

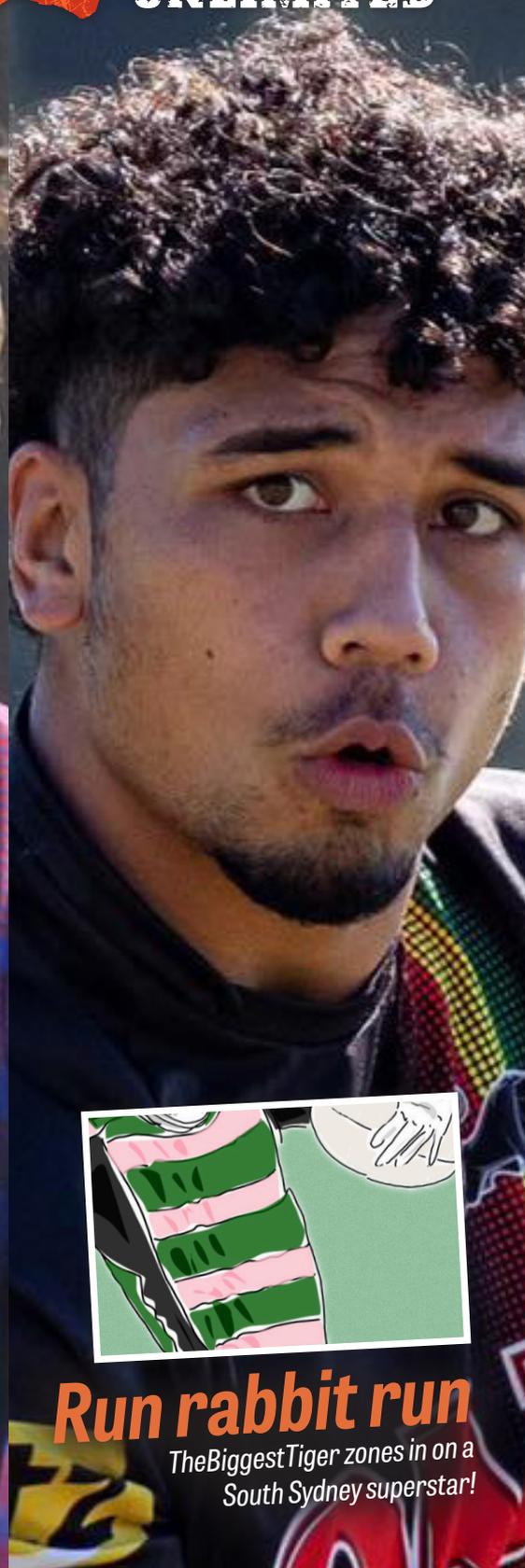
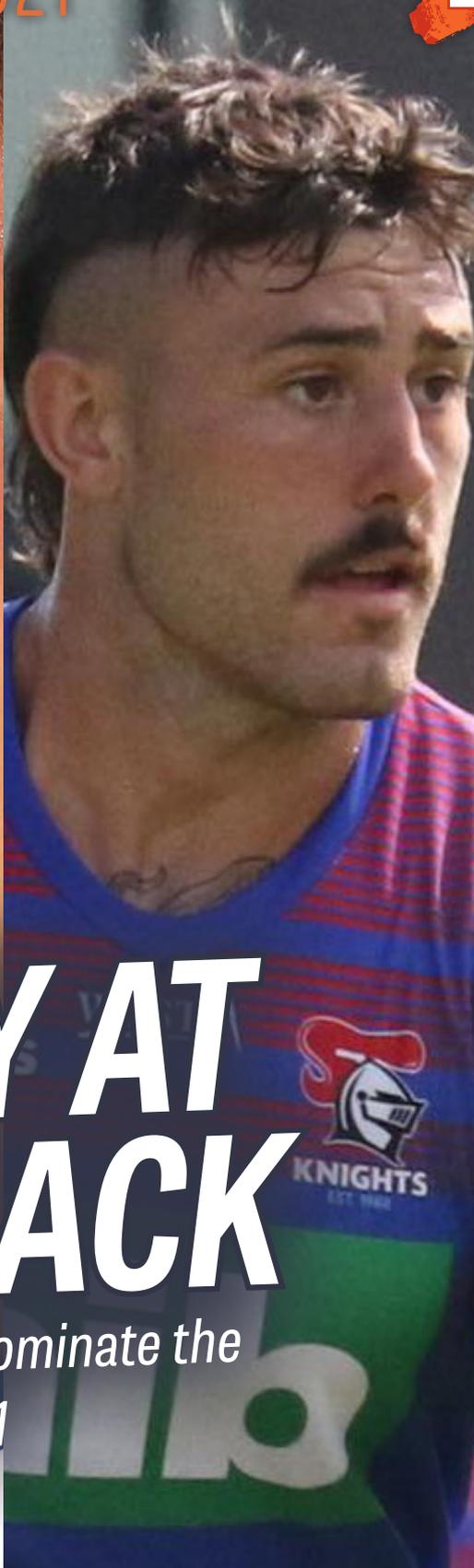
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PARTY AT THE BACK

Backs and halves dominate the rookie class of 2021



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The Biggest Tiger zones in on a South Sydney superstar!



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Match Centre: Round 19

Full Time	Full Time	Full Time	Sat 3:00PM	Sat 5:30PM	Sat 7:35PM	Sun 1:50PM	Sun 4:05PM
Eels 10 Raiders 12	Roosters 28 Knights 8	Cowboys 16 Storm 20	Rabbitohs Warriors	Sea Eagles Wests Tigers	Panthers Broncos	Dragons Titans	Bulldogs Sharks
Match Centre	Match Centre	Match Centre	Match Centre	Match Centre	Match Centre	Match Centre	Match Centre

Match Centre: MELBOURNE STORM vs PENRITH PANTHERS

Score: 0 vs 0

Pre Match: 0:00

7:35pm Sat July 31, 2021
Round 20 - Suncorp Stadium

#NRLStormPanthers

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Round 20: Form Guide

Round 19	Queensland Country Bank Stadium	Round 21	Suncorp Stadium
16	20	V	
Round 18	Cbus Super Stadium	Round 22	AAMI Park
48	4	V	

Upcoming Games

Round 21	Suncorp Stadium	0	0
V			
Round 22	WIN Stadium	16	30
V			

Latest News: Storm sneak past the Cowboys to record 15th win in a row

MELBOURNE has survived a late scare from North Queensland to register a club record 15th straight win by 20-16 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium tonight.

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THERE IS NO OFF-SEASON

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From the editor

Tim Costello

It's been an interesting year for break-out stars. We're painfully aware of the lack of lower-grade rugby league that's been able to be played in the last 18 months, and the impact that's going to have on development pathways in all states - particularly in New South Wales. The results seem to be that we're getting a lot more athletic, backline-suited players coming through, with new battle-hardened forwards making the grade few and far between. Over the page Rob Crosby highlights the Rookie Class of 2021 - well worth a read.

Also this week thanks to Andrew Ferguson, we have a footy history piece on Tommy Anderson - an inaugural South Sydney player who was 'never the same' after facing off against Dally Messenger. The BiggestTiger's weekly illustration shows off the speed and skill of Latrell Mitchell, and we update the run home to the finals with just three games left til the September action kicks off.

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WE'LL BE SEEING MORE OF YOU... LOOKING AT THE ROOKIE CLASS OF 2021

STORY BY ROB CROSBY

Debuting in first grade is the culmination of years of sacrifice and perseverance for every rugby league player.

Some are destined to play first grade from a young age, while for others, the road travelled is long and arduous.

So far this season 69 rookies have reached the promised land of first grade, while Dominic Young has added his name to the list of players to make the transition from Super League to the NRL.

Take a look back on the latest crop of rookies who debuted in first grade during the 2021 NRL Season.

Sam Walker (Roosters)

Touted as a star of the future while still in high school, Sam Walker made an immediate impression upon his introduction to the NRL. Claiming the Spirit of ANZAC Medal after four games and keeping the injury-hit Roosters in the hunt for a premiership, the 18-year-old halfback will only improve once Luke Keary returns and his body hardens to the rigours of first grade.

NRL Debut: Sydney Roosters 32 v New Zealand Warriors 12 - Round 4 (Halfback, #7)

Reece Walsh (Warriors)

Beginning the year unable to crack first grade at Brisbane, a mid-season switch to the Warriors catapulted Reece Walsh to instant stardom. Selected to debut for Queensland after seven games only for a hamstring injury to deny the teenage sensation on the eve of Game II, the electrifying fullback will benefit immensely from the experience of Shaun Johnson - a player well versed in the pressures of superstardom - when the Warriors make it back to New Zealand next season.

NRL Debut: New Zealand Warriors 20 v Melbourne Storm 42 - Round 7 (Fullback, #21)

Izack Tago (Panthers) >>>

Becoming the latest in an elite group of players to rise through the ranks at Penrith, Izack Tago will be looking to cement his place in first grade as an interchange utility adept equally in the forwards and outside backs. Learning his craft at St Marys - the same junior club that produced several premiership-winning players for the Panthers - the 19-year-old is contracted to the club until the end of 2023.

NRL Debut: Penrith Panthers 6 v Wests Tigers 26 - Round 13 (Interchange, #17)



IMAGE PANTHERS MEDIA

Ben Trbojevic (Sea Eagles)

Following in the footsteps of his older brothers by debuting with the Sea Eagles, Ben Trbojevic was handed a brutal initiation by David Klemmer with his first run in the NRL. Coming off the bench as a second-rower capable of pushing into the centres, Trbojevic will be aiming for more game time following another off-season of hard training.

NRL Debut: Manly Sea Eagles 10 v Newcastle Knights 18 - Round 12 (Interchange, #18)

Makahesi Makatoa (Eels)

Earning an unexpected start in the NRL at 28 years of age, Makahesi Makatoa is testament to never giving up on a dream. Spending time in the lower grades at Canterbury and Canberra before plying his trade with Featherstone in the UK, the Cook Islands international will be forever known as a first grade player with Parramatta.

NRL Debut: Parramatta Eels 10 v Manly Sea Eagles 56 - Round 22 (Interchange, #17)

Xavier Savage (Raiders)

Holding the unique distinction of debuting twice in the same season, Xavier Savage created plenty of interest for more than his ability on the field. Playing 11 minutes against the Dragons - later expunged from the NRL record - after Ricky Stuart incorrectly activated the exciting Queenslander as 18th man, the 19-year-old shone on his official debut as the Raiders upset the Sea Eagles prior to State of Origin III.

NRL Debut: Canberra Raiders 30 v Manly Sea Eagles 16 - Round 17 (Fullback, #1)

Tyrell Sloan (Dragons)

Touted as the man to take over from Matt Dufty in 2022, Tyrell Sloan looked a threat every time he took the field in the number one jersey. Scoring a try in each of his three appearances in the top grade, the teenage talent capped his debut by being lovingly embraced by family and friends after helping the Dragons to victory in Wollongong.

NRL Debut: St George Illawarra Dragons 22 v Canberra Raiders 20 - Round 15 (Fullback, #20)

Jayden Campbell (Titans)

Following in the footsteps of his father to become the first legacy player for the Gold Coast Titans, Jayden Campbell will be pushing for regular game time in years to come. Playing with the same instincts

that made his father, Preston, one of the most beloved players of the modern era, the 21-year-old fullback left fans wanting more with three appearances during the Origin period.

NRL Debut: Gold Coast Titans 14 v Melbourne Storm 20 - Round 13 (Fullback, #1)



IMAGE STORM MEDIA

<<< Dean Ieremia (Storm)

Joining a select group of players to debut with the Storm having progressed through the Victorian junior system, Dean Ieremia could well finish his rookie season as a premiership winner. Staking a claim for the number two jumper in the absence of George Jennings, the 20-year-old Samoan-born outside back enjoyed a memorable afternoon against the Panthers with a hat-trick.

NRL Debut: Melbourne Storm 40 v Cronulla Sharks 14 - Round 8 (Wing, #19)

Brayden Musgrove (Knights)>>>

Winning a premiership with the Cessnock Goannas in the Newcastle Rugby League last October, Brayden Musgrove stepped up to the pressures of first grade six months later. Showing plenty of courage under the high ball, the solidly built winger averaged just under 100 metres in seven appearances after beginning the year on a train-and-trial contract.

NRL Debut: Newcastle Knights 26 v Cronulla Sharks 22 - Round 6 (Wing, #2)



IMAGE KNIGHTS MEDIA

THE CLASS OF 2021

NEWCASTLE Dominic Young (RD. 3); Brayden Musgrove (RD. 6); Simi Sasagi (RD. 11); Matt Croker (RD. 13)

Every player debut in 2021 - from Rounds 1 to 22

MELBOURNE Tyson Smoothy (RD. 1); Trent Loiero (RD. 4); Dean Ieremia (RD. 8); Jordan Grant (RD. 18)

PENRITH J'maine Hopgood (RD. 10); Lindsay Smith (RD. 13); Izack Tago (RD. 13); Taylan May (RD. 21)

SOUTH SYDNEY Dean Hawkins (RD. 5); Peter Mamouzelos (RD. 14); Blake Taaffe (RD. 15); Davvy Moale (RD. 20)

SYDNEY Fletcher Baker (RD. 2); Sam Walker (RD. 4); Ben Marschke (RD. 4); Tuku Hau Tapuha (RD. 9); Joseph Suaalii (RD. 11); Egan Butcher (RD. 12); Ben Thomas (RD. 14); Naufahu Whyte (RD. 22)

MANLY Zac Saddler (RD. 9); Ben Trbojevic (RD. 12); Kurt De Luis (RD. 14)

PARRAMATTA Wiremu Greig (RD. 6); Jakob Arthur >>> (RD. 10); Sean Russell (RD. 15); Will Penisini (RD. 19); Makahesi Makatoa (RD. 22)

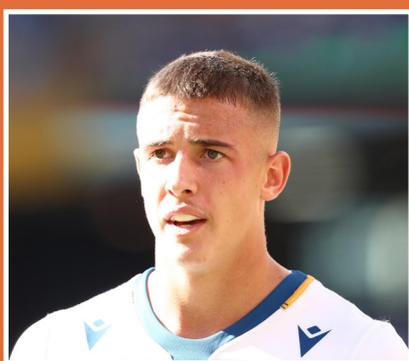


IMAGE EELS MEDIA

GOLD COAST Jayden Campbell (RD. 13); Greg Marzheew (RD. 13); Toby Sexton (RD. 19)

CANBERRA Brad Schneider (RD. 11); Xavier Savage (RD. 17); Elijah Anderson (RD. 21)

CRONULLA Franklin Pele (RD. 12); Luke Metcalf (RD. 20)

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA Matthew Feagai (RD. 9); Talatau Amone (RD. 9); Jaiyden Hunt (RD. 11); Tyrell Sloan (RD. 15)

WARRIORS Reece Walsh (RD. 7); Rocco Berry (RD. 7); Edward Kosi (RD. 8); Taniela Otukolo (RD. 15); Viliami Vailea (RD. 20); Jackson Frei (RD. 22)

WESTS TIGERS Jake Simpkin (RD. 6); Zac Cini (RD. 8); Jock Madden (RD. 10); Junior Pauga (RD. 18); Tukimihia Simpkins (RD. 18); Kelma Tuilagi (RD. 20)

NORTH QUEENSLAND Heilum Luki (RD. 11); Kane Bradley (RD. 19); Jeremiah Nanai (RD. 22); Griffin Neame (RD. 22)

BRISBANE Kobe Hetherington (RD. 11); TC Robati (RD. 12); Selwyn Cobbo (RD. 13); Xavier Willison (RD. 20)

CANTERBURY Brad Deitz (RD. 1); Jackson Topine (RD. 4); Aaron Schoupp (RD. 11); Falakiko Manu (RD. 16); Bailey Biondi-Odo (RD. 16); Chris Patolo (RD. 16)

TOMMY ANDERSON

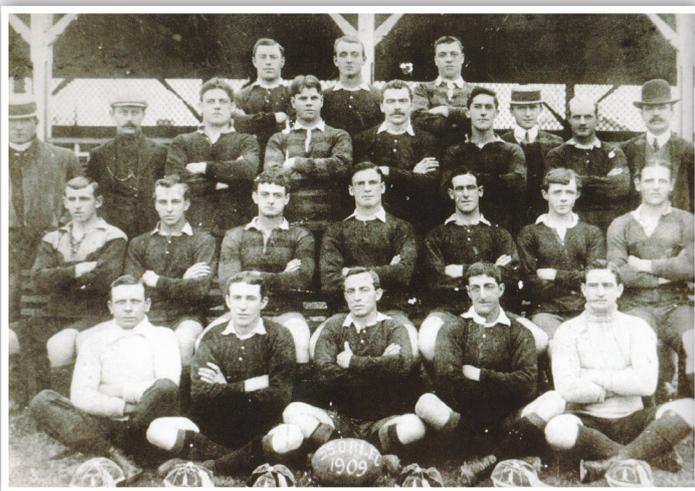
THE INAUGURAL RABBITOH WHO WAS NEVER THE SAME AFTER FACING OFF WITH DALLY M.

