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

MELBOURNE STORM 0 vs **PENRITH PANTHERS** 0

Pre Match **0:00**
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 MELBOURNE has survived a late scare from North Queensland to register a club record 15th straight win by 20-16 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium tonight.
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NRL statement: Api Koroisau
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From the editor

Tim Costello

And then there were six.

Valiant efforts from the Newcastle and Gold Coast clubs weren't enough to see the 7th and 8th placed sides deliver upset wins and turn the 2021 Finals Series on its head - although we did get one 'underdog' victory from the opening week, with 3rd-placed Souths victorious over Penrith, switching the Panthers' path to the decider right into a vicious Storm.

Off the field and the off-season is already well and truly underway - nine of sixteen teams have already dished out their 2021 award winners and crowned player of the year - and along with that you've seen many clubs confirm players who are on their way out now the season is over.

Inside today, we rate the underrated finals performers, give a big shout out to the Eels' fanbase, take a look at the birth of the Balmain Rugby League Football Club, and have a full breakdown of current signings and contracted players for the 2022 season.

Thanks as always for checking out The Front Row - we hope you're enjoying our weekly content! Happy reading.



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RATING THE UNDERRATED

WHOSE QUIET EFFORTS COULD GET THE JOB DONE FOR YOUR TEAM IN THE FINALS?

We are down to just six teams in the race towards the title.

Attention will quickly turn to the usual names – Cameron Munster, Nathan Cleary, Cody Walker and Tom Trbojevic – as the grand final approaches and with it a shot at glory.

In the background though, every team has players toiling away from the limelight.

Here are the underrated players powering every remaining side's premiership push.

STORM – CHRISTIAN WELCH

Welch's Twitter game is certainly not underrated in rugby league circles but his work on the field is. The 27-year-old's stats speak for themselves, with the Storm workhorse averaging 146 metres and 26 tackles per game. It is Welch's work off the ball though that makes him even more valuable. In last year's grand final Welch consistently applied pressure to Nathan Cleary, charging out of the line to limit the space and time afforded to the Panthers halfback. It makes the amount of work Welch gets through with the ball in hand even more incredible and speaks to the leadership value he offers the Storm. That leadership will only grow in importance next year with Dale Finucane's departure.



PANTHERS – MOSES LEOTA

Having signed a contract extension this week, Leota is on a similar path to fellow starting front rower James Fisher-Harris. The New Zealand International was given time to develop his game off the bench. At first ill-discipline was an issue for Fisher-Harris but he has quickly matured into one of the league's premier props and increased his workrate at the same time. Leota is following a similar trajectory. The risky offloads and errors are not as common and instead he is providing impact both at the start of the game and when he is injected off the bench in the second half. Leota's motor and leg drive makes him hard to put down and was sorely missed last week against South Sydney.

RABBITOHS – CAMPBELL GRAHAM

Graham should have already donned the sky blue but is yet to earn his Origin debut with New South Wales spoilt for choice in the centre position. The Rabbitoh would hardly look out of place though and once again last week proved himself one of the league's best defensive centres against a dangerous Penrith side. Graham also regularly tops over 100 running metres, using his size and strength to help get South Sydney out of its own end. Add the fact he is an aerial threat, has quick hands and finishing ability – there are few weaknesses in Graham's game. Despite all that he still does not get the same raps as the other elite centres of the game.

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PHOTOS: STORM MEDIA, PANTHERS MEDIA

SEA EAGLES – LACHLAN CROKER

The No. 9 jersey was Manly's greatest headache this season, with doubts over whether Croker was the permanent solution in an otherwise high-quality spine. The 24-year-old though has quickly established himself as a key cog in the Sea Eagles system, to the extent that his absence last week against Melbourne was a crushing blow. Croker's service this year has largely been excellent but his work in defence in particular has been underrated. The playmaker has not looked out of his depth defending in the middle, with a tackle efficiency of 94.8 per cent. Croker's time in the halves has also come in handy, making him a passing, kicking and running threat.

ROOSTERS – EGAN BUTCHER

There is not necessarily anything flashy to what Butcher does. It does not have to be that way. In just his first year of NRL, the 21-year-old has quickly proven himself to be a reliable and consistent workhorse off the bench. Butcher has made two starting performances this year, combining for 108 tackles

(four missed) and just under 200 metres in those matches. With Jake Friend, Boyd Cordner and Lindsay Collins all unavailable, the Roosters were in serious need of starch and leadership in the pack. Butcher, to his credit, has provided just that and done so in his rookie season.

EELS – WILL PENISINI

Only four games into his NRL career, it is a credit to Penisini that he is already making people take notice. The 19-year-old was promoted to first grade to plug Parramatta's leaky edge defence. He has certainly helped the Eels improve in that regard along with classy touches in attack. There were doubts over whether he was too young to take a gamble on this late in the season but Penisini has showed no signs of overawed. Rather, he is actually going after the contest and backing his natural abilities. Waqa Blake and Tom Opacic have been far from convincing at times this year for Parramatta but Penisini's quick development proves there is no need to go to the open market to create competition for spots.

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PLAYER MOVEMENT

A LOOK AROUND ALL 16 CLUBS AHEAD OF 2022



Brisbane Broncos

2022 GAINS: Adam Reynolds (SOU), Kurt Capewell (PEN), Brenko Lee (MEL), Corey Jensen (NQL), Logan Bayliss (SLM), Jordan Pereira (SGI), Billy Walters (WST)

CONTRACTED: Jesse Arthurs, Ethan Bullemor, Patrick Carrigan, Selwyn Cobbo, Herbie Farnworth, Thomas Flegler, Tyson Gamble, Payne Haas, Kobe Hetherington, Jamayne

Isaako, Albert Kelly, Rhys Kennedy, David Mead, Tesi Niu, Corey Oates (player option), Cory Paix, Keenan Palasia, Brendan Piakura, Jordan Riki, TC Robati, Kotoni Staggs, Jake Turpin, Xavier Willison

UNSIGNED: Richie Kennar, Danny Levi, Ben Te'o

LOSSES: John Asiata (CBY), Dale Copley (SYD), Xavier Coates (MEL), Anthony Milford (SOU), Brodie Croft (SAL), Alex Glenn (retirement)



Canberra Raiders

2022 GAINS: None as yet

CONTRACTED: Jarrod Croker, Emre Guler, Corey Harawira-Naera, Josh Hodgson, Corey Horsburgh, Ryan James, Sebastian Kris, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, Trey Mooney, Josh Papalii, Jordan Rapana, Harry Rushton, Xavier Savage, Bailey Simonsson, Harley Smith-Shields, Tom Starling, Ryan Sutton,

Joe Tapine, Matt Timoko, Semi Valemei, Elliott Whitehead, Jack Wighton, Hudson Young

UNSIGNED: Caleb Aekins, Matt Frawley, Siliva Havili, Dunamis Lui, Sia Soliola, Sam Williams

LOSSES: None as yet



Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs

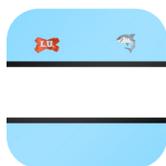
2022 GAINS: Josh Addo-Carr (MEL), Matt Burton, Brent Naden (PEN), Matt Dufty, Paul Vaughan (SGI), Tevita Pangai Junior (PEN), Josh Cook (SOU), John Asiata (BRI)

CONTRACTED: Corey Allan, Jake Averillo, Bailey Biondi-Odo, Nick Cotric, Matt Doorey, Raymond Faitala-Mariner, Kyle Flanagan, Jack Hetherington, Josh Jackson, Tuipulotu Katoa,

Jeremy Marshall-King, Jayden Okunbor, Ava Seumanufagai, Joe Stimson, Luke Thompson, Corey Waddell, Brandon Wakeham

UNSIGNED: Christian Crichton, Tyrone Harding, Ofahiki Ogden

LOSSES: Nick Meaney (MEL), Will Hopoate (STH), Dylan Napa, James Roumanos, Chris Smith, Renouf Atoni, Sione Katoa, Watson Heleta, Lachlan Lewis, Dean Britt, Bradley Deitz, Adam Elliott (released)



Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks

2022 GAINS: Dale Finucane, Nicho Hynes (MEL), Cameron McInnes (SGI)

CONTRACTED: Blake Brailey, Andrew Fifita, Wade Graham, Braden Hamlin-Uele, Mawene Hiroti, Royce Hunt, Sione Katoa, Will Kennedy, Matt Moylan, Ronaldo Mulitalo, Briton Nikora, Franklin Pele, Jesse Ramien, Toby Rudolf, Siosifa

Talakai, Jensen Taumoepeau, Connor Tracey, Braydon Trindall, Jack Williams, Teig Wilton

UNSIGNED: Will Chambers, Nene Macdonald, Billy Magoulas, Kyle Patterson, Aiden Tolman, Aaron Woods, Bronson Xerri (serving WADA ban)

LOSSES: Shaun Johnson (WAR), Josh Dugan (released)



Gold Coast Titans

2022 GAINS: Isaac Liu (SYD), Paul Turner (WAR), Aaron Booth (MEL)

CONTRACTED: Tanah Boyd, AJ Brimson, Jayden Campbell, Erin Clark, Herman Ese'ese, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, Beau Fermor, David Fifita, Sosefo Fifita, Moeaki Fotuauka, Jamal Fogarty, Patrick Herbert, Jaimin Jolliffe, Brian Kelly, Sam

Lione, Sam McIntyre, Kevin Proctor, Phillip Sami, Toby Sexton, Corey Thompson, Jarrod Wallace

UNSIGNED: Darius Farmer, Greg Marzhew, Treymain Spry

LOSSES: Jai Whitbread, Sam Stone (LEI), Jonus Pearson (CQC), Mitch Rein, Ashley Taylor, Tyrone Peachey (released), Anthony Don (retirement)



Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles

2022 GAINS: None

CONTRACTED: Josh Aloiai, Daly Cherry-Evans, Lachlan Croker, Cade Cust, Andrew Davey, Manase Fainu, Kieran Foran, Reuben Garrick, Morgan Harper, Sean Keppie, Tolutau Koula, Karl Lawton, Haumole Olakau'atu, Brad Parker, Taniela Paseka, Jason Saab, Josh Schuster, Toafofoa Siple,

Moses Suli, Martin Taupau, Ben Trbojevic, Jake Trbojevic, Tom Trbojevic, Christian Tuipulotu

UNSIGNED: Morgan Boyle, Tevita Funa, Jack Gosiewski, Jorge Taufua, Dylan Walker

LOSSES: Curtis Sironen (STH)



Melbourne Storm

2022 GAINS: Xavier Coates (BRI), Nick Meaney (CBY), Josh King (NEW)

CONTRACTED: Nelson Asofa-Solomona, Jesse Bromwich, Kenny Bromwich, Tom Eisenhuth, Jordan Grant, Harry Grant, Jack Howarth, Jahrome Hughes, Dean Ieremia, George Jennings, Cooper Johns, Tui Kamikamica, Felise Kaufusi,

Chris Lewis, Trent Loiero, Isaac Lumelume, Tepai Moeroa, Cameron Munster, Justin Olam, Ryan Papenhuyzen, Brandon Smith, Reimis Smith, Christian Welch

UNSIGNED: Ryley Jacks, Max King

LOSSES: Josh Addo-Carr (CBY), Dale Finucane, Nicho Hynes (CRO), Aaron Pene (WAR), Brenko Lee (BRI), Aaron Booth (GLD)



Newcastle Knights

2022 GAINS: Dane Gagai (SOU), Adam Clune (SGI)

CONTRACTED: Mitch Barnett, Bradman Best, Jayden Brailey, Jake Clifford, Lachlan Fitzgibbon, Tyson Frizzell, Bailey Hodgson, Hymel Hunt, Brodie Jones, David Klemmer, Kurt Mann, Jirah Momoisea, Brayden Musgrove, Mitchell Pearce, Kalyn Ponga, Daniel Saifiti, Jacob Saifiti, Simi Sasagi, Pasami

Saulo, Gehamat Shibasaki (player option), Sauaso Sue, Starford To'a, Dominic Young

UNSIGNED: Phoenix Crossland, Tex Hoy, Edrick Lee, Enari Tuala

LOSSES: Connor Watson (SYD), Josh King (MEL)



North Queensland Cowboys

2022 GAINS: Peta Hiku, Chad Townsend (WAR)

CONTRACTED: Javid Bowen, Kane Bradley, Lachlan Burr, Ben Condon, Reuben Cotter, Scott Drinkwater, Mitchell Dunn, Kyle Feldt, Tom Gilbert, Jake Granville, Ben Hampton, Coen Hess, Peter Hola, Valentine Holmes, Jordan McLean, Griffin Neame, Emry Pere, Reece Robson, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow,

Jason Taumalolo

UNSIGNED: Connelly Leumelu, Murray Taulagi, Shane Wright, Michael Bell

LOSSES: Michael Morgan, Justin O'Neill (retirement), Francis Molo (SGI), Corey Jensen (BRI)



