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

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

On the left side of the screenshot, there is a 'Latest News' section with a headline: 'Storm sneak past the Cowboys to record 15th win in a row'. The article mentions that 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.

THERE IS NO OFF-SEASON

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From the editor

Tim Costello

The final four are the top four after 8th, 7th, 6th and 5th-placed teams have been eliminated across the opening fortnight of the NRL Finals, and we're left with two huge prelims!

On Friday the Bunnies and Manly - love them or hate them - face off for the first spot in the October 3 decider. Saturday afternoon the Storm and Panthers face each other in a Grand Final re-match one game early.

Our magazine this week takes a look at the story of Natalie Sinclair - a former Penrith cheerleader-turned-lawyer - talking about how the Panthers as a club helped her along the way,

We've also got an extensive look at the milestones that await at each club and for several players in 2022 - with four players a good chance to join the NRL's illustrious 300-game club.

A huge fortnight awaits and we're excited to bring you a bumper edition of The Front Row next week to celebrate the Grand Final.

Happy reading!



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CHANGING PERCEPTIONS

HOW A FORMER PANTHERETTE HAS THE CLUB TO THANK FOR HER CAREER PATH

WORDS: PAUL JOBBER

PHOTOS: NATALIE SINCLAIR

Natalie Sinclair can thank the Penrith Panthers for putting her on the path to becoming a lawyer.

The former Pantherette spent five seasons at the foot of the mountains contributing to matchday entertainment as a cheerleader while also undertaking a double university degree.

But it was a chance email she wrote to the then-sponsor of the Panthers while cheerleading between 2013 and 2017 that allowed her to achieve her dream job.

"Brydens Lawyers were the sponsor of the Panthers at the time so I emailed them and said I'd love to do some sort of an internship," she recalled.

"I told them I was a cheerleader for the Panthers and then after a game the principal and general manager came and found me and offered me an internship on the spot."

The rest, as they say, is history.

While most other young women would be unsure whether to mention their title as a cheerleader, Sinclair said it proved to be the best choice she made.

And it's why changing people's perceptions of the work cheerleaders do is a cause close to her heart.

"Some people tell you they won't take you seriously if you say you're a cheerleader (in a job interview) it actually did the opposite and made me stand out a little bit," she said.

"From that internship I have my career now so cheerleading was what got me where I am now in all aspects of my life."

And the 28-year-old knows without the Panthers providing her with a platform to share her story, it may never have been told.

For that she is forever grateful.



"Without the Panthers I wouldn't have had the platform to tell my story and maybe change that perception a little bit that if someone is a cheerleader they don't have another job or career they're working towards," Sinclair said.

"It was crazy to me that it was a big thing that I was also studying law while being a cheerleader. Everyone just saw it as this huge novelty."

Her love of the Panthers can be traced back more than two decades to her first genuine memory at the 2003 grand final as a 10-year-old.

Her dad was a Penrith tragic while her mum was passionate about the Tigers and it was her old man who won out.

"I chose to go with the Panthers because he was really who I could talk to the most about it when it came to footy," she said.

"So I realised pretty early on that if I want to talk to someone about footy all the time, my dad was the right pick so I'd better choose his team."

"We went to the Penrith games all the time when I was younger and it just became such a big part of my life."

The love of the Panthers progressed to a new level in 2013 when she became a cheerleader while players such as Nathan Cleary, Jarome Luai and Brent Naden were all playing in the under-20s.

Cleary and Luai now have important roles to play this weekend when Penrith take on the seemingly unbeatable Melbourne Storm as they aim to erase the memory of last year's grand final defeat.

Should they achieve that, the former Pantherette feels they may have one hand on the elusive Telstra Premiership trophy.

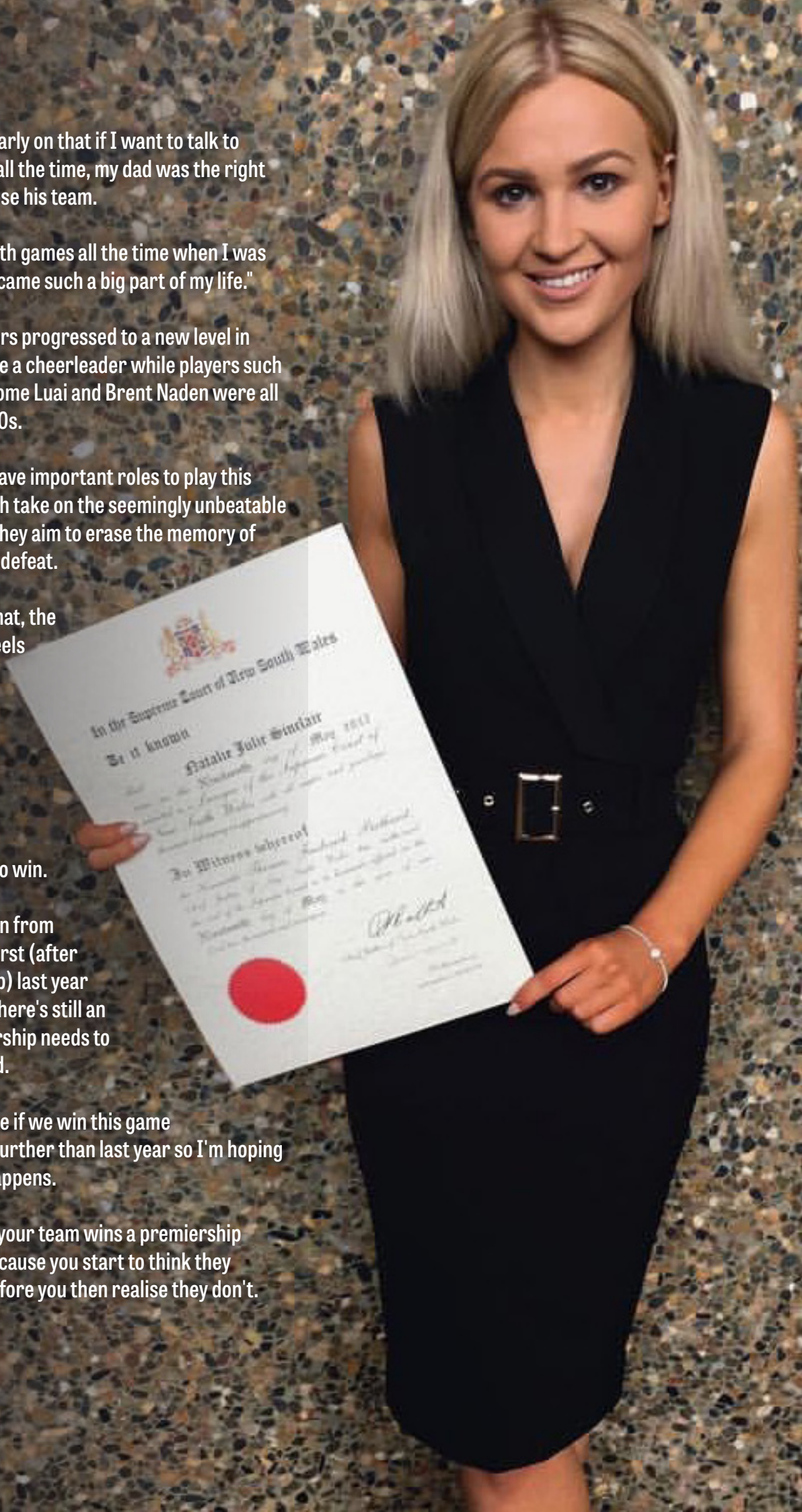
But she also knows premierships are traditionally difficult to win.

"While the progression from 10th place in 2013 to first (after the minor premiership) last year has been very quick, there's still an expectation a premiership needs to happen soon," she said.

