want victory.

Favourite: Unsurprisingly, the Rabbitohs are favourites for this clash given their better winning form compared to the Titans.

My tip: It's hard to go past the Rabbitohs in this one; With no disrespect to the Titans intended, their form would have looked better had they lost to Melbourne by a point than beating up on the out of form teams.

I think there is still plenty of improvement needed to get close to Souths and a 13+ result looks most likely. **South Sydney by 20.**

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS



WESTS TIGERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
16	4	42	2	102	26	Valentine HOLMES	1
17	10	-	-	40	29	Kyle FELDT	2
2	-	-	-	-	21	Daejarn ASI	3
20	3	-	-	12	32	Jake GRANVILLE	4
7	-	-	-	-	29	Ben HAMPTON	5
20	5	11	-	42	24	Scott DRINKWATER	6
13	5	-	-	20	20	Tom DEARDEN	7
17	1	-	-	4	27	Francis MOLO	8
20	5	-	-	20	23	Reece ROBSON	9
20	-	-	-	-	29	Jordan McLEAN	10
7	3	-	-	12	21	Ben CONDON	11
7	1	-	-	4	20	Heilum LUKI	12
19	2	-	-	8	25	Coen HESS	13
10	-	-	-	-	21	Tom GILBERT	14
-	-	-	-	-	-	Jeremiah NANAI	15
16	2	-	-	8	24	Mitchell DUNN	16
-	-	-	-	-	-	Griffin NEAME	17
3	-	-	-	-	22	Peter HOLA	18
13	1	-	-	4	23	Connelly LEMUELU	19
16	1	-	-	4	25	Shane WRIGHT	20
-	-	-	-	-	-	Laitia MOCEIDREKE	21

Todd PAYTEN

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SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Moses MBYE	28	19	1	-	-	4
2	David NOFOALUMA	27	20	13	-	-	52
3	Tommy TALAU	21	18	9	-	-	36
4	Michael CHEE-KAM	29	5	-	-	-	-
5	Ken MAUMALO	27	17	12	-	-	48
6	Adam DOUEIHI	23	18	9	63	-	162
7	Luke BROOKS	26	20	1	5	-	14
8	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	21	18	4	-	-	16
9	Jacob LIDDLE	24	17	6	-	-	24
10	James TAMOU	32	19	2	-	-	8
11	Shawn BLORE	21	8	-	-	-	-
12	Luciano LEILUA	25	20	4	-	-	16
13	Thomas MIKAELE	23	16	-	-	-	-
14	Joe OFAHENGAUE	25	19	1	-	-	4
15	Kelma TUILAGI	22	2	-	-	-	-
16	Alex TWAL	25	19	-	-	-	-
17	Zachary CINI	21	3	1	-	-	4
18	Jake SIMPKIN	19	5	1	-	-	4
19	Tukimihia SIMPKINS	19	3	-	-	-	-
20	Jock MADDEN	21	1	-	-	-	-
21	James ROBERTS	28	11	3	-	-	12

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#NRLCowboysTigers



Saturday 14
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5:30PM
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QLD Country
Bank Stadium,
Townsville QLD



Fox League
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ABC Sport
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Chris SUTTON
Touch Judges	Wyatt RAYMOND Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
NRL Bunker	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 39 MATCHES

WESTS TIGERS 22-17 (no draws)

At QLD Country Bank Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: WESTS TIGERS 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R22	North Qld 64-6	1300Smiles	12,317
2015	R11	North Qld 8-0	Campbelltown	8,267
2016	R22	Wests Tigers 26-14	Leichhardt Oval	14,246
2017	R6	Wests Tigers 26-16	1300Smiles	15,424
2017	R25	North Qld 22-14	Campbelltown	9,346
2018	R10	Wests Tigers 20-12	Leichhardt Oval	13,127
2019	R14	Wests Tigers 27-26	1300Smiles	11,692
2019	R20	Wests Tigers 28-4	Leichhardt Oval	10,016
2020	R6	Wests Tigers 36-20	Campbelltown	104
2021	R5	North Qld 34-30	Leichhardt Oval	9,433

BIGGEST WINS

2005	FN	Wests Tigers 50-6	Stadium Australia	26,463
2007	R20	Wests Tigers 54-10	Leichhardt Oval	17,101
2014	R22	North Qld 64-6	1300Smiles	12,317

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Kyle Feldt (NQL)	500 club & career points	4 points
James Tamou (WST)	100 career points	4 points
Ken Maumalo (WST)	200 career points	8 points
Wests Tigers (since 2000)	11,000 points	10 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



RUN HOME: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R23	PARRAMATTA
R24	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA
R25	MANLY-WARRINGAH



RUN HOME: WESTS TIGERS

R23	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND
R24	PENRITH
R25	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN

Preview

with Jason Hosken

Cowboys return home in a must win match for the Tigers

Who would you rather be, Todd Payten or Michael Maguire? One has already lifted a premiership trophy with the Wests Tigers, while the other already has a title as a head coach.

Right now you wouldn't want to be either. Apart from more wins, what these two desperates need more than anything, is a loving hug.

Fanciful mathematics aside, the season for both these sides is cooked.

Like two struggling students with a report card stamped 'tries hard, could do better', if they share an excuse, it's that they're both easily distracted.

Tom Dearden is winless in all eight appearances as a Cowboy since transferring from Brisbane two months ago. And while it would be easy to point the finger at the rookie half, he's not even a fraction of the problem at North Queensland.

With only four rounds remaining, Payten still hasn't worked out a strategy for his most expensive star. From

reduced minutes at the start of the year to minimal impact on an edge last week, Jason Taumalolo's power and punch has been diluted when he should be leading the charge.

A fractured hand means the former Dally M Medalist won't enter the equation this week. He joins winger Murray Taulagi and forward Lachlan Burr on the sidelines after failing HIAs. That said, with a handy array of Origin talent, on paper at least, the Cowboys will believe they have the Tigers' measure.

For the 13th placed Tigers, there's not much else to say that hasn't already been said. Last week's scrappy victory over the last placed Bulldogs, while expected, only rubbed dirt in the faces of the loyal fans who sat through the season ending capitulation against the Warriors a week earlier.

Prior to the embarrassing loss to the Cowboys in the Tommy Raudonikis tribute match back in round 5, Wests actually held the upper hand over North Queensland with victories in six of the previous seven going back to 2016.

Two of those wins were in Townsville, and with an unchanged 17, Wests' confidence should be high leading into their first clash at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Who to watch: In a contest between two struggling sides, look for both to seek inspiration from their man in the No.6 jumper.

Following an explosive start to the season, Scott Drinkwater has come off the boil. The pace and agility that made the former Storm utility a priority signing has taken a back seat.

With just one try assist and no line breaks to show from his past three outings, the Cowboys will need to build momentum through the middle if Drinkwater is to reset the clock against a patchy Tigers defence.

Adam Doueihi is by far and away the Tigers' most consistent player. The former Rabbitoh may not feature among the frontrunners for key attacking statistics, but his unique blend of power and desire are attributes Maguire can ill afford to lose.

Last week against Canterbury, his 164 metres, one try assist and six from six off the boot ultimately proved the difference.

Favourite: Against an undermanned Cowboys, the Wests Tigers are expected to come up trumps.

My tip: With only one back-to-back victory this season, the Tigers are no sure things. Their inability to build momentum, particularly against sides from the lower half of the ladder is why they find themselves among the also rans.

Now back in the comfort of their home surroundings, look for an inspired Cowboys to end their long running drought. **North Queensland by 2.**

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



PARRAMATTA EELS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
12	18	-	-	72	24	Tom TRBOJEVIC	1
20	19	-	-	76	20	Jason SAAB	2
20	7	-	-	28	24	Brad PARKER	3
16	6	-	-	24	23	Morgan HARPER	4
20	17	86	-	240	24	Reuben GARRICK	5
18	3	-	-	12	31	Kieran FORAN	6
18	7	1	1	31	32	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	7
10	-	-	-	-	25	Josh ALOIAI	8
20	4	-	-	16	24	Lachlan CROKER	9
19	2	-	-	8	31	Martin TAUPAU	10
14	5	-	-	20	22	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	11
14	2	-	-	8	20	Josh SCHUSTER	12
16	1	-	-	4	27	Jake TRBOJEVIC	13
13	3	-	-	12	26	Dylan WALKER	14
9	3	-	-	12	25	Karl LAWTON	15
2	-	-	-	-	28	Curtis SIRONEN	16
5	-	-	-	-	25	Kurt DE LUIS	17
10	1	-	-	4	23	Mosese SULI	18
10	2	-	-	8	22	Cade CUST	19
6	-	-	-	-	27	Jack GOSIEWSKI	20
4	-	-	-	-	20	Ben TRBOJEVIC	21

