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KICKING OFF



PAMELA WHALEY

THERE were a great many risks taken by New South Wales coach Brad Fittler in order to win State of Origin this year. First of all, he named 12 debutants across the first two games. Opting for a hopeful mental attitude and in-form players over incumbents such as Josh Dugan, Wade Graham and Blake Ferguson (albeit – some were burdened by injury) was a brave move for a side that lacked so much experience. However, he took a chance that the Origin experience they lacked would be in his favour. Many hadn't lost a game or a series in the dying minutes, and aside from the disappointment they may have felt as fans, hadn't felt the sting of trying so hard and still coming up short every year. In trading experience, what he received was confidence – the innocent arrogance of 20-somethings who aren't afraid, and who don't get nervous. His second gamble was abandoning the long-held narrative that players are disturbed by doing too much media – that it spoils their focus. In Fittler's opinion, if a player is afraid to speak for 15 minutes, how is he going to view the opposition? Those mighty Maroons who have taken down much more experienced and fearsome Blues teams in the past. I thought it was a stroke of genius – there have never been so many fantastic stories to come from an Origin camp before. We got to learn of the incredible achievements of James Roberts, who has defied every dud situation the universe has thrown at him to achieve his dream. We found new ways to appreciate these players and what they put not only their bodies, but their families and friends through, to play Origin football. Of course, I am biased. But I don't think I'm alone in appreciating a decent story over speculation and innuendo. More of it, I say!

Slater praises Ponga after Origin debut

MAROONS great Billy Slater has lauded Kalyn Ponga after the young gun almost stole the show during Queensland's heart-stopping Game Two loss to the Blues on Sunday night.

One of the most hyped players in the NRL, the Knights fullback was rushed into the side after narrowly missing out on selection for the series opener and threatened to break NSW hearts every time he got near the ball.

It took a desperate James Tedesco try-saver to deny him a superb four-pointer on debut, but it was his work without the ball that had tongues wagging. No one was quite sure how he would be used, but once he was injected into the contest in the 29th minute, Ponga took control. He finished with 108 metres and a career-high 29 tackles, drawing high praise from Queensland's premier fullback.

"I thought he was absolutely brilliant," Slater told *Big League*.

"He's a really talented individual with a really good attitude. He's got an extremely bright future in our game and in the Maroon jersey as well. If he wasn't our best player on the field, he was certainly in the top three. It was an outstanding debut – you won't see much better than that – and I can't wait to see what he does in this jersey for the next 10 years."

With the Storm star set to bow out of the Origin arena at the end of the series, the No.1 jersey is Ponga's for as long as he wants it. There was even a slight chance he could have had his first taste at the back on Sunday had



By **MARTIN GABOR**
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Slater's hamstring not fully recovered after a lengthy lay-off.

"Even on the bus getting to the game, I wasn't 100 per cent that it was going to hold up," Slater revealed.

"I've never had an injury like this before so you've just got to dive in the deep end and hopefully you swim. It's been a frustrating few weeks, but once I got out there it was fine. Once I got that first run out of the way, I knew it was going to be okay."

The Maroons looked set to finish over the Blues as they always do, and when NSW were reduced to 12 men late in the game, it seemed a *fait accompli*. Instead, the Maroons failed to take their chances, falling to just their second series loss in 13 years.

"We'd like that last 10 minutes again, wouldn't we? Unfortunately we can't," Slater lamented.

"I thought the first 20 minutes was really good and we created a lot of chances. We probably could have executed a few of them a little bit better, but the Blues just worked really hard for one another and got the rewards they deserved."

The defeat means Slater won't receive the dream farewell that he deserves, but team-mate Dylan Napa says they'll use his retirement as motivation for Game Three at Suncorp Stadium.

"It was a driving factor for us for Game Two and we couldn't get it done," he said.

"You don't really need too much motivation to win an Origin match, but that's certainly some extra motivation for us. We'll be doing everything we can to win Game Three for him."

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Kiwis face home truths after Denver

By STEVE MASCORD

NEW Zealand players haven't been as outspoken in support of the Denver Test as the English because the NZRL is still winning back their trust, according to high performance manager Nigel Vagana.

Promoter Jason Moore said the controversial mid-season international between New Zealand and England in the US is "more likely than not" to be on again in 2019 – despite the NRL and clubs warning they will not release players.

That prompted James Graham to declare he will go anyway, in defiance of any club edict, and coach Wayne Bennett to call for the fight to begin immediately.

New Zealand have been less bullish – before and after the game, won 36-18 by England.

"For our players, our whole environment at the New Zealand Rugby League throughout the country hasn't been as organised over the last few years as it could have been," said Vagana.

"That weighs on the players' minds. – 'Are they going to get this right, or not? Because I've seen them get some stuff wrong in the past. Do I jump in?'"

New Zealand camps have been beset by controversy in recent



years, from alleged misuse of sleeping tablets and energy drinks to captain Jesse Bromwich and team-mate Kevin Proctor becoming embroiled in a cocaine scandal last year.

The nosedive in image has been mirrored in results, drawing with Scotland and losing to Fiji and Tonga in historic lows for the proud black jersey.

"We brought over a lot of young guys [to Denver] but with a lot of the changes – we've had a new CEO start, Michael Maguire has just had his first Test – we're getting better at building stability and the foundations of the league," Vagana said.

"Look at England. If Wayne Bennett says 'we're going', it will be set up properly. We've lacked that in New Zealand for a while."

Fullback Dallin Watene-Zelezniak predicted the likes of Shaun Johnson, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, Bromwich and Adam Blair to return to the fold for this year's European tour.

But he admitted, when it comes to injury, club comes first.

"I know how much it means to them. They had circumstances that meant they couldn't make it that were outside of their control, but I have no doubt that when they can, they will play for us," he said.

Woods lands in the Shire

By DARCIE MCDONALD

IN a last-minute scramble before the June 30 deadline, the Sharks announced the signing of representative prop Aaron Woods on Tuesday.

The 27-year old was meant to remain at Belmore for four seasons, but due to ongoing salary cap dramas the club were forced to grant him a release.

Despite the troubles at Belmore, Woods didn't have a bad word to say about his time there.

"Canterbury have been awesome. Everyone knows what's going on there at the moment. My dealings with [Bulldogs CEO] Andrew Hill have been great, but I've been given a really good opportunity by Cronulla," Woods said.

"Coming in and meeting everyone, it's been an awesome start. I can't thank them enough for taking me on and I'm looking forward to ripping in with the boys and getting on with the job."

Woods was at training with the Bulldogs on Tuesday when the deal was finalised, but by the time he had confirmation the news had already broken, stopping him from being the one to tell his team-mates first.

"This all happened last minute, I only worked it out in the morning after training with the Bulldogs boys," he said.

"I didn't get to tell them [his team-mates] all at once. We were in a forwards and a backs meeting, so I was telling the forwards. By that time it had kind of gotten out. I was pretty disappointed, I wanted to tell them first, but that's the way it goes in this day and age."

It's been a tough season for Woods, who has copped some backlash for his form this year, but he credits his family and friends for helping him get through it.

"You have your bad days, but you have your good days as well and they all rode it with me, so I can't thank them enough."

Tonga troops set sights on Kangaroos

By MICHAEL BLOK

TONGA have beaten Samoa twice in a row and knocked over the Kiwis in last year's World Cup – now they want a crack at the world champions.

With Jason Taumalolo and Andrew Fifita leading the charge for the Pacific nation, the likelihood of Tonga facing the Kangaroos at the end of the season is increasing by the day after Tonga coach Kristian Woolf confirmed he and Mal Meninga are pushing for the two sides to face off.

"There's been a lot of talk about a game at the end of the

year against Australia and that's something we are really pushing as hard as we can to make happen," Woolf said.

"I've got to give Mal Meninga a wrap. The first conversation to get the ball rolling there was with Mal. He jumped at the opportunity straight away and every time I've spoken to him it's something that he's right behind and wants to make happen."

Woolf has a genuine belief his side can compete with the best teams in the world.

"I think we can match anyone when we're playing that way and we've been quite vociferous in that

we want to get some opportunity to play tier one nations," he said.

It's not just the coach who has confidence the fixture can happen, with winger Daniel Tupou excited by the prospect of facing the Aussies and Kiwis.

"There's a lot of talent in this Tongan team," Tupou said.

"We know we can match it with the likes of Australia and New Zealand. We're capable of playing against them and we could even beat them.

"It would be massive if we got a chance to play Australia and to get that opportunity would be a blessing."

PHOTOS: Hyoung Chang/Getty (Denver), Gregg Porteous/NRLPhotos.com (Nagasaki)



UK-bound Naiqama's uncertain Test future

By **DARCIE MCDONALD**

SATURDAY'S Pacific Invitational double-header had fans on the edge of their seats. The quality of the two games and the massive support the teams received left everyone involved beaming with excitement about what's to come for second-tier nations.

But for Fiji captain Kevin Naiqama, Saturday's match against Papua New Guinea could very well have been his last Pacific Test.

The 29-year old will leave the Wests Tigers at season's end to take up a three-year deal with Super League leaders St Helens.

At this stage Naiqama is unsure of whether he'll be granted time away from his Super League commitments to play for Fiji in any future mid-year Tests, but it's something he would love to continue to be a part of if he can.

"I honestly don't know if I can or can't play. If I am able to, I'll always put my hand up to play for my country, it's something I'm very proud of. If I can't, then that's the way it goes. I'll be disappointed though," Naiqama told *Big League*.

If he is required to forgo his position in Test matches, Naiqama has faith that his Fijian teammates will continue making their country proud without him.

"There's something special brewing in this group and there are a lot of young boys coming through. At the end of the day it's a win for Pacific rugby league and that's what we're celebrating," he said.

Playing in the Super League has always been a part of Naiqama's plan. He says one of the main factors that attracted him to the deal is the opportunity to live on the opposite side of the world.

"I'm looking forward to it. I've always wanted to finish my footy career over in England, so I'm grateful and feel very blessed that I've got an opportunity to play there for three years," Naiqama said.

"I've never seen that side of the world as well, so I'm excited to not only play in the Super League for the first time, but also to explore that side of the world."

Round 15 ROUND-UP

NRL TABLE

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SOUTH SYDNEY	15	11	4	0	0	380	259	121	22	64	62	0	44	41	1	5-2	6-2
PENRITH	14	10	4	0	1	306	222	84	22	45	61	4	36	39	0	6-1	4-3
WARRIORS	14	10	4	0	1	289	264	25	22	49	45	3	43	45	2	4-3	6-1
MELBOURNE	14	9	5	0	1	325	215	110	20	50	62	1	34	39	1	5-2	4-3
SYDNEY ROOSTERS	15	10	5	0	0	314	218	96	20	50	57	0	33	43	0	6-2	4-3
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND	15	9	6	0	0	294	267	27	18	48	50	2	43	47	1	5-3	4-3
BRISBANE	14	8	6	0	1	268	312	-44	18	43	47	2	50	55	2	4-2	4-4
CANBERRA	14	6	8	0	1	332	296	36	14	55	55	2	46	54	4	4-4	2-4
WESTS TIGERS	15	7	8	0	0	230	265	-35	14	36	42	2	43	46	1	5-3	2-5
GOLD COAST	14	5	9	0	1	266	355	-89	12	43	46	2	59	58	3	3-3	2-6
NEWCASTLE	15	6	9	0	0	266	392	-126	12	46	40	2	65	65	2	2-5	4-4
NORTH QUEENSLAND	15	4	11	0	0	243	304	-61	8	40	41	1	45	60	4	2-6	2-5
MANLY WARRINGAH	15	4	11	0	0	300	364	-64	8	48	54	0	60	61	2	3-4	1-7
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN	14	3	11	0	1	209	288	-79	8	32	40	1	49	46	0	2-4	1-7
PARRAMATTA	15	3	12	0	0	218	354	-136	6	39	31	0	56	65	0	3-5	0-7

Team of the Week Rep Rd

Player of the WEEK
Boyd Cordner
Typically heroic, New South Wales skipper Boyd Cordner finally led his state to an Origin victory over Queensland on Sunday night. Although he missed the final five minutes of the game and likely doesn't remember much of it, Cordner was brave as he amassed 133 running metres, a tackle-break, 22 tackles and a try.

INTERCHANGE
14 Billy SLATER (Queensland)
15 Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIK (NZ)
16 Jake CONNOR (England)
17 Kalyn PONGA (Queensland)

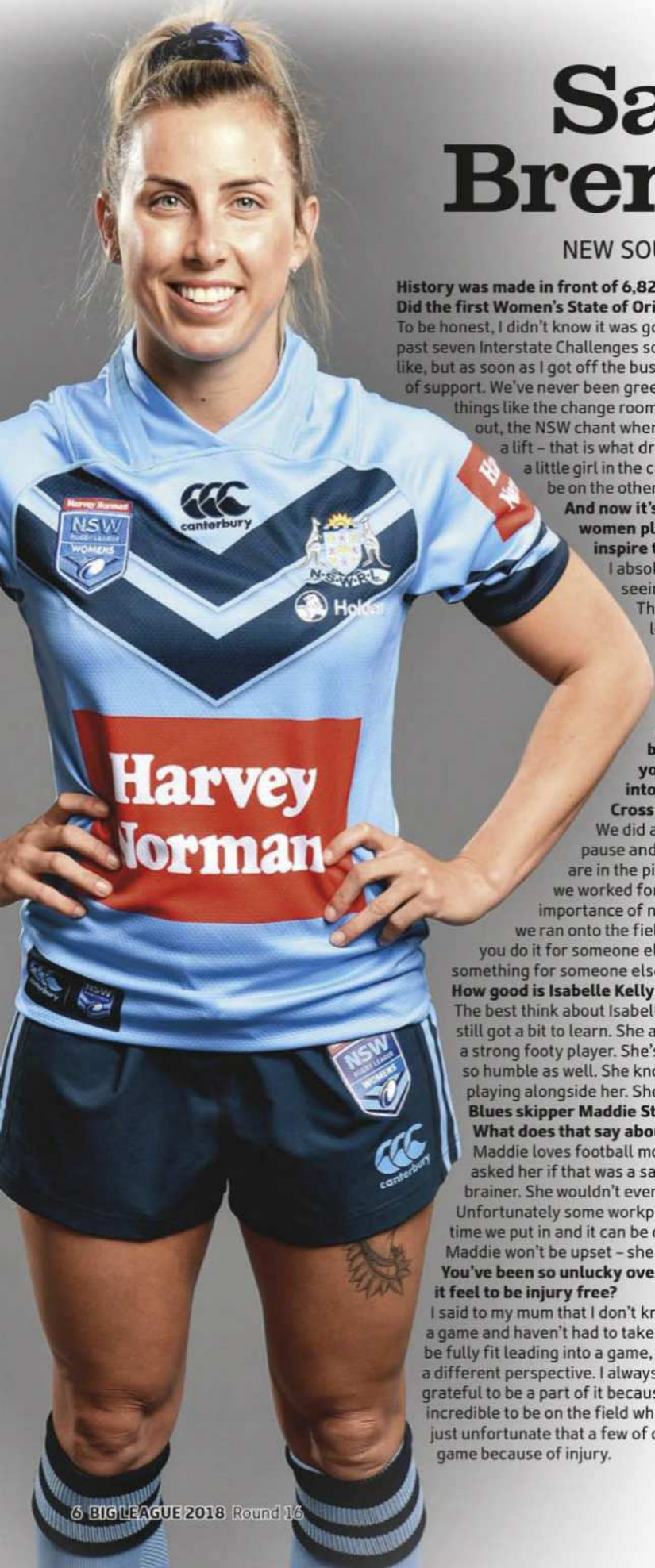
NUMBERS GAME

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points total margin in Adelaide games this decade.

Since the Adelaide Rams ceased to exist, there have been three matches played in the city of churches – all close fixtures. In 2010 the Bulldogs beat the Storm by just two points and followed it up with a 10-point win the following year. Last season it was even tighter when a Mitchell Pearce field goal was the difference – the Roosters defeating Melbourne 25-24. Don't be surprised to see another close match on Friday night.

scored seven tries in his past five games. >> Newcastle haven't defeated the Bulldogs at home since 2013. >> The Panthers have won six of their past seven games against Manly.



Sam Bremner

NEW SOUTH WALES

History was made in front of 6,824 fans at North Sydney Oval.

Did the first Women's State of Origin exceed your expectations?

To be honest, I didn't know it was going to be that big. I've played in the past seven Interstate Challenges so I know what the support has been like, but as soon as I got off the bus I was overwhelmed by the amount of support. We've never been greeted like that before. It was little

things like the change rooms, the pyrotechnics when we ran out, the NSW chant when we were exhausted and needed a lift – that is what dreams are made of. I used to be a little girl in the crowd cheering on the boys, so to be on the other end of that support was amazing.

And now it's little girls in the crowd watching women play. How does it feel to be able to inspire the next generation?

I absolutely loved finishing that game and seeing so many little girls in the crowd.

They are the future of women's rugby league, and they're going to have a bright future given everything that's in place now. We can inspire girls to follow their dreams and show them there's a future for them in footy.

There were a lot of clutch plays, but none bigger than when six of you drove Rhiannon Revell-Blair into touch. Is that something Ben Cross drove home?

We did a lot of video, and Benny would often pause and tell us to focus on how many Blues are in the picture. He would recognise when we worked for each other and drilled home the importance of numbering up in defence. Before we ran onto the field, he said 'everything you do, I want you do it for someone else. It's a cycle – if everyone does something for someone else then it'll all work out'.

How good is Isabelle Kelly?

The best think about Isabelle is that she's still so young so she's still got a bit to learn. She already knows so much and she's a strong footy player. She's so good at her position and she's so humble as well. She knows how to finish off a try and I love playing alongside her. She's going to be a star for years to come.

Blues skipper Maddie Studdon was forced to quit her job. What does that say about her commitment to the game?

Maddie loves football more than anyone I know. If you asked her if that was a sacrifice, she'd tell you it was a no-brainer. She wouldn't even be second-guessing her decision. Unfortunately some workplaces don't understand how much time we put in and it can be difficult to find that balance, but Maddie won't be upset – she was always going to put footy first.

You've been so unlucky over the past few years. How good does it feel to be injury free?

I said to my mum that I don't know what to do now that I've finished a game and haven't had to take off my strapping. It's so good to be fully fit leading into a game, and I definitely went into it with a different perspective. I always want to win, but I was just so grateful to be a part of it because I've missed out for so long. It was incredible to be on the field when the full-time whistle went, it was just unfortunate that a few of our team-mates couldn't see out the game because of injury.

– As told to Martin Gabor

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HOT SHOT

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RUGBY league fans were spoiled for passion during Rep Round. They were also treated to history-making moments. It all started on Friday night with the first Women's State of Origin at North Sydney Oval. In front of a healthy crowd of 6,824, the Blues came away with a 16-10 win over the Maroons. We have always been aware of how proudly the women represent their states, but this shot proves how fiercely they defend them too.

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THIS WEEK IN RUGBY LEAGUE HISTORY... By Will Evans

1970 LIONS RECLAIM THE ASHES

GREAT Britain reclaimed possession of the Ashes with their first series win over Australia in eight years, prevailing 21-17 in a pulsating decider at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Australia had won the opener 37-15, before the tourists squared it up with a 28-7 win in the second Test.

The home side made eight changes for the third clash – as well as installing five-eighth Phil Hawthorne as captain after John Sattler's injury-enforced withdrawal – but the Lions' superior attack was the decisive factor.

Great Britain scored five tries to Australia's one, with only the boot of Eastern Suburbs fullback Allan McKean, who kicked seven goals in his only Test, keeping the hosts in the match.

Despite the dismissal of Arthur Beetson for punching opposing prop Cliff Watson, Australia staged a late fightback courtesy of a Bob McCarthy try that trimmed the deficit to one point.

Great Britain's five-eighth wizard Roger Millward clinched a deserved triumph with a late try. The Lions have not won an Ashes series since.

1997 VINTAGE 'FLO' INSPIRES DERBY ROUT



THE North Sydney Bears enjoyed one of their greatest wins over rivals Manly, courtesy of a 41-8 demolition of the defending premiers at North Sydney Oval.

The Bears scored seven tries to two – including a double to Brett Dallas – but the undisputed hero of the afternoon was five-eighth Greg Florimo (*pictured*).

On a day when he became the first player to bring up 250 appearances for North Sydney, the 30-year-old scored a 50-metre try, laid on four more and ran for a remarkable 248 metres in one of the finest individual performances of the decade.

The stunning result saw the Bears draw to within one point of the front-running Sea Eagles on the ARL competition ladder, but the season ended in all-too-familiar preliminary final heartbreak for Norths.

In a cruel irony, Norths entered into an ill-fated merger with Manly at the end of 1999 – the Northern Eagles – that lasted just three seasons and ultimately ended the foundation club's 95-year presence in the premiership.

2008 'JT', SLATER KEEP ORIGIN SHIELD IN QUEENSLAND

QUEENSLAND stitched up three straight series wins for the first time since the 1980s and snared their first win in a Sydney decider for a decade, outlasting New South Wales 16-10 in an ANZ Stadium thriller.

It took a piece of trademark inspiration from Maroons half Johnathan Thurston to break a 10-all deadlock that had lasted 20 minutes, splitting the Blues' defensive line with a 'show-and-go' and finding Billy Slater in support to score with 13 minutes remaining.

Queensland overcame the loss of No.7 Scott Prince to a broken arm midway through the first half. Karmichael Hunt shifted to the halves and Slater came off the bench to slot in at fullback, while teenager Israel Folau's spectacular second try ensured the Maroons trailed by two at the break.

The loss brought down the curtain on Danny Buderus' glittering Origin career after 21 consecutive games for the Blues, including 15 as captain – both NSW records.

Queensland's victory was just their second in 14 visits to ANZ Stadium, while NSW was the first team held scoreless in the second half of a decider since 1998.



SHOWED AND WENT: Johnathan Thurston breaks through the Blues' line.



ANDREW VOSS
FOX SPORTS



STUFF YOU MAY HAVE MISSED



REMEMBER the Sydney Olympics?

Wow, what a great time it was. The year 2000. It's hard to believe that 18 years have now passed.

It's also the same amount of time since New South Wales claimed a clean sweep of a State of Origin series.

It's one of the more remarkable statistics from the rich history of Origin. Despite periods of dominance throughout almost four decades of this grand series by one state or the other, there have still only been seven 3-0 results – and only three of those by the Blues.

It's a point not lost on Brad Fittler, who was lucky enough to have been a part of two of the three in his playing career. It's a tough feat to achieve and I'm sure no one is counting their chickens before they're hatched in 2018.

However, if New South Wales do complete a sweep of the series on July 11 at Suncorp, will it then be an indicator for history repeating in two other key areas of our rugby league season?

The first is in regards premiership winner. In the years the Blues have swept the Maroons, the minor premier has also taken out the grand final. It was the Eels in 1986, Manly in 1996 and Brisbane in 2000.

The other is the Dally M Medal going to a halfback, which isn't overly extraordinary given the history of the award, but a statistical pattern all the same for the benefit of the story.

In 1986 it was Peter Sterling; in 1996 it was Allan Langer, and in 2000 a young Trent Barrett who spent a good portion of the year at No.7 for St George Illawarra.

Yet another crystal ball column to file away for later in the year!

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**THE WAY
I SEE IT!**



BEN HUNT
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA
& MAROONS HALFBACK

Dissecting a missed opportunity

EVERY kid dreams about producing the play that wins their side the big game. Sometimes it comes off, but on Sunday night, it just wasn't meant to be.

I wanted nothing more than to get the win for Queensland and force a decider at Suncorp Stadium. It would have been the perfect way to say goodbye to Billy Slater. But we couldn't get it done, and I accept that my decision-making in the big moments wasn't good enough.

We should have finished over the top of New South Wales when James Roberts was sent to the sin bin. Unfortunately, we failed to get through our sets, and I was to blame for one of the kicks that handed the Blues a crucial seven-tackle set.

I wanted to keep building pressure on them down that end of the field. I saw James Tedesco was over on the long side so I thought there was an opportunity to sneak one in behind them and get a try or get a repeat set, but I kicked the ball too hard.

I saw the fullback was out of position and I took an opportunity – unfortunately it didn't come off. It was a huge play in the game, when we needed to turn it around and take control. I kicked it dead, they came out of trouble and that was because of me. We tried a similar play in Game One and Dane Gagai scored, but on this occasion it didn't come off.

Up until the last 20 minutes I was pretty happy with my performance, but once we got to the crunch I didn't execute as well as I should have and that kick probably cost us.

I wasn't at my best for the whole game, and that's disappointing. I haven't had a good chance to go over the game, but the criticism surrounding the final 10 minutes has been justified. We didn't execute as well as we had earlier in the night, or as well as we should have done during that period. They had a man off the field and we needed to be better.

There were a number of things I could have done better. I could have run the ball a bit more and we could have gotten through our sets when they were a man down.

A lot has also been made about the penalty try that was awarded to Boyd Cordner. By no means do I think it cost us the game, but at the same time I'm still not sure they got the call right. It's a tricky one, because I thought I was doing the right thing by standing my ground. He was running directly at me and he came straight into me and hit the deck. I'm not sure how I could have disappeared in that scenario, but I don't think I could have gotten out of the way.

I'm not the sort of person who stays up for nights on end critiquing my performances. I know when I've done well and I'm willing to man up if I had a poor game. I thought I had a reasonable game, but importantly, I know where I need to improve.

A lot of people have had their opinions on social media – and I know they haven't been overly positive – but that stuff doesn't hurt me. It's more about your team-mates and feeling that you've let them down. I don't care what people behind a keyboard have to say about me or what they think.

I go out to play for my family and my team-mates and I feel like I let them down. That's what hurts the most. I was hurting that night and feeling like crap, but when I got off the field and saw my partner and son smiling at me, I couldn't help smiling back. It puts everything in perspective and helps ease the pain.

I'm just keen to start playing some footy. It's what I love to do, so the sooner I can get back, the better. I've had a little taste of Origin and didn't quite get the result that we wanted, but I know I can do the job. I want to get back out there and prove that I can do it in front of our loyal fans at Suncorp Stadium.





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Warriors guns get ready for run home

Rep Round has come and gone and now a number of handy weapons are set to play every round between now and the finals if you can fit them in.

WELCOME back Fantasy coaches. How good was Rep Round?