"There is so much hope if we win this game that we could go one further than last year so I'm hoping against hope that it happens."

"It's a big thing when your team wins a premiership when you're young because you start to think they happen all the time before you then realise they don't."

"I'm still waiting."



THE SEASON AHEAD

A LOOK AT KEY MILESTONES TO COME IN 2022

WORDS: ROB CROSBY

As the 2021 NRL season draws to a close, all 16 clubs will head into 2022 with hope for better days to come.

Many individual and club milestones are set to fall in the coming year, including four veterans on track to join the exclusive ranks of the 300 club.

Benji Marshall will be the oldest and most experienced player in the league should he extend his career for a 20th season. David Mead is the oldest player currently contracted for 2022, while Mitchell Pearce is the only player with 300 games in the same position.

2,000 POINTS

Player	Club	Points To Reach Milestone
Adam Reynolds	Brisbane	108*

1,000 POINTS

Player	Club	Points To Reach Milestone
Mitchell Moses	Parramatta	142
Latrell Mitchell	South Sydney	228

150 TRIES

Player	Club	Tries To Reach Milestone
Alex Johnston	South Sydney	17*
Jarrold Croker	Canberra	17
Blake Ferguson	Parramatta+	24

100 TRIES

Player	Club	Tries To Reach Milestone
Corey Oates	Brisbane	2
James Tedesco	Sydney	3
Benji Marshall	South Sydney+	4*
Joseph Leilua	Unattached	5
Jordan Rapanua	Canberra	12
David Nofaluma	West's Tigers	13
Josh Mansour	South Sydney	16
Will Chambers	Cronulla+	17
Latrell Mitchell	South Sydney	18

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have been the most active club in the player market with eight new signings. In contrast, Canberra, Manly, Parramatta and Penrith have yet to sign a player on the open market.

Adam Reynolds, Dale Finucane and Josh Addo-Carr headline the highest profile transfers. Shaun Johnson, Dane Gagai and Connor Watson will return for second stints at the Warriors, Knights and Roosters respectively.

300 GAMES

Player	Club	Games To Reach Milestone
Aiden Tolman	Cronulla+	4
Jarrold Croker	Canberra	9
Andrew McCullough	St Geo Illa	11
James Tamou	West's Tigers	14

250 GAMES

Player	Club	Games To Reach Milestone
Blake Ferguson	Parramatta+	1
Josh McGuire	St Geo Illa	5
Josh Papalii	Canberra	11
Kieran Foran	Manly	13*
Aaron Woods	Cronulla+	17
Adam Reynolds	Brisbane	21*

200 GAMES

Player	Club	Games To Reach Milestone
Tyson Frizell	Newcastle	4
Anthony Milford	South Sydney	7
Chad Townsend	North Queensland	8
Kenny Bromwich	Melbourne	9*
Tom Burgess	South Sydney	14*
Tohu Harris	New Zealand	18
Paul Vaughan	Canterbury	19
James Tedesco	Sydney	20
Tyrone Peachey	Unattached	21

150 GAMES

Player	Club	Games To Reach Milestone
George Burgess	St Geo Illa	1
Matt Moylan	Cronulla	3
Damien Cook	South Sydney	5*
Elliott Whitehead	Canberra	6
Apisai Koroisau	Penrith	7*
Cody Walker	South Sydney	10*
Nelson Asofa-Solomona	Melbourne	10*
Joseph Tapine	Canberra	10
Kodi Nikorima	New Zealand	10
Clinton Gutherson	Parramatta	11
John Asiata	Canterbury	12
Valentine Holmes	North Queensland	13
Josh Hodgson	Canberra	13
Waqi Blake	Parramatta	14
Euan Aitken	New Zealand	15
Ava Seumanufagai	Canterbury	16
James Fisher-Harris	Penrith	18*
Cameron McInnes	Cronulla	20

100 GAMES

Player	Club	Games To Reach Milestone
Jacob Saifiti	Newcastle	2
Herman Ese'ese	Gold Coast	4
Viliame Kikau	Penrith	4*
Kurt Capewell	Brisbane	6*
Michael Chee-Kam	Unattached	6
Jayden Brailey	Newcastle	6
Corey Harawira-Naera	Canberra	7
Tevita Tatola	South Sydney	9*
Jazz Tevaga	New Zealand	9
Matt Eisenhuth	Penrith	11*
Lachlan Fitzgibbon	Newcastle	11
Alex Twal	Wests Tigers	11
Campbell Graham	South Sydney	12*
Brad Parker	Manly	12*
Isaiah Papalii	Parramatta	12
Raymond Faitala-Mariner	Canterbury	13
Luciano Leilua	Wests Tigers	13
Brandon Smith	Melbourne	15*
Bunty Afoa	New Zealand	16
Jahrome Hughes	Melbourne	17*
Kalyn Ponga	Newcastle	17
Matt Lodge	New Zealand	17
Matt Dufty	Canterbury	18
Jaydn Su'A	St Geo Illa	19*
Esan Marsters	Gold Coast	20

CLUB BY CLUB

BRISBANE BRONCOS

Most games for the club: Corey Oates (170)

Most tries for the club: Corey Oates (98)

Most experienced player: Adam Reynolds (229*)

Featured milestone: *Corey Oates needs 2 tries to become the sixth player to score 100 tries for the club.*

CANBERRA RAIDERS

Most games for the club: Jarrod Croker (291)

Most tries for the club: Jarrod Croker (133 - club record)

Most experienced player: Jarrod Croker (291)

Featured milestone: *Josh Papalii needs 6 appearances to become the third most-capped player for the club.*

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Most games for the club: Josh Jackson (218)

Most tries for the club: Josh Jackson (24)

Most experienced player: Josh Jackson (218)

Featured milestone: *Josh Jackson needs 13 appearances to become the fifth most-capped player for the club.*

CRONULLA SHARKS

Most games for the club: Wade Graham (217)

Most tries for the club: Wade Graham (38)

Most experienced player: Wade Graham (259)

Featured milestone: *Wade Graham needs 16 appearances to become the third most-capped player for the club.*

GOLD COAST TITANS

Most games for the club: Jarrod Wallace (104)

Most tries for the club: Phillip Sami (34)

Most experienced player: Kevin Proctor (275)

Featured milestone: *The Titans will be looking to qualify for the finals in consecutive seasons for the second time in the club's history.*

MANLY SEA EAGLES

Most games for the club: Daly Cherry-Evans (260*)

Most tries for the club: Tom Trbojevic (75*)

Most experienced player: Daly Cherry-Evans (260*)

Featured milestone: *Daly Cherry-Evans needs 21 appearances to become the second most-capped player for the club.*

MELBOURNE STORM

Most games for the club: Jesse Bromwich (271*)

Most tries for the club: Cameron Munster (35*)

Most experienced player: Jesse Bromwich (271*)

Featured milestone: *Xavier Coates will become the first incumbent Origin player to transfer to the club since Michael Crocker (2005).*

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

Most games for the club: Dane Gagai (128)

Most tries for the club: Kalyn Ponga (35)

Most experienced player: Mitchell Pearce (309)

Featured milestone: *Jacob Saifiti requires 2 appearances for the Saifiti brothers to become the third set of brothers to play 100 games for the club.*

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

Most games for the club: Jason Taumalolo (211)

Most tries for the club: Kyle Feldt (104)

Most experienced player: Jason Taumalolo (211)

Featured milestone: *The Cowboys will be looking to finish higher than 13th for the first time since reaching the Grand Final in 2017.*

PARRAMATTA EELS

Most games for the club: Clinton Gutherson (134)

Most tries for the club: Maika Sivo (54)

Most experienced player: Blake Ferguson (249)

