

# Lasting legacy

Gavin Badger reflects on his NRL officiating career

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### From the editor

### **Tim Costello**

Another week brings us another exciting new frontier with The Front Row. As you'll read on the next page from Steve Mascord, this week's program brings you footy from all around the world - not just the NRL, NRLW and Super League - but the Challenge Cup Final, NZRL Premiership and Toulouges Nines in France. Flip through to check it all out on an exciting weekend for footy around the planet.

Closer to home for our Aussie readers. we have a couple of fantastic features ahead of the Preliminary Finals weekend. We start with a look at the conclusion of a wonderful refereeing career with Gavin Badger. Paul Jobber's yarn is on the following pages. Rick Edgerton also takes a good look at legendary halves pairings as he poses the question whether Penrith's six and seven - Jarome Luai and Nathan Cleary - could be the next 'dynasty' halves pairing. Think Kev & Alfie, Loz & Ricky...

Next week it's Grand Final time in Australia and we've already got some exciting things in the pipeline so stay tuned. For now - enjoy your footy, wherever you are.

Happy reading!

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# Going Global

Rugby league defies the pandemic around the world as The Front Row brings you footy from all corners

HE directions are precise and firm.

Reporters must undergo a health check before being handed their accreditation. The media room will be closed except to walk through to the press benches or go to the toilet. The post-match media conference is by Zoom. The mixed zone is also virtual, with requests to the media managers of the respective teams.

But for those of us lucky enough to be attending the Challenge Cup final at London's Wembley Stadium on Saturday, they could make us climb the roof of the world's most famous sports arena to get in and we'd do it.

The Rugby League Challenge Cup final has been there since 1929, with a few breaks, and even since then tens of thousands of people have flocked from the north of England to be part of cultural history.

This Saturday, thanks to the Global Pandemic, there'll be as few as 50 people inside the stadium aside from the teams and staff. "We are not worthy"? No-one is worthy, really - especially when it comes to Salford, who have not played in a Challenge Cup final since 1969 and haven't won one since 1938.

As a reporter, you trained to understand your responsibility in any situation is to represent those who aren't there. But this must be one of the most extreme examples of that in any reporter's career, an historic sports final that will define the lives of some people but which almost no-one can see with their own eyes.

Still, it is out of respect for history that we have not given over this week's cover completely to the 2020 Challenge Cup final between Leeds Rhinos and Salford Red Devils at Wembley Stadium.

The idea of printing The Front Row was to cover for the absence of programmes for many games these days and there will be an official programme published the the Rugby Football League this week. We applaud this and respect it. We didn't set out the print 'pirate' programmes.



# Steve Mascord

So instead, we want to highlight the amazing array of activity around the rugby league world this weekend.

Of course, the NRL is reaching its penultimate stage for the year, with preliminary finals in Brisbane on Friday (Melbourne-Canberra) and Sydney on Saturday (Penrith-South Sydney). The WNRL also continues when St George Illawarra play the Warriors at ANZ Stadium on Saturday and the Roosters take on Brisbane at the same venue later in the day.

Despite all the obstacles at the moment, there's a Nines tournament in Toulouges - just outside Perpignan - that will crowd the national women's champions of the shortform version of our sport on Sunday.

All French women's teams will compete in a tournament that runs from 8.30am to 5.pm at Complexe Sportif, utilising three fields and four pools. The host club is the wonderfully named Catalans Goddesses.

And in New Zealand they continue to lead the world in the return to post-Covid normality with the men's and women's championships continuing this weekend.

Pullman Park in Auckland is the scene of activity all weekend in the men's North Islands competition.

On Saturday Upper Central plays Mid Central and Wellington take on Northern. On Sunday, the same teams play again - twice!

The North Island women follow a similar draw, although Auckland Vulcans are in and Mid Central is out.

In the National Premiership, there are games at the same venue between Akarana Falcons and Canterbury while in Hamilton on Sunday, Waikato play Counties in both men and women.

# Counting his blessings

### Badger priviliged to be part of rugby league community



# Paul Jobber Contributor

or the past 18 years Gavin

Badger has been an integral part of the rugby league community.

And while he won't have a referee's whistle or a touch judge's flag in 2021, the 47-year-old is already looking forward to where the path leads next.

When Badger walked off Leichhardt Oval on March 22 this year, little did he know he would never referee another NRL fixture.

The COVID-19 pandemic was about to put a hold on the Telstra Premiership for two months.

Shortly after, the decision was made to scrap the two-referee system in favour of just one when the competition resumed.

Despite being the NRL's thirdmost capped official, Badger was relegated to the sideline before he was informed last month a contract for next season would not be forthcoming.

It was a tough way to end a near twodecade involvement in the game as an official. He admitted he was filthy about the decision not to offer him a contract initially before he saw reason and came to the realisation that not everyone is afforded a fairytale finish.

"The fact I didn't get a contract for next year is not an issue for me whatsoever," he said.

"I'm surprised I was allowed to referee for as long as I did so it's not so much about my longevity, it's more the way that it all finished.

"The last time I refereed, I didn't know it was the last time I was going to referee.

"If I had a crystal ball I would have retired last year knowing how this year would fall; I would have wanted my last game to be out in the middle.

"But that's sport - you don't always get the fairytale ending."

Soon after the news filtered through about Badger not receiving a contract, everything that is positive about rugby league was soon on show.

The thousands of fans who had offered him free advice from the grandstands over the years had suddenly joined his corner.

"When social media was going a bit crazy I thought I must have done alright," he said.

"I can retire and know that as a referee I got a lot of positivity about my career because I know not every referee would get that.

"I'll wear that with pride that people enjoyed what I did even if they yelled at me week in and week out."

While his days as an official are now over, Badger was looking forward to remaining involved in the sport.

Just this week he headed to Griffith with Brad Fittler, Nathan Hindmarsh and Ian Schubert.

"Being a rugby league fan means I'll have connections across the game everywhere I go," he said.

"It means I can virtually go anywhere around the world, sit in a pub and have a conversation.

"I want to be remembered as someone who loved what they did and did it to the best of their ability every time they went onto the field.

"I've been blessed to do what I did for so long."



# **Dynamic Duos**

# Are Penrith Panthers halves Jarome Luai and Nathan Cleary set to be the next dynasty halves pairing?

t's been a remarkable year for the Panthers losing just one game on route to a third minor-premiership and just one win away from a third Grand Final appearance with five-eighth Luai and halfback Cleary front and centre of their charge.

The pair have combined for 14 tries and 37 try-assists between them to ignite the Panthers attack whilst their touch off the boot has resulted in 37 line-dropouts - not to mention the times their grubbers have resulted directly in four-pointers, often as they kick for each other.

In hindsight, Cleary's game was always going to benefit from the departure of James Maloney at the end of last season with the New South Wales half thrust into the chief playmaking role, however you wouldn't have found anyone willing to predict how rapidly he'd develop into one of the game's best players.

His composure under pressure, game management skills and competitiveness have been features of his game since debuting, but his ability to ball-play and threaten the defensive line with his own running game has him sitting as a hot favourite to take out the Dally M medal next week

A long-time friend and team mate of Cleary's since coming through the grades at Penrith at the age of 14, Luai was given first crack at the number six jersey this season after 17 games scattered across the last two years, many of which were off the bench. There were plenty of good judges calling for highly credentialed youngster Matt Burton to partner Cleary in the halves, but Luai was having none of that.

Feeding off the control in which Cleary plays, Luai often provides the spark in igniting the Panthers attack and actually has more try and line-break assists to his name. His energy and enthusiasm both on the park and in the sheds appears infectious, providing the group with a great comraderie.

The real eye-catcher for the purest of rugby league fans has been the way the two are combining to play more of a traditional halves game.

Whilst both have their starting points on the field with Luai on the left and Cleary right, the duo can often be found linking together as a first and second receiver. The understanding they have of each other's games is a by-product of all the football they've played together since a young age and neither are afraid to play eyes-up football whenever the opportunity presents.

The style in which the two are playing has brought back memories of some of the dynamic duos to take their sides to premiership glory in the 80's and 90's. Here's a look at five of the very best.

### **Peter Sterling and Brett Kenny**

One of the greatest halves pairings to play the game and a dominant force in the early to mid-eighties guiding the Parramatta Eels to a three-peat in seasons 1981-83 as well as a fourth premiership in 1986.

One of the greatest football brains to this very day, Sterling was the conductor in the number seven jersey masterfully directing the vast amount

of attacking potency at his disposal around the park. Ahead of his time in terms of professionalism and the way he would manage a game of football. With his pin-point kicking game, deft passing game and the footballing nous to sneak his small frame through a gap when an opportunity arose, Sterling remains one of the most complete halfbacks to ever play the game.

After breaking into the top grade as a centre in 1980, Kenny was moved into the pivot role midway through the 1981 season igniting the Parramatta attack, one of many masterstrokes by legendary Coach Jack Gibson. With an uncanny knack of producing a big play when his side needed it, Kenny crossed for doubles in all three grand finals from 81-83. Quick both on his feet and between the ears, Kenny had a brilliant dummy and swerve that would see him wreak havoc. Had a brilliant understanding with Sterling and would often be on the spot after anticipating one of his number seven's brilliant kicks.

### **Steve Mortimer and Terry Lamb**

The arch-rival of Sterling throughout one of the game's golden eras, Mortimer's halfback play led the blue and whites to be labelled 'The Entertainers'. A crafty number seven who was constantly scheming and asking questions of a defensive line, Mortimer had a brilliant chip and chase and was exceptionally quick off the mark allowing him to slice through tired defenders at will. Winning a premiership with Canterbury in 1980, his dominance was soon halted by the combination of Sterling and Kenny – Enter Terry Lamb.

Making the move to Belmore from Western Suburbs for the 1984 season, Lamb quickly formed a brilliant partnership with Mortimer bringing an end to the Eels dominance, downing them in that year's decider. Well renowned as the greatest support player to ever lace a boot, Lamb was a dogged ball-running pivot who developed his ball-playing and kicking games to a high level throughout his career. The ultimate competitor with a great vision for the game that would see him play 350 top-grade games.

The pair again played a starring role in their premiership defence of 1985, however Lamb would miss that year's decider with a groin injury, leaving Mortimer to steer them to a win over the Dragons in a Clive Churchill medal winning performance. Their third premiership was celebrated together in 1988. But injury again played its part with Mortimer breaking his arm late in the season before returning off the bench for the decider - ensuring he bowed out a winner in his last game before retirement.

### Allan Langer & Kevin Walters

In terms of premierships and dynasties, 'Alf and Kev' are right up there challenging Sterling and Kenny thanks largely to the four premiership trophies they hoisted in 1992-93, 1997 (Super league) and 1998. The combination was forged in 1990 when Walters was lured by Coach Wayne Bennett from the Canberra Raiders in a move which caused plenty of controversy at the time after Wally Lewis was moved to Lock before eventually been shown the door at the end of that season. Queensland fans weren't questioning the decision for too long as they quickly fell in love with the attacking brand of footy Walters and Langer displayed.

After bursting onto the scene in a shock Origin debut in 1987 - selected

from Ipswich, Langer was handed the number seven jersey in Brisbane's inaugural 1988 season and lit up the premiership with a bag of tricks never seen before by a player of such small stature. Often using his diminutive frame to his advantage, Langer could be found ducking and weaving in, around and under defenders as he stepped and sold dummies – at times toying with his opposition. His short kicking game was masterful whether it be his chips behind the defensive line for his wingers or his grubbers ahead for himself to chase and often grubber again to score some brilliant tries. Not really a fan of going up in twos, Langer was the best in the business at taking a quick tap to catch the opposition off guard.

Walters proved the ideal foil, feeding off Langer's brilliance at pivot seizing every opportunity that came his way. A brilliant ball-player in his own right, Walters always kept his opposition guessing holding the ball out in front of him in two hands before slicing through himself or laying it on a platter for his outside backs – His 'out ball' was arguably the best in the business. The two had a great understanding of each other's games and one would often be found supporting a break the other had created.

One of their great rivalries was against the Canberra Raiders pairing of Ricky Stuart and Laurie Daley and Daley remembers them being very difficult to stop.

"They had that ability to link together and test your middles, but could also play laterally" Daley said.

"They would always keep you on your toes because they loved to attack."

"You didn't know what Alf was going to do. If you thought he was going to run, he'd grubber kick. If you thought he was going to grubber kick, he'd pass short.

"He'd really pick on the forwards and when they got tired he'd just carve them."

### **Andrew Johns and Matthew Johns**

'Johns Magic' – The words on a big banner at Newcastle home games throughout the Knights glory days that people in the Hunter will never forget. Brothers Andrew and Matthew brought an attacking brand of footy to the game which ultimately saw them bask in grand final glory after snatching the 1997 decider.

Older brother Matthew was the first to break into the top grade in 1992 before nailing down the number six jersey in 1993. Whilst his brother has received the majority of the limelight over the years, Matty was a top class player himself. Classy on his feet and not afraid to take the line on, he would always have defenders in two minds - also possessing strong passing and kicking games. Early in their first grade careers, Matty would often be the one laying on grubbers for his younger sibling to score and was actually the go-to man when scores were level with his ability to nail a long range field goal.

After sitting on the bench for a handful of games in 1993, Andrew was handed his run-on debut in the opening round of the 1994 season. There's a school of thought in rugby league that every legend of the game has a standout debut and that was certainly the case for Joey as he crossed for a double and scored 23 points – just a snippet of what was to come.

Joey had a brilliant running game forged from his strength and the ability to step off both feet. His passing game could see him play short, hit an inside runner or fire a bullet onto the chest of his outside men. His kicking game was simply sublime, whether it be through controlling field position with his long kicks or threatening to lay on points with his towering bombs, chip kicks or deft grubbers. Immortalised in 2012 Andrew Johns goes down as one of the best players to ever lace a boot.



The pair had a telepathic like understanding stemming from their many years of backyard footy whilst growing up together. It may have been a wink of an eye or a subtle hand movement and they would both know what was on. They will forever live in the hearts of Novocastrians and for rugby league fans at the time, will be remembered as one of the most entertaining duos to take the field.