Parramatta Eels

2022 GAINS: None as yet

CONTRACTED: Jakob Arthur, Waqa Blake, Dylan Brown, Nathan Brown, Reagan Campbell-Gillard, Bryce Cartwright, Haze Dunster, Clint Gutherson, Wiremu Greig, Keegan Hipgrave (club option), David Hollis, Oregon Kaufusi, Shaun Lane, Reed Mahoney, Ryan Matterson, Mitchell Moses, Marata

Niukore, Tom Opacic, Isaiah Papali'i, Junior Paulo, Will Penisini, Maika Sivo, Ray Stone

UNSIGNED: Blake Ferguson, Sam Hughes, Joey Lussick, Michael Oldfield, Jordan Rankin, Will Smith

LOSSES: None as yet

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Penrith Panthers

2022 GAINS: None as yet

CONTRACTED: Nathan Cleary, Stephen Crichton, Dylan Edwards, Matt Eisenhuth, James Fisher-Harris, J'maine Hopgood (club option), Robert Jennings, Mitch Kenny, Viliame Kikau, Api Koroisau, Spencer Leniu, Moses Leota, Jarome Luai, Liam Martin, Taylan May, Paul Momirovski,

Lindsay Smith, Scott Sorensen, Charlie Staines, Izack Tago, Brian To'o, Isaac Yebo

UNSIGNED: Tyrone May, Jaeman Salmon

LOSSES: Matt Burton, Brent Naden (CBY), Kurt Capewell (BRI)



St George Illawarra Dragons

2022 GAINS: Jaydn Su'A (SOU), Francis Molo (NQL), George Burgess (WIG), Moses Mbye (WST)

CONTRACTED: Daniel Alvaro, Jack Bird, Jack de Belin, Mat Feagai, Max Feagai, Poasa Faamausili, Jackson Ford, Tyrell Fuimaono, Ben Hunt, Josh Kerr, Blake Lawrie, Zac Lomax, Andrew McCullough, Josh McGuire, Cody Ramsey, Mikaele

Ravalawa, Tariq Sims, Jayden Sullivan

UNSIGNED: None

LOSSES: Cameron McInnes (CRO), Matt Dufty, Paul Vaughan (CBY), Kaide Ellis (WIG), Brayden Williams (French RU), Adam Clune (NEW), Jordan Pereira (BRI), Gerard Beale, Billy Brittain, Hayden Lomax (released)



South Sydney Rabbitohs

2022 GAINS: Anthony Milford (BRI)

CONTRACTED: Jai Arrow, Thomas Burgess, Jed Cartwright, Damien Cook, Campbell Graham, Jacob Host, Alex Johnston, Liam Knight, Keaon Koloamatangi, Josh Mansou, Steven Marsters & Taane Milne (club options), Latrell

Mitchell, Cameron Murray, Jaxson Paulo, Hame Sele, Tevita Tatola, Cody Walker

UNSIGNED: Braidon Burns, Troy Dargan, Brock Gardner, Dean Hawkins, Patrick Mago, Benji Marshall, Tautau Moga, Mark Nicholls

LOSSES: Adam Reynolds (BRI), Jaydn Su'A (SGI), Dane Gagai (NEW), Josh Cook (CBY)



Sydney Roosters

2022 GAINS: Connor Watson (NEW)

CONTRACTED: Fletcher Baker, Egan Butcher, Nat Butcher, Lindsay Collins, Angus Crichton, Drew Hutchison, Matt Ikuvalu, Luke Keary, Adam Keighran, Lachlan Lam, Freddy Lussick, Joey Manu, Victor Radley, Billy Smith, Joseph

Suaalii, Daniel Suluka-Fifta, Siosia Taukeiaho, James Tedesco, Daniel Tupou, Sitili Tupouniua, Sam Verrills, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, Sam Walker

UNSIGNED: Dale Copley

LOSSES: Jake Friend, Boyd Cordner, Brett Morris, Josh Morris (retirement), Isaac Liu (GLD)



Warriors

2022 GAINS: Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (CBY), Matt Lodge (BRI), Shaun Johnson (CRO), Aaron Pene (MEL)

CONTRACTED: Bunty Afoa, Euan Aitken, Rocco Berry, Josh Curran, Wayde Egan, Kane Evans, Addin Fonua-Blake, David Fusitu'a, Tohu Harris, Chanel Harris-Tavita, Eliesa Katoa,

Marcelo Montoya, Jack Murchie, Ben Murdoch-Masila, Kodi Nikorima, Taniela Otukolo, Pride Petterson-Robati, Adam Pompey, Bayley Sironen, Jamayne Taunoa-Brown, Jazz Tevaga, Reece Walsh

UNSIGNED: Leeson Ah Mau, Tom Ale, Jackson Frei, Sean O'Sullivan

LOSSES: Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (NZ RU), Paul Turner (GLD), Peta Hiku, Chad Townsend (NQL)



Wests Tigers

2022 GAINS: Jackson Hastings, Oliver Gildart (WIG)

CONTRACTED: Shawn Blore, Luke Brooks, Adam Doueihi, Luke Garner, Asu Kepaoa, Daine Laurie, Joey Leilua (club option), Luciano Leilua, Jacob Liddle, Jock Madden, Thomas Mikaele, Zane Musgrove, David Nofoaluma, Joe Ofahengaue,

James Roberts (club option), Alex Seyfarth, Jake Simpkin, Tukimihia Simpkins, Tommy Talau, James Tamou, Alex Twal, Stefano Utoikamanu

UNSIGNED: Tom Amone, Michael Chee Kam, Zachary Cini, Billy Walters

LOSSES: Moses Mbye (SGI, 2022), Billy Walters (BRI, 2022), Joey Leilua, Michael Chee-Kam (released), Russell Packer (retirement)

The National Rugby League (NRL) today rescheduled the second Preliminary Final which the Melbourne Storm have qualified for from 7.50pm to 4pm on Saturday 25 September.

The decision was made based on a unique opportunity to create a more fan friendly schedule.

"Rugby League is about the fans who have made it clear across the weekend that they are disappointed about having to choose between the Preliminary Final and the AFL Grand Final which is scheduled to play at a similar time," NRL CEO Andrew Abdo said.

"We pride ourselves on being agile and listening to our fans. It's clear that a small change to the schedule provides the best outcome for our fans in Melbourne who have been incredibly loyal throughout the pandemic."

Mr Abdo said a daytime Preliminary Final was also a positive outcome for fans in Brisbane.

"This year has been unique and an afternoon Preliminary Final is also an opportunity to provide a more appealing timeslot for younger families in southeast Queensland to attend the game.

"I would like to thank our broadcast partners for working with us to achieve an outcome that is in the best interests of our fans."

WHERE IT BEGAN: BALMAIN

HOW THE ORANGE AND BLACK WAS BORN

WORDS: ANDREW FERGUSON

On August 5, 1905 Balmain took on Newtown in a club Rugby Union match which, unbeknownst to anyone that day, would be the catalyst for the formation of the Balmain Rugby League Football Club.

Newtown was leading 16-0 in a rough game when a penalty against Balmain drew the ire of their forward Joe Apolony, who began remonstrating with the referee, Mr H. Nelson. Apolony claimed that the referee's decisions were unfair towards him before he was sent off for allegedly striking the referee.

Balmain officials produced 25 pages of witness accounts of the incident in the hope that it would prevent their forward from any severe punishment; however the Metropolitan Rugby Union sided with their official, who provided only 1 page of supporting evidence.

The MRU agreed to ban Apolony from playing the game for ten years. The decision incensed Balmain players and officials alike. At the club's next meeting they submitted a motion "That the Balmain team withdraw from the competition as a protest against the action of the Union." The motion defeated by just one vote.

This incident was the beginning of what would become a fractious relationship between the Balmain Rugby Union club and the MRU.

In 1906 Balmain played more games outside their area than within it. This trend continued in 1907, to the extent that their home ground, Birchgrove Oval was even seeing a reduction in senior and junior level games.

On August 8, 1907, Rugby League was formed after weeks of speculation surrounding its existence. Key players from many of the Rugby Union clubs had already sided with the new code, including Balmain test player Robert Graves and State player Alf Dobbs. The committee selected a squad of 20 players to participate in the 3 games against the touring New Zealand professional side who were en-route to England. Present at the meeting were Graves, fellow player Tommy O'Donnell and official Robert Hutchison.

The games were scheduled for the latter half of August, which coincided with a Country NSW tour that Balmain were embarking upon. While the team was in Mudgee, Dobbs was reading a newspaper which named him as one of the players taking part in the matches against the Kiwi professionals.

Dobbs immediately knew that his secret alliance with the professional code was now exposed, so he

immediately asked his club officials on the tour if he could have his return train ticket so that he could begin training with the Professional New South Wales side. The Balmain officials contacted the MRU who made it very clear, that if Dobbs was requiring a ticket back home to partake in a professional game, then he should buy his own ticket.

Balmain secretary Pat McQuade was so furious at this decision that he demanded Balmain forfeit their next match against Lithgow and all players return back home. The players and officials all agreed and they abandoned their remaining fixtures.

McQuade attended the next MRU meeting where he defended Dobbs, but all this did was see him accused of being a professionalism sympathiser.

Dobbs played in the second of the 3 games against the Kiwi's, while Graves appeared in all 3 games. Apolony began the push within the Balmain club to abandon the MRU. He organised a meeting with club players and officials but was unable to hire a venue. Undeterred, he held the meeting outside the Leichhardt Council Chambers, where he called on the club to join Rugby League.

On January 23, 1908, a meeting was held at the Balmain town hall "for the purpose of forming a Balmain club to affiliate with the NSWRL."

Future NSW State Premier John Storey MLA presided over the meeting, where 600 players, officials and club supporters were present. Fellow Labor politician Henry Hoyle, who was the inaugural president of the Rugby League, addressed the meeting and explained the objects of the league. "His remarks were frequently applauded."

NSWRL Secretary James Giltinan also spoke before Hutchison moved "That a Balmain club be formed to affiliate with the NSW League." Robert Graves seconded the motion and it was carried. Local lawn bowler and long-time Balmain Rugby official Cecil Turner was appointed the club's inaugural President, Hutchison treasurer and Horace Davis was secretary.

One of the provisional members of the inaugural committee was Mr F Napier. Napier was a key member of the new League side, as he was also a trustee for Birchgrove Oval. He brought exclusive use of the ground with him to the League.

March 19, 1908 saw Balmain's Rugby Union club hold a heated general meeting, where the discussions focussed almost entirely on the club's mistreatment by the MRU. Napier attended the meeting and revealed that the trustees of Birchgrove Oval had opted to abandon the MRU and side with the NSWRL



because they want to see more games being played at their ground.

Hutchison chimed in, saying he felt that he and the club hadn't been treated with any respect by the MRU, who barely made an effort to attend Balmain meetings.

Many members at the meeting felt that the MRU was not trying to help the game grow in the area, via Balmain's lack of games in their own area and seemingly abandoning Birchgrove Oval.

A week later, the Balmain Rugby League Club held its general meeting at Oldfellows Hall on Darling St. Hoyle was again present and was greeting with great enthusiasm.

Unlike the clubs who had already agreed to join the NSWRL, where there had been hesitations and uncertainty amongst the players whether to join the professional game or not, Balmain joined almost entirely, decimating the playing ranks within the Balmain Rugby Union side so much that the MRU announced at a meeting at the end of March, that Balmain would not be competing in the 1908 season.

On April 18, 1908, Balmain played its first Rugby League game, a trial match against, fittingly, Newtown. The match ended in a 6 all draw.