Women's Origin at North Sydney Oval on Friday night was incredible, PNG's upset over Fiji was monumental, the duelling war cries – the Sipi Tau v Siva Tau – of Tonga and Samoa will live long in the memories of all who saw it. Rugby league historically took centre stage in Denver, Colorado, and of course on Sunday New South Wales earned just their second State of Origin series win over Queensland since 2005.

The news was mostly good out of Rep Round with no major Origin injuries, but there were some concerns. **Raymond Faitala-Mariner's** broken hand was a big blow to almost 10,000 coaches but could potentially pave the way for the return of dropped cash cow **Rhyse Martin**.

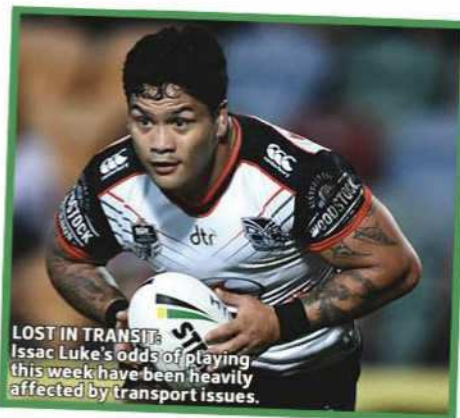
Blues skipper **Boyd Cordner** is likely to sit out a week after being concussed late in Origin II and his 3,700 owners will probably not expect him back until Round 19 given further Origin duties.

Manu Ma'u fractured a cheekbone playing for Tonga in a big loss for the Eels and just over 2,000 coaches while Manly and Fiji back **Akuila Uate's** season-ending ankle injury is bad news for nearly 3,000 coaches.

A delay in their return flight from Denver won't help the already-slim chances of **Peta Hiku**, **Issac Luke** and **Ken Maumalo's** chances of backing up on Friday, however team-mates and Fantasy guns **Tohu Harris**, **Shaun Johnson** and **Roger Tuivasa-Sheck** are all set to be welcome inclusions.

If things go to plan, Warriors who play on Friday, will play every game for the rest of the season, making **Johnson** and **Harris** in particular very appealing purchases.

This is very much the week for coaches with a focus on their overall points totals to load up on non-Origin guns who play Round 17, meaning those two and **Cam Smith** are three of the biggest must-haves.



LOST IN TRANSIT
Issac Luke's odds of playing this week have been heavily affected by transport issues.

Assuming he continues to be unlucky at the Origin selection table, **Ryan James** could be an astute point-of-difference purchase given a three-game average of 75 and break-even of just 25. With four scores of 40 or below this year as well as strong Origin claims though he remains a gamble.

Dragons hooker **Cam McInnes** is one of the few others in that category, but may be tough to fit in alongside **Cameron Smith** as two top-dollar No.9s.

In terms of this weekend, plenty of coaches will be hoping the delayed flight affecting the Kiwis' return from the US doesn't put any popular Fantasy players out of contention. At time of writing the team is still trying to book a replacement flight back, so players in action on Thursday and Friday (such as **Leeson Ah Mau**, the Warriors trio, **Jared Waerea-Hargreaves** and **Nelson Asofa-Solomona**) would be under the most pressure.

The genuine Fantasy options like **Martin Taupau**, **Esan Marsters** and **James Fisher-Harris** all play Saturday or Sunday and should be fine.

HOT

- Cameron Smith (Storm)
- Shaun Johnson (Warriors)
- Cameron McInnes (Dragons)
- Corey Oates (Broncos)
- Joey Leilua (Raiders)

COLD

- Manu Ma'u (Eels)
- Akuila Uate (Sea Eagles)
- Boyd Cordner (Roosters)
- Will Chambers (Storm)
- Raymond Faitala-Mariner (Bulldogs)

Big League says: With one bye left, any guns playing Round 17 can carry you through to the end of the season. Some astute purchases now could save you trades in the long run – but beware rep contenders.

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INSTAGRAM OF THE WEEK

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School mates at Edgewater College in Auckland, Herman Ese'eese and Raymond Faitala-Mariner were able to make their New Zealand Test debut together in Denver.



TWEET OF THE WEEK

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Clearly we all need to go walk on some grass with our shoes off to absorb some minerals because Brad Fittler is on some Year 3018 sh*t #Origin

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Mate against mate

It's the greatest sporting rivalry in Australia, but Dylan Napa showed there is still room for sentiment in State of Origin. The Maroons prop was involved in the tackle that forced Blues skipper Boyd Cordner off for an HIA, and straight after the game checked up on his Roosters teammate before congratulating him on his series success. "I just spoke to him after the game and congratulated him for his series win as captain," Napa told *Big League*. "I've got the utmost respect for Boyd - he's one of my favourite players in the NRL and he's one of my best mates - so I was proud of him. As tough as it was to see him beat us, I was happy for him."

Farewelling Wallace

The Panthers will farewell club veteran Peter Wallace at their home game against Manly on Saturday afternoon. If you're heading to the game, make sure you pick up one of the limited edition Peter Wallace posters given away inside the west precinct and write your own farewell message on the #ThanksWal signing board. Phil Gould will host a Q&A with Wallace before the retiring player completes a lap of honour prior to the NRL clash.

Knights sign Lee

Cronulla outside back Edrick Lee has signed a three-year-deal with the Knights, commencing in 2019. Having played 83 NRL games, he has the ability to play on the wing, in the centres or at fullback. Standing at 196cm, the addition of Lee not only provides the Knights with an imposing presence in the backline but an experienced campaigner. "Edrick is an exciting player with size, height and speed. He will be a great addition, not only to our backline but to our playing group," said Darren Mooney, general manager football. "He's a talent with experience and a wealth of potential. Our squad has a great mix of youth and experience across every position so not only will he offer plenty on the field, he adds more depth to what is becoming a very competitive roster next season."

Wheelchair warriors

It was a successful weekend for New South Wales. Not only did they take out the men's and women's State of Origins, they won the residents clash and the Wheelchair Rugby League Interstate Challenge. The Blues cruised to a 54-18 win over the Maroons at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday - their fourth win in as many years. Wheelchair Rugby League Australia director Joseph Chidiac described the modified version of the sport as "brutal", with plenty of big hits and bodies hitting the floor. "We're trying to build some awareness around wheelchair rugby league," he said. "Having it played on the same day as Origin will hopefully lift our profile and give us some exposure and help raise awareness. We want people to know our game is an inclusive one."



Good sports

In the middle of the chaos at ANZ Stadium on Sunday night, rival captains and Australia teammates Greg Inglis and Boyd Cordner found some time to show their mutual respect for one another. It was a touching moment that showed the class of the two leaders after such an emotional game.

BIG LEAGUE Round 16 TOP TIPS

- Dragons v Eels
- Warriors v Sharks
- Roosters v Storm
- Panthers v Sea Eagles
- Knights v Bulldogs
- Broncos v Raiders
- Wests Tigers v Titans
- Rabbitohs v Cowboys



74pts

David Middleton

League Historian
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Warriors
Roosters
Panthers
Knights
Raiders
Wests Tigers
Rabbitohs



72pts

Rebecca Hart

Reader Tipster
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Warriors
Roosters
Panthers
Knights
Raiders
Titans
Rabbitohs



69pts

Pamela Whaley

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Storm
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Knights
Broncos
Wests Tigers
Rabbitohs



68pts

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62pts

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Amazing milestone

Earlier this week, the Men of League Foundation surpassed \$250,000 of funding distributed to members of the rugby league community in 2018. The foundation provides financial and emotional assistance for those in the rugby league family who are in need, and has covered medical expenses, modified equipment, car conversions and utility bills this year. They're proud of the achievement, but are aiming to help more rugby league individuals and families. Their next target is \$500,000. Pictured here are kids from the Albion Park Oak Flats Junior Eagles RLC. If you know a member of the rugby league community who is in need of support, please visit <https://menofleague.com/we-can-help/>



Legendary stint

Parramatta is set to farewell one of the legends of the club, Les 'Tex' Brooker, who has been involved with the Eels for decades. Tex is retiring to be closer to his family, who have moved too far away for him to continue to commute to work. During his time with the Eels he has taken care of statistics and player kits, and has sat in the coaches box with tough customers Brian Smith, Ricky Stuart and Brad Arthur. Tex won the Michael

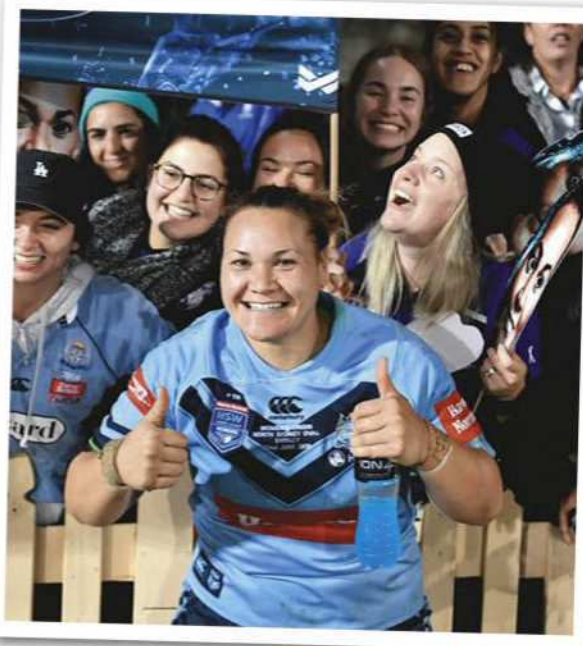
Cronin Award for club person of the year back in 2011.

Different jerseys

It's been a slow year for mid-season transfers – but they've come big and fast. Moses Mbye and Robbie Farah have both been named to play for Wests Tigers this week, while Aaron Woods has been named to play for the Sharks on Friday night. The only other mid-season transfer this year has been Trent Hodkinson.

Walton brought to tears

When the full-time whistle sounded at North Sydney Oval, the Blues huddled up to celebrate. But moments later, Elianna Walton sprinted to the fig tree end of the ground where she was swamped by her Bulldogs team-mates who had brought a giant banner to support their skipper. "I had no idea that the banner would be there! They also had little faces of mine made. One of my trainers owns her own company so she had those made," Walton told *Big League*. The surprises didn't stop there. "My mum flew over from New Zealand and it was a big surprise. I didn't think she'd be able to come because she had her exams on. Everyone else knew but they kept it a surprise. Mum has always been my biggest fan so there were a lot of tears."



UPCOMING ROUNDS

ROUND 16

Jun 28-Jul 1

Dragons v Eels	Thu, 7.50pm, WIN
Warriors v Sharks	Fri, 8pm (NZ), Mt Smart
Roosters v Storm	Fri, 7.50pm, Adelaide Oval
Panthers v Sea Eagles	Sat, 3pm, Panthers
Knights v Bulldogs	Sat, 5.30pm, McDonald Jones
Broncos v Raiders	Sat, 7.30pm, Suncorp
Wests Tigers v Titans	Sun, 2pm, Leichhardt
Rabbitohs v Cowboys	Sun, 4pm, Barlow Park

ROUND 17

Jul 5-8

Storm v Dragons	Thu, 7.50pm, AAMI
Panthers v Warriors	Friday, 7.50pm, Panthers
Bulldogs v Raiders	Sat, 7.30pm, Belmore
Titans v Broncos	Sun, 4.10pm, Cbus Super

BYE: Sharks, Sea Eagles, Knights, Cowboys, Eels, Rabbitohs, Roosters, Wests Tigers

STATE OF ORIGIN – GAME III

Jul 11

Queensland v NSW	Wed, 8pm, Suncorp
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ROUND 18

Jul 13-15

Panthers v Sharks	Fri, 6pm, Panthers
Knights v Eels	Fri, 7.50pm, McDonald Jones
Bulldogs v Rabbitohs	Sat, 3pm, ANZ
Sea Eagles v Storm	Sat, 5.30pm, Lottoland
Raiders v Cowboys	Sat, 7.30pm, GIO
Broncos v Warriors	Sun, 2pm, Suncorp
Dragons v Wests Tigers	Sun, 4.10pm, Jubilee
Titans v Roosters	Sun, 6.30pm, Cbus Super

ROUND 19

Jul 19-22

Eels v Bulldogs	Thu, 7.50pm, ANZ
Sharks v Raiders	Fri, 6pm, Southern Cross
Broncos v Panthers	Fri, 7.50pm, Suncorp
Knights v Titans	Sat, 3pm, McDonald Jones
Wests Tigers v Rabbitohs	Sat, 5.30pm, ANZ
Cowboys v Dragons	Sat, 7.30pm, 1300SMILES
Warriors v Storm	Sun, 4pm (NZ), Mt Smart
Sea Eagles v Roosters	Sun, 4.10pm, Lottoland

ROUND 20

Jul 26-29

Broncos v Sharks	Thu, 7.50pm, Suncorp
Cowboys v Knights	Fri, 6pm, 1300SMILES
Bulldogs v Wests Tigers	Fri, 7.50pm, ANZ
Sea Eagles v Panthers	Sat, 3pm, Lottoland
Rabbitohs v Eels	Sat, 5.30pm, ANZ
Storm v Raiders	Sat, 7.30pm, AAMI
Titans v Warriors	Sun, 2pm, Cbus Super
Roosters v Dragons	Sun, 4.10pm, Allianz

in four games against the Roosters. >> The Eels have won their past six games against the Dragons. >> The Gold Coast have won four of their past five games against the Tigers.

WESTS TIGERS TRIES GOALS FLD GOALS POINTS



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Back from the brink

Now that he's returned to the club he loves, prodigal son Robbie Farah has a chance to right the wrongs of the past and help the Wests Tigers get back on track. By **DARCIE McDONALD**

IT'S hard to demand the attention of NRL fans in June. State Of Origin erupts, making everything else seem irrelevant. But if there's one thing that can contend with the glitz of Origin, it's the unexpected reunion of Wests Tigers life member Robbie Farah to his beloved former club.

Farah's 14-year reign at the Tigers came to a dramatic finish in 2016, leaving him with no choice but to sign with the Rabbitohs for two seasons.

But on Sunday, the 34-year old will take his rightful place back in the Tigers pack as he runs out to play his 248th club game. And in a match made in rugby league heaven, he'll do so at Leichhardt Oval, the place he said goodbye to the club he loves – or so he thought.

"It's a bit surreal, it hasn't sunk in yet because it all happened so quickly. Not in my wildest dreams did I think I'd ever be back here so soon in my playing career," Farah tells *Big League*.

"It will be an emotional rollercoaster. Leichhardt is a place I hold close to my heart, I never hide the fact that it's my favourite ground and probably my favourite place in the world. I'm excited, but it probably won't sink in until I pull that jersey on and run out."

Farah joined the Rabbitohs as the first choice No.9, but after current New South Wales hooker Damien Cook excelled, he spent most of his time playing NSW Cup.

That wasn't new for Farah, who had spent the majority of his last season with the Tigers playing reserve grade, but the former Australia hooker needed to be playing top-level footy.

"I spoke to 'Seibs' [coach Anthony Seibold] and he said he wouldn't stand in my way if something came up," Farah says.

"This opportunity came out of nowhere and with the circumstances I found myself in at the Rabbitohs – stuck behind 'Cookie' and not getting much game time – it was something I was really interested in and both parties made it work."

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The lifeline came from Farah's former Tigers team-mate Benji Marshall, who had a similar homecoming at the start of the year.



By **DARCIE McDONALD**
@DarcieMcDonald

"I've got a good relationship with one of the assistant coaches at the Tigers. We chat regularly and he's always been interested in the idea of me coming back, but nothing had come of it. It wasn't until Benji texted me a couple of weeks ago and told me that he'd love me to come back," Farah says.

"He said 'mate, do what I did and give Ivan a call.' He also said he'd speak to Ivan [Cleary] at training and if Ivan was interested he'd let me know. That's basically how it all came about."

Despite having 21-year-old hooker Jacob Little on the roster, the Tigers will benefit from Farah's experience. He knows that Little has a strong future with the club, but is ready to add extra strength to the spine.

"They're a bit short in that position at the moment. Jacob is a great kid and I know the club have a lot of time for him. He's the long-term hooker at the Tigers, but he's coming off the back of two shoulder reconstructions so physically he's struggled a bit this year and they don't want to rush him. I guess they need a bit of experience there," he says.

As a two-time Dally M Hooker of the Year and former New South Wales captain, Farah knows he'll not only be able to pass down some of his knowledge to Little, but he can also step up as a leader within the squad.

"The team has five captains this year and they're doing a great job, there's a lot of experience in the group. For me, I guess I'm a natural leader, so my job is to come in and share that experience and leadership and help Jacob to develop his game. Hopefully he can learn from me every day at training and he can improve so that over the next six to 12 months he's ready to step into that position."

PERFECT TIMING

In an uncanny coincidence, Farah will play his 250th game for the Tigers against the Rabbitohs in Round 19. It's a game that he's already thought about and is one he is particularly looking forward to.

"It'll be a nice touch. I'll be glad to reach that milestone against the Rabbitohs. I'm

grateful for how they've treated me over the past 18 months, they're a great club," he says.

Farah cannot speak any higher of the Rabbitohs. In his short time there, he created such strong bonds, that if an opportunity to play first grade with any other club came along, he would've turned it down. Only the Tigers could lure him away from Redfern.

"They're a club full of great people and as a part of their inner sanctum you get time to understand why they've been so successful over a long period. I've formed friendships with all of the people there so it's actually sad for me to walk away," Farah says.

"If any other NRL club came knocking I wouldn't have left, but I have an emotional connection to the Tigers. An opportunity to go back to my junior club to finish up my playing career was just too good to pass up."

Heading into Sunday's match, Farah can reflect on an extensive collection of memories at Leichhardt Oval, but there's one in particular that sticks out to him.

The Tigers played their final game of the 2016 season at Leichhardt and though Farah wasn't named to play, he went along to say his goodbyes. After the match, the scoreboard attendant, whom Farah had known for years, left a message on the board for him. An emotional Farah climbed up the scoreboard alone to reminisce his past 14 seasons.

"That moment was pretty surreal. The stadium had emptied out and the sun was about to go down. I was just reflecting on my time at the club and all the great memories. I had a beer up there and drowned myself in my own thoughts, it was a nice little moment and it's a memory I'll have forever," he says.

Farah could be returning to that same spot on the scoreboard much sooner than expected, too. His new Wests Tigers team-mate Josh Reynolds has already suggested heading up there after Sunday's match for old time's sake.

"Josh has already told me we're going back up there after the game once we get the win, but we'll see what happens. I would really like to grab a couple of the boys and head up there with some beers afterwards though, just to soak it all in."



You're the voice

What happens when you put two former stars and the game's greatest ref together to call State of Origin? Plenty of passion, banter and hard work. By **MICHAEL BLOK**

RYAN Girdler has endured years of State of Origin misery inside the Triple M commentary box. Working alongside Queensland great Wendell Sailor, Girdler has copped it from his former Origin counterpart since the pair started working together.

The Maroons have dominated year after year and Girdler was sick and tired of Sailor's 'smug' celebrations and bragging.

But the former New South Wales centre finally got his revenge last Sunday, when the Blues claimed their first series victory since 2014.

"I've been copping it for a while now. Wendell has been giving it to me for the past three of four years," Girdler tells *Big League*.

"Last year when it was 16-6 at half-time in Game Two, I was just about doing victory laps around the box, but we all know how that ended.

"It looks like the Blues have turned things around - hopefully we can go on a run now."

Triple M's unique approach to calling rugby league games allows the former players to let their emotions show live on air. When the Maroons were up by 10 points in Game Two, you could hear the excitement in Sailor's voice, but the Blues fought back, giving Girdler the last laugh.

"We try to keep it as professional as possible, but because we can show where our loyalties lie, it certainly adds to the call," Girdler says.

"We show our emotion and it's hard to hide that. We have a little bit of fun with it at the same time. When NSW are doing well, I'm getting in Wendell's ear about it, and vice-versa when Queensland are doing well."

With the Maroons suffering just their second series loss in 13 years, Sailor admits times are changing and he can't be as comfortable in the commentary box.

"I've had to come back to reality a little bit," he says.

"I can't be as confident and cocky now without the likes of Cooper Cronk, Cameron Smith and Johnathan Thurston."

In the middle of the two Origin greats is Triple M's play-by-play commentator Dan Ginnane, who is living out a childhood dream. Calling games with an energetic and excited approach, Ginnane says he'll never tire of calling State of Origin.

"Calling Origin is a dream come true because I never had the talent to play," he says.

"I wanted to be a commentator when I was a kid, so to do this is a dream come true - and it doesn't get old."

Like any player taking to the Origin arena, Ginnane admits he also gets nervous before the big games.

"I get nervous for five games; the first game of the year, because I haven't called in months; the three Origins and the grand final," he says.

"Most big games are defined by one big moment, but with Origin, you know there are going to be a bunch of them, and you've got to be ready. You've got to nail all of them."

And it's not only the players feeling the pressure.

"If I make a mistake, that plays on my mind for weeks or months. If I get a name wrong, have the wrong tone or don't quite capture it, that's the pressure I put on myself. You can never take it for granted. I always treat every game like it's the last time I get to do this."

Ginnane says the best thing about Triple M's coverage is the fact it's on FM radio - giving the fans a clearer listening experience.

"I grew up listening to the footy on AM radio - it's all we had. Now to have FM, where it's loud and in stereo, I think that adds to what we do."

The fourth member of the Origin commentary team is Bill Harrigan - the greatest referee of all time. On top of making sure Girdler and Sailor are on their best behaviour, his job is to comment on the performance of the referees and to chime in when a big decision needs to be made.

"Some nights when it's controversial I have a lot to say and then other nights I hardly say anything because the refs are doing a good job," Harrigan says.

"I'll always comment on how the refs are going and if there are video ref decisions, I'll always call them."

The Blues have wrapped up the series, but there will still be plenty of passion inside the Triple M commentary box for Game Three.

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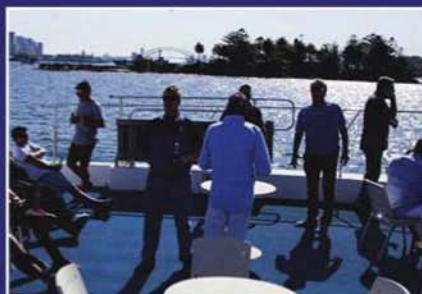
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Back in the GAME



It's no secret the Warriors' return to winning ways coincides with the return of one of rugby league's master coaches to the game he loves. By **MICHAEL BURGESS**

HE'S gone under the radar in the wake of many other changes – but Brian Smith might just be the Warriors' secret weapon.

As a football renaissance begins across the Tasman, it's no coincidence Smith has taken on a critical role at the Auckland club.

He's the Warriors' first full-time football manager, a role that dovetails between a mentor for the coaches, a father figure for the players and a sounding board for the staff. He's also charged with turning the tide in the battle for junior talent, and is leading a working party that could transform New Zealand league.

It's not bad for a 64-year-old, who this time last year was retired to a small farm in the Blue Mountains.

"This is the perfect job, at the perfect time," says Smith. "I'm loving it."

CLEARING THE AIR

Smith has dived back into the hurly burly of the NRL – he watches five or six junior games a weekend – as well as time on the road with the Warriors.

It's a long way from Bilpin – a small country town 90 kilometres west of Sydney – where Smith had lived for the past two years, sharing a five-acre lifestyle block with "chooks and ducks, cats, rats and dogs."

It was a simple life.

"I was looking after vineyards, mowing lawns, fixing fences, cleaning dams, growing veggies – all that healthy stuff" he says.

It was also a time of reflection for Smith, who began his first-grade coaching career in 1984.

"I had some personal things to sort out," he says.

"I had a marriage break-up to sort out and some business issues. I'd been carrying a lot of stuff with me. Working on that property cleared my head. I felt like I unloaded everything out there, left it, and it all stayed there. I was refreshed."

That looked unlikely after finishing up with English side Wakefield Trinity in March 2016. Smith hadn't considered getting back into the game – "I was burnt out, mentally, emotionally" – but the wheels started turning early last year.

"I had some talks with a couple of clubs, a few coaches," he recalls.

"Then I started having chats with Steve [Kearney], talking about how it was going for him. It grew out of that. It was the right time and the right job for me. I was ready to go back."

THE STORY SO FAR

Smith enjoyed a remarkable, though at times tumultuous, career. He worked at five different NRL clubs (Steelers, Dragons, Eels, Knights and Roosters) and also had stints at Hull, Bradford and Wakefield.

One of only three coaches to top 600 career NRL games (Wayne Bennett and Tim Sheens are the others), he enjoyed success with Parramatta and St George. Smith also reached four grand finals and a Challenge Cup final, though never lifted the trophy.



BACK IN THE DAY: Smith in charge of Parramatta.

"I loved almost all my days as a coach," Smith recalls.

"It's an honour to be involved at that level and there are a lot of great memories."

But does it still hurt, after so much hard work, to have missed the champagne in the big moments?

"Of course I've got regrets," says Smith, who had a remarkable 56.8 win percentage across almost 250 matches at Parramatta.

"You can't live a life like mine without making a few mistakes. But overall, I did my best – it was pretty damn good most of the time."

"There aren't many people who have taken that many clubs to grand finals or Challenge Cup finals. Of course I wish I'd won the whole lot of them, let alone one, but that doesn't bug me. It's disappointing, but if you go into coaching and you are expecting not to be disappointed, you've got rocks in your head."

THE NEXT CHAPTER

We meet Smith in his office at Mt Smart.

A bookshelf is heaving with sports books, with an autographed Bill Walsh tome taking pride of place. The adjacent whiteboard details plans for the year, while the desk, complete with family photos, is uncluttered.

It's a tiny room, and Smith jokes about having the smallest office in the building, to which CEO Cameron George replies "you should be out and about anyway."

Such banter reflects the current environment at Warriors HQ, as good vibes abound after years of despair. It's a happy place, and Smith has also found his. An unashamed football tragic, he is back among it, although without the same pressure.

"Because of my experience – I've been in the moccasins of the head coach – I'm trying really hard to make sure that everything Steve doesn't need to worry about gets done," says Smith.

"I'm contributing what I can."



RIGHT HAND MAN:
Warriors coaching staff.

So far, he's added a lot.

"His knowledge, his football brain, his experience, his contacts... he knows everybody," says George.