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SET RESTARTS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
26	20	12	13	-	74	Clinton GUTHERSON	1
27	19	17	-	-	68	Maika SIVO	2
26	19	5	-	-	20	Tom OPACIC	3
26	12	3	-	-	12	Waqā BLAKE	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Michael OLDFIELD	5
21	16	3	-	-	12	Dylan BROWN	6
26	17	2	58	2	126	Mitchell MOSES	7
22	20	7	-	-	28	Isaiah PAPALII	8
25	5	1	-	-	4	Joey LUSSICK	9
27	18	2	-	-	8	Junior PAULO	10
26	20	4	-	-	16	Shaun LANE	11
26	15	4	-	-	16	Ryan MATTERSON	12
28	19	1	-	-	4	Nathan BROWN	13
29	12	-	-	-	-	Will SMITH	14
26	13	4	-	-	16	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	15
25	16	2	-	-	8	Marata NIUKORE	16
-	-	-	-	-	-	Makahesi MAKATOA	17
24	5	1	-	-	4	Ray STONE	18
19	1	-	-	-	-	Will PENISINI	19
22	8	2	-	-	8	Haze DUNSTER	20
18	6	2	-	-	8	Jakob ARTHUR	21

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#NRLManlyEels



Saturday 14
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7:35PM
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Sunshine Coast
Stadium, Kawana
Waters QLD



Nine Network
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Grant ATKINS
Touch Judges Jon STONE
Matt NOYEN
NRL Bunker Ashley KLEIN

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 144 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 86-54 (4 DRAWS)

At Sunshine Coast Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: TEAM

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R7	Parramatta 22-10	4 Pines Park	14,633
2016	R22	Parramatta 10-9	Pirtek Stadium	8,143
2017	R1	Parramatta 20-12	4 Pines Park	11,318
2018	R2	Manly 54-0	4 Pines Park	10,502
2018	R7	Parramatta 44-10	Stadium Australia	11,069
2019	R18	Manly 36-24	4 Pines Park	15,245
2019	R25	Parramatta 32-16	Bankwest Stadium	25,034
2020	R4	Parramatta 19-16	Bankwest Stadium	-
2020	R10	Manly 22-18	4 Pines Park	2,021
2021	R11	Manly 28-6	Bankwest Stadium	24,411

BIGGEST WINS

2004	R14	Parramatta 52-12	Pirtek Stadium	11,114
2018	R2	Manly 54-0	4 Pines Park	10,502

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	100 career points	4 points
Dylan Brown (PAR)	50 club & career games	1 game
Will Smith (PAR)	50 club games	1 game
Parramatta (since 1947)	5200 tries	3 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



RUN HOME: MANLY

R23 CANBERRA
R24 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN
R25 NORTH QUEENSLAND



RUN HOME: PARRAMATTA

R23 NORTH QUEENSLAND
R24 MELBOURNE
R25 PENRITH

Preview

with Lachy MacCorquodale

Parramatta try to turn their luck around after three losses as they take on the in-form Manly Sea Eagles.

It's been a tough few weeks for Parramatta after losing three games on the trot and just when things couldn't get any harder for the Eels, they face the Sea Eagles this weekend and Melbourne and Penrith to round out the last two weeks of the competition.

It seems like a long time has passed since the Eels were sitting in second place with nine wins from their opening 10 games. Since then, the Eels have played another 10 games but this time only winning four of them. This reality check has solidified the top three and consequently the Eels have drifted down towards the next pack of teams on the competition ladder that feature the Roosters and their opponents for the weekend, the Sea Eagles. Over the course of their three losses, the Eels have scored just 22 points whilst conceding 80. The return of Mitchell Moses didn't help his side's fortunes on the weekend as the third placed Rabbitohs knocked off the Eels by 28 points in a fairly easy victory.

Parramatta are starting to flirt with danger and a loss this weekend could drop them outside the top four for the first time this year. On the other hand, given the Sea Eagles sit two points behind Parramatta, the Eels have the chance to write their own future and a four-point buffer over fifth place would do them a world of good given they

face the Storm and the Panthers in the last two rounds. Unfortunately, the Eels have lost their star hooker, Reed Mahoney for the rest of the season which sees Joey Lussick join the starting side in the number nine jersey. Oregan Kaufusi is being rested this week and has seen a shuffle in the forward pack Isaiah Papali'I moving to the front row with Shaun Lane lining up on the edge and debutant Makahesi Makatoa is named on the bench. Michael Oldfield comes into the side for Haze Dunster on the wing.

Meanwhile, the Sea Eagles have been making their case as potential premiers contenders after their 10-point loss to the Melbourne Storm on the weekend. It was only the sixth time this season in which the Storm haven't won by 10 points or more. It's been an incredible season for Manly after starting with four losses on the trot to now sitting in sixth place with four rounds to go. An outing against Parramatta is exactly what the Sea Eagles are after as they push for that important fourth place spot. They defeated the Eels earlier in the season by 22 points and they'll be looking to replicate that result.

Not much has to be said about this side other than the words, Tom Trbojevic, who turned the team on its head when he returned in round six. His performances this season have been nothing short of incredible and if he continues to show this form, anything is on the cards for the Sea Eagles although he'll most likely need some help if they face Penrith or Melbourne in the finals. Trbojevic lines up at fullback as usual and the only changes to the side are the loss of Taniela Paseka and Toafofoa Siple who are being replaced in the 17 by Kurt De Luis and Curtis Sironen while Josh Aloiai slots into the starting line up in place of Paseka.

Who to watch: The fullback depth in the NRL at the moment

is incredible and we're lucky to witness another good matchup this Saturday night between two New South Welshmen, Tom Trbojevic and Clint Gutherson. Trbojevic the incumbent NSW centre has been exceptional this season and will be in for a shout to win the Dally M despite missing the first five games of the season. The 24-year-old has scored 18 tries and assisted 21 in just 12 first grade matches this season. An incredible 3.3 try involvements per game. Almost, if not unprecedented. Not only has he been damaging on the scoreboard, but Trbojevic has also broken the line on 18 occasions this season whilst averaging 214 run metres and six tackle breaks per game. Meanwhile, his opposite number in Clint Gutherson lost his NSW spot at the end of last season but has done a fantastic job with the Eels this season as arguably their most consistent performer. The 26-year-old has played in all 20 matches this season, scoring 12 tries and assisting a further 16. Not up to the numbers of Trbojevic but still impressive, nonetheless. Gutherson is averaging 3.8 tackle breaks per game whilst averaging 175 run metres per game, his second highest average of his career. A lot of his work will go unnoticed by the statistics as he is generally regarded as one of the fittest and hardest working players in the comp. He'll be key to a potential Eels victory this weekend.

Favourite: Manly are the favourite for this fixture given their form with Trbojevic in the side and the Eels recent slump in form. The Eels have generally struggled against the top sides, when it matters, over the past few seasons.

My tip: Manly are going to be too strong for the Eels this weekend. Manly have a superb chance to attempt to clinch that fourth spot and this is the perfect opportunity to do so. I couldn't imagine they'd want to waste this opportunity. **Manly by 14.**

NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
12	8	14	-	60	19	Reece WALSH	1
15	7	-	-	28	26	*Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2
6	-	-	-	-	28	Peta HIKU	3
14	4	-	-	16	23	Adam POMPEY	4
14	4	-	-	16	25	Marcelo MONTOYA	5
8	2	-	1	9	22	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	6
9	1	-	-	4	23	Sean O'SULLIVAN	7
11	1	-	-	4	25	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	8
19	-	-	-	-	26	Jazz TEVAGA	9
-	-	-	-	-	-	Jackson FREI	10
10	2	-	-	8	22	Joshua CURRAN	11
10	6	-	-	24	26	Euan AITKEN	12
16	2	-	-	8	24	Bayley SIRONEN	13
19	4	42	-	100	27	Kodi NIKORIMA	14
18	2	-	-	8	25	Bunty AFOA	15
12	-	-	-	-	24	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	16
13	1	-	-	4	21	Eliesa KATO A	17
4	-	-	-	-	22	Edward KOSI	18
10	1	-	-	4	24	Jack MURCHIE	20
14	-	34	1	69	30	Chad TOWNSEND	21
16	3	-	-	12	24	Wayde EGAN	22