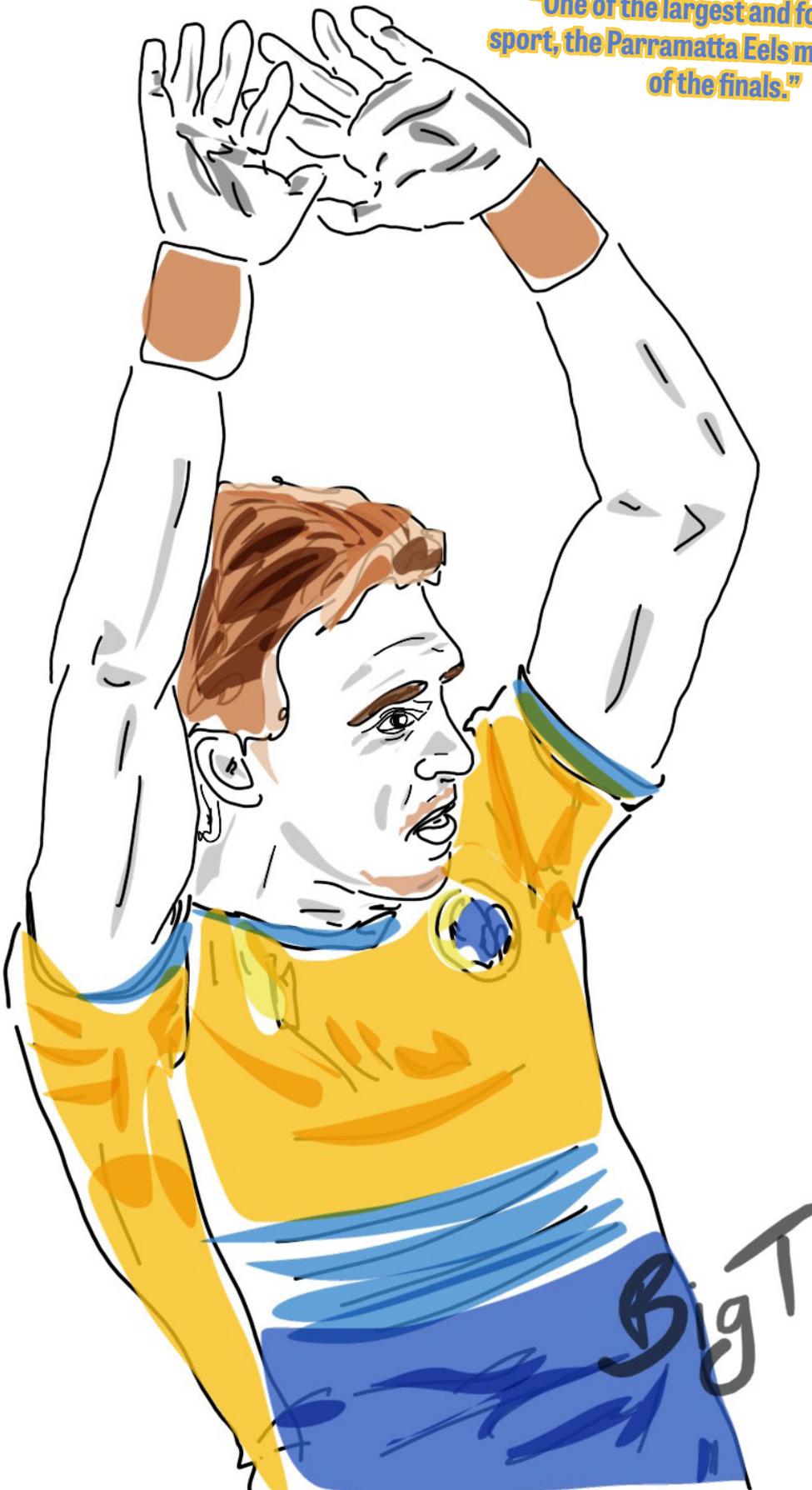
The official competition kicked off a week later, Balmain winning their opening match with an emphatic 24-0 demolition of Western Suburbs.

The club had the services of Apolony once again, along with Dobbs, Graves, Alf Latta (who scored the club's first try and goal) and O'Donnell, won 3 games, drew 1 and lost 5.

Apolony went on to get selected as a reserve in the NSW side to face the visiting Maori side of 1909; however he didn't take the field. He was eventually made a life member of the NSWRL and of the Balmain Club.

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"One of the largest and fondest fan-bases in Australian sport, the Parramatta Eels move through to the next week of the finals." *Artwork by TheBiggestTiger*



PREMIERSHIP LADDER

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FINAL 2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP STANDINGS

Pos	Team	Overall									Home						Away							
		P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	Diff	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Diff	P	W	L	D	F	A
1	Melbourne Storm	24	21	3	-	1	815	316	44	499	12	11	1	-	419	162	257	12	10	2	-	396	154	242
2	Penrith Panthers	24	21	3	-	1	676	286	44	390	12	12	-	-	320	110	210	12	9	3	-	356	176	180
3	South Sydney Rabbitohs	24	20	4	-	1	775	453	42	322	12	10	2	-	347	258	89	12	10	2	-	428	195	233
4	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	24	16	8	-	1	744	492	34	252	12	8	4	-	394	256	138	12	8	4	-	350	236	114
5	Sydney Roosters	24	16	8	-	1	630	489	34	141	12	8	4	-	310	238	72	12	8	4	-	320	251	69
6	Parramatta Eels	24	15	9	-	1	566	457	32	109	12	7	5	-	275	224	51	12	8	4	-	291	233	58
7	Newcastle Knights	24	12	12	-	1	428	571	26	-143	12	8	4	-	242	236	6	12	4	8	-	186	335	-149
8	Gold Coast Titans	24	10	14	-	1	580	583	22	-3	12	5	7	-	312	325	-13	12	5	7	-	268	258	10
9	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	24	10	14	-	1	520	556	22	-36	12	6	6	-	258	224	34	12	4	8	-	262	332	-70
10	Canberra Raiders	24	10	14	-	1	481	578	22	-97	12	4	8	-	249	322	-73	12	6	6	-	232	256	-24
11	St George Illawarra Dragons	24	8	16	-	1	474	616	18	-142	12	4	8	-	272	330	-58	12	4	8	-	202	286	-84
12	Warriors	24	8	16	-	1	453	624	18	-171	12	5	7	-	227	264	-37	12	3	9	-	226	360	-134
13	Wests Tigers	24	8	16	-	1	500	714	18	-214	12	3	9	-	246	372	-126	12	5	7	-	254	342	-88
14	Brisbane Broncos	24	7	17	-	1	446	695	16	-249	12	6	6	-	266	301	-35	12	1	11	-	180	394	-214
15	North Queensland Cowboys	24	7	17	-	1	460	748	16	-288	12	5	7	-	258	327	-69	12	2	10	-	202	421	-219
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	24	3	21	-	1	340	710	8	-370	12	1	11	-	152	392	-240	12	2	10	-	188	318	-130

STATS LEADERS

FINAL 2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP STANDINGS

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	19	27
2	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	15	25
3	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	21	23
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	24	23
5	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	24	21
6	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	21	17
	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	21	17
8	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	22	16
9	Ken MAUMALO	WAR, WST	W	21	15
10	Will KENNEDY	CRO	FB	24	14
	Mikaele RAVALAWA	SGI	W	16	14
	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	20	14
	Brian TO'O	PEN	W	18	14
	Connor TRACEY	CRO	W, CTR, 5/8, INT	24	14
	Daniel TUPOU	SYD	W	24	14
16	Clint GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	23	13
	Latrell MITCHELL	SOU	FB	17	13
	David NOFOALUMA	WST	W	24	13
	Reimis SMITH	MEL	CTR	23	13

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	24	21	110	-	304
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	22	5	112	2	248
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	16	10	85	2	213
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	20	9	69	-	174
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	20	4	66	-	148
6	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, HB, INT	22	7	58	-	144
7	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	20	2	61	2	132
8	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB, INT	13	11	41	1	127
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W, CTR	20	4	54	2	126
10	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	6	50	-	124
11	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	19	27	-	-	108
12	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	21	4	42	-	100
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	15	25	-	-	100
14	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	21	23	1	-	94
15	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	24	23	-	-	92
16	Clint GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	23	13	18	-	88
	Braydon TRINDALL	CRO	5/8, HB, INT	18	4	36	-	88
18	Zac LOMAX	SGI	CTR	12	4	35	-	86
19	Jake AVERILLO	CBY	5/8, HB	21	7	27	-	82
20	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	CTR	12	1	38	-	80
	Sam WALKER	SYD	HB, INT	19	8	23	2	80

THE FRONT ROW

GAME DAY

FINALS WEEK 2 MATCH PROGRAM

TEAM LISTS · MATCH DETAILS · STATISTICS · PREVIEWS

FRIDAY



1ST SEMI FINAL

MANLY v SYDNEY

BB Print Stadium, Mackay

SATURDAY



2ND SEMI FINAL

PENRITH v PARRAMATTA

BB Print Stadium, Mackay

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	22	112	140	80%
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	24	110	136	81%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	16	85	100	85%
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	20	69	87	79%
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	20	66	85	78%
6	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	20	61	82	74%
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, HB, INT	22	58	77	75%
8	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W, CTR	20	54	73	74%
9	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	50	63	79%
10	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	21	42	52	81%
11	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB, INT	13	41	48	85%
12	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	CTR	12	38	41	93%
13	Braydon TRINDALL	CRO	5/8, HB, INT	18	36	44	82%
14	Zac LOMAX	SGI	CTR	12	35	45	78%
15	Chad TOWNSEND	CRO, WAR	HB	16	34	41	83%

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL FINALS SERIES

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	1	2	7	1*	24
2	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	1	1	4	-	12
	Enari TUALA	NEW	W	1	3	-	-	12
4	Blake FERGUSON	PAR	W	1	2	-	-	8
	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	1	-	4	-	8
	Adam KEIGHRAN	SYD	CTR	1	-	4	-	8
	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	1	-	4	-	8
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	1	2	-	-	8
9	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	1	-	3	-	6

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	1	7	8	88%
2	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	1	4	5	80%
	Adam KEIGHRAN	SYD	CTR	1	4	5	80%
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	1	4	5	80%
	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	1	4	5	80%
6	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	1	3	3	100%
7	Jake CLIFFORD	NEW	5/8th	1	2	4	50%
	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	W	1	2	2	100%

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Enari TUALA	NEW	W	1	3
2	Blake FERGUSON	PAR	W	1	2
	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	1	2
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	1	2

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES



SYDNEY ROOSTERS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
24	16	25	-	-	100	Tom TRBOJEVIC 1
20	25	25	-	-	100	Jason SAAB 2
24	24	8	-	-	32	Brad PARKER 3
23	21	7	-	-	28	Morgan HARPER 4
24	25	21	112	-	308	Reuben GARRICK 5
31	23	3	-	-	12	Kieran FORAN 6
32	23	8	1	2	36	Daly CHERRY-EVANS 7
25	14	-	-	-	-	Josh ALOIAI 8
24	24	4	-	-	16	Lachlan CROKER 9
31	24	2	-	-	8	Martin TAUPAU 10
22	19	8	-	-	32	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU 11
20	19	2	-	-	8	Josh SCHUSTER 12
27	21	3	-	-	12	Jake TRBOJEVIC 13
26	18	4	-	-	16	Dylan WALKER 14
25	14	3	-	-	12	Karl LAWTON 15
23	18	1	-	-	4	Sean KEPPIE 16
23	22	-	-	-	-	Taniela PASEKA 17
26	20	2	-	-	8	Toafofoa SIPLEY 18
23	12	3	-	-	12	Moses SULI 19
28	6	1	-	-	4	Curtis SIRONEN 20
23	4	-	-	-	-	Tevita FUNA 21

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SET RESTARTS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts	
28	21	9	5	-	46	James TEDESCO 1
30	25	15	-	-	60	Daniel TUPOU 2
35	19	9	-	-	36	Josh MORRIS 3
24	14	4	34	-	84	Adam KEIGHRAN 4
27	14	13	-	-	52	Matt IKUVALU 5
23	19	3	-	-	12	Lachlan LAM 6
26	19	3	-	-	12	Drew HUTCHISON 7
32	22	-	-	-	-	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES 8
22	14	1	-	-	4	Sam VERRILLS* 9
30	25	1	-	-	4	Isaac LIU 10
25	19	9	-	-	36	Angus CRICHTON 11
24	23	12	-	-	48	Sitili TUPOUNIUA 12
23	15	1	-	-	4	Victor RADLEY 13
19	20	8	23	3	81	Sam WALKER 14
24	18	2	-	-	8	Nat BUTCHER 15
21	14	1	-	-	4	Egan BUTCHER 16
21	15	2	-	-	8	Fletcher BAKER 17
30	5	3	-	-	12	Dale COPLEY 18
23	5	-	-	-	-	Ben THOMAS 19
24	12	1	-	-	4	Ben MARSCHKE 20
19	3	-	-	-	-	Naufahu WHYTE 21

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#NRLManlyRoosters

1ST SEMI FINAL



Friday 17
September 2021



7:50PM
AEST



BB Print Stadium,
Mackay QLD



Nine Network
Fox League / Kayo



ABC Sport, Triple M,
NRL Nation, 2GB/4BC

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Gerard SUTTON
Touch Judges Dave MUNRO
Todd SMITH
NRL Bunker Ashley KLEIN

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 135 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 85-48 (2 DRAWS)

At BB Print Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: 5-ALL

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2014	R16	Manly 24-16	4 Pines Park	17,155
2015	R25	Sydney 46-10	4 Pines Park	12,911
2016	R4	Manly 22-20	Allianz Stadium	12,271
2017	R5	Manly 18-12	Allianz Stadium	12,376
2017	R22	Manly 36-18	4 Pines Park	14,564
2018	R9	Sydney 22-20	Allianz Stadium	10,129
2018	R19	Sydney 56-24	4 Pines Park	9,427
2019	R2	Sydney 26-18	4 Pines Park	9,664
2020	R2	Manly 9-8	Leichhardt Oval	-
2021	R1	Sydney 46-4	SCG	15,097

BIGGEST WINS

1999	R2	Sydney 46-0	Allianz Stadium	9,128
2007	R17	Manly 56-0	4 Pines Park	9,932

FINALS HEAD TO HEAD: 8 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 5-3

At BB Print Stadium: never met in Finals at this venue

FINALS HISTORY

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1972	FN	Manly 32-8	SCG	43,695
1972	GF	Manly 19-14	SCG	54,357
1975	FN	Sydney 28-13	SCG	31,645
1987	FN	Manly 10-6	SCG	36,399
1996	FN	Manly 16-14	Allianz Stadium	31,327
1997	FN	Manly 17-16	Allianz Stadium	30,794
2013	FN	Sydney 4-0	Allianz Stadium	32,747
2013	GF	Sydney 26-18	Stadium Australia	81,491

MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Dylan Walker	Manly	100 club games	1 game
Martin Taupau	Manly	200 career games	1 game
James Tedesco	Sydney	400 career points	2 points
		200 club points	2 points
Matt Ikuvalu	Sydney	100 club & career points	8 points

Match stats courtesy of **RUGBY LEAGUE** project

Preview

with Rob Crosby

One fullback to rule them all

So much has changed in the months since the Manly Sea Eagles and the Sydney Roosters faced off in the opening round of the season.