Featured milestone: *Parramatta will be looking to break the longest current premiership drought in the league (36 years).*

PENRITH PANTHERS

Most games for the club: Isaah Yeo (171*)

Most tries for the club: Nathan Cleary (46*)

Most experienced player: Isaah Yeo (171*)

Featured milestone: *Isaah Yeo needs 16 appearances to enter the top ten most appearances for the club.*

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

Most games for the club: Jack de Belin (165)

Most tries for the club: Mikaele Ravalawa (38)

Most experienced player: Andrew McCullough (289)

Featured milestone: *St George Illawarra will be looking to arrest the longest losing streak in the history of the club (8 matches).*

+ Player not yet contracted for 2022

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

Most games for the club: Tom Burgess (186*)

Most tries for the club: Alex Johnston (133*)

Most experienced player: Benji Marshall (344*)

Featured milestone: *Alex Johnston needs 14 tries to become the highest try-scorer for the club.*

SYDNEY ROOSTERS

Most games for the club: Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (254)

Most tries for the club: Daniel Tupou (117)

Most experienced player: Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (260)

Featured milestone: *Daniel Tupou needs 23 tries to become the highest try-scorer for the club.*

WARRIORS

Most games for the club: Shaun Johnson (162)

Most tries for the club: Shaun Johnson (63)

Most experienced player: Shaun Johnson (206)

Featured milestone: *Only 9 contracted players have represented the club in an NRL fixture held in New Zealand.*

WESTS TIGERS

Most games for the club: Luke Brooks (172)

Most tries for the club: David Nofoaluma (87 - club record)

Most experienced player: James Tamou (286)

Featured milestone: *Wests Tigers will be looking to break the longest finals drought in the NRL era (10 seasons).*

**Statistics are based on players currently active in first grade rather than all-time records and current to Finals Week 2, 2021*

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ONE BETTER?

Like this picture, Nathan Cleary's Penrith team's job is only half done. Panthers vs Storm is the next step, seeing the season's heavy weights fight for the right to play in the grand final. 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	West's 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

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GAME DAY

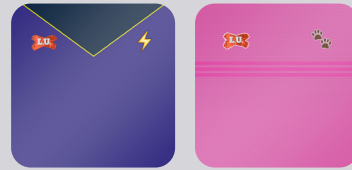
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SOUTH SYDNEY v MANLY
Suncorp Stadium

SATURDAY



1ST PRELIMINARY FINAL
MELBOURNE v PENRITH
Suncorp Stadium

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

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Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	1	2	7	1*	24
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	W	2	-	9	-	18
3	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	2	1	5	-	14
4	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	2	3	-	-	12
	Enari TUALA	NEW	W	1	3	-	-	12
6	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	2	-	5	-	10
	Adam KEIGHRAN	SYD	CTR	2	-	5	-	10

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Enari TUALA	NEW	W	1	3
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	2	3
3	Blake FERGUSON	PAR	W	2	2
	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	1	2
	Waga BLAKE	PAR	CTR	2	2
	Matt IKUVALU	SYD	W	2	2
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	2	2

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	W	2	9	9	100%
2	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	1	7	8	88%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	2	5	5	100%
	Adam KEIGHRAN	SYD	CTR	2	5	7	71%
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	2	5	6	83%
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	1	4	5	80%
	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	1	4	5	80%
8	Jake CLIFFORD	NEW	5/8th	1	2	4	50%

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
22	6	1	2	-	8	Blake TAAFFE	1
26	20	27	-	-	108	Alex JOHNSTON	2
30	21	10	-	-	40	Dane GAGAI	3
22	19	8	-	-	32	Campbell GRAHAM	4
21	10	7	-	-	28	Jaxson PAULO	5
31	23	13	-	-	52	Cody WALKER	6
31	23	5	116	2	256	Adam REYNOLDS	7
31	25	3	-	-	12	Mark NICHOLLS	8
30	22	2	-	-	8	Damien COOK	9
24	19	-	-	-	-	Tevita TATOLA	10
23	21	3	-	-	12	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	11
23	21	5	-	-	20	Jaydn SU'A	12
23	18	5	-	-	20	Cameron MURRAY	13
36	21	3	-	-	12	Benji MARSHALL	14
24	19	1	-	-	4	Jacob HOST	15
29	24	4	-	-	16	Thomas BURGESS	16
26	21	2	-	-	8	Jai ARROW	17
26	12	8	-	-	32	Taane MILNE	18
26	11	-	-	-	-	Patrick MAGO	19
25	8	2	-	-	8	Braidon BURNS	20
24	4	-	-	-	-	Jed CARTWRIGHT	21

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SET RESTARTS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
24	17	27	-	-	108	Tom TRBOJEVIC	1
20	26	26	-	-	104	Jason SAAB	2
24	25	8	-	-	32	Brad PARKER	3
23	22	8	-	-	32	Morgan HARPER	4
24	26	21	119	-	322	Reuben GARRICK	5
31	24	4	-	-	16	Kieran FORAN	6
32	24	9	1	2	40	Daly CHERRY-EVANS	7
25	15	-	-	-	-	Josh ALOIAI	8
24	25	4	-	-	16	Lachlan CROKER	9
31	25	2	-	-	8	Martin TAUPAU	10
22	20	8	-	-	32	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU	11
20	20	2	-	-	8	Josh SCHUSTER	12
27	22	3	-	-	12	Jake TRBOJEVIC	13
26	19	5	-	-	20	Dylan WALKER	14
25	15	3	-	-	12	Karl LAWTON	15
23	19	1	-	-	4	Sean KEPPIE	16
23	23	-	-	-	-	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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#NRLSouthsManly

2ND PRELIMINARY FINAL



Friday 24
September 2021



7:50PM
AEST



Suncorp Stadium,
Milton QLD



Nine Network
Fox League / Kayo



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

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Ashley KLEIN
Touch Judges Todd SMITH
Dave MUNRO
NRL Bunker Grant ATKINS

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 146 MATCHES

MANLY-WARRINGAH 77-69 (no draws)

At Suncorp Stadium: never met at this venue

LAST TEN: SOUTH SYDNEY 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2016	R5	Souths 16-12	4 Pines Park	9,603
2016	R20	Manly 20-12	Allianz Stadium	8,273
2017	R2	Souths 38-18	4 Pines Park	10,183
2017	R9	Manly 46-8	Allianz Stadium	10,594
2018	R3	Souths 34-6	Stadium Australia	25,106
2019	R4	Manly 13-12	4 Pines Park	12,304
2019	R17	Souths 21-20	Stadium Australia	13,434
2019	FN	Souths 34-26	Stadium Australia	32,127
2020	R15	Souths 56-16	Stadium Australia	4,712
2021	R2	Souths 26-12	4 Pines Park	3,218

BIGGEST WINS

1975	R22	Manly 54-0	4 Pines Park	11,734
2020	R15	Souths 56-16	Stadium Australia	4,712

FINALS HEAD TO HEAD: 13 MATCHES

SOUTH SYDNEY 9-4

At Suncorp Stadium: never met in Finals at this venue

LAST FIVE - FINALS: SOUTH SYDNEY 3-2

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1984	FN	Souths 22-18	SCG	15,801
2007	FN	Manly 30-6	4 Pines Park	19,785
2013	FN	Manly 30-20	Stadium Australia	44,546
2014	FN	Souths 40-24	Allianz Stadium	25,733
2019	FN	Souths 34-26	Stadium Australia	32,127

MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Damien Cook	Souths	100 career points	6 points
Dane Gagai	Souths	300 career points	6 points
Latrell Mitchell	Souths	100 club points	7 points
Tautau Moga	Souths	100 career points	8 points
(Scored in Finals)	Souths	300 Finals tries	3 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE
project

Preview

with Rob Crosby

Get to the big dance so you don't die with the music in you...