### **Ricky Stuart and Laurie Daley**

After winning grand finals together in 1989 and 1990 whilst Daley was playing in the centres, Daley made the permanent shift into his junior position of five-eighth in 1991 and the duo clicked instantly taking the Raiders to a third straight grand final. Their momentum was halted over the next two seasons due to salary cap issues stretching their team's depth and injuries to both men at key stages. In 1994, the duo clicked back into top gear and guided Canberra to another premiership in what many believe is one of the greatest premiership sides in the game's history.

Stuart had all the attributes of all the great number sevens before him with his ability to guide his troops around the park, superior vision for the game and the ability to sell a dummy and slice through the line.

His dynamic partner in crime remembers Stuart having some distinct advantages at his disposal that revolutionised halfback play.

"When he first came into the game, he had that big passing and kicking game" Daley said.

"He could spiral the ball from the right side of his body and left side of his body 30 to 40 metres.

"He could kick the ball down field 80 metres with those big spiral kicks."

Daley was a scintillating runner of the football that had deceptive strength and the ability to step off both feet. A player of great composure, he'd never panic when breaking into the clear and would pick out the right support runner every time.

The former Australian Captain believes his game complimented Stuart's

"I was a running five-eighth and was able to play with a bit of width" Daley explains.

"I didn't have to stand close or tight which enabled me to get on the outside of defenders because of Ricky's ability to pass long."

The Raiders duo had a unique understanding enabling them to seize an opportunity on the run.

"It's funny – I think that when you play with someone for a long time, you get that sense of what they're going to do or what they're thinking" Daley said.

"You don't always get it right, but the majority of the time you get that sixth sense of what he wants me to do or that I need to do this for him."

That level of understanding between a six and seven is often the difference between a good halves pairing and some of the all-time greats.

"If you look at Sterling and Kenny, Mortimer and Lamb, Kevvie and Alf, Toovey and Lyons, the Johns brothers – They all had that great understanding" Daley said.

"And to be perfectly honest, I think Cleary and Luai have that.

"They look like they've clicked quickly from their time playing so much footy together in the juniors."



# Raiders revenge ends the Roosters reign

Sam Bourke



18-22



Canberra has ended the Sydney Roosters three-peat hopes after overcoming the defending premiers 22-18 in an extraordinary semi-final match at the SCG tonight.

The Raiders showed tremendous resolve late in the game, after the Roosters threatened to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat on several occasions. Raiders fullback Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad was the hero for the men in green, with the Kiwi fullback producing two sensational try saving tackles which proved the difference between the two sides.

The 2019 Grand Final replay was hyped as the match of the year and the chance for Canberra to extract some revenge from last year's heartbreaking loss. Canberra made a statement early when front row enforcer Josh Papali'l opened the scoring in the opening minutes, when the firebrand prop steamrolled over the line to give his side the lead. Croker converted and it was 6-0.

Papali'i was involved again in the Raiders second try, when the Queensland forward bounced off three defenders and to find John Bateman in support. Bateman then linked with his fullback Nicoll-Klokstad who broke through. The Raiders custodian then delivered the final pass to George Williams in support, who scored next to the posts to double their early lead to 12-0 after 20 minutes.

The Roosters were struggling to keep pace and things got worse for the defending premiers, when Joseph Tapine picked up a loose pass on the bounce. Tapine then fended away from Luke Keary, then Josh Morris and Keary again to score a sensational solo try that will be surely a career highlight for the Raiders lock. Croker missed the conversion missed the conversion but it was 16-0.

Finally recognising they needed to find something - and fast - the premiers then began to pick up the tempo, but not before another close call, when the Raiders were

disallowed a Jordan Rapana try, when replayed showed the winger collected a Tom Starling pass outside the field of play.

Just as the halftime break approached however, the Roosters flexed their muscle, when a superb cut out pass from Luke Keary put Josh Morris away down the left-hand side. The veteran centre then placed a banana kick inside for a flying James Tedesco who caught the ball on the full to score a sensational try under the posts. Flanagan converted to give the Tricolours a huge boost heading into the sheds.

The game continued to be an arm wrestle early in the second half and it wasn't until Joey Manu broke the game open, when the Kiwi centre picked up a loose pass 20 metres out. Manu managed to swat away from opposite Jarrod Croker to bounce over for a try beside the posts. Flanagan converted to narrow the gap to four points with 20 minutes remaining.

The defending premiers were coming for the Raiders, and they seemed certain to tie up the scores when Josh Morris made a break down the left-hand side. The Roosters centre looked certain to score a trademark try in the corner until Nicoll-Klokstad made a superb cover tackle to put Morris into touch and save a certain try. The tackle proved a game changer, when the Raiders marched up the field and on the last George Williams rolled the ball in goal. The ball then took a wicked bounce away from James Tedesco at the back who fumbled, which saw Jack Wighton race through to score. Croker converted and Canberra were in front 22-12 with less than 10 minutes remaining on the clock.

Big moments traditionally are owned by the big-name players and it was Sonny Bill Williams who rose his side off the canvass, when the dual international hit the line and produced a neat offload to Sitili Tupouniua who then found Tedesco in support to score his second try. Flanagan converted to set up a nail-biting finish.

The Raiders managed to repel the wave of Roosters attack and Jack Wighton almost sliced through at the death. The run on the last was enough to keep the defending premiers deep in their own half. In one last Hail Mary play, Luke Keary kicked wide for a flying Brett Morris, however his opposite Nick Cotric rose high to mark the ball and seal a memorable win for the Green Machine.

The three peat for the Roosters is over, and the Raiders march on to face the Melbourne Storm at Suncorp Stadium for a chance to avenge last season's dramatic Grand Final loss

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad; 2 points - Josh Papali'i; 1 points - Joseph Tapine

# Rabbitohs march into Prelim off second half avalanche against Eels

**Justin Davies** 



24-38



South Sydney Rabbitohs kept their season alive with a second half blitz which saw them down Parramatta Eels 38-24 tonight at Bankwest Stadium.

Much like their theme rung around Bankwest after full0time, South Sydney marches on in the 2020 Premiership. The Rabbitohs scored five second half tries to overcome a spirited Eels side and continue their run, once again shrugged off their sluggish start again.

Mitchell Moses will be replaying his penalty goal miss for years to come. Moses had an easy kick to lock the game back up at 20-all after the momentum swung like a rusty gate between the top powerhouse sides. His kick rebounded off the post, Souths went down the other end and went eight ahead through Bayley Sironen.

The Rabbitohs have shown throught their two finals games thus far, scoring 104 points, they are never out of the contest. Against the benchmark Panthers, they will need all the weapons in their arsenal if they want to dream about an unlikely Grand Final appearance.

It is another season of what ifs for the Eels. The blue-and-gold led the competition at the halfway mark, but ended up finishing third. Tonight they showed resillience despite some off-field drama during the week and game-day and gave a hard performance. The Eels led both their finals games but will crash out in straight sets and will rue their misfortune again for another year.

Before that, the Eels like they did last weekend were in the battle. The home side were shocked by the opening try by Jaxon Paulo and a pair of Adam Reynolds goals. Clint Gutherson spirited the Eels back into the contest with a four-pointer then he sent George Jennings across to make it 12-8 Eels.

Both sides traded blows for the rest of the first half. Gutherson got himself a double with a slicing run to make it 18-8 at the break. The Rabbitohs walked off the field haggard and haphazard but still within reach of the contest.

The Rabbitohs showed right off the restart, they had some wise words from Wayne Bennett in the sheds. Damien Cook, who tortured the Eels defensive line all night, set up the first of his two try-assists for Liam Knight to stroll in. They went back-to-back when Reynolds got through the line and Cameron Murray put the Rabbitohs ahead, 20-18.

Following Moses' miss, the Rabbitohs put the contest to bed quickly. Sironen, Paulo for his second and Cook himself all gave the healthy away support some cheer as the Rabbitohs rocked to another preliminary final and made it straight sets eliminations for both third and fourth spot.

Now it sets up a tantilising qualifer between the peerless Panthers and the rampaging Rabbitohs next weekend back at the Olympic stadium in Sydney. For the Eels, the counter adds another year to their quest for that elusive Premiership since 1986.

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Damien Cook; 2 points - Clinton Gutherson; 1 points - Adam Reynolds

### **Happy birthday!**

This round's birthday boys & girls

Thursday 15 October: Troy Dargan & Jack Johns (Rabbitohs) - 23

Friday 16 October: Adam Elliott (Bulldogs) - 26, David Fusitu'a (Warriors) - 26, Maddie Studdon (Dragons) - 26

Saturday 17 October: Manase Fainu (Sea Eagles) - 22, Jessika Elliston (Broncos) - 23

Monday 19 October: Chris Lawrence (Tigers) - 32, Steven Marsters (Rabbitohs) - 21, Enari Tuala (Knights) - 22

Tuesday 20 October: Corey Oates (Broncos) - 26

### **Roosters book their spot in** NRLW Grand Final





### Lachy MacCorquodale

The Sydney Roosters have booked their spot in the NRLW Grand Final this afternoon, with a 22-12 win over the New Zealand Warriors at Bankwest Stadium.

It was a 10-point victory for the Tricolours as they continue their unbeaten run in the 2020 season of the NRLW.

It was a scratchy start from both sides with errors preventing either side from dominating early. The Sydney Roosters were the first team to pounce in the 15th minute of the match through centre Yasmin Meakes. Corban McGregor's brilliance was shown in this piece of play as she isolated Meakes one on one with an opposing winger who failed to tackle Meakes as she scored the opener for the Roosters. The Roosters started to get into their groove after this opening try and they doubled their lead just eight minutes later. This time it was lazy defence from the Warriors that was exposed by dummy-half Quincy Dodd who made a smart decision to dart out of dummy-half and dive over after realising the lack of defenders around the ruck. A textbook hooker try.

The Roosters gave away multiple penalties in the opening half but the Warriors failed to capitalise on these opportunities. This allowed the Rooster to enter the half with a 12-point lead. A fast start was required from the Warriors.

The Warriors failed to start the half as they'd hoped after back to back penalties early in the half gave the Roosters some great field position. The Roosters continued to show their class and 10 minutes into the second half, halfback Zahara Temara showed her brilliance as she skipped across the Warriors defensive line as she straightened her run and burst through a gap in the defence. The fullback stood in her way but she threw and dummy and broke through a tackle attempt as she raced away to put the Roosters up by 18 points. 10 minutes later and the Roosters essentially put the score out of the Warriors reach. After a repeat set earned through a great kick from Temara, the Roosters shifted the ball through the hands towards the left edge, highlighting the fluidity of the Roosters attack as Bobbi Law was found unmarked on the wing as she raced over for the fourth of the afternoon.

The Roosters slacked off towards the end of the game as the Warriors scored two consolation tries in the final two minutes. The first came from a piece of class from Kirra Dibb who kicked into the in-goal for herself and she beat Law to the ball to score the Warriors first of the afternoon. The second try came straight from the kick-off as the Warriors shifted the ball to the left, finding Evania Pelite who broke a tackle and raced away to score a long range effort for the home side, proving to be too quick for her Roosters counterparts.

It was a convincing display from the Sydney Roosters who take on the defending premiers, the Brisbane Broncos next week as they prepare for their second NRLW grand final.Meanwhile the Warriors will take on the St. George Illawarra Dragons as they hope to end their campaign with a win in their last clash.

#### LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Zahara Temara; 2 points - Hannah Southwell; 1 points - Corban McGregor

### **Broncos seal third grand final** berth over injury hit Dragons





#### Josh Robertson

The Brisbane Broncos have secured their third consecutive grand final spot following their 18-4 victory over a yet again injury hit St George Illawarra Dragons side.

With the Roosters having already locked their grand final spot earlier, the contest became a must win for the Dragons who needed victory to keep their season alive. The Dragons had the better chances early on when Aaliyah Fasavalu-faamausili got over twice only to be denied twice.

The Broncos were the first to get on the board when Julia Robinson got over after some good work from Chelsea Lenarduzzi who spun out of a tackle and got her offload away to

Brisbane were able to cause more issues for the Dragons as they stood in defence waiting to see where Ali Brigginshaw was going to pass the ball but instead the Broncos number 7 went through the line before finding Millie Boyle who scored for the Broncos under the posts.

Last weekend, injuries played havoc with the Dragons side and again the Red 'V' had to deal with injuries with Kezie Apps forced from the field in the latter stages of the first half with a suspected medial injury that could rule her out of State of Origin.

A comeback was what the Red 'V' needed if they wanted to get back into the contest and they took the first steps to that when Jess Sergis was able to get over after Keely Davis ran at the defensive line, drawing the defence in before passing out to Sergis. A major injury to Isabelle Kelly hurt the Dragons when Amber Hall was penalised for pulling Kelly's hair and when she slid in behind to make the tackle on Kelly.

The Broncos will have a nervous wait for the charge sheet to come out with Ali Brigginshaw put on report after diving in at the legs of Maddie Studdon whilst she kicked the ball which left Studdon in pain on the ground. At the same time for the Dragons, Jess Sergis was also down with an ankle injury.

Jaime Chapman will be ruing her decision to go for the one handed put down as she was denied a try after losing the ball when diving over after some good work from the Dragons. The Dragons were also denied again when Aaliyah Fasavalu-faamausili was again stopped by Tamika Upton after trying to get over from dummy half.

The Broncos sealed their victory in the dying minutes when Lauren Brown was able to pick up the ball from dummy half and dive over to get the Broncos third try of the afternoon.

The victory for the Broncos seals their third successive appearance in the NRLW grand final with back to back contests against the Roosters headed their way over the next fortnight. Meanwhile, the St George Illawarra Dragons take on the New Zealand Warriors in the earlier game next Saturday.

#### LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year points:

3 points - Millie Boyle; 2 points - Ali Brigginshaw; 1 points - Lauren Brown

### e scoresheet

#### NRL Finals Week 2 results

Raiders 22 (Josh Papali'i, George Williams, Joseph Tapine, Jack Wighton tries; Jarrdo Croker 3/4 goals) def Roosters 18 (James Tedesco (2), Joseph Manu tries; Kyle Flanagan 3/3 goals); Venue: Sydney Cricket Ground; Date: Friday 9 October 2020, 7:50pm AEDT; Halftime: Raiders 16-6; Crowd: 18110; Referee: Ashley Klein; Touch Judges: Chris Butler, Chris Sutton: NRL Bunker: Steve Chiddy

Rabbitohs 38 (Jaxson Paulo (2), Liam Knight, Cameron Murray, Bayley Sironen, Damien Cook tries; Adam Reynolds 7/7 goals) def Eels 24 (Clinton Gutherson (2), George Jennings (2) tries; Mitchell Moses 4/5 goals); Venue: Bankwest Stadium; Date: Saturday 10 October 2020, 7:50pm AEDT; Halftime: Eels 18-8; Crowd: 14510; Referee: Gerard Sutton; Touch Judges: Dave Munro, Todd Smith; NRL Bunker: Jared Maxwell



### **Word Jumbles**

Here are a bunch of Grand Final tryscorers from the 2000s. How many of the names can you unscramble?

LOLLIES WANDER	2000	ZENITH LAYFRIEND	2005
GHOST BEDTORN	2001	JOINTS GUSHED	2006
HENRY CRABFELT	2002	CLOCKIE CHARMER	2007
FLYER RANCHINS	2002	LEGG RISING	2007 & 2009
SHORTEN ANYHANG	2002 & 2003	RECLINE BATHROOMS	2008
SHIRL WACKER	2004	JEDD ROYLE	2009

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: David Klemmer, Patrick Carrigan, Sean Keppie, Adam Clune, Jordan McLean, Scott Sorensen, Lachlan Burr, Thomas Flegler, Chris Lawrence, Alex Twal, Ofahiki Ogden, Erin Clark



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**NRL Finals Week 3** 



### **Storm v Raiders**

**Suncorp Stadium Preliminary Final - Friday** 







### **Panthers v Rabbitohs**

**ANZ Stadium Preliminary Final - Saturday** 



### **NRLW Round 3**



### **Dragons v Warriors**

ANZ Saturday





### **Roosters v Broncos**

ANZ Saturday

**Challenge Cup Final** 



**Leeds Rhinos v Salford Red Devils** 

Wembley, Saturday







### **Super League Round 16**





### **Saints v Trinity**

Halliwell Jones, Thursday



**KCOM Stadium, Sunday** 

# Melbourne STORM



# Canberra RAIDERS

P	т	G	Pts						P	т	G	Pts
-	•			Dyon DADENHIIV7EN	1	FULLBACK	1	Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	20	7	-	28
	9			Ryan PAPENHUYZEN			2	Semi VALEMEI			_	
	12	-	48	Suliasi VUNIVALU	2	WING			9	4		16
12	4	-	16	Brenko LEE	3	CENTRE	3	Jarrod CROKER	21		70	160
19	9	-	36	Justin OLAM	4	CENTRE	4	Jordan RAPANA	18	2	-	8
19	16	-	64	Josh ADDO-CARR	5	WING	5	Nick COTRIC	22	12	-	48
16	4	6 <sup>1</sup>	29	Cameron MUNSTER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Jack WIGHTON	21	13	-	52
17	7	-	28	Jahrome HUGHES	7	HALFBACK	7	George WILLIAMS	21	7	_1	29
17	1	-	4	Jesse BROMWICH	8	FRONT ROW	8	Josh PAPALII	21	5	-	20
17	2	76	160	Cameron SMITH	9	HOOKER	9	Tom STARLING	13	4	-	16
17	-	-	-	Christian WELCH	10	FRONT ROW	10	Iosia SOLIOLA	11	1	-	4
19	2	-	8	Felise KAUFUSI	11	SECOND ROW	11	John BATEMAN	10	3	-	12
19	3	-	12	Kenneath BROMWICH	12	SECOND ROW	12	Elliott WHITEHEAD	21	5	-	20
18	4	-	16	Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	13	LOCK	13	Joseph TAPINE	20	4	-	16
16	3	-	12	Brandon SMITH	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Siliva HAVILI	22	-	-	-
20	7	-	28	Tino FA'ASUAMALEAUI	15		15	Dunamis LUI	19	2	-	8
13	1	-	4	Tom EISENHUTH	16		16	Hudson YOUNG	17	4	-	16
10	3	4	20	Nicholas HYNES	17		17	Corey HARAWIRA-NAERA	10	-	-	-
13	1	-	4	Dale FINUCANE	18	RESERVES	18	Sam WILLIAMS	1	1	5	14
6	4	-	16	Paul MOMIROVSKI	19		19	Matthew TIMOKO	2	-	-	-
9	1	-	4	Ryley JACKS	20		20	Ryan SUTTON	16	-	-	-
5	1	-	4	Chris LEWIS	21		21	Michael OLDFIELD	6	-	-	-
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### **#NRLStormRaiders**

### SECOND PRELIMINARY FINAL

DATE Friday 16 October 2020 KICKOFF 7:50pm AEDT (6:50pm AEST)

VENUE Suncorp Stadium

Milton, QLD

WATCH Nine Network & 9Now

Fox League & Kayo Sports

LISTEN ABC Grandstand

MIX 106.3 Canberra

LIVE BLOG LeagueUnlimited.com

### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE Ashley KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES Chris BUTLER
Peter GOUGH

NRL BUNKER Jared MAXWELL



### **Match Stats**

### **HEAD TO HEAD: 46 matches**

### **Storm 32 Raiders 14**

At Suncorp Stadium: first meeting at this venue

LAST	TEN	STORM 6-4	
2020	Round 9	Storm 20-14	GIO
2020	Round 3	Raiders 22-6	AAMI
2019	Finals W1	Raiders 12-10	AAMI
2019	Round 22	Raiders 22-18	AAMI
2019	Round 2	Storm 22-10	GIO
2018	Round 20	Storm 44-10	AAMI
2017	Round 26	Storm 32-6	AAMI
2017	Round 20	Storm 20-14	GIO
2016	Finals W?	Storm 14-12	AAMI
2016	Round 23	Raiders 22-8	GIO

### **BIGGEST WINS**

2013 R21 Storm 68-4 GIO 2012 R18 Raiders 40-12 AAMI

### **HEAD TO HEAD: 4 finals matches**

### **Storm 3 Raiders 1**

LAST FINALS MEETING

2019 QF Raiders 12-10 AAMI

### **SEASON FORM LINE**

STORM WWLWWWWWWWWWWLWWWL(Finals: WB)
RAIDERS WWWLWLLWLWWWLWWWLWWW(Finals: WW)

#### RugbyLeagueProject MILESTONES

Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD (Raiders) - 8 more points for 100 career points
Elliott WHITEHEAD (Raiders) - 300th career game (NRL + UK)
Josh ADDO-CARR (Storm) - 8 more points for 300 club points
Dale FINUCANE (Storm) - 200th career match
Brenko LEE (Storm) - 4 more points for 100 career points
Paul MOMIROVSKI (Storm) - 2 more points for 100 career points

# **Match Preview**

### with Jason Hosken

Storm eye another grand final amid fears of a Raiders ambush

With a grand final spot up for grabs, Craig Bellamy and Ricky Stuart's long-term friendship will count for little when a stealth mode Raiders hit Brisbane seeking another Storm ambush.

Refreshed and holding all the aces, a full-strength Melbourne last tasted defeat back in round 6. Subsequent losses to Parramatta and the Dragons came minus stars including Cameron Munster, whose suspect knee leaves the door ajar for Canberra to repeat last year's finals upset in Melbourne.

Since 2003, Bellamy has taken the Storm to eight grand finals. Now chasing a fourth in five years, of late his former Raiders teammate has caused the most headaches. Although one apiece this season, it's Stuart's nous in orchestrating victories in three of the past four clashes that will be keeping the Storm coach awake at night.

The return of busy bench forward Tom Eisenhuth will temper Bellamy's anxiety. And he'll breathe much easier if Dale Finucane's calf allows the tackling machine to take the field for his 200th NRL game, because if the Storm have a weakness, it's the un-Melbourne like 20-plus points conceded in each of their past four starts.

Marginally better in the defensive department over the same period, Canberra are flying high on a five match winning streak. More importantly, the injury gods have finally smiled on the Raiders who will fly north with the same side that dashed the Roosters' three-peat.

And with last year's Clive Churchill Medalist in Jack Wighton leading the way alongside Josh Papalii, Raiders fans should feel optimistic about a consecutive grand final appearance for the first time since the Green Machine glory days of the early nineties.

On the flipside, with a 20 from 24 strike rate at Suncorp, Melbourne can't get enough of the Queensland sun. Canberra are poles apart with only one win at the venue since 2005. But if 2020 has taught us anything, it's to expect the unexpected, and with the likes of John Bateman and George Williams the Raiders' unpredictability is in safe hands.

Although no hands are safer than Cameron Smith's, and as the future Immortal rounds out his 19th season, there is every chance this match will be his 429th and last. In the end, it could prove to be the inspiration that puts Melbourne on the road to another grand final.

Who to watch: Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad trumped James Tedesco in the clash of the fullbacks at the SCG, now against Ryan Papenhuyzen fans are in for another treat. Having drowned the Eels with a try double, the nippy Storm custodian is sure to burn holes on Ricky's radar. Sizzling with nine try assists in his last four starts, Melbourne will need his best and more should Munster finish the encounter on one leg.

Experts reckon there's no better prop than Josh Papalii. And with mullet bouncing and pistons pumping, for the Roosters the message was clear. Unstoppable with the opening try and an offload for the next, the premiers were left gasping then exiting. It seems the grander the occasion, the better the 10-year veteran performs. Now smashing his own performance benchmarks, he's sure to be Bellamy's priority target.

**Favourite:** With the preparation of a cup winner, the agencies have brushed the Raiders in favour of the Storm.

My tip: Even with doubts over Munster's health, ordinarily a fresh Melbourne would be on target to smash out a 20th straight victory in the Sunshine State. But in Canberra there's something that's difficult to shake. That 'Sticky' glare, the write us off at your own peril glint. The one that followed Josh Hodgson up the tunnel in round 9 that has motivated the Raiders ever since.

But surely after recent stumbles, Bellamy will recognise the familiar trap. So in what promises to be another classic barnyard stoush, watch for Melbourne to rise from the dust with the converted grand final ticket in hand. **Storm by 2**.

# Penrith PANTHERS



# South Sydney RABBITOHS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts
12	4	-	16	Dylan EDWARDS	1	FULLBACK	1	Corey ALLAN	9	4	-	16
20	11	-	44	Josh MANSOUR	2	WING	2	Alex JOHNSTON	21	22	-	88
17	12	-	48	Brent NADEN	3	CENTRE	3	Campbell GRAHAM	21	13	-	52
20	16	7	78	Stephen CRICHTON	4	CENTRE	4	Dane GAGAI	18	10	1	42
14	6	-	24	Brian TO'O	5	WING	5	Jaxson PAULO	12	4	-	16
21	7	-	28	Jarome LUAI	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Cody WALKER	20	10	-	40
19	7	80 <sup>4</sup>	192	Nathan CLEARY	7	HALFBACK	7	Adam REYNOLDS	22	6	96¹	217
20	1	-	4	James TAMOU	8	FRONT ROW	8	Tevita TATOLA	20	3	-	12
18	3	-	12	Apisai KOROISAU	9	HOOKER	9	Damien COOK	22	5	-	20
20	-	-	-	James FISHER-HARRIS	10	FRONT ROW	10	Thomas BURGESS	22	2	-	8
7	4	-	16	Kurt CAPEWELL	11	SECOND ROW	11	Jaydn SU'A	20	2	-	8
19	5	-	20	Liam MARTIN	12	SECOND ROW	12	Bayley SIRONEN	18	2	-	8
21	2	-	8	Isaah YEO	13	LOCK	13	Cameron MURRAY	22	5	-	20
14	-	-	-	Tyrone MAY	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Mark NICHOLLS	18	2	-	8
12	-	-	-	Spencer LENIU	15		15	Liam KNIGHT	18	1	-	4
21	-	-	-	Moses LEOTA	16		16	Jed CARTWRIGHT	5	-	-	-
17	-	-	-	Zane TETEVANO	17		17	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	13	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	Mitch KENNY	18	RESERVES	18	Steven MARSTERS	5	1	-	4
8	-	-	-	Dean WHARE	19		19	Hame SELE	9	-	-	-
5	3	-	12	Matt BURTON	20		20	Troy DARGAN	2	-	-	-
8*	-	-	-	Jack HETHERINGTON	21		21	Patrick MAGO	12	-	-	-
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				Ivan CLEARY		COACH		Wayne BENNETT				
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### **#NRLPanthersSouths**

### FIRST PRELIMINARY FINAL

DATE Saturday 17 October 2020

KICKOFF 7:50pm AEDT VENUE ANZ Stadium

Sydney Olympic Park, NSW

WATCH Nine Network & 9Now

Fox League & Kayo Sports

LISTEN ABC Grandstand
LIVE BLOG LeagueUnlimited.com

### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE Gerard SUTTON
TOUCH JUDGES Todd SMITH

**Dave MUNRO** 

NRL BUNKER Steve CHIDDY

### **Project** Match Stats

### **HEAD TO HEAD: 84 matches**

### **Panthers 37 Rabbitohs 46 Drawn 1**

At ANZ Stadium: 8 matches, Panthers 1, Rabbitohs 7

LAST	TEN	5-ALL	
2014	R6	Rabbitohs 18-2	Sportingbet
2015	R17	Panthers 20-6	Pepper
2015	R21	Rabbitohs 20-16	ANZ
2016	R16	Panthers 28-26	Pepper
2017	R6	Rabbitohs 21-20	Pepper
2017	R17	Rabbitohs 42-14	ANZ
2018	R2	Panthers 18-14	Panthers
2019	R7	Rabbitohs 22-18	Panthers
2019	R14	Panthers 19-18	ANZ
2020	R7	Panthers 20-12	Netstrata Jubilee

### **BIGGEST WINS**

1977	R15	Panthers 43-2	Penrith
1980	R7	Rabbitohs 59-5	Redfern

### **HEAD TO HEAD: never met in finals**

### **SEASON FORM LINE**

PANTHERS WWDWLWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW(Finals: WB)
RABBITOHS WLLLWWLWWWLLWWWWWLWLW(Finals: WW)

### RugbyLeagueProject MILESTONES

Nathan CLEARY (Panthers)
7 more points for 800 club and career points
Josh MANSOUR (Panthers)
8 more points for 300 club and career points

# **Match Preview**

### with Robert Crosby

Minor premiers face dark horses for a place in the decider.