"In March we received a tip that a high-profile Roosters player might be available. Brian made one phone call to Trent [Robinson] and we got the answer."

The veteran's office has also become a drop-in centre for players and coaches seeking advice.

"There have been queues outside his door," laughs George.

"I'm not sure what he's saying in there, but it's working. Brian has been great for us, and really valuable for Steve."

"He helps you think about the game differently," says young Warriors prop Bunty Afoa.

"He's got a way of getting right to the point, of making you realise what really matters."

NATIONAL PRIDE

Smith's key task is to slow the huge player drain to Australia, with hundreds of young players heading across the Tasman each year. It's a daunting assignment.

"One guy said to me 'Smithy, you'll never stop those Aussie clubs coming and taking our players. 'Oh really', I replied. 'Never?' - I thought that was a defeatist attitude."

Instead, Smith has taken an aggressive approach.

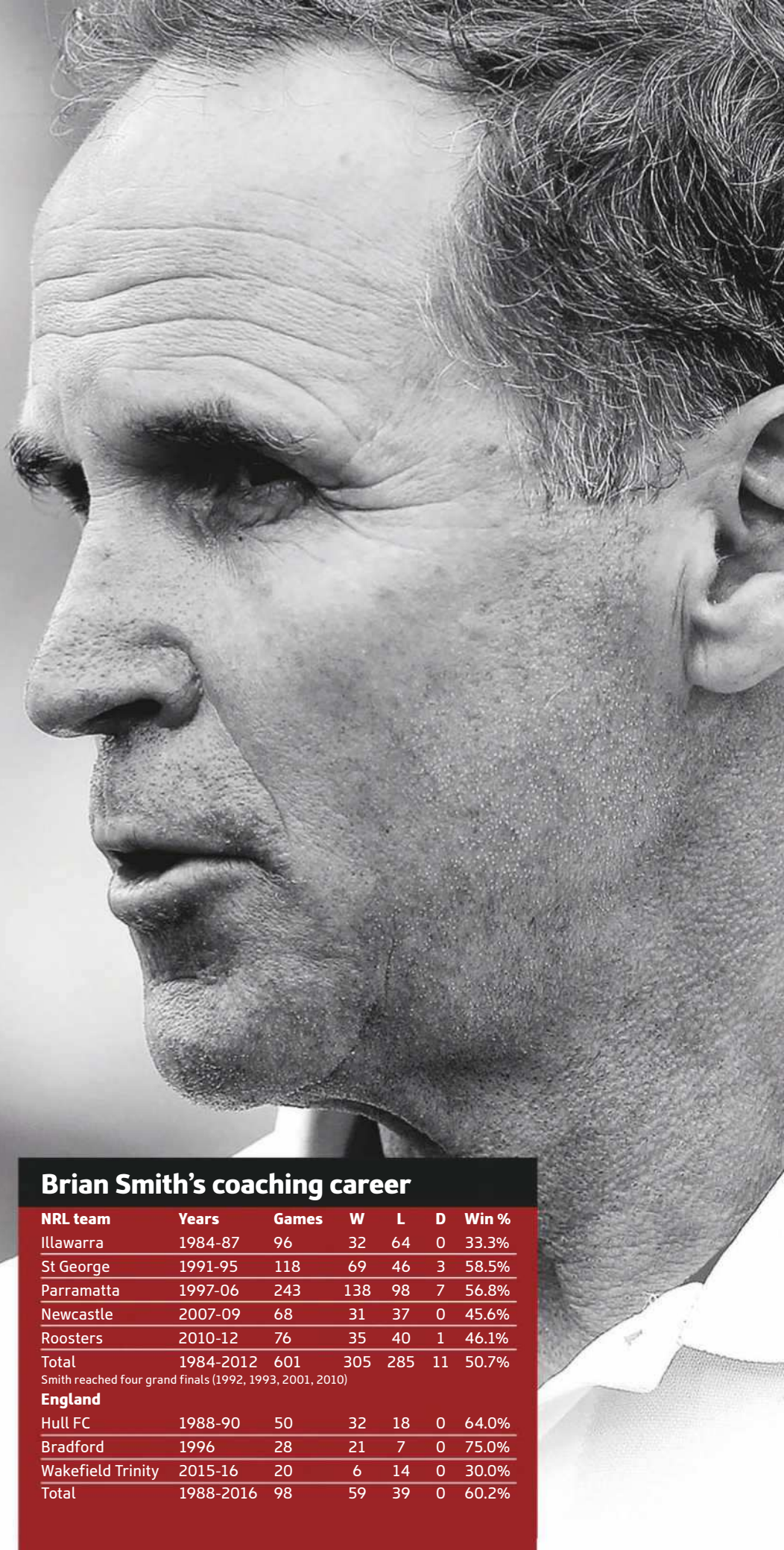
"It's on," says Smith.

"The battle has begun, and we are determined to win this. We've got no choice."

There's a multi-faceted strategy, from running parallel camps in Auckland to stymie similar attempts by Australian clubs, to investing more in the scouting and development network, to making a conscious effort to change the perception of the Warriors among potential young players.

Most importantly, Smith is also heading up a working party with representatives from the Warriors, Auckland Rugby League and New Zealand Rugby League, to improve symmetry and alignment between the three organisations.

"If we can do that it will be massive for the game," said Smith. "The Aussies better watch out, because things are going to change." 🐣



Brian Smith's coaching career

NRL team	Years	Games	W	L	D	Win %
Illawarra	1984-87	96	32	64	0	33.3%
St George	1991-95	118	69	46	3	58.5%
Parramatta	1997-06	243	138	98	7	56.8%
Newcastle	2007-09	68	31	37	0	45.6%
Roosters	2010-12	76	35	40	1	46.1%
Total	1984-2012	601	305	285	11	50.7%

Smith reached four grand finals (1992, 1993, 2001, 2010)

England

Hull FC	1988-90	50	32	18	0	64.0%
Bradford	1996	28	21	7	0	75.0%
Wakefield Trinity	2015-16	20	6	14	0	30.0%
Total	1988-2016	98	59	39	0	60.2%

There aren't many things Cooper Cronk hasn't done in his prolific NRL career, but this Friday in Adelaide will be a new experience as he takes on his former team-mates.



PHOTOS: Matt King/Getty Images (Main); NRLPhotos.com; Brett Crockford (Slater), Grant Trouville (Bellamy)

THE phrase 'mate against mate, state against state' gets thrown around a lot at this time of year, but for once, the saying has nothing to do with the New South Wales-Queensland rivalry.



By **MARTIN GABOR**
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On Friday night, Cooper Cronk will take on the Melbourne Storm for the first time when the Roosters host the defending premiers at the Adelaide Oval in what shapes as one of the games of the year.

The 34-year-old played 14 seasons in the Victorian capital, winning four grand finals, claiming two Dally M Medals and helping the Storm go from an expansion club to the most dominant side in the NRL.

His combination with Billy Slater and Cameron Smith had them dubbed 'the Big Three', with their telepathic understanding of each other's games enough to give opposition defences the chills.

But after moving to Sydney for love, Cronk has put friendships aside and will head into the clash as methodical as ever as he tries to help his new club claim a crucial two points during the hectic representative period.

"I've been thinking about how to answer this question and I actually don't know. I've never been in this situation before," the champion halfback says when quizzed on how it'll feel to take on his former mates.

"[I haven't played them before] besides the competitive games of one-on-one at training, where it does get super competitive. I imagine when there are two points up for grabs, it's going to go to another level.

"I've spoken to them on and off, knowing that it's just around the corner. It's going to be a bit weird when I walk into the stadium and see purple tracksuits on one side and I've got to walk the other way, but at the end of the day I'll get in and make a tackle whenever I can, I'll get hit at some stage and I'll do that for 80 minutes and then shake their hands at the end.

"I'm not sure how they'd answer it, but for me it'll be a little bit weird. It's a bit of a cliché, but I suppose you've got to be a bit nonchalant about it. At the end of the day, we're paid to play football, and no matter if you play your best friends or your family – the Jennings brothers played against each other the other week – it happens.

"There'll be a bit of niggles, a bit of banter, they'll smash me, I'll get up and I'll get smashed again. All's fair in love and war."

While emotion has the potential to throw

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a spanner into his preparations, Cronk knows he has to put all that aside to help his new club come out on top.

“Heart says one thing and the head says another, but at the end of the day, I’ve got a tremendous amount of respect for everyone at that football club because they’ve made me the person that I am, and the situation I’m at in life is down to the contribution of those guys and the club,” he says.

“But this footy club [the Roosters] has been tremendous to me. I love the boys here, I love the footy club and everything it stands for, so it’s a weird situation. I’ve just got to go out and play, and I will do that because my team-mates here need me to. It’s as simple as that.”

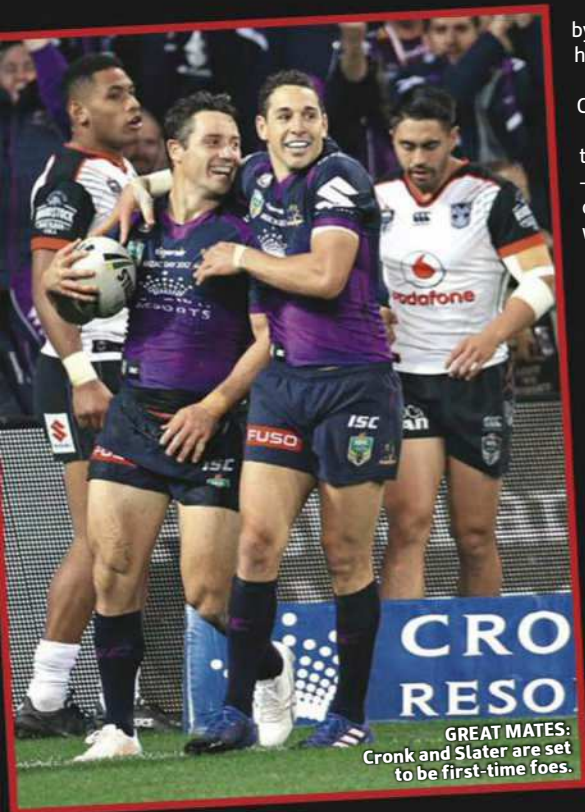
COOP AND THE KID

When you think of the great combinations at club level, it’s hard to go past what Cronk and Slater were able to achieve. Whether it was a chip kick or an inside pass, the pair were always in sync as they sniffed out a way to penetrate the defensive line.

The Storm fullback has nothing but respect for his former team-mate’s decision to move to Sydney and is expecting to be bombarded



MASSIVE INFLUENCE: Craig Bellamy coached Cronk for 14 seasons.



GREAT MATES: Cronk and Slater are set to be first-time foes.

by Cronk’s right boot in the ultimate test of his skills under the high ball.

“It will be very weird coming up against Cooper,” Slater tells *Big League*.

“He’s a great mate of mine and it was sad to see him leave. We were really happy for him – he got married and is in a really good spot off the field – and we keep in touch. It will be weird playing against him because we know each other’s games really well, and my main rival in a game is the opposition kicker so there’ll be a few mental battles there.

“I’ve never played against him but I’ve trained against him a lot. That’s footy, isn’t it? You play against your mates all the time and this will be no different. We’ve played against plenty of mates at Origin level and in the NRL, so this will be an interesting one and something we’re all looking forward to because it’s an important game for both clubs at such an iconic venue.”

EASING THE BELLYACHE

One of the most intriguing storylines is how Cronk will fare against the man who called the shots for his entire first-grade career.

Craig Bellamy is the modern-day master coach and probably knows his former playmaker’s game inside-out, and while Cronk has all the respect in the world for his long-time mentor, all bonds will be

put aside when they duke it out in the South Australian capital.

“I’ve had a couple of texts and phone calls with Craig throughout the year, and there’s that strange awkwardness knowing the game is coming around,” the No.7 says.

“I really respect Craig as a person and as a footy mentor in terms of what he’s done, but fortunately or unfortunately – whatever way you want to look at it – we’ve got to go out and play football on Friday night. I’ll do that, he’ll do that, and we’ll all be friends afterwards – as long as they don’t smash me too hard.”

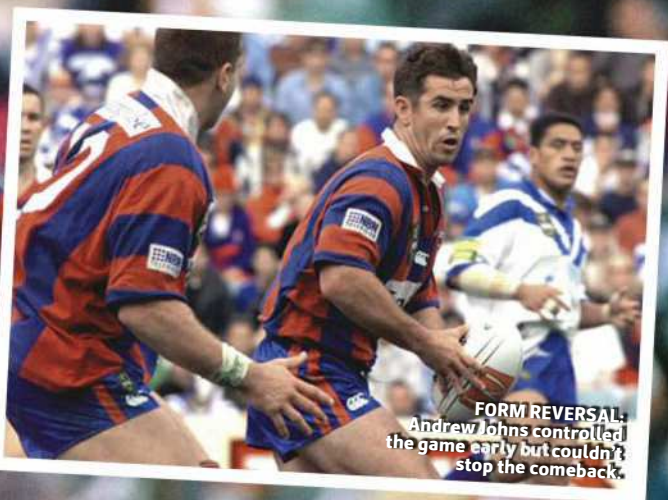
Having spent so much time together, you’d think both parties would be able to pick apart each other’s strengths and weaknesses with ease. But according to the Roosters halfback, inside knowledge won’t be a factor.

“I know the coaching staff and a little bit about how they go about things, and while I’ve got a bit of insight, I don’t know what they’ve been doing this year. They would’ve changed things because they’ve got different spots,” he says.

“There have been changes since coming here, but am I going to bring something out of the box? No. I’m going to do what I’ve done every day for the last 14 or 15 years, but I’m just going to try to do it a bit harder and a bit longer than I normally do, because I know they’re going to be coming for 80 minutes.”

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It might not be the biggest in rugby league, but when the Knights and Bulldogs meet this weekend they'll write the next chapter in an entertaining, if unlikely rivalry. By **NICK TEDESCHI**



Comeback for the ages



In the 30-odd years of premiership matches between the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and Newcastle Knights, none are etched as deep into the lore of each club than the 1998 preliminary final.

Not Hazem El Masri's famous sideline kick to down the Knights in Newcastle, and not Terry Lamb's infamous field goal when the Bulldogs trailed by two.

In the first year of a reunified rugby league, Newcastle's premiership defence was ended by a Canterbury comeback Steve Folkes rated in a post-game speech as the best in club history.

"The boys were pumped hearing that," former Bulldogs winger Daryl Halligan recalls.

"People talk about the Parramatta game the week after, but the Newcastle one was equal to it."

Trailing 16-0 after just 28 minutes as Andrew Johns turned on a typically dazzling display, Canterbury overhauled the deficit to run away with the game 28-16 in extra-time.

Leading into the match, the Bulldogs had rattled off six straight wins. They needed to win their final four just to make the 10-team playoffs, requiring a Craig Polla-Mounter field goal on the last day of the regular season to overcome Illawarra. A first week finals win over St George

followed by a comfortable victory over North Sydney had the Bulldogs rolling.

"Heading into the finals, we'd won four in a row and we were confident," Halligan says.

"We had already been playing finals footy for a month."

By the time the Bulldogs reached the Knights, there was a feeling inside of Belmore that they had something special.

"Everyone dreams," Halligan quips.

Against a Newcastle team that contained the Johns brothers, Paul Harragon, Matt Gidley, Danny Buderus and Bill Peden, Canterbury went in as big underdogs, and the bookies seemed to be right on the money when the Knights jumped to an early lead.

"We weren't overawed," Halligan recalls.

"In finals games, momentum is massive. Newcastle had the momentum early on and did a fair bit of damage, but we had the momentum at the back-end of the game, which proved to be more decisive."

Canterbury got themselves back into the clash with some heavy running from deep in their own territory before Glen Hughes scored an unlikely try just before the break to get the Bulldogs on the board.

After a couple of Halligan penalty goals, Hughes' brother Corey broke down the left side and crossed under the posts. Halligan calmly slotted the conversion.

"We knew in extra time we didn't have a problem," Halligan says.

"We were finishing like a storm.

Newcastle didn't want to play us. They'd just had a team run right over the top of them for the last 10 or 12 minutes."

The points flowed. Skipper Darren Britt scored a rare try before Rod Silva jinked his way through.

"He didn't score too many, Britty," Halligan says.

"He probably doesn't know himself how he got there."

The joy for Canterbury was matched only by the devastation of Newcastle.

"It was a pretty shattering and emotional moment for them," Halligan says.

A week later, Canterbury would again defy time by overcoming an 18-2 deficit with 11 minutes to play against arch-rivals Parramatta in the grand final qualifier.

"Folkes sat everyone down and said that's the best comeback since last week," Halligan laughs.

While the Bulldogs were beaten by Brisbane in the grand final, Halligan rates that run as one of his best in footy.

"1994 was a special time and 1995 was a winning time, but 1998 was the most enjoyable because we ran a couple of teams down."

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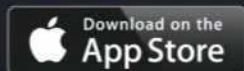
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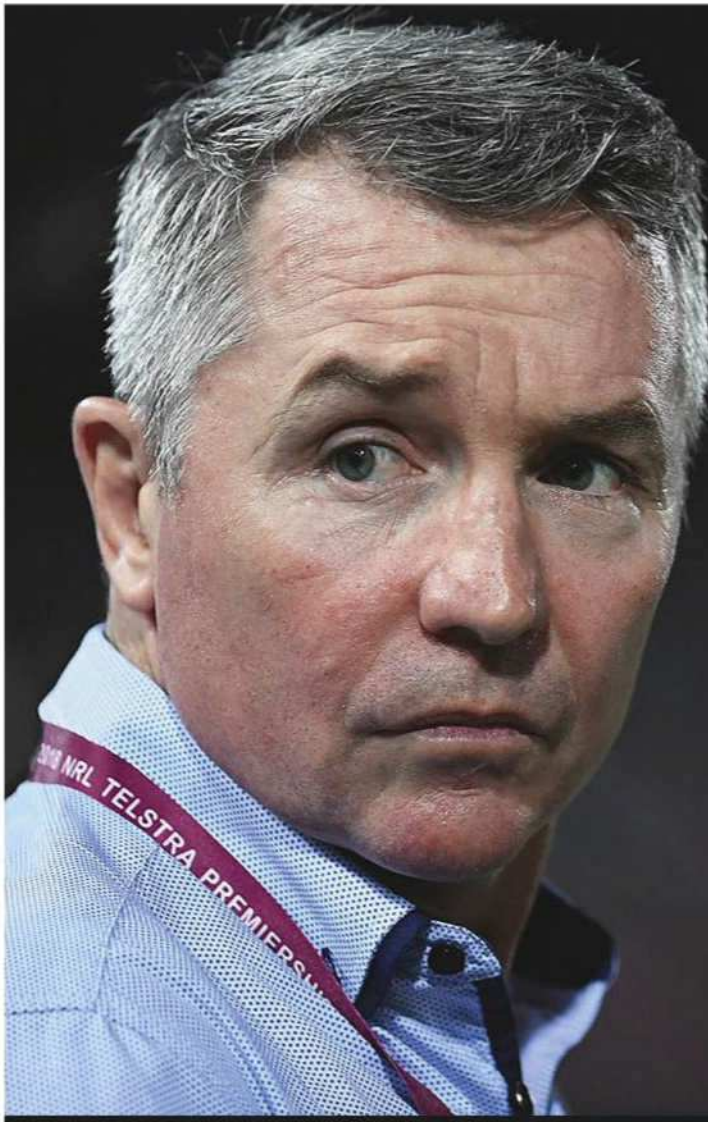


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COWBOYS

HIS side is five wins outside the top eight with just nine games remaining, but coach Paul Green remains confident the Cowboys can play finals footy in 2018.

The Cowboys haven't missed the finals since 2010 and will be without star playmaker Michael Morgan for the rest of the season, but Green believes things can turn in their favour.

North Queensland face South Sydney this week in Cairns and will be sweating on the availability of some key players. Matt Scott has been named but is battling an ongoing neck complaint, while Te Maire Martin's return from Denver has been delayed following an electrical storm in the USA.

"I'm still positive [about making the finals]. Making the finals is the result if we get our footy right," he said.

"We've been close enough, but still not good enough. There have been a couple of things which have been out of our control, and that's where we've just got to find that bit extra to win each week.

"The back end will look after itself if we get those parts right. Then we can build off that and get some confidence and finish the year well." – MARTIN GABOR



TITANS

A WEEK off was exactly what Gold Coast needed according to veteran fullback Michael Gordon.

While a small handful of players featured in the rep weekend, the majority of the squad spent time refreshing themselves after beating the Bulldogs in Round 15.

"For me it was perfect," Gordon (above) said.

"I got away to Fiji with the family for a few days. It's as much a mental break, as it is physical which is enormous."

With 10 rounds remaining, Gordon said the Titans have put themselves in the position to finish the year well.

"It's a long stretch home now so any rest is gold. We've come back ready to go," he said.

"I feel like we've been building well over the past month. Some of the results haven't gone our way just with some of our lapses during games." – MB

RAIDERS

GRAND finals aren't won in June, but if you want to feature in September, now's the time to make your move.

The Raiders head into Saturday's clash against the Broncos in ninth spot, four points behind this weekend's opponent, but can close the gap with a win. They've tasted success just once from their past 10 visits to Suncorp Stadium, but with so much at stake, skipper Jarrod Croker is expecting his side to lift.

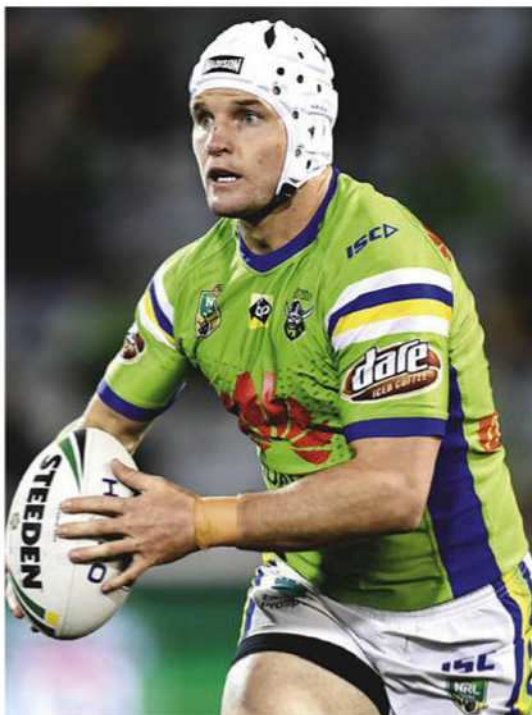
"It's a massive game. We haven't spoken about it too much yet because we've been away for a couple of days, but we'll build up to it this week," he said.

"We know how important the game is – there's a four-point gap between us and Brisbane so we can't let that slide and slip away any further."

Croker (right) dispelled any fears the bye had cruelled their momentum following a 48-12 shellacking of the Wests Tigers in Round 15, arguing the week off was just what his side needed following a bruising start to the season.

"We needed a break, as every side did physically and mentally. I thought it was a good idea to have the weekend off so I'm not worried at all about momentum. There were a few boys who had niggles and probably needed the weekend off, so it's come at a good time for us," he said.

– MG



KNIGHTS

REP stars Kalyn Ponga, Herman Ese'eese and Slade Griffin all emerged from representative duties unscathed, but in an even bigger boost for the Knights, Mitchell Pearce has begun the next phase in his recovery from a pectoral injury.

Pearce sustained the injury in Round 7, and the Knights have won just two games out of eight since his departure, so naturally his pending return has the team hopeful of a form-reversal in the home stretch.

"It's good to see him out there," Mitch Barnett told local media.

"We look a lot sharper with him in the team. The sooner we can get him back, the better – but we still have a job to do this week.

A lot of [the players] have copped criticism, but that will fire them up and I'm 100 per cent sure they'll show up this weekend." – DP

PHOTOS: NRL Photos.com; Grego Porteous (Uate, Addo-Carr), Nathan Hookins (Croker), Scott Davis (Gordon), Robb Cox (Sutton), Paul Bankley (Tupou), Ian Hitchcock/Getty Images (Green)

WESTS TIGERS

WESTS Tigers recruit Robbie Farah is expecting an emotional return to Leichhardt Oval this Sunday. But the veteran hooker, who spent 14 years with the Tigers before an 18-month stint at the Rabbitohs, knows he'll need to remain focused on his job to get the team's season back on track.

"There'll be all sorts of feelings, excitement and nerves. I'm going to have to keep my emotions in check because at the end of the day our job is to get the two points. We need to win, it's a very important game for us. We find ourselves just outside of the eight at the moment," Farah (right) told *Big League*.

Farah is proud to be returning to his junior club, not just because of his emotional connection to the Tigers, but also because of how much the club has grown.

"I think the Tigers have really evolved this year, both the playing group and the club. I think they've changed the way they play, they're known now for their defence and resilience and that's a credit to the leadership on and off the field," he said. **- DARCIE McDONALD**



ROOSTERS

THE Roosters will be aiming for consecutive wins in Adelaide when they host Melbourne on Friday. The Tri-colours recorded a memorable come-from-behind victory at the historic oval in 2017 when halfback Mitchell Pearce kicked a field goal.

"It was massive game last year," Daniel Tupou told *Big League*.

"We'll be looking for a similar game this Friday. It would be cool if we could get another win like that."

Tupou (above) said the Roosters will be hoping they can give Cooper Cronk a victory against his former team.

"With Cooper playing against his former club, it's going to be a massive occasion - hopefully we can get the win for him." **- MB**



SEA EAGLES

THE injury crisis at Manly has hit a new low with representative winger Akuila Uate ruled out for the rest of the season.

Scans revealed the Fiji star suffered a syndesmosis injury playing in the Pacific Test match against Papua New Guinea at Campbelltown on Saturday.

With the 30-year-old veteran joining Huddersfield on a three-year deal next season, it's likely he's played his final NRL game. Uate (left) played 200 first grade games since debuting in 2008, scoring 129 tries.

He joins a long list of injured players at the club, including the likes of Kelepi Tanginoa (knee), Jack Gosiewski (arm), Api Koroisau (foot), Lachlan Croker (knee) and Curtis Sironen (knee).

"I just see it as unlucky," Manly utility Brad Parker said.