Tommy Anderson had a career that was full of amazing achievements in a very short period of time, before a clash with the great Dally Messenger seemingly ended it.

Born in Sydney in 1887, the only son of Thomas and Mary, Tommy Anderson was one of the few players to line up for the league despite being just 20 years old and having yet to make his name in Rugby Union.

He had been performing admirably in Rugby Union lower grades, while also excelling as a wrestler in his teenage years. A bulldozing and speedy winger, who had a great ability for 'bumping' defenders heavily as he ran with the ball, earning him a reputation as being one of the hardest players to stop when running at top speed.

He played in South Sydney's first premiership game of Round 1, 1908, recording the first try and points scored for the South Sydney club, when he crossed for a try late in the first half against Norths. His form was brilliant from that opening clash, earning him a place in the Australian side for the third test against New Zealand. Anderson scored a try in the first Test win by Australia. Anderson again created another first when he scored the first try for NSW against QLD. He went on to score 4 tries in his state debut, which saw the Blues record a 43-0 drubbing of the Maroons.



It came as no surprise when he was named in the Kangaroo squad to travel to England. Unfortunately, he was barely used on the lengthy tour, playing in just 5 minor games, while also being unable to retain his place in the Test side.

In 1909 after returning home from the tour, Anderson played in

7 games for Souths and scored an impressive 11 tries, topping the try scorer list for the competition. He scored two tries in a spiteful semi-final clash against Newcastle, helping Souths to reach their second final in 2 years. After missing the 1908 final win due to the Kangaroo tour, Anderson would've been keen to play in the 1909 final. However a protest by the Balmain club saw them forfeit the game and deny Anderson of a second final appearance.

His try scorer proficiency was diminished in 1910, however his ability wasn't. The competition was much stronger thanks to an influx of Rugby Union players joining the League.

In Round 12, 1910 the career of Tommy Anderson seemingly came to an end, despite him playing a handful of games after. Souths came up against Easts who were led by the impeccable Dally Messenger. They decided to target Dally with a constant barrage of heavy clashes courtesy of the best and heaviest 'bumper' in the game, Tommy Anderson. Using his size and speed to great advantage, Anderson targeted Messenger all game, regularly hitting him with heavy impacts, however Messenger seemed unfazed by it all, seemingly as he was so used to such treatment every time he played. By the end of the game, Messenger was quite nonchalant about the attention he received, while Anderson was reportedly shaken. It's unsure if this was due to injury, or the fact that he failed to put Messenger off his game, despite dishing out his heaviest punishment to a player.

Many players and spectators alike believe this match ended Anderson's promising career, as he played with less skill and fervour afterwards. He finished the season with Souths, finally getting to play in a final, however the game ended in a tryless 4 all draw against Newtown. Newtown were awarded the Premiership as they finished higher on the ladder.

Anderson linked with Balmain for 2 games in 1911, struggling to earn a place in their first grade side who were so poor that they finished the season in last place.

After taking the 1912 season off, he moved to Newtown and played in their opening game of the 1913 season, ironically against Easts, whose side sported Dally Messenger's brother, Wally Messenger, in the centres. This was Anderson's last game in the top grade. He was named as an emergency reserve for the next 4 games by Newtown, but didn't play in any of them. A career that started like a wildfire had petered out quietly to its end just a few short years later.

Anderson joined the army in late August 1915, however his ill-discipline saw him draw the ire of the military on several occasions. He then suffered from a series of knee and foot injuries, some of which were from his footballing days.

First he suffered from a septic foot. Two months later he injured his knee in an accident while serving at Hill 60 in Ypres. After getting his knee repaired somewhat he then suffered a few bouts of venereal disease. He then went absent for several weeks before returning with septic dermatitis.

Another accidental knee injury saw him back in hospital for a lengthy period before he was discharged in August 1918.

His health conditions hampered his athletic ability upon returning to Australia, rendering his career over. Eventually he succumbed to his deteriorating health, falling ill in 1928, he died aged just 41 at the Randwick Military hospital.



TOMMY ANDERSON

Born Thomas Anderson
10/5/1887
Sydney, New South Wales

Died: 24/11/1928
Age 41
Randwick, New South Wales

RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYING CAREER

CLUB – PREMIERSHIP GAMES

Souths (1908-10) Played 29, 23 tries, 1 goal, 71 points
Balmain (1911) Played 2, 0 points
Newtown (1913) Played 1, 0 points

CLUB – OTHER GAMES

Souths (1909) Played 1, 0 points

REPRESENTATIVE

Reds (1910) Played 1, 0 points
NSW (1908-09) Played 4, 6 tries, 18 points
Australia (08-09
Kangaroo tour
games) Played 5, 0 points
Kangaroos (1909) Played 1, 1 try, 3 points

TESTS

Australia (1908) Played 1, 1 try, 3 points

TOTAL

1908-13 Played 45, 31 tries, 1 goal, 95 points

THE RUN HOME

HOW EACH TEAM LOOKS FOR THE LAST THREE ROUNDS



MELBOURNE STORM Current position Run Home:	1ST Predicted finish Gold Coast - Parramatta - Cronulla	40 PTS +485 1ST
PENRITH PANTHERS Current position Run Home:	2ND Predicted finish Souths - Wests Tigers - Parramatta	38 PTS +329 2ND
SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS Current position Run Home:	3RD Predicted finish Penrith - Roosters - St Geo Illa	38 PTS +289 3RD
SYDNEY ROOSTERS Current position Run Home:	4TH Predicted finish St Geo Illa - South Sydney - Canberra	30 PTS +141 5TH
MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES Current position Run Home:	5TH Predicted finish Canberra - Canterbury - Nth Qld	28 PTS +205 4TH
PARRAMATTA EELS Current position Run Home:	6TH Predicted finish North Qld - Melbourne - Penrith	28 PTS +115 6TH
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS Current position Run Home:	7TH Predicted finish Canterbury - Gold Coast - Brisbane	22 PTS -137 7TH
GOLD COAST TITANS Current position Run Home:	8TH Predicted finish Melbourne - Newcastle - Warriors	20 PTS -32 9TH
CANBERRA RAIDERS Current position Run Home:	9TH Predicted finish Manly - Warriors - Roosters	20 PTS -84 8TH
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS Current position Run Home:	10TH Predicted finish W. Tigers - Brisbane - Melbourne	18 PTS -62 10TH
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS Current position Run Home:	11TH Predicted finish Roosters - North Qld - Souths	18 PTS -90 12TH
WARRIORS Current position Run Home:	12TH Predicted finish Brisbane - Canberra - Gold Coast	18 PTS -90 11TH
WESTS TIGERS Current position Run Home:	13TH Predicted finish Cronulla - Penrith - Canterbury	18 PTS -90 13TH

'TRELL.

This week the NRL showed its intention to support and celebrate women through its Women's in League Round. Simultaneously, Latrell Mitchell's Rabbitohs showed their intentions in making a big impression in the finals this year.

Artwork by TheBiggestTiger



PREMIERSHIP LADDER **RUGBY LEAGUE** project

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 22

Pos	Team	Overall									Home						Away							
		P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	Diff	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff
1	Melbourne Storm	21	19	2	-	1	743	258	40	485	11	11	-	-	409	140	269	10	8	2	-	334	118	216
2	Penrith Panthers	21	18	3	-	1	581	252	38	329	10	10	-	-	265	82	183	11	8	3	-	316	170	146
3	South Sydney Rabbitohs	21	18	3	-	1	689	400	38	289	11	9	2	-	327	242	85	10	9	1	-	362	158	204
4	Sydney Roosters	21	14	7	-	1	538	397	30	141	11	8	3	-	298	184	114	10	6	4	-	240	213	27
5	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	21	13	8	-	1	643	438	28	205	11	7	4	-	358	238	120	10	6	4	-	285	200	85
6	Parramatta Eels	21	13	8	-	1	506	391	28	115	10	6	4	-	237	168	69	11	7	4	-	269	223	46
7	Newcastle Knights	21	10	11	-	1	369	506	22	-137	11	7	4	-	227	222	5	10	3	7	-	142	284	-142
8	Gold Coast Titans	21	9	12	-	1	502	534	20	-32	10	4	6	-	248	291	-43	11	5	6	-	254	243	11
9	Canberra Raiders	21	9	12	-	1	419	503	20	-84	10	4	6	-	215	263	-48	11	5	6	-	204	240	-36
10	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	21	8	13	-	1	430	492	18	-62	10	5	5	-	218	180	38	11	3	8	-	212	312	-100
11	St George Illawarra Dragons	21	8	13	-	1	410	518	18	-108	10	4	6	-	224	252	-28	11	4	7	-	186	266	-80
12	Warriors	21	8	13	-	1	415	528	18	-113	11	5	6	-	211	236	-25	10	3	7	-	204	292	-88
13	Wests Tigers	21	8	13	-	1	464	596	18	-132	10	3	7	-	226	284	-58	11	5	6	-	238	312	-74
14	North Queensland Cowboys	21	6	15	-	1	388	644	14	-256	11	5	6	-	240	281	-41	10	1	9	-	148	363	-215
15	Brisbane Broncos	21	5	16	-	1	371	627	12	-256	10	4	6	-	207	257	-50	11	1	10	-	164	370	-206
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	21	2	19	-	1	268	652	6	-384	11	1	10	-	136	370	-234	10	1	9	-	132	282	-150

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 22

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	17	24
2	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	19	21
3	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	21	20
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	21	20
5	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	13	19
6	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	20	17
7	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	19	15
8	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	18	14
	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	20	14
10	Ken MAUMALO	WAR, WST	W	18	13
	David NOFOALUMA	WST	W	21	13
12	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	21	12
	JR William KENNEDY	CRO	FB	21	12
	Reimis SMITH	MEL	CTR	21	12
	Connor TRACEY	CRO	W, CTR, 5/8, INT	21	12
	Cody WALKER	SOU	FB, 5/8	20	12

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	21	20	94	-	268
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	20	5	103	2	230
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	13	8	70	1	174
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	19	9	67	-	170
5	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	19	6	54	-	132
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	4	55	-	126
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	18	2	58	2	126
8	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	6	50	-	124
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	17	4	44	2	106
10	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB, INT	10	8	35	1	103

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	20	103	130	79%
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	21	94	118	80%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	13	70	82	85%
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	19	67	83	81%
5	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	18	58	77	75%
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	17	55	69	80%
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, INT	19	54	71	76%
8	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	50	63	79%
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	17	44	60	73%
10	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	20	42	52	81%

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GAME DAY

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THURSDAY



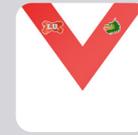
**GOLD COAST
v MELBOURNE**
Cbus Super Stadium

SATURDAY



**WESTS TIGERS
v CRONULLA**
Browne Park

SUNDAY



**ST GEO ILLA
v SYDNEY**
Clive Berghofer Stadium

FRIDAY



**CANBERRA
v MANLY**
Suncorp Stadium



**CANTERBURY
v NEWCASTLE**
Cbus Super



**BRISBANE v
WARRIORS**
Suncorp Stadium



**PENRITH
v SOUTHS**
Suncorp Stadium



**PARRAMATTA
v NORTH QLD**
Cbus Super

WEEKLY TIPS Round 23

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

Paul Jobber (8/129)

Melbourne
Manly
Penrith
Cronulla
Newcastle
Parramatta
Sydney Roosters
Warriors

Sam Bourke (8/127)

Melbourne
Manly
Penrith
Cronulla
Newcastle
Parramatta
Sydney Roosters
Brisbane

Hamish Parker (7/122)

Melbourne
Manly
Penrith
Cronulla
Newcastle
Parramatta
Sydney Roosters
Warriors

Andrew Ferguson (8/121)

Melbourne
Manly
Penrith
Wests Tigers
Newcastle
Parramatta
Sydney Roosters
Warriors

Steven Williams (5/120)

Melbourne
Canberra
Penrith
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St George Illawarra
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Adam Huxtable (7/117)

Melbourne
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Rob Crosby (7/114)

Melbourne
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South Sydney
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Sydney Roosters
Warriors

Jason Hosken (7/128)

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Sydney Roosters
Brisbane

Justin Davies (7/122)

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Parramatta
Sydney Roosters
Brisbane

Lachy MacCorquodale (7/121)

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Sydney Roosters
Warriors

Josh Robertson (8/121)

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Rick Edgerton (6/120)

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South Sydney
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Tim Costello (8/116)

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Andrew Jackson (5/107)

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GOLD COAST TITANS



MELBOURNE STORM

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

Justin HOLBROOK

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Ryan PAPHUYZEN	23	10	8	35	1	103
2	George JENNINGS	28	15	11	-	-	44
3	Reimis SMITH	24	21	12	-	-	48
4	Marion SEVE	26	-	-	-	-	-
5	Josh ADDO-CARR	26	19	21	1	-	86
6	Cameron MUNSTER	26	16	6	16	-	56
7	Nicholas HYNES	25	19	6	54	-	132
8	Jesse BROMWICH	32	20	1	-	-	4
9	Harry GRANT	23	9	4	-	-	16
10	Christian WELCH	27	17	1	-	-	4
11	Felise KAUFUSI	29	16	3	-	-	12
12	Kenneath BROMWICH	29	17	3	-	-	12
13	Chris LEWIS	29	18	2	-	-	8
14	Jordan GRANT	27	3	-	-	-	-
15	Tom EISENHUTH	29	15	4	-	-	16
16	Tepai MOEROA	25	1	-	-	-	-
17	Cooper JOHNS	22	4	1	-	-	4
18	Aaron BOOTH	25	5	-	-	-	-
19	Trent LOIERO	20	5	2	-	-	8
20	Aaron PENE	25	7	-	-	-	-
21	Isaac LUMELUME	23	-	-	-	-	-

Craig BELLAMY

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#NRLTitansStorm



Thursday 19
August 2021



7:50PM
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Cbus Super
Stadium,
Robina QLD



Nine Network
Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport
Triple M
NRL Nation

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Ben CUMMINS
Touch Judges Wyatt RAYMOND
Phil HENDERSON
NRL Bunker Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 23 MATCHES

MELBOURNE 17-6 (no draws)

At Cbus Super Stadium: 9 matches, Melbourne 6-3

LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 9-1

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R22	Melbourne 36-14	AAMI Park	10,521
2016	R2	Melbourne 34-16	AAMI Park	12,637
2016	R9	Melbourne 38-0	Cbus Super	10,214
2017	R10	Gold Coast 38-36	Suncorp Stadium	44,127
2018	R10	Melbourne 28-14	Suncorp Stadium	31,118
2018	R24	Melbourne 10-8	Cbus Super	14,266
2019	R18	Melbourne 38-18	Cbus Super	11,143
2019	R23	Melbourne 24-8	AAMI Park	11,758
2020	R10	Melbourne 42-6	Sunshine Coast	5,437
2021	R13	Melbourne 20-14	Sunshine Coast	7,630

BIGGEST WINS

2007	R25	Melbourne 50-6	Olympic Park	11,770
2008	R13	Gold Coast 18-0	Cbus Super	19,409

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Brian Kelly (GLD)	100 club points	4 points
Patrick Herbert (GLD)	100 career points	4 points
Dale Finucane (MEL)	150 club games	1 game
Kenneath Bromwich (MEL)	100 club & career points	4 points
Ryan Papenhuyzen (MEL)	200 club & career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



LAST TWO: GOLD COAST

R24	NEWCASTLE (A)	SUN. COAST
R25	WARRIORS (H)	CBUS SUPER



LAST TWO: MELBOURNE

R24	PARRAMATTA (H)	SUNCORP
R25	CRONULLA (A)	CBUS SUPER

Preview with Josh Robertson

As Tennis star Venus Williams once said "In life, there is no such thing as impossible; It's always possible" and that will be the attitude of the Gold Coast Titans as they look to pull off the upset of the season up against the Melbourne Storm on Thursday night at Cbus Super Stadium.