The Penrith Panthers will be looking to book a place in the 2020 NRL Grand Final when they take on the South Sydney Rabbitohs at ANZ Stadium on Saturday evening.

Coming into the preliminary final well rested after a weekend off, the Penrith Panthers have enjoyed a remarkable season with 19 wins and a draw from 21 matches.

Heading into the clash 15 days after their last match against the Roosters, coach Ivan Cleary will be quietly confident in his squad following three wins from their past four meetings with South Sydney and wins in their past four visits to ANZ Stadium.

Losing strike weapon Viliame Kikau to suspension after an unsuccessful bid to have a dangerous throw charge overturned at the judiciary, Kurt Capewell comes into the starting side with Spencer Leniu elevated to the bench.

Reaching the preliminary final for the first time since 2014, winger Josh Mansour and reserve outside back Dean Whare are the only remaining players from the team that went down to the Bulldogs six years ago.

Qualifying for their sixth preliminary final over the last nine years, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will be hoping to continue their late season surge by downing the minor premiers.

Earning their place in the final four after rallying from a halftime deficit to overpower the Eels 38-24 last Saturday, coach Wayne Bennett will be banking on his side continuing a dominant record over the Panthers at ANZ Stadium following seven wins from their past eight meetings at the venue.

Retaining the same 17 players that defeated the Eels and Knights over the past fortnight, 12 members of the squad remain from the team that went down to the Raiders in last year's preliminary final.

Who to watch: Five years after playing a prominent role in the Panthers premiership-winning Under 20s team, Brent Naden will be hoping to make 2020 the year he achieves similar success in the top grade. Beginning his professional career at the foot of the mountains before spending several years chasing an opportunity in the lower grades at Canberra and Newcastle, the 24-year-old outside back has been in sensational touch since coming full circle at Penrith with 20 tries in 29 appearances over the past two seasons. Cementing his place at right centre ahead of former New Zealand international Dean Whare, look for Naden to give the minor premiers every chance of coming within 80 minutes of creating history in a season unlike any other.

Tasked with the enormous responsibility of filling in at fullback following Latrell Mitchell's season-ending hamstring injury, Corey Allan has proved his worth as much more than a stopgap option for the Rabbitohs. Managing just two appearances in the top grade during the first 15 rounds, the 22-year-old Queenslander has been outstanding over the past seven weeks with six try-assists and 160 metres on average. Touted as a future star after being selected in the Prime Minster's XIII prior to making his first grade debut, look for Allan to have a big influence on the result as the Rabbitohs strive to become the first team in the modern era to win a premiership from outside the top four.

**Favourite:** With 26 out of 44 teams progressing through to the grand final after a week off in the NRL era, the Panthers are expected to confirm a place in the final match of the season.

My tip: On track to become only the second legitimate team in premiership history to record 17 consecutive wins, the Penrith Panthers will be primed for a big performance after having the weekend off. Panthers by 12.

# St George Illawarra DRAGONS



# New Zealand WARRIORS

P	Т	G	Pts						P T G Pts
2	-	-	-	Sam BREMNER	1	FULLBACK	1	Karina BROWN	2
-	-	-	•	Rikeya HORNE	2	WING	2	Madison BARTLETT	2
2	1	-	4	Jessica SERGIS	3	CENTRE	3	Shontelle STOWERS	1
2	1	-	4	Tiana PENITANI	4	CENTRE	4	Evania PELITE	2 2 - 8
2	-	-	-	Jaime CHAPMAN	5	WING	5	Ellia GREEN	2 1 - 4
2	-	-	-	Keeley DAVIS	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Kirra DIBB	2 1 3 10
2	-	-	-	Maddie STUDDON	7	HALFBACK	7	Naomi KARA	
2	-	-	-	Ellie JOHNSTON	8	FRONT ROW	8	Crystal TAMARUA	2
2	-	-	-	Steph HANCOCK	10	HOOKER	9	Hilda MARIU	2
1	-	-	-	Georgia PAGE	11	FRONT ROW	10	Samantha ECONOMOS	2
2	-	-	-	Shaylee BENT	12	SECOND ROW	11	Shaniah POWER	1
2	-	-	-	Talei HOLMES	12	SECOND ROW	12	Tazmin GRAY	2
2	-	-	-	Elsie ALBERT	13	LOCK	13	Georgia HALE	2
2	-	-	-	Aaliyah FASAVALU-FAAMAUSILI	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Teaghan HARTIGAN	1
2	-	-	-	Christine PAULI	15		15	Taimane LEVU	1
-	-	-	-	Jade ETHERDEN	16		16	Simone SMITH	2 1 - 4
2	-	-	-	Mahalia MURPHY	<b>17</b>		<b>17</b>	Michaela PECK	1
1	-	-	-	Shakiah TUNGAI	18	RESERVES	18	Brianna CLARK	2
-	-	-	-	Maddison WEATHERALL	19		20	Laken PAITAI	
							21	Stephanie BALL	1
							22	Kanyon PAUL	2
				Daniel LACEY		COACH		Brad DONALD	
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### **#NRLWDragonsWarriors**

### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE Saturday 17 October 2020

KICKOFF 12:30pm AEDT VENUE ANZ Stadium

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### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE Belinda SHARPE

TOUCH JUDGES Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI

**Drew OULTRAM** 

NRL BUNKER Steve CLARK

### Project

### **Match Stats**

### **HEAD TO HEAD**

OVERALL 2 MATCHES

### **Dragons 2 Warriors 0**

At ANZ Stadium: 1 match, Dragons 1, Warriors 0

 LAST TWO
 DRAGONS 2-0

 2018
 R2

 2019
 R2

 Dragons 22-10
 ANZ

 Dragons 26-6
 Mt Smart

### **BIGGEST WINS**

2019 R2 Dragons 26-6 Mt Smart

Warriors have not beaten Dragons

### **Match Preview**

### with Josh Robertson

A disappointing NRLW season will come to an end for both the Dragons and Warriors but first both sides will look to secure their only victory of the NRLW season on Saturday afternoon.

Coming into the season as favourites, the St George Illawarra Dragons will be bitterly disappointed with their efforts in 2020 following their grand final appearance last season and their victory at the NRLW 9s in Perth at the beginning of the year. The Red 'V' have been struck by injury across the two weeks with almost all their key stars suffering from injuries at some point across the first two weeks including Isabelle Kelly and Kezie Apps who suffered serious injuries during last weekend's clash with the Broncos.

Last weekend, the Dragons came into the game knowing that they would need a victory to keep their grand final hopes alive but it was the Broncos who took control of the game. The Dragons were heavily affected by injuries following their opening clash with the Roosters in Canberra and the toll continued to mount with Isabelle Kelly, Kezie Apps, Maddie Studdon and Jess Surgis all injured during the contest.

The Red 'V' have named Maddie Studdon and Jess Surgis in their side for Saturday's contest despite their injury concerns but they have lost Isabelle Kelly and Kezie Apps to their injuries suffered last week. Dragons coach Daniel Lacy could have the advantage of recalling Shakiah Tungai to his side after missing the clash with the Broncos due to a Shoulder injury.

The New Zealand Warriors have lost no admirers in the opening two rounds of the competition having had to scramble a side together given the COVID restrictions and the inability for many NZ based players to head to Australia. Whilst suffering defeats in their first two games, the Warriors have proven

they were not walk overs when they ran out to an 8-0 lead over the Broncos before the Broncos ran over the top of them.

Last weekend, the Warriors couldn't find the combinations that they needed to put their attack together as the Roosters were able to run out to an early lead that the Warriors couldn't pull back despite two late tries at the end. The Warriors have been lucky to keep their squad relatively stable and injury free during the competition which has given them good experience.

The Warriors have made a number of positional changes to their side with Hilda Peters named at hooker with Kanyon Paul dropped from the Warriors 17. The other changes to the Warriors side have seen Samantha Economos named in the 10 jersey, whilst Shaniah Power is named in the second row.

Who to watch: Having been a part of the Dragons squad for all three NRLW seasons, Keeley Davis will move into the halves for the Dragons this week after playing in the 9 jersey for the opening rounds of the competition. Being only 20, Davis has already represented Australia and will be an important key to the Dragons this weekend.

Warriors captain Georgia Hale has been a touch disappointing this season for the Warriors with a lack of impact from the Kiwi international. Hale has strong defence and attacking games but whether it be through game circumstances, Hale hasn't really stood up as much as what would've been expected. The Warriors need Hale to lead from the front if they want to beat the Dragons

**Favourite:** It's a hard pick to pick the favourites, both sides have been extremely disappointing this season and the Dragons have been hit by injuries.

My tip: This is a hard game to tip because both sides will be desperate for the victory, the Dragons are affected by injury but still have a quality line-up. The Warriors also have a strong line-up and the fact they have had reasonable stability could see them get home. Warriors by 4.

### NRLW Round 2 results

Roosters 22 (Yasmin Meakes, Zahara Temara, Quincy Dodd, Bobbi Law tries; Zahara Temara 3/4 goals) def Warriors 12 (Kirra Dibb, Evania Pelite tries; Kirra Dibb 2/2 goals); Venue: Bankwest Stadium; Date: Saturday 10 October 2020, 12:30pm AEDT; Halftime: Roosters 16-0; Referee: Drew Oultram; Touch Judges: Jon Stone, Liam Kennedy; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark

Broncos 18 (Julia Robinson, Millie Boyle, Lauren Brown tries; Meg Ward 3/3 goals) def **Dragons 4** (Jess Sergies try); Venue: Bankwest Stadium; Date: Saturday 10 October 2020, 4:00pm AEDT; Halftime: Broncos 12-4; Referee: Belinda Sharpe; Touch Judges: Jon Stone, Liam Kennedy; NRL Bunker: Steve Clark

### NRLW Ladder after Round 2

	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Sydney Roosters	1	1	-	-	18	4	+14	2
2	Brisbane Broncos	1	1	-	-	28	14	+14	2
3	St George Illawarra Dragons	1	-	1	-	4	18	-14	0
4	Warriors	1	-	1	-	14	28	-14	0

# Sydney ROOSTERS



# Brisbane BRONCOS

P	T	G	Pts						P	T	G	Pts	
2	-	-	-	Charlotte CASLICK	1	FULLBACK	1	Tamika UPTON	2	3	-	12	
2	-	-	-	Shanice PARKER	2	WING	2	Shenae CIESIOLKA	1	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Brydie PARKER	3	CENTRE	3	Julia ROBINSON	2	2	-	8	
1	1	-	4	Bobbi LAW	4	CENTRE	4	Jayme FRESSARD	2	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Taleena SIMON	5	WING	5	Meg WARD	2	-	7	14	
2	1	-	4	Corban McGREGOR	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Raecene McGREGOR	2	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Melanie HOWARD	7	HALFBACK	7	Ali BRIGGINSHAW	2	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Amelia MAFI	8	FRONT ROW	8	Millie BOYLE	2	1	-	4	
2	1	-	4	Nita MAYNARD	9	HOOKER	9	Lauren BROWN	2	1	-	4	
2	-	-	-	Filomina HANISI	10	FRONT ROW	10	Chelsea LENARDUZZI	2	1	-	4	
2	1	-	4	Yasmine MEAKES	11	SECOND ROW	11	Tallisha HARDEN	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Sarah TOGATUKI	12	SECOND ROW	12	Jessika ELLISTON	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Kennedy CHERRINGTON	13	LOCK	13	Tarryn AIKEN	2	-	-	-	
2	2	-	8	Quincy DODD	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Annette BRANDER	2	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	Kaitlyn PHILLIPS	15		15	Romy TEITZEL	-	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Vanessa FOLIAKI	16		16	Shannon MATO	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Jocelyn KELLEHER	17		17	Chante TEMARA	-	-	-	-	
2	1	6	16	Zahara TEMARA	18	RESERVES	18	Tyler BIRCH	1	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Simaima TAUFA	19		19	Zara CANFIELD	-	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Hannah SOUTHWELL	20		20	Nakita SAO	-	-	-	-	
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### **#NRLWRoostersBroncos**

### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE Saturday 17 October 2020 **KICKOFF** 4:00pm AEDT (3:00pm AEST)

**VENUE** ANZ Stadium

Sydney Olympic Park, NSW

WATCH Nine Network & 9Now

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### MATCH OFFICIALS

**REFEREE Liam KENNEDY** 

**TOUCH JUDGES** Ziggy PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI

**Drew OULTRAM** 

**NRL BUNKER** Steve CLARK

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### **Match Stats**

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**OVERALL 3 MATCHES** 

### **Roosters 0 Broncos 3**

At ANZ Stadium: 1 match, Roosters 0, Broncos 1

LAST	THREE	BRONCOS 3-0					
2018	R2	Broncos 14-4	Allianz				
2018	GF	Broncos 34-12	ANZ				
2019	R2	Broncos 20-0	AAMI				

### **BIGGEST WINS**

2018 GF Broncos 34-12 ANZ Roosters have not beaten Broncos

### **Match Preview**

### with Josh Robertson

Saturday's second NRLW match is set to be a preview of the Grand Final eight days later as the Sydney Roosters take on the Brisbane Broncos for bragging rights leading into the big one.

The Roosters have been the surprise packets of the 2020 NRLW season having won both games this season against the Dragons and Warriors respectively. Coming into the competition the Roosters weren't expected to push the top sides but they left many surprised following their 18-4 victory over the Dragons in Round 1. Despite the injury to Botte Vette-Welsh, the Roosters showed their Round 1 victory was no fluke.