"In rugby league people get injured. But it's unfortunate that so many key positions for us have been hit hard. Missing Api is massive. Dylan is massive, and Lachie was massive. Akuila looks like being out for a bit now." **- MB**

RABBITOHS

HE'S three games shy of joining the 300 club, and South Sydney veteran John Sutton is showing no signs of slowing down. Uncontracted beyond this season, the back-rower is nearing career-best form and has been a key cog in the club's success in 2018.

It remains unclear whether he will play on next year, but if his form is anything to go by, the former Rabbitohs skipper has done more than enough to earn a contract extension.

"I've just got to keep doing my job, it's a pretty simple role that I have here. Just running the ball and keep making my tackles and everything else comes off the back of that," Sutton (right) said.

"I'm just enjoying my football at the moment, it's going really well and I just hope to keep continuing the way I'm playing.

"I thought about it the past couple of years more than ever that it's going to end soon so that's why I'm making sure I'm enjoying it here week to week, hanging out with the boys and ripping in on the weekends." **- MG**



STORM

JOSH Addo-Carr said Melbourne can't afford to rest players against the Roosters on Friday.

Although several players played in representative round, Addo-Carr (above) said the Storm can't afford to lose the momentum they've gained over the past month.

"We have to put our best team out there and I'll be putting my hand up," he told *Big League*.

"The Roosters are in terrific form and we're going to have to aim up against their big forward pack."

"We've got to be cautious of their backs too. James Tedesco and Latrell Mitchell have shown what they've got at Origin level and they'll be looking to do that against us this week." **- MB**



BULLDOGS

IN another blow for the struggling Bulldogs, marquee signing Kieran Foran has been ruled out for the remainder of the season.

The 27-year old (above) had the expectations of steering the team towards a finals appearance. However, an ongoing toe injury that requires surgery will now have him watching from the sideline.

The Bulldogs released a statement on Monday to confirm Foran's surgery, mentioning that he will undergo "re-construction of the ligaments in the toe of his left foot, after original treatment had failed to see an improvement in the injury."

Foran's injury is another nail in the coffin for the Bulldogs' season, however it will pave the way for Lachlan Lewis – nephew of Wally – to make his NRL debut against the Knights. **– DM**

EELS

COREY Norman is relishing his move back to the halves after an underwhelming performance at fullback Round 12.

Norman hadn't worn the No.1 jersey since 2015 and failed to make an impact against the Broncos, prompting coach Brad Arthur to switch him back to halfback where he helped the Eels claim a rare win over North Queensland.

The struggling Eels have received a boost with Mitch Moses returning to the field, and his halves partner is looking forward to rekindling their combination this Thursday against the in-form Dragons.

"I play where Brad put me and he thought that (fullback) was the best position for me that week. I got on with it and played fullback. It is what it is. I'm back in the halves again so I'm ready to do a job there too," he said. **– MG**

SHARKS

NEW recruit Aaron Woods will waste no time transitioning into his new colours. The former Bulldogs prop will line up for the Sharks on Friday to take on the Warriors.

Despite only joining the Sharks on Tuesday, the 27-year old has already steered his focus to the upcoming match at Mt Smart Stadium.

"They've been one of the form sides of the comp, their spine with Blake Green and Shaun Johnson have been playing some really good footy. A few of their players got to play for the Kiwis, Tonga and Samoa over the weekend, so they're going to come back with a lot of confidence," Woods told Sharks Media.

He may have been a Bulldog at the start of the week, but Woods is excited to be a part of a Sharks pack that's heading towards their sixth finals appearance in seven years. He was full of compliments for his new team-mates' consistent efforts so far this season.

"The boys are playing some really good footy. Obviously there was that disappointing loss before that week off against Brisbane. They've been playing consistent footy, they've been in the games for 80 minutes and that's they are where they are on the table," he said. **– DM**



DRAGONS

WITH a large number of players involved in representative games on the weekend, it could be a noticeably makeshift Dragons team that takes on Parramatta.

With four players on Origin duty, three in Denver and others playing the Pacific Invitational, the short turnaround could see a number of youngsters promoted to first grade, with Jacob Host and Luciano Leilua (above) returning to the 17 and the likes of Jai Field, Reece Robson and Darren Nicholls all named in the extended squad.

"Hopefully we all pull up sweet, but Mary [Paul McGregor] has done a good job bleeding some of these young players in previous weeks," second-rower Tyson Frizell told *Big League*.

"With so many boys playing well we always knew [selection] was going to happen, so they've all been given opportunities. It's a big game for them." **– DP**

WARRIORS

THE decision of several veterans to skip the historic Test against England in Denver should benefit the Warriors' run to the finals according to five-eighth Blake Green.

Shaun Johnson (left), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck and Tohu Harris were unavailable for the stateside trip, while Simon Mannerling retired from international football and suspension ruled out Adam Blair.

"Those guys have had injuries and haven't played a lot recently. That was the main reason they didn't play in the Test match," Green told *Big League*.

"We've picked up a few other niggles (recently), with David Fusitu'a and Sol Kata missing Tonga's Test, so those guys have had a chance to regroup."

The Warriors still made

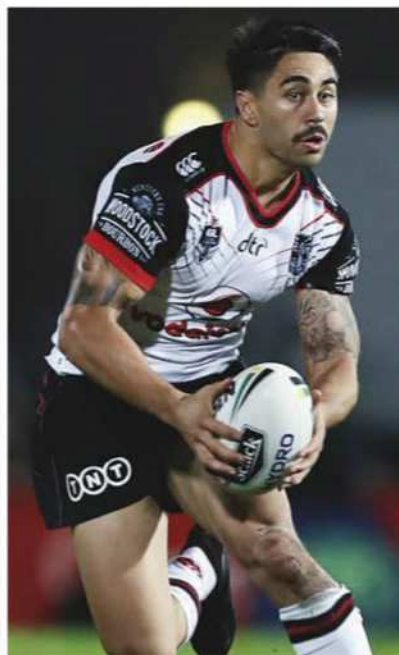
a hefty contribution to Rep Round, however, and Green believes that experience will also boost the squad.

Ken Maumalo made a strong debut alongside clubmates Issac Luke and Peta Hiku in New Zealand's 36-18 loss to England, while James Gavet, Bunty Afoa, Mason Lino and Test rookies Isaiah Papali'i and Ligi Sao shone in Samoa's 38-22 defeat to star-studded Tonga.

"Our Samoan boys played well. They did their families proud," Green said.

"We were really happy for them and the way they played. They've got some time off – we won't see them until Thursday.

"And Ken, it's a great reward for him. He's been consistent for us all year." **– WILL EVANS**



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BRONCOS

WITH their next five games in Queensland – and four of those at Suncorp Stadium – Brisbane know a solid month of footy will have them in the box seat to clinch a spot in the finals.

Fresh off the bye, they'll face a stern test against a Canberra side desperate to stay in touch with the top eight, and in-form winger Corey Oates (*above*) is well aware of what's at stake.

"This is a very crucial time of the year. Leading into the finals, you want to start playing your best football and getting over teams," Oates told Broncos TV.

"It's a very important game to start the run into the finals, and I'm sure the Raiders boys will be pumped up. Hopefully our boys can stick with them in the middle and have some fun on the edges." – **MG**



PANTHERS

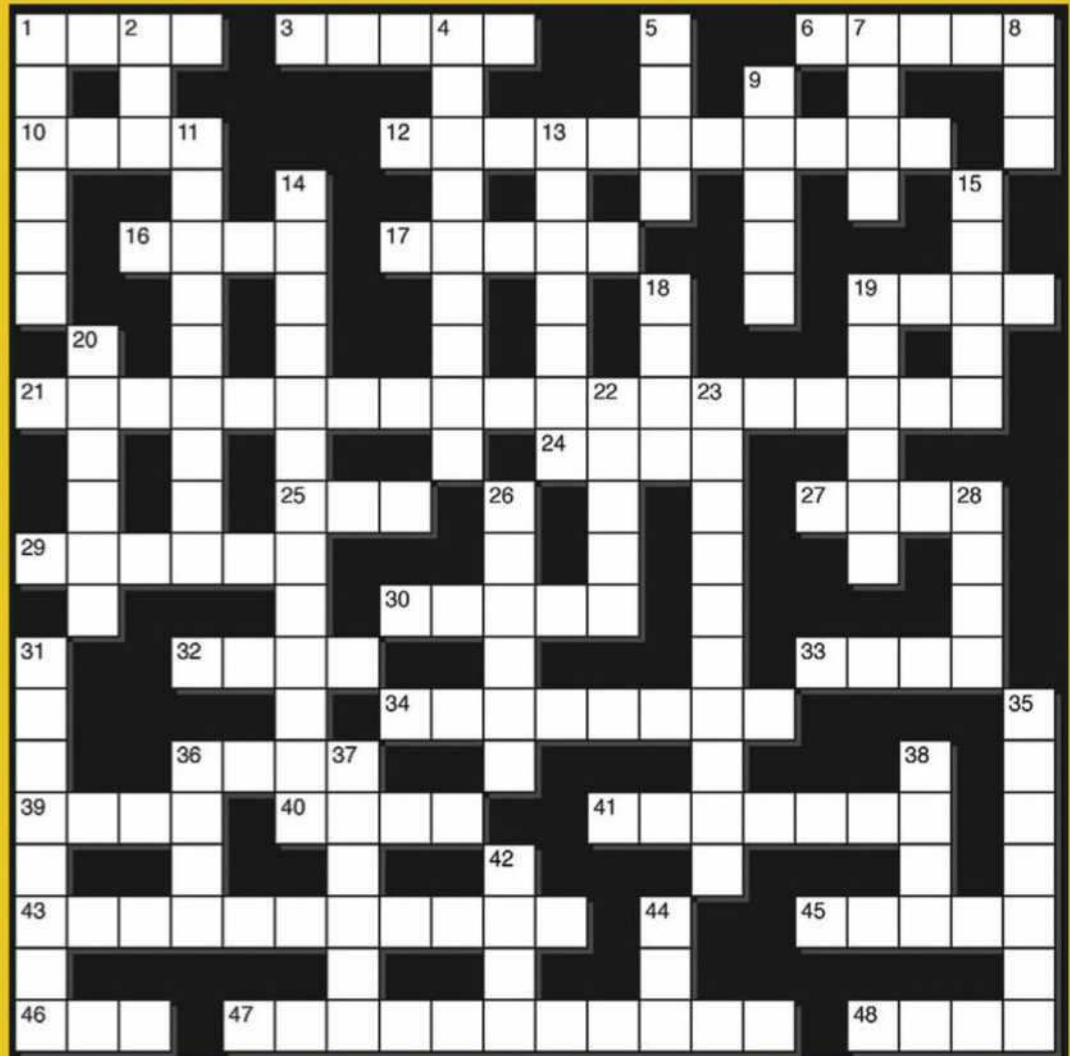
CHRISTIAN Crichton's fantastic rookie year refuses to stop. The Panthers young gun has made his NRL debut and his Test debut – and has already secured a three-year deal with the Bulldogs.

It's been unexpected for the 21-year old (*above*), who said he was shocked to make his debut for a Panthers team that's oozing with talent.

"It's been a crazy year. I really didn't expect to be making my NRL debut and Samoa debut this early in my career. Especially with the Panthers stacked with so much talent. It's only really through injury that I've gotten my opportunity to play first grade," Crichton told *Big League*. – **DM**

CROSSWORD

Compiled by Ben Everill



ACROSS

1. Terry & Scott. NSW Bench Game One, 2000. (4)
3. Tom Trbojevic nickname. (5)
6. Paul _____. 1982 NSW forward like fine wine. (5)
10. 1992 last-minute field goal kicker – when down by two! (4)
12. Returning under-age competition in NSW this season... (6,5)
16. Norm _____. Qld bench first Origin. (4)
17. James Tedesco's World Cup team. (5)
19. 1980 Rookie of Year. Origin Rep. (4)
21. 80s Kangaroos forward. (5,9,5)
24. Phillip _____. Famous Origin in-goal mess up 1982. (4)
25. Wishart. Reddy. Henniker... (3)
27. Knights premiership second-rower. (4)
29. Happened to NSW Origin I team. (6)
30. Matt _____. Former North Sydney fullback and NSW rep. (5)
32. Mark Carroll. (4)
33. Todd Greenberg. (4)
34. 2005 Grand Final flick pass. (8)
36. David _____. One Origin 1995. (4)
39. Leilani _____. Titans prop. (4)
40. Titans outside back. (4)

41. 2003 Minor Premier. (7)
43. Antonio or Frank. (11)
45. Try-double in three grand finals. (5)
46. Ivan to Nathan. (3)
47. Known as 'The Count'. (11)
48. Marty _____. NSW fullback 1983. (4)

DOWN

1. Over the line but no try. (4,2)
2. Maroon Kumul. (3)
4. Greg _____. First ever Origin try. (9)
5. Les _____. '78, '82 Kangaroo Tours. (4)
7. First NSW Origin hooker. (4)
8. Danny _____. Former English half. (3)
9. Gavin _____. 1992 Broncos premiership prop. (5)
11. Former somersaulting Dragon. (9)
13. UK Red Devils. (7)
14. Former Super League champions now in League 1. (8,5)
15. Maroons first ever five-eighth. (5)
18. Terry _____. Maroons bench in 1995. (4)
19. Samoan centre. (6)
20. Queensland winger and try scorer 1981 Origin. (6)
22. NSW prop in first Blues clean sweep 1986. (5)

23. 2008 World Cup winners. (3,7)
26. 46 across. (6)
28. Robbie _____. Origin & premiership in 1999. (4)
31. Grapple. Chicken wing. Spear. Shoulder charge. (8)
35. 2000 Clive Churchill Medal. (7)
36. Neil _____. 100 game Eel in the 80s. (4)
37. Husky sounding Queenslander. (6)
38. Prop who played for NSW & Queensland. Paul _____. (4)
42. Jack _____. Warrington star 1898-1911. Over 300 games, 200 tries. (4)
44. _____. Pearce Medal. Awarded to best NRL referee. (3)

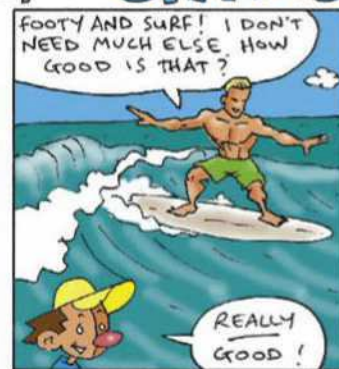


LITTLE LEAGUE



FOOTYHEAD ^{AD}

JAYDEN BRAILEY FROM THE SHARKS



Lively hooker Jayden Brailey has brought youthful enthusiasm to a very experienced forward pack, and the combination is working well.

Have you always loved footy?

I've got two younger brothers, so we were always playing knee-footy in the lounge room or backyard footy out the back. We'd watch footy on TV, then play knee-footy at half-time.

Who did you watch?

When I first started, I followed

the Roosters. My pop played for Balmain, so my dad looked up to the Tigers. But I grew up in the Shire, so we all had a soft spot for the Sharks.

Dad must be pretty excited you're playing for them!

Yeah! Mum is too, she's grown to love it. Dad's had a lot to do with my footy and taught me a lot - he actually coaches down at the Sharks.

Was there a moment you knew how proud they were?

I always go to the fence after the game and see my dad and my mum. My second game, I scored a try and had a pretty good game, I went up to him and gave him a big hug. That moment was pretty cool - there was a photo of it going round for a while.

There are a few blokes in the Cronulla pack who must be nearly as old as your dad - have they taught you much?

Ha ha! It's good for me, I get to take

in everything they've learned over 10 to 15 years of first grade. I bring a bit of young energy, and I think there's a good balance in our team.

What happens when Paul Gallen is on one side calling for the ball, and Luke Lewis trying to over-rule him on the other side?

It's hard sometimes. At the end of the day, I've got to back myself to make the right decision. As long as it's the right one I don't get in trouble.

MATCH-UPS

Can you match these NRL stars to the number of Origin tries they've scored?

- | | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Josh Addo-Carr | A. 12 |
| 2. Greg Inglis | B. 2 |
| 3. Billy Slater | C. 3 |
| 4. Jarryd Hayne | D. 6 |
| 5. Valentine Holmes | E. 18 |
| 6. Will Chambers | F. 11 |

Answers: 1B, 2E, 3A, 4F, 5D, 6C

Delight in Dubbo for girls gala day

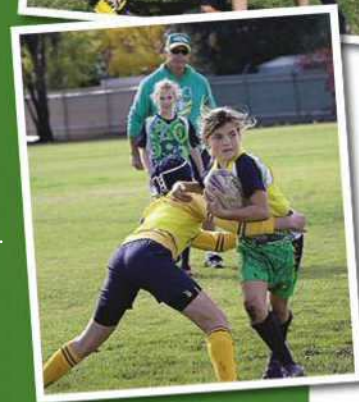
THE NRL Girls Primary School Gala Day was recently held in Dubbo, with 14 teams entering and schools travelling from Mudgee, Coolah, Forbes, Gulgong and Gulargambone.

Teams were arranged into three pools, and the winners from each pool - Orana Heights Public School (Pool A), St Marys Dubbo (Pool B) and St Johns Dubbo (Pool C) will now get the opportunity to play in the Peachey and Richardson finals day along with winners from the Bathurst and Bourke girls gala days.

For many of the girls it was their first time playing rugby league and judging by their smiles they really loved participating. It was great to see over 150 students enjoying the day and showing off their talent with lots of outstanding tries scored and great tackles made throughout the day.

The female game continues to grow, with the number of girls playing rugby league in this Western NSW competition tripling since last year.

For more information please head to www.playnrl.com.



Go Cowboys

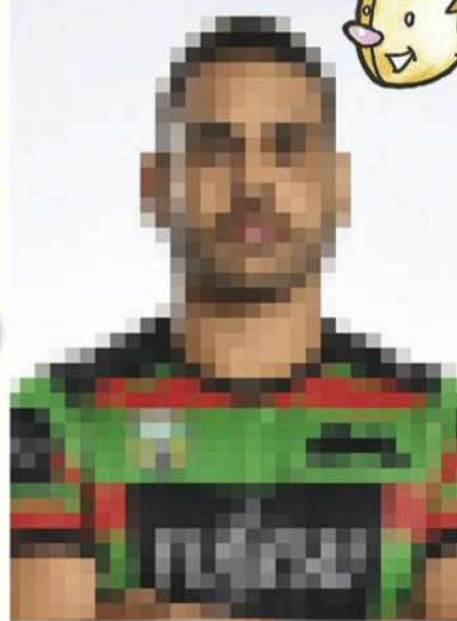
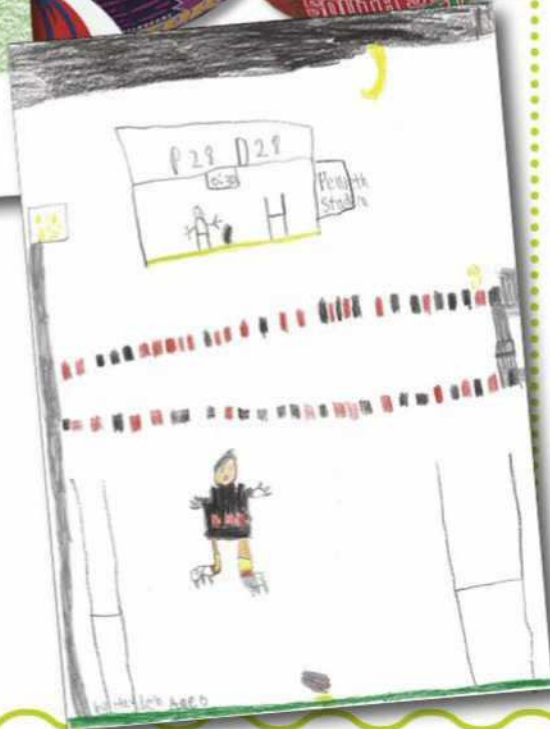


Jason Taumalolo

HAVE you been enjoying the football lately? If you have, make sure to send us in a drawing of your favourite NRL player. We love seeing how creative you can be!

If yours appears here you'll win a STEEDEN team ball. Send a drawing of your favourite team or player to *Little League STEEDEN Art Gallery, Locked Bag 5030, Alexandria, NSW, 2015*. Remember to write your name, address and favourite team clearly on the back!

This week's pictures are from Kodie, Hayden and Samuel.



Who am I?

- I was born in Kempsey, NSW
- I made my NRL debut for Melbourne in 2005
- I missed most of last season due to injury
- I am the captain of my club and my state
- I hold the record for most tries in State of Origin

A: Greg Inglis

Word Jumble – GOAL-KICKERS

Can you unscramble the names of these NRL goal-kickers?

TRAGHE DIDPOW

ORJARD ROCKER

AMANJEY ASKIAO

CHEMALI RODGNO

RELLALT CHILLEM

SMOES BYME

Answers: Gareth Widdop, Jarrod Croker, Jamayne Isaako, Michael Gordon, Latrell Mitchell, Moses Mbye

2018 ORIGIN



BIG LEAGUE

CHAMPIONS





First taste of what's to come

THE women's State of Origin was a monumental moment for rugby league.

More than a million eyes took in what was a true spectacle for the sport. A match that went down to the final moment and had all the hits, highs and lows that anyone would want from a match as the Blues ran out 16-10 winners.

New South Wales centre Isabelle Kelly, who scored two of the Blues' three tries and took out the first-ever player of the match for women's State of Origin, said it was a pinnacle moment for the players after years of hard work.

"We've all worked so hard to get here," she said.

"There are a lot of people who don't agree with women's rugby league but I just think that that game goes to show that we can do it just as tough as the men's."

It was Kelly who touched down for the deciding try late in the second half.

Playing out on the Blues' left edge, she and wing partner Nakia Davis-Welsh were lethal for New South Wales, their three four-pointers coming through that corridor.

Not that it was walk-through defence from the Maroons. Kelly had to put on plenty of footwork both times to find her way to the tryline.



It was reflective of how tough the entire match was.

"It's quite intense, to be honest, especially when we just came out from half-time and it was a draw, it was kind of make or break for both sides," Kelly said.

"It was really intense, but at the same time, I loved every minute of it and I took every second in with the crowd cheering."

Nearly 7,000 people turned out to watch at North Sydney Oval and more than a million tuned in on *Channel 9* and *Fox League*.

The stage for the upcoming women's NRL could not have been set better.

Anticipation is now ramping up for the four-week season that will run during the NRL finals series.

The bulk of players on show during Origin last week are already signed to contracts with either the Broncos, Dragons or Roosters, while the Warriors signings are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Come early August, the women will be pulling on their NRL club colours for the first time and people couldn't be more ready for the inaugural season to kick off.

Thirsty for more

Josh Drinkwater is determined not to experience Super League relegation again. **By JOHN DAVIDSON**

FOUR years ago Josh Drinkwater was a youngster ready to see the world.

At 21 he was green but hoping to make his mark, arriving in England to play for London after just four NRL games with St George Illawarra.

Unfortunately 2014 spelled the end of the Broncos in Super League – they won just one game and dropped out of the top flight. The former Manly junior returned home to join Wests Tigers, but spent the whole year in the NSW Cup, with just one NRL appearance.

Then in 2016 Championship club Leigh came calling with their own promotion dream. Drinkwater went back to the Old Dart and led the Centurions with distinction, scoring 12 tries in 43 games.

Leigh returned to the big-time, but it was short-lived – eventually losing the Million-Pound Game to Catalans and going straight back down.

Again the playmaker headed home, and again he found himself in reserve grade – until struggling Catalans came calling in April. Despite his previous experiences, it was a call the 26-year-old couldn't resist.

"To live in the south of France and play footy, there are a lot of people out there who would love to do that. It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," he admits. "The squad is very good as well, even though we haven't had the best start to the season. I think we have too many talented players to be sitting where we are on the ladder."

When Drinkwater arrived in France as the replacement for Luke Walsh, Catalans had won just two of 11 games and sat dead last. His impact in Perpignan has been immense, with the team winning five of their past seven matches and moving out of the relegation zone. The Terrigal product, along with Greg Bird, David Mead and Sam Moa, has been vital and has already set up 10 tries and crossed three times himself.

Drinkwater is driven to avoid a hat-trick of relegations: "I've moved on from what happened last year at Leigh and so have they. Catalans won't want to be in that bottom four so it's about winning games and not worrying about what has happened before."

Justin Holbrook-coached St Helens are still setting the standard in Super League, followed by Wigan and much-improved Castleford. Former Canberra centre Bill Tupou is catching the eye at Wakefield and is leading the competition in metres, while former NRL star Ben Barba is four clear in the top tryscorer stakes with 20.

NSW Women's Premiership

Saturday, June 30

Canterbury v South Sydney
Belmore Sports Ground, 12.45pm

CRL Newcastle v Mounties
St Johns Oval, 3.30pm

Sunday, July 1

Wentworthville v Cronulla Caringbah
Ringrose Park, 11am

Penrith Brothers v Cabramatta
Hickeys Park, 11.30am

BYE: North Sydney

SEQ Women's Premiership

Saturday, June 30

Burleigh v Souths Magpies
Pizzev Park, 4.30pm

West Brisbane v Toowoomba
Kev McKell Oval, 5pm

Sunday, July 1

Easts Tigers v Brothers Ipswich
Suzuki Stadium, 3pm

GAMEDAY



ST GEORGE
ILLAWARRA
DRAGONS

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**STRAIGHT
LOSSES**

It will be first against last when St George Illawarra host Parramatta at WIN Stadium on Thursday night. The Dragons will be hoping to extend their lead at the top of the ladder, while the Eels are aiming to move off the bottom. The Dragons may be the hot favourites, but they don't have a good record against the blue and golds. In fact, they've lost six consecutive games against the Eels - with an average margin of 15. However, prior to this streak, they won seven-straight games against the Eels.



DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 28
VENUE: WIN STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 7.55PM
REFEREE: BEN CUMMINS
ASSISTANT REFEREE: PETER GOUGH
TOUCH JUDGES: KASEY BADGER & NICK MOREL
SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL: ASHLEY KLEIN
REVIEW OFFICIAL: BEN GALEA
CHANNEL 9 & FOX LEAGUE: 7.30PM
LIVE RADIO: TRIPLE M, ABC, CROCMEDIA

P	T	G	PTS	#NRLLDragonsEels		P	T	G	PTS	
14	7	0	28	Matt DUFTY	1	Clint GUTHERSON (C)	10	3	4	20
14	8	0	32	Nene MACDONALD	2	Bevan FRENCH	12	4	0	16
14	8	0	32	Euan AITKEN	3	Michael JENNINGS	15	4	0	16
14	5	0	20	Tim LAFAI	4	Jarryd HAYNE	6	3	0	12
14	1	0	4	Kurt MANN	5	George JENNINGS	12	6	0	24
14	3	67*147		Gareth WIDDOP (C)	6	Corey NORMAN	13	1	27	58
14	3	0	12	Ben HUNT	7	Mitch MOSES	14	2	0	8
14	1	0	4	James GRAHAM	8	Daniel ALVARO	15	0	0	0
14	2	0	8	Cameron McINNES	9	Cameron KING	8	0	0	0
14	2	0	8	Paul VAUGHAN	10	Siosaia VAVE	3	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	Jacob HOST	11	Marata NIUKORE	5	0	0	0
14	5	0	20	Tariq SIMS	12	Brad TAKAIRANGI	11	1	0	4
14	3	0	12	Jack de BELIN	13	Nathan BROWN	8	0	0	0

INTERCHANGE

13	0	0	0	Jeremy LATIMORE	14	Will SMITH	10	1	0	4
14	1	0	4	Jason NIGHTINGALE	15	Tim MANNAH (C)	11	0	0	0
14	1	0	4	Leeson AH MAU	16	David GOWER	9	1	0	4
4	0	0	0	Luciano LEILUA	17	Peni TEREPO	12	0	0	0

RESERVES

1	0	0	0	Blake LAWRIE	18	Kirismo AUVU'A	6	2	0	8
1	0	0	0	Reece ROBSON	19	Kane EVANS	4	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Jai FIELD	20	Jaeman SALMON	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	Hame SELE	21	Suaia MATAGI	9	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Darren NICHOLLS	22	Josh HOFFMAN	8	6	0	24
0	0	0	0	Patrick HERBERT	23	Kaysa PRITCHARD	6	1	0	4
0	0	0	0	Reuben GARRICK	24	<i>The Dragons and the Eels have received an 'additional player exemption' due to high representative selection in their squad.</i>				

*Field Goals: G Widdop 1

COACHES

Paul McGREGOR Brad ARTHUR

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

	DRAGONS	EELS
Position	1st (24)	16th (6)
Points For	351	218
Points Against	216	354
ATTACK		
Tries	54	39
Completion %	77%	76%
Tries 0-20m	38	25
Tries 21-50m	7	12
Tries 51-100m	9	2
DEFENCE		
Tries	36	56
Tries 0-20m	27	39
Tries 21-50m	8	13
Tries 51-100m	1	4
MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	4	3
Tries Conceded	3	4
Points Scored	25	15
Points Conceded	15	24
Hit Ups/Runs	175	162
Tackles	295	350
Metres Gained	1596	1418
Handling Errors	4	3
Offloads	14	10
Line-breaks	4	3
Goalkicking	80%	66%

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played 33, Parramatta 17, St George Illawarra 14, drawn 2

AT WIN STADIUM

Played 6, St George Illawarra 3, Parramatta 2, drawn 1

WINNING FORM 2018

ST GEO ILLA: WWWWWLWLLWLBWW Streak - 2 wins
 PARRAMATTA: LLLLLLWLLLLLWL Streak - 1 loss

PAST 8 CLASHES

2017 - PARRAMATTA D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24-10 at ANZ Stadium; PARRAMATTA D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 34-16 at WIN Stadium
 2016 - PARRAMATTA D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 30-18 at Pirtek Stadium
 2015 - PARRAMATTA D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16-12 at Pirtek Stadium
 2014 - PARRAMATTA D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 36-0 at Pirtek Stadium
 2013 - PARRAMATTA D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 26-22 at Parramatta Stadium; ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA D. PARRAMATTA 32-12 at WIN Stadium
 2012 - ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA D. PARRAMATTA 29-8 at ANZ Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA D. PARRAMATTA 37-0 at WIN Jubilee, 2009.
 PARRAMATTA D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 36-0 at Pirtek Stadium, 2014.

NEXT CLASH

ST GEO ILLA: v Melbourne at AAMI, 7.50pm Thursday July 5
 PARRAMATTA: v Newcastle at McDonald Jones, Friday July 13

CASUALTY WARD

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Tyson Frizell (rested) - Rd 17
 PARRAMATTA: Manu Ma'u (cheekbone) - indefinite; Reed Mahoney (suspension)/Tepai Moeroa (suspension) - Rd 18; Tony Williams (ACL)/Beau Scott (ACL) - season

NRL Preview

Mary's nervous wait on rep stars

WIN Stadium Thursday, 7.50pm

Form: His team riding high at the top of the competition ladder, St George Illawarra coach Paul McGregor would have favoured continuity over a week's break for State of Origin and other representative duties, especially when the club has ridden an astonishing wave of fortune on the injury front. After 15 rounds, the Dragons had not lost a single player to injury, so McGregor was understandably nervous watching four of his players slugging it out in State of Origin, another two representing England and a handful of others playing in the Pacific Tests. The Dragons were

continuing to monitor the recovery of their stars in the days leading up to Thursday's clash. The Eels welcomed an opportunity to regroup during their week off but the loss of second-rower Manu Ma'u with a fractured cheekbone is another tough break for a club that has been hard hit in 2018.

History: The Eels have strung together six straight victories against the Dragons including home and away wins last year. Overall, Parramatta hold a narrow lead in games won (17-14) since 1999. The most famous clash between these outfits took place at Kogarah in 2006, when the Dragons won a bizarre contest 8-1. St George Illawarra were poised for a 2-1 victory (all field

goals) until centre Matt Cooper scored the only try of the game in the final minute.

Danger sign: The biggest danger for the Dragons will be fatigue, with key forwards Jack de Belin, Paul Vaughan and Tyson Frizell having just four days to recover from Sunday's grueling Origin encounter. McGregor will be counting on a strong commitment from his non-rep players to carry an extra load this week.

Best Bet? Look to the Dragons to run up a win by 13+ points.

Money-spinner: Nene Macdonald and Bevan French will have strong support for First Tryscorer but back-rowers Tariq Sims and Brad Takairangi will offer better value.

by DAVID MIDDLETON
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DANIEL ALVARO

HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

STATS

AVERAGE METRES

Nathan Brown	143
Nene Macdonald	141
Paul Vaughan	134
George Jennings	126
Jack de Belin	121

AVERAGE TACKLES

Daniel Alvaro	41
Cameron McInnes	39
Kaysa Pritchard	38
Nathan Brown	36
Manu Ma'u	32

LINE-BREAKS

Matt Dufty	10
Euan Aitken	8
Tim Lafai	6
Josh Hoffman	5
Tariq Sims	5

FANTASY POINTS

Cameron McInnes	53
Nathan Brown	52
Daniel Alvaro	51
Jack de Belin	50
Manu Ma'u	47

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DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 29
VENUE: MT SMART STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 8PM (LOCAL)
REFEREE: ADAM GEE
ASSISTANT REFEREE: CHRIS BUTLER
TOUCH JUDGES: TIM ROBY & CHRIS McMILLAN
SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL: HENRY PERENARA
REVIEW OFFICIAL: BRYAN NORRIE
FOX LEAGUE: 5.30PM (AEST)
LIVE RADIO: TRIPLE M, ABC, CROCMEDIA

P T G PTS				#NRLWarriorsSharks				P T G PTS			
12	2	0	8	Roger TUIVASA-SHECK (C)	1	Valentine HOLMES	14	12	0	48	
13	15	0	60	David FUSITU'A	2	Sione KATOA	4	1	0	4	
5	1	0	4	Anthony GELLING	3	Jesse RAMIEN	12	8	0	32	
12	5	0	20	Solomone KATA	4	Ricky LEUTELE	15	2	0	8	
4	0	0	0	Gerard BEALE	5	Edrick LEE	11	7	0	28	
14	1	0	4	Blake GREEN	6	Matt MOYLAN	13	0	0	0	
8	3	30*	75	Shaun JOHNSON	7	Chad TOWNSEND	15	2	50*	110	
9	0	0	0	James GAVET	8	Andrew FIFITA	14	0	0	0	
5	2	0	8	Karl LAWTON	9	Jayden BRAILEY	15	2	0	8	
12	1	0	4	Agnatius PAASI	10	Matt PRIOR	15	1	0	4	
9	3	0	12	Isaiah PAPALI'I	11	Kurt CAPEWELL	12	0	0	0	
13	2	0	8	Tohu HARRIS	12	Scott SORENSEN	3	1	0	4	
10	0	0	0	Simon MANNERING	13	Paul GALLEN (C)	11	1	0	4	

INTERCHANGE

2	0	0	0	Sam COOK	14	Joseph PAULO	15	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	Chris SATAE	15	James SEGEYARO	14	1	0	4
14	0	0	0	Bunty AFOA	16	Aaron WOODS†	14	0	0	0
9	1	0	4	Jazz TEVAGA	17	Jayson BUKUYA	9	1	0	4

RESERVES

0	0	0	0	Blake AYSHFORD	18	Aaron GRAY	1	0	0	0
9	1	0	4	Sam LISONE	21/19	Ava SEUMANUFAGAI	13	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	Albert VETE	22/20	Sosaia FEKI	8	4	0	16
14	2	0	8	Peta HIKU	23/21	Braden UELE	1	0	0	0
13	3	1	14	Issac LUKE	24/22	Kurt DILLON	4	0	0	0
14	4	0	16	Ken MAUMALO	25/23	Kyle FLANAGAN	0	0	0	0

*Field Goals: S Johnson 3

*Field Goals: C Townsend 2

The Warriors and the Sharks have received an 'additional player exemption' due to high representative selection in their squad.

†Played 14 games for Canterbury-Bankstown

COACHES

Stephen KEARNEY

Shane FLANAGAN

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
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13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

	WARRIORS	SHARKS
Position	4th (22)	7th (18)
Points For	289	294
Points Against	264	267
ATTACK		
Tries	49	48
Completion %	79%	76%
Tries 0-20m	33	32
Tries 21-50m	10	10
Tries 51-100m	6	6
DEFENCE		
Tries	43	43
Tries 0-20m	30	29
Tries 21-50m	6	13
Tries 51-100m	7	1
MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	4	3
Tries Conceded	3	3
Points Scored	21	20
Points Conceded	19	18
Hit Ups/Runs	167	165
Tackles	321	311
Metres Gained	1522	1493
Handling Errors	4	4
Offloads	14	12
Line-breaks	4	4
Goalkicking	75%	75%

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played 37, Cronulla 21, Warriors 16

AT MT SMART STADIUM

Played 17, Warriors 9, Cronulla 8

WINNING FORM 2018

WARRIORS: WWWWWLWLWLWBWW Streak – 2 wins

CRONULLA: LLWWLLWWWWWLWL Streak – 1 loss

PAST 8 CLASHES

2017 – CRONULLA D. WARRIORS 26-12 at Mt Smart Stadium

2016 – CRONULLA D. WARRIORS 19-18 at Southern Cross Group Stadium

2015 – CRONULLA D. WARRIORS 18-14 at Mt Smart Stadium;

WARRIORS D. CRONULLA 20-16 at Remondis Stadium

2014 – WARRIORS D. CRONULLA 16-12 at Mt Smart Stadium;

CRONULLA D. WARRIORS 37-6 at Remondis Stadium

2013 – CRONULLA D. WARRIORS 18-14 at Mt Smart Stadium;

CRONULLA D. WARRIORS 28-4 at Sharks Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS

WARRIORS D. SHARKS 30-0 at Ericsson Stadium, 2001

CRONULLA D. WARRIORS 45-4 at Mt Smart Stadium, 2012

NEXT CLASH

WARRIORS: v Penrith at Panthers, 7.50pm Friday July 6

CRONULLA: v Penrith at Panthers, 6pm Friday July 13

CASUALTY WARD

WARRIORS: Leivaha Pulu (ankle) – Rd 20; Nathaniel Roache (back) – season

CRONULLA: Josh Dugan (leg) – Rd 17; Luke Lewis (calf)/Wade Graham (cheek) – Rd 19

NRL Preview

by DAVID MIDDLETON
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Kearney's concerns for flightless Kiwis

Mt Smart Stadium Friday 8pm

Form: The Warriors failed the test against leading outfits St George Illawarra, Sydney Roosters and South Sydney but recovered impressively with victories over Manly and North Queensland to regain their place in the top four before representative round. The decision to leave Kiwi regulars fullback Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, halfback Shaun Johnson and second-rower Tohu Harris at home last week may prove to be prescient, with several team-mates delayed indefinitely after flights leaving the US were affected by bad weather. The Sharks had only two players involved in last Sunday's Origin

clash, fullback Valentine Holmes and prop Matt Prior, with both expected to back-up, however the loss of Wade Graham with a facial fracture is a blow.

History: Cronulla have won eight of the past 10 clashes between these clubs, including a 26-12 victory at Mt Smart Stadium in last year's only meeting. The Sharks have managed four wins from their past five games against the Warriors in Auckland. Overall, the Sharks have recorded 21 wins to the Warriors' 16 since 1995. The most significant game between these outfits was a grand final qualifier in 2002, when the Warriors prevailed 16-10 at Sydney's Olympic Stadium, earning the right to meet the Sydney Roosters in the club's maiden grand final appearance.

Danger sign: Doubt over the appearance of hooker Issac Luke, winger Ken Maumalo and centre Peta Hiku has disrupted the Warriors' preparation for a clash they must win or they will likely surrender their place in the top four to the Roosters or Melbourne. The Sharks will look to exploit the Warriors at the ruck if Luke does not play, while powerful centre Jesse Ramien and fullback Holmes will be determined to extend impressive try-scoring runs.

Best Bet? Look for Johnson and Tuivasa-Sheck to inspire the Warriors to a narrow victory.

Money-spinner: Tuivasa-Sheck and Holmes will be strongly favoured as First Tryscorer but look for the value of Isaiah Papali'i or Andrew Fifita.

45
tackles in
Round 15



TOHU HARRIS

HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

STATS

AVERAGE METRES	AVERAGE TACKLES	LINE-BREAKS
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 166	Simon Mannering 35	David Fusitu'a 12
Ken Maumalo 149	Jayden Brailey 35	Valentine Holmes 10
Andrew Fifita 139	Tohu Harris 34	Edrick Lee 9
Paul Gallen 138	Andrew Fifita 33	Roger Tuivasa-Sheck 7
Edrick Lee 132	Jazz Tevaga 33	Jesse Ramien 7

FANTASY POINTS

Shaun Johnson 58
Andrew Fifita 58
Tohu Harris 50
Paul Gallen 44
Chad Townsend 43

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NRL Preview

by DAVID MIDDLETON
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Cronk expecting no favours from old mates

Adelaide Oval Friday 7.50pm

Form: State of Origin and other representative fixtures might have stolen much of the limelight from Friday night's clash at the Adelaide Oval, but there is little question that this is one of the most anticipated games of the season. Cooper Cronk's first game against Melbourne and his first against long-term team-mates Billy Slater and Cameron Smith should be intriguing. The Roosters will carry an impressive form line into the game having won their past four matches, while the Storm have won their past three. Both teams sit on 20 competition points and the winner could claim a place

in the top four if other results fall their way over the weekend.
History: This will be the second clash between these teams at Adelaide Oval, after last year's game that followed immediately after State of Origin II. None of the Storm's Origin players turned out on that occasion as the Roosters snuck home 25-24 in golden point thanks to a Mitchell Pearce field goal. That was the Roosters' only win from the past five encounters, while the overall count favours the Storm 19-15. These clubs have dominated the minor premiership over the past five seasons, the Roosters finishing on top from 2013-15 and the Storm winning in 2016 and 2017.
Danger sign: A concussion

suffered late in the Origin game has ruled out Roosters' co-captain Boyd Cordner, however, centre Latrell Mitchell will be expected to feed off his Origin experience as he comes face-to-face with Will Chambers for the second time in five days. The fitness of Billy Slater will be of vital interest to the Storm. The form he displayed in Origin II promises to be of great benefit to the Storm in the run to the finals.
Best Bet? This is expected to be tight and tense all the way. Look for the Roosters to win by a 1-12 margin.
Money-spinner: Daniel Tupou and Josh Addo-Carr will be favoured for First Tryscorer but value picks include Victor Radley and Felise Kaufusi.



LUKE KEARY

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HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

STATS

AVERAGE METRES

Blake Ferguson	199
James Tedesco	181
Daniel Tupou	137
Sio Siua Taukeiaho	130
Josh Addo-Carr	130

AVERAGE TACKLES

Jake Friend	43
Cameron Smith	40
Ryan Matterson	40
Felise Kaufusi	33
Dale Finucane	30

LINE-BREAKS

Josh Addo-Carr	11
Blake Ferguson	11
James Tedesco	9
Latrell Mitchell	7
Luke Keary	6

FANTASY POINTS

Cameron Smith	59
Ryan Matterson	53
James Tedesco	49
Cameron Munster	46
Felise Kaufusi	43



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DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30
VENUE: PANTHERS STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 3PM
REFEREE: GERARD SUTTON
ASSISTANT REFEREE: MATT NOYEN
TOUCH JUDGES: BRETT SUTTON & ROHAN BEST
SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL: STEVE CHIDDY
REVIEW OFFICIAL: BRYAN NORRIE
FOX LEAGUE: 2.30PM
LIVE RADIO: TRIPLE M, ABC, CROCMEDIA

P	T	G	PTS	#NRLPanthersManly				P	T	G	PTS
10	2	0	8	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNAK	1	Tom TRBOJEVIC	13	2	0	8	
12	2	0	8	Christian CRICHTON	2	Jorge TAUFUA	7	2	0	8	
14	6	0	24	Tyrone PEACHEY	3	Moses SULI	6	1	0	4	
13	2	0	8	Dean WHARE	4	Brian KELLY	15	5	0	20	
6	3	0	12	Tyrone PHILLIPS	5	Brad PARKER	8	2	0	8	
14	2	50*	111	James MALONEY (C)	6	Dylan WALKER	7	1	0	4	
7	1	11*	27	Nathan CLEARY	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS (C)	15	4	40	96	
13	1	0	4	Trent MERRIN	8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE	15	2	0	8	
9	0	0	0	Sione KATOA	9	Manase FAINU	0	0	0	0	
14	1	0	4	James TAMOU	10	Martin TAUPAU	15	0	0	0	
13	4	0	16	Viliame KIKAU	11	Joel THOMPSON	15	4	0	16	
14	2	0	8	Isaah YEO	12	Frank WINTERSTEIN	9	0	0	0	
14	0	0	0	James FISHER-HARRIS	13	Jake TRBOJEVIC	14	4	0	16	

INTERCHANGE

6	0	0	0	Wayde EGAN	14	Trent HODKINSON†	9	0	14	28
4	0	0	0	Kaide ELLIS	15	Matt WRIGHT	13	3	0	12
6	0	0	0	Jack HETHERINGTON	16	Shaun LANE	15	3	0	12
8	2	0	8	Moses LEOTA	17	Taniela PASEKA	7	0	0	0

RESERVES

1	0	0	0	Jarome LUAI	18	Tom WRIGHT	2	1	0	4
0	0	0	0	Liam MARTIN	19	Jonathan WRIGHT	1	1	0	4
0	0	0	0	Tyrone MAY	20/21	Kelepi TANGINOVA	4	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Nick LUI-TOSO	21/22	Toafofoa SIPLEY	3	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Caleb AEKINS	22/23	Tevita FUNA	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Paea PUA	23/25	Lloyd PERRETT	12	1	0	4

*Field Goals: J Maloney 3, N Cleary 1

†Played four games for Cronulla

The Panthers and the Sea Eagles have received an 'additional player exemption' due to high representative selection in their squad.

COACHES

Anthony GRIFFIN Trent BARRETT

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

	PANTHERS	SEA EAGLES
Position	3rd (22)	14th (8)
Points For	306	300
Points Against	222	364
ATTACK		
Tries	45	48
Completion %	78%	75%
Tries 0-20m	33	33
Tries 21-50m	7	12
Tries 51-100m	5	3
DEFENCE		
Tries	36	60
Tries 0-20m	22	41
Tries 21-50m	12	13
Tries 51-100m	2	6
MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	3	3
Tries Conceded	3	4
Points Scored	22	20
Points Conceded	16	24
Hit Ups/Runs	168	160
Tackles	317	309
Metres Gained	1536	1482
Handling Errors	4	3
Offloads	11	12
Line-breaks	4	4
Goalkicking	87%	79%

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played 86, Manly 51, Penrith 34, drawn 1

AT PANTHERS STADIUM

Played 42, Manly 21, Penrith 20, drawn 1

WINNING FORM 2018

PENRITH: WWLWWLWLWWLW Streak - 1 loss
MANLY: LWLWLLLLWWLLLL Streak - 4 losses

PAST 8 CLASHES

2017 - **PENRITH D. MANLY 22-10** at Allianz Stadium; **MANLY D. PENRITH 28-12** at Lottoland; **PENRITH D. MANLY 16-8** at Pepper Stadium
 2016 - **PENRITH D. MANLY 36-6** at Pepper Stadium; **PENRITH D. MANLY 31-24** at Brookvale Oval
 2015 - **PENRITH D. MANLY 11-10** at Brookvale Oval; **PENRITH D. MANLY 22-12** at Pepper Stadium
 2014 - **MANLY D. PENRITH 26-25** at Brookvale Oval

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS

PENRITH D. MANLY 72-12 at Penrith Football Stadium, 2004
MANLY D. PENRITH 70-7 at Penrith Park, 1973

NEXT CLASH

PENRITH: v Warriors at Panthers, 7.50pm Friday July 6
MANLY: v Melbourne at Lottoland, 5.30pm Saturday July 14

CASUALTY WARD

PENRITH: Waqa Blake (ankle) Rd 17; Josh Mansour (cheek) - Rd 20; Reagan Campbell-Gillard (jaw) - Rd 21-22; Sam McKendry (ACL)/Dylan Edwards (shoulder) - season
MANLY: Kelepi Tanginoa (knee) - Rd 18; Jack Gosiewski (arm)/Lewis Brown (shoulder) - Rd 19; Api Koroisau (foot)/Lachlan Croker (knee)/Curtis Sironen (knee)/Akuila Uate (ankle) - season

NRL Preview

Panthers primed for rebound

Panthers Stadium Saturday 3pm

Form: The Panthers went into last week's break with plenty to think about after copping a 32-6 mauling from the Roosters in their last clash. Anthony Griffin's men were off their game that night but Griffin will be expecting a strong response as the Panthers commence a run of three home games. The Panthers will have a powerful incentive to play at their peak this week as the club prepares to farewell captain Peter Wallace with a special tribute before the game. There has been little positive news out of the Sea Eagles in recent weeks and a serious ankle

injury to centre Akuila Uate is the latest blow.
History: Both clubs achieved history-making wins in this fixture; Manly annihilating the Panthers 70-7 at Penrith Park in 1973 and Penrith returning serve 31 years later when they won 72-12. The Panthers won only three of the first 28 clashes between these clubs but have turned the tables, with eight wins from the past 10 meetings. It was one win apiece in the regular season last year but the Panthers had the last laugh with a controversial 22-10 victory in a qualifying final.
Danger sign: Buoyed by their Origin success, halves James Maloney and Nathan Cleary

will be confident of leading the Panthers to victory. Penrith will have an advantage around the rucks, where Sione Katoa has proved a livewire this season, while the Sea Eagles are pinch-hitting at hooker following the loss of regular dummy-half Api Koroisau. Manly will aim to direct play to their left flank where they have the second best attacking record in the competition.
Best Bet? Look for the Panthers to react to their heavy defeat at their last start with a win by 13+ points.
Money-spinner: Players to consider for First Tryscorer are Dean Whare and Jorge Taufua, while for value consider Isaah Yeo and Joel Thompson.