The Titans were brought crashing back to Earth last weekend as they were beaten 36-6 by the South Sydney Rabbitohs last Saturday afternoon. The Titans came into the contest confident off a three-game winning streak but it was quick to show that their form was nothing compared to the Bunnies as they couldn't match them in any facet. Souths scored early and it was a downhill trip for the Titans from there and they could only manage one which came after the hour mark when they were already 30 points down.

Holding to a tenuous grip onto eighth spot, the Gold Coast Titans will be hoping to pull off the upset to help them appear for the first time in the finals since 2016. Victory against the Storm will hold the Titans in good stead but show that if they do make the finals then they won't just be making up the numbers.

The Titans have been forced into a number of changes, with most notably AJ Brimson ruled out due to a hairline fracture of the jaw with Jayden Campbell expected to fill the fullback role. Rookie Toby Sexton has been dropped to fit Jamal Fogarty. Other changes have seen Mitch Rein dropped to be replaced by Erin Clark whilst Moeaki Fotuauka has been ruled out with Sam McIntyre coming into the side.

The Melbourne Storm again showed why they are the team to beat as they took their 18th straight victory as they held off a passionate Canberra Raiders 26-16 last Thursday night on the Sunshine Coast. The Storm have been tested in the last few weeks but have shown their class as they have been able to hold onto their wins against sides around the top 8. Last weekend, the Storm conceded an early try but then quickly fought back lead 20-4 at the break and then ultimately holding off the Raiders 26-16.

Mathematically, the Melbourne Storm could still lose the Minor Premiership but it would be a major shock should either the Panthers or the Rabbitohs pass them to take first on the ladder.

After being heavily concussed last weekend, Jahrome Hughes has been rested through the concussion protocols with Nicho Hynes moving into the halfback role whilst Ryan Papenhuyzen will regain his number 1 jersey. The Storm have also rested Dale Finucane, Brandon Smith and Justin Olam for the finals with Chris

Lewis, Harry Grant and Marion Seve all coming into the side.

Who to watch: Not many teams can bring a representative player from the bench into their starting line up but that is the luxury the Melbourne Storm have with Harry Grant and in particular Ryan Papenhuyzen. The Melbourne fullback hasn't started since Magic Round and will be looking to make an impact as he regains his number one jersey. The Storm haven't lost anything with Nicho Hynes taking over but it will be interesting to see how much of an impact Papenhuyzen will have at the back.

The Titans left Jamal Fogarty out of their side last weekend with coach Justin Holbrook unwilling to risk the balance of his side following their winning streak. Since the winning streak has gone, Justin Holbrook is now willing to change his side and the Titans skipper comes back into the side which would be a boost for the Gold Coast in their attempts to upset the Storm.

Favourite: The Melbourne Storm are unsurprisingly heavy favourites as they look for win 19 in a row.

My tip: It's hard to go past the Storm in this one, they may lose players like Jahrome Hughes, Dale Finucane and Brandon Smith this weekend but at the same point their replacements would be star players at any other club and they just have too much class for the Titans who need to find plenty to get close. **Melbourne by 24.**

CANBERRA RAIDERS



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
19	11	2	-	48	32	Jordan RAPANA	1
15	5	-	-	20	23	Bailey SIMONSSON	2
18	6	-	-	24	22	Sebastian KRIS	3
6	-	-	-	-	21	Matthew TIMOKO	4
4	1	-	-	4	21	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS	5
18	5	-	-	20	28	Jack WIGHTON	6
11	4	13	-	42	30	Sam WILLIAMS	7
17	3	-	-	12	29	Josh PAPALII	8
17	1	-	-	4	31	Josh HODGSON	9
16	2	-	-	8	27	Joseph TAPINE	10
16	4	-	-	16	23	Hudson YOUNG	11
18	3	-	-	12	32	Elliott WHITEHEAD	12
19	2	-	-	8	26	Ryan SUTTON	13
5	1	-	-	4	26	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	14
16	4	-	-	16	23	Emre GULER	15
16	1	-	-	4	35	Iosia SOLIOLA	16
2	-	-	-	-	26	Matt FRAWLEY	17
10	-	-	-	-	31	Dunamis LUI	18
-	-	-	-	-	19	Trey MOONEY	19
1	-	-	-	-	22	Elijah ANDERSON	20
7	-	-	-	-	23	Caleb AEKINS	21

Ricky STUART

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PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Tom TRBOJEVIC	24	13	19	-	-	76
2	Jason SAAB	20	21	20	-	-	80
3	Morgan HARPER	23	17	6	-	-	24
4	Moses SULI	23	11	3	-	-	12
5	Reuben GARRICK	24	21	20	94	-	268
6	Kieran FORAN	31	19	3	-	-	12
7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	32	19	7	1	1	31
8	Josh ALOIAI	25	11	-	-	-	-
9	Lachlan CROKER	24	21	4	-	-	16
10	Martin TAUPAU	31	20	2	-	-	8
11	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	22	15	6	-	-	24
12	Josh SCHUSTER	20	15	2	-	-	8
13	Jake TRBOJEVIC	27	17	1	-	-	4
14	Dylan WALKER	26	14	4	-	-	16
15	Karl LAWTON	25	10	3	-	-	12
16	Curtis SIRONEN	28	3	-	-	-	-
17	Toafofoa SIPLEY	26	17	2	-	-	8
18	Jack GOSIEWSKI	27	6	-	-	-	-
19	Tevita FUNA	23	3	-	-	-	-
20	Kurt DE LUIS	25	6	-	-	-	-
21	Cade CUST	22	10	2	-	-	8

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#NRLRaidersManly



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6:00PM
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Suncorp
Stadium,
Milton QLD



Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport, MIX
Canberra, Triple
M, NRL Nation

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Adam GEE
Touch Judges	Darian FURNER Todd SMITH
NRL Bunker	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 59 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 36-22 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: MANLY 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R13	Canberra 30-18	GIO Stadium	9,157
2016	R25	Canberra 44-30	4 Pines Park	11,137
2017	R8	Manly 20-18	GIO Stadium	15,976
2017	R13	Manly 21-20	4 Pines Park	11,318
2018	R4	Manly 32-16	4 Pines Park	9,392
2018	R12	Canberra 21-20	GIO Stadium	11,105
2019	R7	Manly 24-20	4 Pines Park	10,706
2019	R23	Manly 18-14	GIO Stadium	20,265
2020	R6	Manly 14-6	Campbelltown	-
2021	R17	Canberra 30-16	4 Pines Park	-

BIGGEST WINS

1982	R20	Manly 61-20	4 Pines Park	7,133
2003	R22	Canberra 51-16	4 Pines Park	10,485

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
NRL/NSWRL/ARL since 1908	89,000 tries	14 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



LAST TWO: CANBERRA

R24	WARRIORS (A)	MACKAY
R25	SYD. ROOSTERS (H)	CBUS SUPER



LAST TWO: MANLY

R24	CANTERBURY (H)	REDCLIFFE
R25	NORTH QLD (A)	QLD C.B.

Preview

with Jason Hosken

Turbo, or not Turbo: that is Ricky's question

Canberra lost no friends in last week's admirable loss to Melbourne, and more of the same will be required against the red hot Sea Eagles at Suncorp this Friday.

Still agonisingly shy of eighth spot on percentage, a repeat of last month's 4 Pines ambush will go a long way to extending the Raiders' Queensland stay.

Corey Harawira-Naera and Tom Starling toyed with an Origin depleted Manly back in round 17. Now missing due to suspension and injury, Des Hasler would've been optimistic about his side's chances until a crack was identified in Tom Trbojevic's cheekbone.

Call it flying under the radar or smoke and mirrors, in a massive about face, the Dally M Medal favourite's name has found its way on to Hasler's round 23 team sheet. In other changes, still fresh from two tries off the bench against the battling Eels, Moses Suli comes in for the rested Brad Parker, while Toafofoa Siplely is back from suspension to replace rookie prop Kurt de Luis.

Speculation surrounding Turbo's inclusion is likely to

swirl like wildfire until at least an hour before kick off. Either way, despite the horrors of the opening four rounds, Manly have shown they can adapt, winning three of their last four outings in the absence of their star fullback.

A victory over the Raiders could decide Manly's top four aspirations. With battlers Canterbury and North Queensland to close out the season, a win here will keep the fourth placed Roosters within reach.

In a blow for Canberra, skipper Jarrod Croker has been ruled out with Seb Kris named to cover at centre. But they do welcome back exciting custodian Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad. Named on the bench, the fullback is set to return for his first match in the lime green since round 5.

Back at Suncorp for the third time this season, the Raiders will need to up the intensity following an uninspiring victory over the Bulldogs back in Magic Round and upset loss to the Knights earlier this month.

Manly on the other hand have sizzled on Suncorp. Averaging 38 points per game, a loss to Melbourne is the Sea Eagles' only hiccup in four outings in the Queensland capital this season.

Who to watch: In a troubled season, Jack Wighton finally returned to his destructive best against the Storm. With only five try assists for the season leading into the game,

the Blues utility proved a handful down the left edge to lay on three tries for winger Bailey Simonsson. With 196 games under his belt, the Raiders will be banking on his big game experience in the run home, and his battle this week with Manly's right edge of Morgan Harper and Jason Saab will be one to key an eye on.

Lachlan Croker is the unsung mainstay of Manly's season. The once injury prone Raiders playmaker has played all 21 games this year after featuring in all 20 last season. Often criticised for a lack of metres from dummy-half, the 59 tries to Manly's three outside backs suggests his service is on point. Sometimes alternating with Karl Lawton, the variety against the Raiders could prove a point of difference. Without Starling, Josh Hodgson's full time ruck duties could limit Canberra's variety through the middle.

Favourite: No surprise here, Manly are the raging favourite.

My tip: Although Manly have the wood on the Raiders with six wins from the past eight, more often than not the games go down to the wire. The average margin in six of the last eight is less than a try, and regardless of form both sides seem to grow a leg. The Turbo factor will be immense. Without him, the Raiders will fancy their chances in a dour contest. But if he plays, there'll be too many holes for Canberra to plug. **Manly by 16.**

PENRITH PANTHERS



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
15	5	-	1	22	25	Dylan EDWARDS	1
20	7	14	-	56	20	Stephen CRICHTON	2
12	6	-	-	24	25	Paul MOMIROVSKI	3
19	15	6	1	73	21	Matt BURTON	4
5	3	-	-	12	25	Brent NADEN	5
18	1	-	-	4	24	Jarome LUAI	6
13	8	70	1	174	23	Nathan CLEARY	7
19	2	-	-	8	26	Moses LEOTA	8
11	1	-	-	4	28	Apisai KOROISAU	9
17	1	-	-	4	29	Matt EISENHUTH	10
20	8	-	-	32	26	Viliame KIKAU	11
20	3	-	-	12	24	Liam MARTIN	12
18	2	-	-	8	26	Isaah YEO	13
15	-	-	-	-	23	Mitch KENNY	14
13	1	-	-	4	28	Scott SORENSEN	15
6	-	-	-	-	22	J'maine HOPGOOD	16
16	5	-	-	20	28	Kurt CAPEWELL	17
6	1	-	-	4	19	Izack TAGO	18
15	3	-	-	12	25	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	19
1	-	-	-	-	20	Taylan MAY	20
18	2	-	-	8	25	James FISHER-HARRIS	21

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PENALTIES

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Latrell MITCHELL	24	15	10	5	1	51
2	Alex JOHNSTON	26	17	24	-	-	96
3	Dane GAGAI	30	18	9	-	-	36
4	Campbell GRAHAM	22	15	6	-	-	24
5	Josh MANSOUR	31	10	10	-	-	40
6	Cody WALKER	31	20	12	-	-	48
7	Adam REYNOLDS	31	20	5	103	2	230
8	Mark NICHOLLS	31	21	1	-	-	4
9	Damien COOK	30	19	2	-	-	8
10	Thomas BURGESS	29	21	4	-	-	16
11	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	23	19	3	-	-	12
12	Jai ARROW	26	18	2	-	-	8
13	Cameron MURRAY	23	15	5	-	-	20
14	Benji MARSHALL	36	17	3	-	-	12
15	Jacob HOST	24	15	1	-	-	4
16	Tevita TATOLA	24	15	-	-	-	-
17	Hame SELE	24	6	1	-	-	4
18	Taane MILNE	26	11	7	-	-	28
19	Patrick MAGO	26	10	-	-	-	-
20	Blake TAAFFE	22	4	1	-	-	4
21	Jaydn SU'A	23	18	5	-	-	20

Wayne BENNETT

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#NRLPanthersSouths



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ABC Sport,
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Grant ATKINS
Touch Judges	Liam KENNEDY Chris BUTLER
NRL Bunker	Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 86 MATCHES

SOUTH SYDNEY 46-39 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: PENRITH 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R21	Souths 20-16	Stadium Australia	13,391
2016	R16	Penrith 28-26	BlueBet Stadium	13,080
2017	R6	Souths 21-20	BlueBet Stadium	15,535
2017	R17	Souths 42-14	Stadium Australia	14,103
2018	R2	Penrith 18-14	BlueBet Stadium	15,995
2019	R7	Souths 22-18	BlueBet Stadium	14,931
2019	R14	Penrith 19-18	Stadium Australia	11,023
2020	R7	Penrith 20-12	Netstrata Jubilee	106
2020	FN	Penrith 20-16	Stadium Australia	30,116
2021	R11	Penrith 56-12	Apex Oval	10,824

BIGGEST WINS

1980	R7	Souths 59-5	Redfern Oval	4,752
2021	R11	Penrith 56-12	Apex Oval	10,824

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Brent Naden (PEN)	100 club & career points	8 points
Damien Cook (SOU)	100 career points	6 points
Dane Gagai (SOU)	300 career points	10 points
Tautau Moga (SOU)	100 career points	8 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



LAST TWO: PENRITH

R24	WESTS TIGERS (H)	REDCLIFFE
R25	PARRAMATTA (A)	CBUS SUPER



LAST TWO: SOUTH SYDNEY

R24	SYD. ROOSTERS (A)	SUNCORP
R25	ST GEORGE ILLA (H)	SUN. COAST

Preview with Andrew Jackson

It was Penrith's most complete performance of the season.

Now all these months later the troops are starting to return and the Panthers will be hoping to rediscover the same ruthless edge that saw them run out 56-12 winners over the Rabbitohs.

Everything clicked for Penrith on that afternoon but since then Origin and injuries have taken their toll.

It has proven to be far from crippling for the Panthers, who have dropped just the three games since but even their wins have been unconvincing at times.

Meanwhile, Melbourne has just continued to strengthen its premiership credentials.

The return of Nathan Cleary had an instant impact in a 34-16 win over the Dragons last week but even still an error-riddled start would have proven costly against a better opponent.

Both James Fisher-Harris and Tevita Pangai Jr have been named on the extended bench and could be a late inclusion.

Apisai Koroisau and Kurt Capewell though both return from suspension in a timely boost.

With the Rabbitohs and Panthers favoured to win both of their remaining games this blockbuster will likely decide second and third spot on the ladder.

That will not mean much anyway given the lack of home ground advantage but it will be a big psychological advantage for Souths in particular.

Wayne Bennett did not utter a single word in the dressing sheds after the Rabbitohs' 44-point loss to the Panthers earlier this year.

With it he sent a clear message that certainly got through with the Bunnies undefeated since that point.