Another chapter in the storied rivalry between the South Sydney Rabbitohs and the Manly Sea Eagles will be written on Friday evening as the two teams face off for a place in the grand final.

Coming into the contest well-rested after an unexpected victory a fortnight ago, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will be hoping to go one better after falling short in their past three preliminary finals.

Naming the same squad that prevailed in the opening week of the play-offs, rookie Blake Taaffe has retained his place at fullback following a strong showing in the 16-10 victory over the Panthers.

Winning four of their five clashes against the Sea Eagles during Wayne Bennett's tenure, including a rain-affected 26-12 win at Lottoland in the early rounds of the season, the Rabbitohs have historically performed strongly against the Sea Eagles in finals football with nine wins from 13 meetings.

Falling a game short of the big dance three years in a

row, departing captain Adam Reynolds will be out to prove his credentials as a big match performer after attracting criticism from Cooper Cronk earlier in the season for his inability to get the Rabbitohs over the line in past preliminary finals against the Roosters (4-12), Raiders (10-16) and Panthers (16-20).

Returning to form with an emphatic win in Mackay last week, the Manly Sea Eagles will be out to impress in their first preliminary final appearance in eight years.

Flexing their attacking muscles with seven tries during last Friday's 42-6 victory over the Roosters, coach Des Hasler will be aiming to secure his sixth grand final appearance and first since returning to the coaching ranks two years ago. The Sea Eagles have named an unchanged side with Martin Taupau starting in the front-row despite coming off the bench in his 200th first grade match last week.

Friday marks the first time the Sea Eagles have featured in a preliminary final since upsetting the Rabbitohs at ANZ Stadium in 2013; Daly Cherry-Evans, Kieran Foran, Adam Reynolds, Dylan Walker and Tom Burgess (18th man) are the surviving players from the 30-20 victory which saw Manly overcome a 0-14 deficit en route to booking a place in the grand final.

Who to watch: Holding a distinct piece of history as the oldest player to ever represent South Sydney in first grade, rugby league icon Benji Marshall will be out to end his career as it started. Experiencing the euphoria of winning a grand final as a prodigious 20-year-old,

the veteran Kiwi has spent nearly two decades chasing similar heights all the while forging a legacy as one of the most beloved players to ever grace a rugby league field. Playing predominantly off the bench as needed by his coach this season, the 36-year-old premiership winner shapes as an experienced head capable of propelling the Rabbitohs into the final match of the season after several near misses in recent years.

Going about his work without the fanfare of his universally acclaimed younger brother this season, Jake Trbojevic will be out to right a wrong on Friday evening. Falling foul of a contentious sin bin ruling when the two sides last met in finals football, the 27-year-old lock forward will be out to make amends after helplessly watching his teammates play a man down with the game on the line two years ago. Regarded as the modern day heart and soul of Manly through his on-field performances and affinity for the club, expect Trbojevic to be at his best if the Sea Eagles are to book a ticket to the big dance next Sunday.

Favourite: With 14 of the past 18 preliminary finalists going through to the Grand Final well-rested after a week off, the Rabbitohs are favoured to continue recent historical trends.

My tip: Few preliminary finals have been as hard to pick as the showdown on Friday night headlined by two of the best coaches of the NRL era. In a contest where both teams measure up strongly on paper it will come down to the team that can make the most out of Latrell Mitchell's absence. **Sea Eagles by 2.**

MELBOURNE STORM



PENRITH PANTHERS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
23	14	13	48	2	151	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	1
28	17	11	-	-	44	George JENNINGS	2
24	24	13	-	-	52	Reimis SMITH	3
27	23	12	-	-	48	Justin OLAM	4
26	21	23	1	-	94	Josh ADDO-CARR	5
27	19	7	16	-	60	Cameron MUNSTER	6
26	23	9	-	-	36	Jahrome HUGHES	7
32	23	1	-	-	4	Jesse BROMWICH	8
25	23	12	-	-	48	Brandon SMITH	9
27	20	2	-	-	8	Christian WELCH	10
29	19	3	-	-	12	Felise KAUFUSI	11
29	20	4	-	-	16	Kenneath BROMWICH	12
30	16	2	-	-	8	Dale FINUCANE	13
23	13	5	-	-	20	Harry GRANT	14
27	21	3	-	-	12	Tui KAMIKAMICA	15
25	16	4	-	-	16	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	16
25	23	7	58	-	144	Nicho HYNES	17
25	9	-	-	-	-	Aaron PENE	18
29	17	4	-	-	16	Tom EISENHUTH	19
29	20	2	-	-	8	Chris LEWIS	20
23	3	2	-	-	8	Isaac LUMELUME	21

Craig BELLAMY

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SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Dylan EDWARDS	25	19	5	-	1	22
2	Stephen CRICHTON	20	24	9	14	-	64
3	Paul MOMIROVSKI	25	17	6	-	-	24
4	Matt BURTON	21	24	16	6	1	77
5	Brent NADEN	25	7	4	-	-	16
6	Jarome LUAI	24	23	2	-	-	8
7	Nathan CLEARY	23	18	10	90	2	223
8	Moses LEOTA	26	23	3	-	-	12
9	Apisai KOROISAU	28	16	3	-	-	12
10	James FISHER-HARRIS	25	22	2	-	-	8
11	Viliame KIKAU	26	25	9	-	-	36
12	Kurt CAPEWELL	28	21	6	-	-	24
13	Isaah YEO	26	23	2	-	-	8
14	Tyrone MAY	25	19	3	-	-	12
15	Scott SORENSEN	28	17	1	-	-	4
16	Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR	25	20	5	-	-	20
17	Liam MARTIN	24	25	3	-	-	12
18	Izack TAGO	19	6	1	-	-	4
19	Spencer LENIU	21	17	1	-	-	4
20	J'maine HOPGOOD	22	6	-	-	-	-
21	Brian TO'O	23	19	14	-	-	56

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#NRLStormPanthers

2ND SEMI FINAL



Saturday 25
September 2021



4:00PM
AEST



Suncorp Stadium,
Milton QLD



Nine Network
Fox League / Kayo



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

MATCH OFFICIALS

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

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 38 MATCHES

MELBOURNE 28-10 (no draws)

At Suncorp Stadium: 1 match, Melbourne 1-0

LAST TEN: MELBOURNE 7-3

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2015	R13	Melbourne 20-0	BlueBet Stadium	11,849
2015	R19	Melbourne 52-10	AAMI Park	11,956
2016	R13	Melbourne 24-6	AAMI Park	11,116
2017	R5	Melbourne 28-6	AAMI Park	15,223
2018	R25	Penrith 22-16	AAMI Park	20,637
2019	R3	Melbourne 32-2	Carrington Park	10,973
2020	R6	Penrith 21-14	Campbelltown	115
2020	GF	Melbourne 26-20	Stadium Australia	37,303
2021	R3	Penrith 12-10	BlueBet Stadium	14,077
2021	R20	Melbourne 37-10	Suncorp Stadium	-

BIGGEST WINS

2002	R20	Penrith 36-16	BlueBet Stadium	7,524
2004	R17	Melbourne 66-14	Olympic Park	9,042
2005	R5	Penrith 36-16	BlueBet Stadium	14,844

FINALS HEAD TO HEAD: 1 MATCH

MELBOURNE 1-0

At Suncorp Stadium: never met in Finals at this venue

FINALS HISTORY

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	GF	Melbourne 26-20	Stadium Australia	37,303

MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
(Scored in Finals)	Penrith	100 Finals tries	6 tries

Match stats courtesy of

RUGBY LEAGUE project

Preview

with Jason Hosken

Storm out to crush Penrith on route to a fifth grand final in six years.