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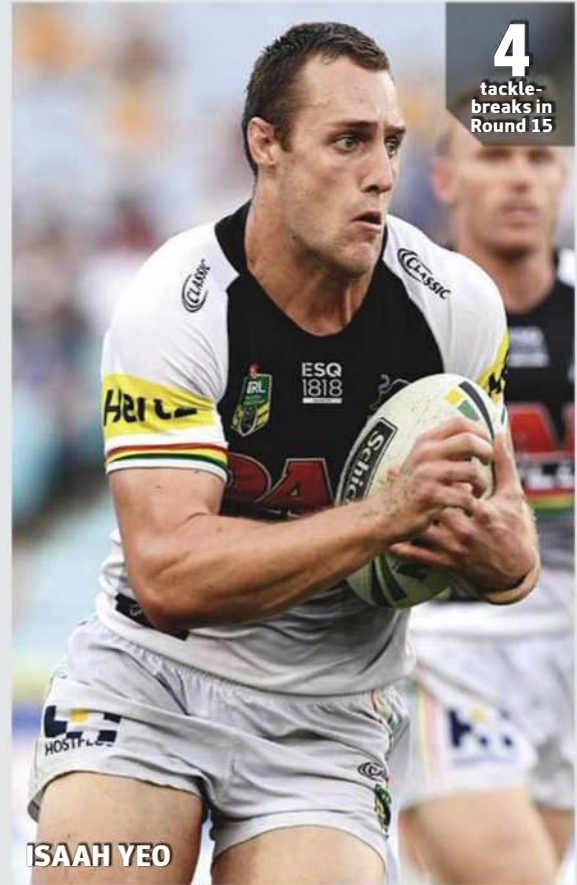


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HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

AVERAGE METRES		AVERAGE TACKLES		LINE-BREAKS	
Tom Trbojevic	175	Api Koroisau	41	Tom Trbojevic	10
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak	165	Jake Trbojevic	41	Brian Kelly	8
Martin Taupau	161	James Fisher-Harris	36	Tyrone Peachey	5
Dylan Edwards	149	Jack Gosiewski	29	Dylan Edwards	5
Josh Mansour	141	Isaah Yeo	27	Daly Cherry-Evans	4

STATS

FANTASY POINTS

Martin Taupau	57
Jake Trbojevic	56
Daly Cherry-Evans	53
Api Koroisau	48
Tom Trbojevic	45

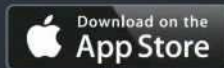
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VENUE: McDONALD JONES STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 5.30PM
REFEREE: HENRY PERENARA
ASSISTANT REFEREE: ZIGGY PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI
TOUCH JUDGES: JEFF YOUNIS & LIAM NICHOLLS
SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL: LUKE PATTEN
REVIEW OFFICIAL: BEN CUMMINS
FOX LEAGUE: 5PM
LIVE RADIO: 2GB, ABC

#NRLKnightsBulldogs				P	T	G	PTS			
15	5	27	74	Kalyn PONGA	1	Will HOPOATE	14	3	0	12
11	8	6	44	Ken SIO	2	Brett MORRIS	13	6	0	24
15	6	0	24	Sione MATA'UTIA	3	Kerrod HOLLAND	10	1	0	4
3	0	0	0	Cory DENNISS	4	Marcelo MONTOYA	14	2	0	8
15	3	0	12	Shaun KENNY-DOWALL	5	Reimis SMITH	1	0	0	0
11	4	0	16	Connor WATSON	6	Lachlan LEWIS	0	0	0	0
7	1	0	4	Jack COGGER	7	Jeremy MARSHALL-KING	14	0	0	0
14	1	0	4	Herman ESE'ESE	8	Aiden TOLMAN	6	0	0	0
15	2	0	8	Slade GRIFFIN	9	Michael LICHAA	10	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	Josh KING	10	David KLEMMER	14	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	Sam STONE	11	Josh JACKSON (C)	14	1	0	4
14	0	0	0	Mitch BARNETT	12	Rhyse MARTIN	4	1	0	4
15	2	0	8	Aidan GUERRA (C)	13	Adam ELLIOTT	14	3	0	12

INTERCHANGE

8	0	0	0	Danny LEVI	14	Fa'amanu BROWN	2	0	0	0
13	1	0	4	Chris HEIGHINGTON	15	Danny FUALALO	10	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	Luke YATES	16	Ofahiki OGDEN	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	Jacob LILLYMAN	17	Greg EASTWOOD	6	0	0	0

RESERVES

11	0	0	0	Jamie BUHRER (C)	18/19	Asipeli FINE	6	0	0	0
12	2	0	8	Nathan ROSS	19/20	Matt FRAWLEY	8	2	0	8
8	0	7	14	Brock LAMB	20/21	John OLIVE	3	1	0	4
0	0	0	0	Pasami SAULO	21/23	Clay PRIEST	5	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Nick MEANEY	22	<i>The Knights have received an 'additional player exemption' due to high representative selection in their squad.</i>				

COACHES

Nathan BROWN Dean PAY

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

	KNIGHTS	BULLDOGS
Position	12th (12)	15th (8)
Points For	266	209
Points Against	392	288

ATTACK		
Tries	46	32
Completion %	79%	79%
Tries 0-20m	31	23
Tries 21-50m	14	5
Tries 51-100m	1	4

DEFENCE		
Tries	65	49
Tries 0-20m	44	32
Tries 21-50m	14	10
Tries 51-100m	7	7

MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	3	2
Tries Conceded	4	4
Points Scored	18	15
Points Conceded	26	21
Hit Ups/Runs	157	172
Tackles	340	311
Metres Gained	1399	1529
Handling Errors	4	4
Offloads	7	11
Line-breaks	4	3
Goalkicking	71%	78%

HEAD-TO-HEAD
 Played 45, Canterbury 24, Newcastle 20, drawn 1

AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM
 Played 21, Newcastle 12, Canterbury 9

WINNING FORM 2018
NEWCASTLE: WWLLWLWLLLLLWLL Streak – 2 losses
CANTERBURY: LLWLLWLLWLLBLL Streak – 4 losses

PAST 8 CLASHES
 2017 – CANTERBURY D. NEWCASTLE 20-18 at Belmore Sports Ground; CANTERBURY D. NEWCASTLE 22-12 at McDonald Jones Stadium
 2016 – CANTERBURY D. NEWCASTLE 28-14 at Hunter Stadium
 2015 – CANTERBURY D. NEWCASTLE 20-18 at Hunter Stadium
 2014 – CANTERBURY D. NEWCASTLE 16-12 at ANZ Stadium
 2013 – NEWCASTLE D. CANTERBURY 22-6 at ANZ Stadium; NEWCASTLE D. CANTERBURY 18-12 at Virgin Australia Stadium, Mackay; NEWCASTLE D. CANTERBURY 44-8 at Hunter Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS
NEWCASTLE D. SYDNEY BULLDOGS 42-0 at Marathon Stadium, 1995
BULLDOGS D. NEWCASTLE 52-6 at Telstra Stadium, 2004

NEXT CLASH
NEWCASTLE: v Parramatta at McDonald Jones, 7.50pm Friday July 13
CANTERBURY: v Canberra at Belmore, 7.30pm Saturday July 7

CASUALTY WARD
NEWCASTLE: Daniel Saifiti (foot) – Rd 18-20; Lachlan Fitzgibbon (suspension) – Rd 19; Mitchell Pearce (pec) – Rd 22; Jacob Saifiti (shoulder) – Rd 24; Tautau Moga (ACL) – season
CANTERBURY: Josh Morris (knee) – Rd 18; Kieran Foran (toe) – season

NRL Preview

Dogs in disarray

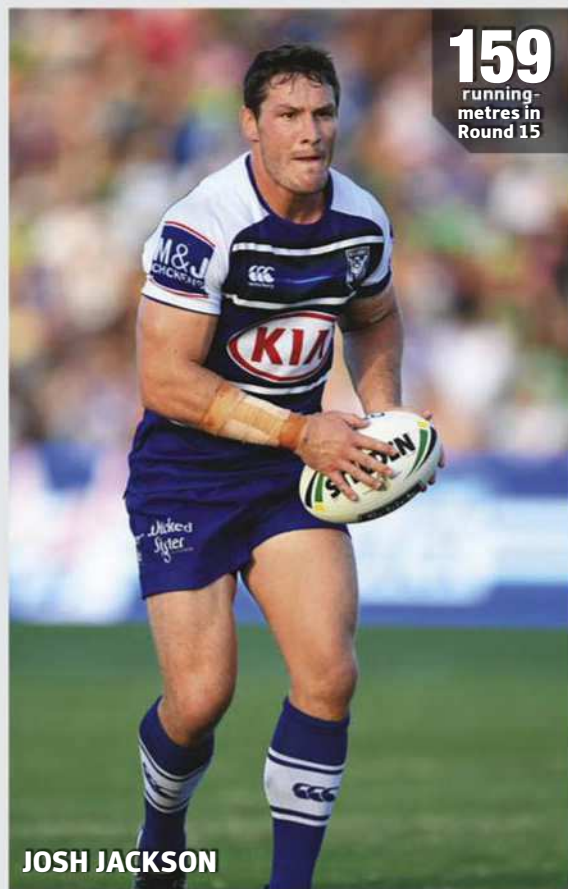
McDonald Jones Stadium Saturday, 5.30pm

Form: The Knights have won only one of their past seven games but have struck most of the competition's leading teams during this period. Starting with the Bulldogs this week, Newcastle face a much more comfortable run with their next five opponents sitting outside the top eight. The Bulldogs are in worse shape than the Knights, winning one of their past eight and losing Moses Mbye and Aaron Woods in the past two weeks. Injuries have also added up with Kieran Foran gone for the season and second-rower

Raymond Faitala-Mariner picking up a broken hand in the Test match in Denver. **History:** The Knights were poised to end a run of Bulldogs wins when these teams met at Belmore last year until Josh Reynolds and Mbye teamed up for a match-winning play in the dying minutes. Only half of that Canterbury team remains intact as the salary cap trauma continues to suck the lifeblood from the former powerhouse. **Danger sign:** Having earned his first taste of Origin football, Knights rising superstar Kalyn Ponga could scale new heights of confidence in the coming weeks and that will spell trouble for a Canterbury

side whose defensive frailties were exposed embarrassingly by the Titans at their last start. Amid the turmoil of the past fortnight, coach Dean Pay has been forced to make significant changes to his line-up and the chances of a short-term recovery appear remote. **Best Bet?** The Knights' form has not been convincing but they should have the firepower to put a struggling Canterbury outfit to the sword. Look for Newcastle to win by a 13+ margin. **Money-spinner:** Wingers Ken Sio and Marcelo Montoya will start favourite for First Tryscorer but consider the value options of Mitch Barnett and Adam Elliott.

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JOSH JACKSON

HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

STATS

AVERAGE METRES

David Klemmer	175
Kalyn Ponga	150
Will Hopoate	142
Shaun Kenny-Dowall	130
Herman Ese'ese	122

AVERAGE TACKLES

Aidan Guerra	40
Slade Griffin	38
Josh Jackson	35
Michael Lichaa	34
Rhyse Martin	32

LINE-BREAKS

Lachlan Fitzgibbon	9
Ken Sio	9
Kalyn Ponga	9
Connor Watson	7
Brett Morris	6

FANTASY POINTS

Kalyn Ponga	56
Rhyse Martin	55
Lachlan Fitzgibbon	49
Mitchell Pearce	48
Aidan Guerra	48

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REVIEW OFFICIAL: BEN GALEA
FOX LEAGUE: 7.30PM
LIVE RADIO: 2GB, ABC

P	T	G	PTS	#NRLBroncosRaiders			P	T	G	PTS
14	2	0	8	Darius BOYD (C)	1	Jack WIGHTON	13	3	0	12
13	7	0	28	Corey OATES	2	Nick COTRIC	14	9	0	36
13	6	0	24	James ROBERTS	3	Jarrod CROKER (C)	14	6	54	132
5	1	2	8	Jordan KAHU	4	Joey LEILUA	14	6	0	24
14	8	45*123		Jamayne ISAAKO	5	Michael OLDFIELD	2	1	0	4
14	4	0*	17	Anthony MILFORD	6	Blake AUSTIN	12	3	0	12
13	3	0	12	Kodi NIKORIMA	7	Aidan SEZER	14	1	1*	7
14	0	0	0	Matt LODGE	8	Sia SOLIOLA	14	2	0	8
13	2	0	8	Andrew McCULLOUGH	9	Josh HODGSON	1	0	0	0
14	1	0	4	Sam THAIDAY	10	Shannon BOYD	14	1	0	4
13	2	0	8	Tevita PANGAI	11	Joe TAPINE	10	3	0	12
12	1	0	4	Jaydn SU'A	12	Elliott WHITEHEAD	14	7	0	28
10	0	0	0	Josh McGUIRE	13	Josh PAPALII	13	3	0	12

INTERCHANGE

4	0	0	0	Patrick MAGO	14	Siliva HAVILI	14	3	0	12
14	1	0	4	Joe OFAHENGAUE	15	Junior PAULO	9	1	0	4
10	1	0	4	Tom OPACIC	16	Dunamis LUI	14	0	0	0
11	3	0	12	Alex GLENN	17	Liam KNIGHT	5	1	0	4

RESERVES

11	0	0	0	Korbin SIMS	18	Jack MURCHIE	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Troy DARGAN	19	Charlie GUBB	5	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	Sam TAGATAESE	20	Craig GARVEY	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	David FIFITA	21	Brad ABBEY	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	4	Kotoni STAGGS	22	*Field Goals: A Sezer 1				
0	0	0	0	Gehamat SHIBASAKI	23	The Broncos have received an 'additional player exemption' due to high representative selection in their squad.				

*Field Goals: A Milford 1, J Isaako 1

COACHES

Wayne BENNETT Ricky STUART

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

	BRONCOS 8th (18)	RAIDERS 9th (14)
Position	268	332
Points For	312	296
Points Against		
ATTACK		
Tries	43	55
Completion %	79%	76%
Tries 0-20m	25	41
Tries 21-50m	13	11
Tries 51-100m	5	3
DEFENCE		
Tries	50	46
Tries 0-20m	34	32
Tries 21-50m	10	7
Tries 51-100m	6	7
MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	3	4
Tries Conceded	4	3
Points Scored	19	24
Points Conceded	22	21
Hit Ups/Runs	161	156
Tackles	325	309
Metres Gained	1444	1433
Handling Errors	3	3
Offloads	8	10
Line-breaks	4	5
Goal-kicking	78%	79%

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played 49, Brisbane 29, Canberra 19, drawn 1

AT SUNCORP STADIUM

Played 16, Brisbane 12, Canberra 4

WINNING FORM 2018

BRISBANE: LWLLWLLWLLWBLW Streak - 1 win
 CANBERRA: LLLLWLLWLLWBLW Streak - 1 win

PAST 8 CLASHES

2017 - BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 30-20 at GIO Stadium;
 BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 13-12 at Suncorp Stadium
 2016 - BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 26-18 at Suncorp Stadium
 2015 - BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 24-12 at GIO Stadium
 2014 - BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 28-4 at GIO Stadium
 2013 - CANBERRA D. BRISBANE 30-18 at Canberra Stadium
 2012 - CANBERRA D. BRISBANE 28-12 at Canberra Stadium;
 BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 30-6 at Suncorp Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS

BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 50-16 at ANZ Stadium, Brisbane, 1996;
 BRISBANE D. CANBERRA 36-2 at ANZ Stadium, Brisbane, 2002
 CANBERRA D. BRISBANE 56-0 at Canberra Stadium, 2009

NEXT CLASH

BRISBANE: v Gold Coast at Cbus Super, 4.10pm Sunday July 8
 CANBERRA: v North Queensland at GIO, 7.30pm Saturday July 14

CASUALTY WARD

BRISBANE: Jack Bird (sternum) - indefinite; Matt Gillett (neck) - Rd 17-18; Andre Savello (ACL)/Payne Haas (shoulder) - season
 CANBERRA: Luke Bateman (knee) - Rd 19-20; Jordan Rapana (hamstring) - Rd 23; Ata Hingano (ankle) - season

NRL Preview

Raiders prepare to surge

Suncorp Stadium Saturday 7.30pm

Form: The Broncos have looked a likely finals contender for much of the season, but consistency has not been a strong suit. They've failed to win more than two games on the trot before losing their way. They have won three of their past four games to maintain their place in the top eight, but a four-point gap to the ninth-placed Raiders could be cut to two if they lose. The Raiders returned to form in resounding fashion against Wests Tigers in Round 15, powering to a 48-12 victory largely through the deft skills of dummy-half Josh Hodgson.

History: These clubs were the powerhouses of the competition in the late 1980s and early 1990s but never met in a premiership decider. The Raiders won premierships in 1989, 1990 and 1994, while the Broncos were premiers in 1992 and 1993. They did meet three times in finals matches during this period, including a preliminary final in 1990 when the Raiders won through to meet the Panthers. In recent times the Broncos have achieved a five-game winning run, and last year won home and away games; 13-12 at Suncorp and 20-10 and GIO Stadium. As they face off for the 50th time since 1988, the overall count favours

the Broncos 29-19, with one game drawn.

Danger sign: Hodgson's ability to disguise his passes shapes as a potent weapon for the Raiders. His second-half display against Wests Tigers a fortnight ago was one of the best individual efforts of 2018. The Englishman is expected to provide the spark for his team-mates to produce their best football.

Best Bet? Look for the Raiders to play off the back of Hodgson's sharp work at the ruck and claim a victory by 1-12 points.

Money-spinner: Corey Oates and Nick Cotric will have strong support for First Tryscorer but consider the value of Elliott Whitehead and Jaydn Su'A.

by DAVID MIDDLETON
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1
try in
Round 15



COREY OATES

PHOTO: Nathan Hopkins/NRL Photos.com

HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

STATS

AVERAGE METRES

Corey Oates	150
Jack Wighton	139
Jordan Rapana	134
Matt Lodge	129
Josh Papalii	128

AVERAGE TACKLES

Andrew McCullough	43
Matt Gillett	39
Joe Tapine	34
Alex Glenn	32
Josh McGuire	31

LINE-BREAKS

Nick Cotric	14
Corey Oates	12
Jordan Rapana	8
James Roberts	7
Jamayne Isaako	7

FANTASY POINTS

Andrew McCullough	49
Josh Papalii	47
Anthony Milford	47
Matt Gillett	46
Joe Tapine	46



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DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1
VENUE: LEICHHARDT OVAL
KICK-OFF: 2PM
REFEREE: JON STONE
ASSISTANT REFEREE: GAVIN REYNOLDS
TOUCH JUDGES: RICKEY McFARLANE & BELINDA SLEEMAN
SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL: STEVE CHIDDY
REVIEW OFFICIAL: BEN GALEA
FOX LEAGUE: 1.30PM
LIVE RADIO: 2GB, ABC

P T G PTS				#NRLTigersTitans	P T G PTS					
14	3	36	84	Moses MBEYE†	1	Michael GORDON	14	4	41	98
10	2	0	8	Malakai WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	2	Anthony DON	14	7	0	28
15	1	33	70	Esan MARSTERS	3	Dale COPLEY	11	5	0	20
11	2	0	8	Kevin NAIQAMA	4	Brenko LEE	5	1	0	4
15	7	0	28	Corey THOMPSON	5	Phillip SAMI	13	8	0	32
4	1	0	4	Josh REYNOLDS	6	AJ BRIMSON	5	1	0	4
15	3	0*	13	Luke BROOKS	7	Ash TAYLOR	13	1	4*	14
11	0	0	0	Russell PACKER	8	Jarrod WALLACE	11	2	0	8
2	0	0	0	Robbie FARAH^	9	Nathan PEATS	10	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	Ben MATULINO	10	Ryan JAMES (C)	13	4	0	16
14	4	0	16	Chris LAWRENCE	11	Kevin PROCTOR	13	3	1	14
11	1	0	4	Josh ALOIAI	12	Keegan HIPGRAVE	11	0	0	0
10	1	0	4	Elijah TAYLOR (C)	13	Jai ARROW	13	2	0	8

INTERCHANGE

14	0	0	0	Alex TWAL	14	Mitch REIN	14	1	0	4
6	0	0	0	Sauaso SUE	15	Will MATTHEWS	8	0	0	0
13	2	0	8	Michael CHEE KAM	16	Moeaki FOTUAIKA	6	0	0	0
15	2	0	8	Matt EISENHUTH	17	Jack STOCKWELL	8	0	0	0

RESERVES

1	0	0	0	Tyson GAMBLE	18	Morgan BOYLE	6	1	0	4
12	1	0	4	Robbie ROCHOW	19	Konrad HURRELL	10	1	0	4
5	1	0	4	Tim GRANT	20	Kane ELGEY	7	1	0	4
1	0	0	0	Chris McQUEEN	21	Bryce CARTWRIGHT	12	0	0	0
				*Field Goals: L Brooks 1	22	Leilani LATU	3	0	0	0

†Played 14 games for Canterbury-Bankstown
 ^Played two games for South Sydney

*Field Goals: A Taylor 2
 The Titans have received an 'additional player exemption' due to high representative selection in their squad.

COACHES

Ivan CLEARY Garth BRENNAN

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

	TIGERS	TITANS
Position	10th (14)	11th (12)
Points For	230	266
Points Against	265	355

ATTACK		
Tries	36	43
Completion %	79%	76%
Tries 0-20m	26	34
Tries 21-50m	7	8
Tries 51-100m	3	1

DEFENCE		
Tries	43	59
Tries 0-20m	23	37
Tries 21-50m	16	11
Tries 51-100m	4	11

MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	2	3
Tries Conceded	3	4
Points Scored	15	19
Points Conceded	18	25
Hit Ups/Runs	170	158
Tackles	347	321
Metres Gained	1489	1400
Handling Errors	4	4
Offloads	13	10
Line-breaks	3	3
Goalkicking	78%	82%

HEAD-TO-HEAD
 Played 19, Gold Coast 11, Wests Tigers 8

AT LEICHHARDT OVAL
 Played 3, Gold Coast 2, Wests Tigers 1

WINNING FORM 2018
WESTS TIGERS: WWLWWWLWLLWLLL Streak – 3 losses
GOLD COAST: WLLWLLLLLWBLW Streak – 1 win

PAST 8 CLASHES
 2017 – WESTS TIGERS D. GOLD COAST 26-4 at Cbus Super Stadium; GOLD COAST D. WESTS TIGERS 26-14 at Campbelltown Stadium
 2016 – GOLD COAST D. WESTS TIGERS 19-18 at Campbelltown Stadium; GOLD COAST D. WESTS TIGERS 30-18 at Cbus Super Stadium
 2015 – GOLD COAST D. WESTS TIGERS 27-20 at Leichhardt Oval; WESTS TIGERS D. GOLD COAST 19-18 at Cbus Super Stadium
 2014 – GOLD COAST D. WESTS TIGERS 22-6 at Leichhardt Oval; WESTS TIGERS D. GOLD COAST 42-12 at Cbus Super Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS
WESTS TIGERS D. GOLD COAST 42-12 at Cbus Super Stadium, 2014
GOLD COAST D. WESTS TIGERS 36-6 at Skilled Park, 2013

NEXT CLASH
WESTS TIGERS: v St Geo Illa at Jubilee, 4.10pm Sunday July 15
GOLD COAST: v Brisbane at Cbus Super, 4.10pm Sunday July 8

CASUALTY WARD
WESTS TIGERS: David Nofalo (calf) – indefinite; Benji Marshall (calf) – Rd 20; Mahe Fonua (arm) – Rd 21-25
GOLD COAST: Max King (shoulder) – indefinite

NRL Preview

by DAVID MIDDLETON
@Middleton_David

Incoming talent to reignite Tigers' season

Leichhardt Oval Sunday 2pm

Form: The arrival of Moses Mbye and the return of Robbie Farah could not have been timed better for Wests Tigers, desperate for an injection of spark after a disappointing slide down the ladder over the past two months. The Tigers have won two of their past nine games, only once topping 20 points during that period. There is little question that Moses will provide greater zip on kick return and his strong kicking skills could also come in handy. As for Farah, if he can show the same dash that he displayed in his two top grade games

for the Rabbitohs this season, then he will be a welcome addition to the ranks of his old club. The Titans made light work of the Bulldogs in their last outing, repeatedly carving huge holes out wide to achieve their biggest win of the season.

History: The Titans have achieved their second-best record against all teams in matches against Wests Tigers, winning 11 from 19 since 2007. Results were split one apiece last season but the Titans have managed four wins from the past five encounters.

Danger sign: Veteran fullback Michael Gordon turned back the clock with a vintage display against the Bulldogs a fortnight

ago, making four line-breaks and chiming in with 16 points from two tries and four goals; Mbye will play his second successive game against the Titans and will be aiming for a better outcome in his first game for his new club than his team delivered in his final game in blue and white.

Best Bet? The infusion of new talent may provide the spark the Tigers have been looking for to bounce back from a run of poor recent form. Look for the Tigers to claim victory by 1-12 points.

Money-spinner: Corey Thompson and Anthony Don will have strong support for First Tryscorer but consider the value of Matt Eisenhuth and Ryan James.

4
line-breaks in Round 15



MICHAEL GORDON

HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

STATS

AVERAGE METRES

Brenko Lee	177
Mahe Fonua	173
Jai Arrow	147
David Nofoaluma	141
Phillip Sami	133

AVERAGE TACKLES

Ryan James	42
Elijah Taylor	41
Matt Eisenhuth	39
Nathan Peats	33
Jai Arrow	32

LINE-BREAKS

Corey Thompson	9
Anthony Don	8
Dale Copley	6
Luke Brooks	6
Michael Gordon	6

FANTASY POINTS

Jai Arrow	53
Ryan James	53
Matt Eisenhuth	45
Alex Twal	42
Esan Marsters	42

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P	T	G	PTS	#NRLSouthsCowboys		P	T	G	PTS	
13	6	0	24	Alex JOHNSTON	1	Lachlan COOTE	7	0	0	0
6	3	0	12	Campbell GRAHAM	2	Kyle FELDT	15	10	0	40
13	7	0	28	Greg INGLIS (C)	3	Enari TUALA	5	2	0	8
13	1	0	4	Dane GAGAI	4	Kane LINNETT	3	0	0	0
13	12	0	48	Robert JENNINGS	5	Antonio WINTERSTEIN	14	6	0	24
15	8	0	32	Cody WALKER	6	Te Maire MARTIN	15	1	0	4
12	0	53	106	Adam REYNOLDS	7	Johnathan THURSTON (C)	15	1	41	86
15	4	0	16	Thomas BURGESS	8	Matt SCOTT (C)	13	1	0	4
13	3	0	12	Damien COOK	9	Jake GRANVILLE	15	1	0	4
15	2	0	8	George BURGESS	10	Scott BOLTON	13	0	0	0
15	3	0	12	John SUTTON	11	Gavin COOPER	14	4	0	16
13	2	0	8	Angus CRICHTON	12	Coen HESS	14	4	0	16
11	0	0	0	Sam BURGESS	13	Jason TAUMALOLO	15	2	0	8

INTERCHANGE

11	1	9	22	Adam DOUEIHI	14	Ben HAMPTON	13	4	0	16
13	1	0	4	Cameron MURRAY	15	Shaun FENSOM	8	0	0	0
11	1	0	4	Jason CLARK	16	Corey JENSEN	13	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	Junior TATOLA	17	Francis MOLO	4	0	0	0

RESERVES

0	0	0	0	Billy BRITTAIN	18	Justin O'NEILL	14	1	0	4
10	4	0	16	Hymel HUNT	19	Ethan LOWE	12	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	Mark NICHOLLS	20	Mitchell DUNN	1	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	Tyrell FUIMAONO	21	Shane WRIGHT	0	0	0	0
					22	Javid BOWEN	6	1	0	4
					23	Gideon GELA-MOSBY	0	0	0	0

The Cowboys have received an 'additional player exemption' due to high representative selection in their squad.

