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A match-winning half...



**A lopsided 2021 season**

Andrew Ferguson dissects the stats

# DEBUTANT BALL

*Jirah Momoisea steps up for Newcastle*



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Match Centre							

Below the match center is a 'MATCH CENTRE' section for the upcoming match between MELBOURNE STORM and PENRITH PANTHERS. The score is 0-0. The match is scheduled for 7:35pm on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Suncorp Stadium. A pre-match timer shows 0:00. There is a social media link for #NRLStormPanthers.

Navigation tabs include PRE-MATCH, TEAMS, PLAY BY PLAY, SCORERS, and WRAP UP. Below this is a 'Round 20:' section with 'Form Guide' and 'Upcoming Games' for both teams.

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

## THERE IS NO OFF-SEASON

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# From the editor

Tim Costello

We made it! FIFTY editions of THE FRONT ROW!

It's been a wild two seasons on and off the field but we are proud we have been able to bring you a match programme in various formats since the COVID-19 resumption in May 2020. To reach this milestone is a testament to all our contributors past and present. There's more on Page 35 commemorating our fifty issues.

But to more important matters - we're now just two weeks from the NRL Finals! This week's edition focuses on a Knights debutant in Jirah Momoisea, and we also have a peep at some of the scary lopsidedness we've seen in the 2021 season. Our weekly illustration from the talented TheBiggestTiger pays tribute to a current Sea Eagles star, and indeed we dedicated a page to the remaining run home for each club still in mathematical contention for the NRL finals.

Once again a huge, huge thank you to all our readers, those supporting our publication in the media and much more. We are eternally grateful and hope we can count on your support going forward.

Happy reading!

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# TAKING HIS CHANCE

## MOMOISEA POISED TO STEP UP IN ABSENCE OF SAIFITI AND KLEMMER

STORY BY PAUL JOBBER

**J**irah Momoisea knows he has big shoes to fill.

But someone's misfortune is another's opportunity with the 22-year-old front-rower to play his second first grade game against Gold Coast on Thursday night.

With Daniel Saifiti (knee) and David Klemmer (suspension) sidelined, the Kiwi-born forward will have a significant role to play for coach Adam O'Brien on the Sunshine Coast.

"Having D-Saf and Klem out are huge shoes to fill, but I've got to work to my strengths and do what I do best," he said.

"It's not about trying to be like them or anything, but just making sure I'm giving a hundred percent in what I can do and getting my preparation right."

It's been a long road for the Auckland-raised forward who ruptured his Achilles in January this year.

He joined the Knights three seasons ago after spending the 2017 season with the Melbourne Storm in the now-defunct Holden Cup.

"Newcastle picked me up in 2018 and I've slowly climbed up the ranks and got a top 30 spot," he said.

Momoisea had an impressive top-grade debut against Canterbury last week, coming off the bench and playing 16 minutes with four hit-ups for 42 metres.

"It's the quickest 15 minutes I've ever played in my life," he said.

"That's probably the biggest difference (between NSW Cup and first grade) is just the speed and even the physicality because once you lose the ruck it's so hard to get it back.

"You're just trying to fight for that extra second."

The opportunity was almost two years in the making after the NSW Cup competition was cancelled entirely last year before the pin was pulled just last week which ended the 2021 season.

"I've probably played six games in the last two years due to COVID," Momoisea said.

"Last year felt like the longest pre-season ever. We were training pretty much every single day doing conditioning and that much running just in the hope of a chance to play but it never came.

"That's why I'm so thankful that I got the opportunity on Saturday."

Having not played a lot of footy in the last two years meant the youngster was out on his feet after a few minutes last weekend.

But it's part of the learning curve.

"I feel real fresh; just need to work on managing my energy properly," he said.

"I think I got too excited out there and tried to do everything that I could."



WESTS 

oneills  
1918



KNIGHTS  
EST. 1988



# JUST HOW LOPSIDED HAS 2021 BEEN?

ANDREW FERGUSON CRUNCHES THE NUMBERS

**T**he majority of the 2021 NRL season has been underpinned by commentary surrounding blowout scores and the raft of rule changes brought in on a whim, as well as short-lived and ill-conceived crackdown on high tackles.

Through all of this we've seen the Melbourne Storm decimate nearly every side, as they've piled on huge win after huge win, evidenced by the fact that they currently have the greatest points differential in the Premiership's history, currently sitting at +499 with 2 games remaining. The 1935 Roosters side finished their 16 Premiership games with a points difference of +442, a record never bettered until now.

Currently we have just 6 of the 16 NRL sides sporting a positive points differential – a paltry 37.50% of teams, equalling the seasons of 1910, 1931, 1932 and 1944, and better than the 1924 and 1927 seasons, both of which saw just 3 of the 9 competing teams finish the regular season with a positive points difference, or 33.33%.

There have been more lopsided seasons in the past, but these tended to have a majority of sides with a positive points difference, while a small number of sides were essentially fodder for everyone else.

1920 is the most lopsided season on record, with 7 of 9 sides in the positive, with Annandale and University being roundly thrashed every game – the only time both of these historically bad sides competed together in the same season.

1955 and 1957 both had 7 of 10 sides finish with a positive points differential followed by 1990 that had 11 of 16 sides finishing the season having scored more points than they conceded.

Currently the gap between the teams with the best and the worst points differential is sitting at 889 points (Melbourne's +499 and the Bulldogs -390), with 2 games still to play.

There are just 3 seasons which have had a bigger gap:  
1982 – 970 points (Parramatta +377 and Canberra -593)  
1935 – 952 points (Easts +442 and Canterbury -510)  
1999 – 913 points (Cronulla +254 and Wests -659)

But it's not just the gap between the best and worst teams which is pronounced in 2021. This season currently also ranks 4th for the biggest gap in points difference between first place and fourth place on the ladder.

The top 5 are:

1935 – 447 points – Easts (1st) +442 & Norths (4th) -5  
1959 – 402 points – St.George (1st) +360 & Newtown (4th) -42  
2001 – 352 points – Parramatta (1st) +433 & Cronulla (4th) +81  
2021 – 340 points – Melbourne (1st) +499 & Sydney (4th) +159  
1963 – 318 points – St.George (1st) +339 & Parramatta (4th) +21

2021 currently ranks 3rd when looking at this same gap but between first and 8th place on the ladder, which is made even more remarkable when you consider that 8th place for the majority of seasons was in the bottom half of the ladder, and in the first near 4 decades, last or second last.

The top 5 are:

1935 – 952 points – Easts (1st) +442 & Canterbury (8th) -510  
1920 – 572 points – Balmain (1st) +175 & University (8th) -397  
2021 – 531 points – Melbourne (1st) +499 & Cronulla (8th) -32  
1959 – 463 points – St.George (1st) +360 & Easts (8th) -103  
1954 – 456 points – Newtown (1st) +224 & Canterbury (8th) -232

2021 has currently had 44 games with a team scoring 40 points or more. It's just the 5th time in the Premiership history that at least 40 games have seen a team score 40 points in a season.

The top 5 are:

2001 – 49 games	2021 – 44 games
1995 – 45 games	2004 – 41 games
2002 – 44 games	

*As we can see in the chart on the right, there had been a reduction in high scores in the last 10-15 years, but 2021 has the potential to set a new record in this area.*

With only 5 teams in genuinely solid form coming into the finals, it won't be too surprising if we see even more big scores at the pointy end of the season.

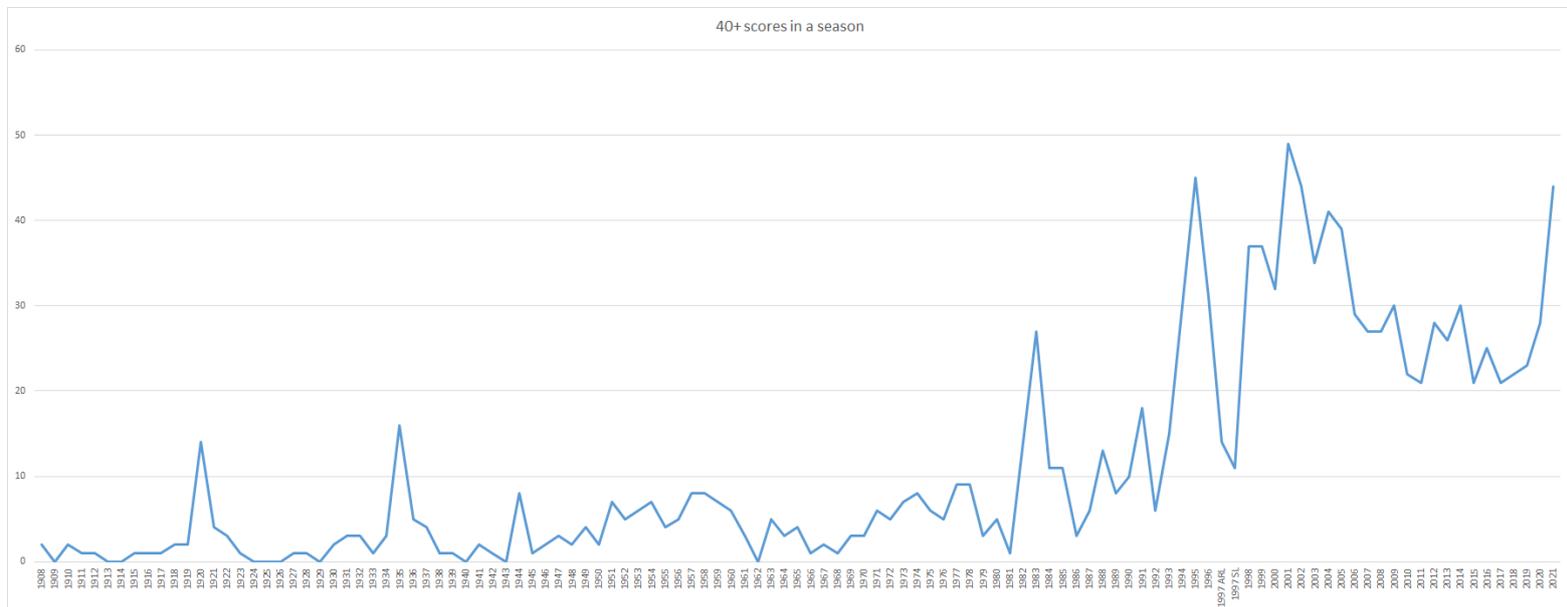
2021 is definitely one of the all-time greatest lopsided seasons – and it's not even over yet!

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# TWO WEEKS TO GO

TWO ROUNDS. EIGHT SPOTS. HERE'S THE RUN HOME...



## MELBOURNE STORM

**Current position**

Run Home:

**1ST Predicted finish**

EELS then SHARKS

**42 PTS +499**

**1ST**



## PENRITH PANTHERS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**2ND Predicted finish**

TIGERS then EELS

**40 PTS +342**

**2ND**



## SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**3RD Predicted finish**

ROOSTERS then DRAGONS

**38 PTS +276**

**3RD**



## SYDNEY ROOSTERS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**4TH Predicted finish**

RABBITOHS then RAIDERS

**32 PTS +159**

**5TH**



## MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

**Current position**

Run Home:

**5TH Predicted finish**

BULLDOGS then COWBOYS

**30 PTS +206**

**4TH**



## PARRAMATTA EELS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**6TH Predicted finish**

STORM then PANTHERS

**30 PTS +131**

**6TH**



## NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**7TH Predicted finish**

TITANS then BRONCOS

**24 PTS -131**

**7TH**



## CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**8TH Predicted finish**

BRONCOS then STORM

**20 PTS -32**

**8TH**



## GOLD COAST TITANS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**9TH Predicted finish**

KNIGHTS then WARRIORS

**20 PTS -46**

**10TH**



## CANBERRA RAIDERS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**10TH Predicted finish**

WARRIORS then ROOSTERS

**20 PTS -85**

**9TH**



## WARRIORS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**11TH Predicted finish**

RAIDERS then TITANS

**18 PTS -115**

**11TH**



## ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**12TH Predicted finish**

COWBOYS then RABBITOHS

**18 PTS -126**

**12TH**



## WESTS TIGERS

**Current position**

Run Home:

**13TH Predicted finish**

PANTHERS then BULLDOGS

**18 PTS -162**

**13TH**

# NO TURBO? NO PROBLEM!

Daly Cherry-Evans and his Manly Sea Eagles continue their fantastic run of form, breaking into the top four after a close win against the Raiders. *Artwork by TheBiggestTiger*



# PREMIERSHIP LADDER **RUGBY LEAGUE** project

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 23

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	22	20	2	-	1	777	278	42	499	11	11	-	-	409	140	269	11	9	2	-	368	138	230
2	Penrith	22	19	3	-	1	606	264	40	342	11	11	-	-	290	94	196	11	8	3	-	316	170	146
3	South Sydney	22	18	4	-	1	701	425	38	276	11	9	2	-	327	242	85	11	9	2	-	374	183	191
4	Sydney	22	15	7	-	1	578	419	32	159	11	8	3	-	298	184	114	11	7	4	-	280	235	45
5	Manly	22	14	8	-	1	662	456	30	206	11	7	4	-	358	238	120	11	7	4	-	304	218	86
6	Parramatta	22	14	8	-	1	538	407	30	131	11	7	4	-	269	184	85	11	7	4	-	269	223	46
7	Newcastle	22	11	11	-	1	391	522	24	-131	11	7	4	-	227	222	5	11	4	7	-	164	300	-136
8	Cronulla	22	9	13	-	1	480	512	20	-32	10	5	5	-	218	180	38	12	4	8	-	262	332	-70
9	Gold Coast Titans	22	9	13	-	1	522	568	20	-46	11	4	7	-	268	325	-57	11	5	6	-	254	243	11
10	Canberra	22	9	13	-	1	437	522	20	-85	11	4	7	-	233	282	-49	11	5	6	-	204	240	-36
11	Warriors	22	8	14	-	1	437	552	18	-115	11	5	6	-	211	236	-25	11	3	8	-	226	316	-90
12	St George Illawarra	22	8	14	-	1	432	558	18	-126	11	4	7	-	246	292	-46	11	4	7	-	186	266	-80
13	Wests Tigers	22	8	14	-	1	484	646	18	-162	11	3	8	-	246	334	-88	11	5	6	-	238	312	-74
14	Brisbane	22	6	16	-	1	395	649	14	-254	11	5	6	-	231	279	-48	11	1	10	-	164	370	-206
15	North Queensland	22	6	16	-	1	404	676	14	-272	11	5	6	-	240	281	-41	11	1	10	-	164	395	-231
16	Canterbury	22	2	20	-	1	284	674	6	-390	12	1	11	-	152	392	-240	10	1	9	-	132	282	-150

## STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 23

### Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	18	24
2	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	20	23
3	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	22	20
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	22	20
5	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	13	19
6	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	21	17
7	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	20	15
8	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	19	14
	Will KENNEDY	CRO	FB	22	14
	Ken MAUMALO	WAR, WST	W	19	14
	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	20	14
	Daniel TUPOU	SYD	W	22	14
13	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	22	13
	David NOFOALUMA	WST	W	22	13
15	Reimis SMITH	MEL	CTR	22	12
	Connor TRACEY	CRO	W, CTR, 5/8, INT	22	12
	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	SYD	CTR, 2RF, INT	20	12
	Cody WALKER	SOU	FB, 5/8	21	12

### Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	21	105	133	79%
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	22	97	121	80%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	14	74	88	84%
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	20	69	87	79%
5	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	19	58	77	75%
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	18	55	69	80%
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, HB, INT	20	54	71	76%
8	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	50	63	79%
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	18	46	63	73%
10	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	20	42	52	81%
11	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB, INT	11	40	46	87%
12	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	CTR	12	38	41	93%
13	Chad TOWNSEND	CRO, WAR	HB	15	34	41	83%
14	Zac LOMAX	SGI	CTR	11	32	40	80%
15	Braydon TRINDALL	CRO	5/8, HB, INT	16	30	35	86%

### Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	22	20	97	-	274
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	21	5	105	2	234
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	14	9	74	2	187
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	20	9	69	-	174
5	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, HB, INT	20	7	54	-	136
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	18	4	55	-	126
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	19	2	58	2	126
8	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	6	50	-	124
9	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB, INT	11	8	40	1	113
10	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W	18	4	46	2	110
11	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	20	4	42	-	100
12	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	18	24	-	-	96
13	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	20	23	1	-	94
14	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	22	13	18	-	88
15	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	CTR	12	1	38	-	80

# THE FRONT ROW

# GAME DAY

## ROUND 24 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS · STATISTICS · PREVIEWS

### THURSDAY



**NEWCASTLE v  
GOLD COAST**  
Sunshine Coast

### FRIDAY



**WARRIORS  
v CANBERRA**  
BB Print, Mackay



**SYDNEY  
v SOUTHS**  
Suncorp Stadium

### SATURDAY



**ST GEO ILLA  
v NORTH QLD**  
Browne Park



**CRONULLA  
v BRISBANE**  
Suncorp Stadium



**MELBOURNE  
v PARRAMATTA**  
Suncorp Stadium

### SUNDAY



**MANLY v  
CANTERBURY**  
Moreton Daily, Redcliffe



**PENRITH v  
WESTS TIGERS**  
Moreton Daily, Redcliffe

## WEEKLY TIPS Round 24

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

#### Paul Jobber (7/136)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Sam Bourke (8/135)

Gold Coast  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Hamish Parker (7/129)

Gold Coast  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Lachy MacCorquodale (6/127)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
North Queensland  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Rick Edgerton (6/126)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Adam Huxtable (7/125)

Gold Coast  
Warriors  
Sydney Roosters  
St George Illawarra  
Brisbane  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Rob Crosby (5/119)

Newcastle  
Warriors  
South Sydney  
North Queensland  
Brisbane  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Jason Hosken (8/136)

Gold Coast  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Brisbane  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Justin Davies (6/128)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Josh Robertson (7/128)

Gold Coast  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Andrew Ferguson (6/127)

Gold Coast  
Warriors  
South Sydney  
North Queensland  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Steven Williams (5/125)

Newcastle  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Brisbane  
Parramatta  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Tim Costello (6/122)

Newcastle  
Warriors  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

#### Andrew Jackson (7/114)

Gold Coast  
Canberra  
South Sydney  
St George Illawarra  
Cronulla  
Melbourne  
Manly  
Penrith

# NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS



# GOLD COAST TITANS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
23	12	7	10	-	48	Kalyn PONGA	<b>1</b>
22	22	9	-	-	36	Enari TUALA	<b>2</b>
28	19	3	-	1	13	Kurt MANN	<b>3</b>
20	14	3	-	-	12	Bradman BEST	<b>4</b>
27	15	3	-	-	12	Hymel HUNT	<b>5</b>
23	17	3	25	-	62	Jake CLIFFORD	<b>6</b>
32	9	2	-	-	8	Mitchell PEARCE	<b>7</b>
29	21	2	-	-	8	Sauaso SUE	<b>8</b>
25	21	3	-	-	12	Jayden BRAILEY	<b>9</b>
25	21	4	-	-	16	Jacob SAIFITI	<b>10</b>
29	17	3	-	-	12	Tyson FRIZELL	<b>11</b>
27	22	4	13	-	42	Mitchell BARNETT	<b>12</b>
25	22	2	-	-	8	Connor WATSON	<b>13</b>
23	19	3	-	-	12	Brodie JONES	<b>14</b>
25	3	1	-	-	4	Chris RANDALL	<b>15</b>
26	15	1	-	-	4	Josh KING	<b>16</b>
-	1	-	-	-	-	Jirah MOMOISEA	<b>17</b>
23	5	-	-	-	-	Jack JOHNS	<b>18</b>
23	2	-	-	-	-	Pasami SAULO	<b>19</b>
20	2	-	-	-	-	Simi SASAGI	<b>20</b>
21	8	1	1	-	6	Phoenix CROSSLAND	<b>21</b>

Adam O'BRIEN

FULLBACK

WING

CENTRE

CENTRE

WING

FIVE-EIGHTH

HALFBACK

FRONT ROW

HOOKER

FRONT ROW

SECOND ROW

SECOND ROW

LOCK

INTERCHANGE

RESERVES

COACH

PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Jayden CAMPBELL	21	4	3	-	-	12
<b>2</b>	Phillip SAMI	24	15	5	-	-	20
<b>3</b>	Brian KELLY	25	19	10	-	-	40
<b>4</b>	Patrick HERBERT	24	17	5	-	-	20
<b>5</b>	Corey THOMPSON	31	15	8	-	-	32
<b>6</b>	Tyrone PEACHEY	30	19	5	-	-	20
<b>7</b>	Jamal FOGARTY	27	18	4	55	-	126
<b>8</b>	Jarrold WALLACE	30	22	5	2	-	24
<b>9</b>	Mitch REIN	31	17	1	-	-	4
<b>10</b>	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	21	19	3	-	-	12
<b>11</b>	Kevin PROCTOR	32	21	6	-	-	24
<b>12</b>	Beau FERMOR	23	12	3	-	-	12
<b>13</b>	Sam McINTYRE	23	8	-	-	-	-
<b>14</b>	Erin CLARK	23	16	1	-	-	4
<b>15</b>	David FIFITA	21	19	14	-	-	56
<b>16</b>	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	21	19	2	-	-	8
<b>17</b>	Jaimin JOLLIFFE	24	22	1	-	-	4
<b>18</b>	Toby SEXTON	20	4	1	16	-	36
<b>19</b>	Sam LISONE	27	14	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Esan MARSTERS	25	8	1	-	-	4
<b>21</b>	Greg MARZHEW	24	8	6	-	-	24

Justin HOLBROOK

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# #NRLKnightsTitans



Thursday 26  
August 2021



7:50PM  
AEST



Sunshine  
Coast Stadium,  
Kawana  
Waters QLD



Nine Network  
Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport  
Triple M  
NRL Nation

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Grant ATKINS  
Touch Judges Chris SUTTON  
Chris BUTLER  
NRL Bunker Ashley KLEIN

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 24 MATCHES

12-ALL (no draws)

At Sunshine Coast Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: GOLD COAST 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R1	Gold Coast 30-12	Cbus Super	8,313
2016	R24	Gold Coast 26-6	McDonald Jones	10,960
2017	R2	Newcastle 34-26	McDonald Jones	12,869
2017	R9	Gold Coast 38-8	Cbus Super	10,511
2018	R11	Gold Coast 33-26	Cbus Super	11,008
2018	R19	Newcastle 30-24	McDonald Jones	14,095
2019	R6	Gold Coast 38-14	Cbus Super	11,654
2019	R24	Newcastle 38-4	McDonald Jones	8,274
2020	R20	Gold Coast 36-6	Cbus Super	9,877
2021	R5	Gold Coast 42-16	Cbus Super	12,492

### BIGGEST WINS

2017	R9	Gold Coast 38-8	Cbus Super	10,511
2019	R24	Newcastle 38-4	McDonald Jones	8,274
2020	R20	Gold Coast 36-6	Cbus Super	9877

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Connor Watson	Newcastle	100 career points	8 points
Kalyn Ponga	Newcastle	400 club points	2 points
Brian Kelly	Gold Coast	100 club points	4 points
Patrick Herbert	Gold Coast	100 career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

# RUGBY LEAGUE project



### FINAL ROUND: NEWCASTLE

R25  
SAT 3:00PM  
v BRISBANE  
SUNCORP STADIUM



### FINAL ROUND: GOLD COAST

R25  
SUN 2:00PM  
v WARRIORS  
CBUS SUPER STADIUM

## Preview

with Josh Robertson

Thursday night football heads to the Sunshine Coast as the Newcastle Knights look to make certain their top eight spot whilst the Gold Coast Titans will look to keep their top 8 chances alive.

The Newcastle Knights come into the contest sitting in seventh spot on the ladder and have all but secured a second consecutive as they sit four points clear of the Sharks in eighth spot and will need a disaster to lose their position. Last weekend, the Knights were slow to begin against the Bulldogs but were able to come away with a 22-16 victory over the Bulldogs.

A concern for the Knights would be the fact that couldn't put the Bulldogs away in the contest as they could only manage a 10-0 lead at half time despite dominating field position and possession. Newcastle managed to extend their lead out to 22-6 before a late fightback from Canterbury fell short and the Knights won 22-16. The victory almost certainly secured the Knights a top 8 spot as they moved to 24 competition points with their 11th victory of the season and keeping them ahead of the three-way battle for eighth spot.

The Knights have lost David Klemmer for the clash with the Titans through suspension with Sauaso Sue taking his spot in the front row. Boosting the Knights is the return of Tyson Frizell from his suspension with Brodie Jones returning to the bench.

Having lost their top 8 spot last weekend on points difference, the Gold Coast Titans will be hoping to bounce back from their defeat to the Melbourne Storm last weekend with an impressive victory against the Knights this weekend.

A scoreboard doesn't always tell the tale and that was the case for the Gold Coast Titans as they were the strongest of the teams during the first half of their 34-20 defeat to the Melbourne Storm. The Titans were able to lead 16-12 at the half-time break after they were able to score the opening two tries before the Storm fought back. The Titans were then blown away in the second half by Melbourne who were too good for the Titans who themselves weren't disgraced.

The omission of Ash Taylor has forced Justin Holbrook into a number of changes with Tyrone Peachey being named at five-eighth with Toby Sexton named in the reserves. David Fifita has been dropped to the bench after starting last weekend in a change to his regular interchange switch. The Titans also have Mitch Rein returning to the side after missing last weekend.

**Who to watch:** Since Jake Clifford partnered with Mitchell Pearce in the halves at Newcastle, the Knights have been undefeated and have looked good throughout their winning streak. Coming into this weekend's contest, the Knights will need to improve on last week and Clifford will need to step up a gear leading into the finals if Newcastle want to prove themselves as genuine contenders.

The Titans have a lot of stock riding in the performance of David Fifita and at the moment their investitures in Fifita have been far from paying off for the Gold Coast. Fifita has struggled to make any sort of impact in recent weeks and whilst the Titans are performing ok, they need a lot more out of Fifita if they want to prove that they are going to make the top 8 and then be contenders rather than pretenders.

**Favourite:** Depending on where you look, the Newcastle Knights are just favourites for the contest against the Titans.

**My tip:** The Titans looked good for the first half against the Storm last week and if they can put that performance out again then they will be a step above the Knights who were poor last week. Improvement is needed from the Knights after being less than impressive against the Bulldogs and the Titans will have plenty to prove as they go for the final spot in the top 8. **Gold Coast by 8.**

# NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS



# CANBERRA RAIDERS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
19	14	9	19	-	74	Reece WALSH	<b>1</b>
26	16	7	-	-	28	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	<b>2</b>
28	8	2	-	-	8	Peta HIKU	<b>3</b>
23	16	4	-	-	16	Adam POMPEY	<b>4</b>
25	16	5	-	-	20	Marcelo MONTOYA	<b>5</b>
23	10	1	-	-	4	Sean O'SULLIVAN	<b>6</b>
30	15	-	34	1	69	Chad TOWNSEND	<b>7</b>
25	13	1	-	-	4	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	<b>8</b>
24	18	3	-	-	12	Wayde EGAN	<b>9</b>
26	16	-	-	-	-	Matt LODGE	<b>10</b>
22	12	4	-	-	16	Joshua CURRAN	<b>11</b>
26	12	7	-	-	28	Euan AITKEN	<b>12</b>
24	17	2	-	-	8	Bayley SIRONEN	<b>13</b>
27	20	4	42	-	100	Kodi NIKORIMA	<b>14</b>
25	20	2	-	-	8	Bunty AFOA	<b>15</b>
21	15	1	-	-	4	Eliesa KATOA	<b>16</b>
26	21	1	-	-	4	Jazz TEVAGA	<b>17</b>
24	14	-	-	-	-	Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	<b>18</b>
20	6	2	-	-	8	Rocco BERRY	<b>20</b>
29	11	-	-	-	-	Kane EVANS	<b>21</b>
24	11	1	-	-	4	Jack MURCHIE	<b>22</b>

Nathan BROWN

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INTERCHANGE

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Jordan RAPANA	32	20	11	3	-	50
<b>2</b>	Bailey SIMONSSON	23	16	6	-	-	24
<b>3</b>	Sebastian KRIS	22	19	6	-	-	24
<b>4</b>	Matthew TIMOKO	21	7	-	-	-	-
<b>5</b>	Harley SMITH-SHIELDS	21	5	2	-	-	8
<b>6</b>	Jack WIGHTON	28	19	5	-	-	20
<b>7</b>	Matt FRAWLEY	26	3	-	-	-	-
<b>8</b>	Josh PAPALII	29	18	3	-	-	12
<b>9</b>	Josh HODGSON	31	18	1	-	-	4
<b>10</b>	Joseph TAPINE	27	17	2	-	-	8
<b>11</b>	Hudson YOUNG	23	17	4	-	-	16
<b>12</b>	Elliott WHITEHEAD	32	19	3	-	-	12
<b>13</b>	Ryan SUTTON	26	20	2	-	-	8
<b>14</b>	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	26	5	1	-	-	4
<b>15</b>	Emre GULER	23	17	4	-	-	16
<b>16</b>	Corey HORSBURGH	23	8	1	-	-	4
<b>17</b>	Siliva HAVILI	28	9	-	-	-	-
<b>18</b>	Sam WILLIAMS	30	12	4	15	-	46
<b>19</b>	Dunamis LUJ	31	11	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Semi VALEMEI	22	10	2	-	-	8
<b>21</b>	Trey MOONEY	19	-	-	-	-	-

Ricky STUART

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# #NRLWarriorsRaiders



Friday 27  
August 2021



6:00PM  
AEST



BB Print  
Stadium,  
Mackay QLD



Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport, MIX  
Canberra, Triple  
M, NRL Nation

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Ben CUMMINS
Touch Judges	Dave MUNRO Liam KENNEDY
NRL Bunker	Grant ATKINS

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 45 MATCHES

**CANBERRA 24-21** (no draws)

At BB Print Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: CANBERRA 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R20	Canberra 26-22	GIO Stadium	9,471
2017	R7	Canberra 20-8	GIO Stadium	13,966
2017	R23	Canberra 36-16	Mt Smart	10,182
2018	R3	Warriors 20-19	GIO Stadium	11,963
2018	R25	Warriors 20-16	Mt Smart	24,595
2019	R20	Canberra 46-12	Mt Smart	10,395
2019	R25	Warriors 24-20	GIO Stadium	13,331
2020	R2	Canberra 20-6	Cbus Super	-
2020	R19	Canberra 26-14	GIO Stadium	3,900
2021	R3	Warriors 34-31	GIO Stadium	13,456

### BIGGEST WINS

2000	R5	Canberra 56-12	GIO Stadium	8,170
2014	R9	Warriors 54-12	Eden Park	18,165

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Since 1995	Warriors	50 field goals	2 f-goals

Match stats courtesy of

# RUGBY LEAGUE project



### FINAL ROUND: WARRIORS

R25  
SUN 2:00PM  
v GOLD COAST  
CBUS SUPER STADIUM



### FINAL ROUND: CANBERRA

R25  
THU 7:50PM  
v SYDNEY ROOSTERS  
BB PRINT STADIUM

## Preview

with Rick Edgerton

Warriors and Raiders set to lock horns as jostling for finals positions continues.

What a great sight it was last weekend to see some footy back on suburban grounds with fans in regional Queensland seeing some entertaining matches at Rockhampton and Toowoomba.

On Friday evening, the people of Mackay get their chance to dial into the action and witness a contest between New Zealand and Canberra in a vital match up to the finals equation.

The Raiders sit equal eighth on the ladder but tenth on percentages so realistically need to find a win here to keep themselves firmly in contention after back to back losses at the hands of premierships heavyweights Melbourne and Manly over the past fortnight despite pushing their more fancied opposition in both contests.

Coach Ricky Stuart will no doubt be drumming home the importance of an eighty-minute performance against the Warriors after the green machine gave up a 21-point halftime advantage in their round three encounter this year in what was one of the games of the season.

The Warriors sit just one spot below the Raiders on the ladder but importantly two points behind them making their task of playing finals more unlikely with Nathan Brown's men needing to win both their remaining games and needing results to fall their way.

Still whilst there's life there's hope and it wouldn't be the first time they've performed with their backs to the wall. Seemingly out of contention a little over a month ago, they surged back into the conversation on the back of three straight victories before going down in a nail biter to the Broncos last Sunday.

In team news, the Warriors have named Sean O'Sullivan at pivot in place of Chanel Harris-Tevita where he will partner Chad Townsend in the halves.

Wayde Egan moves back into the starting number nine after coming off the interchange last week with Kodi Nikorima returning as bench utility and Matt Lodge returns from suspension to again form a formidable looking front-row partnership with Addin Fonua-Blake.

For the Raiders, Stuart has made a big change in his old playing position handing the reigns of the team to Matt Frawley who replaces Sam Williams in the number seven.

Corey Horsburgh returns from his two-week stint at the Bulldogs as a loan player, joined as one of two fresh faces on the interchange along with Siliva Havili.

**Who to watch:** Tongan International Addin Fonua Blake has been in imposing form since returning from a ten-week injury layoff earlier in the year to cement his standing as one of the premier big men in the game. Running for 200 plus metres the last three weeks, the Warriors bookend has taken it upon himself to drag his team mates into the contest. His large frame and hulk like strength are a sight to be seen but it would pay to take a look at his underrated footwork before the line which invariably sees him hit the right areas to accelerate into the defensive line and eat up those all-important post contact metres.

Despite just having nine top grade games under his belt, young Raiders centre Matthew Timoko look a real player of the future. Enjoying a breakout game against the Sea Eagles last weekend, Timoko ran for 139 metres to go with an extremely impressive 11 tackle busts and set up a brilliant try with some great footwork and a flick pass setting up his wing man. The Auckland born Timoko blessed with footwork and natural strength will be out for a big one against his fellow countrymen.