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Nick MEANEY	23	18	7	1	-	30
2	Corey ALLAN	23	15	2	-	-	8
3	Will HOPOATE	29	20	1	-	-	4
4	Aaron SCHOUPE	20	9	2	-	-	8
5	Falakiko MANU	24	3	-	-	-	-
6	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	19	6	2	-	-	8
7	Jake AVERILLO	21	19	5	26	-	72
8	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	30	12	-	-	-	-
9	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	25	8	1	-	-	4
10	Ryan JAMES	30	12	2	-	-	8
11	Adam ELLIOTT	26	16	2	-	-	8
12	Matt DOOREY	21	11	-	-	-	-
13	Josh JACKSON	30	13	-	-	-	-
14	Sione KATO A	26	13	-	-	-	-
15	Chris PATOLO	20	3	-	-	-	-
16	Corey HORSBURGH	23	6	1	-	-	4
17	Joe STIMSON	25	7	-	-	-	-
19	Kyle FLANAGAN	22	11	1	12	-	28
20	Jayden OKUNBOR	24	3	1	-	-	4
21	Jackson TOPINE	20	5	-	-	-	-
22	Lachlan LEWIS	25	5	2	-	-	8

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#NRLWarriorsBulldogs



Sunday 15
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Peter GOUGH
Touch Judges	Liam KENNEDY Drew OULTRAM
NRL Bunker	Matt NOYEN

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 38 MATCHES

WARRIORS 23-15 (no draws)

At Moreton Daily Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: CANTERBURY 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2013	R9	Canterbury 24-16	Westpac Stadium	30,112
2014	R6	Canterbury 21-20	Eden Park	22,165
2014	R10	Canterbury 16-12	Waikato Stadium	17,673
2015	R26	Canterbury 26-22	Stadium Australia	14,821
2016	R7	Warriors 24-20	Westpac Stadium	18,212
2017	R3	Canterbury 24-12	Forsyth Barr	10,238
2017	R16	Warriors 21-14	Mt Smart Stadium	13,476
2018	R23	Canterbury 27-26	Stadium Australia	9,688
2019	R1	Warriors 40-6	Mt Smart Stadium	18,795
2020	R15	Warriors 20-14	Stadium Australia	2,631

BIGGEST WINS

2004	R26	Canterbury 54-10	Mt Smart Stadium	9,930
2019	R1	Warriors 40-6	Mt Smart Stadium	18,795

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Peta Hiku (WAR)	150 career games	1 game
Adam Elliott (CBY)	100 club & career games	1 game
Josh Jackson (CBY)	100 club & career points	4 points
Nick Meaney (CBY)	200 career points	4 points
Will Hopoate (CBY)	100 club points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



RUN HOME: WARRIORS

R23	BRISBANE
R24	CANBERRA
R25	GOLD COAST



RUN HOME: CANTERBURY

R23	NEWCASTLE
R24	MANLY-WARRINGAH
R25	WESTS TIGERS

Preview

with Emile El-Azar

This week was meant to be the New Zealand Warriors' massive homecoming after nearly two full seasons away, in front of a full house at Auckland's Mt Smart Stadium. As I type this preview, my travel reminder for my now-cancelled flight to Auckland to attend this much anticipated event (and holiday) pops up on my phone, and I get immediately sad. The Warriors are still stuck in Australia, most of us are still stuck in our homes. Sigh.

Every single Rugby League fan should be grateful to the New Zealand Warriors for sacrifices they have made to keep this competition afloat.

ANYWAY - they now host the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in ... *checks notes* ... Redcliffe. Moreton Daily Stadium in Redcliffe, home of the Dolphins, on Sunday.

The Warriors come into this clash on the back of two stunning wins in a row. Barely able to field a full 17 in both games, they managed to knock off the Tigers and Sharks, interestingly both by the same scoreline (18-16).

The Bulldogs... well. They managed to back up what I described as an 'insipid'

performance the week before against the Titans, with an even worse performance against the Wests Tigers. The final 28-16 scoreline flattered the 'Dogs.

In team news for the Warriors, more outs. Firstly Kane Evans, Matt Lodge and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak are all out suspended, with a debut for Jackson Frei in the front row, along with Adam Pompey and Jamayne-Tanunoa-Brown coming in to replace the suspended trio. Peta Hiku plays his 150th game at centre. A selection choice worth noting, Chad Townsend and Wayde Egan have been named on the extended bench and may well be a late callup if fully recovered from their injuries.

Canterbury's Dylan Napa and Jack Hetherington miss this game through suspension, although I'm at the point where I'm convinced that Trent Barrett will find a way to promote Napa into the gameday squad somehow. Bizarrely, they have taken Ryan James and Corey Horsburgh on loan from Canberra, despite not giving any chances to the likes of Jackson Topine, who is stuck forever on the extended bench. Ava Seumanufagai and Matt Doorey have been promoted to the starting lineup, while Corey Waddell has also been dropped. How or why did the NRL approve this loan?

Last time they met was in Round 15 of the 2020 COVID Cup, at Stadium Australia, where the Bulldogs managed to throw away

a 10-point second half lead to go down to the Warriors 20-14 - a Jack Murchie double proving the difference.

Who to watch: Very interestingly, for the Warriors, this game will very much be a home away from home. Of the 21 players named, nine have played for the Redcliffe Dolphins in the Queensland cup at some stage this season. Debutant Jackson Frei played 10 games for the Dolphins this season alone.

For the Bulldogs it's most certainly the bizarre loaning of Ryan James and Coey Horsburgh. It will be very interesting to see how they slot into the side on barely any notice. In addition, eyes will continue to be on how Bailey Biondi-Odo goes at five-eighth, as he has thankfully not had the Kyle Flanagan treatment after one game, and retains his spot.

Favourite: At the time of writing, the Warriors were comfortable \$1.30 favourites.

My tip: Two depleted teams. One of them has won two games in a row, against all odds, showing amazing fight, spirit, and disciplined Rugby League. The other has lost 7 games in a row, showing scant regard for the jersey they are privileged to be wearing, no will, no spirit, and selfish, ill-disciplined rugby league. **Warriors by 20.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11 - 17 August

Wednesday 11 August

Jake Averillo (Bulldogs) 21
Tesi Niu (Broncos) 20

Friday 13 August

Royce Hunt (Sharks) 26
Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers) 28

Saturday 14 August

Coen Hess (Cowboys) 25

Sunday 15 August

Daejarn Asi (Cowboys) 21
Beau Fermor (Titans) 23
Jordan Grant (Storm) 27
Jordan Rapana (Raiders) 32

Tuesday 17 August

Esan Marsters (Titans) 25
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors) 26

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
20	12	-	-	48	24	Will KENNEDY	1
9	4	-	-	16	24	Sione KATOA	2
11	1	-	-	4	24	Siosifa TALAKAI	3
13	3	-	-	12	24	Jesse RAMIEN	4
14	7	-	-	28	21	Ronaldo MULITALO	5
20	12	-	-	48	25	Connor TRACEY	6
14	3	20	-	52	22	Braydon TRINDALL	7
15	1	-	-	4	26	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	8
20	2	-	-	8	22	Blayne BRAILEY	9
20	3	-	-	12	30	Aaron WOODS	10
18	4	-	-	16	23	Briton NIKORA	11
20	2	-	-	8	24	Jack WILLIAMS	12
20	1	-	-	4	25	Toby RUDOLF	13
2	-	-	-	-	22	Luke METCALF	14
18	1	-	-	4	32	Aiden TOLMAN	15
5	-	-	-	-	32	Andrew FIFITA	16
9	-	-	-	-	24	Billy MAGOULIAS	17
-	-	-	-	-	-	Jonaiah LUALUA	18
9	1	-	-	4	33	Will CHAMBERS	19
-	-	-	-	-	-	Kai O'DONNELL	20
12	5	-	-	20	22	Mawene HIROTI	21

Josh HANNAY

FULLBACK

WING

CENTRE

CENTRE

WING

FIVE-EIGHTH

HALFBACK

FRONT ROW

HOOKER

FRONT ROW

SECOND ROW

SECOND ROW

LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Kalyn PONGA	23	10	7	10	-	48
2	Enari TUALA	22	20	6	-	-	24
3	Kurt MANN	28	17	3	-	1	13
4	Bradman BEST	20	12	2	-	-	8
5	Hymel HUNT	27	13	3	-	-	12
6	Jake CLIFFORD	23	15	2	18	-	44
7	Mitchell PEARCE	32	7	2	-	-	8
8	Jacob SAIFITI	25	19	3	-	-	12
9	Jayden BRAILEY	25	19	3	-	-	12
10	Daniel SAIFITI	25	18	2	-	-	8
11	Tyson FRIZELL	29	16	3	-	-	12
12	Mitchell BARNETT	27	20	4	13	-	42
13	Connor WATSON	25	20	2	-	-	8
14	Sauaso SUE	29	19	2	-	-	8
15	David KLEMMER	27	17	-	-	-	-
16	Simi SASAGI	20	1	-	-	-	-
17	Brodie JONES	23	17	3	-	-	12
18	Josh KING	26	14	1	-	-	4
19	Jirah MOMOISEA	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Phoenix CROSSLAND	21	8	1	1	-	6
21	Starford TO'A	21	11	5	-	-	20