COACHES

Anthony SEIBOLD Paul GREEN

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

PENALTIES				SCRUMS			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1
VENUE: BARLOW PARK, CAIRNS
KICK-OFF: 4.10PM
REFEREE: MATT CECCHIN
ASSISTANT REFEREE: ASHLEY KLEIN
TOUCH JUDGES: PETER GOUGH & MICHAEL WISE
SENIOR REVIEW OFFICIAL: JARED MAXWELL
REVIEW OFFICIAL: LUKE PATTEN
CHANNEL 9 & FOX LEAGUE: 3.30PM
LIVE RADIO: TRIPLE M, ABC, CROCMEDIA

	RABBITOHS	COWBOYS
Position	2nd (22)	13th (8)
Points For	380	243
Points Against	259	304
ATTACK		
Tries	64	40
Completion %	78%	75%
Tries 0-20m	42	29
Tries 21-50m	18	9
Tries 51-100m	4	2
DEFENCE		
Tries	44	45
Tries 0-20m	31	31
Tries 21-50m	9	10
Tries 51-100m	4	4
MATCH AVERAGES		
Tries Scored	4	3
Tries Conceded	3	3
Points Scored	25	16
Points Conceded	17	20
Hit Ups/Runs	167	166
Tackles	320	321
Metres Gained	1566	1457
Handling Errors	4	4
Offloads	11	7
Line-breaks	5	3
Goalkicking	71%	73%

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played 33, North Queensland 17, South Sydney 15, drawn 1

AT BARLOW PARK, CAIRNS

Played 2, North Queensland 2, South Sydney 0

WINNING FORM 2018

SOUTH SYDNEY: LLWWLWWLWWWWWWW Streak – 7 wins
NORTH QUEENSLAND: WLLLLLWLWLLLWLL Streak – 2 loss

PAST 8 CLASHES

2018 – SOUTH SYDNEY D. NORTH QUEENSLAND 20-19 at 1300SMILES Stadium
 2017 – NORTH QUEENSLAND D. SOUTH SYDNEY 23-10 at Barlow Park, Cairns; NORTH QUEENSLAND D. SOUTH SYDNEY 20-6 at 1300SMILES Stadium
 2016 – NORTH QUEENSLAND D. SOUTH SYDNEY 20-0 at Barlow Park, Cairns; NORTH QUEENSLAND D. SOUTH SYDNEY 44-18 at 1300SMILES Stadium
 2015 – SOUTH SYDNEY D. NORTH+ QUEENSLAND 31-18 at 1300SMILES Stadium; NORTH QUEENSLAND D. SOUTH SYDNEY 30-12 at ANZ Stadium
 2014 – NORTH QUEENSLAND D. SOUTH SYDNEY 22-10 at ANZ Stadium

BIGGEST HEAD-TO-HEAD WINS

SOUTH SYDNEY D. NORTH QUEENSLAND 32-4 at ANZ Stadium, 2010
NORTH QUEENSLAND D. SOUTH SYDNEY 60-8 at Dairy Farmers Stadium, 2003

NEXT CLASH

SOUTH SYDNEY: v Canterbury at ANZ, 3pm Saturday July 14
NORTH QLD: v Canberra at GIO, 7.30pm Saturday July 14

CASUALTY WARD

SOUTH SYDNEY: Richard Kennar (foot)/Braidon Burns (knee) – indefinite
NORTH QUEENSLAND: John Asiatia (pec) – indefinite; Jordan McLean (foot)/Josh Chudleigh (knee)/Michael Morgan (biceps) – season

NRL Preview

by DAVID MIDDLETON
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Rabbitohs aim for 29-year high

**Barlow Park, Cairns
Sunday 4.10pm**

Form: The Rabbitohs are riding high after winning their past seven games and will aim for the club's first eight-game winning sequence in almost 30 years when they take on the Cowboys. Not since 1989, the year the Rabbitohs last won the minor premiership, have they achieved such a run. That year South Sydney won 12 straight to claim the minor premiership by five points. The Cowboys' wretched season has shown little sign of improvement and while they remain a mathematical chance of reaching 26 competition points and a place in the finals, their realistic hopes are virtually zero.

History: The Rabbitohs play in Cairns for the sixth time, where their record stands at two wins and three losses. They have played the Cowboys twice in the far north, losing 20-0 in 2016 and 23-10 last year. The overall count between these clubs since 1995 favours the Cowboys 17-15. Apart from their two clashes with the Rabbitohs, the Cowboys also played two earlier games in Cairns, losing to Penrith and the Northern Eagles at Bundaberg Rum Stadium in 2001.

Danger sign: Sam and Tom Burgess may feel the pinch after playing in Denver last weekend and coach Anthony Seibold will monitor their fitness in the lead-up to this clash. His

four Origin reps (Damien Cook, Angus Crichton, Greg Inglis and Dane Gagai) have had almost seven days to recover, while the Rabbitohs' potent left side attack will be aiming for another big performance after demolishing the Eels at their last start. The aerial skills of Cowboys winger Kyle Feldt could provide a challenge for his opposite man, Robert Jennings.

Best Bet? The Rabbitohs will be favoured to extend their winning run and are capable of a 13+ margin.

Money-spinner: Kyle Feldt and Robert Jennings will be favourites for First Tryscorer but consider the value of Coen Hess and Damien Cook.

3
try assists
in Round 15



GREG INGLIS

HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

AVERAGE METRES		AVERAGE TACKLES		LINE-BREAKS	
Jason Taumalolo	172	Damien Cook	43	Cody Walker	12
Sam Burgess	141	Jake Granville	39	Alex Johnston	10
Kyle Feldt	137	Angus Crichton	35	Kyle Feldt	10
Angus Crichton	127	Coen Hess	34	Robert Jennings	9
Robert Jennings	126	Cameron Murray	33	Ben Hampton	7

STATS

FANTASY POINTS

Damien Cook	62
Jason Taumalolo	57
Angus Crichton	53
Coen Hess	51
Adam Reynolds	48

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DATE: SAT, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** NORTH IPSWICH RESERVE **KICK-OFF:** 1:10PM **REF:** NICK PELGRAVE
ASSIST REF: JACOB WHITEHOUSE **TOUCH JUDGES:** ETHAN MENCHIN & GLEN STEWART **CN 9:** 1PM

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** SUNCORP STADIUM **KICK-OFF:** 5PM
REF: JARROD COLE **TOUCH JUDGES:** TYSON BROUGH & JOSH KERSEVANI

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** BROWNE PARK **KICK-OFF:** 6PM
REF: DAN MUNROE **TOUCH JUDGES:** ALEX MALLORY & NATHAN CORNICK

IPSWICH V EASTS TIGERS

Michael PURCELL	1	Scott DRINKWATER
Marin BARBA	2	Linc PORT
Ben WHITE	3	Shane NEUMANN
Isimeeli HAFOKA	4	Cheyse BLAIR
Richie PANDIA	5	Jarrold MCINALLY
Chris ASH	6	Billy WALTERS
Dane PHILLIPS	7	Brodie CROFT
Tyson LOFIPO	8	Ash LITTLE
Kierran MOSELEY	15/9	Chris OSTWALD
Nat NEALE (C)	10	Brett GREINKE
Rowan WINTERFIELD	11	Jake FOSTER (C)
Seb PANDIA	12	Jarred TUTE
Ben SHEA	13	Jack SVENDSEN
14 Jayden CONNORS, 16 Huskie TEUTAU, 17 Billy MCCONNACHIE, 18 Wes CONLON, 19 Mitch CARPENTER		14 Michael EGAN, 15 Conor CAREY, 16 Anton IARIA, 17 Harley AIONO
Ben WALKER & Shane WALKER		Scott SIPPLE

NORTHS DEVILS V SOUTH LOGAN

Jack AHEARN	1	Corey ALLAN
Michael LUCAS	2	Benaiah BOWIE
Luke POLLOCK	3	Marion SEVE
Gehamat SHIBASAKI	4	Dan RUSSELL
Paul ULBERG	5	Paul ROKOLATI
Zach STRASSER	6	Guy HAMILTON
Troy DARGAN	7	Sam SCARLETT
Riley LEOTA	8	George FAI
Michael SIO	9	Travis WADDELL
Jamayne TAUNOA-BROWN	10	Rhys MELVILLE
Oshae TUIASAU	11	Brendon GIBB
Brandon LEE	12	David FIFITA
John PALAVI (C)	13	Phil DENNIS (C)
15 Carne DOYLE-MANGA, 16 Sam TAGATAESE, 17 Guy WILLIAMS, 19 Jack MIERS		14 Jordan SCOTT, 15 Kobe TARARO, 16 Daniel TAMOU, 17 Sam ELLIOTT
Rohan SMITH		Jon BUCHANAN

CQ CAPRAS V MACKAY

Zeik FOSTER	1	Jack JOASS
Junior KIRISOME	2	Yamba BOWIE
Connor BROADHURST	3	Kyle LAYBUTT
Nathan BASSANI	4	Kurt WILTSHIRE
Chanel SEIGAFO	5	Nathan SAUMALU
Blake GOODMAN	6	Nicho HYNES
Jack MADDEN (C)	7	Cooper BAMBLING
Oliver PERCY	8	Jordan GRANT
Aaron TEROI	9	Jayden HODGES
Jerry KEY	10	Nicholas BROWN
Bill CULLEN	11	Mitchell DUNN
Dave TAYLOR	12	Shane WRIGHT
Jamie HILL	13	Thomas MURPHY (C)
14 Billy GILBERT, 15 Dave COWHAN, 16 Peter ROGERS, 17 Brad LUPI, 18 Maipelo MORSEAU		14 Kellen JENNER, 15 Bennett LESLIE, 16 Brenden TRESTON, 17 Johnny FALETAGOAI, 18 Lona KAIKOTO, 19 Dane FRANCIS
Kim WILLIAMS		Steve SHEPPARD

DATE: SAT, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** ATHERTON SHOWGROUNDS **KICK-OFF:** 6PM **REF:** CHRIS ANDERSON
ASSIST REF: WYATT RAYMOND **TOUCH JUDGES:** STEVE KANOWSKI & GIULIAN FICHERA

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** DOLPHIN OVAL **KICK-OFF:** 2PM
REF: BEN WATTS **TOUCH JUDGES:** NICK PELGRAVE & ANDREW WAREHAM

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** PIZZEY PARK **KICK-OFF:** 2PM **REF:** MICHAEL GORDON
ASSIST REF: TYSON BROUGH **TOUCH JUDGES:** PETER ANDERSON & PETER MACKINNON

NORTHERN PRIDE V TOWNSVILLE

Jack MURPHY	1	Zac SANTO
Justin CASTELLARO	2	Jonathon REUBEN
Brett ANDERSON	3	Levi DODD
Bradley STEPHEN	4	Ty CARUCCI
Gideon GELA-MOSBY	5	Kalifa FAIFAI LOA
Jordan BIONDI-ODO	6	Shaun HUDSON
Jake CLIFFORD	7	Jaalen FEENEY
William BUGDEN	8	Cade MALONEY
Ryan GHIETTI (C)	9	Krys FREEMAN
David MURPHY	10	Rod GRIFFIN
Graham CLARK	11	Temone POWER
Tom HANCOCK	12	Andrew NIEMOELLER (C)
Emry PERE	13	Joe BOYCE
14 Connor JONES, 15 Sheldon POWE-HOBBS, 16 Darryn SCHONIG, 17 Troy KAPEA, 18 Nathan WALES, 19 Shawn BOWEN, 20 Aidan DAY		14 Davin CRAMPTON, 15 Jordan DREW, 16 Ross BELLA, 17 Bacho SALAM, 19 Brent WOOLF, 22 Sione LOUSI
Ty WILLIAMS		Kristian WOOLF

REDCLIFFE V WYNNUM MANLY

Tony TUMUSA	1	Daniel OGDEN
Jonus PEARSON	2	Peter GUBB
Jeremy HAWKINS	3	Alex BARR
Tom OPACIC	4	Delouise HOETER
Josh BEEHAG	5	Edward BURNS
Bryce DONOVAN	6	Patrick TEMPLEMAN
Cameron CULLEN (C)	7	Michael DOBSON
Nathan WATTS	8	Stedman LEFAU
Jake TURPIN	9	Mitch CRONIN
Sam ANDERSON	10	Max ELLIOTT
Toby RUDOLF	11	Salesi FUNAKI
Aaron WHITCHURCH	12	Til VEA
Jamil HOPOATE	13	Patrick CARRIGAN
14 Moses PANGAI PALASIA, 17 James TAYLOR, 16 Tom GERAGHTY, 17 Sheldon PITAMA		14 Mitchell MOORE, 15 Mitch FREI (C), 16 Keenan PALASIA, 17 Lachlan LEE, 18 Adam TUNMAVAE-GERRARD, 19 Kalolo SAITAUVA, 20 Junior PITA
Adam MOGG		Adam BRIDESON

BURLEIGH V TWEED HEADS

Kurtis ROWE	1	Talor WALTERS
Troy LEO	2	Ryland JACOBS
Sami SAULUMA	3	Brendan ELLIOT
Henare WELLS	4	Konrad HURRELL
Tyronne ROBERTS-DAVIS	5	Kiah COOPER
Dallas WELLS	6	Lindon MCGRADY
Jamal FOGARTY	7	Kane ELGEY
Luke PAGE (C)	8	Tristan LUMLEY
Pat POLITONI	9	Ei LEVIDO
Matt WHITE	10/16	Maia SANDS
Hayden SCHWASS	11	Lamar MANUEL-LIOLEVAE (C)
Matthew ROBINSON	12	Bryce CARTWRIGHT
Sam COSTER	13	Ryan SIMPKINS
14 Jess SAVAGE, 15 Toby McINTOSH, 16 Tyler SPARKES, 17 Kai O'DONNELL, 18 Josh ROGERS, 19 Jeff LYNCH, 20 Jerome VEVE		10 Jarrod MORFETT, 14 Hiale ROYCROFT, 15 Jack COOK, 18 Sam MESKELL (C)
Jim LENIHAN		Ben WOOLF

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** NATIONAL FOOTBALL STADIUM **KICK-OFF:** 3PM
REF: TIM RUTHERFORD **TOUCH JUDGES:** TOBY CAMPBELL & MARCUS SCHOOTH

PNG V SUNSHINE COAST

Wawa PAUL	1	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN
Junior RAU	2	Matt SOPER-LAWLER
Thompson TETE	3	William TOLOI
Willie MINOGA	4	Sandor EARL
Brendon GOTUNO	5	Iliesa RATUVA
Ase BOAS (C)	6	Brentt WARR
Watson BOAS	7	Rhys JACKS
Enock MAKI	8/18	Liam McDONALD (C)
Wartovo PUARA	9	Caleb DAUNT
Stanton ALBERT	10	Jacob HIND
Nixon PUTT	11	Christopher LEWIS
Mekenzie YEI	12	Harrison MULLER
Rahdly BRAWA	13	Sam BURNS
14 Charlie SIMON, 15 Ila ALU, 16 Dilbert ISSAC, 17 Edene GEBBIE, 18 Moses MENINGA, 19 William MONE, 20 Baundo ABA		14 Lachlan ROE, 15 Jake AINSWORTH, 16 Louis GERAGHTY, 17 Jordan BROWN, 19 Martin CORDWELL, 20 Nick TIMM
Michael MARUM		Craig INGBRIGTSEN

Review: Bears stumble brings top four closer together

ASLIP-UP by Burleigh cost them top spot on the ladder headed into the break, and they'll be desperate to redeem themselves against Tweed Heads. The Seagulls will provide a challenge as they aim for their third consecutive win. The Bears' error saw Townsville slide into first place with a superior points differential, but they'll face a challenge of their own to retain their place against Pride, who scored 24 points in 25 minutes against Souths Logan. A dominant display in the Pacific Invitational should give plenty of PNG Hunters the confidence that has been missing for much of the season, and they'll be looking for a more

polished attacking effort against the Sunshine Coast in a 2017 Grand Final replay.

IPSWICH 8 (S Pandia try; M Barba 2 goals) **D. PNG 6** (J Rau try; W Boas goal) **TWEED HEADS 28** (K Hurrell 2, L McGrady, K Elgey, B Elliot tries; McGrady 4 goals) **D. NORTHS DEVILS 24** (M Lucas, G Shibasaki, J Miers, J Ahearn tries; Miers 2, L Pollock 2 goals) **TOWNSVILLE 28** (K Faifai Loa 2, K Freeman, B Woolf, T Power tries; L Dodd 4 goals) **D. MACKAY 22** (J Grant, J Joass, J Faletagoa'i, B Atherton tries; Joass 3 goals) **NORTHERN PRIDE 22** (G Gela-Mosby 2, M Taulagi, B Anderson tries; J Clifford 3 goals) **D. WYNNUM MANLY 16** (J Berrell, E Burns, A Barr tries; P Templeman 2 goals) **SUNSHINE COAST 16** (I Ratuva, J Olam tries; R Papenhuyzen 4 goals) **D. BURLEIGH 4** (T Roberts-Davis try) **EASTS TIGERS 26** (J McInally 2,

L Port, B Croft, S Drinkwater tries; B Walters 3 goals) **D. CQ CAPRAS 22** (B Goodman 2, N Bassani, O Percy tries; C Broadhurst 3 goals) **REDCLIFFE 28** (S Anderson, J Hopoate, T Tumasa, B Donovan, N Watts tries; Donovan 4 goals) **D. SOUTHS LOGAN 14** (D Russell, B Bowie, C Allan tries; G Hamilton goal).

TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	+/-	PTS
TOWNSVILLE	14	10	0	4	1	359	204	155	22
BURLEIGH	14	10	0	4	1	351	255	96	22
REDCLIFFE	14	9	0	5	1	355	231	124	20
NORTHERN PRIDE	14	9	0	5	1	309	265	44	20
SOUTHS LOGAN	14	8	0	6	1	364	305	59	18
TWEED HEADS	14	8	0	6	1	281	342	-61	18
SUNSHINE COAST	14	7	0	7	1	274	251	23	16
NORTHS DEVILS	14	7	0	7	1	311	313	-2	16
IPSWICH	14	7	0	7	1	275	323	-48	16
EASTS TIGERS	14	6	0	8	1	312	285	17	14
PNG	14	6	0	8	1	228	272	-44	14
WYNNUM MANLY	14	5	0	9	1	293	361	-68	12
CQ CAPRAS	14	3	0	11	1	198	329	-131	8
MACKAY	14	3	0	11	1	256	420	-164	8



DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** NORTH IPSWICH RESERVE **KICK-OFF:** 11.15AM
REF: JACK KLEIN **TOUCH JUDGES:** DANIEL SCHWASS & SAM SWIFT

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** EMERSON PARK **KICK-OFF:** 1.30PM
REF: JAY HARDIE **TOUCH JUDGES:** DANIEL HEWETT & MATT COLCLOUGH

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** BROWNE PARK **KICK-OFF:** 4PM
REF: TANNER HOWARD **TOUCH JUDGES:** LUKE FLETCHER & DAN LAROSE

IPSWICH V EASTS TIGERS

Mana FOX-SWNEY	1	Nathan BROWN (C)
Liam MULLINS	2	Daniel AYRES
Shar WALDEN (C)	3	Zakaria TAIBI
Harry DOUGLAS	4	Lachlan VELLACOTT
Sam LANGBEIN	5	James PRICE
Josh WILLIAMS	6	Joshua CURTI
Ty-James MARSHALL	7	Luke SELF
Jaye ALLERY	8	Unga WOLSKE
Ethan PRINGLE	9	Bailey COURT
Tony TAUFAU	10	Blake PYLE
Lochlan TURNBULL	11	Jaiyden HUNT
Blake LENEHAN	12	Jared CHAMBERS
Tyler COBURN	13	Zac TEEVAN
14 Joshua JOHNSON	14	Anthony MELEISE-MURRAY
15 Michael NAUFAHU	15	Tui MIKI, 16 Tyrone TITASEY
16 Tom REID, 17 Brad ZAMPECH	17	Nathan GENO
Brandon MARSHALL	Ian GOUGH	

NORTHS DEVILS V WESTERN MUSTANGS

Kegan TUHEGA	1	Benji NELIMAN
Brock DIMENT	2	Chris CHALMERS
Ethan QUAI-WARD	3	Leslie HARTVIGSEN
Jack PATERSON	4	Tevita COCKER
Elliott VINCENT	5	Paul CHRISTENSEN
Liam HORNE	6	Dylan QUINN
Cory PAIX	7	Zac STEVENS
Eddie BLACKER	8	Michael NASERI
Kobe HETHERINGTON (C)	9	Cody McNICIE
Jake STRASSER	10	Blake CULLEN
Nesta WATENE	11	Tuia ELIU
Jordan RIKI	12	James ROBINSON (C)
Sosefo FILIPINE	13	Luke MAIDEN
14 E.LE BLANC, 15 E.BULLEMORE	14	Aidan KENNEDY, 15 Junior CHONG-NEE
16 M. GILL, 17 J. McGUIRE, 18 D FAUID	16	Josh FOSTER, 17 Jacob LEACH
19 J.CHAMBERS, 20 Z. JONES, 21 G.BURNS	18	Bryce WHALE
Kevin NEIGHBOUR	Eugene SEDDON	

CQ CAPRAS V MACKAY

Blake MOORE	1	Jayden O'SHANNESSY
Liam GRANT	2	Taine BROWNE
Eli NOOVAO	3	Ryan SCHILL
Zaine HAMMOND (C)	4	Tom IRELANDS
Matthew BAKER	5	Walter LAUENSTEIN
Ryan FLINTHAM (C)	6	Will PAKI
Jack WHITE	7	Zac BUTLER
William MOHR	8	Garrett SMITH
Jack PATTIE	9	Brendan WHITE (C)
Zantanaud TUPOONO-POMARE	10	Luke SCHULTE
Derome MAFI	11	Matthew VESSEY
Charlice ATOI	12	Jye ANDERSEN
Lawson STOREY	13	Sam MURPHY
14 Riley SHADLOW, 15 Declan MALLIA	14	Sean Michael DALTON, 15 Harrison BLACK, 16 Darcy HEAD
16 Roarke CHRISTENSEN, 17 Lachlan HUBNER, 18 Matt WILSON	17	Ryan MOLLOY, 18 Caleb SINN
Neil BECKETT & Damien SEIBOLD	Michael COMERFORD	

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** ATHERTON STADIUM **KICK-OFF:** 4.30PM
REF: JACK EBERT **TOUCH JUDGES:** GUY MILLAR & ZAK STEWART

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** HAINES DRIVE RESERVE **KICK-OFF:** 4PM
REF: DYLAN CASSIDY **TOUCH JUDGES:** MATT HICKS & MOHAMMAD HUSSAINI

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** PIZZEEY PARK **KICK-OFF:** 10.30AM
REF: SAM SWIFT **TOUCH JUDGES:** JORDAN MOREL & JACK KLEIN

NORTHERN PRIDE V TOWNSVILLE

Mark ROSENDALE	1	Marshall HUDSON
Brandon JACKONIA	2	Lindsey KIRK
Lui INGTON	3	Tom McCAGH
Marc NALEBA	4	Lance FOLBIGG
Joshtel CHARLIE	5	Jake RILEY
Patrick GALLEN (C)	6	Sam MARTIN (C)
Jack CAMPAGNOLO	7	Adam COOK
Connor LUHAN	8	Jayden STEPHENS
Quinlyn CANNON	9	Sean MULLANY
Wiremu GREIG	10	Logan BAYLISS
Ewan MOORE	11	Campbell DUFFY
Evan CHILD	12	Will FOX
Peter HOLA	13	Tom GILBERT
14 Dillon JONES, 15 Elijah SIMPSON, 16 Terrence CASEY-DOUGLAS, 17 Jaymon MOORE, 18 Beau BERG, 19 Charlie WALTER, 20 Matt KLOWSS	14	Izaak TOBY, 15 Solomon VASUVULAGI, 16 Jack ALTHAUS, 17 Ben CONDON
Dave SCOTT	David TANGATA-TOA	

VICTORIA V SUNSHINE COAST

Sale FINAU	1	Jack WRIGHT
Mykie TAPU	2	Liam TAYLOR
Mali LEPOU	3	Hayden LEWIS-BOYER
Jacob CORDTZ	4	Jake EGAN
Joe WAQALEVU	5	Rueben OLIVE
Troy HANITA-PAKI	6	Riley MOORE
Cooper JOHNS	7	Augie RANGIHUNA
Nic FLOCAS	8/18	Aaron NELSON
Trent TOELAU	9	Damian FORDE-HURRELL
Jordin LEIU	10	Robbie BARWICK
Kayleb MILNE	11	Trent LOIERO
Matt STIMSON (C)	12	Rowan JARDINE
Nick HAY	13	Stephen BUCKLEY (C)
14 Junior TEROI, 15 Sulio FITTA	14	Zac GREEN, 15 Matt MOESSINGER
16 Ryan WESCOMBE, 17 Liam HEADON	16	Kane JACKSON, 20 Tye JAMES, 21 Dakota TOLHURST, 22 Carlos SWASBROOK-MURRAY
18 Jared FAALE, 19 Seu SEUAVATELE		
Ben JACK	Michael BUCKLEY	

BURLEIGH V TWEED HEADS

Corey ALEXANDER	1	Jordan BIRCH
Callum BOOMER	2	Glenn McGRADY
Llan LOCKWOOD	3	Isaac LEE
Reece TAPINE	4	Lee TURNER
Thomas BERKERS	5	Curtis DANSEY-SMALLER
Taine TUAUPIKI (C)	6	Toby SEXTON
Harry FITZHUGH	7	Liam HAMPSON (C)
Tyler SZEPANOWSKI	8	Ben THOMAS
Brodie HANNON	9	Bostyn HAKARAIA
Ben VALENI	10	Jack PEACOCK
Reihana MARSH	11	Juwan COMPAIN
Huston HOLLOWAY	12	Blake CAMPBELL
Sean GARNER	13	Jaman RIO
14 Te ARANUI DOYLE, 15 Jayden SHARP, 16 Arron SHELFORD, 17 Lewis BARNETT, 18 Cameron BROWN	14	Reece BUTLER, 15 Lachlan DOUGLAS, 16 Gideon AFEMUI
19 Laz TEVITA, 20 Jayden META, 21 Daniel SHANNON	17	Senn KANE, 18 OB TAWHA
Jamie MAHON	Steve DOWD	

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** DOLPHIN STADIUM **KICK-OFF:** 10AM
REF: JAKE STANTON **TOUCH JUDGES:** JAY HARDIE & ISAAC FREEMAN

REDCLIFFE V WYNNUM MANLY

Sam ARMSTRONG	1	Rashaun DENNY
Michael WALIT	2	Brandt QUINN
Regan BAKER	3	Ryan O'KEEFE
Justice UTATAO	4	Dredin SORENSEN McGEE
Jack CONLAN	25/5	Jalen TANGIITI-TURNER
Radean ROBINSON	6	Will McAULIFFE
Kyle FOXWELL	7	David QUINLIN
Zac KERR	8	Payden PORTER
Oscar CARTER	9	Zane WALLACE
Owen JONES	10	Brock RICHARDSON
Unngoora HARBOUR	11	Lachie PERRY
Jesse JENNINGS	12	Brad SPICER
Tyson SMOOTHY (C)	13	Mitipere TUATAI (C)
16 Jayden NEWBOULD, 17 Travis TURNBULL, 21 Joel O'BRIEN, 22 Jacob CONLAN	14	Reece MCKENZIE-O'BRIEN, 15 Sam BALLINGER, 16 Zayne HOLLERAN, 17 Damian DARLINGTON
Chris LITTLE	Joe O'CALLAGHAN	

Preview: Tight top four set the pace at midway point

THE Blackhawks face a stern test against the Northern Pride this week. The third-placed Pride claimed a big win over Souths Logan last time out and can strike from anywhere.