**Favourite:** Canberra sit as firm favourites in this one.

**My tip:** The Raiders are deserved favourites after competing well against the Storm and Sea Eagles but there's a chance those games may have sapped some juice out of them physically. Ricky Stuart's men do love a scrap though and they should prove a touch too strong against a Warriors side who simply refuse to lay down.  
**Canberra by 4.**

# SYDNEY ROOSTERS



# SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
28	18	8	5	-	42	James TEDESCO	<b>1</b>
30	22	14	-	-	56	Daniel TUPOU	<b>2</b>
23	16	2	-	-	8	Lachlan LAM	<b>3</b>
25	22	9	-	-	36	Joseph MANU	<b>4</b>
24	-	-	-	-	-	Brad ABBEY	<b>5</b>
26	16	3	-	-	12	Drew HUTCHISON	<b>6</b>
19	17	8	22	2	78	Sam WALKER	<b>7</b>
32	21	-	-	-	-	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	<b>8</b>
22	11	-	-	-	-	Sam VERRILLS	<b>9</b>
29	18	-	19	-	38	Sio Siua TAUKEIAHO	<b>10</b>
21	11	1	-	-	4	Egan BUTCHER	<b>11</b>
24	20	12	-	-	48	Sitili TUPOUNIUA	<b>12</b>
30	22	1	-	-	4	Isaac LIU	<b>13</b>
24	10	-	-	-	-	Ben MARSCHKE	<b>14</b>
19	1	-	-	-	-	Naufahu WHYTE	<b>15</b>
21	13	2	-	-	8	Fletcher BAKER	<b>16</b>
23	4	-	-	-	-	Ben THOMAS	<b>17</b>
19	-	-	-	-	-	Moala GRAHAM-TAUFA	<b>18</b>
19	1	-	-	-	-	Tukupu-Ke HAU TAPUHA	<b>19</b>
22	9	-	-	-	-	Daniel SULUKA-FIFITA	<b>20</b>

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Latrell MITCHELL	24	15	10	5	1	51
<b>2</b>	Alex JOHNSTON	26	18	24	-	-	96
<b>3</b>	Dane GAGAI	30	19	10	-	-	40
<b>4</b>	Campbell GRAHAM	22	16	6	-	-	24
<b>5</b>	Jaxson PAULO	21	7	4	-	-	16
<b>6</b>	Cody WALKER	31	21	12	-	-	48
<b>7</b>	Adam REYNOLDS	31	21	5	105	2	234
<b>8</b>	Mark NICHOLLS	31	22	1	-	-	4
<b>9</b>	Damien COOK	30	20	2	-	-	8
<b>10</b>	Thomas BURGESS	29	22	4	-	-	16
<b>11</b>	Jaydn SU'A	23	18	5	-	-	20
<b>12</b>	Jai ARROW	26	19	2	-	-	8
<b>13</b>	Cameron MURRAY	23	16	5	-	-	20
<b>14</b>	Benji MARSHALL	36	18	3	-	-	12
<b>15</b>	Jacob HOST	24	16	1	-	-	4
<b>16</b>	Tevita TATOLA	24	16	-	-	-	-
<b>17</b>	Hame SELE	24	7	1	-	-	4
<b>18</b>	Liam KNIGHT	26	10	-	-	-	-
<b>19</b>	Blake TAAFFE	22	4	1	-	-	4
<b>20</b>	Peter MAMOUZELOS	20	2	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Taane MILNE	26	11	7	-	-	28

Wayne BENNETT

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# #NRLRoostersSouths



Friday 27  
August 2021



7:55PM  
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Suncorp  
Stadium,  
Milton QLD



Nine Network  
Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport,  
2GB, 4BC

## MATCH OFFICIALS

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

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 225 MATCHES

**SOUTH SYDNEY 117-103 (5 DRAWS)**

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: 5-ALL

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2017	R18	Sydney 14-12	Allianz Stadium	16,245
2018	R6	South Sydney 26-14	Allianz Stadium	15,242
2018	R22	Sydney 18-14	Stadium Australia	26,331
2018	FN	Sydney 12-4	Allianz Stadium	44,380
2019	R1	South Sydney 26-16	SCG	24,527
2019	R25	South Sydney 16-10	Stadium Australia	20,093
2019	FN	Sydney 30-6	SCG	30,370
2020	R3	Sydney 28-12	Bankwest Stadium	-
2020	R20	South Sydney 60-8	Stadium Australia	7,958
2021	R3	South Sydney 26-16	Stadium Australia	22,838

### BIGGEST WINS

1996	R6	Sydney 62-0	Allianz Stadium	15,103
2020	R20	South Sydney 60-8	Stadium Australia	7,958

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Isaac Liu	Sydney	200 club & career games	1 game
James Tedesco	Sydney	400 career points	6 points
James Tedesco	Sydney	200 club points	6 points
Cameron Murray	Souths	100 club & career games	1 game
Damien Cook	Souths	100 career points	6 points
Dane Gagai	Souths	300 career points	6 points
Jai Arrow	Souths	100 career games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
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### FINAL ROUND: SYDNEY ROOSTERS

R25  
THU 7:50PM  
v CANBERRA  
BB PRINT STADIUM



### FINAL ROUND: SOUTH SYDNEY

R25  
SAT 7:35PM  
v ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA  
SUNSHINE COAST

## Preview

### with Rob Crosby

Foundation foes face off in a night of milestones

Finals football arrives early on Friday night as the Sydney Roosters and the South Sydney Rabbitohs face off in the latest instalment of a rivalry dating back more than a century.

Coming into the contest in outright fourth position, the Sydney Roosters will be out to claim the scalp of a premiership contender after falling short against the Storm, Panthers and Rabbitohs in every previous meeting this season.

Fighting back from a second half deficit to pile on the points in a 40-22 humbling of the Dragons last Sunday, coach Trent Robinson will be hoping his side can record a win by more than ten points in order to reclaim the Ron Coote Cup for the first time since 2017.

With the Sea Eagles sitting two points behind the Tricolours with winnable matches against the Bulldogs and Cowboys over the final two rounds, the Roosters will be treating Friday night as a must-win given the precedent of no team winning the premiership from outside the top four.

Forced into a host of changes with Adam Keighran, Dale Copley and Nat Butcher all unavailable due to injury,

journeyman Brad Abbey will make his club debut on the wing with Ben Marschke and Naufahu Whyte coming onto the bench.

Eight years on from being the first player Trent Robinson selected to debut in first grade, acclaimed forward Isaac Liu will play his 200th NRL match for the club.

Determined to bounce back after coming up short in last week's precursor to finals football, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will be hoping to extend a recent run of dominance over their foundation foes.

Taking an early lead against the Panthers only to fall short 25-12 at Suncorp Stadium last Friday, the Rabbitohs will be out to extend a strong record against the Roosters after winning four of their past six meetings during Wayne Bennett's tenure.

Sitting six points clear of the Roosters but two points behind the Panthers after last week's loss, the Rabbitohs will face the Panthers in the opening week of the finals with other results to determine whether the side finishes in second or third position.

Jaxson Paulo comes onto the wing after Josh Mansour sustained a season-ending knee injury against his former club, while Dragons-bound second-rower Jadyne Su'A replaces Keano Koloamatangi due to suspension.

Representative forwards Cameron Murray and Jai Arrow will play their 100th matches in the NRL on Friday night.

**Who to watch:** Set to join elite company as only the 11th man in 114 seasons to play 200 first grade matches for

Eastern Suburbs, Isaac Liu will have his sights set on a bigger prize in the weeks to come. Playing a role often undervalued by fair-weather supporters but respected by teammates in times of adversity, the 30-year-old battle-hardened forward has been among the most consistent players during the Roosters latest era of dominance as a result of his reliability, versatility and toughness. Making the decision to depart the club at the end of the season in order to see out his career closer to family on the Gold Coast, expect Liu to do what is needed for the Roosters to claim a top four finish.

Born, bred and going on to become a club legend at South Sydney, Adam Reynolds will experience bittersweet emotions ahead of what will likely be his final encounter against the Rabbitohs' fiercest rivals on Friday night. Gaining an introduction to first grade opposite the Roosters nine years ago, the 31-year-old halfback has experienced many memorable moments in clashes between the two foundation clubs, including the iconic match-winning try in 2012, securing a place in the 2014 decider and last year's record victory. Winding down his time at Redfern as the highest point-scorer and second only to John Sutton in appearances, Reynolds will be sure to take in the occasion ahead of his final payday in Brisbane next season.

**Favourite:** The Rabbitohs are favoured to bounce back given the poor form the Roosters have shown against competition heavyweights.

**My tip:** In a match likely to be decided in the closing minutes, the experience of Adam Reynolds should see South Sydney become the first club to hold the Ron Coote Cup for four consecutive seasons. South Sydney by 2.

# ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS



# NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
19	3	3	-	-	12	Tyrell SLOAN	<b>1</b>
20	7	3	-	-	12	Mathew FEAGAI	<b>2</b>
26	20	4	6	-	28	Jack BIRD	<b>3</b>
21	11	3	32	-	76	Zac LOMAX	<b>4</b>
23	14	11	-	-	44	Mikaele RAVALAWA	<b>5</b>
19	9	3	-	-	12	Talatau AMONE	<b>6</b>
30	20	2	23	2	56	Corey NORMAN	<b>7</b>
24	19	-	-	-	-	Blake LAWRIE	<b>8</b>
19	3	1	-	-	4	Jayden SULLIVAN	<b>9</b>
31	15	2	-	-	8	Josh McGUIRE	<b>10</b>
22	13	2	-	-	8	Billy BURNS	<b>11</b>
31	19	4	-	-	16	Tariq SIMS	<b>12</b>
30	9	-	-	-	-	Jack DE BELIN	<b>13</b>
21	4	-	-	-	-	Freddy LUSSICK	<b>14</b>
25	15	1	-	-	4	Tyrell FUIMAONO	<b>15</b>
28	17	-	-	-	-	Daniel ALVARO	<b>16</b>
23	10	-	-	-	-	Jackson FORD	<b>17</b>
25	10	-	-	-	-	Kaide ELLIS	<b>18</b>
25	10	-	-	-	-	Poasa FAAMAUSILI	<b>19</b>
31	9	4	-	-	16	Gerard BEALE	<b>20</b>
25	19	2	-	-	8	Josh KERR	<b>21</b>

Anthony GRIFFIN

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<b>1</b>	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	20	12	6	-	-	24
<b>2</b>	Kyle FELDT	29	18	10	-	-	40
<b>3</b>	Valentine HOLMES	26	18	4	46	2	110
<b>4</b>	Ben HAMPTON	29	9	1	-	-	4
<b>5</b>	Murray TAULAGI	22	18	10	-	-	40
<b>6</b>	Scott DRINKWATER	24	22	5	11	-	42
<b>7</b>	Tom DEARDEN	20	15	6	-	-	24
<b>8</b>	Jason TAUMALOLO	28	13	1	-	-	4
<b>9</b>	Reece ROBSON	23	22	5	-	-	20
<b>10</b>	Jordan McLEAN	29	22	-	-	-	-
<b>11</b>	Ben CONDON	21	9	3	-	-	12
<b>12</b>	Heilum LUKI	20	9	2	-	-	8
<b>13</b>	Reuben COTTER	22	5	-	-	-	-
<b>14</b>	Jake GRANVILLE	32	22	4	-	-	16
<b>15</b>	Jeremiah NANAI	18	2	1	-	-	4
<b>16</b>	Mitchell DUNN	24	18	2	-	-	8
<b>17</b>	Griffin NEAME	20	1	-	-	-	-
<b>18</b>	Thomas GILBERT	21	11	-	-	-	-
<b>19</b>	Daejarn ASI	21	4	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Francis MOLO	27	19	1	-	-	4
<b>21</b>	Laitia MOCEIDREKE	20	1	1	-	-	4

Todd PAYTEN

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# #NRLDragonsCowboys



Saturday 28  
August 2021



3:00PM  
AEST



Browne Park,  
Rockhampton  
QLD



Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport  
Triple M  
NRL Nation

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Peter GOUGH  
Touch Judges Darian FURNER  
Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI  
NRL Bunker Matt NOYEN

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 34 MATCHES

17-ALL (no draws)

At Browne Park: never met at this venue

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

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R17	St Geo Illa 27-24	Netstrata Jubilee	12,082
2015	R17	North Qld 18-12	WIN Stadium	11,813
2016	R5	North Qld 36-0	1300Smiles	17,444
2016	R12	St Geo Illa 14-10	WIN Stadium	10,032
2017	R7	St Geo Illa 28-22	WIN Stadium	13,886
2018	R19	St Geo Illa 24-10	1300Smiles	18,068
2019	R1	North Qld 24-12	1300Smiles	18,415
2019	R15	St Geo Illa 22-14	WIN Stadium	7,008
2020	R17	North Qld 23-22	Qld Country Bank	6,755
2021	R2	St Geo Illa 25-18	Qld Country Bank	15,120

### BIGGEST WINS

2000	R13	North Qld 50-4	1300Smiles	13,768
2001	R7	St Geo Illa 48-12	WIN Stadium	9,583

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Mikaele Ravalawa	St Geo Illa	50 club & career games	1 game
Kyle Feldt	Nth Qld	500 club & career points	4 points
Scott Drinkwater	Nth Qld	50 career games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

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### FINAL ROUND: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

R25 SAT 7:35PM  
v SOUTH SYDNEY  
SUNSHINE COAST



### FINAL ROUND: NORTH QUEENSLAND

R25 SAT 5:30PM  
v MANLY  
QLD COUNTRY BANK

## Preview

with Tim Costello

Is this a dead rubber, or do the Dragons still have a sneaky chance?

With so many teams still in contention, you could absolutely be forgiven for thinking this contest is a total write-off - but the men in the big Red V always manage to pull a surprise out. Two wins from their last two games give them every chance to play finals footy - and that starts with taking care of the 15th-place Cowboys in Rockhampton on Saturday afternoon.

Gearing up for their second NRL contest after enjoying a points-fest between Cronulla and Wests Tigers last Saturday, the people of Rockhampton could well see a similar showing pile-on of points this week. The Dragons will have nothing to lose, and North Queensland's season is well and truly over, sinking to second-last after Brisbane recorded their 6th win of 2021 on Sunday.

All that should mean 'caution to the wind' for both sides, with plenty of free-flowing footy for two teams who are on long losing streaks.

After six games without a win - since the infamous COVID-breach barbeque in July - Saints coach Anthony Griffin is keen to switch things up. Tyrell Sloan is back, pushing Matt Dufty out of the squad. Blake Lawrie (hand) returns at prop and Josh McGuire fills the other prop spot, with Kaide Ellis out of the 17 and Jack de Belin shifting to lock. Tariq Sims relocates to second row with Tyrell Fuimaono the other second rower. The Dragons have also picked up Freddy Lussick from the Roosters for the last two rounds, citing a shortage of players (interesting in itself given that Easts themselves only named 20 players this week)...

The Cowboys are winless in 10 games - the longest current streak in the competition - but have good news on the teamsheet. Jason Taumalolo returns, albeit as a middle forward. Kyle Feldt is back after withdrawing last week through a jaw injury acquired the week before, as is Murray Taulagi. This sees Holmes move to the centres, while Laitia Moceidreke and Daejarn Asi drop out of the 17. Elsewhere, Mitchell Dunn drops to the bench and Coen Hess is out of the lineup completely, with Reuben Cotter to start lock and Griffin Neame returning on the interchange after missing last week due to suspension.

**Who to watch:** Starting the year as teammates, props Josh McGuire and Jason Taumalolo would not have wanted to be in also-ran territory at this point of the season.

Shifting to the Red V earlier this year, McGuire has filled a range of roles right across the forward pack and off the bench. This week he's named in the front row alongside mainstay Blake Lawrie, who himself is back from injury. Lawrie and McGuire will pack in either side of Jayden Sullivan, who has played musical chairs across the Dragons' lineup in recent weeks as a result of the COVID-breach sanctions put on the club.

For the Cowboys, it's the curious case of Jason Taumalolo's positional selection. Despite winning accolades and representing his nation with jumper #13 on his back, Todd Payten has persisted in moving him around the pack in a similar manner to McGuire, first to second row, and now on his return from injury as a front-rower. Whether this is an effective move remains to be seen, but he'll have to give a full-boar performance to drag the Townsville club out of this long slump.

**Favourite:** The Dragons have more wins, more recent wins and have showed more promise in recent weeks than their opponents. As a result, they're better backed to get the job done.

**My tip:** The Dragons' unlikely finals hopes rest on winning this game and putting in a herculean performance next week against Souths, while the Cowboys are probably already planning an (intrastate) post-season holiday. **St George Illawarra by 18.**

# CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS



# BRISBANE BRONCOS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
24	22	14	-	-	56	Will KENNEDY	<b>1</b>
24	11	6	-	-	24	Sione KATOA	<b>2</b>
25	22	12	-	-	48	Connor TRACEY	<b>3</b>
24	15	4	-	-	16	Jesse RAMIEN	<b>4</b>
22	12	5	-	-	20	Mawene HIROTI	<b>5</b>
22	4	2	-	-	8	Luke METCALF	<b>6</b>
22	16	3	30	-	72	Braydon TRINDALL	<b>7</b>
25	22	1	-	-	4	Toby RUDOLF	<b>8</b>
22	22	2	-	-	8	Blayne BRAILEY	<b>9</b>
30	22	3	-	-	12	Aaron WOODS	<b>10</b>
23	20	4	-	-	16	Briton NIKORA	<b>11</b>
24	13	1	-	-	4	Siosifa TALAKAI	<b>12</b>
24	22	2	-	-	8	Jack WILLIAMS	<b>13</b>
30	13	2	-	-	8	Matt MOYLAN	<b>14</b>
26	17	1	-	-	4	Braden HAMLIN-UELE	<b>15</b>
32	19	1	-	-	4	Aiden TOLMAN	<b>16</b>
21	13	2	-	-	8	Teig WILTON	<b>17</b>
22	-	-	-	-	-	Kai O'DONNELL	<b>18</b>
24	11	-	-	-	-	Billy MAGOULIAS	<b>19</b>
21	-	-	-	-	-	Jensen TAUMOPEAU	<b>20</b>
20	-	-	-	-	-	Jonaiah LUALUA	<b>21</b>

Josh HANNAY

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<b>1</b>	Fanitesi NIU	20	14	5	-	-	20
<b>2</b>	Corey OATES	26	12	3	-	-	12
<b>3</b>	Selwyn COBBO	19	5	1	2	-	8
<b>4</b>	Herbie FARNWORTH	21	18	2	4	-	16
<b>5</b>	Xavier COATES	20	15	10	-	-	40
<b>6</b>	Anthony MILFORD	27	11	1	-	-	4
<b>7</b>	Albert KELLY	30	6	2	-	-	8
<b>8</b>	Thomas FLEGLER	22	19	1	-	-	4
<b>9</b>	Jake TURPIN	24	20	-	-	-	-
<b>10</b>	Payne HAAS	21	18	1	-	-	4
<b>11</b>	Alex GLENN	33	16	2	-	-	8
<b>12</b>	Jordan RIKI	21	17	3	-	-	12
<b>13</b>	Kobe HETHERINGTON	22	12	2	-	-	8
<b>14</b>	Daniel LEVI	25	8	-	-	-	-
<b>15</b>	Rhys KENNEDY	26	14	1	-	-	4
<b>16</b>	Ethan BULLEMOR	21	15	3	-	-	12
<b>17</b>	Teui ROBATI	19	8	2	-	-	8
<b>18</b>	David MEAD	32	11	5	-	-	20
<b>19</b>	Brendan PIAKURA	19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Cory PAIX	21	3	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Brodie CROFT	24	12	1	-	-	4

Kevin WALTERS

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# #NRLSharksBroncos



Saturday 28  
August 2021



5:30PM  
AEST



Suncorp  
Stadium,  
Milton QLD



Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport  
2GB, 4BC

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Adam GEE
Touch Judges	Phil HENDERSON Wyatt RAYMOND
NRL Bunker	Steve CHIDDY

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 59 MATCHES

**BRISBANE 38-21 (no draws)**

At Suncorp Stadium: 20 matches, Brisbane 15-5

### LAST TEN: BRISBANE 8-2

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R2	Brisbane 10-2	PointsBet Stadium	8,369
2016	R9	Cronulla 30-28	PointsBet Stadium	14,406
2017	R1	Brisbane 26-18	PointsBet Stadium	11,493
2017	R23	Brisbane 32-10	Suncorp Stadium	34,552
2018	R15	Brisbane 20-16	PointsBet Stadium	14,587
2018	R20	Brisbane 12-10	Suncorp Stadium	22,859
2019	R7	Brisbane 29-6	Suncorp Stadium	27,638
2019	R16	Brisbane 24-22	PointsBet Stadium	10,964
2020	R12	Cronulla 36-26	Suncorp Stadium	7,390
2021	R16	Brisbane 26-18	Suncorp Stadium	13,840

### BIGGEST WINS

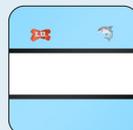
1991	R10	Brisbane 40-2	Suncorp Stadium	17,546
2009	R15	Cronulla 46-12	PointsBet Stadium	8,117

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Josh Dugan	Cronulla	100 club points	4 points
Matt Moylan	Cronulla	200 career points	6 points
Anthony Milford	Brisbane	150 club games	1 game

Match stats courtesy of

# RUGBY LEAGUE project



### FINAL ROUND: CRONULLA

R25 v MELBOURNE  
FRI 6:00PM CBUS SUPER STADIUM



### FINAL ROUND: BRISBANE

R25 v NEWCASTLE  
SAT 3:00PM SUNCORP STADIUM

## Preview

with Jason Hosken

Sharks host Broncos away in another must win clash

In a week where Josh Dugan was busted 150km beyond his lockdown radius, you wouldn't bat an eyelid if his Sharkies teammates, clad in Brisbane kit, were spotted around a Lithgow campfire riding the Broncos home against the Warriors.