In saying that, wins over the Eels, Tigers, Bulldogs and Warriors were overshadowed by defensive lapses that cast serious doubts over South Sydney's premiership credentials.

The past three weeks have gone a long way to addressing those concerns, with the Rabbitohs conceding just six tries in victories over the Dragons, Eels and Titans.

A win over the Panthers would certainly see Souths command the respect they deserve and the returns of Alex Johnston, Campbell Graham and Dane Gagai will help.

Who to watch: Jarome Luai looked more at home last week against the Dragons with Cleary back alongside him. The Panthers playmaker grew up playing a lot of No. 7 in the juniors but did not look entirely comfortable steering the team around without his Blues halves partner. The extra responsibility is something Luai is certainly prepared to shoulder but it does not suit his natural ability. With Cleary back in the frame though and Koroisau also returning this is the chance for Luai to shake off his form slump and be the creative spark Penrith need.

Speaking of creative sparks, Cody Walker has been in some form for Souths. Even in that 56-12 thumping Walker was easily South Sydney's biggest attacking threat, finishing with a try, 131 run metres and eight tackle breaks. Melbourne may sit on the top of the ladder but the Panthers still boast the best defensive record in the league. Walker easily tops the league for both try assists and linebreak assists and shapes as the obvious man to break down Penrith's defensive systems. Of course, he will need help as the two teams' last meeting proved.

Favourite: Penrith is slight favourites here.

My tip: If Pangai Jr and Fisher Harris are late inclusions the advantage tips in Penrith's favour. At the moment though given their inclusions and current form it is hard to go past a South Sydney side with a bit more to prove. **South Sydney by 6.**

WESTS TIGERS



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
20	1	-	-	4	28	Moses MBYE	1
21	13	-	-	52	27	David NOFOALUMA	2
19	10	-	-	40	21	Tommy TALAU	3
6	-	-	-	-	29	Michael CHEE-KAM	4
18	13	-	-	52	27	Ken MAUMALO	5
19	9	67	-	170	23	Adam DOUEIHI	6
21	1	5	-	14	26	Luke BROOKS	7
19	5	-	-	20	21	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	8
6	1	-	-	4	19	Jake SIMPKIN	9
19	2	-	-	8	32	James TAMOU	10
9	-	-	-	-	21	Shawn BLORE	11
21	4	-	-	16	25	Luciano LEILUA	12
20	-	-	-	-	25	Alex TWAL	13
20	1	-	-	4	25	Joe OFAHENGAUE	14
3	1	-	-	4	22	Kelma TUILAGI	15
4	-	-	-	-	19	Tukimihia SIMPKINS	16
11	3	-	-	12	28	James ROBERTS	17
1	-	-	-	-	27	Billy WALTERS	18
5	-	-	-	-	24	Tom AMONE	19
1	-	-	-	-	21	Jock MADDEN	20
3	1	-	-	4	21	Zachary CINI	21

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		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Will KENNEDY	24	21	12	-	-	48
2	Sione KATOA	24	10	4	-	-	16
3	Mawene HIROTI	22	12	5	-	-	20
4	Jesse RAMIEN	24	14	4	-	-	16
5	Ronaldo MULITALO	21	15	8	-	-	32
6	Connor TRACEY	25	21	12	-	-	48
7	Braydon TRINDALL	22	15	3	23	-	58
8	Toby RUDOLF	25	21	1	-	-	4
9	Blayne BRAILEY	22	21	2	-	-	8
10	Aaron WOODS	30	21	3	-	-	12
11	Briton NIKORA	23	19	4	-	-	16
12	Siosifa TALAKAI	24	12	1	-	-	4
13	Jack WILLIAMS	24	21	2	-	-	8
14	Luke METCALF	22	3	-	-	-	-
15	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	26	16	1	-	-	4
16	Teig WILTON	21	12	1	-	-	4
17	Billy MAGOULIAS	24	10	-	-	-	-
18	Matt MOYLAN	30	12	2	-	-	8
19	Will CHAMBERS	33	9	1	-	-	4
20	Kai O'DONNELL	22	-	-	-	-	-
21	Jonaiah LUALUA	19	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRLTigersSharks



Saturday 21
August 2021



3:00PM
AEST



Browne Park,
Rockhampton
QLD



Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport
Triple M
NRL Nation

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Gerard SUTTON
Touch Judges	Dave MUNRO Belinda SHARPE
NRL Bunker	Grant ATKINS

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 32 MATCHES

WESTS TIGERS 18-13 (1 DRAW)

At Browne Park: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: CRONULLA 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2013	R17	Cronulla 36-22	PointsBet Stadium	13,843
2014	R10	Wests Tigers 22-20	PointsBet Stadium	15,869
2014	R26	Wests Tigers 26-10	Leichhardt Oval	5,112
2015	R24	Cronulla 40-18	PointsBet Stadium	15,738
2016	R5	Cronulla 34-26	Campbelltown	12,831
2017	R9	Cronulla 22-16	Leichhardt Oval	13,405
2017	R15	Cronulla 24-22	PointsBet Stadium	11,695
2018	R14	Cronulla 24-16	PointsBet Stadium	13,093
2019	R25	Cronulla 25-8	Leichhardt Oval	19,491
2020	R3	Wests Tigers 28-16	Bankwest Stadium	-

BIGGEST WINS

2008	R25	Cronulla 32-6	Leichhardt Oval	10,776
2009	R23	Wests Tigers 56-10	PointsBet Stadium	12,982

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
James Tamou (WST)	100 career points	4 points
Ken Maumalo (WST)	200 career points	4 points

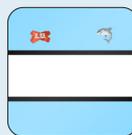
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LAST TWO: WESTS TIGERS

R24	PENRITH (A)	REDCLIFFE
R25	CANTERBURY (H)	REDCLIFFE



LAST TWO: CRONULLA

R24	BRISBANE (H)	SUNCORP
R25	MELBOURNE (H)	CBUS SUPER

Preview

with Rob Crosby

Sydney rivals fight to keep top eight dreams alive

The stakes could not be clearer for the Wests Tigers and the Cronulla Sharks ahead of their Saturday afternoon clash in Rockhampton - win or say goodbye to any chance of playing finals football.

Sitting just two points outside the top eight despite barely firing a shot for the entirety of 2021, the Wests Tigers will be aiming to go three in a row for the first time under the coaching reign of Michael Maguire.

Holding off a fast-finishing Cowboys team to prevail 24-16 last Saturday, a win could see the joint venture restore the natural order by finishing the weekend in ninth position pending the outcome of other fixtures.

Sticking solid with the bulk of the team that triumphed in Townsville, James Tamou and James Roberts are set to return in place of suspended duo Thomas Mikaele and Jacob Liddle; Jake Simpkin comes off the bench to start at hooker.

Blowing a golden opportunity to secure a place in the top eight following three straight losses, the Cronulla Sharks will be out to make amends in Central Queensland.

Going down 16-14 to the Knights in a pivotal encounter last Sunday, interim coach Josh Hannay will be demanding a response after his side squandered a halftime lead for the second time in as many weeks.

Losing experienced front-rowers Aiden Tolman and Andrew Fifita to suspension and injury respectively, Mawene Hiroti will come into the centres with Siosifa Talakai pushing into the second-row; Teig Wilton is the new man on the bench.

Holding a dominant record against the Tigers with six wins from seven meetings since 2015, the Sharks will be out to claim victory in the first premiership match to be played in Rockhampton.

Who to watch: In a season that has seen critics stick the boot into the Tigers on a weekly basis, the rare exception to the vitriol has been Adam Doueihi. Making the five-eighth role his own after a brief stint in the centres, the 23-year-old Lebanese international has led the way with nine tries, 17 try-assists and 51 tackle breaks in 19 appearances this season. Coming up against a Cronulla team hoping to qualify for the finals for the seventh year

in succession, Doueihi will be the man most likely if the Tigers are to keep their season alive.

As the most experienced player lining up in the Sharks' ranks on Saturday afternoon, Aaron Woods will be out to lead with his actions on the field. Facing off against the team he formerly captained, the 30-year-old front-rower will be tasked with instilling a much needed defensive resolve into a Sharks' side that has struggled to play for 80 minutes in recent times. Averaging 114 metres and 27 tackles in 51 minutes of game time this season, expect Woods to play big minutes with Aiden Tolman and Andrew Fifita unavailable for the must-win clash.

Favourite: The Sharks will start the match as favourites despite winning just one match - against the last-placed Bulldogs - since the competition was uprooted to Queensland.

My tip: At times this year the Wests Tigers have been revoltingly bad. At times this year the Cronulla Sharks have challenged the best teams in the premiership. Timing is everything and while their chances of playing finals football are, at best, a long shot, timing appears to be on the side of the joint venture. **Wests Tigers by 4.**

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
19	7	1	-	30	23	Nick MEANEY	1
15	2	-	-	8	23	Corey ALLAN	2
21	1	-	-	4	29	Will HOPOATE	3
10	3	-	-	12	20	Aaron SCHOUPP	4
4	2	-	-	8	24	Jayden OKUNBOR	5
20	5	27	-	74	21	Jake AVERILLO	6
11	1	12	-	28	22	Kyle FLANAGAN	7
14	3	-	-	12	26	Luke THOMPSON	8
5	-	-	-	-	20	Jackson TOPINE	9
13	2	-	-	8	30	Ryan JAMES	10
17	2	-	-	8	26	Adam ELLIOTT	11
18	1	-	-	4	24	Corey WADDELL	12
14	-	-	-	-	30	Josh JACKSON	13
7	2	-	-	8	19	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	14
13	-	-	-	-	30	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	15
7	1	-	-	4	23	Corey HORSBURGH	16
8	-	-	-	-	25	Joe STIMSON	17
4	-	-	-	-	24	Falakiko MANU	19
4	-	-	-	-	20	Chris PATOLO	20
5	2	-	-	8	25	Lachlan LEWIS	21
12	-	-	-	-	21	Matt DOOREY	22

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Age P T G FG Pts

1	Kalyn PONGA	23	11	7	10	-	48
2	Enari TUALA	22	21	8	-	-	32
3	Kurt MANN	28	18	3	-	1	13
4	Bradman BEST	20	13	2	-	-	8
5	Hymel HUNT	27	14	3	-	-	12
6	Jake CLIFFORD	23	16	2	22	-	52
7	Mitchell PEARCE	32	8	2	-	-	8
8	David KLEMMER	27	18	-	-	-	-
9	Jayden BRAILEY	25	20	3	-	-	12
10	Jacob SAIFITI	25	20	3	-	-	12
11	Brodie JONES	23	18	3	-	-	12
12	Mitchell BARNETT	27	21	4	13	-	42
13	Connor WATSON	25	21	2	-	-	8
14	Sauaso SUE	29	20	2	-	-	8
15	Josh KING	26	14	1	-	-	4
16	Jirah MOMOISEA	22	-	-	-	-	-
17	Chris RANDALL	25	2	1	-	-	4
18	Jack JOHNS	23	5	-	-	-	-
19	Pasami SAULO	23	2	-	-	-	-
20	Phoenix CROSSLAND	21	8	1	1	-	6
21	Simi SASAGI	20	2	-	-	-	-

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#NRLBulldogsKnights



Saturday 21
August 2021



5:30PM
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Cbus Super
Stadium,
Robina QLD



Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport
2GB, 4BC

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Peter GOUGH
Touch Judges	Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI Kasey BADGER
NRL Bunker	Steve CHIDDY

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 50 MATCHES

CANTERBURY 27-22 (1 DRAW)

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: CANTERBURY 8-2

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R8	Canterbury 16-12	Stadium Australia	15,286
2015	R25	Canterbury 20-18	McDonald Jones	23,604
2016	R22	Canterbury 28-14	McDonald Jones	13,318
2017	R6	Canterbury 22-12	McDonald Jones	16,929
2017	R18	Canterbury 20-18	Belmore	13,103
2018	R16	Canterbury 36-16	McDonald Jones	17,755
2019	R9	Newcastle 22-10	Suncorp Stadium	12,646
2019	R17	Canterbury 24-10	McDonald Jones	17,757
2020	R11	Canterbury 18-12	McDonald Jones	3,521
2021	R1	Newcastle 32-16	McDonald Jones	19,555

BIGGEST WINS

1995	R13	Newcastle 42-0	McDonald Jones	25,229
2004	R25	Canterbury 52-6	Stadium Australia	20,043

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
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
Connor Watson (NEW)	100 career points	8 points
Kalyn Ponga (NEW)	400 club points	2 points

Match stats courtesy of

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LAST TWO: CANTERBURY

R24	MANLY (A)	REDCLIFFE
R25	WESTS TIGERS (A)	REDCLIFFE



LAST TWO: NEWCASTLE

R24	GOLD COAST (H)	SUN. COAST
R25	BRISBANE (A)	SUNCORP

Preview with Emile El-Azar

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs host the Newcastle Knights in the much coveted 5:30pm Saturday timeslot, at Gold Coast's Cbus Super Stadium, an absolutely crucial match for Newcastle's finals hopes.

Newcastle currently sit in 7th place, on 22 points, with two teams breathing down their necks on 20, and no less than four other teams ready to pounce on 18 points. For the last placed Bulldogs, this is the closest they'll be to the word "finals".

Canterbury come into this clash on the back of eight straight losses, the latest being a meek 24-10 capitulation to the Warriors. To quote NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard on the 7th of August: "We are very concerned about Canterbury-Bankstown." We sure are, Brad. We sure are.

The Knights, on the other hand, have come good at just the right time, with their latest victory, 16-14 over Cronulla, being their third win in a row. They now are in control of their own finals destiny.

A look at team news - more change for the sake of change for the 'Dogs, with absolutely no regard for actual form or any semblance of logic. Firstly, as foreshadowed in my previous previews, Bailey Biondi-Odo does get the Kyle Flanagan treatment, stripped of his #6 jersey he barely managed to get dirty, ironically making way for Flanagan himself. Averillo - despite apparently breaking his hand - has been named, so maybe a last minute way back in for Biondi-Odo is in the works. Similarly, Falakiko Manu loses his spot in the starting lineup to ensure that Jayden Okunbor retains a starting spot, in great news for Newcastle's outside backs and everyone's multi's. Corey Allan, Luke Thompson and Corey Waddell all come back into the starting lineup. In great news, missing person Jackson Topine has been found, and has been given a chance at hooker, with Jeremy Marshall King leaving the bubble, and Sione Katoa dropping out of the squad.

For the Knights, it's sweet stability. David Klemmer and Brodie Jones come into the starting lineup to replace Daniel Safiti (injured) and Tyson Frizell (suspended). Josh King and Jirah Momoisea (debut) take their places on the bench. Chris Randall replaces Simi Sasagi on the interchange. Besides that, it's an unchanged lineup from last week's win.

Last time they met was back in Round 1, when teams played at their home grounds, and we were all allowed to attend games. Seems like a distant memory... Anyway, Newcastle ran out 32-16 winners in a game where the 'Dogs didn't see fit to come out for the second half, allowing the hosts to run riot. It was just the second win for Newcastle over the 'Dogs since 2014.

Who to watch: In blue and white it's one man: Jackson Topine. After essentially being frozen out all season for reasons completely unknown, he's been given a chance to shine this week. Let's see what he's got.

For the Knights, well. Ponga, Tuala, Mann, Best, Hunt. Oh boy. These guys are going to absolutely run riot against the selected 1-5 for Canterbury. Absolutely run riot. Get the popcorn out.

Favourite: At the time of writing, the Knights were comfortable \$1.18 favourites, with the Bulldogs returning you a fiver for your well earned dollar.