More resilient than a cockroach in a nuclear blast, that's the Melbourne Storm, an immovable grand final pest. For over two decades, from the resurrection of deadbeats to the greats of the game, we've nearly seen it all.

So to Fox Sports and Nine, Gogglebox us this, where was the insert of Craig Bellamy during the Panthers-Eels slugfest?

Sure, viewers are used to the froth and spit, gutter language too. But the unseen joy, the thigh slapping belly laughs with each and every body whack would have rated its socks off.

In a semi final that ranks among the most brutal of the NRL era, extra time aside, it had everything the Storm coach could have wished for.

For the Panthers, they now have one week to patch up and back up, but can they?

One more hit to Nathan Cleary's shoulder could leave it spinning like grandad's garden sprinkler,

then there's doubt over the fitness of metre eaters Viliame Kikau and Brian To'o.

The points too, for so long a season staple, have all but dried up.

It's not the case for Melbourne though. With Josh Addo-Carr named to return alongside inform 80s glamster Ryan Papenhuyzen, the Storm are poised to redline.

Last season Ivan Cleary's young bucks froze under the grand final spotlights, but a year on they'll be better for the experience. And despite last week's carnage in Mackay, the Panthers know what it takes to rattle Bellamy's cage.

Back in round 24 Parramatta frustrated the premiers into their most recent loss. Their defence was just as fast off the line in their round 2 victory, a formula Penrith repeated to down Melbourne again the very next week.

While plenty have jumped on Penrith's fumbling attack, what the mountain men haven't lost is a rigid ability to deny. Already the stingiest defensive unit, the three tries conceded in the past fortnight show the Storm won't have it all their own way.

Now in the countdown as the teams simmer, the message to fans of both sides should be to bite down on your mouthguard, hard. You're in for a wild ride where the winner can expect to kick on and claim the ultimate prize.

Who to watch: With Josh Addo-Carr's five year Melbourne stint drawing to a close, one more try will take the Fox to a club record 24 in a season. But for Penrith tricksters Cleary and Jarome Luai, they'll be drawn to the Storm's right edge and finals rookies Reimis Smith and George Jennings. Having coasted home on the wave of a week-1 Manly blitz, the duo can expect an Origin style examination and even more attention at the first sign of doubt.

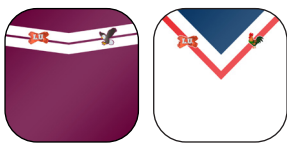
Tevita Pangai Junior's imposing footprint is sure to sound alarm bells through the Melbourne middle, but for chief nigglers Cameron Munster and Felise Kaufusi, it's the wrecking ball's red buttons that will have them eagerly rubbing their hands. The club-hopper set the Eels on the back foot, but his overreaction to a few choice words won't have gone unnoticed in Bellamy's seaside bunker.

Favourite: Despite sharing the spoils in the two clashes this season, Melbourne are the short priced favourites to make consecutive grand finals. But don't be fooled, Penrith have held their own against the Storm winning three of the past six.

My tip: For two seasons these sides have been head and shoulders above the rest of the field and up until the Rabbitohs' week-1 roadblock, the Panthers' shot at grand final redemption against the Storm seemed a formality. Now broken and bruised, a fresh and match hardened Melbourne are about to burst Penrith's Queensland bubble. **Storm by 8.**

NRL: FINALS WEEK 2 WRAP

Friday | SF 1 | MANLY-WARRINGAH 42 SYDNEY ROOSTERS 6



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (42)
Tries: Tom Trbojevic (2), Kieran Foran, Daly Cherry-Evans, Morgan Harper, Dylan Walker, Jason Saab
Conversions: Reuben Garrick (7/7)
SYDNEY ROOSTERS (6)
Tries: Matt Ikuvalu; **Conversions:** Adam Keighran (0/1); **Penalty Goals:** Adam Keighran (1/1)

Venue: BB Print Stadium Mackay
Crowd: 5824
Halftime Score: Manly-Warringah 24 Sydney Roosters 6
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans
2 points - Tom Trbojevic
1 points - Jake Trbojevic

OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE

Sea Eagles thrash Roosters to book Preliminary Final next week

Manly has bounced back to book a Preliminary Final with the Rabbitohs next week, after thrashing the Roosters 42-6 at BB Print Stadium in Mackay tonight.

It was the usual suspects who delivered for Manly with Daly Cherry-Evans scoring a try and setting up two more in the first half, while superstar fullback Tom Trbojevic crashed over for 2 tries in yet another superb performance from the Dally M Medal favourite.

The Roosters were never in the match, with the Sea Eagles running in four first half tries to blow away the Tricolours early and put them in a mouth-watering match up with the Rabbitohs next weekend.

Coming into the match the biggest question the Roosters needed to answer was how to stop Manly superman Tom Trbojevic.

The search for his kryptonite continued early for the Roosters, when after just six minutes the Manly #1 found some space off a Daly Cherry-Evans pass as he crashed over for the first try of the night.

Manly's start was ramped up to electric when this time Jake Trbojevic held up a lovely pass at the line for his brother Tom, who strolled through the defensive line to draw and pass for Kieran Foran who scored under the posts for Manly to lead 12-0 in as many minutes.

The Sea Eagles continued to chase the hand on the clock when Daly Cherry-Evans at first receiver from the scrum then threw a dummy and darted through to score under the posts and it was looking like an ugly night developing for Trent Robinson's men.

The Roosters desperately needed to hit back if they were to stay in the game and they did so, as skipper James Tedesco collected the ball wide to put his winger Matt Ikuvalu over in the corner to get the Tricolours on the board.

Cherry-Evans then pulled his side further ahead when the Queensland halfback spotted a gap on the blind side and put speedster Jason Saab away down the left wing. Saab then looked inside and found his centre Morgan Harper who scored beside the posts to give the Sea Eagles a commanding 24-4 lead before halftime.

Just as the siren sounded, Sydney were then awarded a penalty after Tedesco was taken off the ball on suspicion by Manly prop Martin Taupau.

The Roosters elected to take penalty goal on offer through Adam Keighran to keep them just in touch by 24-6 at the break.

The Sea Eagles however picked up where they left off in the Second Half, when Jake Trbojevic strolled through a big gap and found super sub Dylan Walker who was brought down just metres from the line.

Off the ensuing play it was the familiar sight of Tom Trbojevic who charged at the defensive line to crash over for his second try.

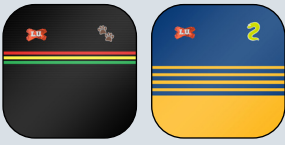
Minutes later Dylan Walker then split the Roosters defence wide open and then dummied his way past Tedesco to score under the posts and extend the lead to 36-6 and put his side on a collision course with his former club South Sydney next week.

Wisely, coach Des Hasler then elected to put the Ferrari back in the garage, when Tom Trbojevic left the field.

The game was then put to bed moments later, when centre Morgan Harper collected a kick inside his own half.

The former Bulldog then produced an offload out the back to put his winger Jason Saab away down the touch line to give Manly a commanding 42-6 win and put themselves one game away from a Grand Final, and send the Roosters out in straight sets for the second consecutive season.

Saturday | SF 2 | PENRITH 8 PARRAMATTA 6



PENRITH PANTHERS (8)
Tries: Kurt Capewell
Conversions: Nathan Cleary (1/1)
Penalty Goals: Nathan Cleary (1/1)
PARRAMATTA EELS (6)
Tries: Waqa Blake
Conversions: Mitchell Moses (1/1)

Venue: BB Print Stadium Mackay
Crowd: 6011
Halftime Score: Penrith 8 Parramatta 6
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Nathan Cleary
2 points - Mitchell Moses
1 point - Isaah Yeo

OUR REPORT with LACHY MACCORQUODALE

Panthers to face Storm after incredible Battle of the West

The Penrith Panthers knock-off the Parramatta Eels 8-6 in an incredible Semi Final contest - a true contender for game of the season.