Having languished at the bottom of the ladder following four losses to start the year, the return of Tom Trbojevic has seen the Sea Eagles surge into the top four off the back of a potent brand of attacking football. In contrast, the Roosters have stood firm in the face of a catastrophic toll of injuries and mid-season retirements that would have broken sides lacking the leadership of James Tedesco.

Facing off for the ninth time in finals football - the Sea Eagles hold a slender 63 per cent advantage - a chance to take on the Rabbitohs awaits the winner of Friday night's Semi Final in Mackay.

Hoping to make the most of a second chance by virtue of finishing in fourth position, the Manly Sea Eagles will be out to make amends for a poor showing in the opening week of the play-offs. Suffering a humbling 40-12 defeat at the hands of the Storm last Friday, coach Des Hasler will be hoping to avoid the mistakes of the Storm (2013), Sea Eagles (2014), Eels (2017 and 2020) and Roosters (2020) in bowing out of the finals with back-to-back losses in the years since the current finals system was adopted.

Welcoming back much-improved hooker Lachlan Croker from a back injury, utility Karl Lawton reverts to the bench with Curtis Sironen dropping to the extended squad. Veteran front-rower Martin Taupau will make his 200th first grade appearance, while utility Dylan Walker will play his 100th game for the club.

Managing to move into week two of the finals by the skin of their teeth, the Sydney Roosters will be out to continue a strong record against their rivals from the northern beaches. Holding off a fast-finishing Titans side to secure a 25-24 victory in Townsville, coach Trent Robinson will be looking for greater attention to detail from his players after witnessing a number of critical errors during last week's Elimination Final.

Winning four of their past five matches against the Sea Eagles, coach Robinson has been forced into changes with Nat Butcher coming into the side in place of Siosua Taukeiaho, while Drew Hutchison and Lachlan Lam will switch jerseys between halfback and five-eighth respectively. Ben Marschke is expected to come into the side at hooker after Sam Verrills failed in his bid to downgrade a careless high tackle charge at the judiciary on Tuesday evening.

Friday night marks the first time the two sides have met in a finals match since the 2013 Grand Final; Kieran Foran, Daly Cherry-Evans, Daniel Tupou and Jared Waerea-Hargreaves are the surviving players from the match. Jake Trbojevic and Isaac Liu missed out on playing in the premiership decider after debuting for their respective clubs earlier in the same year.

Who to watch: Producing a mesmerising season of individual brilliance to all but guarantee the Dally

M Medal in a fortnight's time, Manly superstar Tom Trbojevic won't be content to go out with a whimper in finals football. Nullified to great effect by the Storm last week, the 24-year-old Mona Vale junior will be out to make amends with a performance more in keeping with what fans have come to expect in 2021. Recording unheard of numbers during the season with 25 tries, 27 try-assists, 30 line breaks and 107 tackle breaks, Trbojevic will need to be at his best if the Sea Eagles hope to move within 80 minutes of the premiership decider.

Regarded as the premier number one in a league stacked with first class fullbacks, James Tedesco has further enhanced his reputation with leadership qualities few envisioned upon his introduction to first grade. Developing from a rookie possessing a violent running style to a proven performer equally adept at setting up and scoring tries, the 28-year-old has remained a pillar of consistency for the Roosters despite more than 1,200 games of experience being unavailable for selection. Enjoying a strong season with nine tries, 16 line break, 21 try-assists and 141 tackle breaks, a strong showing from Tedesco will go a long way towards the Roosters booking a seventh preliminary final appearance in nine years

Favourite: The higher ranked Sea Eagles are expected to bounce back following a Qualifying Final defeat - as has been the case in 72 per cent of Semi Finals since 2012

My tip: While the Sea Eagles will need to address the shock of last week's loss, the class of Tom Trbojevic should be too much for a Roosters side all but out of fuel. **Manly by 14.**

PENRITH PANTHERS



PARRAMATTA EELS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
25	18	5	-	1	22	Dylan EDWARDS	1
20	24	9	14	-	64	Stephen CRICHTON	2
25	16	6	-	-	24	Paul MOMIROVSKI	3
21	23	16	6	1	77	Matt BURTON	4
23	19	14	-	-	56	Brian TO'O	5
24	22	2	-	-	8	Jarome LUAI	6
23	17	10	88	2	219	Nathan CLEARY	7
26	22	3	-	-	12	Moses LEOTA	8
28	15	3	-	-	12	Apisai KOROISAU	9
25	21	2	-	-	8	James FISHER-HARRIS	10
26	24	9	-	-	36	Viliame KIKAU	11
28	20	5	-	-	20	Kurt CAPEWELL	12
26	22	2	-	-	8	Isaah YEO	13
23	17	-	-	-	-	Mitchell KENNY	14
28	16	1	-	-	4	Scott SORENSEN	15
25	19	5	-	-	20	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	16
24	24	3	-	-	12	Liam MARTIN	17
21	17	1	-	-	4	Spencer LENIU	18
19	6	1	-	-	4	Izack TAGO	19
25	6	4	-	-	16	Brent NADEN	20
25	19	3	-	-	12	Tyrone MAY	21

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SET RESTARTS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
27	24	13	18	-	88	Clinton GUTHERSON	1
22	11	3	-	-	12	Haze DUNSTER	2
19	4	2	-	-	8	Will PENISINI	3
26	16	6	-	-	24	Waqi BLAKE	4
31	17	10	1	-	42	Blake FERGUSON	5
21	20	4	-	-	16	Dylan BROWN	6
26	21	3	65	2	144	Mitchell MOSES	7
28	19	4	-	-	16	Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD	8
24	8	1	-	-	4	Ray STONE	9
27	22	2	-	-	8	Junior PAULO	10
26	25	5	-	-	20	Shaun LANE	11
25	20	2	-	-	8	Marata NIUKORE	12
28	23	1	-	-	4	Nathan BROWN	13
29	16	1	-	-	4	Will SMITH	14
22	24	7	-	-	28	Isaiah PAPALII	15
26	18	4	-	-	16	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	16
26	16	4	-	-	16	Ryan MATTERSON	17
28	5	-	-	-	-	Makahesi MAKATOA	18
22	21	1	-	-	4	Oregon KAUFUSI	19
27	21	7	-	-	28	Tom OPACIC	20
18	7	2	-	-	8	Jakob ARTHUR	21

Brad ARTHUR

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#NRLPanthersEels

2ND SEMI FINAL



Saturday 18
September 2021



7:50PM
AEST



BB Print Stadium,
Mackay QLD



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ABC Sport, Triple M,
NRL Nation, 2GB/4BC

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Ashley KLEIN
Touch Judges Phil HENDERSON
Jon STONE
NRL Bunker Grant ATKINS

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 102 MATCHES

PARRAMATTA 58-43 (1 DRAW)

At BB Print Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: PENRITH 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R19	Penrith 22-18	BlueBet Stadium	15,251
2017	R8	Parramatta 18-12	Stadium Australia	14,071
2018	R1	Penrith 24-14	BlueBet Stadium	21,506
2018	R5	Penrith 12-6	Stadium Australia	10,061
2019	R1	Parramatta 20-12	BlueBet Stadium	12,604
2019	R11	Penrith 16-10	Bankwest Stadium	16,228
2020	R5	Parramatta 16-10	Bankwest Stadium	507
2020	R18	Penrith 20-2	BlueBet Stadium	3,955
2021	R16	Penrith 13-12	BlueBet Stadium	-
2021	R25	Penrith 40-6	Cbus Super Stadium	8,580

BIGGEST WINS

2002	R1	Parramatta 64-6	Pirtek Stadium	13,348
2021	R25	Penrith 40-6	Cbus Super Stadium	8,580

FINALS HEAD TO HEAD: 2 MATCHES

PARRAMATTA 2-0

At BB Print Stadium: never met in Finals at this venue

FINALS HISTORY

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1985	FN	Parramatta 38-6	SCG	18,939
2000	FN	Parramatta 28-10	Allianz Stadium	25,746

MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Blake Ferguson	Parramatta	100 club points	2 points
Bryce Cartwright	Parramatta	100 career points	4 points
Waka Blake	Parramatta	200 career points	4 points
Brent Naden	Penrith	100 club & career points	4 points

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project

Preview

with Jason Hosken

Panthers fear straight-sets exit in the battle for Sydney's west

The Rabbitohs left Townsville with the spoils, but with the saloon doors still swinging Ivan Cleary fumbled his words. A rattled gibber of riddles, for the Panthers coach, the new script was still sinking in.

As far as feuds go it was a no contest, Cleary had just been pantsed by the master. Wayne Bennett planted his wily words weeks ago, but without Latrell Mitchell it was thought to be a moot point, the Rabbitohs were cooked.

In the end, the Panthers yelled louder than a bikie's three-legged dog. Their story of redemption had taken a twist. They still might rattle Bellamy's cage, just not in the grand final like many predicted.

Now on the streets of Mackay, it's do or die. Ten-gallon hats back-to-back with old foe Parramatta in the battle for Sydney's west.

And while Brad Arthur is no Bennett, alongside Cleary he might just be the smartest man in the room. Slandered for resting his best in a final round

hiding to the mountain men, now in the second week of the finals, the Eels' advantage may yet prove to be fresh legs.

A rested Souths got the jump last week, and how good was Reagan Campbell-Gillard giving the Knights some old school whack. Ray Stone too, up and under the ribs.

Mitch Moses was full of running in his most complete game of the season. Sure, it was only against the seventh ranked Knights, but that's the innate danger at Arthur's disposal.

He knows the splutter in Rockhampton won't cut it this week, but as the only side to knock over premiers Melbourne twice this season, Parra are renowned for measuring their run.

For the Panthers, Dylan Edwards returns to fix their run and with Bond villain lookalike Moses Leota back managing the middle, the fullback could prove tough to contain.

The Eels look settled. Makahesi Makatoa is the only change, making way for Ryan Matterson who will wear the No.17 in a contest where the strike power of each bench is poised to cause headaches.

With Ivan's eyes still on free spins, Arthur will be sweating on the ambush. Still sporting a sneer from last season's straight-sets exit, the Eels coach will be reveling with the boot on the other foot. It's the

unfinished business on both sides that promises to make this stoush one to savour.

Who to watch: Matt Burton couldn't even get a start when the competition kicked off. Considered a playmaker behind Origin pair Nathan Cleary and Jerome Luai, he's now stamped himself as one of the competition's premier centres with 16 tries. Blessed with size and the vision of a hawk he'll threaten the blue-and gold's all night, and if it's close, he's got the boot to finish it off just like he did in Round 16.

You have to love Blake Ferguson. A little over a month ago he was fumbling about in second grade, on the nose like last week's prawns. But in Rockhampton there he was, on one leg putting the Knights to the sword with two tries in his 14th finals match. Still chasing a contract, Fergie Ferg's infectious personality will lift the Eels, and outside young gun Will Penisini he's perfectly placed to land a 13th NRL season.

Favourite: With eight wins from the last 11 over the Eels, Penrith are favourites to meet Melbourne in the preliminary final. Bet with your head though, seven of those contests were decided by six points or less.