For Cronulla, clinging to eighth spot, the Kiwi's loss keeps them one win shy of the three team cluster level with the Sharks on 20 points.

If only convenience was a two-way street. Now just a week later, if Brisbane happen to turn on Cronulla, then Josh Hannay's men could find themselves reunited with Dugan sooner than they thought.

Last week's 50-20 touchup of the Tigers in Rockhampton not only gave Cronulla's for-and-against a welcome boost, it also ended a horror three match losing streak. But with Melbourne to come in the final round, the lights could already be out if they don't claim the two competition points at Suncorp this week.

Brisbane upset the Sharks earlier this year, and with two wins from their past four including a narrow loss to the Roosters, for Kevin Walters the green shoots have started to sprout.

Led by Payne Haas, Brisbane's young brigade complimented a vintage Anthony Milford performance.

If only Walters knew what a Rabbitohs contract would do for the dejected playmaker six months ago. With Albert Kelly steadying the ship in the No.7, Milford broke the shackles in a throwback to the good old days.

Now up against Cronulla young guns Braydon Trindall and Luke Metcalf, on a fast track, this promises to be a points fest.

In a boost for Cronulla, Aiden Tolmen returns to sure up the middle in what will be the veteran's 295th NRL outing. And with the Sharks needing a win to remain in the hunt for a seventh consecutive finals series, Mawene Hiroti gets another chance after a broken jaw ended the season of crowd pleasing winger Ronaldo Mulitalo.

For the Broncos, chasing back-to-back wins for the first time since the opening two rounds of 2020, they'll be out to upset the Sharks using the same 17 who left the Warriors' season on life support.

**Who to watch:** Josh Hannay said, 'it was probably a coming of age game for him'. With five line breaks and two tries in just his fifth top grade game, Luke Metcalf finished as the toast of the beef capital. Long known for his pace, the penny finally dropped and the 22-year-old was rewarded for continually backing himself at the line. In tandem with Trindall's creativity, the five-eighth has breathed life into an otherwise lethargic finals charge.

Anthony Milford, where have you been? The smiling assassin looked slimmer and free of the Broncos' million-

dollar burden. By half time against the Warriors the tricks had returned. He'd laid on two tries, almost scored another and left fans with a spring in their step. Then after the break, he troubled the Warriors some more before crashing over for the match winning try. With only a fortnight remaining in Brisbane, here's to a grand 150th in Broncos colours.

**Favourite:** Cronulla are firm favourites despite a horror record against Brisbane with only one win from the last eight.

**My tip:** This one is harder to tip than a busker in lockdown. Firstly, Brisbane's goal line defence is worlds away from its early season shambles, and secondly, the Sharks are playing for tomorrow. Perspective says after recent losses to Newcastle and the Warriors, Cronulla don't deserve another chance. To believe they've turned the corner could well turn out to be another slap in the face. **Brisbane by 4.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

25 - 31 August

Saturday 28 August  
Morgan Harper (Sea Eagles) 23  
Freddy Lussick (Roosters) 21

Sunday 29 August  
Treyman Spry (Titans) 22

# MELBOURNE STORM



# PARRAMATTA EELS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
23	11	8	40	1	113	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	<b>1</b>
20	9	6	-	-	24	Dean IEREMIA	<b>2</b>
24	22	12	-	-	48	Reimis SMITH	<b>3</b>
27	21	11	-	-	44	Justin OLAM	<b>4</b>
26	20	23	1	-	94	Josh ADDO-CARR	<b>5</b>
26	17	7	16	-	60	Cameron MUNSTER	<b>6</b>
26	20	9	-	-	36	Jahrome HUGHES	<b>7</b>
32	21	1	-	-	4	Jesse BROMWICH	<b>8</b>
25	20	11	-	-	44	Brandon SMITH	<b>9</b>
27	18	1	-	-	4	Christian WELCH	<b>10</b>
29	17	3	-	-	12	Felise KAUFUSI	<b>11</b>
29	18	3	-	-	12	Kenneath BROMWICH	<b>12</b>
29	19	2	-	-	8	Chris LEWIS	<b>13</b>
23	10	5	-	-	20	Harry GRANT	<b>14</b>
25	8	-	-	-	-	Aaron PENE	<b>15</b>
29	16	4	-	-	16	Tom EISENHUTH	<b>16</b>
25	20	7	54	-	136	Nicholas HYNES	<b>17</b>
27	18	3	-	-	12	Tui KAMIKAMICA	<b>18</b>
23	-	-	-	-	-	Isaac LUMELUME	<b>19</b>
25	2	-	-	-	-	Tepai MOEROA	<b>20</b>
26	1	1	-	-	4	Marion SEVE	<b>21</b>

Craig BELLAMY

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Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Clinton GUTHERSON	26	22	13	18	-	88
<b>2</b>	Haze DUNSTER	22	9	2	-	-	8
<b>3</b>	Will PENISINI	19	2	1	-	-	4
<b>4</b>	Waqi BLAKE	26	14	5	-	-	20
<b>5</b>	Blake FERGUSON	31	14	6	-	-	24
<b>6</b>	Dylan BROWN	21	18	4	-	-	16
<b>7</b>	Mitchell MOSES	26	19	2	58	2	126
<b>8</b>	Isaiah PAPALII	22	22	7	-	-	28
<b>9</b>	Joey LUSSICK	25	7	1	-	-	4
<b>10</b>	Junior PAULO	27	20	2	-	-	8
<b>11</b>	Shaun LANE	26	22	5	-	-	20
<b>12</b>	Marata NIUKORE	25	18	2	-	-	8
<b>13</b>	Nathan BROWN	28	21	1	-	-	4
<b>14</b>	Ray STONE	24	5	1	-	-	4
<b>15</b>	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	26	15	4	-	-	16
<b>16</b>	Makahesi MAKATOA	28	2	-	-	-	-
<b>17</b>	Keegan HIPGRAVE	24	7	-	-	-	-
<b>18</b>	Will SMITH	29	14	1	-	-	4
<b>19</b>	Oregon KAUFUSI	22	20	1	-	-	4
<b>20</b>	Sean RUSSELL	19	1	2	-	-	8
<b>21</b>	Jakob ARTHUR	18	6	2	-	-	8

Brad ARTHUR

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# #NRLStormEels



Saturday 28  
August 2021



7:35PM  
AEST



Suncorp  
Stadium,  
Milton QLD



Nine Network  
Fox League  
Kayo Sports



ABC Sport  
2GB, 4BC

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Gerard SUTTON
Touch Judges	Dave MUNRO Kasey BADGER
NRL Bunker	Henry PERENARA

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 39 MATCHES

**MELBOURNE 24-15 (no draws)**

At Suncorp Stadium: 2 matches, Melbourne 2-0

### LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R14	Parramatta 26-22	AAMI Park	10,128
2016	R11	Melbourne 18-6	Pirtek Stadium	8,941
2017	R18	Parramatta 22-6	AAMI Park	13,593
2017	FN	Melbourne 18-16	AAMI Park	22,626
2018	R23	Melbourne 20-4	AAMI Park	12,136
2019	R9	Melbourne 64-10	Suncorp Stadium	41,612
2019	FN	Melbourne 32-0	AAMI Park	21,015
2020	R15	Parramatta 14-0	Bankwest Stadium	6,282
2020	FN	Melbourne 36-24	Suncorp Stadium	16,238
2021	R2	Parramatta 16-12	Bankwest Stadium	10,416

### BIGGEST WINS

2001	R20	Parramatta 54-10	Marvel Stadium	13,074
2013	R24	Melbourne 64-4	AAMI Park	13,728

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dale Finucane	Melbourne	150 club games	1 game
Felise Kaufusi	Melbourne	150 club & career games	1 game
Kenneath Bromwich	Melbourne	100 club & career points	4 points
Bryce Cartwright	Parramatta	100 career points	4 points
Waqi Blake	Parramatta	200 career points	8 points

Match stats courtesy of

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### FINAL ROUND: MELBOURNE

R25  
FRI 6:00PM  
v CRONULLA  
CBUS SUPER STADIUM



### FINAL ROUND: PARRAMATTA

R25  
FRI 8:05PM  
v PENRITH  
CBUS SUPER STADIUM

## Preview

with Andrew Jackson

The Storm will be gunning to become the first team in premiership history to win 20-straight games on Saturday night.

The records continue to tumble for Craig Bellamy's men and they are showing no signs of slowing down with victory on the weekend securing the minor premiership.

Melbourne did get a brief scare in its last-start win over the Titans, heading into the sheds trailing 16-12 at halftime.

A rocket from Bellamy though was all it took to spark the Storm, and Cameron Munster in particular, to life.

Melbourne are only going to get even better this week with Brandon Smith, Justin Olam and Jahrome Hughes returning while Tui Kamikamica is also a chance of being a late inclusion.

Hughes' return sees Ryan Papenhuyzen snare the starting fullback role with Nicho Hynes on the bench.

Hynes though may get more game time should Melbourne skip out to a big lead in the first half.

That is what most are expecting the Storm to do against an Eels side that looks a shadow of its former self.

Parramatta are one of just two teams to beat Melbourne this year but that was all the way back in round two.

The Eels may have snapped a losing skid last week but it was less than convincing – a 32-16 win over the Cowboys.

It certainly was not the runaway victory to assure anyone Parramatta is capable of going deep into the finals but it was much-needed for the playing group's confidence.

The win did come at a cost though with Maika Sivo ruled out for the season with a knee injury and replaced by Blake Ferguson.

**Who to watch:** Ryan Papenhuyzen has been slowly increasing his involvement and contact since returning from lingering concussion concerns. Now though it has become clear he is Melbourne's first-choice fullback moving forward and this is his perfect chance to lift his game one step further heading into the finals. Papenhuyzen told media earlier this week he knows he

will be targeted by opposition teams and is getting more confident in embracing contact instead of shying away from it. An Eels team struggling for form shapes as the perfect chance for Papenhuyzen to better assert himself on the contest, particularly if Parramatta fall behind and the game opens up.

Mitchell Moses had his best game in months last week against North Queensland but he still needs more from halves partner Dylan Brown. The Parramatta five-eighth was targeted heavily in defence last week, limiting his opportunities in attack but it is an issue Brown will need to overcome if the Eels are going to do anything in the finals. Brown has just two try assists this season but he has never been the flashy type setting up tries, with just 10 assists in his past years at Parramatta. That role is usually left to Moses, Clint Gutherson and Reed Mahoney. With the latter injured though there is a greater need for Brown to step up and his running game shapes as the best chance to spark Parramatta in attack.

**Favourite:** Melbourne is well-backed here to get the job done with ease.

**My tip:** The Eels picked up a much-needed win last week but there is little to suggest they can compete with this unstoppable Storm unit. **Melbourne by 30.**

# MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



# CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
24	13	19	-	-	76	Tom TRBOJEVIC	<b>1</b>
20	22	20	-	-	80	Jason SAAB	<b>2</b>
24	21	8	-	-	32	Brad PARKER	<b>3</b>
23	18	7	-	-	28	Morgan HARPER	<b>4</b>
24	22	20	97	-	274	Reuben GARRICK	<b>5</b>
31	20	3	-	-	12	Kieran FORAN	<b>6</b>
32	20	7	1	2	32	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	<b>7</b>
26	18	2	-	-	8	Toafofoa SIPLEY	<b>8</b>
24	22	4	-	-	16	Lachlan CROKER	<b>9</b>
31	21	2	-	-	8	Martin TAUPAU	<b>10</b>
22	16	7	-	-	28	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	<b>11</b>
20	16	2	-	-	8	Josh SCHUSTER	<b>12</b>
27	18	1	-	-	4	Jake TRBOJEVIC	<b>13</b>
26	15	4	-	-	16	Dylan WALKER	<b>14</b>
25	11	3	-	-	12	Karl LAWTON	<b>15</b>
28	4	1	-	-	4	Curtis SIRONEN	<b>16</b>
25	12	-	-	-	-	Josh ALOIAI	<b>17</b>
23	12	3	-	-	12	Moses SULI	<b>18</b>
22	10	2	-	-	8	Cade CUST	<b>19</b>
27	6	-	-	-	-	Jack GOSIEWSKI	<b>20</b>
25	6	-	-	-	-	Kurt DE LUIS	<b>21</b>

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Age P T G FG Pts

<b>1</b>	Nick MEANEY	23	20	8	1	-	34
<b>2</b>	Corey ALLAN	23	16	2	-	-	8
<b>3</b>	Will HOPOATE	29	22	1	-	-	4
<b>4</b>	Aaron SCHOUPP	20	11	3	-	-	12
<b>5</b>	Jayden OKUNBOR	24	5	3	-	-	12
<b>6</b>	Lachlan LEWIS	25	6	2	-	-	8
<b>7</b>	Kyle FLANAGAN	22	12	1	14	-	32
<b>8</b>	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	30	14	-	-	-	-
<b>9</b>	Bailey BIONDI-ODO	19	8	2	-	-	8
<b>10</b>	Jack HETHERINGTON	25	15	-	-	-	-
<b>11</b>	Matt DOOREY	21	12	-	-	-	-
<b>12</b>	Joe STIMSON	25	9	-	-	-	-
<b>13</b>	Josh JACKSON	30	15	-	-	-	-
<b>14</b>	Brandon WAKEHAM	22	6	-	-	-	-
<b>15</b>	Ofahiki OGDEN	25	10	-	-	-	-
<b>16</b>	Chris PATOLO	20	4	-	-	-	-
<b>17</b>	Sione KATOA	26	14	-	-	-	-
<b>19</b>	Falakiko MANU	24	4	-	-	-	-
<b>20</b>	Jackson TOPINE	20	6	-	-	-	-
<b>21</b>	Jake AVERILLO	21	20	5	27	-	74
<b>22</b>	Watson HELETA	26	-	-	-	-	-

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# #NRLManlyBulldogs



Sunday 29  
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Fox League  
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## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Chris SUTTON
Touch Judges	Drew OULTRAM Belinda SHARPE
NRL Bunker	Chris BUTLER

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 132 MATCHES

**MANLY-WARRINGAH 69-58 (5 DRAWS)**

At Moreton Daily Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: MANLY-WARRINGAH 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R7	Canterbury 28-16	Stadium Australia	13,568
2016	R1	Canterbury 28-6	4 Pines Park	16,512
2016	R23	Canterbury 20-16	Stadium Australia	10,290
2017	R4	Manly 36-0	4 Pines Park	9,610
2017	R24	Canterbury 30-16	Stadium Australia	8,912
2018	R22	Manly 18-6	4 Pines Park	7,846
2019	R8	Manly 18-10	4 Pines Park	10,148
2020	R3	Manly 32-6	Central Coast	-
2020	R18	Manly 32-20	Stadium Australia	2,151
2021	R16	Manly 66-0	Bankwest Stadium	-

### BIGGEST WINS

2003	R23	Canterbury 56-24	4 Pines Park	12,820
2021	R16	Manly 66-0	Bankwest Stadium	-

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Josh Jackson	Canterbury	100 club & career points	4 points
Nick Cotric	Canterbury	200 career points	4 points
William Hopoate	Canterbury	100 club points	4 points
Since 1935	Canterbury	5600 tries	5 tries

Match stats courtesy of

# RUGBY LEAGUE project



### FINAL ROUND: MANLY

R25  
SAT 5:30PM  
v NORTH QUEENSLAND  
QLD COUNTRY BANK



### FINAL ROUND: CANTERBURY

R25  
SUN 4:05PM  
v WESTS TIGERS  
MORETON DAILY

## Preview with Emile El-Azar

The Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles host the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs on Sunday afternoon, at Moreton Daily Stadium in Redcliffe, the home of the Dolphins.

The good people of Redcliffe may well be getting their own NRL team soon. This weekend they may witness history.

The Sea Eagles come into this clash very much in form, having won five of their last six matches, with the only loss in that sequence to the best team in the land, the Melbourne Storm.

Their latest victory coming on the back of a last gasp field goal to overcome Canberra 19-18.

The Bulldogs, well, they're a walking, talking body of evidence as to why promotion and relegation should be introduced to the NRL.

They've now lost 9 matches in a row (losing to the

Knights last week), secured the wooden spoon with games in hand, and continue to lead the league in poor management, player misbehaviour and questionable coaching decisions.

In team news, it's sweet stability for Manly as they steamroll their way into the finals. Tom Trbojevic, not sure if you've heard of him, returns to the Manly side, just in time to go for some individual tryscoring records in one game. Brad Parker returns from suspension, which bumps Moses Suli to the extended bench. That's it. Sweet, sweet stability.

For the Bulldogs, shut the gate. It's actually embarrassing for a supposedly professional outfit. Corey Horsburgh and Ryan James return to Canberra after a two-week loan where both players showed more effort than the entire Canterbury playing list has all season.

The previously un-droppable Adam Elliott has been stood down for well documented reasons, Luke Thompson is back in NRL prison after yet another suspension, Corey Waddell is also enjoying a suspension after multiple charges stemming from last week's match.