Adam O'BRIEN

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#NRLSharksKnights



Sunday 15
August 2021



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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Matt CECCHIN
Touch Judges	Todd SMITH Dave MUNRO
NRL Bunker	Grant ATKINS

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 55 MATCHES

NEWCASTLE 30-24 (1 DRAW)

At Moreton Daily Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: CRONULLA 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R15	Cronulla 30-28	McDonald Jones	14,081
2016	R10	Cronulla 62-0	McDonald Jones	16,150
2016	R20	Cronulla 36-4	PointsBet Stadium	16,882
2017	R5	Cronulla 19-18	PointsBet Stadium	12,838
2017	R26	Cronulla 26-18	McDonald Jones	20,535
2018	R12	Cronulla 48-10	McDonald Jones	20,913
2018	R24	Cronulla 38-12	PointsBet Stadium	11,836
2019	R1	Newcastle 14-8	McDonald Jones	21,813
2020	R17	Newcastle 38-10	McDonald Jones	5,597
2021	R6	Newcastle 26-22	McDonald Jones	17,039

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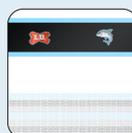
2002	R6	Newcastle 52-8	McDonald Jones	26,721
2016	R10	Cronulla 62-0	McDonald Jones	16,150

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	100 career points	4 points
Ronaldo Mulitalo (CRO)	100 club & career points	4 points
Connor Watson (NEW)	100 career games	1 game
	100 career points	8 points
Kalyn Ponga (NEW)	400 club points	2 points

Match stats courtesy of

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RUN HOME: CRONULLA

R23	WESTS TIGERS
R24	BRISBANE
R25	MELBOURNE



RUN HOME: NEWCASTLE

R23	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN
R24	GOLD COAST
R25	BRISBANE

Preview

with Adam Huxtable

Knights look to continue surge to the finals against Sharks

After a dismal performance against the Roosters a few weeks ago, the Knights have enjoyed two convincing wins, one over a fellow finals challenger, and sit in the box seat to secure one of the two available finals spots towards the bottom of the 8.

The Cronulla Sharks are a case study showing why the Knights can't afford to get too comfortable or complacent where they are. Two weeks ago, they were sitting pretty in 7th position, two points clear of the Titans and Knights, teams that have since made up that difference and then some to position themselves as favourites for the 8.

The Sharks' performance last week against the Warriors with their season on the line was as dismal as it gets. If you've seen the clip of Euan Aitken's try, you'll know that it was some of the softest "defence" you'll see in first grade, the makeshift Warriors backrower shaking free of two tackle attempts to set the Warriors up for a 10 point comeback.

Football IQ is also an area the Sharks, more specifically coach Josh Hannay need to fix up before this week, neglecting the gift two points while down 18-16 late in

the match last week. Unsurprisingly, it didn't work, and after the two-point loss, the Sharks need to win this one to remain a chance at the finals.

In team news, Will Chambers has been dropped by Hannay, with Siosifa Talakai listed to start at centre and Jack Williams to come in to the back row. Hamlin-Uele has been recalled to start at prop, pushing Toby Rudolf to lock. Billy Magoulias is named on the interchange bench, set to play his first game since Round 9.

For the Knights, Jayden Brailey is back to start at hooker after being rested during last weeks win against the Broncos. Lachlan Fitzgibbon is out with a shoulder injury, meaning Barnett will go back to the second row and Connor Watson will start at lock. Simi Sasagi comes onto the interchange bench.

The Knights will appreciate the 10 days rest since their last start on Thursday after being forced to play on a 4-day turnaround due to Covid-19 impacted scheduling.

This game is being played as the 2nd match of a double header Moreton Daily Stadium in Redcliffe, potentially the future home of expansion hopefuls the Dolphins, after the QLD covid outbreak also forced the NRL to abandon plans of playing matches there in recent weeks. The locals will no doubt be out in force attending the first ever non-trial NRL game at the venue.

Who to watch: Will Kennedy has been the Sharks most threatening attacking option by far in the last two weeks. The underrated fullback scored two tries off brilliant solo efforts two weeks ago against Manly, while also making a line-break to set up and finish an 80-metre

effort last week. He has the highlight plays, but he also does the fundamentals well, last week running for 229 metres off 15 runs to go with 6 tackle breaks and a try assist. Kennedy will be keen to continue his stellar end to the year to impress incoming coach Craig Fitzgibbon and assure him that he deserves a place in the 17 next year, which is probable but not guaranteed due to the signing of Storm star Nicho Hynes.

The Knights appear to have found their long term five-eighth after Jake Clifford made the mid-season switch from North Queensland. Since arriving, the Knights have gone 4-4, which may not sound all that impressive, but those 4 losses all came against top teams already set in the finals, while in their wins against teams considered more on their level, Newcastle looked a clear class above the opposition, with the exception of maybe the Warriors in monsoonal conditions. Clifford provides a clear sense of direction and complements Pearce very well. He appears to have begun shouldering the majority of the kicking duties, last week notching up 373 kick metres, 200 more than Pearce, while also making 4 tackle breaks and scoring a try. It is definitely fair to say that the halves is one area the Knights have a clear cut advantage over the Sharks.

Favourite: The Knights are favoured by 6 and a half points over the Sharks.

My tip: Last week, the Sharks laid an egg with their season on life support, and against opposition inferior to the Knights. I see no evidence to suggest there will be an improvement significant enough to overcome a Newcastle outfit hitting form at the right time of the year. **Newcastle by 12.**

NRL: ROUND 21 WRAP

Thursday | NEWCASTLE 28 BRISBANE 20



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (28)

Tries: Jake Clifford, Mitchell Pearce, Lachlan Fitzgibbon, Mitchell Barnett, Enari Tuala

Conversions: Jake Clifford (4/5)

BRISBANE BRONCOS (20)

Tries: Tesi Niu, Corey Oates, Xavier Willison, Herbie Farnworth

Conversions: Jamayne Isaako (2/4)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Newcastle 12 Brisbane 8

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Jake Clifford

2 points - Mitchell Pearce

1 points - Tesi Niu

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Knights slice through bullish Broncos

Newcastle Knights continued their finals charge with a 20-28 success against Brisbane Broncos tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

The Knights scored four tries either side of the half-time break to streak away to an eight-point win after a tight first half to keep their charge towards the top eight alive as we head into the final month of the NRL competition.

Back-to-back wins have put the Knights firmly into top eight contention with the return of talisman halfback Mitch Pearce directed them around the park, alongside

the good work from halves partner Jake Clifford have steadied the ship after their topsy turvey season.

Backing up after four days, the first half was a tight tussle between two sides with differing motivation. Brisbane Broncos were the first on the scoreboard when Tesi Niu sliced through before Knights responded through Jake Clifford. Brisbane edged ahead through Corey Oates to lead 8-6 to shock the finals chasing side.

From there, Newcastle took charge of the contest. Mitch Pearce and Lachlan Fitzgibbon scored either side of half-time to stretch their advantage to ten points as back-to-back wins beckoned for the side. They added further points through Mitch Barnett and Enari Tuala to make it 28-8.

Brisbane showed some fight in the final 15 minutes of the

contest with a pair of tries which reduced the margin to eight. Youngster Xavier Willison dived onto a loose ball for his first NRL four-pointer before a late Herbie Farnworth try gave them so hope.

It was another performance with some highlights for the Broncos but they weren't able to put together solid performances to challenge a Knights side which was tired from a game on Sunday afternoon. Coach Kevin Walters also continued to chop and change his halves with Brodie Croft hooked early in the second half.

For the Knights, it was the start of their run home with the toughest fixture left against seventh placed Gold Coast Titans with another game against the Broncos to come in the final round but the novocatrians are primed for back-to-back finals appearances after some lean years.

Friday | CANBERRA 20 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12



CANBERRA RAIDERS (20)

Tries: Jordan Rapana, Jack Wighton, Tom Starling

Conversions: Jarrod Croker (3/3); Penalty Goals: Jarrod Croker (1/1)

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (12)

Tries: Mathew Feagai, Tariq Sims

Conversions: Zac Lomax (1/2); Penalty Goals: Zac Lomax (1/1)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Canberra 12 St George Illawarra 12

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Tom Starling

2 points - Joseph Tapine

1 points - Jack Wighton

OUR REPORT with ADAM HUXTABLE

Raiders down Dragons to keep top 8 hopes alive in our affair

The Canberra Raiders have grinded out a win over the St George Illawarra Dragons, winning 20 points to 12 to keep their top 8 chances alive.