The Roosters headed into last week's game knowing that they could lock a grand final spot and they came out firing yet again as they were able to open up a 22-0 lead on the Warriors before conceding two tries in the final minutes. The tricolours will be confident that they will be able to match the Broncos and beat them.

With the grand final a week away, the Roosters have rested Simaima Taufua, Hannah Southwell and Zahara Temara with Melanie Howard named at halfback and Amelia Mafi named at prop. Other positional changes for the Roosters sees Yasmin Meakes move to the second row, Vanessa Foliaki to the bench whilst Kennedy Cherrington starts at lock.

The Brisbane Broncos have proven themselves to yet again be competition front runners following their two strong performances against the Warriors and Dragons. The Broncos were second favourites for the 2020 season but quickly took back the title of favourites after their 22-14 victory over the Warriors. The Broncos then again proved why they've been the dominant side after their 18-4 victory over the Dragons last weekend.

Victory last weekend booked a grand final spot for the Broncos who knew that the Dragons needed a win to keep their season's hopes alive. The Broncos were strong last week as they opened up a 12-0 break despite having their line crossed on multiple occasions by the Dragons only for the Red 'V' to be denied.

Despite a comfortable win, the Broncos had their fair share of issues coming out of last weeks contest with Lavinia Gould ruled out of this weekend's contest through injury whilst Amber Hall will miss this week through suspension following a dangerous contact charge. Ali Brigginshaw lines up halfback, with Lauren Brown moving to hooker replacing Gould amongst other changes.

Who to watch: Playing her first game for 2020, Melanie Howard will have big shoes to fill replacing Zahara Temara who has been in strong form. Howard will need to immediately come in and perform if the Roosters want to push the Broncos in a confidence booster for the grand final next week.

A strong performance last weekend and taking on the important Number 9 jersey this wee, sees Lauren Brown become a key player for the Broncos this weekend. Replacing Lavina Gould, Brown will need to ensure that her service from dummy half is strong as their attack relies strongly on the service out of dummy half to the halves as well as the running game that Lavinia Gould provides.

Favourite: The Broncos will go into the game as favourites following their strong performances and the decision by the Roosters to rest a number of key players.

My tip: The Broncos should win this game and somewhat easily, the Roosters have been strong in the first two weeks but resting key players has weakened them significantly meanwhile the Broncos are just as strong as they have been through the competition. The Broncos no doubt will be strong and looking to set themselves up for next week's Grand Final. Broncos by 18.











### **2020 Draw**

### **NRL Telstra Premiership**

ROUND 1	MARCH 12-15		
Thu 8:05pm	Eels v Bulldogs	Bankwest	8-2
Fri 6:00pm	Raiders v Titans	GIO	24-6
Fri 8:05pm	Cowboys v Broncos	Townsville	21-28
Sat 3:00pm	Knights v Warriors	MJS	20-0
Sat 5:30pm	Rabbitohs v Sharks	ANZ	22-18
Sat 7:35pm	Panthers v Roosters	Panthers	20-14
Sun 4:05pm	Sea Eagles v Storm	Lottoland	4-18
Sun 6:15pm	Dragons v Tigers	WIN	14-24
ROUND 2	MARCH 19-22		
Thu 8:05pm	Bulldogs v Cowboys	ANZ	16-24
Fri 6:00pm	Dragons v Panthers	Kogarah	28-32
Fri 8:05pm	Broncos v Rabbitohs	Suncorp	22-18
Sat 3:00pm	Warriors v Raiders	Cbus Super	6-20
Sat 5:30pm	Roosters v Sea Eagles	Leichhardt	8-9
Sat 7:35pm	Sharks v Storm	Kogarah	10-12
Sun 4:05pm	Tigers v Knights	Leichhardt	24-42
Sun 6:15pm	Titans v Eels	Cbus Super	6-46

Sat 5:30pm

Sat 7:35pm

Sun 4:05pm

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#### PREMIERSHIP SUSPENDED MARCH 23 to MAY 27 due to COVID-19 restrictions

ROUND 3	MAY 28-31		
Thu 7:50pm	Broncos v Eels	Suncorp 6-3	34
Fri 6:00pm	Cowbovs v Titans	Townsville 36-	-6
Fri 7:55pm	Roosters v Rabbitohs	Bankwest 28-1	2
Sat 3:00pm	Warriors v Dragons	Gosford 18-	-0
Sat 5:30pm	Sharks v Tigers	Bankwest 16-2	28
Sat 7:35pm	Storm v Raiders	AAMI 6-2	22
Sun 4:05pm	Panthers v Knights	C'town 14-1	4
Sun 6:30pm	Sea Eagles v Bulldogs	Gosford 32-	-6
ROUND 4	JUNE 4-8	Queen's Birthda	ay
Thu 7:50pm	Broncos v Roosters	Suncorp 0-5	9
Fri 6:00pm	Panthers v Warriors	C'town 26-	0
Fri 7:55pm	Storm v Rabbitohs	AAMI 22-	-8
Sat 5:30pm	Eels v Sea Eagles	Bankwest 19-1	6
Sat 7:35pm	Cowboys v Sharks	Townsville 16-2	26
Sun 4:05pm	Raiders v Knights	C'town 18-3	34
Sun 6:30pm	Titans v Tigers	Suncorp 28-2	23
Mon 4:05pm	Bulldogs v Dragons	Bankwest 22-	-2
ROUND 5	JUNE 11-15		
Thu 7:50pm	Sea Eagles v Broncos	Gosford 20-1	8
Fri 6:00pm	Warriors v Cowboys	Gosford 37-2	26
Fri 7:55pm	Eels v Panthers	Bankwest 16-1	0
Sat 3:00pm	Rabbitohs v Titans	Bankwest 32-1	2
Sat 5:30pm	Knights v Storm	Gosford 12-2	26
Sat 7:35pm	Tigers v Raiders	C'town 6-1	4
Sun 4:05pm	Dragons v Sharks	C'town 30-1	6
Mon 7:00pm	Bulldogs v Roosters	Bankwest 6-4	2
ROUND 6	JUNE 18-21	<b>Beanies for Brain Cancer Roun</b>	ıd
Thu 7:50pm	Knights v Broncos	Gosford 27-	6
Fri 6:00pm	Rabbitohs v Warriors	Bankwest 40-1	2
Fri 7:55pm	Panthers v Storm	C'town 21-1	4
Sat 3:00pm	Titans v Dragons	Suncorp 8-2	20
Sat 5:30pm	Tigers v Cowboys	C'town 36-2	20
Sat 7:35pm	Roosters v Eels	Bankwest 24-1	0
Sun 4:05pm	Raiders v Sea Eagles	C'town 6-1	4
Sun 6:30pm	Sharks v Bulldogs	Bankwest 20-1	8
ROUND 7	JUNE 25-29		
Thu 7:50pm	Panthers v Rabbitohs	Kogarah 20-1	2
Fri 6:00pm	Storm v Warriors	Kogarah 50-	6
Fri 7:55pm	Roosters v Dragons	Bankwest 26-1	2
Sat 3:00pm	Cowboys v Knights	Townsville 32-2	20
Sat 5:30pm	Broncos v Titans	Suncorp 12-3	30
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Rabbitohs v Tigers	Bankwest	18-10
Sharks v Panthers	Kogarah	24-56
Broncos v Bulldogs	Suncorp	26-8
Raiders v Storm	GIO	14-20
Knights v Eels	MJS	4-10
Dragons v Sea Eagles	Kogarah	34-4
JULY 16-19		
Roosters v Raiders	SCG	20-24
Storm v Titans	S. Coast	42-6
Tigers v Broncos	Leichhardt	48-0
Dragons v Bulldogs	WIN	28-22
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Thu 7:50pm	Broncos v Panthers	Suncorp	12-25
Fri 6:00pm	Knights v Sharks	MJS	38-10
Fri 7:55pm	Rabbitohs v Storm	ANZ	16-22
Sat 3:00pm	Bulldogs v Titans	ANZ	14-18
Sat 5:30pm	Sea Eagles v Tigers	Lottoland	32-34
Sat 7:35pm	Raiders v Roosters	GIO	6-18
Sun 4:05pm	Warriors v Eels	Gosford	18-24
Sun 6:30pm	Cowboys v Dragons	QCBS	23-22
ROUND 18	SEPTEMBER 10-13		
Thu 7:50pm	Tigers v Rabbitohs	Bankwest	24-26
Fri 6:00pm	Bulldogs v Sea Eagles	ANZ	20-32
Fri 7:55pm	Panthers v Eels	Panthers	20-2
Sat 3:00pm	Dragons v Raiders	WIN	8-37
Sat 5:30pm	Titans v Broncos	Cbus Super	18-6
Sat 7:35pm	Roosters v Knights	SCG	42-12
Sun 4:05pm	Storm v Cowboys	S. Coast	36-20
Sun 6:30pm	Sharks v Warriors	Kogarah	22-14
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WEEK 1	OCTOBER 2-4	Qualifying & Elimination Finals
Fri 7:50pm - QF 1	Panthers (1) v Roosters (4)	Panthers 29-28
Sat 5:40pm - EF 1	Raiders (5) v Sharks (8)	GIO 32-20
Sat 7:50pm - QF 2	Storm (2) v Eels (3)	Suncorp 36-24
Sun 4:05pm - EF 2	Rabbitohs (6) v Knights (7)	ANZ 46-20
WEEK 2	OCTOBER 9-10	Semi Finals
Fri 7:50pm - SF 1	Roosters v Raiders	SCG 18-22
Sat 7:50pm - SF 2	Eels v Rabbitohs	Bankwest 24-38
WEEK 3	OCTOBER 16-17	<b>Preliminary Finals</b>
Fri 7:50pm - PF 2	Storm v Raiders	Suncorp Stadium
Sat 7:50pm - PF 1	Panthers v Rabbitohs	ANZ Stadium
GRAND FINAL	OCTOBER 25	
Sun 7:15pm	W PF 1 v W PF 2	ANZ Stadium

#### **2020 NRL TELSTRA WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP**

ROUND 1	OCTOBER 2-4		
Sat 11:30am	Roosters v Dragons	GIO	18-4
Sat 3:00pm	Broncos v Warriors	GIO	28-14
ROUND 2	OCTOBER 9-10		
Sat 12:30pm	Warriors v Roosters	Bankwest	12-22
Sat 4:00pm	Dragons v Broncos	Bankwest	4-18
ROUND 3	OCTOBER 16-17		
Sat 12:30pm	Dragons v Warriors	AN	Z Stadium
Sat 4:00pm	Roosters v Broncos	AN	Z Stadium
GRAND FINAL	OCTOBER 25		
Sun, Time TBC	Broncos v Roosters	AN	Z Stadium

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. NRL draw is subject to change - visit LeagueUnlimited.com for updated fixtures. All times are AEST, except Rounds 1, 2, NRL Finals Weeks 2-4 and NRLW Round 2, 3 and Grand Final, plus State of Origin (all AEDT).

### **2020 STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES**

GAME 1 Wed 8:10pm GAME 2 Wed 8:10pm WOMEN'S Fri 8:10pm GAME 3 Wed 8:10pm NOVEMBER 4
NSW v QLD
NOVEMBER 11
NSW v QLD
NOVEMBER 13
QLD v NSW
NOVEMBER 18
QLD v NSW

Adelaide Oval

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# Catalans DRAGONS

Р	Т	G	Pts					P	т	G	Pts	
14	3	51	114	Zak HARDAKER	1	1	David MEAD	5	5	-	20	
15	10	-	40	Bevan FRENCH	6	4	Israel FOLAU	12	4	-	16	
13	-	-	-	Thomas LEULUAI	7	5	Fouad YAHA	12	11	-	44	
4	-	-	-	Tony CLUBB	8	6	James MALONEY	14	3	61	134	
14	9	-	36	Sam POWELL	9	7	Josh DRINKWATER	12	1	-	4	
16	2	-	8	Willie ISA	11	9	Mike McILORUM	12	1	-	4	
15	6	-	24	Liam FARRELL	12	10	Sam MOA	8	-	-	-	
5	-	-	-	Sean O'LOUGHLIN	13	11	Matt WHITLEY	13	8	-	32	
5	1	-	4	Ben FLOWER	14	12	Joel TOMKINS	10	3	-	12	
7	1	-	4	Joe GREENWOOD	15	13	Benjamin GARCIA	14	3	-	12	
10	-	-	-	Morgan SMITHIES	16	14	Julian BOUSQUET	12	3	-	12	
11	1	-	4	Oliver PARTINGTON	17	16	Tom DAVIES	8	11	-	44	
10	1	-	4	Joe BULLOCK	19	17	Benjamin JULLIEN	11	2	-	8	
11	3	-	12	Dominic MANFREDI	21	18	Alrix DA COSTA	3	1	-	4	
13	2	-	8	Jake BIBBY	23	19	Mickaël GOUDEMAND	6	-	-	-	
15	2	-	9	Harry SMITH	28	21	Paul SÉGUIER	3	-	-	-	
15	6	-	24	Jackson HASTINGS	31	22	Arthur ROMANO	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Amir BOUROUH	<b>32</b>	24	Jason BAITIERI	14	1	-	4	
6	-	-	-	Joe SHORROCKS	33	25	Arthur MOURGUE	4	1	-	4	
1	-	-	-	Sam HALSALL	35	28	Sam KASIANO	13	1	-	4	
1	-	-	-	Brad SINGLETON	38	29	Sam TOMKINS	11	5	2	24	

Adrian LAM	COACH	Steve McNAMARA
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# #SLWigCat MATCH DETAILS

DATE Thursday 15 October

KICKOFF 5:30pm BST

VENUE Halliwell Jones Stadium, Warrington

WATCH Sky Sports Arena

### MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE Ben THALER
SIDELINE OFFICIALS Mark CRAVEN

**James VELLA** 

VIDEO REFEREE Chris KENDALL

# **Project** Match Stats

### **HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)**

OVERALL 38 MATCHES

### **Wigan 28 Catalans 9 Drawn 1**

At Halliwell Jones: first meeting at this venue

LAST	TEN	WIGAN 9-1	
2016	R7	Wigan 48-24	DW
2017	R11	Wigan 42-22	DW
2017	R21	Wigan 32-10	Gilbert Brutus
2018	R10	Wigan 32-23	Gilbert Brutus
2018	R23	Wigan 25-20	DW
2018	S8 R2	Wigan 35-6	Gilbert Brutus
2019	R8	Wigan 42-0	DW
2019	R15	Catalans 16-33	Camp Nou
2019	R28	Wigan 46-12	DW
2020	R12	Wigan 28-12	Gilbert Brutus

### **BIGGEST WINS**

2010 R4 Wigan 58-0 DW

2015 R15 Catalans 58-16 Gilbert Brutus

### **MILESTONES**

Tony CLUBB (Wigan): 150th Wigan match

Sam KASIANO (Catalans): 200th career match (NRL, SL, IntRL)

Fouad YAHA (Catalans): 100th Catalans match

Sam TOMKINS (Catalans): 14 more points for 1000 Super

League points

# **Match Preview**

### with Steve Mascord

TONY Clubb and Ben Flower return for Wigan while for Catalans Samisoni Langi is out for four weeks with a hamstring injury.