My tip: Last week was just the sixth loss for Penrith in two seasons. And while they missed the boat, only the brave will write them off after a rare hiccup. Parramatta will come wielding angry sticks in a fight to the death, but keep an eye on Edwards, his return will reignite the Panthers' season. **Penrith by 4.**

NRL: FINALS WEEK 1 WRAP

Friday | QF 1 | MELBOURNE 40 MANLY-WARRINGAH 12



MELBOURNE STORM (40)

Tries: Isaac Lumelume, Ryan Papenhuyzen (2), Kenneath Bromwich, Christian Welch, Justin Olam

Two Point Field Goals: Ryan Papenhuyzen (1/1); **Conversions:** Ryan Papenhuyzen (5/6); **Penalty Goals:** Ryan Papenhuyzen (2/2)

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (12)

Tries: Jason Saab (2); **Conversions:** Reuben Garrick (2/2)

Venue: Sunshine Coast Stadium

Crowd: 9120

Halftime Score: Melbourne 24 Manly-Warringah 6

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen

2 points - Christian Welch

1 points - Cameron Munster

OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE

Storm surge into Preliminary Final

Melbourne Storm have confirmed their premiership favouritism with a dominant 40-12 victory over a powerless Manly Sea Eagles at Sunshine Coast Stadium tonight.

Storm fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen was simply electric for his side, scoring 2 tries, 7 goals and a stunning 2 point field goal to finish with a personal haul of 22 points in a sensational display to push his side into yet another Preliminary Final in a fortnight's time.

Manly's superstar fullback and Dally M favourite Tom Trbojevic was successfully nullified by the Storm defence, with the Manly fullback left frustrated as he failed to have an impact on the game. The Sea Eagles will also be sweating on the Match Review Committee allowing backrower Josh Schuster to participate in their sudden death final next week, after the rookie of the year contender was placed on report for a lifting tackle on Jahrome Hughes in the 55th minute. Melbourne's dominance was

even more impressive, considering they lost in form hooker Brandon Smith who failed his HIA just before halftime. Smith was seen on the sideline with a swollen cheek and will be sent for scans to confirm no structural damage has been suffered in order to confirm his availability in a fortnight's time.

Manly suffered a nervous start to the match and it cost them dearly, when Daly Cherry-Evans delivered a poor pass to centre Morgan Harper which hit the deck. Storm hooker Brandon Smith then scooped up the ball and offloaded to flyer Isaac Lumelume who streaked away for the first try of the game. Papenhuyzen converted and it was Melbourne leading 6-0 after just four minutes. The early dominance of the Storm continued minutes later when Cameron Munster provided a neat ball out the back close to the line for backrower Kenny Bromwich. The Kiwi backrower then wrestled his way over to score. Papenhuyzen missed the conversion from out wide for a 10-0 lead. Manly's finals hopes were then in freefall minutes later, when Storm prop Christian Welch crashed over for just his 5th career try, when he hit a lovely flat ball out of dummy half from Brandon Smith close to the line and it was 16-0 as the Storm raced the clock. Manly

continued to shoot themselves in the foot when lock Jake Trbojevic was penalised for holding down Jahrome Hughes close to the line, which saw Papenhuyzen point to the posts and extend the lead to three converted tries.

Back-to-back penalties for Manly then gave the Sea Eagles a sniff and thankfully for fans, they took their limited opportunity when Daly Cherry-Evans kicked high for the tall reach of Jason Saab on the last. The lanky winger managed to then leap over his opposite winger Isaac Lumelume to score and reduced the score line to 18-6 with halftime looming. Papenhuyzen then swung momentum back to the Storm, when the 2020 Clive Churchill Medalist sliced through the Manly defence close to the line, scoring a crucial try before the break, then converting his own try to give Craig Bellamy's men a commanding 24-6 at halftime.

After the break the Storm dominance continued when Justin Olam made a bust and found Harry Grant in support. Grant then looked to his right to find a flying Ryan Papenhuyzen who put on a superb in and away on the cover defence to score his second try under the posts. Manly needed to roll the dice to be any hope and they did so when Reuben

Garrick punted a surprise deep kick off a twenty-metre tap. Storm winger Lumelume looked to have it covered until a dramatic slip which saw him lose the ball. Jason Saab then collected the crumbs to score under the posts and narrow the score to 30-12. Melbourne then made the mountain that much higher to climb for Manly, when Tom Trbojevic was penalised for a high tackle on Jahrome Hughes in front of the posts. Papenhuyzen made no mistake with the chance to extend the lead yet again and it was 32-12 with less than 20 minutes remaining. Off the back of a superb 40/20 from Cameron Munster, Justin Olam put the icing on the cake, when the PNG centre crashed over for a blockbusting try following a brilliant offload from Nelson Asofa-Solomona to put the game to bed. Papenhuyzen then rubbed salt into the wounds when he put an exclamation mark on the win with a 2-point field goal as the siren sounded to round out a commanding 40-12 win.

Melbourne are now through to the Preliminary Final and will enjoy a week off, before they play for a chance at another Grand Final, while Manly now await the winner of the Roosters vs Titans match on Saturday.

Saturday | EF 1 | SYDNEY ROOSTERS 25 GOLD COAST 24



SYDNEY ROOSTERS (25)

Tries: Matt Ikuvalu, James Tedesco, Daniel Tupou, Josh Morris;

Field Goals: Sam Walker (1/2); **Conversions:** Adam Keighran (3/4);

Penalty Goals: Adam Keighran (1/1)

GOLD COAST TITANS (24)

Tries: Beau Fermor, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, Brian Kelly, Jarrod Wallace;

Conversions: Jamal Fogarty (3/4); **Penalty Goals:** Jamal Fogarty (1/1)

Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium

Crowd: 15237

Halftime Score: Sydney Roosters 12 Gold Coast 6

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:

3 points - James Tedesco

2 points - Victor Radley

1 points - Tyrone Peachey

OUR REPORT with ANDREW FERGUSON

Titans almost produce boilover, but Roosters sneak home

The Gold Coast Titans very nearly produced a remarkable win with a last gasp play, but a stray pass denied them a remarkable victory, with the Roosters 25-24 victors in Townsville tonight.

The Titans trailed 18-6 early in the second half, but levelled scores with ten minutes remaining in the match. Sam Walker kicked the match winning field goal with three minutes left, but the Titans very nearly snared a try on the siren.

The Roosters got the upper hand first when Tyrone Peachey was given ten minutes in the sin bin for tackling Victor Radley from behind in a try scoring situation. Adam Keighran kicked the penalty goal. Two minutes later, Josh Morris was penalised for an escort and Jamal Fogarty landed a penalty goal to level the scores.

In the 23rd minute the Roosters, on the back of a penalty, sent the ball right to James Tedesco, who held the ball up, drawing the defender in and then passing to Morris who sent it quickly along to Matt Ikuvalu, who dived over in the corner to score a try. Keighran failed to convert from out wide. Nine minutes before the break, the Tricolours scored again off the back of a penalty. This time, Radley stepped off his left at the line, broke through and then got a one handed offload away to James Tedesco who scored under the posts. Keighran converted from in front. Just seconds before the halftime siren sounded, Tyrone Peachey on the left put in a deft yet wobbly grubber, which evaded Ikuvalu and was dived on by Beau Fermor who scored. Jamal Fogarty failed to convert from touch and at halftime, the Roosters led 12-6.

The Roosters capitalised on a dropped ball by Tino Fa'asuamaleaui in the opening set of the second half. Daniel Tupou scored a good try courtesy of a brilliant tap on by Tedesco, which was converted by Keighran. Big Tino made up for his error just a few minutes later when he

regathered a loose ball after a Fogarty kick was knocked back by Patrick Herbert, before diving over under the posts to score. Fogarty added the extras.

The Roosters had a try disallowed due to obstruction in the 51st minute and just 3 minutes later, the Titans made them pay when Brian Kelly barged through some half-hearted defence to race away and score under the posts. Fogarty converted to level the scores at 18 all. In the 60th minute Tedesco was held in a tackle, managed to offload to Ikuvalu who quickly fired a no-look ball to Morris outside him, who stepped inside the cover defence to score a great try. Keighran added the extras from out wide. Ikuvalu had a role to play in the next try, when he took the first hit up off the Roosters line to start the set, but he dropped it cold. Jarrod Wallace cleaned up the loose ball and fell over the line to score under the posts. Fogarty converted to level the scores at 24 apiece.

Both sides were guilty of panicky, ill-disciplined

and sloppy football in the final 10 minutes. Sam Walker failed to kick a field goal in the 73rd minute, as did Tyrone Peachey in the 75th minute. Walker didn't miss with his second attempt in the 77th minute, giving the Roosters a 25-24 lead.

Then in the dying seconds of the game, Fermor made a break down the left wing and linked with Sami who was brought down by Walker in a brilliant tackle. The Titans on the next play sent the ball far right in an effort to get the ball to Fifita against very few Roosters defenders. Herbert though ended up with the ball and chose to run instead of passing to Fifita, he got tackled but managed to get a ball away to Thompson, who was a metre from the tryline and with no one in front of him, but he had overrun the play. The pass went behind him and into touch, bringing the game and the Titans season to an end.

The victory sees the Tricolours progress to face Manly next Friday, while the Titans look ahead to season 2022.

Saturday | QF 2 | SOUTH SYDNEY 16 PENRITH 10



PENRITH PANTHERS (10)

Tries: Stephen Crichton
Conversions: Nathan Cleary (1/1); Penalty Goals: Nathan Cleary (2/2)
SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (16)
Tries: Cody Walker, Jaxson Paulo
Conversions: Adam Reynolds (1/2); Penalty Goals: Adam Reynolds (3/3)

Venue: Queensland Country Bank Stadium
Crowd: 18244
Halftime Score: Penrith 10 South Sydney 10
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Adam Reynolds
2 points - Stephen Crichton
1 points - Blake Taaffe

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Rabbitohs rise in epic encounter

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have produced an iconic performance to down the Penrith Panthers 16-10 in the Second Qualifying Final on Saturday evening.

Given little chance of causing an upset after going down to the Panthers twice during the regular season - including a shameful 56-12 loss in Dubbo prior to Origin - Wayne Bennett's men lived up to their reputation as the pride of the league with a defensive display not seen since the side's last premiership victory in 2014.

Outscoring last year's beaten grand finalists two tries to one, captain Adam Reynolds proved the difference with a precise kicking game.

The victory sees the Rabbitohs progress through to the Preliminary Final in a fortnight where they will play the winner of next Friday's Semi Final between the Sea Eagles and the Roosters.

In an absorbing opening which saw the lead change multiple times, Reynolds put the Rabbitohs on the board with a penalty goal from close range.

Hitting back with a try to Stephen Crichton (8th minute) a few sets later, a brilliantly executed grubber from Nathan Cleary saw Paul Momirovski defy the dead ball line with a bat-back that allowed Crichton to pounce.

Responding in kind after Dane Gagai exhibited dazzling footwork before finding Cody Walker (24th minute) in support, Cleary slotted a penalty goal shortly afterwards to lock the scores up at 8-all.

Walker came close to scoring his second only to knock on over the try line, however, the visitors retook the lead with another Reynolds penalty goal late in the first half.

In a bizarre finish to the first 40 minutes, the Panthers threw the ball around with reckless abandon as the halftime siren sounded and were rewarded with a penalty after the referee

deemed Jai Arrow offside; Cleary nailed the ensuing penalty goal to send both teams to the sheds level at 10-all.

Weathering a barrage of high balls from Cleary throughout the match, rookie fullback Blake Taaffe - playing only his sixth game in first grade - delivered the final pass to send Jaxson Paulo (44th minute) over for a decisive four-pointer in the right corner.

Gaining in confidence at the same time their opponents showed signs of frustration, Reynolds put the Rabbitohs up 16-10 with his third penalty goal after Penrith co-captain Isaah Yeo was placed on-report for a crusher tackle.

Managing to hold their nerve despite the best efforts of the Panthers to send the match into extra time, the Rabbitohs finished ahead on the scoreboard to move with 80 minutes of the premiership decider

Next Saturday, the Panthers will face the winner of tomorrow's Elimination Final between Parramatta and Newcastle in Mackay.

Sunday | EF 2 | PARRAMATTA 28 NEWCASTLE 20



PARRAMATTA EELS (28)

Tries: Waqa Blake, Mitchell Moses, Blake Ferguson (2), Viliani Penisini
Conversions: Mitchell Moses (4/5)
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (20)
Tries: Enari Tuala (3), Hymel Hunt
Conversions: Jake Clifford (2/4)

Venue: Browne Park
Crowd: 5087
Halftime Score: Parramatta 16 Newcastle 10
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Mitchell Moses
2 points - Enari Tuala
1 points - Isaiah Papali'i

OUR REPORT with JOSH ROBERTSON

Eels progress to semi after sending Knights packing

The Parramatta Eels have booked themselves a spot in Week Two of the NRL Finals after scoring an entertaining and dramatic 28-20 victory over the Newcastle Knights in Rockhampton.

Things started awfully for the Eels as the very first kick-off of the game from Clint Gutherson went out on the full. The ensuing set saw the Knights take advantage of the field position when the Eels defence was caught napping on the outside and Henri Tuala took advantage for the first of his hat-trick.