The start of the match was less than ideal for the Dragons, with centre Cody Ramsey going off with an HIA after just 31 seconds. He did not return, with Talata Amone forced to play extra minutes.

Despite the setback, the Dragons were the first ones to get on the board, with Corey Norman throwing an outstanding cutout pass to his left to set up MatT Feagai, who went over untouched.

Seven minutes later, the Dragons extended their lead courtesy of a penalty goal

The Raiders finally got on the board in the 24th minute. They had a full set on the Dragons line and didn't really look threatening. Elliott Whitehead's kick on the last looked to be too deep, but Harley Smith-Shields was able to flick it back in for Jordan Rapana, who scored the try.

Adam Clune would be the spark to extend the Dragons lead 5 minutes later. He dummied his way through the Raiders defence, before showing a cool head to link up with Sims in support, who used momentum to get himself over the line. The lead remained at 6 after Lomax missed the kick.

It didn't last much longer for the Dragons though, with Sims giving away a penalty that gave the Raiders good field position. Sam Williams put in a deft crossfield kick and Jack Wighton was able to outleap Lomax to come

up with the ball and score the try. Croker's conversion ensured the scores would be level as the teams hit the sheds.

Within 4 minutes of the second half kicking off, the Raiders found themselves in great attacking position. Tom Starling took full advantage of this, pinning the ears back and powering his way over the line. The bunker confirmed the try.

The only scoring play for the rest of the match would be a Raiders penalty goal in the 70th minute as errors crippled the game, both teams combining for 21 throughout the night.

The loss means the Dragons road to the top 8 is an uphill one as they prepare to take on the Panthers next week, while the Raiders matchup isn't any easier, they'll face the Storm.

Friday | SOUTH SYDNEY 40 PARRAMATTA 12



PARRAMATTA EELS (12)

Tries: Maika Sivo, Waqa Blake
Conversions: Clinton Gutherson (2/2)

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (40)

Tries: Josh Mansour (2), Dane Gagai, Jaxson Paulo (2), Cameron Murray; Conversions: Adam Reynolds (6/6); Penalty Goals: Adam Reynolds (2/3)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Parramatta 0 South Sydney 14

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Cody Walker

2 points - Josh Mansour

1 points - Cameron Murray

OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE

Bunnies blast pitiful Parra

South Sydney have continued to put the competition on notice, thumping Parramatta by 40-12 to keep pace with the competition favourites in an impressive performance at CBUS Super Stadium tonight.

Thanks to their lethal left edge combination led by the mercurial Cody Walker, the Rabbitohs managed to reach out to a 14-0 nil lead at halftime before piling on three tries in just 12 minutes to take the game away from the Eels, whose season is now in free fall following their third loss in a row.

The match was billed as a finals preview but if anything, it showed the distance between the top 3 sides and the rest, as the match turned into a training run for Wayne Bennett's men late in the game. It was a special night for South Sydney, with premiership winning halfback Adam Reynolds breaking legendary Souths fullback Eric Simms' 46 year old club record to become the highest ever point-scorer for any player that has worn the cardinal

and myrtle since 1908. The loss for Brad Arthur's men was further soured, with hooker Reed Mahoney leaving the field with what looked to be a serious shoulder injury, which left the livewire hooker in some distress late in the game.

South Sydney opened the scoring in typical fashion down their lethal left edge, when Cody Walker and Dane Gagai combined to put Josh Mansour over untouched. Reynolds converted out wide and it was 6-0 after 18 minutes of play. The Bunnies then when back to the left for their second try, when Latrell Mitchell delivered a beautiful face ball close to the line and Josh Mansour leapt over inside the corner post for an early double.

Just before the break, Eels hooker Reed Mahoney was penalised for being offside in front of the play the ball and then collecting an offload from Tom Opacic. It was a brutal error, as it was right in front of the posts and against the run of play. Reynolds took the gift two points and it was 14-0 at halftime, with Souths firmly in control.

It was more of the same after the break, when Cody Walker produced a shallow kick on the last close to the

line. Dane Gagai then scooped up the ball and slammed it down for the first try of the second half. A piece of history then occurred for the club, when Reynolds converted the try to become the highest all time point-scorer in the clubs history and extend his sides lead to 20-0. Souths then flexed their muscle, scoring successive tries through winger Jaxson Paulo and then lock forward Cameron Murray, who dived over following a neat offload from Keaon Koloamatangi close to the line and shut out the game at 32-0.

Parramatta finally registered some points on the scoreboard following a handy offload from Nathan Brown in the attacking zone, which found Bryce Cartwright who shifted it wide for Maika Sivo to score his 17th try of the season. The Eels then made it back-to-back tries, when Mitch Moses produced a big left foot step to break the line and the Blues half then showed the composure to then kick the ball ahead for Waqa Blake who scored a great try for the Blue and Golds. It was too little too late however for Parramatta when Adam Reynolds then kicked his second penalty goal which was quickly followed by a second try for Jaxson Paulo to give his side a convincing 40-12 win.

Saturday | WARRIORS 18 CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 16



WARRIORS (18)

Tries: Dallin Watene-Zelezniak, Reece Walsh, Euan Aitken
Conversions: Reece Walsh (2/3)

Penalty Goals: Reece Walsh (1/1)

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (16)

Tries: Connor Tracey, Briton Nikora, Will Kennedy

Conversions: Braydon Trindall (2/3)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Warriors 6 Cronulla-Sutherland 16

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Addin Fonua-Blake

2 points - Josh Curran

1 points - Will Kennedy

OUR REPORT with LACHY MACCORQUODALE

Warriors complete comeback over the lacklustre Sharks

Despite a shocking afternoon from Kane Evans, the Warriors managed to group together to come away with a vital two points in an 18-16 win over Cronulla at Cbus Super Stadium.

A sunny afternoon on the Gold Coast was enough the rev the Warriors up early in the first half as they picked up where they left off last week as they dominated the opening 20 minutes of the first half which included an early try to winger Dallin Watene-Zelezniak in the third minute.

Like the Tigers did last week, the Warriors struggled to convert their dominance into points. The Sharks slowly fought their way back into the game and Connor Tracey's try in the 27th minute gave Cronulla some much needed confidence. It was brilliant work from Will Kennedy as he set up Tracey's and he'd be involved later in the half.

It was set to be tight at half-time until Warriors middle forward Kane Evans found himself in trouble for a strike

on Will Chambers after he lost the ball in a tackle which involved Chambers tackling him. As a result, the referee sent Evans to the bin, leaving the Warriors with 12 men for the final five minutes of the half.

The Warriors were in all sorts after this incident and the Sharks took the most of their opportunity. Firstly, it was Nikora who gave the Sharks the lead after he barged his way over Reece Walsh from close to the line. Just when you thought that'd be it for points in the opening term, the Sharks struck early in the next set from long range as Will Kennedy attacked the left edge as he did earlier in the game and managed to break through the line and score a try for himself as the Sharks turned the game on its head.

The Warriors needed a big second half after their poor finish to the first term and that's how it started in the second half. The team from New Zealand slowly got their way back into the game trading sets with the Sharks until the 56th minute when Reece Walsh scored his only try of the afternoon. His conversion brought the game to within four points. The pressure was starting to mount of the Sharks, and they started to buckle under pressure and when the Warriors got another chance, they took it straight away.

All they had to do was get the ball out wide to Euan Aitken who then made the Shark's defence look like and under-12's team as he broke several tackles on his way to levelling the game for the Warriors. Luckily, for the Sharks, Walsh's kick hit the uprights leaving the scores level.

Just when the Warriors started to take charge of the game, Kane Evans, not for the first time this game, found himself in the sin bin for a dangerous lifting tackle on a Sharks player. Nathan Brown would've been furious as the Sharks scored two tries earlier in the game when the Warriors were down to 10 men.

Luckily for Evans, The Sharks weren't to score whilst he was off and in fact the Warriors were given a penalty in front of their goals and Reece Walsh made no mistakes as he gave his side the lead and subsequently the win.

The Sharks missed a chance here to keep themselves and the eight and as a result they now sit a win outside the top eight with the Gold Coast Titans still to play. For the Warriors it brings them within two wins of the eight, but they'll need some results to go their way if they're to creep their way into the eight before the finals start.

NRL: ROUND 21 WRAP

Saturday | PENRITH 20 SYDNEY ROOSTERS 14



SYDNEY ROOSTERS (14)
Tries: Victor Radley, Joseph Manu, Daniel Tupou
Conversions: Adam Keighran (1/3)
PENRITH PANTHERS (20)
Tries: Matt Burton (2), Paul Momirovski
Conversions: Matt Burton (2/3)
Penalty Goals: Matt Burton (2/2)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium
Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions
Halftime Score: Sydney Roosters 6 Penrith 14
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Matt Burton
2 points - Liam Martin
1 points - Viliame Kikau

OUR REPORT with ANDREW FERGUSON **Burton blitzes Bondi boys**

Matt Burton was untouchable either side of halftime and was the difference between the two sides as Penrith held out the Roosters 20-14 at Suncorp Stadium.