Clubb and Flower come into coach Adrian Lam's squad for Harry Ruston and James McDonnell. Club has been out since March with a neck injury. There's still no sign of George Burgess (hip).

Catalans stalwart Remi Casty is also sidelined by a shoulder injury. Matt Whitley and Arthur Romano are the players to come into coach Ste McNamara's squad.

Wigan's mettle was tested last week against Warrington after both clubs were surprisingly bundled out of the Challenge Cup. It's Warrington who turned to mush.

This week we have another measure of constitution for an opponent of the Warriors. Catalans beat Hull KR easily at home last week and are inside the top four but the jury is still out on whether the Dragons are title contenders in 2020.

"I just wanted them to have a bit of success together after last week," was Lam's response to the 18-14 win over Warrington on Friday, a very high standard game.

"We were embarrassed and couldn't get to Friday quick enough."
Conversely, McNamara was far from satisfied with a 34-4 win over Hull KR at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

"We scored some nice tries but I don't think we were quite at our best," he told reporters. "We were a bit off."

We've written in these pages over recent weeks about how Israel Folau needs to broaden his arsenal of attacking options and the dual international's running game, something Wigan will have to contain if they are to be successful on Thursday, came back to the fore against the Robins.

Wigan's determination and sheer guts to come back against Warrington is something that will hold them in good stead here against a side full of handsome front-runners. Curtailing McNamara's men early will be a big key to the Warriors' hopes.

It's been reported only one of the three Wigan players forced to sit out last week's clash due to Covid track-and-trace will be able to return to active duty against Catalans.

Who to watch: Israel Folau ran rampant last weekend and is probably the best player on the field this Thursday. That status comes with a responsibility to show it.

**Favourites:** Wigan just look more reliable based on last week's performance. They know how to hang in during a contest and get the result.

My tip: Wigan by 6.







# Wakefield TRINITY

P	T	G	Pts								P	T	G	Pts	
11	7	47	122	Lachlan COOTE	1		1		Alex WALKER		7	2	-	8	
7	3	8	28	Thomas MAKINSON	2		2		Tom JOHNSTONE		10	7	-	28	
14	4	-	16	Kevin NAIQAMA	3		4		Reece LYNE		13	1	-	4	
14	10	-	40	Regan GRACE	5		5		Ben JONES-BISHOP		4	-	-	-	
14	1	3	10	Jonny LOMAX	6		8		David FIFITA		5	-	-	-	
13	3	0+1	13	Théo FAGES	7		11		Matty ASHURST		12	2	-	8	
13	8	-	32	Alex WALMSLEY	8		13		Joe WESTERMAN		14	3	-	12	
10	-	-	-	James ROBY	9		15		Craig KOPCZAK		12	1	-	4	
13	2	-	8	Zeb TAIA	11		16		James BATCHELOR		4	-	-	-	
9	1	-	4	Dominique PEYROUX	12		17		Chris GREEN		7	-	-	-	
13	3	-	12	Louie McCARTHY-SCARSBROOK	13		18		Adam TANGATA		9	-	-	-	
11	2	-	8	Morgan KNOWLES	14		21		Max JOWITT		10	3	7	26	
13	-	-	-	Matty LEES	15		23		Josh WOOD		10	1	-	4	
11	-	-	-	Kyle AMOR	16		24		Jack CROFT		3	-	-	-	
11	3	-	12	Aaron SMITH	19		29		Ryan HAMPSHIRE		9	-	18¹	37	
12	3	-	12	James BENTLEY	20		31		Connor BAILEY		3	-	-	-	
11	8	-	32	Jack WELSBY	22		36		Kelepi TANGINOA		14	4	-	16	
2	-	-	-	Joe BATCHELOR	23		37		Romain NAVARRETE		10	-	-	-	
4	-	-	-	Josh SIMM	26		40		Innes SENIOR		4	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	Lewis DODD	27		41		Eddie BATTYE		2	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Jake WINGFIELD	31										
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### **Super League Round 15 Results**

Salford 24 (Krisnan Inu 3, Chris Atkin tries; Krisnan Inu 4 goals) def Huddersfield 16 (Aidan Sezer 2, Leroy Cudjoe tries; Aidan Sezer 2 goals) Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Thursday 8 October 2020, 5:30pm BST

Leeds 40 (Ash Handley 3, Liam Sutcliffe, James Donaldson, Jack Walker 2 tries; Rhyse Martin 6 goals) def Hull 22 (Jack Brown, Josh Griffin, Andre Savelio, Mahe Fonua tries; Marc Sneyd 3 goals) Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Thursday 8 October 2020, 7:45pm BST

St Helens 20 (Lachlan Coote 2, Regan Grace, Louie McCarthy-Scarsbrook tries; Lachlan Coote 2 goals) def Wakefield 16 (Matty Ashurst, Craig Kopczak, Alex Walker tries; Ryan Hampshire 2 goals) Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Friday 9 October 2020, 5:30pm BST

Catalans 34 (Tom Davies 2, Israel Folau, Benjamin Garcia, Joel Tomkins 2 tries; James Maloney 5 goals) def Hull KR 4 (Harvey Livett try) Venue: Stade Gilbert Brutus; Date: Friday 9 October 2020, 6:15pm BST

Wigan 18 (Liam Farrell, Zak Hardaker, Joe Greenwood tries; Zak Hardaker 3 goals) def Warrington 14 (Chris Hill, Matty Ashton tries; Stefan Ratchford 3 goals) Venue: Emerald Headingley Stadium; Date: Friday 9 October 2020, 7:45pm BST

### **#SLStHWak**

### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE Thursday 15 October

KICKOFF 7:45pm BST

VENUE Halliwell Jones Stadium, Warrington

WATCH Sky Sports Arena

### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE Robert HICKS

SIDELINE OFFICIALS James CHILD

**Gareth JONES** 

VIDEO REFEREE Scott MIKALAUSKAS

# **Project** Match Stats

### **HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)**

OVERALL 49 MATCHES

### Saints 40 Wakefield 9

At Halliwell Jones: first meeting at this venue

LAST	TEN	SAINTS 8-2	
2017	R3	Wakefield 16-12	<b>Totally Wicked</b>
2017	R23	Saints 41-16	Belle Vue
2017	S8 R5	Saints 18-16	Belle Vue
2018	R11	Wakefield 24-20	Belle Vue
2018	R19	Saints 34-20	<b>Totally Wicked</b>
2018	S8 R2	Saints 36-14	Belle Vue
2019	R2	Saints 24-18	Belle Vue
2019	CC QF	Saints 48-10	Totally Wicked
2019	R24	Saints 26-6	Totally Wicked
2020	R15	Saints 20-16	Headingley

### **BIGGEST WINS**

2004 Wakefield 41-22 Belle Vue 2005 Saints 60-4 Knowsley

### **MILESTONES**

Jonny LOMAX (Saints) 250th career match (SL, CC & IntRL) James ROBY (Saints) 2 more tries for 100 Super League tries Jonny LOMAX (Saints) 250th career match (SL, CC & IntRL)

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# **Match Preview**

### with Steve Mascord

SHOULD we just substitute in last week's preview? Well no, because last week's preview was wrong.

We tipped a walkover by the champions against a team that seemed to have hit rock bottom but instead Chris Chester's side put up a magnificent fight before losing 20-16.

"They'll take a lot of confidence (from last week)," Saints coach Kristian Woolf told the club's in-house TV.

"We've got to make sure we talk our lessons and we get our own mindset right and our own approach right and our preparation right and go there and be us and bring the best version of us.

"That was the challenge last week and that's the challenge this week and we need to do a better job of it."

Jake Wingfield, a 19-year-old Blackbrook product, comes into the Saints extended squad for James Graham who was forced to stand down last week due to Covid track and trace. "You consider your best players because of the influence they have, and James Graham is a real leader who supports Robes (James Roby) really well," Woolf said.

"There is no doubt if he is there that we would have had a bit more of hard-nosed approach to the game. His leadership would have helped us out, but we have to overcome that – particularly this year, given the disruptions that there will be late in the week. We have to learn how to roll with that."

Wingfield has played for Saints Academy the last two years and suffered an ACL injury earlier this season, meaning this is his first time in the senior squad. But he's not expected to play. Woolf says the final bench spot will go to Lewis Dodd or Aaron Smith. Former Golden Boot winner Tommy Makinson made a successful return last week and is on deck again on Thursday.

Wakefield's side lacked any surprises. The club was boosted on Tuesday by the news they would return to the Mobile Rocket Stadium in the fixtures announced that day by Super League

It's hard to see Saints struggling again against a Trinity team that even their coach admitted on International television last week lacked the "quality" of their opponents. A performance that goes one better and actually secures an upset would be a staggering result.

Meanwhile, it's been reported that halfback Sam Williams is ready to return to Trinity. Williams played with the club in 2017 before returning to Canberra, where he has just one appearance this year. The club may also snare NRL speedster Jai Field.

The rugby league community in St Helens has been hit this week by the sudden death of Leigh Miners Rangers under 18s coach Danny Rigby.

Who to watch: James Roby got through 60 tackles last week and set up the winning try. He'll be the key for Saints once more.

**Favourites:** Should we tip Saints by last week's margin? They will surely win.

My tip: St Helens by 24.





# Castleford **TIGERS**

P	Т	G	Pts					P	Т	G	Pts	
12	7	<b>0</b> ¹	29	Jamie SHAUL	1	1	Jordan RANKIN	6	-	-	-	
10	-	-	-	Bureta FARAIMO	2	2	Derrell OLPHERTS	12	8	-	32	
14	7	-	28	Carlos TUIMAVAVE	3	3	Peter MATA'UTIA	8	2	-	8	
14	5	3	26	Josh GRIFFIN	4	4	Michael SHENTON	14	6	-	24	
5	3	-	12	Adam SWIFT	5	5	Sosaia FEKI	1	-	-	-	
13	2	14¹	37	Jake CONNOR	6	6	Jake TRUEMAN	8	1	-	4	
12	2	37³	85	Marc SNEYD	7	7	Danny RICHARDSON	12	2	38¹	85	
8	-	-	-	Scott TAYLOR	8	8	Liam WATTS	11	-	-	-	
13	1	-	4	Danny HOUGHTON	9	9	Paul McSHANE	14	2	-	8	
13	1	-	4	Tevita SATAE	10	10	Grant MILLINGTON	14	2	-	8	
7	-	-	-	Josh JONES	11	11	Oliver HOLMES	11	2	-	8	
9	2	-	8	Manu MA'U	12	12	Mike McMEEKEN	13	4	-	16	
13	-	-	-	Ligi SAO	13	13	Adam MILNER	10	-	-	-	
8	4	-	16	Albert KELLY	14	14	Nathan MASSEY	12	1	-	4	
8	-	-	-	Joe CATOR	15	15	Jesse SENE-LEFAO	6	-	-	-	
12	1	-	4	Jordan JOHNSTONE	16	16	George GRIFFIN	13	1	-	4	
5	-	-	-	Masi MATONGO	19	17	Alex FOSTER	5	-	-	-	
12	-	-	-	Brad FASH	20	18	Cheyse BLAIR	9	4	-	16	
12	3	-	12	Jordan LANE	21	19	Daniel SMITH	7	-	-	-	
13	1	-	4	Josh BOWDEN	22	20	Junior MOORS	4	-	-	-	
7	3	-	12	Andre SAVELIO	23	21	James CLARE	11	4	-	16	
15	6	-	24	Mahe FONUA	24	22	Jacques O'NEILL	9	-	-	-	
3	-	-	-	<b>Connor WYNNE</b>	25	24	Tyla HEPI	5	-	-	-	
6	2	-	8	Kieran BUCHANAN	26	25	Greg EDEN	5	2	-	8	
1	-	-	-	Lewis BIENEK	28	26	Calum TURNER	5	1	-	4	
8	-	-	-	Gareth ELLIS	29	27	Lewis PEACHEY	2	-	-	-	
7	2	-	8	Jack BROWN	30	32	Sam HALL	1	-	-	-	
4	1	-	4	Cameron SCOTT	31	34	Gareth O'BRIEN	6	3	<b>7</b> ¹	27	
6	3	-	12	Ratu NAULAGO	33	35	Jack SANDERSON	2	1	-	4	
2	1	-	4	Ben McNAMARA	35	36	Daniel FLEMING	1	-	-	-	

Andy LAST COACH Daryl POWELL

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### **#SLHulCas**

### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE Sunday 18 October
KICKOFF 3:00pm BST
VENUE KCOM Stadium, Hull

### MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE SIDELINE OFFICIALS Marcus GRIFFITHS
Dean BOWMER

Tony MARTIN

## **Match Stats**

### **HEAD TO HEAD (SL Era)**

OVERALL 49 MATCHES

### **Hull 25 Castleford 21 Drawn 3**

At KCOM: 18 matches, Hull 11, Castleford 6, Drawn 1

LAST	TEN	5-ALL	
2017	R11	Hull 26-24	<b>KCOM</b>
2017	R20	Castleford 24-22	Jungle
2017	S8 R7	Hull 48-16	Jungle
2018	R3	Castleford 28-18	Jungle
2018	R14	Hull 36-12	<b>KCOM</b>
2018	S8 R4	Castleford 28-8	KCOM
2019	R2	Castleford 26-18	KCOM
2019	R18	Hull 31-18	Jungle
2019	R28	Castleford 44-12	Jungle
2020	R14	Hull 32-28	Jungle

### **BIGGEST WINS**

2013 R6 Hull 52-0 KCOM 2019 R28 Castleford 44-12 Jungle

#### **MILESTONES**

**Gareth O'BRIEN (Castleford):** 5 more goals for 500 career goals **Michael SHENTON (Castleford):** 8 more points for 500 Super League points

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# **Match Preview**

### with Steve Mascord

HULL FC returns to KCOM Stadium but even if you follow both clubs, you could be forgiven for not knowing this game was on.