The momentum continued to swap either way and the Eels were next to take advantage, as they elected to go wide and on the left there was ample space for Waqa Blake to stroll through. An easy conversion for Mitch Moses pushed the Eels out to a 6-4 lead.

Both sides had players go on report in the space of four minutes with Sauaso Sue put on report for a Leg Twist whilst Marata Niukore was put on report for Parramatta after being penalised for a late hit on Connor Watson. The Knights took advantage of field position when Hymel Hunt was able to get over the line after again the wide defence of the Eels. There were a few nervous moments as the bunker reviewed the try but it was confirmed. The Knights took a 10-6 lead.

The final five minutes of the half was all blue and gold as the Eels swung the momentum right around. The Eels scored two tries in the dying minutes with the first going to Mitch Moses who clapped on the afterburners and beat some flimsy Newcastle defence. The second of Parramatta's try came through some brilliance from rookie Will Penisini who pulled out a brilliant flick pass out to Blake Ferguson to score.

After taking a 16-10 lead to the break, the Knights extended their lead out when Blake Ferguson scored his second of the afternoon after a floating ball from Mitch Moses drew in the defenders and Ferguson had a free run to the line to score.

Despite going down 22-10, the Knights hadn't given up hope of getting back into the contest and Enari Tuala had his second when he was only just able to control the ball against his leg and get the ball down. Jake Clifford's conversion was excellent from the sideline to close the gap back to just six points.

The Knights got themselves well and truly back in the contest when Enari Tuala got over for his hat-trick after Kalyn Ponga turned on the magic with an amazing cut-out pass out to Tuala to score in the corner. Jake Clifford's conversion from the sideline was waved away and the Knights trailed by two.

Controversy surrounded the final try of the game when Review Official Grant Atkins ruled that Will Penisini was taken without the ball deciding that he would have scored. The penalty try sealed the victory for the Eels after Mitch Moses pushed the margin out to 8 after his conversion in front.

Next weekend, the Eels have a Western Sydney derby battle against the Panthers in Mackay whilst it is season done for the Knights after being knocked out in the first week of the finals for the second year in a row.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Standings after Finals Week 1

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.

38 points - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles/NSW)

34 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)

28 points - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)

25 points - James Tedesco (Roosters)

23 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels)

22 points - Will Kennedy (Sharks), Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs/NSW)

19 points - Adam Douiehi (Wests Tigers), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)

18 points - Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

17 points - David Fifita (Titans), Cameron Munster (Storm), Nicholas Hynes (Storm), Payne Haas (Broncos/NSW)

16 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm)

15 points - Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Jake Clifford (Cowboys)

14 points - Sam Walker (Roosters), Brandon Smith (Storm), Jarome Luai (Panthers/NSW)

13 points - Brian To'o (Panthers), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), Alexander Brimson (Titans)

12 points - Reece Walsh (Warriors), Christian Welch (Storm), Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs)

11 points - Reed Mahoney (Eels), Harry Grant (Storm)

10 points - Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Joseph Manu (Roosters)

9 points - Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Luke Brooks

(Wests Tigers), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Matt Burton (Panthers)

8 points - James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Shaun Johnson (Sharks), George Williams (Raiders)

7 points - Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs)

6 points - Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Bradman Best (Knights), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Maika Sivo (Eels), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Anthony Milford (Broncos), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Jamal Fogarty (Titans), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Isaaq Yeo (Panthers), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos)

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

4 points - Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Liam Martin (Panthers), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Dale Finucane (Storm), Jack Wightton (Raiders), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Stefano Utoikamanu (Wests Tigers), Nathan Brown (Eels), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Victor Radley (Roosters), Mark Nicholls (Rabbitohs), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks)

3 points - Siosiaua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Josh Hodgson (Raiders), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Enari Tuala (Knights), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Adam Clune (Dragons), Connor Watson (Knights), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Luke Metcalf (Sharks), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Sam Williams (Raiders), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Tesi Niu (Broncos), Angus Crichton (Roosters),

Justin Olam (Storm), Briton Nikora (Sharks), David Klemmer (Knights), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Jake Granville (Cowboys), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Toby Sexton (Titans), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Tom Dearden (Broncos), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Euan Aitken (Warriors), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Josh Jackson (Bulldogs), Xavier Savage (Raiders)

2 points - Bunty Afoa (Warriors), Waqa Blake (Eels), Hudson Young (Raiders), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Tyrone May (Panthers), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Jesse Bromwich (Storm), Josh Mansour (Rabbitohs), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Bailey Simonsson (Raiders), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Wayne Egan (Warriors), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Josh Morris (Roosters), Peta Hiku (Warriors), Jack Bird (Dragons), Junior Paulo (Eels), Marata Niukore (Eels), Phillip Sami (Titans), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Nick Meaney (Bulldogs), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Moses Leota (Panthers), Jack Williams (Sharks), Matthew Lodge (Broncos), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Moses Suli (Sea Eagles)

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

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Finals Week 1 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
Josh SCHUSTER	Manly	Dangerous Throw - 1	Jahrome Hughes	\$1500	None	N/A	\$1500	\$1150	Guilty - early plea	\$1150	N/A
Sam VERRILLS	Sydney	Careless High Tackle - 2	Brian Kelly	200	None	0	200	150	Guilty at judiciary	2 matches	0
Viliame KIKAU	Penrith	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Jaydn Su'A	\$1500	1 similar, 2 non-similar (+90%)	N/A	\$2850	\$2150	Guilty - early plea	\$2150	N/A
Sauaso SUE	Newcastle	Dangerous Contact (other) - 2	Blake Ferguson	200	1 similar (+50%)	0	300	225	Guilty - early plea	2 matches	25
Marata NIUKORE	Parramatta	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Connor Watson	\$1500	3 non-similar (+60%)	N/A	\$2400	\$1800	Guilty at judiciary	\$2400	N/A
Junior PAULO	Parramatta	Careless High Tackle - 1	Kurt Mann	\$1500	2 non-similar (+40%)	N/A	\$2100	\$1600	Guilty - early plea	\$1600	N/A

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 24 RESULTS

St Helens 40 Tries: Morgan Knowles 2, Sione Mata'utia, Alex Walmsley, Tommy Makinson, Regan Grace, Jack Welsby; Goals: Lachlan Coote 6 **def Leeds Rhinos 6** Tries: Brad Dwyer; Goals: Rhysie Martin 1 **at Totally Wicked Stadium, Crowd: 12568**
Warrington Wolves 20 Tries: Josh Charnley, Matt Davis, Matty Ashton; Goals: Gareth Widdop 3; Field Goals: George Williams 2 **def Salford Red Devils 19** Tries: Ken Sio 2, Tuimola Lolohea; Goals: Morgan Escare 2, Krisnan Inu 1; Field Goals: Tui Lolohea 1 **at Halliwell Jones Stadium**
Wigan Warriors 10 Tries: Zak Hardaker, Jake Bibby; Goals: Zak Hardaker 1 **def Hull FC 0** **at MKM Stadium, Crowd: 10003**
Huddersfield Giants 30 Tries: Matty English, Oliver Ashall-Bott 2, Louis Senior, Josh Jones; Goals: Oliver Russell 5 **def Catalans Dragons 18** Tries: Matt Whitley 2, Matthieu Laguerre; Goals: James Maloney 3 **at Stade Gilbert Brutus**
Hull KR 26 Tries: Kane Linnett, Matt Parcell, Mikey Lewis 2; Goals: Jordan Abdull 5 **def Castleford Tigers 19** Tries: Niall Evalds 2, Derrell Olpherts; Goals: Danny Richardson 3; Field Goals: Danny Richardson 1 **at Hull College Craven Park**
Leigh Centurions 26 Tries: Adam Sidlow, Sam Stone, Ryan Brierley 3; Goals: Ryan Brierley 3 **def Wakefield Trinity 18** Tries: David Fifta, Kelepi Tanginoa, Reece Lyne; Goals: Mason Lino 3 **at Leigh Sports Village, Crowd: 2905**

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Win %
1	Catalans	22	19	3	0	680	386	294	38	86.36
2	St Helens	20	16	4	0	534	203	331	32	80.00
3	Warrington	20	14	5	1	548	330	218	29	72.50
4	Wigan	24	14	10	0	375	377	-2	28	58.33
5	Hull KR	19	10	9	0	485	422	63	20	52.63
6	Leeds	23	12	11	0	520	428	92	24	52.17
7	Castleford	22	11	11	0	413	512	-99	22	50.00
8	Hull FC	20	8	11	1	397	432	-35	17	42.50
9	Wakefield	23	8	15	0	438	536	-98	16	34.78
10	Huddersfield	23	8	15	0	418	492	-74	16	34.78
11	Salford	21	6	15	0	376	570	-194	12	28.57
12	Leigh	21	2	19	0	332	828	-496	4	9.52

ROUND 25 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST
 Thu 16 Sep 7:45pm Castleford v Wigan Mend-A-Hose Jungle
 Fri 17 Sep 7:45pm Leeds v Hull KR Emerald Headingley
 Salford v St Helens AJ Bell Stadium
 Wakefield v Hull FC Mobile Rocket Stadium
 Wigan v Catalans DW Stadium
 Sun 19 Sep 3:00pm Huddersfield v Leigh John Smith's Stadium

PLAYOFF FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST
Week One (Eliminators)
 Thu 23 Sep 7:45pm Warrington (3rd) v 6th Halliwell Jones Stadium
 Fri 24 Sep 7:45pm Wigan (4th) v 5th DW Stadium
Week Two (Semi Finals)
 Thu 30 Sep 7:45pm Catalans (1st) v Lowest Rank Winner Stade Gilbert Brutus
 Fri 1 Oct 7:45pm St Helens (2nd) v Highest Rank Winner Totally Wicked Stadium
Week Three (Grand Final)
 Sat 9 Oct 6:00pm Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2 Old Trafford, Manchester

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - PLAY-OFFS

WEEK 4 RESULTS

Leeds Rhinos 28 Tries: Fran Goldthorp 2, Sophie Nuttall, Hanna Butcher, Courtney Winfield-Hill, Tasha Gaines; Goals: Courtney Winfield-Hill 2 **def Wigan Warriors 10** Tries: Victoria Molyneux 2; Goals: Georgia Wilson 1 **at Sports Park Weetwood**
St Helens 50 Tries: Amy Hardcastle 4, Leah Burke, Rebecca Rotheram, Paige Travis, Zoe Harris, Emily Rudge; Goals: Beth Stott 7 **def Castleford Tigers 6** Tries: Jasmine Cudjoe; Goals: Courtney Pursglove 1 **at Mend-A-Hose Jungle**

LADDER: Leeds 6, St Helens 6, York 2, Castleford 2, Wigan 0

WEEK 5 FIXTURES

Sun 19 Sep 2:00pm St Helens v Wigan Totally Wicked Stadium
 5:15pm York v Castleford LNER Community Stadium

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 21 RESULTS

Dewsbury Rams 31 Tries: Adam Ryder, Liam Finn, Andy Gabriel, Tom Garratt, Jordan Schofield; Goals: Paul Sykes 5; Field Goals: Paul Sykes 1 **def Batley Bulldogs 24** Tries: Ben White, George Senior, Kieran Buchanan, Jodie Broughton; Goals: Tom Gilmore 4 **at Fox's Biscuits Stadium**
Featherstone Rovers 48 Tries: Gareth Gale 2, Connor Jones 3, Callum Field, Alex Walker, Tom Holmes, Frankie Halton; Goals: Craig Hall 6 **def London Broncos 28** Tries: Gideon Boafo 4, Josh Hodson; Goals: Chris Hankinson 4 **at Traillfinders Sports Ground**
Newcastle Thunder 38 Tries: Josh Woods, Ukuma Tai'ai, Connor Bailey, Kieran Gill, Isaac Nokes, Alex Donaghy 2; Goals: Josh Woods 5 **def Oldham RLFC 24** Tries: Lewis Charnock, Dan Abram, Tyler Dupree, Max Roberts 2; Goals: Dan Abram 2 **at Bower Fold**
Whitehaven RLFC 19 Tries: Lachlan Walmsley, Jason Mossop, Ryan King; Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 3; Field Goals: Gregg McNally 1 **def Halifax Panthers 6** Tries: Scott Grix; Goals: Ed Barber 1 **at Recreation Ground**
Widnes Vikings 10 Tries: Jack Owens; Goals: Jack Owens 3 **def Bradford Bulls 9** Tries: Jordan Lilley; Goals: Jordan Lilley 1; Field Goals: Danny Brough 1 **at Halton Stadium**
Swinton Lions 34 Tries: Luis Roberts, Nick Gregson, Reece Hamlett, Mitch Cox, Geronimo Doyle, Lewis Hatton; Goals: Martyn Ridyard 5 **def Sheffield Eagles 28** Tries: Tyler Dickinson, Joel Farrell 2, Rob Worrincy, Olly Butterworth; Goals: Izaak Farrell 4 **at Keepmoat Stadium**
Toulouse v York - CANCELLED