Jackson Topine is dropped yet again, after being given one whole match to prove himself, with Bailey Biondi-

Odo yo-yo'ing back into the side at hooker, however Jayden Okunbor and Will Hopoate continue to be given the keys to the city with absolutely no consequences for their performances. Lachlan Lewis and Kyle Flanagan are this week's halves, seemingly picked out of a hat.

We're not done yet. Coming into the starting lineup are Ava Seumanufagai, Jack Hetherington, Matt Doorey and Joe Stimson. Brandon Wakeham, Ofahiki Ogden, Chris Patolo and Sione Katoa make up a new-look bench.

Last time they met was back in Round 16, with Manly running out casual 66-0 victors at an empty Bankwest Stadium (doesn't it feel like 10,000,000 years ago?). This could be the halftime score this week.

**Who to watch:** I'm a Canterbury fan, I'm not doing this. Get your try scorer multies and multiple try scorers ready, and win yourself some money.

Tom Trbojevic and any outside back that is running every single play to Okunbor's "wing". Gamble responsibly.

**Favourite:** At the time of writing, Manly were paying \$1.03. Should be \$1.01 by kickoff.

**My tip:** Manly to give St George's 91-6 victory over the Bulldogs in 1935 a good shake.

# PENRITH PANTHERS



# WESTS TIGERS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
25	16	5	-	1	22	Dylan EDWARDS <b>1</b>
20	21	8	14	-	60	Stephen CRICHTON <b>2</b>
25	13	6	-	-	24	Paul MOMIROVSKI <b>3</b>
21	20	15	6	1	73	Matt BURTON <b>4</b>
23	16	10	-	-	40	Brian TO'O <b>5</b>
24	19	1	-	-	4	Jarome LUAI <b>6</b>
23	14	9	74	2	187	Nathan CLEARY <b>7</b>
26	20	2	-	-	8	Moses LEOTA <b>8</b>
28	12	2	-	-	8	Apisai KOROISAU <b>9</b>
25	18	2	-	-	8	James FISHER-HARRIS <b>10</b>
26	21	8	-	-	32	Viliame KIKAU <b>11</b>
28	17	5	-	-	20	Kurt CAPEWELL <b>12</b>
26	19	2	-	-	8	Isaah YEO <b>13</b>
23	16	-	-	-	-	Mitch KENNY <b>14</b>
28	14	1	-	-	4	Scott SORENSEN <b>15</b>
25	16	3	-	-	12	Tevita PANGAI JR <b>16</b>
24	21	3	-	-	12	Liam MARTIN <b>17</b>
19	6	1	-	-	4	Izack TAGO <b>18</b>
20	1	-	-	-	-	Taylan MAY <b>19</b>
25	17	3	-	-	12	Tyrone MAY <b>20</b>
20	20	14	-	-	56	Charlie STAINES <b>21</b>

Ivan CLEARY

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Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
28	21	1	-	-	4	Moses MBYE <b>1</b>
27	22	13	-	-	52	David NOFOALUMA <b>2</b>
21	20	11	-	-	44	Tommy TALAU <b>3</b>
29	7	1	-	-	4	Michael CHEE-KAM <b>4</b>
27	19	14	-	-	56	Ken MAUMALO <b>5</b>
21	1	-	-	-	-	Jock MADDEN <b>6</b>
26	22	1	5	-	14	Luke BROOKS <b>7</b>
23	17	-	-	-	-	Thomas MIKAELE <b>8</b>
24	18	6	-	-	24	Jacob LIDDLE <b>9</b>
21	20	5	-	-	20	Stefano UTOIKAMANU <b>10</b>
21	10	-	-	-	-	Shawn BLORE <b>11</b>
25	22	4	-	-	16	Luciano LEILUA <b>12</b>
25	21	-	-	-	-	Alex TWAL <b>13</b>
25	21	1	-	-	4	Joe OFAHENGAUE <b>14</b>
19	7	1	-	-	4	Jake SIMPKIN <b>15</b>
24	6	-	-	-	-	Tom AMONE <b>16</b>
22	11	1	-	-	4	Alex SEYFARTH <b>17</b>
28	11	3	-	-	12	James ROBERTS <b>18</b>
27	2	-	-	-	-	Billy WALTERS <b>19</b>
19	5	-	-	-	-	Tukimihia SIMPKINS <b>20</b>
21	3	1	-	-	4	Zachary CINI <b>21</b>

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# #NRLPanthersTigers



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## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee	Matt CECCHIN
Touch Judges	Liam KENNEDY Jon STONE
NRL Bunker	Ashley KLEIN

## Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 37 MATCHES

**PENRITH 23-14 (no draws)**

At Moreton Daily Stadium: never met at this venue

### LAST TEN: PENRITH 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R17	Wests Tigers 34-26	Stadium Australia	10,582
2016	R24	Penrith 40-10	BlueBet Stadium	14,876
2017	R2	Penrith 36-2	Campbelltown	12,232
2017	R22	Penrith 28-14	BlueBet Stadium	15,780
2018	R11	Penrith 16-2	BlueBet Stadium	15,081
2019	R4	Penrith 9-8	BlueBet Stadium	14,002
2019	R9	Wests Tigers 30-4	Suncorp Stadium	35,122
2020	R8	Penrith 19-12	Bankwest Stadium	3,960
2020	R16	Penrith 30-6	BlueBet Stadium	3,699
2021	R13	Wests Tigers 26-6	Leichhardt Oval	9,127

### BIGGEST WINS

2001	R25	Penrith 44-10	BlueBet Stadium	11,172
2012	R7	Wests Tigers 30-0	BlueBet Stadium	15,759
2017	R2	Penrith 36-2	Campbelltown	12,232

### MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Brent Naden	Penrith 100 club & career points	4 points
Nathan Cleary	Penrith 1000 club & career points	4 points
Since 1967	Penrith 1300 games	1 game
James Tamou	W Tigers 100 career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

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### FINAL ROUND: PENRITH

R25  
FRI 8:05PM  
v PARRAMATTA  
CBUS SUPER STADIUM



### FINAL ROUND: WESTS TIGERS

R25  
SUN 4:05PM  
v CANTERBURY  
MORETON DAILY

## Preview

with Lachy MacCorquodale

The Penrith Panthers are after revenge after the Wests Tigers became the first team to beat them earlier in the season.

Ivan Cleary will be determined to come home with the two points after their tough loss earlier in the season at Leichhardt Oval, where the Tigers fans let Ivan know what they really think about him. However, this time around, the Tigers are effectively out of the finals race (barring a miracle) whilst the Panthers will aim to lock up a top two spot along with building some momentum as they head into the finals series.

Penrith were without their Origin stars in the last outing between these sides but this time the Panthers will field a much stronger team which includes the likes of Nathan Cleary, Jarome Luai and both Brian To'o and James Fisher-Harris who return after spending some time on the sidelines for various reasons. The Panthers have clearly been one of the top two sides this season and they'll want to make that apparent especially after the Sharks dropped 50 points against the Tigers over the weekend. They've had plenty of success against the Tigers over the past few years, having won seven of the last nine outings between the two sides.

The key for the Panthers will be to get points on the board early and put the Tigers on the backfoot. Although the Tigers' defence have shown it's easy to score 20 points in quick time when playing the joint venture.

The Panthers have scored 606 points (4th most in the league) and the Tigers have conceded 646 points (4th most in the league) and as a result you wouldn't be wrong to think that the Panthers are going to pile on the points against the Tigers this weekend. As previously mentioned, the Panthers will be welcoming back both To'o and Fisher-Harris at the expense of Matt Eisenhuth and Brent Naden.

On the other hand, Michael Maguire will be filthy with his side's capitulation on the weekend which effectively ended their season. Defence has been a big issue for the Tigers throughout this season and for the past few years and it once again on full show as the Sharks put 50 points past the joint venture. It was a season defying game, yet the Tigers failed to get up for the fixture and given they've essentially got nothing to play for this weekend, will that result in an uninterested Tigers side or a side that wants to give their fans something to cheer about?

Most likely, the Tigers will be licking their wounds by Monday morning, but they did manage to get under the skin of the Panthers when they faced each other earlier in the season albeit against a weakened Panthers side. If the Tigers are able to get under the skin of the Panthers, they could force them into handing the game over to the Tigers, however, very unlikely. Another issue for the Tigers is the omission of Adam Doueih, arguably the Tigers' best this season, as he nurses a knee injury. This will allow Jock Madden to make his second NRL appearance of his career in the number six jersey. The Tigers will welcome both Thomas Mikaele and Jacob Liddle back into the fold, which pushes Joe Ofahengau and Jake Simpkin to the interchange. Alex Seyfarth is another who will return from injury, taking up a spot on the bench as Tuki Simpkins, Billy Walters and Kelma Tuilagi are left out of the side.

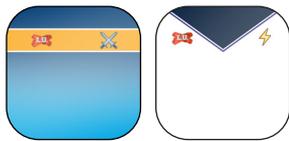
**Who to watch:** The battle of the halfbacks could decide the fixture and given the form of Nathan Cleary this season it could easily be another dominant performance from the New South Wales half. But, if the Tigers are to come away as victors you'd assume that Luke Brooks would have played a major role in the win. The Tigers halfback has improved on his performances from last season and has accumulated 16 try assists over his 22 appearances this season. Brooks is also responsible for 12 forced drop outs and averages 101 run metres per game. Brooks' running game will have to be on fire over the weekend if the Tigers are to get close to winning this fixture. His opposite number in Cleary has had a fantastic season and doesn't look like slowing down. In his 14 appearances this season, Cleary has scored nine tries, assisted 15 and forced 18 dropouts. Clearly a player you don't want anywhere near your own try line. Cleary has also averaged a career high 113 run metres per game and averages another career high in kick metres per game with 532. He's going to be hard to stop and given his performances this season, you'd expect him to lap this Tigers side up.

**Favourite:** The Panthers are easily the favourites for this match and rightfully so after losing just three games over the course of the season. The Tigers did knock off the Panthers earlier in the year, although it was a weakened Penrith side without their Origin stars. The Tigers have also failed to win any games against the sides in the top six bar the Penrith victory.

**My tip:** The Panthers should get home comfortably and if they're looking to build some momentum as they head into December, they'll look to dismantle this Tigers side.  
**Penrith by 22.**

# NRL: ROUND 23 WRAP

## Thursday | MELBOURNE 34 GOLD COAST 20



### GOLD COAST TITANS (20)

**Tries:** Greg Marzhew, Jayden Campbell (2), Tyrone Peachey  
**Field Goals:** Ashley Taylor (0/1); **Conversions:** Jamal Fogarty (2/4)  
**MELBOURNE STORM (34)**  
**Tries:** Marion Seve, Harry Grant, Cameron Munster, Josh Addo-Carr (2), Nicholas Hynes  
**Conversions:** Ryan Papenhuyzen (5/6)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 8288

Halftime Score: Gold Coast 16 Melbourne 12

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Cameron Munster

2 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen

1 points - Jayden Campbell

### OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

#### Storm chase history by going 19 in a row

A second half fight back has seen the Melbourne Storm claim a piece of history with a 34-20 victory over a gallant Gold Coast Titans team on Thursday evening.

Equalling the premiership record of 19 wins in a row set by Eastern Suburbs in 1975, the Storm defied a halftime deficit to all but confirm the minor premiership with two rounds remaining in the home-and-away season.

The Titans got off to a dream start after George Jennings came up with an error inside the Melbourne half with Patrick Herbert breaking away from the ensuing scrum before linking with Greg Marzhew (2nd minute) who crashed over in the corner.

Continuing to capitalise on errors made by their opponents, the underdogs defied expectations after replacement fullback Jayden Campbell (11th minute) swooped on a bat-back from Herbert to take the lead out to 10-0.

Getting back into the contest midway through the first half with two tries within four minutes, Marion Seve (23rd minute) finished off a break by Josh Addo-Carr before Harry Grant (27th minute) surged through the home side's retreating defence to put the Storm up 12-10.

Striking a huge blow to retake the lead prior to the change of ends, an Ashley Taylor bomb aimed towards the posts saw Campbell (33rd minute) outleap Cameron Munster for his second of the night.

Forced to reshuffle their backline after Jennings aggravated the same knee injury which kept him on the sidelines for the past four weeks, Munster (45th minute)

took it upon himself to burrow over from close range to put the Storm back in front with a converted try.

Making the Titans pay for an error ten metres out from the try line, tries to Josh Addo-Carr (57th minute) and Nicho Hynes (61st minute) gave the Storm peace of mind to play out the match with the result beyond doubt.

Munster capped a man of the match performance with a long-range break which allowed Addo-Carr (70th minute) to equal his personal best tally of 23 tries in a season.

A late consolation four-pointer to Tyrone Peachey (76th minute) proved inconsequential as the Storm ran out 34-20 winners.

Next week, the Titans face the Knights on Thursday night in a match set to have huge implications on the top eight, while the Storm will look to make history against the Eels on Saturday evening.

## Friday | MANLY-WARRINGAH 19 CANBERRA 18



### CANBERRA RAIDERS (18)

**Tries:** Harley Smith-Shields, Bailey Simonsson, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad; **Conversions:** Sam Williams (1/2), Jordan Rapana (1/1)  
**Penalty Goals:** Sam Williams (1/1)  
**MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (19)**  
**Tries:** Haumole Olakau'atu, Morgan Harper, Curtis Sironen  
**Field Goals:** Daly Cherry-Evans (1/1); **Conversions:** Reuben Garrick (3/3)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 6181

Halftime Score: Canberra 12 Manly-Warringah 0

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans

2 points - Moses Suli

1 points - Josh Papali'i

### OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

#### Sea Eagles soar into the four after comeback win over Raiders

Manly Sea Eagles put together a superb comeback to defeat Canberra Raiders 19-18 and move back into the top four in a pulsating contest tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

The Sea Eagles were wobbly in the first half but piled on 19 straight points to overcome a dogged Canberra Raiders side also fighting for their season and show there is life to the side without superstar fullback Tom Trbojevic.

Daly Cherry-Evans has made a habit of game-winning field goals for the Sea Eagles. Once again, the mercurial halfback stood up and potted his 23rd field goal to secure the two points for his side tonight. Two important points which for now, puts them into fourth spot on the NRL ladder. Missing their main man, the Sea Eagles looked to their leaders in the halves to spark them. They fumbled their way through the first half but Daly Cherry-Evans had the ball on a string in the second half with two tries coming directly from the halfback's boot. Haumole Olakau'atu kept his impressive form going with a four-

pointer.

Knowing that tonight was almost do-or-die, Canberra Raiders came out tonight on a mission. The Green Machine were the first to find their feet in the contest. Centre Matt Timoko provided a magic flick pass for Harley Smith-Shields to make it 4-nil before a Sam Williams penalty goal put them ahead by six. Canberra kept their foot on the throat as they pushed over the advantage line and profited from some uncharacteristic Sea Eagles errors. Reuben Garrick was the stand-in fullback and spilled an easy kick which led to the second four-pointer. It went through the hands of the whole spine before Bailey Simonsson dived over for a 12-nil lead at the break.

There was a different edge to the Sea Eagles after half-time. Maybe propelled by a Des Hasler spray they got the ideal start to the second half when Haumole Olakau'atu dived over from close range to cut the deficit to six. It was a much more composed Sea Eagles side which turned the Raiders pack around and made them do the hard yards often.

It was whoever was the first to blink which would lose this contest. Cherry-Evans controlled the flow with his short kicking game and forced the returning Charnze Nicholl-Klokstad into an error on his second touch. Sea

Eagles did their best to bomb the try but a kick to the wing of Morgan Harper saw the centre wrestle over to make it 12-all.

Now with wind in their sails, the Sea Eagles kicked themselves ahead in the 63rd minute. His short grubber was latched onto by a chasing Curtis Sironen to put the Sea Eagles ahead for the first time tonight, 18-12 after Garrick's third conversion of the night. With two minutes on the clock, a calm and collected Cherry-Evans potted the one-pointer which would give his side a seven-point buffer and all but confirm victory.

There was a late scare for the Sea Eagles as the Raiders got within a point though. Some work down the right side created a break before the inside pass gave Nicholl-Klokstad a four-pointer in his return after his lay-off since Round five. There was a desperation two-point field goal attempt from Jordan Rapana which fell well short.

Canberra are still alive in the hunt for the top eight but the equation has become much harder. The ACT side need to win both their games remaining and get some help around them qualify for a third consecutive finals series. For Manly, they just have to keep winning and hope the Roosters slip up in the remaining rounds to hold on to a spot in the top four.

## Friday | PENRITH 25 SOUTH SYDNEY 12



### PENRITH PANTHERS (25)

Tries: Nathan Cleary, Stephen Crichton, Brent Naden, Apisai Koroisau; Field Goals: Nathan Cleary (1/1); Conversions: Nathan Cleary (2/4); Penalty Goals: Nathan Cleary (2/2)

### SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (12)

Tries: Dane Gagai, Latrell Mitchell; Conversions: Adam Reynolds (1/2); Penalty Goals: Adam Reynolds (1/1)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 8848

Halftime Score: Penrith 10 South Sydney 12

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Nathan Cleary

2 points - Liam Martin

1 points - Latrell Mitchell

### OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

## Panthers on the prowl after beating rapid Rabbitohs

Penrith absorbed the Rabbitohs first half onslaught and posted twenty-five straight points to prevail 25-12 tonight at Suncorp Stadium.

The spotlight was bright again, as the Panthers swept past the Rabbitohs in a huge performance where they posted 25 unanswered points to brush aside the challenge of the Rabbitohs and confirm they are a huge contender for this year's Premiership.

It was a big gut check for the Panthers. They trailed by 12 points after 22 minutes then got themselves into the grind and eventually, their extra dose of class showed led by halfback Nathan Cleary which confirmed that Penrith will finish in the top two and another shot at the Grand Final.

Since his return, the Panthers have looked much more like the side which rolled through the first half of the NRL season. Cleary scored a four-pointer himself and potted a late field-goal to make it 19-12 to secure the win for the Premiership heavyweights tonight.

Riding high from a 10 game win streak, Souths were pumped up and were energetic in their work in the first half. It gave them the edge against a Panthers side which were wobbling and it produced a pair of tries to Dane Gagai and Latrell Mitchell - which had the famous cardinal and myrtle up 12-nil.