Both sides were playing end-to-end football and displaying solid goal-line defence in a rather entertaining 10 minutes, before Penrith opened the scoring. Viliame Kikau sent a long ball to Matt Burton, who got outside the cramped Roosters defence, then put a big step on to beat James Tedesco then ran 45 metres to score a great try. Burton then converted his own try.

The Roosters responded in the 19th minute when Sam Verrills sent a stunning flat ball to his lead runner Victor Radley, who fell over the line to score under the posts. Adam Keighran converted to level the scores.

Burton kicked a penalty goal in the 24th minute after Sam Walker was penalised for being an escort.

In the 33rd minute Jared Waerea-Hargreaves was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes after the Roosters had conceded several penalties and set restarts in succession.

A minute later and Penrith shifted the ball right to Paul Momirovski, who ran at the gap between the two edge defenders and slam dunked the ball down for a try. Burton's sideline conversion hit the upright and was waved away.

Right on halftime, Kikau got hit with a shoulder charge by Sitili Tupouniua (who was put on report). Burton kicked the penalty goal to give Penrith a 14-6 lead at the break.

The second half saw Penrith continue their scoring two plays after Burton made a great break. Matt Burton at first receiver on the left, stepped back and straightened then hit

the hole he created to score to the left of the posts. Great solo try. Burton converted.

The hour mark saw the Roosters work their way back into the game, when James Tedesco sent a lovely cut-out ball to Joey Manu who dived over to score in the corner. Keighran failed to convert.

The Roosters scored again shortly after when Angus Crichton got outside his defender, isolated the Panthers winger, then passed to Daniel Tupou who scored in the corner. Keighran again failed to convert from the wide angle.

Some frantic and often panicked play from both sides when in great attacking position dominated the final minutes of the game, but Penrith hung on to get the chocolates.

Saturday | MELBOURNE 28 MANLY-WARRINGAH 18



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (18)
Tries: Jason Saab, Reuben Garrick (2); Conversions: Reuben Garrick (2/3); Penalty Goals: Reuben Garrick (1/1)
MELBOURNE STORM (28)
Tries: Kenneath Bromwich, Justin Olam (2), Cameron Munster
Conversions: Nicholas Hynes (0/1), Ryan Papenhuyzen (3/3)
Penalty Goals: Nicholas Hynes (2/2), Ryan Papenhuyzen (1/1)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium
Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions
Halftime Score: Manly-Warringah 8 Melbourne 8
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Cameron Munster
2 points - Tom Trbojevic
1 points - Harry Grant

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES **Storm challenged but beat Sea Eagles for 17th straight**

Melbourne Storm scored their 17th straight win this season after a tight 28-18 success against Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

It was a classic contest - something which has been lacking thus far in the 2021 NRL season - but it finished the usual way. Melbourne Storm continuing their impressive win streak and moved a step closer to being crowned Minor Premiers again.

Billed all week as a classic clash, the game delivered in spades. The sides were locked 8-all at half-time before the Storm showed the extra dose of class to run out ten-point winners directed well by Cameron Munster and interchange star Harry Grant beat one of the form sides of the competition.

For a short period, Manly had the Storm rattled. Reuben Garrick finished off a sweeping move to put the northern

beaches side ahead by four points after they scrambled enough to make it 8-all at the break. Errors after their positive work is not something you can get away with against Melbourne and they were punished.

Melbourne put fellow contenders Penrith to the sword last weekend, it looked for the majority of the first half they might do similar to the Sea Eagles. Kenneath Bromwich slid over quite easily after ten minutes. Fullback Nicho Hynes added a further two to stretch the lead to eight, as the Storm aimed to extend their imperious record in the sunshine state and send a message to the competition.

The Sea Eagles defended bravely and their scramble helped them avoid further damage headed into the break. It took a heads-up piece of work from speedster Jason Saab, who snaffled an intercept to streak away for 8-6. Garrick added a late penalty goal to make sure the ledger was even at the break.

When the game was there to be decided, Melbourne's extra class shone through. Harry Grant provided the piece of magic to help them across the stripe. His pass to a rampaging Justin Olam to make it 14-all and the Papua

New Guinea centre was first to a loose ball to give the Storm the lead. Jarome Hughes didn't take his usual control of the contest but the halfback produced the moment of the contest to push the Storm towards the victory. He sliced through the middle of the Sea Eagles defense before his kick ended up Munster touching down for 26-18. Ryan Papenhuyzen added a penalty goal which made the advantage 10 points.

It wasn't to be for the Sea Eagles side against Melbourne but they went blow-for-blow with the front runners tonight. Tom Trbojevic gave his side some important touches including being the provider for both of Garrick's tries tonight. Manly moved the ball well side-to-side which stretched the Storm defense but were unable to find the finish to snap the sneak tonight.

Melbourne remain in the box seat for the Minor Premiership. Storm face recent rivals Canberra Raiders next weekend in their march towards the trophy before finishing the season with games against the Sharks, Eels and Titans. Manly Sea Eagles still hold a six point break on seventh and eighth and should be playing finals football in 2021 and once they make that who knows what happens.

Sunday | WESTS TIGERS 28 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 16



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (16)

Tries: Nick Meaney, Corey Waddell, Corey Allan

Conversions: Jake Averillo (2/3)

WESTS TIGERS (28)

Tries: Luciano Leilua, Ken Maumalo (2), Tommy Talau

Conversions: Adam Doueihi (4/4)

Penalty Goals: Adam Doueihi (2/2)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Canterbury-Bankstown 12 Wests Tigers 18

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Adam Doueihi

2 points - Luciano Leilua

1 points - Stefano Utoikamanu

OUR REPORT with ANDREW FERGUSON

Tigers win Dogs breakfast

The Wests Tigers have come away with a vital 28-16 victory over the last placed Bulldogs to keep their slim finals hopes alive, but the game showed that the Tigers were more of a bottom 4 side than a top 8 outfit.

The Tigers opened the scoring in the 4th minute when Adam Doueihi was held in a tackle on the left side, but he passed back inside to Luke Brooks who ran right, linked with Jacob Liddle who drifted right while showing the ball, then half a gap opened up. Liddle poked his nose through before he got a pass back inside to Luciano Leilua who crashed through a weak tackle to score near the posts. Doueihi converted.

Five minutes later the Bulldogs hit back with a stunning try when Nick Meaney made a break just inside his own half, before linking with Jake Averillo who is caught, but not before he gets a spectacular back-door flick pass away to the left which Meaney takes cleanly and runs

the rest of the way to score under the posts. Averillo converted to level the scores.

In the 23rd minute Moses Mbye sent a long cut-out pass to Ken Maumalo who stepped back inside his opposite number and scored in the left corner. Doueihi converted from touch.

Luke Brooks kicked a 40/20 at the end of the Tigers first set after the restart, then the Tigers earned a set restart a full second before Brooks threw a forward pass to Mbye close to the Dogs line.

Ten minutes before halftime, the Tigers extended their lead when Brooks on the last, kicked to the left and found Maumalo who caught the ball cleanly and grounded it as he fell to the ground to score a good try. Doueihi nailed another sideline conversion.

Just minutes before the break, the Bulldogs scored a vital try when they had bodies in motion leading up to Corey Waddell getting the ball, hitting the goal line defender and then spinning and falling over the line, back first,

yet managing to plant the ball down for a try to the right of the sticks. Averillo converted to reduce the Tigers halftime lead to just 6 points.

Doueihi kicked a penalty goal 3 minutes after play resumed and 5 minutes later, he put in a cross-field kick that found Tommy Talau who scored to the right of the posts. Doueihi converted.

The game from this point was very ill-disciplined, sloppy and full of poorly executed sets from both sides. The Tigers very nearly scored in the 60th minute but the bunker found a knock on by Talau, denying Zac Cini a try.

In the 63rd minute the Bulldogs hit back when Will Hopoate got a lovely ball to Corey Allan, who scored in the corner. Averillo failed to convert from touch.

Jack Hetherington was sin binned in the 75th minute for a controversial high tackle. Adam Doueihi kicked another penalty goal to give the Tigers a 28-16 lead which they hung on to for the final 5 minutes.