CURRENT LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	WIN %
1	Toulouse	13	13	0	0	616	112	504	26	100.00
2	Featherstone	20	19	1	0	865	282	583	36	90.00
3	Halifax	20	13	7	0	518	342	176	26	65.00
4	Bradford	19	12	7	0	492	465	27	24	63.16
5	Batley	20	12	8	0	549	401	148	24	60.00
6	London	19	11	7	1	530	547	-17	21	55.26
7	Whitehaven	21	11	9	1	466	502	-36	23	54.76
8	Widnes	20	8	11	1	468	518	-50	17	42.50
9	York City	19	8	11	0	470	455	15	16	42.11
10	Newcastle	19	7	11	1	419	545	-126	15	39.47
11	Dewsbury	20	7	12	1	339	594	-255	15	37.50
12	Sheffield	19	5	11	3	410	587	-177	13	34.21
13	Oldham	20	2	17	1	294	727	-433	5	12.50
14	Swinton	21	2	18	1	388	747	-359	5	11.90

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

ROUND 22 FIXTURES

all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST
 Sat 18 Sep 3:00pm Newcastle v Toulouse Kingston Park
 Sun 19 Sep 3:00pm Bradford v Whitehaven Odsal Stadium
 Dewsbury v Oldham Tetley's Stadium
 Featherstone v Sheffield Millennium Stadium
 Halifax v Batley The Shay Stadium
 Swinton v Widnes Heywood Road
 York v London LNER Community Stadium

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - SHIELD

WEEK 5 RESULTS

Featherstone Rovers def Warrington Wolves 34-18
 Bradford Bulls def Wakefield Trinity 46-6

LADDER: Featherstone 8, Huddersfield 6, Warrington 4, Bradford 2, Wakefield 0

QRL TEAMLISTS

PLEASE NOTE: Teamlists are updated and finalised one hour before kickoff. Check QRL.com.au on match day.

INTRUST SUPER CUP - FINALS WEEK ONE

1ST ELIMINATION FINAL (5 v 8)

REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

Moreton Daily Stadium, Saturday 18 September 2:10pm

Referee: Ben Watts; Sideline Officials: Jack Klein, Jack Ebert **REDCLIFFE:** 1. Jayden Nikorima 2. Will Partridge 3. Jeremy Hawkins 4. Viliami Vailea 5. Edward Kosi 6. Patrick Gallen 7. Cameron Cullen 8. Jackson Frei 10. Pride Petterson-Robati 11. Lachlan Timm 12. Jarrett Boland 13. Tom Ale 14. Shane Pumipi 15. Kina Kepu 16. Tyson Cleal 18. Peesi Kepu 20. Benjamin King 24. Sheldon Pitama **FALCONS:** 1. Luke Poiselli 2. Paul Ulberg 3. Nathan Saumalu 4. Bessie Aufaga-Toomaga 5. Nat McGavin 6. Jack Wright 7. Todd Murphy 8. Daniel Dole 9. Kurt Baptiste 10. Patrice Siolo 11. Louis Geraghty 12. Thomas Rafter 13. Sam Burns 14. Blake Wilson 15. Wyatt Reynolds 16. Campbell Duffy 17. Sam Bernstrom 18. Rowan Jardine

2ND QUALIFYING FINAL (2 v 3)

WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v BURLEIGH BEARS

BMD Kougari Oval, Sunday 19 September 1:10pm

Referee: Jarrod Cole; Sideline Officials: Michael Wise, Dan Munroe **WYNNUM:** 1. Selwyn Cobbo 2. David Mead 3. Delouise Hoeter 4. Jesse Arthars 5. Richard Kennar 6. Jack Campagnolo 7. Sam Scarlett 8. Aaron Rockley 9. Jayden Berrell 10. Max Elliott 11. Zeb Taia 12. TC Robati 13. Luke Bateman 14. Kalolo Saitaua 15. Matiu Love-Henry 16. Issac Luke 17. Francis Kalisolaita-tualau 18. Edward Burns 19. Tristan Hope **BURLEIGH:** 1. Kurtis Rowe 2. Jonus Pearson 3. Sami Sauiluma 4. Joshua Berkers 5. Andre Niko 6. Joshua Rogers 7. Guy Hamilton 8. Luke Page 9. Pat Politoni 10. Jeff Lynch 11. Dylan Kelly 12. Lochlyn Sheldon 13. Sam Coster 14. Curtis Dansey Smaller 15. John Palavi 16. Apiata Noema-Matenga 17. Reece Summer

2ND ELIMINATION FINAL (6 v 7)

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES v TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS

Marsden State High School, Sunday 19 September 2:00pm

Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Jacob Whitehouse, Sam Swift **SOUTHS LOGAN:** 1. Jamayne Isaako 2. Creedence Toia 3. Ethan Quai-Ward 4. Isaiah Tass 5. Benaiah Bowie 6. Ezra Mam 7. Joshua James 8. Fabien Paletua-Kiri 9. Cory Paix 11. Kobe Tararo 12. Jacob Allick 13. Rory Ferguson 14. Christian Hazard 15. Jacob Elmore 16. Raiden Fonoti 19. Logan Bayliss-Brow 20. Tyrone Amey **TOWNSVILLE:** 1. Jaelen Feeney 2. Michael Carroll 3. Josh Hoffman 4. Bacho Salam 5. Kalifa Faifai Loa 6. Kyle Laybutt 7. Shaun Nona 8. Joe Boyce 9. Josh Chudleigh 10. Sam Hoare 11. Riley Price 12. Patrick Kaufusi 13. Corey Jensen 14. Carlin Anderson 16. Tom Hancock 17. Kieran Quabba 18. Sam Murphy 22. Sione Lousi

1ST QUALIFYING FINAL (1 v 4)

NORTHS DEVILS v TWEED SEAGULLS

Bishop Park, Sunday 19 September 3:05pm

Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Nick Morel, Ethan Menchin **NORTHS:** 1. Jack Ahearn 2. Rashaun Denny 3. Jacob Gagan 4. Bernard Gregorius 5. Nene Macdonald 6. Connor Broadhurst 7. Bryce Donovan 8. Michael Molo 9. Danny Levi 10. Piki Rogers 11. Moses Noovao-McGreal 12. Leivaha Pulu 13. Michael Sio 14. Matthew Milson 15. Jerome Veve 16. Petero Nakubuwei 17. Brendan Piakura 18. Jack Miers 19. Liam Horne 20. Hiale Roycroft **TWEED:** 1. John Mackin 2. Brayden McGrady 3. Treymain Spry 4. Lee Turner 5. Ryland Jacobs 6. Will Brimson 7. Brent Woolf 8. JJ Collins 9. Liam Hampson 10. Harrison Muller 11. Lamar Liolelave 12. Juwan Compain 13. Braden Robson 14. Tevin Arona 15. Darius Farmer 16. Jack Glossop 17. Stuart Mason 18. Nick Ritter 19. Talor Walters

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - FINALS WEEK ONE

2ND QUALIFYING FINAL (2 v 3)

TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS v REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS

Moreton Daily Stadium, Saturday 18 September 12:00pm

Referee: Jordan Morel; Sideline Officials: Nik Inthout, Liam Fryer **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. Jacson Lott 16. Tomas Chester 17. Cameron Bateup 18. Luke Jack 19. Zachery McMinn **REDCLIFFE:** 1. Tahj Wood 2. Eric Vaafusua 3. Samuel Elara 4. Harrison McIndoe 5. Daeon Amituanai 6. Toby Elliot 7. Cody Hunter 8. Jesse Tu'inukuafe 9. Kyle Barnwell 10. Jordan Crocker 11. Mali Le Pou 12. Joe Clarke 13. Chayse Cavanagh 14. Cody Byrne 15. Aiden Aue 16. Bailey Morgan 24. Rece Hansen

1ST QUALIFYING FINAL (1 v 4)

WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS v SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS

BMD Kougari Oval, Sunday 19 September 11:00am

Referee: Jake Stanton; Sideline Officials: Cody Kwik, Glen Stewart **WYNNUM:** 1. Ben Farr 2. Grand Hagai 3. Kurtis Farr 4. Sebastian Winters-Chang 5. Tom Farr 6. Braden Whittaker 7. Max Plath 8. Jacob Sturt 9. Harrison Graham 10. John Radel 11. Ethan Malt 12. Kobe Martin 13. Alec MacDonald 14. Sefa Roache-Faimalo 15. Nathan Ward 16. Caius Faatili 17. Malachai Retchford **FALCONS:** 1. Blake Wilson 2. Gian Largiader 3. Kane Jackson 4. Jack Aiken 5. Zachariah Miles 6. Jai Smoothy 7. Jayden Zanchetta 9. Nick Ellens 10. Matthew Baker 11. Jake Zammit 12. Leyton Ey 13. Sam Reid 14. Rory Curtis 15. Blake Woodford 16. Jai Smith 17. Joseph Lowe 18. Kaleb Sutton

2ND ELIMINATION FINAL (6 v 7)

TWEED SEAGULLS v SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES

Bishop Park, Sunday 19 September 12:45pm

Referee: Jeremy Meadows; Sideline Officials: Matt Colclough, Josh Eaton **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 Manufetoa 12. Solomon Torrens 13. Klese Haas 14. Taine Ujdur-berghan 15. Vincent Takataka 16. Cameron Campbell 17. Jotham Russell 18. Michael White **SOUTHS LOGAN:** 1. Byron Johnson 2. Tyrone Harding 3. Feao Maka 4. Fa'ata'ape Timai 5. Denzel Samoa 6. Rixson Andrew 7. Mitchel Yow 8. Billy Mozer 9. Callum Eggerling 11. Daniel Allan 12. Vincent Sefo 13. Cruise Ten 14. Ezra Teuila 15. Benjamin Smith 16. Max Pakai 19. Sione Vakauta 21. Lance Bagon

1ST ELIMINATION FINAL (5 v 8)

BRISBANE TIGERS v MACKAY CUTTERS

Marsden State High School, Sunday 19 September 11:30am

Referee: Dylan Cassidy; Sideline Officials: Ryan Cracknell, Lachlan Sutton **BRISBANE:** 1. Lachlan West 2. Harry Farimbella 3. Jude Saldanha 4. Onosai Auina 5. Max Kruger 6. Brad Russell 7. Jonah Glover 8. Jacob Reedy-Bartlett 9. Justin Smith 10. Joshua Colls 11. Rhys Sparey 12. Simon Pratt 13. Bailey Bartley 14. James Busby 15. Jordan Penquitt 16. Siaso Tonga 17. Tyrone Gunn-james **MACKAY:** 1. Rayden Burns 2. Keanu Wainohu-Kemp 3. Tyler Holmes 4. Josh Smith 5. Flynn Camilleri 6. Aiden Beard 7. Henri Stocks 8. Morgan Mcwhirter 9. Jack Hoffmann 10. Ethan Borg 11. Ethan Sweet 12. Luke Webley 13. Paul Bryan 14. Jedd Abbott 15. Caleb Sinn 16. Ethan Cocco 18. Henry Head

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QRL RESULTS: SEPTEMBER 11-12

QRL INTRUST SUPER CUP - ROUND 17

Wynnum Manly Seagulls 30 Tries: Selwyn Cobbo, Sam Scarlett, Kalolo Saiatua, Issac Luke, Delouise Hoeter; Goals: Jack Campagnolo 5 **def Townsville Blackhawks 24** Tries: Kalifa Faifai-Loa, Riley Price, Josh Chudleigh, Michael Bell; Goals: Shaun Nona 2, Carlin Anderson 2 **at Jack Manski Oval**

PNG Hunters 30 Tries: Emmanuel Waine 2. Gilimo Paul, Epel Kapinias, Solo Wane, Ase Boas; Goals: Ase Boas 3 **def Tweed Seagulls 18** Tries: Lee Turner 2, Lamar Liolveave, Will Brimson; Goals: Tevin Arona 1 **at Bycroft Oval**

Burleigh Bears 24 Tries: Jonus Pearson, Guy Hamilton, Sami Sauluma, Jeff Lynch; Goals: Josh Rogers 4 **def Northern Pride 20** Tries: Grant Anderson 2, Cephas Chinfat, Nick Lui-Toso; Goals: Evan Child 2 **at Barlow Park**

Brisbane Tigers 44 Tries: Dan Russell, Zak Taibi, Kea Pere, Mitch Frei, Darren Nicholls, Ron Philitoga, Jack Peoples, Sam Lavea; Goals: Jonah Glover 6 **def Mackay Cutters 14** Tries: Kyle Krisanski-Kennedy, Jake Riley, Adam Cook; Goals: Jack Quinn 1 **at Totally Workwear Stadium**