It's been a while since we've been treated to a gritty thriller and what a game it was between the Penrith Panthers and the Parramatta Eels.

After Manly's thrashing of the Roosters last night, it was refreshing to witness a classic finals match which represented the sport for the tough physical contest that it is.

Penrith and Parramatta both had a multitude of chances throughout the game and whether it was disallowed tries or tackles pulling players up inches short of the try line, neither team seemed to be able to land that final punch.

Bizarrely, the winning blow came at the end of the first half as the Penrith Panthers took the lead just before the half-time break through a Nathan Cleary penalty goal.

Despite the low scoring fashion of the second half, it was a thrilling viewing experience as both teams traded blows for the duration of the half and for the matter the duration of the whole 80 minutes.

The tries came early for both sides with Parramatta opening the scoring through Waqa Blake in the 10th minute who scored after a Mitchell Moses bomb made Dylan Edwards look like a fool.

Blake was able to scoop up the scraps and score untouched next to the posts to open the scoring.

The Panthers struck only minutes later after a brilliant grubber kick from Nathan Cleary found Kurt Capewell who dodged his way past Parramatta's defence to level the scores.

Nathan Cleary's aforementioned penalty goal gave the Panthers the lead heading into the break and that would be the final points scored for the match.

The second half was even better than the first despite no points being scored as both sides traded blows but failed to land any match-winning tries.

As the game wore on, the intensity seemed to increase as Nathan Cleary and Mitchell Moses repeatedly earned their sides repeat sets with some great grubber kicks.

As was the nature of this game, both sides found ways to cough the ball up after multiple sets in great field position which allowed the game to ebb and flow in a way which saw intensified periods of pressure for Parramatta and Penrith's defence.

Parramatta and their fans will be devastated after this loss, but they'll be proud of the tough performance they displayed tonight as they pushed the Panthers the whole 80 minutes.

Their season ends tonight as the Panthers qualify for next week's Preliminary Final against the minor premiers, the Melbourne Storm.

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Standings after Finals Week 2

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.

40 points - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles/NSW)

37 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)

28 points - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)

25 points - James Tedesco (Roosters), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

22 points - Will Kennedy (Sharks), Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs/NSW), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

19 points - Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), 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/Knights)

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), Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

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), 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 Wighton (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 - Siosua 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), Wayde 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 Taafe (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 Nofaluma (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 Ofahengaua (Wests Tigers), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles)

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Finals Week 2 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
Egan BUTCHER	Sydney	Dangerous Contact (other) - 1	Haumole Olakau'atu	\$1500	2 non-similar priors (+40%)	N/A	\$2100	\$1600	Guilty - early plea	\$1600	N/A
Marata NIUKORE	Parramatta	Careless High Tackle - 1	Scott Sorensen	100*	2 similar; 2 non-similar (+140%)	N/A	240	180	Guilty - early plea	1 match	80

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 25 RESULTS

Warrington Wolves 40 Tries: Connor Wrench, Jake Mamo 2, Matty Ashton 3; Goals: Stefan Ratchford 7, Gareth Widdop 1 **def Castleford Tigers 24** Tries: Grant Millington, Jordan Turner, Peter Mata'utia; Goals: Danny Richardson 4 **at Mend-A-Hose Jungle Salford Red Devils 26** Tries: Ken Sio 2, Ellis Robson, Chris Atkin, Matty Costello; Goals: Chris Atkin 2, Krisnan Inu 1 **def St Helens 14** Tries: Jonathan Bennison, Jonny Lomax; Goals: Shay Martyn 3 **at AJ Bell Stadium**
Wigan Warriors 12 Tries: Willie Isa, James McDonnell; Goals: Zak Hardaker 2 **def Catalans Dragons 8** Tries: Tom Davies, Matthieu Laguerre **at DW Stadium, Crowd: 12852**
Leeds Rhinos 36 Tries: Ash Handley, James Donaldson, Richie Myler, Tom Holroyd, Matt Prior, Robert Lui; Goals: Rhys Martin 6 **def Hull KR 12** Tries: Will Dagger, Mikey Lewis; Goals: Jordan Abdull 2 **at Emerald Headingley Stadium**
Wakefield Trinity 40 Tries: Kelepi Tanginoa 2, Innes Senior, James Batchelor, Jacob Miller, David Fifita, Ryan Hampshire, Liam Kay; Goals: Mason Lino 5, David Fifita 1 **def Hull FC 12** Tries: Mitieli Vulikijapani, Jake Connor; Goals: Jake Connor 2 **at The Mobile Rocket Stadium**
Huddersfield Giants 42 Tries: Louis Senior 2, Leroy Cudjoe, Owen Trout, Oliver Russell, Joe Greenwood, Will Pryce, Ricky Leutele; Goals: Oliver Russell 5 **def Leigh Centurions 24** Tries: Jai Whitbread, Iain Thornley, Brendan Elliot 2, Sam Stone; Goals: Ryan Brierley 2 **at John Smith's Stadium, Crowd: 3867**

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Win %
1	Catalans	23	19	4	0	688	398	290	38	82.61
2	St Helens	21	16	5	0	548	229	319	32	76.19
3	Warrington	21	15	5	1	588	354	234	31	73.81
4	Wigan	25	15	10	0	387	385	2	30	60.00
5	Leeds	24	13	11	0	556	440	116	26	54.17
6	Hull KR	20	10	10	0	497	458	39	20	50.00
7	Castleford	23	11	12	0	437	552	-115	22	47.83
8	Hull FC	21	8	12	1	409	472	-63	17	40.48
9	Wakefield	24	9	15	0	478	548	-70	18	37.50
10	Huddersfield	24	9	15	0	460	516	-56	18	37.50
11	Salford	22	7	15	0	402	584	-182	14	31.82
12	Leigh	22	2	20	0	356	870	-514	4	9.09

PLAYOFF FIXTURES all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Week One (Eliminators)

Thu 23 Sep 7:45pm Warrington (3rd) v Hull KR (6th) Halliwell Jones Stadium
 Fri 24 Sep 7:45pm Wigan (4th) v Leeds (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 5 RESULTS

York City Knights def Castleford Tigers 28-14, St Helens 52 def Wigan Warriors 0

FINAL LADDER: St Helens 8, Leeds 6, York 4, Castleford 2, Wigan 0

SEMI FINAL FIXTURES

Sun 26 Sep 1:15pm 2 v 3 St Helens v Castleford Totally Wicked Stadium
 3:30pm 1 v 4 Leeds v York Totally Wicked Stadium

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - SHIELD

SEMI FINAL FIXTURES

Sun 26 Sep 2:00pm 2 v 3 Featherstone v Bradford Millennium Stadium
 3:00pm 1 v 4 Huddersfield v Warrington Laund Hill SC