Sunday | GOLD COAST v NORTH QUEENSLAND



GOLD COAST TITANS (36)

Tries: Brian Kelly (2), Alexander Brimson, David Fifita, Beau Fermor, Ashley Taylor, Patrick Herbert

Conversions: Toby Sexton (4/7)

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (14)

Tries: Tom Dearden, Valentine Holmes, Kyle Feldt

Conversions: Valentine Holmes (1/3)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: none, due to COVID-19 restrictions

Halftime Score: Gold Coast 14 North Queensland 4

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Ashley Taylor

2 points - Toby Sexton

1 points - Beau Fermor

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Titans take the title as kings of Queensland

The Gold Coast Titans have held their place in the top eight after dismantling the North Queensland Cowboys 36-14 in an all Queensland affair on Sunday afternoon.

Scoring seven tries to three in a match that failed to reach any great heights, the Titans enhanced their finals aspirations with another strong performance built off the back of Ashley Taylor and Toby Sexton in the halves.

Coming close to scoring in the opening minutes only for Corey Thompson to lose the ball over the try line, the Titans posted first points through Brian Kelly (17th minute) after Taylor exposed Valentine Holmes defending in the front line with a well-placed kick.

The Titans extended their lead a few minutes later with AJ Brimson (23rd minute) swooping on a loose ball before pinning his ears back to take the score out to 10-0.

Entering the game midway through the first half, David Fifita (32nd minute) made an immediate impact by running onto a short pass from Brimson to put the hosts beyond two converted tries.

Showing plenty of courage after losing Murray Taulagi in the opening minute of the game, the Cowboys were rewarded with points just before halftime with Tom Dearden (37th minute) picking up a ricocheting kick and racing the length of the field.

Needing to win in order to keep pace with a host of teams vying for the final two positions in the top eight, the Titans signalled their intentions to attack as Kelly (50th minute) collected his second after an audacious offload from Beau Fermor in the lead up.

Taking advantage of poor discipline and ball control from the Cowboys, Fermor (53rd minute) pounced on a short kick from Sexton to put the Titans up 26-4.

The Cowboys halted the one-way flow of points with a memorable effort to Holmes (59th minute) who put himself in the right position to finish off a kick from Kyle Feldt aimed towards the posts.

The Titans brought up 30 points for the third week in a row after Thompson kicked twice to set up Taylor (68th minute) for his second try of the season.

Kyle Feldt (74th minute) contorted his body to cross for a consolation effort before Patrick Herbert (78th minute) rounded out the scoring in the shadows of fulltime.

Next week, the Titans face the Rabbitohs on Saturday afternoon, while the Cowboys will host the Tigers later on the same day.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 21

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.

30 points - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles 24, NSW 6) **26 points** - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Nathan Cleary (Panthers 24, NSW 2) **20 points** - Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Will Kennedy (Sharks) **19 points** - Ben Hunt (Dragons 16, QLD 3) **17 points** - Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Nicholas Hynes (Storm) **16 points** - Jahrome Hughes (Storm), James Tedesco (Roosters), David Fifita (Titans), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs 14, NSW 2) **15 points** - Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers) **14 points** - Sam Walker (Roosters), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Moses (Eels) **13 points** - Alexander Brimson (Titans), Cameron Munster (Storm), Payne Haas (Broncos 12, NSW 1) **12 points** - Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Kaly Ponga (Knights) **11 points** - Brandon Smith (Storm), Brian To'o (Panthers), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Jarome Luai (Panthers 9, NSW 2) **10 points** - Joseph Manu (Roosters), Reece Walsh (Warriors), Isaiah Papal'i (Eels), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Harry Grant (Storm) **9 points** - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Keaon Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Ashley Taylor (Titans) **8 points** - James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), George Williams (Raiders), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Christian Welch (Storm), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs) **7 points** - Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Matt Burton (Panthers), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Viliame Kikau (Panthers) **6 points** - Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Isaac Yeo (Panthers), Maika Sivo (Eels) **5 points** - Luke Keary (Roosters), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Brett Morris (Roosters), Tom Starling (Raiders), Bradman Best (Knights), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Tyson Gamble (Broncos), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Josh Papal'i (Raiders), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans 3, QLD 2); **4 points** - Tohu Harris (Warriors), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Dale Finucane (Storm), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs), Nathan Brown (Eels), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Jayden Brailey (Knights); **3 points** - Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Toby Sexton (Titans), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Sam Williams (Raiders), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Josh Hodgson (Raiders), Justin Olam (Storm), Adam Clune (Dragons), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Connor Watson (Knights), Euan Aitken (Warriors), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Jake Granville (Cowboys), Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Briton Nikora (Sharks); **2 points** - Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Jack Bird (Dragons), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Waqa Blake (Eels), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Liam Martin (Panthers), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Jesse Bromwich (Storm), Josh Mansour (Rabbitohs), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Blakey Brailey (Sharks), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Phillip Sami (Titans), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Josh Curran (Warriors), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Bailey Simonsson (Raiders), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Matthew Lodge (Broncos), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Josh Morris (Roosters), Junior Paulo (Eels), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Marata Niukore (Eels), Bunty Afoa (Warriors), Tyrone May (Panthers), Victor Radley (Roosters), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Hudson Young (Raiders), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Daniel Tupou (Roosters); **1 point** - Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Drew Hutchison (Roosters), Joe Ofahengau (Wests Tigers), Beau Fermor (Titans), Kottoni Staggs (Broncos), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), David Klemmer (Knights), Dean Jeremia (Storm), Tesi Niu (Broncos), Lachlan Lewis (Bulldogs), Stefano Utoikamanu (Wests Tigers), Dylan Brown (Eels), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Xavier Coates (Broncos), Corey Thompson (Titans), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Francis Molo (Cowboys), Brodie Jones (Knights), Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warriors), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Ryan James (Raiders), Siosua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Paul Momirovski (Panthers), Andrew McCullough (Dragons), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Kurt Mann (Knights), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Shane Wright (Cowboys), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Emre Guler (Raiders), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Moses Leota (Panthers), Reece Robson (Cowboys), David Nofaloama (Wests Tigers), Caleb Aekins (Raiders), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Enari Tuala (Knights)

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Round 21 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
Keenan PALASIA	Brisbane	Careless High Tackle - 2	Hymel Hunt	200	None	0	200	150	Guilty - no contest	2 matches	0
Jordan RAPANA	Canberra	Dangerous contact (head/neck) - 1	Blake Lawrie	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Tariq SIMS	St Geo Illa	Careless High Tackle - 1	Harley Smith-Shields	100*	2 x non-similar (+40%)	35	175	140	Guilty - early plea	1 match	40
Zac LOMAX	St Geo Illa	Careless High Tackle - 1	Jack Wighton	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Taane MILNE	Souths	Careless High Tackle - 1	Mitchell Moses	\$1500	1 x similar prior (+50%)	N/A	\$2250	\$1700	Guilty - early plea	\$1700	N/A
Will CHAMBERS	Cronulla	Contrary Conduct - 1	Viliami Vailea	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Matt LODGE	Warriors	Careless High Tackle - 1	Will Chambers	100*	1 x similar, 3 x non-similar (+110%)	65	275	222	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	22
Kane EVANS	Warriors	Contrary Conduct - 2	Will Chambers	200	1 x non-similar (+20%)	0	240	180	Guilty - early plea	1 match	80
Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	Warriors	Contrary Conduct - 1	Will Chambers	100*	2 x non-similar (+40%)	0	140	105	Guilty at judiciary	1 match	40
Kane EVANS	Warriors	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Ronaldo Mulitalo	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Kane EVANS	Warriors	Dangerous contact (head/neck) - 1	Will Chambers	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Liam MARTIN	Penrith	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Drew Hutchison	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Kurt CAPEWELL	Penrith	Dangerous Throw - 1	Nat Butcher	100	2 x non-similar (+40%)	0	140	105	Guilty - early plea	1 match	5
Angus CRICHTON	Sydney	Crusher Tackle - 1	Liam Martin	200	1 x similar, 2 x non-similar (+90%)	30	410	315	Guilty - early plea	3 matches	15
Apisai KOROAISAU	Penrith	Contrary Conduct - 1	In a melee	100*	2 x non-similar (+40%)	0	140	105	Guilty at judiciary	1 match	40
Egan BUTCHER	Sydney	Careless High Tackle - 1	Taylan May	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Toafofoa STIPLEY	Manly	Crusher Tackle - 1	Dale Finucane	200	1 x non-similar (+20%)	0	240	180	Guilty - early plea	1 match	80
Dylan NAPA	Canterbury	Dangerous contact (head/neck) - 1	James Tamou	100*	1 x similar, 2 x non-similar (+90%)	0	190	142	Guilty - early plea	3 matches	7
Dylan NAPA	Canterbury	Careless High Tackle - 1	Thomas Mikaele	100*	2 x similar, 1 x non-similar (+120%)	0	220	165	Guilty - early plea		
Jack HETHERINGTON	Canterbury	Careless High Tackle - 1	Alex Twal	100*	4 x similar prior offences (+200%)	0	300	225	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	25
Stefano UTOIKAMANU	Wests Tigers	Contrary Conduct - 1	Ava Seumanufagai	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Tom GILBERT	North Qld	Careless High Tackle - 1	Corey Thompson	\$1500	1 x non-similar prior (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A