Sometimes it takes a moment of magic to spark the recovery and it came from the boot from Panthers centre Paul Momirovski. He provided the kick for both Panthers tries in the first half, the first was a deft touch inside to Nathan Cleary then another late in the half for Stephen Crichton took us to the break at 12-10 Rabbitohs.

Despite Rabbitohs leading at the break, there was only one side in the second half. Panthers took it up another level and the Rabbitohs were unable to match them. Cleary was masterful in his kicking game which left the Rabbitohs back three bamboozled and forced errors.

Once the Panthers were on top, the points were going to flow. Cleary booted a pair of penalty goals to inch them in front at 14-12 which allowed them to dictate the rest of the contest and the halfback pinned the Rabbitohs backline right on their try-line every set. The energy which was present in the first half was sapped and the Panthers just rolled through to their 19th win of the year.

Brent Naden has flourished on the wing for the Panthers in the last few weeks. He finished off a backline movement to make it 18-12 for three tries in two weeks for the Bulldogs-bound back. Apisau Koroisau added a late four-pointer to stretch the Panthers advantage to 13 points tonight.

## Saturday | CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND 50 WESTS TIGERS 20



### WESTS TIGERS (20)

Tries: Michael Chee-Kam, Ken Maumalo, Tommy Talau, Kelma Tuilagi

Conversions: Adam Doueihi (2/4)

### CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS (50)

Tries: Sione Katoa (2), Ronaldo Mulitalo (2), Luke Metcalf (2), Will Kennedy (2), Teig Wilton

Conversions: Braydon Trindall (7/9)

Venue: Browne Park

Crowd: 2863

Halftime Score: Wests Tigers 4 Cronulla-Sutherland 16

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Luke Metcalf

2 points - Will Kennedy

1 points - Ronaldo Mulitalo

### OUR REPORT with ANDREW FERGUSON

## Tigers with another cliché capitulation

Cronulla and the Wests Tigers both came into Saturday's game on 18 competition points and needed to win to keep their slim finals hopes alive. The Sharks turned up - and the Tigers turned in yet another loss - 50-20 in Rockhampton's inaugural NRL fixture - when they needed a win.

It was the Tigers who opened the scoring in the fourth minute when they produced a left side movement where Moses Mbye linked with Michael Chee Kam who straightened his run and barged over to score a strong try. Adam Doueihi failed to convert.

The Sharks got on the board in the 12th minute when Braydon Trindall fired a long cut-out ball to the unmarked Sione Katoa who scored in the corner. Trindall added the extras from out wide. 15 minutes later the Sharks ran their previous point scoring play, but on the other side, where Luke Metcalf sent a cut-out pass to Ronaldo Mulitalo and

the winger scored comfortably. Trindall failed to convert from out wide. The Sharks added more points just before the break with some rather average passing to the left where Will Kennedy dummied and then sent a good ball out to Mulitalo who bagged his second try. Trindall converted from touch. Sharks went into the sheds leading 16-4.

The Sharks scoring spree continued after halftime, when Mulitalo busted through the Tigers middle defence, dummied to beat Moses Mbye before selflessly passing to Metcalf who scored his first NRL try under the posts. Trindall converted. In the 55th minute Katoa busted through the middle and linked with Kennedy who raced away to score under the posts. Trindall again converted.

2 minutes later the Tigers hit back when Michael Chee Kam made a good ruck run before getting an offload away to Ken Maumalo who scored. Adam Doueihi converted. Almost immediately after the Sharks hit back when they put up a bomb which was dropped by the Tigers. Teig Wilton was right there to clean up and dive over the line to score under the sticks. Trindall added another conversion.

The Tigers responded 3 minutes later when they spread the ball right to Tommy Talau who spun in the tackle and

rolled over the line to score. Mulitalo copped an accidental stray boot to his face which forced him off the field with a suspected broken jaw. Doueihi converted the try.

The Tigers took just 2 minutes to add another try when Kelma Tuilagi taking a crash ball, burrowed over to score a powerful try, but injured his arm in the process. Doueihi failed to convert. Sharks at this stage lead 34-20 with the game seemingly in the balance with 12 minutes remaining.

Then the Tigers fell apart completely.

In the 70th minute, Matt Moylan made a break and passed to Metcalf who scored under the posts. Trindall converted. In the 74th minute, trindall drifted right, showed the ball and then passed to Kennedy who ran a strong line back in towards the posts, brushed off a poor tackle and raced away to score a good try. Trindall converted. In the 77th minute, Sharks sent the ball through the hands to Katoa who scored another try to bring up 50 points for the Sharks. Trindall failed to convert from touch.

The Tigers season ended in typical miserable fashion, yet again, while the Sharks big win saw them jump up into the top eight.

# NRL: ROUND 23 WRAP

## Saturday | NEWCASTLE 22 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN 16



### CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS (16)

Tries: Nick Meaney, Ryan James, Jayden Okunbor

Conversions: Kyle Flanagan (2/3)

### NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (22)

Tries: Jacob Saifiti, Jake Clifford, Enari Tuala, Bradman Best

Conversions: Jake Clifford (3/4)

Penalty Goals: Jake Clifford (0/1)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 2343

Halftime Score: Canterbury-Bankstown 0 Newcastle 10

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Jake Clifford

2 points - David Klemmer

1 points - Luke Thompson

### OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

## Knights almost secure finals football against dogged Bulldogs

Newcastle Knights moved one step closer to finals football after a 22-16 success against Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs tonight at Robina.

It wasn't impressive but it was enough for the novocastrains. Jake Clifford continued his strong form setting up a four-pointer and scored one himself as the Knights almost certified themselves as a finals side for back-to-back seasons.

The Knights have quietly built up a four-game win streak which has helped them almost coast into the post-season. While other sides have dropped games, the Knights are getting their biggest weapons back - Ponga, Pearce and Best - all ready to go for finals football in a fortnight's time.

Tonight saw one of their unsung heroes lead the charge. Clifford who transferred mid-season from the Cowboys was heavily involved in the Knights best passages of play tonight which included him stepping a pair of Bulldogs defenders to score, making it 16-6.

He also provided the final pass for Bradman Best's four-pointer which put the game to rest at 22-6. Clifford also kicked three goals alongside superb general play kicking which kept the Bulldogs trapped at their own end for a majority of the contest.

From the opening whistle, the Knights looked here to play. Their first attack was chalked off due to Hymel Hunt's foot brushing the sideline but a deft kick from Clifford brought their first try when Jacob Saifiti touched down after Mitchell Barnett's impressive work to make it 6-nil.

Kicking was the best option for the Knights in the first half and it helped them extend their lead out to 10-nil. A deft kick from Clifford worked once again when Enari Tuala

touched down to continue his fine form getting across the tryline.

Bulldogs toiled hard and kept themselves in the contest across the whole 80 minutes. One moment of magic from Lachlan Lewis saw Nick Meaney get both hands to the ball and gave them some hope at 10-6 just after half-time.

The wooden spooners did find a late flurry of points to reduce the deficit to six points. On loan Ryan James crashed over right besides the posts then within the final minute winger Jayden Okunbor somehow caught an inswinging kick from Lewis to make it 22-16.

Unfortunately tonight's loss also confirmed the wooden spoon for the proud club. That makes it two spoons in the last three seasons but there is hope on the horizon for the Bulldogs with their recruitment for 2022 and hopefully a few more wins to follow.

## Saturday | PARRAMATTA 32 NORTH QUEENSLAND 16



### PARRAMATTA EELS (32)

Tries: Waqa Blake, Viliani Penisini, Clinton Gutherson, Shaun Lane, Will Smith, Dylan Brown

Conversions: Mitchell Moses (0/1), Clinton Gutherson (4/5)

### NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (16)

Tries: Heilum Luki, Laitia Moceidreke, Jake Granville

Conversions: Valentine Holmes (2/3)

Venue: Cbus Super Stadium

Crowd: 3013

Halftime Score: Parramatta 14 North Queensland 6

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Mitchell Moses

2 points - Clinton Gutherson

1 points - Mitchell Dunn

### OUR REPORT with JOSH ROBERTSON

## Error-prone Eels extend Cowboys losing streak

Far from their impressive best, the Parramatta Eels have returned to the winners list with their 32-16 victory over the North Queensland Cowboys on the Gold Coast.

Things didn't start at all well for the Parramatta Eels as they lost the ball in the very first set but thankfully for the Eels the Cowboys failed to take advantage of the error. The errors continued to hurt Parramatta with a certain try to Dylan Brown ruled against the Eels after Waqa Blake's pass was correctly ruled for a forward pass.

It wasn't long though before the Eels were back in attack and they scored through Waqa Blake who was able to get to the try line to score. Clint Gutherson missed the conversion attempt.

The Eels started to find some momentum and poor defensive decisions by the Cowboys created space for the

Eels and Will Penisini got over for his maiden NRL try.

Hitting back not long after, the Cowboys thought they had crossed for their first through Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow but despite it being awarded by referee Ashley Klein, the bunker stepped in as replays showed the Cowboys flyer had lost the ball in trying to get it to the ground. The Cowboys however were able to score through Heilum Luki a few minutes later after the Eels paid for their errors.

Yet again, the Cowboys defence was left in sorts as their defence was as effective as NSW'S covid defence going every which way except getting the intended target which was Shaun Lane who strolled over untouched.

Neither side could get a flow on early in the second half and it took nearly 20 minutes for the Eels to score and again it was an untouched effort for Parramatta after Will Smith scored off the back of a Junior Paulo flick after an error from Daejarn Asi to create the space.

The Eels then began to grow momentum and again it was the space exploited on the outside of the Cowboys defence by Haze Dunster that saw the Eels turn on the brilliance and it was Clint Gutherson in the middle of the

park who got to the infield kick first to score.

Momentum began to swing as the Cowboys were able to make plenty of metres through the middle of the park as the Eels tired and it was Laitia Moceidreke who scored on debut for the Cowboys off some class work by Jeremiah Nanai to flick the ball out to Asi who found the debutant to score.

The middle of the park became like a highway for the Cowboys as they continued to make plenty of metres and Jake Granville took advantage to close the gap to 12 when he was able to go through to score chasing down a kick.

Despite the Cowboys having the momentum through the middle of the park, the errors continued to hurt the North Queenslanders and the Eels took advantage after Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow dropped a Mitch Moses bomb and Dylan Brown was on the spot to clean up and score. Clint Gutherson's conversion sealed the 32-16 victory.

Next weekend, the Eels have it tough as they come up against the Melbourne Storm whilst the Cowboys head to Rockhampton to take on the Dragons on Saturday afternoon.

## Sunday | SYDNEY ROOSTERS 40 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 22



### ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS (22)

Tries: Josh McGuire, Mikaele Ravalawa, Mathew Feagai, Jayden Sullivan; Conversions: Zac Lomax (3/4)

### SYDNEY ROOSTERS (40)

Tries: Egan Butcher, Dale Copley, Sitili Tupouniua, Daniel Tupou (3), Sam Walker, Drew Hutchison; Conversions: Siosiaua Taukeiaho (4/5), James Tedesco (0/1), Sam Walker (0/2)

Venue: Clive Berghofer Stadium

Crowd: 7822

Halftime Score: St George Illawarra 6 Sydney Roosters 14

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - James Tedesco

2 points - Jared Waerea-Hargreaves

1 points - Drew Hutchison

### OUR REPORT with ANDREW FERGUSON

## Roosters emphatically snuff out Dragons fightback

The Dragons took the lead midway through the second half before the Roosters piled on 5 tries in 24 minutes to run away with a convincing 40-22 victory in Toowoomba.

The scoring opened in the 11th minute when Jared Waerea-Hargreaves took a hit up in the middle, offloaded to fellow prop Siosiaua Taukeiaho who then passed inside to James Tedesco at pace, who broke the line, drew Matt Dufty and then sent Egan Butcher away to score under the sticks. Taukeiaho converted. 3 minutes later Lachlan Lam made a break down the right wing and from the ensuing play, Tedesco at first receiver stepped back infield, beat a defender and then fired a brilliant long ball to Dale Copley who scored in the right corner. Taukeiaho failed to convert. Six minutes before halftime, Tedesco close to the Dragons line, drifted left, holding up the ball before dishing it to Sitili Tupouniua who brushed off a retreating defender to score out wide. Tedesco's sideline conversion attempt was waved away.

Right on halftime, Matt Dufty very nearly scores, but has the ball illegally stripped. Josh McGuire picked up the loose ball and planted it over the line to score near the posts. Zac Lomax converted and at halftime the Roosters 14 point lead had been reduced to just 8.

The Dragons dominated possession and field position immediately after the break and in the 48th minute, Mikaele Ravalawa made a break down the right touchline after getting a great ball from Lomax, running 30 metres to score in the corner. Lomax fails to convert from touch. Just four minutes later, the Dragons scored again when Jack Bird defused a bomb in his own in-goal. He then raced up and took a quick tap from the 20 metre line, passed to Lomax who exploded through the few retreating defenders, then linked with Mathew Feagai who then just makes it to the tryline, despite Sam Walker's efforts, to score a great length of the field try. Lomax converted to give the Dragons a 16-14 lead.

Then the Roosters came to play.

In the 56th minute, a Roosters short-side play saw Sam Walker at first receiver, fake a grubber before passing low to Daniel Tupou, who caught it as his feet, then dived and got the ball down to score an amazing try. Walker failed to convert from touch. Tupou scored again just five

minutes later when he cleanly took a Drew Hutchison bomb before falling over the line for a try. Taukeiaho nailed the conversion from the left sideline. Another 4 minutes passed before the Roosters scored again, this time through Walker, who propped off his right, stepped into an immense gap and jogged through it to score under the sticks. Taukeiaho converted.

The Roosters points pile-on continued in the 71st minute when Hutchison threw a dummy, ran through the gap it created and managed to just get the ball down despite the best efforts of two Dragons defenders. Taukeiaho converted from in front. The Dragons clawed back some points in the 75th minute when Corey Norman made a half-break and then offloaded to Billy Burns who made a break, before linking with Jayden Sullivan who scored under the posts. Lomax converted. With just seconds remaining, the Roosters shifted the ball left to Tedesco who got a good pass to Tupou who scored in the corner as the siren sounded. Walker's sideline conversion hit the post and was waved away.

The win puts the Tricolours into fourth place while the Dragons are now only a mathematical chance to play finals footy despite spending more than half the season in the top eight.

## Sunday | BRISBANE 24 WARRIORS 22



### BRISBANE BRONCOS (24)

Tries: Xavier Coates (2), Albert Kelly, Anthony Milford

Conversions: Herbie Farnworth (4/4)

### WARRIORS (22)

Tries: Euan Aitken, Marcelo Montoya, Peta Hiku, Josh Curran, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak

Conversions: Reece Walsh (1/5)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Crowd: 18252

Halftime Score: Brisbane 12 Warriors 4

### LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Anthony Milford

2 points - Peta Hiku

1 points - Thomas Flegler

### OUR REPORT with JUSTIN DAVIES

## Brisbane edge Warriors in Sunday shootout

Brisbane Broncos take the chocolates in a wild affair 24-22 which dents the New Zealand Warriors finals hopes on a bright Sunday afternoon at Suncorp Stadium.

Late season rugby league can deliver some weird encounters and this afternoon at Suncorp, we saw moments of magic, supreme skill and the rarely seen allergy to catching the football which saw the Brisbane Broncos edge out the Warriors and move into 14th spot.

Coming into the game, Warriors had everything to play for and started the opposite of that conceding the first two tries to a Broncos side playing for nothing else but pride at the end of the season. Warriors hit back just before the break through former Bulldog Marcelo Montoya to make it 12-4.

For the Broncos, it was like turning back the clock in the first half. Anthony Milford, recalled to the side due to Tyson Gamble's injury, produced a peach of a ball for Xavier Coates to stretch their advantage to 12-nil. Coates earlier spooked Reece Walsh and opened the scoring with a kind bounce.

Walsh had a mixed afternoon at the back for the Warriors. He created the space for the first try and was dangerous when he touched the ball but the youngster back at Suncorp, against his old side, had a terrible night from the kicking tee, kicking one goal from five.

Trailing at the break, Warriors needed a spark. It came from veteran Peta Hiku. The centre got the Warriors within four points when he pounced on his own kick on the right edge then produced an extravagant flick pass which put Dallin Watene-Zelezniak over to make it 18-18.

Brisbane might have lacked execution at some points in the game but created enough to take the points tonight.

Once again, it came from Milford. His chip kick for Tesi Niu ended up with a room service bounce for Albert Kelly to wrestle back the lead. Milford is headed to the Rabbitohs in 2022 and showed his wares to get the Broncos home.

Milford put up the high kick which was batted back by Herbie Farnworth before the five-eighth backed up in support to make it 24-18. If this was his final game in the Broncos jumper he gave them one last moment of magic to enjoy.

New Zealand did get one final chance to take us into extra point. Euan Aitken was the beneficiary of a generous bunker decision to award a late four-pointer. The centre turned backrower was judged to get to the ball first to make it 24-22. Walsh continued his woes from the tee and swung the conversion wide.

# LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## 2021 NRL Telstra Premiership after Round 23

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 - Nathan Cleary (Panthers 30, NSW 2), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles 26, NSW 6)

28 points - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)

22 points - Will Kennedy (Sharks), James Tedesco (Roosters), Clinton Gutherson (Eels)

20 points - Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs 18, NSW 2)

19 points - Adam Doueihy (Wests Tigers), Ben Hunt (Dragons 16, QLD 3)

18 points - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

17 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels), Nicholas Hynes (Storm)

16 points - Jahrome Hughes (Storm), David Fifita (Titans), Cameron Munster (Storm)

15 points - Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Payne Haas (Broncos 14, NSW 1)

14 points - Sam Walker (Roosters), Brandon Smith (Storm)

13 points - Alexander Brimson (Titans)

12 points - Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Reece Walsh (Warriors)

11 points - Brian To'o (Panthers), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Jarome Luai (Panthers 9, NSW 2)

10 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Harry Grant (Storm), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Christian Welch (Storm)

9 points - Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers)

8 points - Shaun Johnson (Sharks), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), George Williams (Raiders), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Matt Burton (Panthers)

7 points - Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles)

6 points - Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Maika Sivo (Eels), Josh

Addo-Carr (Storm), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Bradman Best (Knights), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys)

5 points - Tyson Gamble (Broncos), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Tom Starling (Raiders), Josh Curran (Warriors), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Luke Keary (Roosters), Brett Morris (Roosters), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans 3, QLD 2)

4 points - Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Dale Finucane (Storm), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Nathan Brown (Eels), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Liam Martin (Panthers), Stefano Utoikamanu (Wests Tigers), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs)

3 points - Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Justin Olam (Storm), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Anthony Milford (Broncos), Euan Aitken (Warriors), Toby Sexton (Titans), Josh Hodgson (Raiders), Luke Metcalf (Sharks), David Klemmer (Knights), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Jake Granville (Cowboys), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Sam Williams (Raiders), Connor Watson (Knights), Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Adam Clune (Dragons), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm)

2 points - Peta Hiku (Warriors), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Tyrone May (Panthers), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Drew Hutchison (Roosters), Bailey Simonson (Raiders), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Waqa Blake (Eels), Jack Bird (Dragons), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Josh Mansour (Rabbitohs), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Moses Suli (Sea Eagles), Hudson Young (Raiders), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Jack Williams (Sharks), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Blake Brailey (Sharks), Phillip Sami (Titans), Marata Niukore (Eels), Victor Radley (Roosters), Jesse Bromwich (Storm), Josh Morris (Roosters), Matthew Lodge (Broncos), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Bunty Afoa (Warriors), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Junior Paulo (Eels)

1 point - Isaac Liu (Roosters), Joe Ofahengaue (Wests Tigers), Beau Fermor (Titans), Shawn Blore (Wests Tigers), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Dean Jeremia (Storm), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Tesi Niu (Broncos), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Mitchell Dunn (Cowboys), Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Corey Thompson (Titans), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs), Brodie Jones (Knights), Francis Molo (Cowboys), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Kurt Mann (Knights), Xavier Coates (Broncos), Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warriors), Ryan James (Raiders), Siosua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Paul Momirovski (Panthers), Andrew McCullough (Dragons), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Caleb Aekins (Raiders), David Nofoaluma (Wests Tigers), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Emre Guler (Raiders), Enari Tuala (Knights), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Lachlan Lewis (Bulldogs), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Shane Wright (Cowboys), Moses Lota (Panthers), Dylan Brown (Eels)

## NRL MATCH REVIEW

## Round 23 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
SamMcINTYRE	Gold Coast	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Christian Welch	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Ash TAYLOR	Gold Coast	Contrary Conduct - 1	Nicho Hynes	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Tevita FUNA	Manly	Shoulder Charge - 1	Elliott Whitehead	200	2 non-similar prior (+40%)	70	350	280	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	80
Keaton KOLOAMATANGI	South Sydney	Crusher Tackle - 1	Brent Naden	200	1 similar prior (+50%)	0	300	225	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	25
Scott SORENSEN	Penrith	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Cameron Murray	\$1500	7 year incident free (-25%)	N/A	\$1150	\$750	Guilty - early plea	\$750	N/A
Briton NIKORA	Cronulla	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Luciano Leilua	\$1500	1 non-similar prior (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Corey WADDELL	Canterbury	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Mitch Barnett	\$1500	1 non-similar prior (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Corey WADDELL	Canterbury	Contrary Conduct - 1	Kalyn Ponga	100*	1 x similar prior (+50%)	0	150	112	Guilty - early plea	1 match	12
Luke THOMPSON	Canterbury	Crusher Tackle - 1	Chris Randall	200	3 non-similar priors (+60%)	40	360	280	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	80
David KLEMMER	Newcastle	Contrary Conduct - 1	Luke Thompson	100*	1 similar, 2 non-similar priors (+90%)	55	245	197	Guilty - early plea	1 match	97
Joey LUSSICK	Parramatta	Dangerous Contact (head/neck) - 1	Tom Dearden	\$1500	1 non-similar prior (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Anthony MILFORD	Brisbane	Contrary Conduct - 1	Nicho Hynes	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A

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

# UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

## BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

### ROUND 20 RESULTS

**Leeds Rhinos** 18 Tries: Robert Lui, Richie Myler, Ash Handley; Goals: Harry Newman 2, Ash Handley **def Huddersfield Giants** 12 Tries: Owen Trout, Sam Wood, Will Pryce **at Emerald Headingley Stadium** --/-- **St Helens** 26 Tries: Alex Walmsley, Regan Grace, Mark Percival, Lewis Dodd; Goals: Lachlan Coote 4, Lewis Dodd **def Wigan Warriors** 2 Goals: Harry Smith 1 **at DW Stadium** --/-- **Hull FC** 23 Tries: Bureta Faraimo 2, Carlos Tuimavave, Adam Swift; Goals: Marc Sneyd 3; Field Goals: Marc Sneyd 1 **def Hull KR** 22 Tries: Albert Vete, Ben Crooks, Rowan Milnes, Jimmy Keinhorst; Goals: Ben Crooks 3 **at MKM Stadium** --/-- **Castleford Tigers** 23 Tries: Greg Eden 2, Derrell Olfherts, Oliver Holmes; Goals: Danny Richardson 3; Field Goals: Danny Richardson 1 **def Wakefield Trinity** 18 Tries: Lee Kershaw, Tom Johnstone, Tinirau Arona; Goals: Mason Lino 3 **at Mend-A-Hose Jungle** --/-- **Leigh Centurions** 32 Tries: Adam Sidlow, Liam Hood, Keanan Brand, Joe Mellor; Goals: Craig Mullen 8 **def Salford Red Devils** 22 Tries: Ken Sio 2, Harvey Livett, Rhys Williams; Goals: Krisnan Inu 3 **at Leigh Sports Village** --/-- Warrington v Catalans - **postponed**

### 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	16	13	3	0	398	140	258	26	81.25
3	Warrington	16	11	4	1	478	275	203	23	71.88
4	Wigan	20	12	8	0	337	353	-16	24	60.00
5	Hull KR	15	8	7	0	369	332	37	16	53.33
6	Hull FC	16	8	7	1	347	332	15	17	53.13
7	Leeds	19	10	9	0	462	344	118	20	52.63
8	Castleford	18	9	9	0	342	434	-92	18	50.00
9	Huddersfield	19	6	13	0	324	388	-64	12	31.58
10	Salford	17	5	12	0	283	465	-182	10	29.41
11	Wakefield	19	5	14	0	343	461	-118	10	26.32
12	Leigh	17	1	16	0	288	660	-372	2	5.88

### ROUND 21 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Wed 25 Aug 7:45pm	Wigan v Leeds	DW Stadium
Thu 26 Aug 7:30pm	Salford v Catalans	AJ Bell Stadium
7:45pm	St Helens v Leigh	Totally Wicked Stadium
	Huddersfield v Warrington	John Smith's Stadium
	Hull FC v Castleford	MKM Stadium
	Hull KR v Wakefield	Hull College Craven Park

### ROUND 22 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Mon 30 Aug 2:00pm	Salford v Hull FC	AJ Bell Stadium
3:00pm	Wakefield v Leeds	Mobile Rocket Stadium
5:00pm	Castleford v Wigan	Mend-A-Hose Jungle
6:15pm	Catalans v Leigh	Stade Gilbert Brutus
7:30pm	Huddersfield v Hull KR	John Smith's Stadium
	Warrington v St Helens	Halliwel Jones Stadium



## BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

### ROUND 18 RESULTS

**Batley Bulldogs** 56 Tries: Greg Johnson 3, Dale Morton, Lucas Walshaw 2, Luke Hooley 2, Nyle Flynn, Johnny Campbell; Goals: Luke Hooley 6, Tom Gilmore 2 **def Sheffield Eagles** 12 Tries: James Davey, Oliver Davies; Goals: Josh Gudzek 2 **at Fox's Biscuits Stadium** --/-- **Bradford Bulls** 30 Tries: Brandon Pickersgill, Ross Oakes, George Flanagan 2, David Foggin-Johnston; Goals: Jordan Lilley 5 **def Swinton Lions** 26 Tries: Luis Roberts 2, Ben Heyes, Rhodri Lloyd, Martyn Ridyard; Goals: Martyn Ridyard 2, Nick Gregson 1 **at Tetley's Stadium** --/-- **Featherstone Rovers** 64 Tries: Gadwin Springer, Ben Blackmore 2, Callum Field, Craig Hall 3, Alex Walker, Luke Cooper, John Davies, Connor Jones; Goals: Craig Hall 9 **def Dewsbury Rams** 6 Tries: Andy Gabriel; Goals: Paul Sykes 1 **at Millennium Stadium** --/-- **Toulouse Olympique** 34 Tries: Taioalo Vaivai, Justin Sangare, Eloi Pelissier 2, Dominique Peyroux, Mitch Garbutt; Goals: Mark Kheirallah 5 **def Oldham RLFC** 6 Tries: Martin Reilly; Goals: Dan Abram 1 **at Bower Fold** --/-- **Widnes Vikings** 25 Tries: Danny Craven, Oliver Brookes, Steve Tyrer, Kenny Baker; Goals: Jack Owens 3; Field Goals: Danny Craven 1 **def Halifax Panthers** 6 Tries: Ed Barber; Goals: James Woodburn-Hall 1 **at Halton Stadium** --/-- **York City Knights** 30 Tries: Jack Teanby, Ben Jones-Bishop, Marcus Stock, Perry Whiteley, Sam Scott; Goals: Matty Marsh 5 **def Whitehaven RLFC** 12 Tries: Lachlan Walmsley, Jake Bradley; Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 2 **at LNER Community Stadium** --/-- Newcastle v London - **Postponed**

### CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	WIN %
1	Toulouse	12	12	0	0	556	106	450	24	100.00
2	Featherstone	17	16	1	0	715	222	493	30	88.24
3	Halifax	17	12	5	0	442	257	185	24	70.59
4	Bradford	16	11	5	0	441	377	64	22	68.75
5	Batley	18	12	6	0	511	348	163	24	66.67
6	London	16	9	6	1	426	455	-29	17	53.13
7	Whitehaven	18	8	9	1	361	476	-115	17	47.22
8	York	17	7	10	0	423	403	20	14	41.18
9	Sheffield	16	5	8	3	350	487	-137	13	40.63
10	Widnes	17	6	10	1	390	441	-51	13	38.24
11	Newcastle	16	5	10	1	322	470	-148	11	34.38
12	Dewsbury	17	5	11	1	262	507	-245	11	32.35
13	Oldham	17	2	14	1	256	579	-323	5	14.71
14	Swinton	18	1	16	1	310	637	-327	3	8.33

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

### ROUND 19 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Sun 29 Aug 3:00pm	Dewsbury v Newcastle	Tetley's Stadium
	Halifax v Swinton	The Shay Stadium
	London v Sheffield	Traillfinders Sports Club
	Oldham v Featherstone	Bower Fold
	Whitehaven v Widnes	Recreation Ground
	York v Bradford	LNER Community Stadium
	Toulouse v Batley	

CANCELLED

## BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - PLAY-OFFS

### WEEK 1 RESULTS

**Leeds Rhinos** 28 Tries: Keara Bennett, Courtney Winfield-Hill 2, Tara Moxon, Sophie Robinson; Goals: Courtney Winfield-Hill 4 **def Castleford Tigers** 6 Tries: Hollie Dodd; Goals: Tara-Jane Stanley 1 **at Mend-A-Hose Jungle** --/-- **St Helens** 32 Tries: Carrie Roberts 3, Zoe Harris 2, Beth Stott, Danielle Bush, Amy Hardcastle, Tara Jones; Goals: Zoe Harris 1 **def York City Knights** 0 **at Totally Wicked Stadium**

### WEEK 2 FIXTURES

Sun 29 Aug 3:00pm	Wigan v Castleford	Robin Park Arena
5:00pm	York v Leeds	LNER Community Stadium

## BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - SHIELD

### WEEK 3 RESULTS

Warrington Wolves 24 **def Bradford Bulls** 6 **at Odsal Stadium**  
Featherstone Rovers 16 **def Huddersfield Giants** 14 **at Millennium Stadium**

No fixtures this week, Shield returns 5 September

# QRL TEAMLISTS

**PLEASE NOTE:** Teamlists are updated and finalised one hour before kickoff. Check [QRL.com.au](http://QRL.com.au) on match day.

## INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 19

## TURN TO ME ROUND

### WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

BMD Kougari Oval, Saturday 28 August 2:10pm

Referee: Jarrod Cole; Sideline Officials: Jordan Morel, Nick Morel

**WYNNUM:** 1. Daine Spencer 2. Edward Burns 3. Delouise Hoeter 4. Richard Kennar 5. Matthew Lyons 6. Jack Campagnolo 7. Sam Scarlett 8. Max Elliott 9. Jayden Berrrell 10. Lucky Taavale 11. Ben Shea 12. Zeb Taia 13. Tristan Hope 14. Harrison Graham 15. Lachlan Lee 16. Francis Kalisolaite-tualau 17. Kalolo Saitaua 18. Lazarus Vaalepu **SC FALCONS:** 1. Luke Poiselli 2. Paul Ulberg 3. Nathan Saumalu 4. William Toloi 5. Nat McGavin 6. Cooper Johns 7. Todd Murphy 9. Tyson Smoothy 10. Patrice Siolo 11. Trent Loiuro 12. Thomas Rafter 13. Sam Burns 14. Kurt Baptiste 15. Campbell Duffy 16. Wyatt Reynolds 17. Louis Geraghty 18. Daniel Dole 19. Jack Wright 20. Sam Bernstrom 21. Jarrod Mullen 22. Dalton Smith

### IPSWICH JETS v BURLEIGH BEARS

North Ipswich Reserve, Saturday 28 August 5:00pm

Referee: Dan Munroe; Sideline Officials: Jack Klein, Steve Kanowski

**IPSWICH:** 1. Ono So'Oialo 2. Ratu Jope Rotavisoro 3. Jordan Carrier 4. Keenan Yorston 5. Denzel Burns 6. Gerome Burns 7. Rhys Jacks 8. Tyson Lofipo 9. Kierran Moseley 10. Nathaniel Neale 11. Zac Hetherington 12. Ben White 13. Tyler Coburn 14. Richard Pandia 15. Hugh Sedger 16. Blake Lenehan 17. Todd White 18. Jayden Connors 19. Joshua Johnson **BURLEIGH:** 1. Kurtis Rowe 2. Curtis Smaller 3. Sami Sauiiluma 4. Joshua Berkers 5. Andre Niko 6. Joshua Rogers 7. Shalinn Fuller 8. Luke Page 9. Pat Politoni 10. Jeff Lynch 11. Dylan Kelly 12. Hayden Schwass 13. Sam Coster 14. Guy Hamilton 15. John Palavi 16. Jack Stockwell 17. Apiata Noema-Matenga

### NORTHERN PRIDE v TWEED SEAGULLS

Barlow Park, Saturday 28 August 5:30pm

Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Ethan Menchin, Taylor Worth

**PRIDE:** 1. Jayden Corrigan 2. Shawn Bowen 3. Grant Anderson

4. Bernard Lewis 5. Matthew Musumeci 6. Tom Steadman 7. Even Child 8. Rod Griffin 9. Jayden Hodges 10. Paea Pua 11. Joshua Stuckey 12. Ewan Moore 13. Terrence Casey-Douglas 14. Chris Ostwald 15. Kenneth Fonoti 16. Lata Fakalelu 17. Tom McGrath 18. Mark Rosendale 19. Denzel King 20. Matti Moyle **TWEED:** 1. John Mackin 2. Brayden McGrady 3. Treymain Spry 4. Lee Turner 5. Ryland Jacobs 6. Will Brimson 7. Luke Jurd 8. JJ Collins 9. Brent Woolf 10. Harrison Muller 11. Lamar Liolevave 12. Luke Burton 13. Braden Robson 14. Liam Hampson 15. Darius Farmer 16. Stuart Mason 17. Jack Glossop 18. Juwan Compain 19. Tevin Arona

### MACKAY CUTTERS v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

BB Print Stadium Mackay, Saturday 28 August 6:00pm

Referee: Jacob Whitehouse; Sideline Officials: Nathan Cornick, Kurt Sheather

**MACKAY:** 1. Matiu Stone-Dunn 2. Jake Riley 3. Blake Paskins 4. Josh Smith 5. Buchanan Ravhiti 6. Brandon Finnegan 7. Adam Cook 8. Ross Bella 9. Sean Mullany 10. Garrett Smith 11. Jesse Dee 12. Blake Atherton 13. Jack Quinn 14. Rayden Burns 15. Bayley Gill 16. Luke Webley 17. Morgan Mcwhirter **TOWNSVILLE:** 1. Carlin Anderson 2. Michael Carroll 3. Michael Bell 4. Josh Hoffman 5. Kalifa Faifai Loa 6. Kyle Laybutt 7. Shaun Nona 8. Joe Boyce 9. Josh Chudleigh 11. Riley Price 12. Patrick Kaufusi 13. Tom Hancock 14. Jaelen Feeney 15. Sam Murphy 16. Kieran Quabba 17. Nick Brown 18. Moses Meninga 19. Sam Martin-savage 22. Sione Lousi

### REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Moreton Daily Stadium, Saturday 28 August 6:00pm

Referee: Ben Watts; Sideline Officials: Jack Ebert, Michael Wise

**REDCLIFFE:** 1. Trai Fuller 2. Samuel Elara 3. Justice Utatao 4. Justin Worley 5. Junior Ratuva 6. Jayden Nikorima 7. Cameron Cullen 8. Nathan Watts 10. Peesi Kepu 11. Lachlan Timm 12. Mali Le Pou 13. Tyson Cleal 14. Shane Pumipi 15. Kina Kepu 16. Jarrett Boland 22. Patrick Gallen 24. Sheldon Pitama **BRISBANE:** 1. Brayden Torpy 2. Lincoln Port 3. Solomona Faataape 4. Kea Pere 5. Zachary Croft 6. Ryley Jacks 7. Darren Nicholls 8. Jack

Svensden 9. Haele Uha Finau 10. William Samuel 11. Mitch Frei 12. Dan Russell 13. Sam Elliott 14. Daniel Atkinson 15. Oliver Pascoe 16. Sam Lavea 17. Joseph Gilmour