Until Tuesday it wasn't even listed on Super League's website. Nevertheless, the Airlie Birds (6-8) return to their home ground for the first time since the resumption, taking on fellow also-rans Castleford (5-8) in a rematch of a clash just over a week ago.

On that occasion Andy Last's Hull FC scored a 32-28 win at the Mend-a-Hose Jungle in a contest that exacerbated the frustration his rival Darryl Powell has steadily built up over the past month regarding officiating.

Hull second rower Jordan Lane is in isolation after testing positive to Covid-19 last week and won't play. Scott Taylor, Lane's gym partner, was stood down for that reason. It's not known whether he might return on Sunday.

While the duo was not experiencing symptoms, the same cannot be said for second rower Josh Jones who suffered the disease many weeks ago and is still not well enough to train fully, let alone play.

Half Albert Kelly (hamstring) and forward Manu Ma'u (knee) are Last's big hopes of returning this week while winger Adam Swift (back) may also be an 'in'.

Castleford coach Darryl Powell wrote in the club magazine: "We've got a couple of young boys ... such as Jacques O'Neill and Lewis Peachey ... who are really coming forward and that's a huge positive to take as we go on.

"I've found myself looking forward to seeing them play in and around the tough situation we are faced with at the moment and it will really benefit us in the future."

At least one of the young duo may get a run on Sunday afternoon.

Who to watch: A return for Albert Kelly would just about (The Australian usage of that term, as in 'maybe', not the English usage, as in 'will') swing things in the home side's favour.

**Favourites:** It's going to to be a little bit emotional for the Hull players to return to their frigid home ground on a Sunday afternoon. That probably makes them favourites.

My tip: Hull by 8.

### **Super League Table after Round 15**

Pos	Team	Р	W	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Win %
1	St Helens	13	10	3	365	151	214	20	77%
2	Wigan	14	10	4	313	254	59	20	71%
3	Catalans	12	8	4	352	217	135	16	67%
4	Leeds	12	8	4	301	246	55	16	67%
5	Warrington	14	9	5	290	186	104	18	64%
6	Huddersfield	14	7	7	270	293	-23	14	50%
7	Hull FC	14	6	8	308	398	-90	12	43%
8	Salford	12	5	7	238	309	-71	10	42%
9	Castleford	13	5	8	260	279	-19	10	38%
10	Hull KR	13	2	11	208	387	-179	4	15%
11	Wakefield	13	2	11	184	369	-185	4	15%

# Leeds RHINOS



# Salford DEVILS

P	T	G	Pts					Р	T	G	Pts	
-	-	-	-	Jack WALKER	1	1	Niall EVALDS	-	-	-	-	
2	2	-	8	Tom BRISCOE	2	3	Kris WELHAM	2	-	-	-	
1	1	-	4	Harry NEWMAN	3	4	Dan SARGINSON	2	2	-	8	
1	-	-	-	Konrad HURRELL	4	5	Krisnan INU	2	2	7	22	
2	3	-	12	Ash HANDLEY	5	6	Tuimoala LOLOHEA	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Robert LUI	6	7	Kevin BROWN	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Luke GALE	7	8	Lee MOSSOP	1	-	-	-	
2	1	-	4	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	8	9	Joey LUSSICK	2	1	-	4	
2	2	-	8	Kruise LEEMING	9	10	Gil DUDSON	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Matt PRIOR	10	11	Ryan LANNON	-	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Alex MELLOR	11	12	Pauli PAULI	2	-	-	-	
2	2	13	34	Rhyse MARTIN	12	13	Tyrone McCARTHY	2	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Stevie WARD	13	14	Sebastine IKAHIHIFO	2	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	Brad DWYER	14	16	Greg BURKE	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Liam SUTCLIFFE	15	17	Luke YATES	1	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Richie MYLER	16	18	Chris ATKIN	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Adam CUTHBERTSON	17	19	Mark FLANAGAN	2	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Mikolaj OLEDZKI	19	20	Josh JOHNSON	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Bodene THOMPSON	20	21	James GREENWOOD	2	2		8	
-	-	-	-	Rhys EVANS	21	22	Rhys WILLIAMS	2	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	Cameron SMITH	22	23	Ken SIO	-	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	Callum McLELLAND	23	24	Elliot KEAR	2	-	-	-	
1	1	-	4	Luke BRISCOE	24	25	Connor JONES	-	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	James DONALDSON	25	26	Jack ORMONDROYD	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Alex SUTCLIFFE	26	29	Oliver ROBERTS	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Sam WALTERS	27	30	Andy ACKERS	-	-	-	-	
2	-	-	-	Tom HOLROYD	28	31	Josh JONES	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Muizz MUSTAPHA	<b>30</b>	32	Kallum WATKINS	2	1	-	4	
-	-	-	-	Jack BROADBENT	34	33	Tom GILMORE	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Brett FERRES	40	34	Oliver ASHALL-BOTT	-	-	-	-	

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### **#CCFinal**

### **MATCH DETAILS**

DATE Saturday 17 October

KICKOFF 2:30pm BST

VENUE Wembley Stadium, London

WATCH BBC Sport

### MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE Liam MOORE

SIDELINE OFFICIALS Tom GRANT

**Jack SMITH** 

VIDEO REFEREE Ben THALER

# **Match Stats**

### HEAD TO HEAD (Challenge Cup)

OVERALL 11 MATCHES

### **Leeds 8 Salford 3**

At Wembley: first meeting at this venue

### LAST TEN LEEDS 8-2

1921	Leeds 21-0	Willows
1926	Leeds 3-2	Willows
1931	Salford 9-0	Willows
1933	Leeds 4-3	Willows
1964	Salford 10-6	Willows
1974	Leeds 10-6	Headingley
1975	Leeds 17-12	Willows
1984	Leeds 24-16	Willows
1987	Leeds 4-0	Willows
2012	Leeds 16-10	AJ Bell

### **BIGGEST WINS**

1921	Leeds 21-0	Willows
1931	Salford 9-0	Willows
1907	Salford 12-3	Willows

#### **MILESTONES**

Brett FERRES (Leeds): 1 more try for 100 career tries

### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY: 2020 Cup results

LEEDS - Quarter Final: Leeds 48 (Kruise Leeming 2, Luke Briscoe, Tom Briscoe, Ash Handley, Rhyse Martin, Harry Newman, Ava Seumanufagai tries; Rhyse Martin 8 goals) def Hull KR 18 (Jamie Ellis 2, Jez Litten tries; Jamie Ellis 3 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium, Friday 18 September

Semi Final: Leeds 26 (Ash Handley 2, Tom Briscoe, Rhyse Martin tries; Rhyse Martin 5 goals) def Wigan 12 (Zak Hardaker, Harry Smith tries; Zak Hardaker 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium, Saturday 3 October

SALFORD - Quarter Final: Salford 22 (Dan Sarginson 2, James Greenwood, Krisnan Inu tries; Krisnan Inu 3 goals) def Catalans 18 (James Maloney, Matt Whiteley, Fouad Yaha tries; James Maloney 3 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium, Friday 18 September Semi Final: Salford 24 (James Greenwood, Krisnan Inu, Joey Lussick, Kallum Watkins tries; Krisnan Inu 4 goals) def Warrington 22 (Blake Austin, Toby King, Ben Murdoch-Masila tries; Gareth Widdop 3, Stefan Ratchford 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium, Saturday 3 October

# **Match Preview**

### with Steve Mascord

SO MANY things about sport are transient and repetitive.

Teams win, team lose. Players change clubs, get injured, get arrested, get done for doping. Some teams win titles regularly, some win rarely. Franchises are born, merge, move, die. To someone who doesn't like sports, the back of the paper can seem like a description of a Groundhog Day where only the names of the characters and a few random numbers change.

But this Saturday at Wembley Stadium is different.

This is a major final of a competition that goes back to 1896 that is going to be played at the most famous stadium in the world in front of no-one. That's a once-in-a-lifetime event. One of the teams, Salford, hasn't been to this final since 1969 and hasn't won it since 1939.

That's the opposite of both transient and repetitive.

In truth there's a great narrative to both teams, with Leeds at a crucial stage of their rebuilding period which has been full of heartache and (figurative sporting) carnage. Their coach admits he got the job almost by accident and the team has been assembled in a more organic way than the club probably planned.

But Salford is the story. If recruitment in Super League world's in trickle down fashion, Salford are the pool at the very bottom of multiple waterfall. They have no owner, a small but very emotionally connected fanbase and a bargain basement roster.

Coach Ian Watson comes across as the ultimate good guy, a street smart battler as honest as the winter days in Greater Manchester are short.

The Red Devils are, if you allow yourself to dream just a a little, the antidote to all that sucks about this year and the example we can all use to get ourselves back up and running when this is all over.

The cash-strapped club have booked out two floors of a London hotel - all single rooms due to Covid - and a first-class carriage on the train.

"We've had to go that extra bit for the Covid," CEO Ian Blease told a midweek media call. "From stepping on to the coach out here on Thursday, there will be total isolation, even the training run at London Broncos has had to be risk-assessed.

"It's a mini lockdown but it's been like this for weeks. I think everybody is living on their nerves.

"We were tested last week and we're all clear, we were tested again this morning and we get the results tomorrow. I'm sat here fingers crossed."

Leeds coach Richard Agar commented recently: "I wouldn't want to be the bloke to tell them that they're missing out on a showpiece final, especially if it's through test and trace from an opposition team.

"What we've found is that of the guys that have been stood down on test and trace, none of them have developed Covid symptoms and I might be wrong, but as far as I know none have tested positive. It would be an extremely bitter pill to swallow if that was the case."

Who to watch: Krisnan Inu has been outstanding for Salford in recent weeks. This is perhaps the pinnacle of his career and he has the experience to handle the occasion.

**Favourites:** Leeds are looking more and more like a complete team. They'll be most people's favourites.

My tip: Bugger it, let's go the upset. Salford by 1.

### 2020 NZRL MEN'S PREMIERSHIP

### **AKARANA FALCONS v CANTERBURY BULLS**

Pullman Park, Auckland Saturday, October 17 (12 midday)

Faicons		Buils
Eden ACKLAND		Alex TODD
Victor AFOA		Mapu UASI
Josiah AFU		Penitito ILALIO
Kauri AUPORI		Graeme PATU-VAEGA'AU
Chase BERNARD		Matthew SAUNI
Matui Stone DUNN		Chanel FEALA
David DYER		Will YEOW
Sam FAAPITO		Cameron GODFREY
Bostyn HAKARAIA		Ethan PLASKETT
DJ KELLET-MOORE		Patella TAU
Simon LAUFALEALO		Vinnie PAUL
Francis LEGER		Zac RILEY
Fonitika LENENGA		Caius FA'ATILI
Mike KI		Champ BETHAM
Issac MISKI		David TONGOTONGO
Moses OGE		Jordan CAMPBELL
Api PEWHAIRANGI		Sincere HARRAWAY
Kalani PEWHAIRANGI-CHARLIE		Will TAFUA
Leivaha PULU		Justin LYNCH
Daniel REUELE-BUCHANAN		Josh AFAMASANGA
Preston RIKI		Klayton WAIKATO
Pat SIPLEY		Javan ATAERA
Casey SMITH	$\bigsqcup$	Aaron FIVEASH
Jordan TE AHO	Ш	
Setu TU		
Amone TUFUI		
Nalu TUIAMALA		
Ray TUIMALO-VAEGA	Щ	
Matty TUITAMA	Щ	
Caleb UELE	Ц	
Cole WAAKE		

### **WAIKATO v COUNTIES STINGRAYS**

FMG Stadium, Hamilton Sunday, October 18 (4.05pm)

Waikato		Stingrays
Mikaera BETTIE		Alan NIULEVU
Pawhare BROWN		Alfred SMALLEY
Keanu DAWSON		Atanasio KUEA
Taylor EPIHA		Brandon LEE
Jayden FLOOD		Connor TAURUA-PURCELL
Jerome FLOOD		Daylee DUTTON
Raynard HAGGIE		Demond TOOFAHE
Waka HEKE-SWEET		Donny TUIVASA-LOPA
Lei KATOA		Dredin MCGEE
Riva KEITH		Drew RADICH
Chase KENNEDY		Emeliano MIKAELE
Darren KINGI		Feao TONGIA
Hohepa MONK		Filipe VAEAFISI
Mahinga RANGI		Geronimo DOYLE
Shannon RUPAPERE		Ioritana LEIFI
Karly SITEINI		Jacob PAULO
Wake TAI-RAKINA		Jarney PROCTOR-HARWOOD
Moana TANIWHA KORO		Jerome MIKA
Ioritana TUAU		Jethro FRIEND
Dale VERSTAPPEN		Johnny VUETIBAU
Matenga WILSON		Kameli VASU
		Leonard PETELO
		Nicholas HALALILO
		Paula MAAMA
		Richard HOLANI
		Richard TOAI
		Robert-Alan FATIALOFA
		Samuel NATI
		Semisi SIKEI
		Taane PAKI
		Tamehana PARURU
		Tayhler PAORA
		Tevita MIKAELE
		Wesley TAUTI
		William STOWERS