My tip: The Knights have won three in a row, and have everything to play for. Canterbury have lost eight in a row, and there have been that many bizarre selections that the players have barely met each other. This is going to get messy. **Newcastle by plenty.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18 - 24 August

Wednesday 18 August
Brian To'o (Panthers) 23

Thursday 19 August
Thomas Flegler (Broncos) 25
Lachlan Lewis (Bulldogs) 22
Taylan May (Panthers) 20
Daniel Suluka-Fifita (Roosters) 22
Isaiah Tass (Broncos) 22

Friday 20 August
Bunty Afoa (Warriors) 25
Matt Eisenhuth (Panthers) 29
Dean Jeremia (Storm) 20
Oregon Kaufusi (Eels) 22

Saturday 21 August
Sione Katoa (Sahrks) 24
Sean O'Sullivan (Warriors) 23

Sunday 22 August
Adam Pompey (Warriors) 23
Jackson Topine (Bulldogs) 20

Monday 23 August
Josh Morris (Roosters) 35

PARRAMATTA EELS



NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
21	12	14	-	76	26	Clinton GUTHERSON	1
20	17	-	-	68	27	Maika SIVO	2
1	-	-	-	-	19	Will PENISINI	3
13	4	-	-	16	26	Waqā BLAKE	4
8	2	-	-	8	22	Haze DUNSTER	5
17	3	-	-	12	21	Dylan BROWN	6
18	2	58	2	126	26	Mitchell MOSES	7
21	7	-	-	28	22	Isaiah PAPALII	8
6	1	-	-	4	25	Joey LUSSICK	9
19	2	-	-	8	27	Junior PAULO	10
21	4	-	-	16	26	Shaun LANE	11
17	2	-	-	8	25	Marata NIUKORE	12
20	1	-	-	4	28	Nathan BROWN	13
13	-	-	-	-	29	Will SMITH	14
14	4	-	-	16	26	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	15
19	1	-	-	4	22	Oregon KAUFUSI	16
1	-	-	-	-	28	Makahesi MAKATOA	17
5	1	-	-	4	24	Ray STONE	18
7	-	-	-	-	24	Keegan HIPGRAVE	19
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PENALTIES

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SET RESTARTS

		Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Valentine HOLMES	26	17	4	44	2	106
2	Kyle FELDT	29	18	10	-	-	40
3	Daejarn ASI	21	3	-	-	-	-
4	Jake GRANVILLE	32	21	3	-	-	12
5	Ben HAMPTON	29	8	1	-	-	4
6	Scott DRINKWATER	24	21	5	11	-	42
7	Tom DEARDEN	20	14	6	-	-	24
8	Francis MOLO	27	18	1	-	-	4
9	Reece ROBSON	23	21	5	-	-	20
10	Jordan McLEAN	29	21	-	-	-	-
11	Ben CONDON	21	8	3	-	-	12
12	Heilum LUKI	20	8	1	-	-	4
13	Coen HESS	25	20	2	-	-	8
14	Reuben COTTER	22	4	-	-	-	-
15	Jeremiah NANAI	18	1	1	-	-	4
16	Mitchell DUNN	24	17	2	-	-	8
17	Thomas GILBERT	21	11	-	-	-	-
18	Jason TAUMALOLO	28	13	1	-	-	4
19	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	20	11	6	-	-	24
20	Peter HOLA	22	3	-	-	-	-
21	Laitia MOCEIDREKE	20	-	-	-	-	-

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#NRL EelsCowboys



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Robina QLD



Nine Network
Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport
2GB, 4BC

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Ashley KLEIN
Touch Judges Drew OULTRAM
Jon STONE
NRL Bunker Alan SHORTALL

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 42 MATCHES

PARRAMATTA 21-20 (1 DRAW)

At Cbus Super Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: NORTH QUEENSLAND 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R20	North Qld 46-4	1300Smiles	13,767
2016	R2	Parramatta 20-16	Pirtek Stadium	12,194
2016	R8	North Qld 32-16	1300Smiles	19,308
2017	R9	Parramatta 26-6	1300Smiles	14,247
2017	R14	North Qld 32-6	TIO Stadium	11,968
2017	FN	North Qld 24-16	Stadium Australia	41,287
2018	R14	Parramatta 20-14	TIO Stadium	8,393
2018	R24	North Qld 44-6	1300Smiles	25,095
2019	R10	North Qld 17-10	1300Smiles	12,493
2020	R8	Parramatta 42-4	Bankwest Stadium	6,730

BIGGEST WINS

2001	R21	Parramatta 62-0	Pirtek Stadium	13,192
2015	R20	North Qld 46-4	1300Smiles	13,767

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	100 career points	4 points
Waqa Blake (PAR)	200 career points	12 points
Parramatta (since 1947)	5200 tries	1 try
Kyle Feldt (NQL)	500 club & career points	4 points

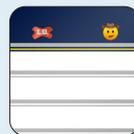
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LAST TWO: PARRAMATTA

R24	MELBOURNE (A)	SUNCORP
R25	PENRITH (H)	CBUS SUPER



LAST TWO: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R24	ST GEORGE ILLA (A)	ROCKHAMPTON
R25	MANLY (H)	QLD C.B.

Preview

with Justin Davies

Parramatta Eels and North Queensland Cowboys might be at opposite ends of the table but clash in the second game of a Gold Coast double header on Saturday evening.

Looking at this game before any analysis it will be one where defense will be optional between two sides who were well beaten last weekend. The Eels dropped out of the top four after being trashed by the Sea Eagles while the Cowboys were mauled by the Tigers. Maybe points and positive footy might bring us a fun contest.

Since their 18-point win against Gold Coast Titans in mid July, to describe what the Parramatta Eels have fallen into as a slump is being generous. Being beaten by the Roosters, Souths and Sea Eagles isn't much to be ashamed of but losing to a Raiders side who have been inconsistent shows that maybe 2021 isn't the time it finally comes home.

Eels coach Brad Arthur has chopped and changed his side more than Covid-19 restrictions across the east coast but can't find the formula to prevented them being locked down by their opponents. For this week, it is youth in revolt. Haze Dunster and Vilami Penisini join the backline while utility Marata Niukore goes into the second row.

Lucky Arthur is bald otherwise he would be pulling his hair out with the performances from his side in recent weeks after a positive first half to the season had them secure in the top four. Maybe facing a side already on the beach might bring out the best in the Eels playmakers and give the long-suffering blue and gold fans something to cling on headed into the finals.

If the Eels are in free fall, the Cowboys have crashed, burned and moved onto the enquiry about what just happened this season. Coach Todd Payten came into the job with plenty of bluster and confidence but now the Cowboys head into the game on the back of a nine-game losing streak and wedded to finishing in 14th spot.

One of the major tensions this season has been the role of Jason Taumalolo – the Cowboys strike weapon in the forwards. He has seen his minutes reduced, thrown onto an edge and multiple injuries have blunted the work of the Tongan. He is named in the reserves this weekend but if the Cowboys are to find any success this year or next, Taumalolo needs to be central to that.

Having Chad Townsend coming to Townsville next year means that Payten has to figure out who might partner him in the halves or how they will operate for the optimal performance. Tom Dearden will just be looking for a win. The former Broncos half hasn't tasted success in over a year and maybe Tom sorry you're not a winner.

So it sets up an intriguing but ultimately inconsequential contest to round off Super Saturday. The Eels need to get back in the win column to shake off the last month but their performance in the semi-finals is the only factor

which will dictate their plans for 2022. For the Cowboys, a win would be uplifting and help them head into the off-season on a high but won't paper over a turgid 2021 campaign.

Who to watch: The Eels season is hanging on by a thread so they need their stars to stand up this weekend against a struggling side. That means Mitchell Moses who has been branded a "flat track bully" might spark back into form back in combination with Dylan Brown to grab back their top four spot. Another one who has slid under the radar in their dramatic form slip is destructive winger Maika Sivo. He was the baron of Bankwest but he was a turn style last weekend against the Eagles and needs a huge performance to avoid the fate which befell Blake Ferguson.

Since his return from America, Valentine Holmes has been a disappointment for the Cowboys this season whether it was on the wing or at fullback currently. He has nailed a massive field goal against the Broncos but if the Cowboys are to salvage anything from these last three weeks, the representative star needs to be involved much more.

Favourite: Parramatta's form hasn't scared away the bookies - nor should it with the Cowboys position and form.

My tip: Despite their form slump, the Eels should have enough to see of a Cowboys outfit that has packed up for the season. **Parramatta by 12.**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS



SYDNEY ROOSTERS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
14	10	-	-	40	25	Matthew DUFTY	1
6	2	-	-	8	20	Mathew FEAGAI	2
19	4	6	-	28	26	Jack BIRD	3
10	3	29	-	70	21	Zac LOMAX	4
13	10	-	-	40	23	Mikaele RAVALAWA	5
8	3	-	-	12	19	Talatau AMONE	6
19	2	23	2	56	30	Corey NORMAN	7
9	-	-	-	-	25	Kaide ELLIS	8
14	1	-	-	4	31	Josh McGUIRE	9
8	-	-	-	-	30	Jack DE BELIN	10
12	2	-	-	8	22	Billy BURNS	11
14	1	-	-	4	25	Tyrell FUIMAONO	12
18	4	-	-	16	31	Tariq SIMS	13
2	-	-	-	-	19	Jayden SULLIVAN	14
18	2	-	-	8	25	Josh KERR	15
16	-	-	-	-	28	Daniel ALVARO	16
9	-	-	-	-	23	Jackson FORD	17
10	1	-	-	4	26	Adam CLUNE	18
10	-	-	-	-	25	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	19
5	-	-	-	-	23	Jaiyden HUNT	20
4	1	-	-	4	28	Jordan PEREIRA	21

Anthony GRIFFIN

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PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	James TEDESCO	28	17	8	5	-	42
2	Daniel TUPOU	30	21	11	-	-	44
3	Adam KEIGHRAN	24	11	1	26	-	56
4	Joseph MANU	25	21	9	-	-	36
5	Dale COPLEY	30	4	2	-	-	8
6	Drew HUTCHISON	26	15	2	-	-	8
7	Sam WALKER	19	16	7	22	2	74
8	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	32	20	-	-	-	-
9	Sam VERRILLS	22	10	-	-	-	-
10	Sio Siva TAUKEIAHO	29	17	-	15	-	30
11	Nat BUTCHER	24	17	2	-	-	8
12	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	24	19	11	-	-	44
13	Isaac LIU	30	21	1	-	-	4
14	Lachlan LAM	23	15	2	-	-	8
15	Egan BUTCHER	21	10	-	-	-	-
16	Fletcher BAKER	21	12	2	-	-	8
17	Ben THOMAS	23	3	-	-	-	-
18	Ben MARSCHKE	24	10	-	-	-	-
19	Tukupu-Ke HAU TAPUHA	20	1	-	-	-	-
20	Brad ABBEY	24	-	-	-	-	-
21	Naufahu WHYTE	19	1	-	-	-	-

Trent ROBINSON

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Clive Berghofer
Stadium,
Toowoomba QLD



Fox League
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport,
2GB, 4BC

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Chris SUTTON
Touch Judges Liam KENNEDY
Matt NOYEN
NRL Bunker Ashley KLEIN

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 44 MATCHES

SYDNEY ROOSTERS 23-20 (1 DRAW)

At Clive Berghofer Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: SYDNEY ROOSTERS 8-2

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R8	St Geo Illa 20-18	Allianz Stadium	34,483
2016	R24	Sydney 2-6	Allianz Stadium	11,486
2017	R8	Sydney 13-12	Allianz Stadium	40,864
2018	R8	St Geo Illa 24-8	Allianz Stadium	41,142
2018	R20	Sydney 36-18	Allianz Stadium	19,878
2019	R7	Sydney 20-10	SCG	38,414
2019	R23	Sydney 34-12	Netstrata Jubilee	9,087
2020	R7	Sydney 26-12	Bankwest Stadium	494
2020	R13	Sydney 24-16	WIN Stadium	2,141
2021	R7	Sydney 34-10	SCG	37,620

BIGGEST WINS

2005	R21	St Geo Illa 44-6	WIN Stadium	19,512
2013	R17	Sydney 36-0	Netstrata Jubilee	11,857
2016	R24	Sydney 42-6	Allianz Stadium	11,486

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
James Tedesco (SYD)	400 career points 200 club points	6 points 6 points
Sydney (since 1908)	7400 tries	1 try
NRL/NSWRL/ARL (since 1908)	497,000 points	379 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



LAST TWO: ST GEORGE ILLA

R24	NORTH QLD (H)	ROCKHAMPTON
R25	SOUTH SYDNEY (A)	SUN. COAST



LAST TWO: SYDNEY

R24	SOUTH SYDNEY (H)	SUNCORP
R25	CANBERRA (A)	MACKAY

Preview

with Rick Edgerton

Dragons season hanging by a thread, Roosters fighting for top four.

The St George Illawarra Dragons and Sydney Roosters will take a rare NRL game to Toowoomba to kick off Sunday afternoon proceedings in a crucial match for both teams.

Sitting in 11th position on the competition ladder, the Red V have slumped to five straight losses yet somehow remain in the finals hunt sitting two points behind the eighth placed Titans. A less than flattering points differential however means they would now likely need to win all three of their remaining games to enter the post-season.

After conceding 50 against the high-flying Rabbitohs three weeks ago, the Dragons have at least showed some fight over the past fortnight pushing the Raiders and Panthers in their last two before ultimately being outclassed.

Something Dragons fans have come accustomed to in recent weeks is a raft of changes on team list Tuesday and this week was no different with Coach Anthony Griffin again shuffling the deck chairs as he searches for a circuit breaker to resurrect his team's season.

In forced changes, veteran rake Andrew McCullough (Ankle) is replaced by versatile forward Josh McGuire in the number nine jersey where he'll form a brand new front-row with Kaide Ellis and Jack De Belin who replace McGuire and Blake Lawrie (Hand).

Other key changes see Bulldogs bound Matt Duffy named at fullback, Jack Bird back in the centres and promising youngster Talatau Amone partnering Corey Norman in the halves.

Meanwhile, Trent Robinson and his Roosters continue to fight and compete despite an injury and suspension toll which would ruin most team's seasons.

On the back of five victories from their last six games, the tri-colours have forced their way back into the top four for the first time since round 8 and will now be doing everything within their power to hang on to that all important spot and the two bites at the cherry that come with it.

They will have to manage for the next few weeks without the services of lock forward Victory Radley who's again on the sidelines through suspension. Isaac Liu will push to the back of the scrum and in welcome news, pack leader Jared Warea-Hargreaves returns after being rested from their hard fought win over the Broncos last weekend.

Who to watch: Named to play his first game in the halves this Sunday, Talatau Amone will don the number six jersey in just his ninth game at NRL level and third in the run on team after starting at centre twice previously. The 19-year-old local junior oozes talent and was super

impressive against the Panthers last week setting up a brilliant try for Bird after taking the line on and offloading before scoring a slashing try himself stepping off his right and surging to the line. That marked the third try of his short career despite playing the majority of his footy in limited minutes off the bench. With their season on life support, it's a good move by Griffin to throw Amone out there from the get go and may just be the spark they need to turn things around.

Scoring five tries in his last six games, New Zealand International Joseph Manu is in a rich vein of form at present - So much so, he's been touted as rugby league's next million-dollar man. A centre by trade, Manu has impressed with his versatility this season filling in at both fullback and five-eight at various stages and having an impact on most games regardless of the number on his back. Blessed with all the skills, Manu has speed, strength, arguably the best footwork in the game and is lethal in the air. The talent has always been there, but this season his willingness to involve himself in the contest more has risen him to the upper echelon. Crossing for three tries in his last two against Sunday's opposition, it will be no surprise to see his name on the score sheet again this week.

Favourite: Roosters - obvious and overwhelming favourites to get the job done.