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 22 RESULTS

Toulouse Olympique 82 Tries: Jy Hitchcox 4, Joe Bretherton 2, Dominique Peyroux, Mathieu Jussaume 2, Justin Sangare 2, Joseph Paulo, Romain Navarrete, Mark Kheirallah, Anthony Marion; Goals: Mark Kheirallah 11 **def Newcastle Thunder 12** Tries: Nathan Roebuck 2; Goals: Josh Woods 2 **at Kingston Park**
Whitehaven RLFC 36 Tries: Tom Walker, Louis Jouffret 2, Gregg McNally, Chris Taylor, Lachlan Walmsley; Goals: Lachlan Walmsley 6 **def Bradford Bulls 22** Tries: Ben Evans 2, Aaron Murphy, David Foggin-Johnston; Goals: Danny Brough 2, Sam Hallas 1 **at Odsal Stadium**
Dewsbury Rams 21 Tries: Lewis Carr, Adam Ryder 2, Michael Knowles; Goals: Paul Sykes 2; Field Goals: Paul Sykes 1 **def Oldham RLFC 14** Tries: Dan Abram, Danny Bridge; Goals: Dan Abram 2 **at Tetley's Stadium**
Featherstone Rovers 78 Tries: Craig Hall 5, Fa'amanu Brown, Frankie Halton 3, Brett Ferres 2, Jack Bussey, Gareth Gale 2, Josh Hardcastle; Goals: Craig Hall 9 **def Sheffield Eagles 10** Tries: Ryan Johnson, Rob Worrincy; Goals: Josh Gudzek 1 **at Millennium Stadium**
Batley Bulldogs 12 Tries: Lucas Walshaw, Johnny Campbell; Goals: Tom Gilmore 2 **def Halifax Panthers 10** Tries: James Saltonstall, Conor McGrath; Goals: Connor Robinson 1 **at The Shay Stadium**
Widnes Vikings 26 Tries: Adam Lawton, Deon Cross, Steve Tyrer, Jayden Hatton, Lewis Hulme; Goals: Jack Owens 3 **def Swinton Lions 16** Tries: Geronimo Doyle, Mitch Cox, Reece Hamlett; Goals: Martyn Ridyard 2 **at Heywood Road**
York City Knights 32 Tries: Chris Clarkson, Jason Bass, Danny Kirmond, Matty Marsh, Tyme Dow-Nikau, Danny Washbrook; Goals: Myles Harrison 4 **def London Broncos 22** Tries: Greg Richards, Chris Hankinson, Jacob Jones, Titus Gwaze; Goals: Chris Hankinson 3 **at LNER Community Stadium**

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	WIN %
1	Toulouse	14	14	0	0	698	124	574	28	100.00
2	Featherstone	21	20	1	0	943	292	651	38	90.48
3	Halifax	21	13	8	0	528	354	174	26	61.90
4	Batley	21	13	8	0	561	411	150	26	61.90
5	Bradford	20	12	8	0	514	501	13	24	60.00
6	Whitehaven	22	12	9	1	502	524	-22	25	56.82
7	London	20	11	8	1	552	579	-27	21	52.50
8	Widnes	21	9	11	1	494	534	-40	19	45.24
9	York	20	9	11	0	502	477	25	18	45.00
10	Dewsbury	21	8	12	1	360	608	-248	17	40.48
11	Newcastle	20	7	12	1	431	627	-196	15	37.50
12	Sheffield	20	5	12	3	420	665	-245	13	32.50
13	Oldham	21	2	18	1	308	748	-440	5	11.90
14	Swinton	22	2	19	1	404	773	-369	5	11.36

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

PLAYOFF FIXTURES all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Week One (Eliminators)

Sat 25 Sep 3:15pm Batley (4th) v Bradford (5th) Fox's Biscuits Stadium
 5:30pm Halifax (3rd) v Whitehaven (6th) The Shay Stadium

Week Two (Semi Finals)

Sat 2 Oct 3:15pm Toulouse (1st) v Lower Ranked Winner Stade Ernest Wallon
 5:30pm Featherstone (2nd) v Higher Ranked Winner Millennium Stadium

Week Three (Final - Million Pound Game)

Sun 10 Oct 6:00pm Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2 Venue TBC

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 TWO

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Saturday 25 September, Tugun RLFC, 2:10pm
Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Nick Morel, Jack Klein

Tweed SEAGULLS

1	Lindon McGrady
2	John Mackin
3	Treyman Spry
4	Lee Turner
21	Ryland Jacobs
6	Will Brimson
7	Toby Sexton
8	JJ Collins
9	Brent Woolf
10	Harrison Muller
11	Lamar Liolevave
12	Joshua Patston
13	Braden Robson
14	Liam Hampson
15	Daniel Ross
16	Juwan Compain
17	Tevin Arona
18	Darius Farmer
19	Jack Glossop
20	Stuart Mason
22	Nick Ritter

Redcliffe DOLPHINS

1	Jayden Nikorima
2	Will Partridge
3	Jeremy Hawkins
4	Viliami Vailea
5	Edward Kosi
6	Patrick Gallen
7	Cameron Cullen
11	Lachlan Timm
24	Sheldon Pitama
19	Jackson Frei
10	Peesi Kepu
12	Tom Ale
13	Pride Petterson-Robati
8	Tyson Cleal
14	Preston Riki
15	Kina Kepu
16	Jarrett Boland
18	Benjamin King

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Sunday 26 September, Pizze Park, 3:05pm
Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Michael Wise, Jacob Whitehouse

Burleigh BEARS

1	Kurtis Rowe
2	Jonus Pearson
3	Sami Sauluma
4	Andre Niko
5	Curtis Dansey Smaller
6	Joshua Rogers
7	Tanah Boyd
8	Luke Page
9	Pat Politoni
10	Jeff Lynch
11	Dylan Kelly
12	Joshua Berkers
13	Sam Coster
14	Shallin Fuller
15	John Palavi
16	Apiata Noema-Matenga
17	Jacob Hind
18	Jack Stockwell
19	Guy Hamilton

Souths Logan MAGPIES

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
19	Logan Bayliss-Brow
11	Kobe Tararo
12	Jacob Allick
13	Rory Ferguson
14	Christian Hazard
15	Jacob Elmore
16	Raiden Fonoti
20	Tyrone Amey
18	Brad Frith

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - FINALS WEEK TWO

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Saturday 25 September, Tugun RLFC, 11:45am
Referee: Jake Stanton; Sideline Officials: Jordan Morel, Cody Kwik

Wynnum Manly SEAGULLS

1	Ben Farr
2	Grand Hagai
3	Kurtis Farr
4	Germaine Bulsey
5	Tom Farr
6	Braden Whittaker
7	Max Plath
8	Jacob Sturt
9	Harrison Graham
10	Malachai Retchford
11	Ethan Malt
12	Kobe Martin
13	Alec MacDonald
14	Sefa Roache-Faimalo
15	Nathan Ward
16	Caleb Savelio Thompson
17	John Radel

Mackay CUTTERS

1	Rayden Burns
2	Blake Paskins
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	Hayden Brownsey
15	Caleb Sinn
16	Paul Bryan
17	Ethan Cocco
18	Henry Head

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Sunday 26 September, Pizze Park, 12:45pm
Referee: Jeremy Meadows; Sideline Officials: Matt Colclough, Nik Inthout

Townsville BLACKHAWKS

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 Mara
12	Benn Campagnolo
13	Tyson Chase
14	Mitch Fogarty
15	Zachery McMinn
16	Tomas Chester
17	Jacson Lott

Souths Logan MAGPIES

1	Byron Johnson
2	Tyrone Harding
3	Feao Maka
4	Fa'ata'ape Timai
5	Denzel Samoa
6	Edward Downing-Brown
7	Ezra Teuila
8	Billy Mozer
9	Callum Eggerling
21	Lance Bagon
11	Jack Cannig
12	Vincent Sefo
13	Cruise Ten
14	Max Pakai
15	Benjamin Smith
19	Stone Vakauta
20	Daniel Allan

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QRL INTRUST SUPER CUP - FINALS WEEK 1

Redcliffe Dolphins 40 Tries: Will Partridge 2, Trai Fuller, Edward Kosi, Tom Ale, Jeremy Hawkins, Viliami Vailea; Goals: Will Partridge 6 **def Sunshine Coast Falcons 20** Tries: Paul Ulberg, Louis Geraghty, Luke Polsell, William Toloi; Goals: Luke Murphy 2 **at Moreton Daily Stadium**