### PNG HUNTERS v SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES

Bycroft Oval, Sunday 29 August 2:10pm

Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Sam Swift, Matt Colclough

**PNG:** 1. Terry Wapi 2. Junior Rau 3. Gilimo Paul 4. Emmanuel Waine 5. Solo Wane 6. Ase Boas 7. Charlie Simon 8. Stanton Albert 9. Wartovo Puaa 10. Enoch Maki 11. Benji Kott 12. Epel Kapinias 13. Ila Alu 14. Edwin Ipape 15. Samuel Yegip 16. Dilbert Isaac 17. Jordan Pat 18. Judah Rimbu **SOUTHS LOGAN:** 1. Creedence Toia 2. Benaiah Bowie 3. Ethan Quai-Ward 4. Isaiah Tass 5. Jack Goodsell 6. Ezra Mam 7. Joshua James 8. Fabien Paletua-Kiri 9. Christian Hazard 10. Logan Bayliss-Brow 11. Kobe Tararo 12. Jacob Allick 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Brad Frith 15. Jacob Elmore 16. Raiden Fonoti 20. Justin Fai

### NORTHS DEVILS v CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS

Bishop Park, Sunday 29 August 2:30pm

Referee: Ethan Menchin; Sideline Officials: Daniel Schwass, Glen Stewart

**NORTHS:** 1. Matthew Milson 2. Jonathon Reuben 3. Jacob Gagan 4. Connor Broadhurst 5. Nene Macdonald 6. Tyrone Roberts 7. Jack Ahearn 8. Michael Molo 9. Liam Horne 10. Piki Rogers 11. Moses Noovao-McGreal 12. Leivaha Pulu 13. Michael Sio 14. Jack Miers 15. Hiale Roycroft 16. Jerome Veve 17. Petero Nakubuwai 18. Jayden Stephens 19. Bryce Donovan 20. Rashaun Denny **CAPRAS:** 1. Blake Moore 2. Cooper Marshall 3. Larson Dale-Doyle 4. Jake Maizen 5. Jedidiah Simbiken 6. Radean Robinson 7. Jack Madden 10. Tyler Szepanowski 11. Nathan Bassani 12. Nixon Putt 13. Ethan O'neill 14. Takai Mokohar 15. Caleb Daunt 16. Joel Brown 17. Caleb Tull 18. Brendon Roberts

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## HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - ROUND 16

## TURN TO ME ROUND

### WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

BMD Kougari Oval, Saturday 28 August 12:10pm

Referee: Jeremy Meadows; Sideline Officials: Josh Vernon, Jacob Funk

**WYNNUM:** 1. Ben Farr 2. Grand Hagai 3. Sebastian Winters-Chang 4. Kurtis Farr 5. Tom Farr 6. Braden Whittaker 7. Corey Herdegen 8. Jacob Sturt 9. Kobe Martin 10. Caius Faatili 11. Alec MacDonald 12. Ethan Malt 13. John Radel 14. Max Plath 15. Nathan Ward 16. Isaac Carpenter 17. Caleb Savelio Thompson **SC FALCONS:** 1. Zachariah Miles 2. Gian Largiader 3. Blake Wilson 4. Kane Jackson 5. Pat McGinn 6. Lucas Bell 7. Jayden Zanchetta 8. Kaleb Sutton 9. Jai Smoothy 10. Matthew Baker 11. Jake Zammit 12. Jack Aiken 13. Sam Reid 14. Nick Ellems 15. Dylan Carolan 16. Rory Curtis 17. Zacari Short

### WESTERN MUSTANGS v SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES

Clive Berghofer Stadium, Saturday 28 August 3:00pm

Referee: Nick McEwen; Sideline Officials: Liam Fryer, Scott Whelan

**MUSTANGS:** 1. Riley Wockner 2. Oliver Bichel 3. Benji Neliman 4. Connor Williams 5. Nicholas Teske 6. Elliott Speed 7. Matthew Wilson 8. Mitchell Murphy 9. Brandon Clarke 10. Riley Wilson 11. Kyle Petersen 12. Cooper Howlett 13. Leslie Hartvigsen 14. Braith Ashurst 15. Liam Short 16. Alexander Brighton 19. Lachlan Swan 22. Luke Maiden 23. Matthew Butler 24. Connor Clement **SOUTHS LOGAN:** 1. Byron Johnson 2. Tyrone Harding 3. Konrad Tu'u 4. Fa'ata'ape Timai 5. Denzel Samoa 6. Edward Downing-Brown 7. Connor McLeod 8. Sione Vakautu 9. Ezra Teuila 10. Lance Bagon 11. Jack Canning 13. Cruise Ten 14. Callum Eggerling 15. Billy Mozer 16. Vincent Sefo 17. Cameron Fitzsimmons 18. Feao Maka

### IPSWICH JETS v BURLEIGH BEARS

North Ipswich Reserve, Saturday 28 August 3:00pm

Referee: Dylan Cassidy; Sideline Officials: Zac Stewart, Bayden Sawyers

**IPSWICH:** 1. Kaylis Barrott 2. Mamakumai Naiyep 3. Ngjyaani Waters 4. Bill Alatasi 5. Nathan Stephensen 6. Nicholas Merlehan 7. David Telea 8. Tate Rhea 9. Lochlan Turnbull 10. Nicholas Fenton 11. Josiah Mauga 12. Bradley Zamech 13. Riley Morris 14. Zachery Alley 15. Declan Buckley 16. Mika Iakopo 17. Jack Fisher 18. Jai

Mcgarrigal 19. Raymond Turnbull **BURLEIGH:** 1. Tyler Mahon 2. Brent Barnes 3. Tony Francis 4. Tuvalli Pereira 6. Harry Bryant 8. Daniel Shannon 9. Vaka Sikahale 10. Isaac Matalavea-Booth 11. Sam McIntyre 12. Daniel Shannon 13. Blake Campbell 14. Kaden Somerville 15. Reegan Creedy 16. Zane Prophet 17. Iszac Fa'asumaleaui 18. T.J Devery 19. Bryson Vaovasa

### NORTHERN PRIDE v TWEED SEAGULLS

Barlow Park, Saturday 28 August 3:45pm

Referee: Taylor Worth; Sideline Officials: Guy Millar, Kieran Withers

**PRIDE:** 1. Jack Bowyer 2. Matua Robinson 3. Robert Derby 4. Ronald Lewis 5. Sami Raivaroro 6. Seamus King-Smith 7. Adam Hepworth 8. Colt Salmon 9. Zane Knowles 10. Tyson Phineasa 11. Matti Moyle 12. Taniela Ta'ufu'ou 13. Ezra Tokarahi 14. Keishon Hunter-Flanders 15. Braye Porter 16. Ricky Wardle 17. Elias Tuitama 18. Dmitri Ahwang **TWEED:** 1. Jaylan De Groot 2. Caleb Warman 3. James Torrens 4. Jaylan To'o 5. Troy Duckett 6. Tyler Han 7. Harradyn Wilson 8. Ben Liyou 9. Jed Edwards 10. Carsil Vaikai 11. John-Thomas Manufofoa 12. Kleese Haas 13. Juwan Compain 14. Joshua Henderson 15. Solomon Torrens 16. Cameron Campbell 17. Vincent Takataka

### MACKAY CUTTERS v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

BB Print Stadium Mackay, Saturday 28 August 3:45pm

Referee: Jake Stanton; Sideline Officials: Hayden Marl, Thomas Horne

**MACKAY:** 1. Arthur Miller-Stephen 2. Keanu Wainohu-Kemp 3. Tyler Holmes 4. Harley Proctor 5. Flynn Camilleri 6. Caleb Sinn 7. Henri Stocks 8. Paul Bryan 9. Sean Dalton 10. Ethan Borg 11. Ethan Sweet 12. Hayden Brownsey 13. Mason Thorpe 14. Jedd Abbott 15. Declan Laird 16. Ethan Cocco 18. Henry Head **TOWNSVILLE:** 1. Dylan White 2. Jesse Yallop 3. Zac Laybutt 4. Jordan Lipp 5. Zin Zan Martin 6. Jake Bourke 7. Aaron Moore 8. Hamilton Taia 9. Curtis Dempsey 10. Adam Mitchell 11. Jake McDonnell-mara 12. Benn Campagnolo 13. Tyson Chase 14. Mitch Fogarty 15. Zachery McMin 16. Tomas Chester 17. Cameron Bateup 18. Tyreice Baira-Gela 19. Daniel Rigano

### REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS v BRISBANE TIGERS

Moreton Daily Stadium, Saturday 28 August 4:00pm

Referee: Nick Inthout; Sideline Officials: Zac Schwass, Connor Baker

**REDCLIFFE:** 1. Tahj Wood 2. Eric Vaafusua 3. William Fakatoumafi 4. Harrison McIndoe 5. Daeon Amituanai 6. Toby Elliot 7. Samuel Thompson 8. Jordan Crocker 9. Kyle Barnwell 10. Jesse Tu'inukuafe 11. Rece Hansen 12. Joe Clarke 13. Chayse Cavanagh 14. Cody Byrne 15. Aiden Aue 16. Levi Wilson 17. Cody Hunter 18. Bailey Morgan **BRISBANE:** 1. Lachlan West 2. Ronald Philitoga 3. Jude Saldanha 4. Rhys Sparey 5. Max Kruger 6. James Busby 7. Jonah Glover 8. Jacob Reedy-Bartlett 9. Justin Smith 10. Joshua Colls 11. Ioane Seului 12. Simon Pratt 13. Eli Daunt 14. Brad Russell 15. Jordan Penquitt 16. Trent Manihera-Paul 17. Bailey Bartley 18. Brock Ashton

### NORTHS DEVILS v CENTRAL QLD CAPRAS

Bishop Park, Sunday 29 August 12:20pm

Referee: Jordan Morel; Sideline Officials: Ryan Cracknell, Kailey Beattie

**NORTHS:** 1. Isaiah Tongi 2. Dario Takitaki 3. Jared Chambers 4. Lodoviko Cokanauto 5. Trent Casey 6. Hayden Rowbotham 7. Danny Heenan 8. Ryan Sauer 9. Zakaria McGuire 10. Mose Tuifao-Papalii 11. Kye Jenkins 12. Sosefo Filipine 13. Zach Brooks 14. Declan Hayden 15. Kahli Jnr Kali 16. Jack Garrud 17. Leonard Burns **CAPRAS:** 1. Ammaron Gudgeon 2. Kalani Sing 3. Coby Williamson 4. Herman Seumanufagai 5. Haydn Andrews 6. Laish Salam 7. Peyton Jenkins 8. Myles Gal 9. Tiko Hooper 10. Mitchell Leard-Lamont 11. Harlem Russell 12. Christopher Lee 13. Samuel Strohfeltd 14. Riley Shadowlow 15. Keinan Smith 16. Vini Unior Kabunare Tefoto 18. Ilami Buli 19. Simeona Tala-Sio

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# HERE'S TO FIFTY!

## 'THE FRONT ROW' REACHES AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE

**M**ay 2020. COVID-19's impacts briefly abate and the NRL steams toward a restart thanks to the coordination of 'Project Apollo'.

Sadly, one casualty of the forced hiatus after Round 2 last season was the Big League magazine. A staple of the game for decades, there was no longer to be a weekly NRL magazine.

Enter LeagueUnlimited.com.

Keeping this important tradition alive, THE FRONT ROW was born. Scratched together using the wonderful resources of our friends at RugbyLeagueProject, a weekly match programme was quickly assembled - bringing together stories from the game and a look at each week's contests in a well-known format.

What I didn't expect as the editor was how much interest and appreciation the concept and delivery would resonate with fans of the game - and the 'footy industry' itself.

We've had some amazing stories too. Plenty of player interviews from a range of clubs by our lead writers - but also some real special interest stories which proved quite popular. We've had two stories across our first two seasons focussing on the concussion issue in the game - both with input from Associate Professor Alan Pearce; stories on how commentators prepare; interviews with refereeing couple Kasey and Gavin Badger with injury and retirement affecting their 2020 seasons respectively; countless amazing history pieces from Andrew Ferguson.

So here we are now - our fiftieth issue of THE FRONT ROW (and hopefully many more to come!). We've got a lot of people to thank and acknowledge.

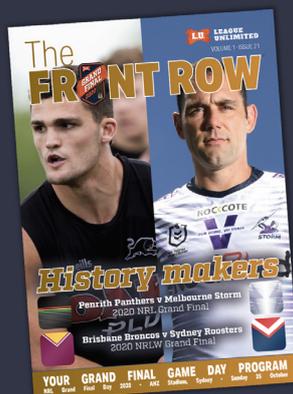
The first people to thank are LU's website managers Steve Williams and Coby Delaney. They got right behind the concept from day one and continue to support everything we do with the magazine.

Next - Andrew Ferguson. Together with his partner-in-crime at RugbyLeagueProject Shawn Dollin, Andrew puts together all the stats for every game, every week on our match pages. Every stat that appears in the magazine can be found on their website. Together with his historian roots and incredible statistical reviews (there's even one in this issue!), Andrew's help in getting this programme off the ground and keeping it going cannot be understated!



Our chief writers - Paul Jobber, Joshua Wells, Rob Crosby and Rick Edgerton have delivered the amazing stories mentioned earlier. Their dogged determination to chase players and other key figures in the game has been incredibly value in ensuring this publication delivers quality, not just quantity. Our newest contributor - illustrator TheBiggestTiger - has brought something fresh and incredible to the magazine too! Then there's crossword coordinator Twizzle Brennan and last year Andrew Carey who helped us with word puzzles... the list just goes on!

We've had a couple of key partnerships over the fifty editions too. Through the second half of the 2020 season, the team at MascordBrownz - Steve Mascord and Phil Browne - did a phenomenal job of getting THE FRONT ROW into print and distributed to fans at home and at games, right through from mid-year to the Grand Final and State of Origin, both here and in the UK. While things have changed, we're very grateful to Steve and Phil for their time and tireless efforts last year.



In 2021 we also briefly partnered with the good folk at The Inner Sanctum, with a handful of special interest stories appear in our magazine across the opening months of the premiership.

It would be remiss of us not to thank the wonderful people in club-land as well, in particular at Newcastle, Melbourne, Parramatta, Penrith, Brisbane and Canterbury.

We've also enjoyed incredible support and acknowledgement from the media sector - I'd like to particularly call out MIX Canberra and ABC Sport who have been vocally supportive of the magazine on an almost weekly basis. We appreciate the exposure more than you can imagine!

That brings us to our wider writing team, who put in week-in, week-out to ensure all eight games in each round have a full preview and are updated live on LeagueUnlimited.com and given a full report for this magazine the following week. Their names appear in each

edition but they are legends all the same - in addition to Rob and Rick - Josh Robertson, Justin Davies, Andrew Jackson, Jason Hosken, Emile El-Azar, Lachy MacCorquodale, Adam Huxtable, Hamish Parker, Sam Bourke, Jeff Dickinson-Fox.

That's it - fifty editions in the can and plenty more to come. Keep reading, keep enjoying and tell your friends, tell your family, tell your pets.

Here's to another fifty issues! Happy reading!



# 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

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## 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

## June 25

QLD v NSW

8-6

Sun. Coast 7:40pm

## June 27

QLD v NSW

0-26

Suncorp 7:50pm

## July 1-4

Sydney v Melbourne

Warriors v St Geo Illa

Penrith v Parramatta

Canterbury v Manly

Canberra v Gold Coast

Newcastle v North Qld

Brisbane v Cronulla

Wests Tigers v Souths

0-46

18-19\*

13-12

0-66

6-44

38-0

26-18

22-38

McD. Jones 7:50pm

C. Coast 6:00pm

Bluebet 7:55pm

Bankwest 3:00pm

GIO 5:30pm

McD. Jones 7:35pm

Suncorp 2:00pm

Leichhardt 4:05pm

## July 8-11

Manly v Canberra

Souths v North Qld

Canterbury v Sydney

Cronulla v Warriors

Brisbane, St Geo Illa, Parramatta, Newcastle, Penrith, Melbourne, Wests Wests Tigers, Gold Coast

16-30

46-18

16-22

20-12

4 Pines 7:50pm

McD. Jones 7:55pm

Bankwest 7:35pm

Netstrata 4:05pm

## July 14

NSW v QLD

18-20

Cbus Super 8:10pm

## July 16-18

Gold Coast v Parramatta

Manly v St Geo Illa

North Qld v Sydney

Canberra v Cronulla

Melbourne v Newcastle

Warriors v Penrith

Brisbane v Wests Tigers

Souths v Canterbury

8-26

32-18

18-34

34-18

48-4

16-30

24-42

32-24

Cbus 6:00pm

Cbus 8:05pm

QLD C.B. 3:00pm

Cbus 5:30pm

Cbus 7:35pm

Suncorp 1:50pm

Suncorp 4:05pm

Cbus 6:15pm

## July 22-25

Parramatta v Canberra

Sydney v Newcastle

North Qld v Melbourne

Souths v Warriors

Manly v Wests Tigers

Penrith v Brisbane

St Geo Illa v Gold Coast

Canterbury v Cronulla

10-12

28-8

16-20

60-22

44-24

18-12

10-32

24-44

Cbus 7:50pm

Sun Coast 6:00pm

QLD C.B. 7:55pm

Sun. Coast 3:00pm

Suncorp 5:30pm

Suncorp 7:35pm

Cbus 1:50pm

Cbus 4:05pm

## July 29-August 1

Sydney v Parramatta

Wests Tigers v Warriors

Brisbane v North Qld

Newcastle v Canberra

Melbourne v Penrith

St Geo Illa v Souths

Canterbury v Gold Coast

Cronulla v Manly

28-0

16-18

37-18

34-24

37-10

14-50

6-34

22-40

Mackay 7:50pm

Suncorp 6:00pm

Suncorp 8:05pm

Suncorp 1:50pm

Suncorp 4:05pm

Suncorp 6:25pm

Suncorp 6:00pm

Suncorp 8:05pm

## ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5

Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

## ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12

Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

## ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19

Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

## ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26

Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

## ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2

Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

## 2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES

### WEEK 1

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

### WEEK 2

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

### WEEK 3

Day/Time TBC

Day/Time TBC

### GRAND FINAL

Sun, Time TBC

## August 5-8

Newcastle v Brisbane

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

16-34

20-21

36-6

16-24

56-10

24-10

14-16

Sun. Coast 7:50pm

Suncorp 6:00pm

Suncorp 7:55pm

Cbus 3:00pm

QLD C.B. 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Redcliffe 2:00pm

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

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