My tip: The Dragons face an uphill task with form and recent history against them after falling at the hands of the Roosters in their last six clashes. After breaking into fourth spot, Coach Robinson will be drumming into his players the importance of holding that position with the Sea Eagles hot on their heels. **Sydney Roosters by 16.**

BRISBANE BRONCOS



NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS

P	T	G	FG	Pts	Age		
13	5	-	-	20	20	Tesi NIU	1
11	3	-	-	12	26	Corey OATES	2
4	1	2	-	8	19	Selwyn COBBO	3
17	2	-	-	8	21	Herbie FARNWORTH	4
14	8	-	-	32	20	Xavier COATES	5
10	-	-	-	-	27	Anthony MILFORD	6
5	1	-	-	4	30	Albert KELLY	7
18	1	-	-	4	22	Thomas FLEGLER	8
7	-	-	-	-	25	Danny LEVI	9
17	1	-	-	4	21	Payne HAAS	10
15	2	-	-	8	33	Alex GLENN	11
16	3	-	-	12	21	Jordan RIKI	12
11	2	-	-	8	22	Kobe HETHERINGTON	13
11	5	-	-	20	32	David MEAD	14
13	1	-	-	4	26	Rhys KENNEDY	15
14	3	-	-	12	21	Ethan BULLEMOR	16
7	2	-	-	8	19	TC ROBATI	17
3	-	-	-	-	21	Cory PAIX	18
-	-	-	-	-	19	Brendan PIAKURA	19
12	1	-	-	4	24	Brodie CROFT	20
19	-	-	-	-	24	Jake TURPIN	21

Kevin WALTERS

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PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Reece WALSH	19	13	9	18	-	72
2	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	26	15	7	-	-	28
3	Peta HIKU	28	7	-	-	-	-
4	Adam POMPEY	23	15	4	-	-	16
5	Marcelo MONTOYA	25	15	4	-	-	16
6	Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	22	9	2	-	1	9
7	Sean O'SULLIVAN	23	10	1	-	-	4
8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	25	12	1	-	-	4
9	Wayde EGAN	24	17	3	-	-	12
10	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	24	13	-	-	-	-
11	Joshua CURRAN	22	11	3	-	-	12
12	Euan AITKEN	26	11	6	-	-	24
13	Bayley SIRONEN	24	16	2	-	-	8
14	Kodi NIKORIMA	27	20	4	42	-	100
15	Bunty AFOA	25	19	2	-	-	8
16	Eliesa KATOA	21	14	1	-	-	4
17	Jazz TEVAGA	26	20	1	-	-	4
18	Edward KOSI	22	5	1	-	-	4
20	Jackson FREI	23	1	-	-	-	-
21	Jack MURCHIE	24	10	1	-	-	4
22	Chad TOWNSEND	30	14	-	34	1	69

Nathan BROWN

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#NRLBroncosWarriors



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Suncorp
Stadium,
Milton QLD



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Kayo Sports



ABC Sport,
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NRL Nation

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Matt CECCHIN
Touch Judges Wyatt RAYMOND
Phil HENDERSON
NRL Bunker Henry PERENARA

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 44 MATCHES

BRISBANE 24-19 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: 13 matches, Brisbane 8-4 (1 draw)

LAST TEN: BRISBANE 5-4 (1 DRAW)

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R19	Brisbane 28-22	Suncorp Stadium	37,082
2015	R4	Brisbane 24-16	Mt Smart Stadium	14,670
2016	R2	Brisbane 25-10	Suncorp Stadium	34,520
2016	R13	Warriors 36-18	Mt Smart Stadium	15,097
2017	R12	Warriors 28-10	Mt Smart Stadium	13,826
2018	R6	Brisbane 27-18	Mt Smart Stadium	15,636
2018	R18	Warriors 26-6	Suncorp Stadium	37,492
2019	R11	Brisbane 8-2	Mt Smart Stadium	17,495
2019	R17	18-all draw	Suncorp Stadium	31,018
2020	R8	Warriors 26-16	Central Coast	2,513

BIGGEST WINS

1995	R22	Brisbane 44-6	QEII Stadium	54,645
2013	R12	Warriors 56-18	Suncorp Stadium	21,259

MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (WAR)	150 career games	1 game
Warriors (since 1995)	50 field goals	2 FG's
NRL/NSWRL/ARL (since 1908)	497,000 points	379 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project



LAST TWO: BRISBANE

R24	CRONULLA (A)	SUNCORP
R25	NEWCASTLE (H)	SUNCORP



LAST TWO: WARRIORS

R24	CANBERRA (H)	MACKAY
R25	GOLD COAST (A)	CBUS SUPER

Preview

with Rob Crosby

Hakuna Matata for premierships also-rans

The finals may be beyond the Brisbane Broncos and the New Zealand Warriors, but that won't stop the two teams from putting on an carefree spectacle on Sunday afternoon.

Showing much improved form over the past month in a sign better days lay ahead for last year's cellar dwellers, the Brisbane Broncos will be aiming to finish the year in winning form.

Pushing the Roosters to the death only to go down 21-20 in a gripping encounter last Friday, coach Kevin Walters will be hoping a similar effort can bring about a more prosperous result against the nomadic Warriors.

Forced to reshuffle his halves for the eighth time this season, Walters has reunited Anthony Milford and Albert Kelly at six and seven with Tyson Gamble unavailable through suspension.

In other team news, Herbie Farnworth returns to the backline with David Mead dropping to the bench alongside Ethan Bullemor, who replaces injured rookie Xavier Willison.

Holding a fierce rivalry with the Auckland-based club dating back to the Warriors inaugural match back in 1995, contests between the two teams have been evenly matched since 2015 with both sides sharing four wins and a draw from the past nine meetings.

Putting together three consecutive victories for the first time since 2018, the New Zealand Warriors will be striving to keep their 'mathematical hopes' of featuring in the finals in tact.

Doing enough to keep the Bulldogs at bay in an unmemorable 24-10 performance in Redcliffe last Sunday, coach Nathan Brown will be hoping to finish the round on the precipice of the top eight should other results fall favourably.

Welcoming back Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and Bayley Sironen from suspension and injury, Jamayne Taunoa-Brown will start in place of Jackson Frei, who drops to the extended squad a week after making his first grade debut.

Former New Zealand test captain Dallin Watene-Zelezniak will line up for his 150th appearance in first grade after missing last week's win over his former team through suspension.

Who to watch: In a team that has underperformed for much of 2021, English-born outside-back Herbie Farnworth has been a rare pillar of consistency. Named

to return in the centres after sitting out last week due to illness, the 21-year-old has contributed to great effect with nine line breaks, 47 tackle breaks and an average of 142 metres each week with the ball in hand. Coming out of contract at the end of next season, expect the Broncos to prioritise Farnworth's re-signing given his standing as a future representative player capable of playing a key role in restoring the club to former glory.

Starting out the year with Brisbane feeder club Norths Devils, wunderkind fullback Reece Walsh will be out to haunt his former teammates as a Warrior on Sunday afternoon. Taking the league by storm with nine tries, ten try-assists and 13 line breaks in his rookie season, the 19-year-old has captivated fans with his attacking prowess since debuting on ANZAC Day. Locked in a fierce tussle with Sam Walker in the race to be named rookie of the year, expect Walsh to leave the Broncos in his wake should he break into open space.

Favourite: The Warriors are expected to get the job done at Suncorp off the strength of their recent form against the Tigers, Sharks and Bulldogs.

My tip: While the Broncos will give a competitive account in front of their home fans, the daytime conditions should see the Warriors finish ahead on the scoreboard. **Warriors by 12.**

NRL: ROUND 22 WRAP

Thursday | MELBOURNE 26 CANBERRA 16



MELBOURNE STORM (26)
Tries: Brandon Smith, Dean Ieremia, Chris Lewis
Conversions: Nicholas Hynes (3/3)
Penalty Goals: Nicholas Hynes (1/1), Ryan Papenhuyzen (3/3)
CANBERRA RAIDERS (16)
Tries: Bailey Simonsson (3)
Conversions: Jarrod Croker (0/1), Sam Williams (2/2)

Venue: Sunshine Coast Stadium
Crowd: 2523
Halftime Score: Melbourne 20 Canberra 4
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Brandon Smith
2 points - Christian Welch
1 points - Jack Wighton

OUR REPORT with ANDREW JACKSON

Ugly send-off drama as Storm outlast Raiders

Corey Harawira-Naera is looking at a lengthy stint on the sidelines after being sent off for a high shot on Jahrome Hughes as the Raiders fell 26-16 to the Storm on Thursday night.

It was three tries apiece with ill-discipline the difference as Melbourne booted four penalty goals in the 10-point victory.

The win all but wraps up the minor premiership for the Storm, who already were two points ahead of the Panthers and Rabbitohs with three games remaining and have a superior points differential.

The defeat, meanwhile, leaves Canberra vulnerable in the race for a top-eight spot.

The Raiders, like any team facing the Storm, needed to make the most of their opportunities.

They did just that in the fourth minute as a cut-out pass from Jack Wighton put Bailey Simonsson over.

It would be their only points of the half though, with defensive lapses proving costly.

The Storm quickly hit back through Brandon Smith after the hooker dummied and raced through with ease at close range to score.

Poor attempts at tackle from Jarrod Croker and Jordan Rapana in particular then saw Dean Ieremia surge through for Melbourne's second.

The next try was the worst of the lot with Josh Hodgson and Joseph Tapine caught out ball-watching as Chris Lewis sliced through a gaping hole.

A penalty goal was Melbourne's only other points of the half but the Raiders almost struck back late, with Matt

Timoko losing possession over the line.

The Raiders began the second half with the same vigour and this time executed perfectly, with Wighton putting Simonsson through once more to reduce the deficit to 10.

Canberra's lethal left-edge duo combined once more to well and truly set up a thrilling finish.

This time Melbourne's Ieremia let a Sam Williams bomb bounce and Wighton pounced before shifting it quickly to Simonsson.

Williams converted both tries from the sideline as the Raiders drew within four points before Melbourne kicked a penalty goal to make it a one-try lead.

Canberra was unable to strike late with the Storm instead slotting a couple of late penalty goals.

The Raiders face the Sea Eagles next week while the Storm take on the Titans.

Friday | PENRITH 34 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16



ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (16)
Tries: Mikaele Ravalawa, Jack Bird, Talatau Amone
Conversions: Zac Lomax (2/3)
PENRITH PANTHERS (34)
Tries: Brent Naden (2), Dylan Edwards (2), Matt Burton, Paul Momirovski
Conversions: Nathan Cleary (5/6)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium
Crowd: 6653
Halftime Score: St George Illawarra 6 Penrith 16
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Nathan Cleary
2 points - Dylan Edwards
1 points - Matt Burton

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Cleary eyes, full hearts: Panthers can't lose in halfback's return

Penrith Panthers strolled to a 34-16 success against the St George Illawarra Dragons tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

Back in the side, Panthers halfback Nathan Cleary brought poise and composure to the Panthers who started sloppy but piled on six tries to put the Dragons out of their misery and out of the top eight projections for 2021.

Whilst the first half wasn't a vintage display from the Panthers, they overcame a terrible start which saw them complete only two of their first 10 sets before a blitz of points saw them take a 16-6 lead into the half-time break.

Bulldogs bound Brent Naden showed two passages of skill which turned the game. The centre turned winger

took an intercept from Corey Norman to open the scoring then Naden found himself on the end of a smooth backline movement to make it 10-6.

Dragons lacked an attacking punch despite having a majority of the possession. Their only points in the first half came through Zac Lomax. In his second game since his return he provided a sublime flick pass for Mikaele Ravalawa to stroll over for his eighth try in six games at Suncorp.

Once Penrith found the accelerator it was a mere formality tonight. Matt Burton showed touches of class to put Dylan Edwards over for his second try of the contest before the centre took on a retreating Dragons defensive line to stretch the advantage further and give Bulldogs fans hope for 2022.

Dylan Edwards also relished having Nathan Cleary back as the fullback ran for over 217 metres alongside a pair of four-pointers. His first closed out the first half when he took on the line, spun like a top and slammed the ball down. Edwards has been one of the stars of this Panthers

team and is a safe fullback which gets their sets started off well.

Tonight's result confirmed the Panthers can't finish any lower than third spot and can time their run towards back-to-back Grand Final appearances now. Paul Momirovski put the icing on the 18-point win as the utility back sliced through the Dragons flimsy defense.

After being on life support for several weeks, the Dragons' final chances have been terminated. The side has looked a shell of their former selves since the party incident saw a majority of the playing squad fined and suspended. Their attack was gobbled up repeatedly and offered nothing against a well-drilled Panthers side.

Once again, Dragons fans eye off next season. One bright spot was the 15 minute cameo from Talatau Amone. He came on in the final 15 minutes after Andrew McCullough's injury and set up two tries. The first was for fullback Jack Bird then Amone showed swift feet to beat several defenders and make the final score 34-16.

Friday | SYDNEY ROOSTERS 21 BRISBANE 20



BRISBANE BRONCOS (20)

Tries: Payne Haas, Jordan Riki, Albert Kelly; Conversions: Tyson Gamble (2/2), Selwyn Cobbo (1/1); Penalty Goals: Selwyn Cobbo (1/1)

SYDNEY ROOSTERS (21)

Tries: Isaac Liu, Dale Copley, James Tedesco; Field Goals: Sam Walker (1/1); Conversions: Adam Keighran (3/3); Penalty Goals: Adam Keighran (1/1)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 14314

Halftime Score: Brisbane 12 Sydney Roosters 12

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - James Tedesco

2 points - Payne Haas

1 points - Isaac Liu

OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE

Top four in sight after Roosters' controversial win

Roosters goalkicker Adam Keighran has kicked a controversial penalty goal with a minute remaining to give the Roosters a 21-20 victory over a spoiling Broncos side at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

In a bizarre finish, Brisbane looked to have caused a massive upset when Roosters backrower Victor Radley was penalised in front of the posts only moments earlier for a dangerous charge down effort on an Albert Kelly field goal attempt. Broncos kicker Selwyn Cobbo then looked to have won the game when he kicked the simple penalty goal but it wasn't to be for Kevin Walters' men. While it was a controversial loss for Brisbane, Roosters skipper James Tedesco left his Captain's Challenge late, with replays showing that Broncos prop has Tom Flegler collected Sitali Tupouniua high with a glancing blow and the decision from the Bunker proved pivotal. Tedesco was again superb for the Roosters with the skipper putting the team on his back, scoring a try and having a hand in another running for over 250m in man of the match effort from the NSW and Australian fullback. The Broncos came into the match having already been a thorn in the

Roosters side this season with a win in this corresponding fixture in Round 11. Brisbane continued this form when they successfully got the jump on the favourites early when Payne Haas charged through the middle and was brought down just short by some desperate Roosters defence. Brisbane were then awarded a penalty in front of the sticks. Showing some confidence, the Broncos took the tap close to the line, which saw Haas then barrel his way over for the first try of the night following another strong run to give his side an early 6-0 lead. The Roosters then hit back with a front rower of their own in Isaac Liu, who crashed over off a near identical play close to the line to level the scores at 6 all. Brisbane then regained the lead, when winger Xavier Coates leapt high for the ball on the last and batted the ball back into the arms of Jordan Riki who dived over in the corner to score. Tyson Gamble then converted from the sideline to give his side a 12-6 lead.

Tedesco then began to cause some trouble for the Broncos with a bust up the middle, where he was brought down metres short in a terrific tackle from Haas. The Blues skipper then showed great vision on the next set to put in a deft grubber for his winger Dale Copley who scored in the corner. Keighran converted from the touchline to leave the scores level heading into halftime. The Roosters continued to threatened the line but Brisbane continued to hold on. The Broncos then found

an unlikely hero, when prop Thomas Flegler ended up with the ball off a bat back off a kick. The front rower then shocked the Roosters defence, when he put on some footwork and took off managing to find a flying Albert Kelly in support who scored under the posts. Again the front rowers continued to respond, when Siosia Taukeiaho broke the line to find his skipper Tedesco in support for him to score under the posts and level the scores at 18 all with less than 20 minutes remaining.

The game continued back and forth and it was Roosters halfback Sam Walker who broke the deadlock with a calmly taken field goal to put his side in front 19-18 with just seven minutes on the clock.

Brisbane weren't licked however, and Albert Kelly then had an attempt which drifted wide. However controversy ensued, when Roosters backrower Victor Radley was penalised for attacking the legs of Kelly in attempting the charge down. Broncos centre Selwyn Cobbo then nudged the attempt to give Brisbane a shock 19-18 lead with four minutes to go. The drama continued late, when Tedesco pulled off a last-ditch captain's challenge which went the Roosters way, with Flegler penalised and the controversial call decided the contest and enough to get the Roosters the win, when Keighran calmly pocketed the penalty goal to get his side out of jail in the final minute of the game.