Ipswich Jets 30 Tries: Ono So'oialo, Kierran Moseley, Gerome Burns, Nathaniel Neale, Denzel Burns; Goals: Gerome Burns 5 **def Norths Devils 22** Tries: Jacob Gagan, Connor Broadhurst, Hiale Roycroft, Rashaun Denny; Goals: Jack Miers 3 **at North Ipswich Reserve**

Sunshine Coast Falcons 24 Tries: Nathan Saumalu, Tom Rafter, Todd Murphy, Luke Polsell; Goals: Todd Murphy 4 **def CQ Capras 22** Tries: Radean Robinson, Trey Browne, Tyler Szepanowski, Jedidiah Simbiken, Brandon Roberts; Goals: Trey Browne 1 **at Sunshine Coast Stadium**

Souths Logan Magpies 33 Tries: Cory Paix 2, Ezra Mann 2, Isaiah Tass, Ethan Quia-Ward; Goals: Jamayne Isaako 4; Field Goals: Josh James 1 **def Redcliffe Dolphins 22** Tries: Will Partridge, Jayden Nikorima, Jeremy Hawkins, Cameron Cullen; Goals: Will Partridge 3 **at Davies Park**

FINAL INTRUST SUPER CUP LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Norths	15	14	1	0	463	278	185	28
2	Wynnum Manly	15	10	5	0	457	332	125	20
3	Burleigh	15	10	5	0	389	296	93	20
4	Tweed	15	9	4	2	406	342	64	20
5	Redcliffe	15	10	5	0	376	352	24	20
6	Pride	15	8	5	2	344	329	15	18
7	Townsville	15	8	6	1	404	317	87	17
8	Souths Logan	15	8	6	1	448	388	60	17
9	SC Falcons	15	8	7	0	406	342	64	16
10	PNG Hunters	15	5	10	0	330	429	-99	10
11	Mackay	15	4	11	0	306	484	-178	8
12	Brisbane	15	3	11	1	308	388	-80	7
13	Ipswich	15	2	12	1	307	495	-188	5
14	CQ Capras	15	1	12	2	269	441	-172	4

QRL U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - ROUND 14

Wynnum Manly Seagulls 36 Tries: Malachi Retchford 2, Max Plath, Braden Whittaker, Harrison Graham, Ben Farr; Goals: Braden Whittaker 6 **def Townsville Blackhawks 28** Tries: Jordan Lipp 3, Jake McDonnell-Mara, Curtis Dempsey; Goals: Dylan White 4 **at Jack Manski Oval**

Burleigh Bears 46 Tries: Iszac Fa'asumaleaui, Tony Francis, Lachlan Adamson, Isaac Matalavea-Booth, Samuel Shannon, Tyler Mahon, Brent Barnes, Tristan Powell; Goals: Tyler Mahon 7 **def Northern Pride 0** **at Barlow Park**

Mackay Cutters 30 Tries: Rayden Burns, Jack Hoffmann, Ethan Sweet, Keanu Wainohu-Kemp, Luke Webley; Goals: Henri Stocks 5 **def Brisbane Tigers 14** Tries: Bradley Russell, Onosai Auina, Justin Smith; Goals: Jude Saldhana 1 **at Totally Workwear Stadium**

Tweed Seagulls 48 Tries: Michael White 2, Jaylan To'o 2, Caleb Warman, Tyler Han, Jotham Russell, Taanei Heu, Ben Liyou; Goals: James Torrens 3, Harradyn Wilson 1 **def Western Mustangs 6** Tries: Darryl Erepia; Goals: Matthew Wilson 1 **at Bycroft Oval**

Norths Devils 52 Tries: Isaac Hawes 2, Jared Chambers 2, Isaiah Iongi, Trent Casey, Devonte Sa'u, Kye Jenkins, Lodoviko Cokanauta, Tristan Voll, Dario Takitaki; Goals: Hayden Rowbotham 4 **def Ipswich Jets 18** Tries: Tate Rhea 2, David Telea, Josiah Mauga; Goals: Nathan Stephensen 1 **at North Ipswich Reserve**

Sunshine Coast Falcons 50 Tries: Gian Largiader 3, Nick Ellems 3, Pat McGinn, Jai Smoothy, Matthew Baker; Goals: Jai Smoothy 5, Joseph Lowe 2 **def CQ Capras 30** Tries: Herman Seumanufagai, Chris Lee, Harlem Russell, Coby Williamson, Laish Salam; Goals: Peyton Jenkins 5 **at Sunshine Coast Stadium**

Redcliffe Dolphins 46 Tries: Toby Elliott 2, Harrison McIndoe 3, Joe Clark, Cody Hunter, Sam Elara; Goals: Cody Hunter 7 **def Souths Logan Magpies 16** Tries: Lance Bagon, Byron Johnson, Tyrone Harding; Goals: Byron Johnston 2 **at Davies Park**

FINAL HASTINGS DEERING COLTS LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Wynnum Manly	14	12	1	1	574	220	354	25
2	Townsville	14	9	5	0	521	274	247	18
3	Redcliffe	14	9	5	0	506	314	192	18
4	SC Falcons	14	9	5	0	518	344	174	18
5	Brisbane	14	9	5	0	460	360	100	18
6	Tweed	14	9	5	0	436	343	93	18
7	Souths Logan	14	8	6	0	487	406	81	16
8	Mackay	14	7	5	2	394	370	24	16
9	Burleigh	14	7	7	0	452	388	64	14
10	Norths	14	6	7	1	410	396	14	13
11	CQ Capras	14	6	8	0	376	524	-148	12
12	Pride	14	4	10	0	292	598	-306	8
13	Mustangs	14	1	13	0	226	704	-478	2
14	Ipswich	14	0	14	0	246	657	-411	0



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Who's celebrating this week
15 - 21 September 2021

Wednesday 15 September
Joe Ofahengaue (Wests Tigers) 26

Thursday 16 September
Mitchell Moses (Parramatta) 27
Jayden Sullivan (St Geo Illa) 20

Saturday 18 September
Edrick Lee (Newcastle) 29

Monday 20 September
Isaiah Papali'i (Parramatta) 23

Tuesday 21 September
Anthony Don (Gold Coast) 34

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

Lottoland	8:05pm
Stad. Aus.	4:05pm
AAMI Park	8:05pm
Netstrata	5:15pm
Netstrata	7:45pm
McD. Jones	4:05pm
SCG	6:15pm
Stad. Aus.	4:00pm

ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8
Friday, Apr 9

Saturday, Apr 10

Sunday, Apr 11

April 8-11

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

ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15
Friday, Apr 16

Saturday, Apr 17

Sunday, Apr 18

April 15-18

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

ROUND 7

Thursday, Apr 22
Friday, Apr 23

Saturday, Apr 24

Sunday, Apr 25

April 22-25

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

ANZAC Round

ROUND 8

Thursday, Apr 29
Friday, Apr 30

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2

April 29-May 2

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

ROUND 9

Thursday, May 6
Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

May 6-9

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

ROUND 10

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16

May 14-16

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

Magic Round Brisbane

ROUND 11

Thursday, May 20
Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

May 20-23

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

ROUND 12

Thursday, May 27
Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

May 27-30

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

Indigenous Round

ROUND 13

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

June 3-6

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

STATE OF ORIGIN 1

Wednesday, Jun 9

June 9

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

Friday, Jun 11

Saturday, Jun 12

Sunday, Jun 13

Monday, Jun 14

June 11-14

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

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 15

Thursday, Jun 17
Friday, Jun 18

Saturday, Jun 19

Sunday, Jun 20

WOMEN'S ORIGIN

Friday, Jun 25

ORIGIN 2

Sunday, Jun 27

ROUND 16

Thursday, Jul 1

Friday, Jul 2

Saturday, Jul 3

Sunday, Jul 4

ROUND 17

Thursday, Jul 8

Friday, Jul 9

Saturday, Jul 10

Sunday, Jul 11

Byes

ORIGIN 3

Wednesday, Jul 14

ROUND 18

Friday, Jul 16

Saturday, Jul 17

Sunday, Jul 18

ROUND 19

Thursday, Jul 22

Friday, Jul 23

Saturday, Jul 24

Sunday, Jul 25

ROUND 20

Thursday, Jul 29

Friday, Jul 30

Sunday, Aug 1

Monday, Aug 2

June 17-20

Brisbane v Souths

North Qld v Cronulla

Penrith v Sydney

Newcastle v Warriors

St Geo Illa v Canberra

Melbourne v Wests Tigers

Parramatta v Canterbury

Gold Coast v Manly

Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

0-46

24-26

38-12

10-6

22-20

66-16

36-10

24-56

Suncorp 7:50pm

QLD C.B. 6:00pm

Bluebet 7:55pm

McD. Jones 3:00pm

WIN 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Bankwest 2:00pm

Cbus 4:05pm

ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5

Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12

Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19

Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26

Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2

Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

WEEK 1

Friday, Sep 10 QF 1

Saturday, Sep 11 EF 1

QF 2

Sunday, Sep 12 EF 2

WEEK 2

Friday, Sep 17 SF 1

Saturday, Sep 18 SF 2

WEEK 3

Friday, Sep 24 PF 2

Saturday, Sep 25 PF 1

WEEK 4

Sunday, Oct 3 GF

August 5-8

Newcastle v Brisbane 28-20

Canberra v St Geo Illa 20-12

Parramatta v Souths 12-40

Warriors v Cronulla 18-16

Sydney v Penrith 14-20

Manly v Melbourne 18-28

Canterbury v Wests Tigers 16-28

Gold Coast v North Qld 36-14

Suncorp 7:50pm

Cbus Super 6:00pm

Cbus Super 8:05pm

Cbus Super 3:00pm

Suncorp 5:30pm

Suncorp 7:35pm

Cbus Super 1:50pm

Cbus Super 4:05pm

August 12-15

Melbourne v Canberra 26-16

St Geo Illa v Penrith 16-34

Brisbane v Sydney 20-21

Souths v Gold Coast 36-6

North Qld v Wests Tigers 16-24

Manly v Parramatta 56-10

Warriors v Canterbury 24-10

Cronulla v Newcastle 14-16

Women in League Round

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 20-34

Canberra v Manly 18-19

Penrith v Souths 25-12

Wests Tigers v Cronulla 20-50

Canterbury v Newcastle 16-22

Parramatta v North Qld 32-16

St Geo Illa v Sydney 22-40

Brisbane v Warriors 24-22

Cbus 7:50pm

Suncorp 6:00pm

Suncorp 8:05pm

R'hampton 3:00pm

Cbus 5:30pm

Cbus 7:35pm

Toowoomba 2:00pm

Suncorp 4:05pm

August 26-29

Newcastle v Gold Coast 15-14

Warriors v Canberra 16-28

Sydney v Souths 12-54

St Geo Illa v North Qld 26-38

Cronulla v Brisbane 24-16

Melbourne v Parramatta 10-22

Manly v Canterbury 36-18

Penrith v Wests Tigers 30-16

Sun. Coast 7:50pm

Mackay 6:00pm

Suncorp 7:55pm

R'hampton 3:00pm

Suncorp 5:30pm

Suncorp 7:35pm

Redcliffe 1:50pm

Redcliffe 4:05pm

September 2-5

Canberra v Sydney 16-40

Cronulla v Melbourne 16-28

Parramatta v Penrith 6-40

Brisbane v Newcastle 35-22

North Qld v Manly 18-46

Souths v St Geo Illa 20-16

Gold Coast v Warriors 44-0

Wests Tigers v Canterbury 0-38

Mackay 7:50pm

Cbus 6:00pm

Cbus 8:05pm

Suncorp 3:00pm

QLD C.B. 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Cbus 2:00pm

Redcliffe 4:05pm

2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES

SEPTEMBER 10-12

Melbourne (1) v (4) Manly 40-12

Sydney (5) v (8) Gold Coast 25-24

Penrith (2) v (3) Souths 10-16

Parramatta (6) v (7) Newcastle 28-20

Qualifying & Elimination Finals

Sun. Coast 7:50pm

QLD C.B. 5:40pm

QLD C.B. 7:50pm

Browne 4:05pm

SEPTEMBER 17-18

Manly v Sydney

Penrith v Parramatta

Semi Finals

BB Print Stadium 7:50pm

BB Print Stadium 7:50pm

SEPTEMBER 24-25

Souths v W SF 1

Melbourne v W SF 2

Preliminary Finals

Suncorp Stadium 7:50pm

Suncorp Stadium 4:00pm

OCTOBER 3

W PF 1 v W PF 2

Grand Final

Suncorp Stadium 7:30pm

All matches except Grand Final & Origin broadcast live on Fox League & Kayo Sports. Thu 7:50pm, Fri 7:55pm and Sun 4:05pm matches, all Finals, Grand Final and Origin are broadcast live on the Nine Network. NOTE: NRL draw is subject to change - visit LeagueUnlimited.com for updated fixtures. All times listed are NSW/VIC/ACT local.

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