# PREMIERSHIP DRAW



ROUND	DATE	HOME		AWAY	TIME	VENUE
4	SAT 3 OCT	Canterbury WMN	vs	Counties Stingrays WMN	2:05pm	Nga-Puna-Wai
	SAT 3 OCT	Canterbury Bulls	vs	Counties Stingrays	4:05pm	Nga-Puna-Wai
	SUN 4 OCT	Akarana Falcons WMN	VS	Mid Central Vipers WMN	2:05pm	Pulman Park 1
1	SUN 4 OCT	Akarana Falcons	VS	Waikato	4:05pm	Pulman Park 1
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2	SAT 10 OCT	Counties Stingrays WMN	vs	Akarana Falcons WMN	2:05pm	Pulman Park 1
	SAT 10 OCT	Counties Stingrays	vs	Akarana Falcons	4:05pm	Pulman Park 1
<u> </u>	SUN 11 OCT	Canterbury WMN	VS	Mid Central Vipers WMN	12:05pm	Nga-Puna-Wai
2	SUN 11 OCT	Canterbury Bulls	VS	Waikato	2:05pm	Nga-Puna-Wai
2	SAT 17 OCT	Akarana Falcons WMN	VS	Canterbury WMN	12:00pm	Pulman Park 1
3	SAT 17 OCT	Akarana Falcons	VS	Canterbury Bulls	2:05pm	Pulman Park 1
2	SUN 18 OCT	Mid Central Vipers WMN	VS	Counties Stingrays WMN	2:05pm	FMG Stadium
<b>.</b>	SUN 18 OCT	Waikato	VS	Counties Stingrays	4:05pm	FMG Stadium
		1st Women's Champ	VS	2nd Women's Champ	10:00am	Trusts Stadium
GRAND	0.47.04.007	N.I Championship Winner	vs	S.I Championship Winner	12:05pm	Trusts Stadium
FINALS	SAT 31 OCT	1st Women's Prem	VS	2nd Women's Prem	2:05pm	Trusts Stadium
		1st in Premiership	vs	2nd in Premiership	4:05pm	Trusts Stadium

Only Premiership Games will be screened live (TBC) on SKY Sport. NOTE: All Times & Dates subject to change



ROUND	DATE	HOME		AWAY	TIME	VENUE
1	SAT	Upper Central Stallions	vs	Mid Central Vipers	10:00am	Pulman Park 2, AKL
	17 OCT	Wellington Orcas	vs	Northern Swords	1:45pm	Pulman Park 3, AKL
2	SUN	Mid Central Vipers	vs	Wellington Orcas	11:00am	Pulman Park 3, AKL
	18 OCT	Upper Central Stallions	vs	Northern Swords	11:00am	Pulman Park 2, AKL
3	SUN	Mid Central Vipers	vs	Northern Swords	2:45pm	Pulman Park 1, AKL
၂ ၁	18 OCT	Upper Central Stallions	vs	Wellington Orcas	2:45pm	Pulman Park 2, AKL
	31 OCT TBC	N.I Champ Winner	vs	S.I Champ Winner	12:05pm	Trusts Stadium











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1	SAT	Upper Central Stallions WMN	vs	Northern Swords WMN	10:00am	Pulman Park 1, AKL
1	17 OCT	Wellington Orcas WMN	vs	Auckland Vulcans WMN	11:30am	Pulman Park 3, AKL
2	SUN	Auckland Vulcans WMN	vs	Wellington Orcas WMN	10:00am	Pulman Park 2, AKL
	18 OCT	Upper Central Stallions WMN	vs	Northern Swords WMN	10:00am	Pulman Park 1, AKL
3	SUN	Upper Central Stallions WMN	VS	Wellington Orcas WMN	1:30pm	Pulman Park 1, AKL
၁	18 OCT	Northern Swords WMN	vs	Auckland Vulcans WMN	1:30pm	Pulman Park 2, AKL
GRAND FINAL	SAT 31 OCT	1st Women's Champ	vs	2nd Women's Champ	10:00am	Trusts Stadium







# **NZ Preview**

### with Steve Mascord

Despite the ravages of Covid, the New Zealand rugby league has been successful in getting its domestic competition of the ground over the three weeks

The men's and women's national championships and premierships have been broadcast live on Sky and are headed for their penultimate weekend.

Arakana Falcons are the defending men's premiers while Wellington Orcas won the championship in 2019. Last weekend, Canterbury Bulls beat Waikato 36-24 while Arakana and Counties Manukau fought out a 12-12 draw.

The competition features such notables as Ireland international Api Pwhairangi and ex-Gold Coast and Tonga star Leivaha Pulu.



### Elite poule one

### **DEESSES CATALANS V 13 PROVENCAL**

at Complexe Sportif, Toulouges (field one)
Sunday October 18, 8.30am

Elisa AKPA			
Leila BESSAHI			
Melanie BIANCHINI			0
Victoria BOBO	$\Box$		E
Margot CANAL			0 /
Léonie CAPARROS	$\Box$		7
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Anais FOURCROY	同		>
Lisa GIANOLLI	一		>
Manon LLANDRY	П		A
Sophie MAGRO	П		Ē
Céline MORAND	П		В
Valentine OURSEL	П		(
Sarah PASTOR	П		7 (
Fanny RAMOS	П		
Fanny RIVAS	П		
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Colline SEBASTIAO	H		
Kristina SONG-PUCHE	H		
Clara TUFI	H	$\vdash$	

# Elite poule one PIA V LIMOUX

at Complexe Sportif, Toulouges (field two)
Sunday October 18, 8.30am

Eugenie BATLLE		
Shanna COYARD		
Clara FALCOZ		D
Marie FAVEAUX	$\Box$	; E
Alison FLICK		0
Juliette GALLINA		<i>n</i>
Solenn GUGLER	П	0
Mounie HAFFAF	П	>
Clemence HERPIN	П	>
Cloe KREISBERGER	П	A
Lidia MEYA	П	E
Cloe MONTEL		В
Lea ORENGA	П	0
Elodie PACULL	П	<b>–</b>
Laurie PEREZ	П	
Gwenaelle RIVET	П	
Clarisse TAQUET	П	





#### **CATALANS NEXT GAMES**

9.20am: v Limoux, field one 10.10am: v Lyon, field one; 11am: v Pia, field one

### **13 PROVENCAL NEXT GAMES**

9.20am: v Lyon, field two 10.10am: v Pia, field two 11.50am: v Limoux, field one

### **PIANEXT GAMES**

10.10am v 13 Provencal, field two 11.50am: v Lyon, field two

### **LIMOUX NEXT GAMES**

9.20am v Deesses Catalans, field one 11am v Lyon, field two 11.50: v 13 Provencal, field one



# Federale poule one BAHO V CAVAILLON

at Complexe Sportif, Toulouges (field three)
Sunday October 18, 8.30am

Carla GAUDE DE ALMIEDA	Aurelie VINCENT
Charlotte DA SILVA	Justine SCARFO
Marine DELHAYE	Sabrina RENAUD
Manon GITIERREZ	Sophie LAPORTE
Coralie HABTICHE	Sarah ROUX
Alexandra MARTINEZ	Maelle BARBET
Malice MOULART	Manon SIMBA
Lea PIEFFER	Virginie CALVO
Sarah RAMASSOT	Mounia BEN
Solenn RODRIGUEZ	Lila PERRIN
Casandre VENET	Laila HADDOUCH
Chloe VOPILLON	Yasmine TADMIRI
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# Elite poule two AYGUEVIVES V TOULOUSE

at Complexe Sportif, Toulouges (field one) Sunday October 18, 8.55am

Marie ABADIE		Aurore ANTON
Anna Lou ABADIE		Sonia AZMANI
Ana AMSELLEM		Aimee BANUKONE
Héloïse BLANC-		Nelly BANUKONE
SIMON		Sophia BENATTOU
Mathilde CASTILLO		Houita BENCHOUG
Chloé CAZEMAJOU		Andrewa BOUTET
Julie COLS		Himoud CHAHRAZAD
IIIyle EZZZMZAMI		Lea de CONINCK
Emma FOURAGE		Charlotte ESTEVEZ
Flavie HAYDONT		Celine GALIBERT
Chloé LE ROUX		Enea GASQUE
Adèle LECOQ		Aude GOUBAIRATE
Lise MICHEL		Alexia GRANIER
Laura MONFRAIX		Manon LAURAC
Mahault POMMIER		Cyndia MANSARD
Lucine RICO		Fanny Mama OHANDJA
Laura SAINT-MARTIN		Marine RAUCOULES
Lilou SERRANO		Nabila ZAGHDOUDI
Clarisse TAILLEFER		
Elsa THIERRY		





### **BAHO NEXT GAME**

9.20am: v St Gaudens, field three

### **CAVAILLON NEXT GAMES**

10.10am: v St Guadens, field three

### **AYGUEVIVES NEXT GAMES**

9.45am: v Marseille, field two 10.35am: v Bordeaux, field two 12.15pm: v Lescure, field two.

### **TOULOUSE NEXT GAMES**

9.45am: v Bordeaux, field one 10.35am: v Lescure, field one 11.25am: v Marseille, field one



# Elite poule two MARSEILLES V LESCURE

at Complexe Sportif, Toulouges (field two)
Sunday October 18, 8.55am

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Abdou ANIYA		Julie ASSIE
Diatta EMILIE		Margaux ALVERNHE
Assani FAMIDA		Gaëlle ALVERNHE
Assani FATILDA		Jeanne BERNARD
Toyb FATOUMA		Lauréane BIVILLE
Mohamed Ali HAIRIA		Amélie BLANC
Kassime JOUMRATI		Noélie BOUTONNET
Soraya MADI		Camille CASEZ
Borak MAILYS		Ambre CHAMPION
Barbosa MELLANIE	$\Box$	Alyzee DA SILVA
Soilihi NAFASSA		Océane DA SILVA
Ridhoi Abdou NAIMA	П	Solene DERIEN
Abdallah NASRA		Léna DOYHAMBOURE
Ibrahima NATACHA		Margot EVEN
Said SAMIRA		Pauline FUSTE
Alkan STEPHANAIKIA		Chloé GUILLEROT
	П	Mélé LAMELANGI
	同	Romane MARTINEZ
	П	Coralie MAUROUARD
	同	Audrey MESQUITA
	П	Perrine MONSARRAT
	$\Box$	Alice RIEUNAUD
	П	Dorine SAMARRA
	$\Box$	Manon SAMARRA
		Manon SARLIN
		Charlyne TISSANDIER
		Louisa TOOMAN

# Federale poule two BACARES V MONTPELLIER

at Complexe Sportif, Toulouges (field three)
Sunday October 18, 8.55am

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#### **MARSEILLES NEXT GAMES**

9.45am: v Ayguesvives, field two 11.25am: v Toulouse, field one 12.15am: v Bordeaux, field one

#### **LESCURE NEXT GAMES**

10.35am: v Toulouse, field one 11.25am: v Bordeaux, field two 12.15am: v Ayguesvives, field two

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#### **BACARES NEXT GAME**

9.45am v Realmont, field three

### **MONTPELLIER NEXT GAME**

10.35am v Realmont, field three



### LYON

To be announced GAMES: 9.20am: v 13 Provencal, field two; 10.10am: v Deesses Catalans, field one; 11am: v Limoux, field two; 11.50am: v Pia, field two.

#### **BORDEAUX**

To be announced GAMES: 9.45am: v Toulouse, field one; 10.35am: v Ayguesvives, field two, 11.25am: v Lescure, field two; 12.15am: v Marseilles, field one.

### **ST GAUDENS**

To be announced GAMES: 9.20am: v Baho, field three; 10.10am: v Cavaillon, field three.

#### **REALMONT**

To be announced GAMES: 9.45am: v Bascares, field thee; 10.35am: v Montpellier, field three

	TERRAIN 1	TERRAIN 2	TERRAIN 3
8h30	DÉSSES CAT 13 PROVENÇAL	PIA - LIMOUX	BAHO - CAVAILLON
8h55	AYGUESVIVES - TOULOUSE	MARSEILLE - LESCURE	BARCARÈS - MONTPELLIER
9h20	DÉESSES CAT LIMOUX	13 PROVENÇAL - LYON	BAHO - ST GAUDENS
9h45	BORDEAUX - TOULOUSE	MARSEILLE - AYGUESVIVES	BARCARÈS - RÉALMONT
10h10	DÉSSES CAT LYON	PIA - 13 PROVENÇAL	CAVAILLON - ST GAUDENS
10h35	LESCURE - TOULOUSE	BORDEAUX - AYGUESVIVES	MONTPELLIER - RÉALMONT
11h00	DÉSSES CAT PIA	LYON - LIMOUX	
11h25	MARSEILLE - TOULOUSE	LESCURE - BORDEAUX	1 <sup>er</sup> P1 – 2 <sup>ème</sup> P2 (1/2 finale fédérale)
11h50	13 PROVENÇAL - LIMOUX	LYON - PIA	1 <sup>er</sup> P2 - 2 <sup>ème</sup> P1 (1/2 finale fédérale)
12h15	BORDEAUX - MARSEILLE	AYGUESVIVES - LESCURE	3 <sup>ème</sup> P1 - 3 <sup>ème</sup> P2 (classement fédérale)
13h30	5 <sup>ème</sup> P1 - 5 <sup>ème</sup> P2 (classement élite)	PETITE FINALE FÉDÉRALE (3ÈME PLACE)	
14h00	1 <sup>er</sup> P1 - 2 <sup>ème</sup> P2 (1/2 finale élite)	1 <sup>er</sup> P2 - 2 <sup>ème</sup> P1 (1/2 finale élite)	
14h30	3 <sup>ème</sup> P1 - 3 <sup>ème</sup> P2 (classement élite)	4 <sup>ème</sup> P1 - 4 <sup>ème</sup> P2 (classement élite)	
15h00	FINALE FÉDÉRALE		ÉLITE DOLUE 1
15h30	PETITE FINALE ÉLITE (3ÈME PLACE)		ÉLITE POULE 1
16h00	FINALE ÉLITE		ÉLITE POULE 2
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			FÉDÉRALE POULE 2

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