Saturday | SOUTH SYDNEY 36 GOLD COAST 6



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (36)

Tries: Latrell Mitchell, Adam Reynolds, Josh Mansour (2), Braidon Burns (2); Conversions: Adam Reynolds (4/6); Penalty Goals: Adam Reynolds (2/2)

GOLD COAST TITANS (6)

Tries: Corey Thompson
Conversions: Toby Sexton (1/1)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 4117

Halftime Score: South Sydney 24 Gold Coast 0

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Latrell Mitchell

2 points - Cody Walker

1 points - Jai Arrow

OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

Souths notch up a perfect 10 against timid Titans

South Sydney Rabbitohs won 10 straight games for the first time since 1989 as they beat Gold Coast Titans 36-6 this afternoon at Robina.

The Rabbitohs became the first team in the history of Australian rugby league to post eight straight scores of 30 plus headlined by another stellar performance by fullback Latrell Mitchell and five-eighth Cody Walker saw them dust off the Titans in style.

From the opening whistle, the Rabbitohs looked a class above and proved that in hopping to a 24-nil lead at half-time. Cody Walker was his usual energetic self with a pair of try-assists which takes him to 37 for the season. Mitchell and Reynolds also found the stripe in the one-sided half.

Despite all the bluster from Gold Coast Titans this season, it has been a disappointing campaign. They went set-for-set in the early stages but when the fire was lit, Gold Coast folded quickly and often. Their spot in the top eight is hanging on by a thread but even if they make it, 2021 hasn't been the vibrant restart they expected with their big signings from the off-season.

Called into the side for the injured Dane Gagai, Braidon Burns showed that the backline is plug and play with tries in each half. Winger Josh Mansour bagged himself a double with consummate ease as the Rabbitohs attacking juggernaut rolled on. Souths 36 points today gave them their highest scoring season ever and the promise of plenty more to come with three weeks left in the season.

The X-Factor for the Rabbitohs headed into their tilt at the Premiership is their custodian, Latrell Mitchell. Some of Mitchell's runs were destructive today including a counter attack from a Titans kick which he steamrolled Titans fullback AJ Brimson. Mitchell opened the scoring himself

from a well-worked scrum play and was in the mood to be dangerous against the pretender Titans.

Once Souths had got themselves out to suitable lead, the cardinal and myrtle cruised through the second half. Adam Reynolds went well past the 100 goals mark for the season with six goals today which included two penalty goals. Coach Wayne Bennett will be delighted with his side's defense though, they kept the Titans to single digits and kept showing up despite having the game well in hand.

Corey Thompson got some late consolation for the Titans. The winger finished off the best movement of the afternoon from the Gold Coast side which saw him walk in a four-pointer to make it 32-6. Questions again might be asked about coach Justin Holbrook's use of his star forward David Fifita who came off the bench again. Titans face another huge test against Melbourne Storm before games against Newcastle and New Zealand to finish out.

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Saturday | WESTS TIGERS 24 NORTH QUEENSLAND 16



NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (16)

Tries: Jeremiah Nanai, Tom Dearden, Ben Hampton

Conversions: Valentine Holmes (2/3)

Penalty Goals: Valentine Holmes (0/1)

WESTS TIGERS (24)

Tries: Stefano Utoikamanu, Ken Maumalo, Kelma Tuilagi, Tommy

Talau; Conversions: Adam Doueihi (4/4)

Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium

Crowd: 12663

Halftime Score: North Queensland 6 Wests Tigers 12

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Stefano Utoikamanu

2 points - Adam Doueihi

1 points - Shawn Blore

OUR REPORT with ANDREW FERGUSON

Tigers 'less worse' than Cowboys by enough to snatch victory

The Wests Tigers have produced back-to-back victories for just the second time in 2021, with another uninspiring and unconvincing victory over a bottom 3 team, downing the Cowboys 24-16 in Townsville.

The Tigers opened the scoring in the ninth minute when Luke Brooks, 15 metres from the Cowboys line, drifted left then stopped and dished a short ball to a barnstorming Stefano Utoikamanu, who destroyed the defensive line and scored to the left of the posts. Adam Doueihi converted.

Ten minutes later the Tigers extended their lead when they put the ball through the hands, before Moses Mbye sent a cut-out pass to Ken Maumalo, who had a narrow passage to the line, but he dived and nabbed the 4 pointer in the left corner. Doueihi converted superbly from touch.

The Cowboys finally got on the board in the dying stages of the first half through a very lucky try. Tom Dearden's poor bomb was allowed to bounce before Kyle Feldt soccered it back infield very skilfully. Reece Robson regathered and passed to debutant Griffin Neame who then threw a dubious pass to fellow debutant Jeremiah Nanai who scored. Valentine Holmes converted.

The second half began with 17 minutes of a mediocrity stalemate, with both sides struggling with ball control, discipline, last tackle options and worst of all general kicking.

But the deadlock was broken in the 57th minute when Brooks on the right hit Kelma Tuilagi with a lovely short ball, he then hit Holmes and spun 360 degrees before falling over the line near the posts to score a strong try. Doueihi again converted.

In the 65th minute the Tigers looked to lift a gear and seemingly put the game beyond the reach of a rather deflated looking Cowboys, when Doueihi stepped Ben Hampton, who had come a long way up and in, before sending Tommy Talau a good ball in space and he scored a

soft try. Doueihi again added the extras. Tigers lead 24-6 with 13 minutes remaining.

With 7 minutes remaining in the game, Scott Drinkwater got a long ball to Jake Granville, exposing Michael Chee Kam who was way out of position defensively. Granville turned the ball back in to Drinkwater who ran away before sending Dearden away to score under the posts. Holmes converted.

With 4 minutes left in the game, the Cowboys very nearly scored but for a brilliant try saving tackle by Luke Brooks, who then produced an illegal strip after the tackle was completed which resulted in him being sin binned.

On the first play from the ensuing penalty, the Cowboys spread the ball from right to left where Hampton got comfortably outside David Nofaloaluma and dived over to score in the corner. Holmes failed to convert his hurried conversion attempt.

With 22 seconds on the clock, the Cowboys received a penalty deep in the Tigers half. Holmes had a shot at penalty goal but it hit the upright and a scrappy game came to its end.

Saturday | MANLY-WARRINGAH 56 PARRAMATTA 10



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (56)

Tries: Brad Parker, Reuben Garrick (3), Tom Trbojevic, Dylan Walker, Jason Saab, Moses Suli (2), Haumole Olakau'atu

Conversions: Reuben Garrick (8/10)

PARRAMATTA EELS (10)

Tries: Tom Opacic, Waqa Blake

Conversions: Clinton Gutherson (1/2)

Venue: Sunshine Coast Stadium

Crowd: 3613

Halftime Score: Manly-Warringah 26 Parramatta 4

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Reuben Garrick

2 points - Tom Trbojevic

1 points - Daly Cherry-Evans

OUR REPORT with JOSH ROBERTSON

Parramatta capitulate at the hands of soaring Sea Eagles

A 28-point haul for Reuben Garrick has helped Manly pile on the pain as they scored a 56-10 victory over a woeful Parramatta Eels side at the Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Having total control of possession for the opening 10 minutes, the Manly Sea Eagles opened the scoring after just three minutes in a sign of what was to come when Brad Parker crossed after the Parramatta defence jammed in too far and left free space for the Manly centre to score.

The second try was more of the same for Manly just a matter of minutes later as Reuben Garrick got the first of his hat-trick when there was too much space out wide as the Eels defence jammed in yet again.

There was clearly a lesson to be learnt for the Eels defence and it was not to jam in so far, but they weren't

learning their lesson as they continued their terrible defensive tactic of jamming and the Sea Eagles found space again as DCE found Jason Saab unmarked out wide who got space down the sideline before finding Tommy Turbo to score. The Sea Eagles continued to find space out wide and Reuben Garrick got his second as Michael Oldfield again jammed in creating space for the Manly winger to score.

The Sea Eagles added another try going end to end after yet again finding space on the outside of the Eels defence and Dylan Walker scored for Manly.

Parramatta capped off a poor half with a bright spot when Tom Opacic crossed over after a good pass from Ryan Matterson.

The Eels looked like a side with more confidence to start the second half but that quickly disappeared as the errors came back into their game. The Sea Eagles took 20 minutes to add their next try and yet again it was the jamming defence that created space for Manly and Jason Saab scored out wide just after blowing a chance minutes before.

Things for the Eels went from Bad to worse and then even worse again when Ryan Matterson was sent off by Grant Atkins for a shoulder to the head of Brad Parker. Manly took advantage of the extra man when Moses Suli strolled over for the first of his double just having come onto the field.

Marata Niukore was the next to be given marching orders by Grant Atkins, this time for just 10 minutes after a professional foul off a Manly quick tap.

Manly were able to run in three tries during the time Parramatta were down to 11, Moses Suli scored his second, Dylan Walker kicked in behind to set up Haumole Olakau'atu and Reuben Garrick sealed his historic night breaking the Manly season point record with his third try and conversion.

Waqa Blake was the final scorer of the night after his got through to a Dylan Brown kick and Clint Gutherson converted the consolation try.

Next weekend, Manly have a clash against the Canberra Raiders whilst Brad Arthur will have plenty of work for his Eels side with a Cowboys battle on Saturday night.

Sunday | WARRIORS 24 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 10



WARRIORS (24)
Tries: Josh Curran, Reece Walsh, Jazz Tevaga, Edward Kosi
Conversions: Reece Walsh (3/4)
Penalty Goals: Reece Walsh (1/1)
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (10)
Tries: Aaron Schoupp, Jayden Okunbor
Conversions: Jake Averillo (1/2)

Venue: Moreton Daily Stadium
 Crowd: 3332
 Halftime Score: Warriors 16 Canterbury-Bankstown 10
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
 3 points - Josh Curran
 2 points - Reece Walsh
 1 points - Addin Fonua-Blake

OUR REPORT with ADAM HUXTABLE

Warriors continue winning ways against dismal 'Dogs

The New Zealand Warriors are still in the hunt for the top 8, beating the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 24-10 in a sloppy affair at Dolphin Stadium in Redcliffe.

The Warriors showed their intentions early, spreading it right with their first possession of the game to Josh Curran, who found open space and eventually passed to Sean O'Sullivan, who was tackled for a gain of about 50 metres. The duo would link up again later in the set, with O'Sullivan passing Curran through a gaping hole to score the first try of the match.

The right edge was again the focal point of the Warriors attack in the next set, however it ended catastrophically, with O'Sullivan's pass this time intercepted by Aaron Schoupp, who outran Reece Walsh to score and level the scores.

The evenness of the scoreboard didn't last long however.

Averillo's kick from inside his own half was caught on the full in goal by Montoya. The Warriors streaked down the field and Josh Curran set up the try this time, poking his head through the line before offloading to an open Jazz Tevaga, who dived over untouched.

The Warriors would get into good field position through their defence this time, with Edward Kosi putting huge pressure on Falakiko Manu, who knocked on. In the ensuing set, Reece Walsh made the money play, throwing a cutout ball to put Edward Kosi over untouched.

It looked as though the Dogs had given it everything for the first half, but a set restart just before the break gave them a second wind. Nick Meaney slotted into the attack to create the extra number and execute the overlap to perfection, sending Jayden Okunbor over right on the siren to make it 16-10 at half time.

Early in the second half, a wayward offload from Averillo was dived on by Josh Curran, giving the Warriors great field position. Chanel Harris-Tavita put a kick in on tackle 2 and it paid off, with Reece Walsh winning the race and grounding it before the dead ball line.

The Warriors did well to turn the Bulldogs away for at least 5 consecutive attacking sets, however it looked to have all counted for naught when Edward Kosi knocked on on tackle 2 and the Dogs spread it left to score immediately. Upon review it was found that illegal contact was made on Kosi after the knock on and a penalty was awarded to the Warriors instead.

Off the ensuing set, Kosi looked to be over for sure, but lost it over the line, keeping the Dogs in it.

In the next set off the kickoff, the Bulldogs stripped the ball illegally, giving the Warriors an opportunity to extend the lead to 14. Reece Walsh's kick was a beauty and they did exactly that, going up 24-10.

The rest of the game was a largely uneventful arm wrestle, with the Bulldogs giving away penalties for illegal 2-on-1 strips and occasionally getting them right.

The win for the Warriors means that they maintain touch with the top 8, and will look to keep the unlikely dream alive next week against the Broncos at Suncorp, while the Bulldogs will look for their 3rd win of the year against the Knights.

Sunday | NEWCASTLE 16 CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 14



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (14)
Tries: Jesse Ramien, Ronaldo Mulitalo
Conversions: Braydon Trindall (2/2)
Penalty Goals: Braydon Trindall (1/1)
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (16)
Tries: Enari Tuala (2); **Conversions:** Jake Clifford (1/2); **Penalty Goals:** Jake Clifford (3/3)

Venue: Moreton Daily Stadium
 Crowd: 3954
 Halftime Score: Cronulla-Sutherland 12 Newcastle 8
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
 3 points - Mitchell Barnett
 2 points - Jack Williams
 1 points - Bradman Best

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Knights hold on in fierce encounter

The Newcastle Knights have taken a huge step towards securing a place in the finals after outlasting the Cronulla Sharks 16-14 on Sunday afternoon.

Securing the victory with a long-range Jake Clifford penalty goal seven minutes from fulltime, the win sees the Knights move into outright seventh on the ladder with games against the Bulldogs, Titans and Broncos to come over the final weeks of the home-and-away season.

The win may come at a huge cost for the Knights however with enforcer Daniel Saifiti sustaining a knee injury during the closing stages of the match.

Registering the fastest try of the season after regathering the kick-off, Enari Tuala (1st minute) ran onto a cut-out ball from Mitchell Pearce to get the Knights on the board after 36 seconds.

Making the most of a penalty inside the visitor's half,

Jesse Ramien (11th minute) locked the scores up following an offload from Briton Nikora which created created space for the one-time Newcastle centre down the right edge.

Clifford added a penalty goal midway through the first half, however the lead was short-lived as Ronaldo Mulitalo cleaned up a dropped bomb from Kurt Mann to put the Sharks in front.

With both teams vying for a place in the top eight, the Sharks held a slender 12-8 lead at the change of ends following a spiteful opening 40 minutes which saw Braden Hamlin-Uele, Nikora and David Klemmer all placed on report.

Returning from the sheds with renewed intensity, a bullocking run and flick pass from Bradman Best allowed Tuala (45th minute) to collect for his second with a remarkable effort to contort his body close to the sideline.

Mitchell Barnett produced a try-saving effort on Nikora a few sets later only for the bunker to intervene for high

contact; Braydon Trindall kicked the subsequent penalty goal from next to the posts.

Taking advantage of good field position resulting from a Cronulla error, Clifford tied the scores up at 14-all with 15 minutes left on the clock.

With the match poised to go down to the wire, Barnett produced a momentum-shifting strip on Luke Metcalf to give the Knights the ascendancy.

The decisive moment occurred in the 73rd minute when Kalyn Ponga was tackled without the ball; Clifford stepped up from 35 metres out to nail the penalty and give the Knights a hard-fought 16-14 win.

The win was a fitting result for Newcastle utility Connor Watson who celebrated his 100th first grade appearance on the day.

Next week, the Sharks will face the Tigers on Saturday afternoon in Rockhampton, while the Knights will take on the Bulldogs later in the day on the Gold Coast.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 22

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.