* not eligible for a fine due to at least 2 previous fines this season

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 18 RESULTS

Wigan Warriors 16 Tries: Sam Powell, Sam Halsall; Goals: Harry Smith 4 **def Salford Red Devils 6** Tries: Joe Burgess; Goals: Harvey Livett 1 **at DW Stadium** --/-- **Castleford Tigers 32** Tries: Jimmy Keinhorst, Greg Eden 2, Jordan Turner, Peter Mata'utia; Goals: Danny Richardson 6 **def Leeds Rhinos 18** Tries: Brad Dwyer, Ash Handley, Robert Lui; Goals: Rhyse Martin 3 **at Emerald Headingley Stadium** --/-- **St Helens 34** Tries: Lewis Dodd, Lachlan Coote, Joe Batchelor, Tommy Makinson, Regan Grace; Goals: Lachlan Coote 7 **def Catalans Dragons 12** Tries: Mickael Goudeband, Matthieu Laguerre; Goals: James Maloney 2 **at Totally Wicked Stadium** --/-- **Huddersfield Giants 22** Tries: Jake Wardle, Jermaine McGillvary 2, Sam Wood, Louis Senior; Goals: Will Pryce 1 **def Wakefield Trinity 18** Tries: Ryan Hampshire, Joe Westerman, Reece Lyne; Goals: Ryan Hampshire 3 **at John Smith's Stadium** --/-- **Hull KR 34** Tries: Ryan Hall, Shaun Kenny-Dowall 2, Albert Vete, Mikey Lewis, Greg Minikin, Kane Linnett; Goals: Ben Crooks 3 **def Leigh Centurions 28** Tries: Adam Sidlow 2, Junior Sa'u 2, Craig Mullen; Goals: Craig Mullen 4 **at Leigh Sports Village** --/-- **Postponed:** Warrington v Hull

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Win%
1	Catalans	17	15	2	0	494	296	198	30	88.24
2	St Helens	14	12	2	0	362	118	244	24	85.71
3	Warrington	15	11	3	1	456	247	209	23	76.67
4	Wigan	18	12	6	0	321	301	20	24	66.67
5	Hull KR	13	7	6	0	321	295	26	14	53.85
6	Hull FC	14	7	6	1	308	279	29	15	53.57
7	Leeds	17	8	9	0	398	322	76	16	47.06
8	Castleford	16	7	9	0	299	406	-107	14	43.75
9	Huddersfield	17	6	11	0	300	352	-52	12	35.29
10	Salford	15	4	11	0	243	421	-178	8	26.67
11	Wakefield	17	4	13	0	297	416	-119	8	23.53
12	Leigh	15	0	15	0	246	592	-346	0	0.00

ROUND 19 FIXTURES

			all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST		
Thu 12 Aug	7:45pm	St Helens v Castleford	Totally Wicked Stadium		
Fri 13 Aug	6:15pm	Catalans v Hull FC	Stade Gilbert Brutus		
	7:45pm	Hull KR v Wigan	Hull College Craven Park		
	8:00pm	Leigh v Leeds	Leigh Sports Village		
Sun 15 Aug	3:00pm	Salford v Huddersfield	AJ Bell Stadium		
		Wakefield v Warrington	Mobile Rocket Stadium		

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 16 RESULTS

Featherstone Rovers 28 Tries: Dane Chisholm, Fa'amanu Brown, Ben Blackmore, Alex Walker, Frankie Halton; Goals: Craig Hall 4 **def Batley Bulldogs 13** Tries: Adam Gledhill, Greg Johnson; Goals: Tom Gilmore 2; Field Goals: Tom Gilmore 1 **at Fox's Biscuits Stadium** --/-- **Halifax Panthers 14** Tries: Zach McComb, Ben Tibbs, Curtis Davies; Goals: Ed Barber 1 **def Newcastle Thunder 12** Tries: Jack Johnson, Ted Chapelhow; Goals: Matty Wright 2 **at The Shay Stadium** --/-- **Toulouse Olympique 66** Tries: Anthony Marion, Taioalo Vaivai 3, Dominique Peyroux 2, Latrell Schaumkel, Johnathon Ford 2, Joe Bretherton, Tony Gigot; Goals: Mark Kheirallah 11 **def London Broncos 6** Tries: Tuoyo Egodo; Goals: Chris Hankinson 1 **at Trailfinders Sports Ground** --/-- **Swinton Lions 22** Tries: Lewis Hatton 2, Mike Butt, Deane Meadows; Goals: Jack Hansen 3 **drew with Oldham RLFC 22** Tries: Tyler Dupree 2, Lloyd Roby, James Barran; Goals: Dan Abram 3 **at Heywood Road** --/-- **Whitehaven RLFC 20** Tries: Louis Jouffret, Nikau Williams, Andrew Bulman 2; Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 2 **def Dewsbury Rams 18** Tries: Andy Gabriel, Paul Sykes, Davey Dixon; Goals: Paul Sykes 3 **at Recreation Ground** --/-- **York City Knights 34** Tries: Brendan O'Hagan 3, Tyme Dow-Nikau 2, Jack Teanby; Goals: Matty Marsh 5 **def Widnes Vikings 20** Tries: Jack Owens, Deon Cross, Joe Lyons, Steve Tyrer; Goals: Jack Owens 2 **at LNER Community Stadium** --/-- **Postponed:** Bradford v Sheffield

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	DIF%	WIN%
1	Toulouse	11	11	0	0	522	100	22	522.00	100.00
2	Featherstone*	15	14	1	0	607	202	26	300.50	86.67
3	Halifax	16	12	4	0	436	232	24	187.93	75.00
4	Bradford	14	9	5	0	375	339	18	110.62	64.29

5	Batley	16	10	6	0	417	330	20	126.36	62.50
6	London*	15	9	5	1	408	423	17	96.45	56.67
7	Whitehaven	16	7	8	1	317	428	15	74.07	46.88
8	York	15	6	9	0	379	347	12	109.22	40.00
9	Sheffield	14	4	7	3	313	413	11	75.79	39.29
10	Widnes	15	5	9	1	343	412	11	83.25	36.67
11	Newcastle	15	5	9	1	310	434	11	71.43	36.67
12	Dewsbury	15	4	10	1	233	421	9	55.34	30.00
13	Oldham	15	2	12	1	232	520	5	44.62	16.67
14	Swinton	16	1	14	1	278	569	3	48.86	9.38

DEDUCTIONS:

London Broncos: 2 points, failing to fulfil their away fixture at Toulouse in February.
Featherstone Rovers: 2 points, breaching RFL Operational Rules

ROUND 17 FIXTURES

			all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST		
Sat 14 Aug	5:00pm	Newcastle v Bradford	Kingston Park		
	6:00pm	Toulouse v Halifax	Stade Ernest Wallon		
Sun 15 Aug	3:00pm	Featherstone v York	Millennium Stadium		
		Dewsbury v Widnes	Tetley's Stadium		
		Sheffield v Oldham	Keepmoat Stadium		
		Swinton v Batley	Heywood Road		
		Whitehaven v London	Recreation Ground		

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - SHIELD

WEEK 1 RESULTS

Featherstone Rovers 52 def Wakefield Trinity 0 at The Mobile Rocket Stadium
Huddersfield Giants 28 def Warrington Wolves 26 at Halliwell Jones Stadium

WEEK 2 FIXTURES

Sun 15 Aug	2:00pm	Huddersfield v Bradford	Venue TBC
		Wakefield v Warrington	Victoria Park



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

24-26

38-12

10-6

22-20

66-16

36-10

24-56

Suncorp 7:50pm

QLD C.B. 6:00pm

Bluebet 7:55pm

McD. Jones 3:00pm

WIN 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Bankwest 2:00pm

Cbus 4:05pm

ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5

Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

August 5-8

Newcastle v Brisbane 28-20

Canberra v St Geo Illa 20-12

Parramatta v Souths 12-40

Warriors v Cronulla 18-16

Sydney v Penrith 14-20

Manly v Melbourne 18-28

Canterbury v Wests Tigers 16-28

Gold Coast v North Qld 36-14

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

Sunshine Coast 7:50pm

Suncorp 6:00pm

Suncorp 7:55pm

Cbus Super 3:00pm

QLD Country Bank 5:30pm

Sunshine Coast 7:35pm

Moreton Daily (Redcliffe) 2:00pm

Moreton Daily (Redcliffe) 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

Suncorp 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 SF 1

SF 2 L QF 2 v W SF 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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