Wynnum Manly Seagulls 22 Tries: TC Robati, Sam Scarlett, Selwyn Cobbo; Goals: Jesse Arthars 5 **def Burleigh Bears 14** Tries: Dylan Kelly, Shallin Fuller; Goals: Josh Rogers 3 **at BMD Kougari Oval** **Souths Logan Magpies 30** Tries: Isaiah Tass 2, Creedence Toia, Benaiah Bowie, Ezra Mam; Goals: Jamayne Isaako 4; Field Goals: Jamayne Isaako 2 **def Townsville Blackhawks 24** Tries: Kalifa Faifai-Loa, Josh Chudleigh, Jaelen Feeny, Kyle Laybutt; Goals: Shaun Nona 4 **at Marsden State High School**

Norths Devils 22 Tries: Jonathon Reuben 2, Matthew Milson, Bernard Gregorius; Goals: Connor Broadhurst 2, Tyrone Roberts 1 **def Tweed Seagulls 16** Tries: Joshua Patston, Braden Robson, Toby Sexton; Goals: Lindon McGrady 1, Toby Sexton 1 **at Bishop Park**

QRL U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - FINALS WEEK 1

Redcliffe Dolphins 40 Tries: Chayse Cavanagh 2, Samual Elara 2, Zarrin Galea, Taniela Otukolo, Jesse Tu'inukwafe; Goals: Cody Hunter 6 **def Townsville Blackhawks 16** Tries: Benn Campagnolo 2, Zinzaan Martin; Goals: Dylan White 2 **at Moreton Daily Stadium**

Sunshine Coast Falcons 36 Tries: Nick Ellems 2, Zachariah Miles, Joseph Lowe, Gian Largiader, Leyton Ey; Goals: Jai Smoothy 6 **def Wynnum Manly Seagulls 16** Tries: Kurtis Farr; Germaine Bulsey, Max Plath; Goals: Braden Whittaker 2 **at BMD Kougari Oval**

Mackay Cutters 38 Tries: Henri Stocks 2, Blake Paskins, Josh Smith, Tyler Holmes, Jack Hoffman; Goals: Henri Stocks 7 **def Brisbane Tigers 14** Tries: Zachary Croft, Solomona Faataape; Goals: Jonah Glover 3 **at Marsden State High School**

Souths Logan Magpies 78 Tries: Callum Eggerling 2, Feao Maka 2, Billy Mozer 2, Max Pakai, Vincent Sefo, Byron Johnson 2, Cruise Ten, Tyrone Harding 2, Denzel Samoa; Goals: Byron Johnson 11 **def Tweed Seagulls 6** Tries: Cameron Campbell; Goals: Tyler Han 1 **at Bishop Park**

AWARD WINNERS

A quick look at the who's picked up gongs at your club for 2021

Canberra Raiders

Meninga Medal - Jordan Rapana

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks

Porter-Gallen Medal - Will Kennedy

St George Illawarra Dragons

Dragons Medal - Ben Hunt

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs

Dr George Peponis Medal - Josh Jackson

Brisbane Broncos

Paul Morgan Medal - Payne Haas

Gold Coast Titans

Paul Broughton Medal: Tino Fa'asuamaleaui

North Queensland Cowboys

Paul Bowman Medal - Coen Hess

Warriors

Simon Mannering Medal - Tohu Harris

Newcastle Knights

Danny Buderus Medal - Jacob Saifiti

Sydney Roosters

Jack Gibson Medal - James Tedesco

Dally M Awards - minor awards

Ken Irvine Medal (Top Try Scorer): Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs)

Top Points Scorer: Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles)

YOUI Tackle of the Year: Xavier Coates (Broncos)

DrinkWise Try of the Year: Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles)

VB Hardest Working Player of the Year: Isaiah Papali'i (Parramatta Eels)

Remaining Dally M Awards to be issued 27 September



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Who's celebrating this week
22 - 28 September 2021

Wednesday 22 September

Kenny Bromwich (Melbourne) 30
Stephen Crichton (Penrith) 21

Thursday 23 September

Blayke Brailey (Cronulla) 23

Friday 24 September

Zac Lomax (St George Illawarra) 22

Saturday 25 September

Teig Wilton (Cronulla) 22

Sunday 26 September

Aaron Pene (Melbourne) 26

Monday 27 September

Lachlan Burr (North Queensland) 29
Dylan Walker (Manly) 27

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 1

Thursday, Mar 11
Friday, Mar 12

Saturday, Mar 13

Sunday, Mar 14

March 11-14

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

ROUND 2

Thursday, Mar 18
Friday, Mar 19

Saturday, Mar 20

Sunday, Mar 21

March 18-21

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

ROUND 3

Thursday, Mar 25
Friday, Mar 26

Saturday, Mar 27

Sunday, Mar 28

March 25-28

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

ROUND 4

Thursday, Apr 1
Friday, Apr 2

Saturday, Apr 3

Sunday, Apr 4

Monday, Apr 5

April 1-5

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

Easter Weekend

ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8
Friday, Apr 9

Saturday, Apr 10

Sunday, Apr 11

April 8-11

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

ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15
Friday, Apr 16

Saturday, Apr 17

Sunday, Apr 18

April 15-18

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

ROUND 7

Thursday, Apr 22
Friday, Apr 23

Saturday, Apr 24

Sunday, Apr 25

April 22-25

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

ANZAC Round

ROUND 8

Thursday, Apr 29
Friday, Apr 30

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2

April 29-May 2

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

ROUND 9

Thursday, May 6
Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

May 6-9

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

ROUND 10

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16

May 14-16

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

Magic Round Brisbane

ROUND 11

Thursday, May 20
Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

May 20-23

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

ROUND 12

Thursday, May 27
Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

May 27-30

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

Indigenous Round

ROUND 13

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

June 3-6

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

STATE OF ORIGIN 1

Wednesday, Jun 9

June 9

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

Friday, Jun 11

Saturday, Jun 12

Sunday, Jun 13

Monday, Jun 14

June 11-14

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

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 15

Thursday, Jun 17
Friday, Jun 18

Saturday, Jun 19

Sunday, Jun 20

WOMEN'S ORIGIN

Friday, Jun 25

ORIGIN 2

Sunday, Jun 27

ROUND 16

Thursday, Jul 1

Friday, Jul 2

Saturday, Jul 3

Sunday, Jul 4

ROUND 17

Thursday, Jul 8

Friday, Jul 9

Saturday, Jul 10

Sunday, Jul 11

Byes

ORIGIN 3

Wednesday, Jul 14

ROUND 18

Friday, Jul 16

Saturday, Jul 17

Sunday, Jul 18

ROUND 19

Thursday, Jul 22

Friday, Jul 23

Saturday, Jul 24

Sunday, Jul 25

ROUND 20

Thursday, Jul 29

Friday, Jul 30

Sunday, Aug 1

Monday, Aug 2

June 17-20

Brisbane v Souths

North Qld v Cronulla

Penrith v Sydney

Newcastle v Warriors

St Geo Illa v Canberra

Melbourne v Wests Tigers

Parramatta v Canterbury

Gold Coast v Manly

Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

0-46

24-26

38-12

10-6

22-20

66-16

36-10

24-56

Suncorp 7:50pm

QLD C.B. 6:00pm

Bluebet 7:55pm

McD. Jones 3:00pm

WIN 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Bankwest 2:00pm

Cbus 4:05pm

ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5

Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12

Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19

Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26

Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2

Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

WEEK 1

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 42-6

Penrith v Parramatta 8-6

Semi Finals

Mackay 7:50pm

Mackay 7:50pm

SEPTEMBER 24-25

Souths v Manly

Melbourne v Penrith

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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