32 points - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles 26, NSW 6)
 29 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers 27, NSW 2)
 28 points - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)
 20 points - Will Kennedy (Sharks), Clinton Gutherson (Eels)
 19 points - Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), James Tedesco (Roosters), Ben Hunt (Dragons 16, QLD 3), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs 17, NSW 2)
 17 points - Nicholas Hynes (Storm)
 16 points - David Fifita (Titans), Jahrome Hughes (Storm)
 15 points - Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Payne Haas (Broncos 13, NSW 1)
 14 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels), Sam Walker (Roosters), Brandon Smith (Storm)
 13 points - Alexander Brimson (Titans), Cameron Munster (Storm)
 12 points - Reece Walsh (Warriors), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Kalyn Ponga (Knights)
 11 points - Reed Mahoney (Eels), Brian To'o (Panthers), Jarome Luai (Panthers 9, NSW 2)
 10 points - Joseph Manu (Roosters), Christian Welch (Storm), Harry Grant (Storm), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels)
 9 points - Ashley Taylor (Titans), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Keano Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs)
 8 points - Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), George Williams (Raiders), Matt Burton (Panthers)
 7 points - Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Viliame Kikau (Panthers)
 6 points - Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Maika Sivo (Eels), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Bradman Best (Knights), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos)
 5 points - Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Tyson Gamble (Broncos), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Josh Curran (Warriors), Luke Keary (Roosters), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Tom Starling (Raiders), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Brett Morris (Roosters), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans 3, QLD 2)

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

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Round 22 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
Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	Canberra	Reckless High Tackle - 3	Jahrome Hughes	600	7 year incident free discount (-25%)	0	450	337	Guilty - early plea	3 matches	37
Jarome LUAI	Penrith	Careless High Tackle - 1	Josh McGuire	\$1500	1 x similar (+50%)	N/A	\$2250	\$1700	Guilty - early plea	\$1700	N/A
Adam CLUNE	St Geo Illa	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Nathan Cleary	\$1500	7 year incident free discount (-25%)	N/A	\$1150	\$750	Guilty - early plea	\$750	N/A
Nathan CLEARY	Penrith	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Talatau Amona	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Tyson GAMBLE	Brisbane	Crusher Tackle - 1	Nat Butcher	200	1 x similar, 1 x non-similar (+70%)	20	360	275	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	75
David MEAD	Brisbane	Careless High Tackle - 1	Dale Copley	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Victor RADLEY	Sydney	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Albert Kelly	100*	1 x similar, 3 x non-similar (+110%)	35	455	350	Guilty - early plea	3 matches	50
Jacob LIDDLE	Wests Tigers	Crusher Tackle - 1	Heilum Luki	200	None	0	200	150	Guilty - early plea	1 match	50
Thomas MIKAELE	Wests Tigers	Crusher Tackle - 1	Heilum Luki	200	1 x non-similar (+20%)	0	240	180	Guilty - early plea	1 match	80
Valentine HOLMES	North Qld	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	David Nofoaluma	\$1500	2 x non-similar (+40%)	N/A	\$1600	\$2100	Not guilty at judiciary	None	N/A
Griffin NEAME	North Qld	Crusher Tackle - 1	Ken Maumalo	200	None	0	200	150	Guilty - early plea	1 match	50
Michael CHEE KAM	Wests Tigers	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Valentine Holmes	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Joey LUSSICK	Parramatta	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Martin Taupau	\$1500	7 year incident free discount (-25%)	N/A	\$1150	\$750	Guilty - early plea	\$750	N/A
Ryan MATTERSON	Parramatta	Careless High Tackle - 3	Brad Parker	300	1 x similar, 1 x non-similar (+70%)	0	510	382	Guilty - early plea	3 matches	82
Maika SIVO	Parramatta	Careless High Tackle - 1	Tom Trbojevic	\$1500	1 x similar (+50%)	N/A	\$2250	\$1700	Guilty - early plea	\$1700	N/A
Ryan JAMES	Canterbury	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Chanel Harris-Tavita	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Reece WALSH	Warriors	Contrary Conduct - 1	in a melee	\$1500	1 x non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Tyson FRIZELL	Newcastle	Careless High Tackle - 1	Will Kennedy	100*	1 x similar, 1 x non-similar (+70%)	0	170	127	Guilty - early plea	1 match	27
Braden HAMLIN-UELE	Cronulla	Careless High Tackle - 1	Connor Watson	\$1500	7 year incident free discount (-25%)	N/A	\$1150	\$750	Guilty - early plea	\$750	N/A
Aiden TOLMAN	Cronulla	Dangerous contact (other) - 1	Daniel Saifiti	100*	1 x similar, 3 x non-similar (+90%)	30	220	172	Guilty - early plea	1 match	72

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

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 19 RESULTS

Castleford Tigers 20 Tries: Greg Eden 2, Oliver Holmes; Goals: Danny Richardson 4 **def St Helens 10** Tries: Alex Walmsley, Jack Welsby; Goals: Lachlan Coote 1 **at Totally Wicked Stadium** --/-- **Catalans Dragons 31** Tries: Julian Bousquet, Sam Tomkins, Tom Davies 2, Fouad Yaha; Goals: James Maloney 5; Field Goals: James Maloney 1 **def Hull FC 16** Tries: Bureta Faraimo, Carlos Tuimavave; Goals: Ben McNamara 4 **at Stade Gilbert Brutus** --/-- **Salford Red Devils 18** Tries: Jack Ormondroyd, Tuimoala Lolohea, Rhys Williams; Goals: Krisnan Inu 3 **def Huddersfield Giants 12** Tries: Matty English; Goals: Will Pryce 4 **at AJ Bell Stadium** --/-- **Hull KR 26** Tries: Jez Litten, Kane Linnett, Albert Vete, Ethan Ryan, Rowan Milnes; Goals: Ben Crooks 3 **def Wigan Warriors 14** Tries: Liam Marshall 2, Jake Bibby; Goals: Harry Smith 1 **at Hull College Craven Park** --/-- **Leeds Rhinos 46** Tries: Zane Tetevano, Kruse Leeming, Ash Handley, Brad Dwyer, Robert Lui, Cameron Smith, Tom Briscoe 2; Goals: Rhys Martin 7 **def Leigh Centurions 10** Tries: Matty Gee 2; Goals: Craig Mullen 1 **at Leigh Sports Village** --/-- **Wakefield Trinity 28** Tries: Lee Kershaw, Mason Lino, David Fifita, Tom Johnstone; Goals: Mason Lino 6 **def Warrington Wolves 22** Tries: Josh Charnley, Jake Mamo, Blake Austin, George Williams; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 3 **at The Mobile Rocket Stadium**

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Win %
1	Catalans	18	16	2	0	525	312	213	32	88.89
2	St Helens	15	12	3	0	372	138	234	24	80.00
3	Warrington	16	11	4	1	478	275	203	23	71.88
4	Wigan	19	12	7	0	335	327	8	24	63.16
5	Hull KR	14	8	6	0	347	309	38	16	57.14
6	Leeds	18	9	9	0	444	332	112	18	50.00
7	Hull FC	15	7	7	1	324	310	14	15	50.00
8	Castleford	17	8	9	0	319	416	-97	16	47.06
9	Huddersfield	18	6	12	0	312	370	-58	12	33.33
10	Salford	16	5	11	0	261	433	-172	10	31.25
11	Wakefield	18	5	13	0	325	438	-113	10	27.78
12	Leigh	16	0	16	0	256	638	-382	0	0.00

ROUND 20 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Thu 19 Aug 7:45pm	Leeds v Huddersfield	Emerald Headingley
	Warrington v Catalans	Halliwell Jones
Fri 20 Aug 7:45pm	Wigan v St Helens	DW Stadium
Sat 21 Aug 3:00pm	Hull FC v Hull KR	MKM Stadium
	Castleford v Wakefield	Mend-A-Hose Jungle
Sun 22 Aug 3:00pm	Leigh v Salford	Leigh Sports Village



BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 17 RESULTS

Bradford Bulls 36 Tries: Steve Crossley, David Foggin-Johnston 2, Adam Rooks, George Flanagan 2; Goals: Jordan Lilley 5 **def Newcastle Thunder 12** Tries: Jack Johnson, Kieran Gill; Goals: Josh Woods 2 **at Kingston Park** --/-- **Featherstone Rovers 44** Tries: Ben Blackmore, James Harrison, Alex Walker 2, Craig Hall 4; Goals: Craig Hall 6 **def York City Knights 14** Tries: Ben Jones-Bishop 2, Matty Marsh; Goals: Corey Johnson 1 **at Millennium Stadium** --/-- **Dewsbury Rams 23** Tries: Matthew Fleming, James Beckett, Dale Ferguson; Goals: Riley Dean 3; Field Goals: Riley Dean 1 **def Widnes Vikings 22** Tries: Steve Tyrer, Deon Cross, Joe Edge, Kenny Baker; Goals: Jack Owens 3 **at Tetley's Stadium** --/-- **Sheffield Eagles 25** Tries: Matty James, Oliver Davies, Ryan Millar, Josh Guzdek; Goals: Josh Guzdek 4; Field Goals: Harry Tyson-Wilson 1 **def Oldham RLFC 18** Tries: Danny Langtree, Martin Reilly, Tyler Dupree; Goals: Dan Abram 3 **at Keepmoat Stadium** --/-- **Batley Bulldogs 38** Tries: Johnny Campbell 2, George Senior, Alistair Leak 3, Greg Johnson; Goals: Tom Gilmore 5 **def Swinton Lions 6** Tries: Luis Roberts; Goals: Luis Roberts 1 **at Heywood Road** --/-- **Whitehaven RLFC 32** Tries: Tom Wilkinson, Liam Cooper, Andrew Bulman, Nikau Williams, Lachlan Walmsley; Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 5 **def London Broncos 18** Tries: Abbas Miski, Josh Hodson, Rhys Curran; Goals: Chris Hankinson 3 **at Recreation Ground**

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	WIN %
1	Toulouse	11	11	0	0	522	100	422	22	100.00
2	Featherstone	16	15	1	0	651	216	435	28	87.50
3	Halifax	16	12	4	0	436	232	204	24	75.00
4	Bradford	15	10	5	0	411	351	60	20	66.67
5	Batley	17	11	6	0	455	336	119	22	64.71
6	London	16	9	6	1	426	455	-29	17	53.13
7	Whitehaven	17	8	8	1	349	446	-97	17	50.00
8	Sheffield	15	5	7	3	338	431	-93	13	43.33
9	York	16	6	10	0	393	391	2	12	37.50
10	Newcastle	16	5	10	1	322	470	-148	11	34.38
11	Widnes	16	5	10	1	365	435	-70	11	34.38
12	Dewsbury	16	5	10	1	256	443	-187	11	34.38
13	Oldham	16	2	13	1	250	545	-295	5	15.63
14	Swinton	17	1	15	1	284	607	-323	3	8.82

DEDUCTIONS:

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

ROUND 18 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Sun 22 Aug 3:00pm	Batley v Sheffield	Fox's Biscuits Stadium
	Bradford v Swinton	Odsal Stadium
	Featherstone v Dewsbury	Millennium Stadium
	Newcastle v London	Kingston Park
	Oldham v Toulouse	Bower Fold
	Widnes v Halifax	Halton Stadium
	York v Whitehaven	LNER Community Stadium

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - SHIELD

WEEK 2 RESULTS

Warrington Wolves 76 def Wakefield Trinity 0 at Victoria Park
 Huddersfield Giants 32 def Bradford Bulls 10 at Odsal Stadium

WEEK 3 FIXTURES

Sun 22 Aug 2:00pm	Bradford v Warrington	Odsal Stadium
	Featherstone v Huddersfield	Millennium Stadium

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - PLAY-OFFS

WEEK 1 FIXTURES

Sat 21 Aug 4:15pm	Castleford v Leeds	Mend-a-Hose Jungle
Sun 22 Aug 2:00pm	St Helens v York	Totally Wicked Stadium

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 1

Thursday, Mar 11
Friday, Mar 12

Saturday, Mar 13

Sunday, Mar 14

March 11-14

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

ROUND 2

Thursday, Mar 18
Friday, Mar 19

Saturday, Mar 20

Sunday, Mar 21

March 18-21

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

ROUND 3

Thursday, Mar 25
Friday, Mar 26

Saturday, Mar 27

Sunday, Mar 28

March 25-28

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

ROUND 4

Thursday, Apr 1
Friday, Apr 2

Saturday, Apr 3

Sunday, Apr 4

Monday, Apr 5

April 1-5

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

Easter Weekend

ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8
Friday, Apr 9

Saturday, Apr 10

Sunday, Apr 11

April 8-11

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

ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15
Friday, Apr 16

Saturday, Apr 17

Sunday, Apr 18

April 15-18

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

ROUND 7

Thursday, Apr 22
Friday, Apr 23

Saturday, Apr 24

Sunday, Apr 25

April 22-25

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

ANZAC Round

ROUND 8

Thursday, Apr 29
Friday, Apr 30

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2

April 29-May 2

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

ROUND 9

Thursday, May 6
Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

May 6-9

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

ROUND 10

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16

May 14-16

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

Magic Round Brisbane

ROUND 11

Thursday, May 20
Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

May 20-23

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

ROUND 12

Thursday, May 27
Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

May 27-30

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

Indigenous Round

ROUND 13

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

June 3-6

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

STATE OF ORIGIN 1

Wednesday, Jun 9

June 9

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

Friday, Jun 11

Saturday, Jun 12

Sunday, Jun 13

Monday, Jun 14

June 11-14

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

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 15

Thursday, Jun 17
Friday, Jun 18

Saturday, Jun 19

Sunday, Jun 20

WOMEN'S ORIGIN

Friday, Jun 25

ORIGIN 2

Sunday, Jun 27

ROUND 16

Thursday, Jul 1

Friday, Jul 2

Saturday, Jul 3

Sunday, Jul 4

ROUND 17

Thursday, Jul 8

Friday, Jul 9

Saturday, Jul 10

Sunday, Jul 11

Byes

ORIGIN 3

Wednesday, Jul 14

ROUND 18

Friday, Jul 16

Saturday, Jul 17

Sunday, Jul 18

ROUND 19

Thursday, Jul 22

Friday, Jul 23

Saturday, Jul 24

Sunday, Jul 25

ROUND 20

Thursday, Jul 29

Friday, Jul 30

Sunday, Aug 1

Monday, Aug 2

June 17-20

Brisbane v Souths

North Qld v Cronulla

Penrith v Sydney

Newcastle v Warriors

St Geo Illa v Canberra

Melbourne v Wests Tigers

Parramatta v Canterbury

Gold Coast v Manly

Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

0-46

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

ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12

Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19

Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26

Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2

Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

WEEK 1

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

WEEK 2

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

WEEK 3

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

GRAND FINAL

Sun, Time TBC

August 5-8

Newcastle v Brisbane

Canberra v St Geo Illa

Parramatta v Souths

Warriors v Cronulla

Sydney v Penrith

Manly v Melbourne

Canterbury v Wests Tigers

Gold Coast v North Qld

28-20

20-12

12-40

18-16

14-20

18-28

16-28

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

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

26-16 Sun. Coast 7:50pm

16-34 Suncorp 6:00pm

20-21 Suncorp 7:55pm

36-6 Cbus 3:00pm

16-24 QLD C.B. 5:30pm

56-10 Sun. Coast 7:35pm

24-10 Redcliffe 2:00pm

14-16 Redcliffe 4:05pm

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

Suncorp Stadium 6:00pm

Suncorp Stadium 8:05pm

Rockhampton 3:00pm

Cbus Super 5:30pm

Cbus Super 7:35pm

Toowoomba 2:00pm

Suncorp Stadium 4:05pm

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

Sunshine Coast 7:50pm

BB Print, Mackay 6:00pm

Suncorp Stadium 7:55pm

Rockhampton 3:00pm

Suncorp Stadium 5:30pm

Suncorp Stadium 7:35pm

Moreton Daily, Redcliffe 1:50pm

Moreton Daily, Redcliffe 4:05pm

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

BB Print, Mackay 7:50pm

Cbus Super 6:00pm

Cbus Super 8:05pm

Suncorp 3:00pm

QLD Country Bank 5:30pm

Sunshine Coast 7:35pm

Cbus Super 2:00pm

Moreton Daily, Redcliffe 4:05pm

2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES

SEPTEMBER 10-12

QF 1 1 v 4

QF 2 2 v 3

EF 1 5 v 8

EF 2 6 v 7

Qualifying & Elimination Finals

Venue TBC

Venue TBC

Venue TBC

Venue TBC

SEPTEMBER 17-18

SF 1 L QF 1 v W EF 1

SF 2 L QF 2 v W EF 2

Semi Finals

Venue TBC

Venue TBC

SEPTEMBER 24-25

PF 1 W QF 1 v W SF 2

PF 2 W QF 2 v W SF 1

Preliminary Finals

Venue TBC

Venue TBC

OCTOBER 2

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Venue TBC

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