After struggling against lowly Ipswich before the break, Burleigh will be eager to assert themselves against an inconsistent Tweed Heads side, who were thoroughly outclassed by Redcliffe last time out. Meanwhile, another win for the Dolphins will help entrench them near the top.

The fourth-placed Devils can also draw closer to the summit with a win over the struggling Mustangs. They were soundly beaten last time out by the Thunderbolts, who have all but arrested the slide that threatened to erase their strong start to the year.

In other games, the Carpas take

on Mackay while Ipswich chase their first win of the season against Easts.

BURLEIGH 30 (H Holloway 2, R Tapine, T Tuapiki, A Shelford, T Berkers tries; J Paulo 3 goals) **D. IPSWICH 24** (H Douglas 2, E Pringle, T Coburn tries; L Turnbull 3, J Williams goals). **EASTS TIGERS 40** (D Ayers 3, B Court 2, J Price, J Curti tries; N Brown 6 goals) **D. WESTERN MUSTANGS 28** (T Eliu 3, M Naseri, D Quinn, J Robinson tries; Z Butler, P Christensen goals). **TOWNSVILLE 24** (M Hudson, C Duffy, S Vasuvulagi, J Stephens tries; A Cook 4 goals) **D. CQ CAPRAS 10** (R Flintham, E Anderson tries; B Moore goal) **NORTHERN PRIDE 44** (P Gallen 2, B Jackonia, E Child, M Rosendale, E Moore, W Greig, M Naleba tries; J Campagnolo 6 goals) **D. SOUTHS LOGAN 24** (L Burton, T Kellermeyer, B Oates, B Ten tries; Oates 4 goals), **MACKAY 22** (D Head 2, R Schill, S Dalton tries; B White 3 goals) **DREW WYNNUM MANLY 22** (M Tautai 2, S Gardiner 2 tries; Gardiner 3 goals).

REDCLIFFE 48 (J Utatao 2, B Anderson, O Jones, H Skinner, K Foxwell, M Walit, R Baker tries; O Carter 7, T Smoothy goals) **D. TWEED HEADS 6** (L Hampson try; T Sexton goal). **VICTORIA THUNDERBOLTS 32** (F Schwalger 2, M Tapelu 2, D Maota, T Toelau tries; M Stimson 4 goals) **D. NORTHS DEVILS 20** (K Hetherington, M McGrath, E Quai-Ward, E Blacker tries; M McGrath 2 goals).

TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	+/	PTS
TOWNSVILLE	13	9	1	1	2	333	122	211	23
BURLEIGH	13	9	0	2	2	290	144	146	22
NORTHERN PRIDE	13	7	1	2	3	279	172	107	21
NORTHS DEVILS	13	8	0	3	2	298	228	70	20
WYNNUM MANLY	13	7	1	3	2	293	220	73	20
VICTORIA T'BOLTS	13	7	0	4	2	328	209	119	18
REDCLIFFE	13	4	2	4	3	262	199	63	16
SOUTHS LOGAN	13	6	1	5	1	279	282	17	15
SUNSHINE COAST	13	4	0	6	3	244	264	-20	14
CQ CAPRAS	13	4	0	6	3	198	246	-48	14
TWEED HEADS	13	4	0	7	2	252	306	-54	12
EASTS TIGERS	13	5	0	7	1	211	348	-137	12
MACKAY	13	1	2	8	2	184	267	-83	8
WESTERN MUSTANGS	13	2	0	9	2	196	402	-206	8
IPSWICH	13	0	0	10	3	146	404	-258	6



DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** PANTHERS STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 12.45PM **REFEREE:** ADAM CASSIDY **TOUCH JUDGES:** DAMIAN BRISCOE & ADAM REID **FOX LEAGUE:** 12.30PM **RADIO:** HAWK 89.9FM

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** McDONALD JONES STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 1PM **REFEREE:** KASEY BADGER
TOUCH JUDGES: BENJAMIN TEAGUE & ANDREW GILCHRIST

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** HENSON PARK **KICK-OFF:** 1PM
REFEREE: DARIAN FURNER **ASSIST REF:** DREW OULTRAM **TOUCH JUDGES:** MARK BOHAN & CAMERON PADDY **CHANNEL 9:** 1PM **RADIO:** STEELE SPORTS

PENRITH V BLACKTOWN

Caleb AEKINS	1	Jade ANDERSON	
Ratu TUISESE	2	Maliko FILINO	
Adam KEIGHRAN	3	Vai TOUTAI	
Sam SMITH	4	Jonathan WRIGHT	
Maika SIVO	5	Honeti TUHA	
Tyrone MAY (C)	6	Veiru MAPESONE	
Jarome LUAI	7	Cade CUST	
Nick LUI-TOSO	8	Lloyd PERRETT	
Liam COLEMAN	9/14	Joey LUSSICK	
Paea PUA	10	Toafofoa SIPLEY	
Siosifa TALAKAI	11	Kelepi TANGINOA	
Billy BURNS	12	James HASSON	
Liam MARTIN	13	Tom AMONE	
14 Mitch KENNY	15 Dylan KELLY	16 Atonio PELESASA	17 Tekina VAILEA
16 Andy SAUNDERS	17 John FOLAU	18 Mitch REVELL	22 Fred JUNIOR MAUALA
Guy MISSIO	Steven HALES		

NEWCASTLE V CANTERBURY

Nick MEANEY	1	Josh BERGAMIN	
Tom HUGHES	2	Mason CERRUTO	
Matt ALLWOOD	3	Morgan HARPER	
Brent NADEN	4	John OLIVE	
Tom CRONAN	5	Jayden OKUNBOR	
Tex HOY	6	Josh CLEELAND	
Brock LAMB	7	Matt FRAWLEY	
Tyrone AMEY	8	Renouf TO'OMAGA	
Chris RANDALL	9	Zac WOOLFORD	
Pasami SAULO	10	Francis TUALAU	
Beau FERMOR	11	Jarred ANDERSON	
Brodie JONES	12	Bronson GARLICK	
Zac HOSKING	13	Clay PRIEST	
14 Tom STARLING, 15 Tevita ALIFA	14 Jesse MARTIN	16 Patrick MATA'UTIA	15 Lachie BURR
17 Bobby TREACY	16 Jack NELSON	18 Tori FREEMAN-QUAY	17 Hayden ASHCROFT
19 Vitale ROQICA	19 D'Rhys MILLER	Rory KOSTJASYN	Steve GEORGALLIS

NEWTOWN V WENTWORTHVILLE

Will KENNEDY	1	Abbas MISKI	
Bessie AUFAGA-TOOMAGA	2	Eddie AIONO	
Addison DEMETRIOU	3	Nathan DAVIS	
Matt EVANS	4	Dane AUKAFOLAU	
Charlton SCHAAFHAUSEN	5	Greg LELEISIUAO	
Jack A. WILLIAMS	6	Arana TAUMATA	
Kyle FLANAGAN	7	Rhys DAVIES	
Braden UELE	8	Magnus STROMQUIST	
Blayke BRAILEY	9	Kaysa PRITCHARD	
Daniel VASQUEZ	10	Oregon KAUFUSI	
Briton NIKORA	11	Matt WOODS	
Anthony MORAITIS	12	Piki ROGERS	
Billy MAGOULIAS	13	Daniel DOLE	
14 Jaimin JOLLIFFE	14 Salesi FAINGA'A	16 George TSIKRIKAS	15 Haimona HIROTI
17 Malakai HOUMA	16 Yileen GORDON	20 Royce TOUT	17 Jack MORRIS
Greg MATTERSON	Nathan CAYLESS		

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** MORRY BREEN OVAL
KICK-OFF: 3PM **REFEREE:** KIEREN IRONS
TOUCH JUDGES: JOSEPH BID & CAMERON MITCHELL

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** MT SMART STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 3PM (LOCAL) **REFEREE:** TODD SMITH
TOUCH JUDGES: ROCHELLE TAMAURA & PAKI PARKINSON

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** LEICHHARDT OVAL
KICK-OFF: 11.45AM **REFEREE:** TIM ROBY **TOUCH JUDGES:** JOHN WOODS & RYAN JACKSON **FOX LEAGUE:** 11.30AM

WYONG V NORTH SYDNEY

Luke SHARPE	1	Viliani KAVEINGA	
Reece ROBINSON	2	Jesse ARTHARS	
Paul MOMIROVSKI	3	Mawene HIROTI	
Billy SMITH	4	Tarquinn BUTLER	
Joshua MANTELLATO	5	Curtis JOHNSTON	
Dean MATTERSON	6	Connor TRACEY	
Sean O'SULLIVAN	7	Dean HAWKINS	
Lindsay COLLINS	15/8	Samuel JOHNSTONE	
Mitchell WILLIAMS	9	Billy BRITAIN	
Frank-Paul NUJAUUSALA	10	Rhys KENNEDY	
Brock GRAY	11	Dean BRITT	
Josh CURRAN	12	Tyrell FUIMAONO	
Poasa FAAMAUSILI	13	Ky RODWELL	
8 Eloni VUNAKECE	14 Vincent LEULUAI	14 Chris SMITH	15 Keano KOLOAMATANGI
16 Brendan FREI	16 Joshua COOK	20 Siliti TUPOUNUA	17 Brock ILETT
Rip TAYLOR	Shane MILLARD		

WARRIORS V MOUNTIES

Hayze PERHAM	1	Brad ABBEY	
Charnze NICOLL-KLOKSTAD	2	Alofi MATAELE	
Blake AYSHFORD	3	Tony SATINI	
Joe VUNA	4	Ed MURPHY	
Junior PAUGA	5	Sitiveni MOCEIDREKE	
Chanel HARRIS-TAVITA	6	Tyler CORNISH	
Tevin ARONA	7	Sam WILLIAMS	
Sam LISONE	8	Royce HUNT	
James BELL (C)	9	Craig GARVEY	
Albert VETE	10	Makahehi MAKATOA	
Matiu LOVE-HENRY	11	Jarrad KENNEDY	
King VUNIYAYAWA	12	Jack MURCHIE	
Ligi SAO	13	Emre GULER	
14 Tom ALE	14 Sam DUGGAN	15 Paea MANUKIA	15 Jarrett BOLAND
16 Patrick SIPLEY	16 Mitch CAHALANE	17 Reece CHARLIE	17 Kalani GOING
John TEINA	Ryan CARR		

WESTS V ST GEORGE ILLA

Dylan SMITH	1	Steven MARSTERS	
Harry O'TOOLE	2	John TOHI	
Braden ROBSON	3	Shaun SAUNI-ESAU	
Toni TALI	4	Matheson JOHNS	
Lucas PRICE	5	Jordan PEREIRA	
Tyson GAMBLE	6	Adam CLUNE	
Pita GODINET	7	Jack PAYNE	
Joseph RATU	8	Pio SOKOBALAVU	
Jacob LIDDLE	9	Joe LOVODUA	
Cowen EPERE	10	Josh KERR	
Chris McQUEEN	11	Jackson FORD	
Luke GARNER (C)	12	Jayden MORGAN	
Bayley SIRONEN	13	Damien SIRONEN	
14 Patrice SIOLO	14 Ryan FLETCHER	15 Sam McINTYRE	15 Jay GALLAGHER
16 Alex SEYFARTH	16 Stuart MASON	17 TJ UELE	
Brett HODGSON	Mat HEAD		

Review: Mounties keep the lead alive as Wests' revival continues

MOUNTIES hold a narrow lead at the top after halting Newtown's recent streak last time out. A hat-trick to Brad Abbey in the space of 15 minutes proved decisive.

Penrith are just one point behind on the ladder after escaping with a narrow win against the Bulldogs. A missed conversion proved the difference after the game finished three tries apiece.

Western Suburbs have continued their recent run with a decisive win

over Norths. They'll now take on the fourth-placed Dragons, who will want to bounce back from their recent shock loss to Blacktown.

PENRITH 18 (W Burns, L Martin, S Smith tries; A Keighran 3 goals) **D. CANTERBURY 16** (L Lewis, J Anderson, J Cleeland tries; Cleeland 2 goals) **MOUNTIES 22** (B Abbey 3, C Garvey tries; S Williams 3 goals) **D. NEWTOWN 16** (B Aufaga-Toomaga, B Magoulias, M Evans tries; K Flanagan 2 goals) **WYONG 42** (B Smith 2, P Momirovski

2, B Gray, J Curran, R Robinson tries; J Mantellato 7 goals) **D. WENTWORTHVILLE 20** (N Davis, P Rogers, G Leileisiua, K Auva'a tries; Davis 2 goals) **WARRIORS 22** (J Vuna, B Ayshford, H Perham, A Vete tries; T Arona 3 goals) **D. NEWCASTLE 18** (P Mata'utia, N Meaney, T Hughes, B Fermor tries; Meaney goal) **WESTERN SUBURBS 12** (J Liddle, H O'Toole tries; T Lolohea 2 goals) **D. NORTH SYDNEY 10** (C Johnston, B Brittain tries; M Hiroti goal) **BLACKTOWN 20** (T Siple, C Cust, T Cassel tries; J Hastings 4 goals) **D. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12** (D Nicholls, J Pereira, S Marsters tries).

TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	+/-	PTS
MOUNTIES	15	9	0	4	2	382	258	124	22
PENRITH	15	8	1	4	2	314	246	68	21
WESTERN SUBURBS	15	9	0	5	1	319	233	86	20
ST GEORGE ILLA	15	9	0	6	0	325	272	53	18
WARRIORS	15	8	0	6	1	305	271	34	18
NEWTOWN	15	7	1	6	1	347	257	90	17
BLACKTOWN	15	6	1	6	2	292	300	-8	17
CANTERBURY	15	7	0	7	1	321	263	58	16
WYONG	15	6	2	7	0	311	392	-81	14
WENTWORTHVILLE	15	5	0	9	1	252	365	-113	12
NORTH SYDNEY	15	4	1	9	1	257	320	-63	11
NEWCASTLE	15	2	2	11	0	231	459	-228	6



DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** HENSON PARK
KICK-OFF: 3.30PM **REFEREE:** DAMIAN BRADY
TOUCH JUDGES: MARK BOHAN & CLAYTON WILLS

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** RINGROSE PARK
KICK-OFF: 3PM **REFEREE:** DANIEL LUTTRINGER
TOUCH JUDGES: CAMERON MITCHELL & NATHAN LOVEDAY

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** HICKEYS PARK
KICK-OFF: 3PM **REFEREE:** MARTIN JONES
TOUCH JUDGES: LINDSAY PACKER & PATRICK MACKEY

GLEBE-BURWOOD V BLACKTOWN

Tyla TAMOU	1/14	Jake PICKERING
Samiu LATU	2/4	Peter SCHUSTER
Latrell ROBINSON	3/2	Shaun FITZGERALD
Jordan TOPAI-AVEAI	4/5	James TUITAHI
Jowasa DRODROLAGI	5/15	Peter SCANLAN
Penani MANUMALEALII	6/3	Leva LI
Jesse MARSCHKE (C)	7	Kamren CRYER
Matthew JURD	8/11	Jordan HALL
Benjamin MARSCHKE	9/23	Joseph TRAMONTANA (C)
Vasili TSIKRIKAS	10	Sukamanu RAKI
Jokatama DOKONIVALU	11/18	Eric NEWBIGGING
Christopher VE'E	12	Joshua MARTIN
Royce TOUT	13	Denzal TONISE
14 Jackson GARLICK	8 Francis LALOUA TUI	
16 Dominic TIMOTEO	16 Brandon RAEJI	
17 Eddie FAALUA	17 Mosese FAEAMANI	
20 Benjamin MATHIOU	19 Rhys SCIGLITANO	
24 Maverick TWEEDIE	20 Jesse JACKSON	
Nike Aaron ZAMMIT	Brad PRIOR	

WENTWORTHVILLE V HILLS

Nathan MILONE	1	Hayden McWILLIAM
Eparama NAVALE	2	Rory BROWNLIE
James GAMMIDGE	3	Sean WALPOLE
Atini GAFA	4	Jake BRENNAN
Joshua MINHINICK	5/15	William BUTLER
Zachary NICHOLLS	6	Nicholas HOLLIDAY
Beau HENRY	7	Tom PERRIN
Kurt DE LUIS	8	Benjamin GOLDING
Blake COOK	9	Jaz FLAVELL
Carl WINTERSTEIN	10	Pati ENI
Jack MILLER	11	Dave BAUMANN
Rhys ARMSTRONG	12	Thomas YOUNG
Jordan LATHAM	13	Timothy ROBINSON (C)
14 Dylan IZZARD	14 Mitchell HYDE	
15 Nicholas KASSIS	16 Jack MITCHELL	
16 Dayne VETTE-WELSH	17 Dean MILROY	
31 Nicholas WALKER	19 Jayson GERECs	
Brett COOK	Trevor SCHODEL	

BROTHERS V CABRAMATTA

Ryan FAOESE	1	Don THOMPSON
Geofery DUKU	2	Jamon WORMLEATON
Matthew SANDSTROM	3/23	Shane KIEL
Michael TUAVAO	4	Paul SIMONA
Jordan FINAU	5	Tala MAPESONE
Arthur CRICHTON	6	Jake RAFFERTY-BUTFIELD
Kurt FALLS	7	John MARTIN
Richard HARRIS	8	Kenny NIKO
Alec LEITCH	9	Tom HARRIS
Penita TUAVAO	10/20	Jason THOMPSON
Gray VIANE (C)	11	Frank PRITCHARD
Quinn MA'AELOPA	12/14	Rayne HARRIGAN
Harrison COSKERIE	13	Moses MANU
14 Jak CANNELL	18 Josiah TULUA	
19 Matthew GREEN	15 Kisi TAULANI	
20 Joshua NORTON	21 Nathan DOUET	
22 Taku SIMON	23 Tai LAUTI	
16 Auzzie TUWHANGAI	17 Jake STEADMAN	
Darren BAKER	Chris YATES	

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** ST MARYS LEAGUES STADIUM
KICK-OFF: 3PM **REFEREE:** CAMERON PADDY
TOUCH JUDGES: JOSEPH EID & ADAM REID **RADIO:** HAWK 89.9FM

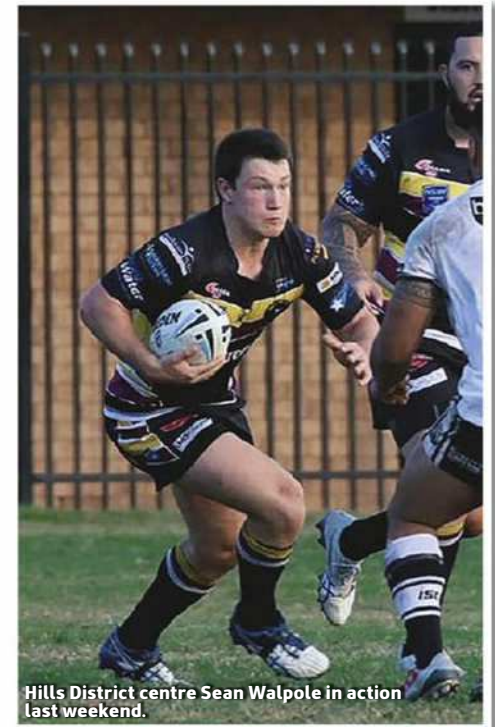
ST MARYS V MOUNTIES

Robert VAI	1	John KENNEDY
Ethan McPHERSON	2	Jordan MARTIN
Geoff DANIELA	3	Omar SLAIMANKHEL
Etuate QIONIMACAWA	4	Anthony BRISTOW
Blake McDERMOTT	5	Shannon CHAPMAN
Aiden GLANVILLE	23/6	Henry RAIWALUI
Lazarus BROWN	7	Maurice KENNEDY
Antonio TAUILLILI PELESASA	8	Joshua SAUNDERS-JONES
Reece GOLDSMITH	9	Joel LUANI
Thomas ROMER	10	Mitchell KENNEDY
Dylan FUAD	11	Sonny BRISTOW
Jake GILLETT-GOW	12	Jarrett BOLAND
Nathan SMITH (C)	13	Steven TAVITA
6 Jake TOBY	15 Matthew WHITEHOUSE	
14 Shanane WOOD	16 William MATAKA	
19 Tevita MAPAPALANGI	18 Thomas BARTLEY	
20 Veta Henry SEUMANU	19 Jacob MAYER	
	20 Maile LI, 21 Roman IOELU	
Brad DREW	Jarred FARLOW	

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 1 **VENUE:** STOREY PARK
KICK-OFF: 3PM **REFEREE:** JAMES VELLA
TOUCH JUDGES: TIM HANNON & JOEL MANI **RADIO:** 2HHH 100.1FM

ASQUITH V WESTS

Braeden BATISTE	1	Kieran WYLD
Michael PEARSALL	2/3	Junior MAPESONE
Asher VEAMATAHAU	3/2	Kelsey COAKES
Joshua FRASER	4	Inno INOSESIO
Jake MAIZEN	5	Pulonga KAVAEFIAFI
Riley TRAVERS	6/18	Kurt ALDRIDGE
Matthew PLACE	7	Brendan WATERS (C)
Will SOLWAY	8	Avia MINUTE
Jake ATTARD (C)	9	Luke WILLIAMS
Robert TULIATU	10/19	James MIRCESKI
Vondel WILLIAMS-LIOLEVAE	11	Thomas MORRISON
Jacob SAMOA	12	David MINUTE
Kurt HORTON	13/17	Temata RANGI
15 Niko APELU	14 Daniel PETRALIA	
16 Joshua HALL	16 Zane ELSLEY	
17 Jonathan GRIMES	20 Kilifi TIA-KILIFI	
18 Tuki JACKSON	25 Va'enuku VATUVEI	
Pat WEISNER	Nathan WATERS	



Hills District centre Sean Walpole in action last weekend.

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Review: Saints suffer and Owls continue to slide

WENTWORTHVILLE proved why they're top of the table with a dominant display against St Marys. Centre Nathan Milone finished with a hat-trick after scoring two tries in as many minutes.

Mounties moved into third with a big win of their own over Wests, leap-frogging Guildford following their loss to Cabramatta.

Hills District edged away from the

bottom with a win over Brothers, but they'll face a much tougher test in Wenty this weekend, while a win against Blacktown could send Glebe-Burwood as high as second by the end of the week.

MOUNTIES 36 (S Chapman, O Slaimankheli, A Bristow, S Bristow, J Boland, J Luani, J Martin tries; M Kennedy 4 goals) **D. WESTERN SUBURBS 18** (K Aldridge, P Pakofi, Z Elsley tries; Aldridge 3 goals). **WENTWORTHVILLE 58** (N Milone 3, J Minhinick 2, A Gafa 2, B Cook, A Miski,

R Davies, B Henry tries; Henry 7 goals) **D. ST MARYS 14** (J Vaegaau, J Gillet-Gow tries; A Glanville 3 goals). **CABRAMATTA 24** (H Ashcroft, J Wormleaton, M Manu, S Kili tries; J Rafferty-Butfield 4 goals) **D. GUILDFORD 14** (D Lotu 2, D Reardon tries; R Longbottom goal). **HILLS DISTRICT 34** (D McKeever-King, B Pelligra, T Perrin, B Falcone, J Flavell, P Eni tries; H McWilliam 3, M Hyde, N Holliday goals) **D. PENRITH BROTHERS 24** (H Coskerie 2, M Tuavao, K Falls tries; Falls 4 goals). **ASQUITH 30** (A Veamatahau 2, B Ilett, J Maizen, J Fraser, M Bailey tries; Veamatahau, T Brown, K Horton goals) **D. GLEBE-BURWOOD 10** (J Garlick, J Topai-Aveai tries; J Marschke goal).

TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	+/-	PTS
WENTWORTHVILLE	11	8	0	2	1	310	168	142	18
CABRAMATTA	11	6	1	3	1	266	176	90	15
MOUNTIES	11	6	1	3	1	214	167	47	15
GUILDFORD	11	6	0	4	1	250	165	85	14
GLEBE-BURWOOD	11	6	0	4	1	256	172	84	14
ASQUITH	11	5	1	4	1	241	227	14	13
ST MARYS	11	5	0	5	1	215	225	-10	12
BLACKTOWN	11	4	0	6	1	220	256	-36	10
HILLS DISTRICT	11	4	0	6	1	160	275	-115	10
WESTERN SUBURBS	11	2	1	7	1	193	298	-105	7
PENRITH BROTHERS	11	1	0	9	1	146	342	-196	4

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30 **VENUE:** NORTH SYDNEY OVAL
KICK-OFF: 9AM **REFEREE:** BRADLEY KIEHNE
TOUCH JUDGES: CHARLIE SUTERS & LUKE SALDERN

NORTH SYDNEY V CANTERBURY

Kyle TUKAPUA	1	Blake CLAYTON
Nicholas MOUGIOS	2	Frank KURESA
Jake TAGO	3	Isaiah TASS
Ethan ABOU-GHAIDA	4	Jake AVERILLO
Sean SABUTEY	5	Malachi MORGAN
Kieran HAYMAN	6	Alex SEVE
Kurtis PREECE	7	Brandon WAKEHAM
Kell O'BRIEN	8	Daniel SAKISI
Matthew FRENCH	9	Zac HETHERINGTON
Samuel LILOMAIIVA	10	Kayne KALACHE
Lennox WHITTAKER	11	Javier PITOVAO
Cameron YEATES	12	Dalton SMITH
Corey KURNOTH	13	Sam RADOVU
14 Luke HODGE	14 Ryan GRAY,	15 Matthew DOOREY
15 Rhys WARD	16 Elie EL-ZAKHEM	
16 Darcy HARDMAN	17 Jacob WINTERSTEIN	
17 Jubilee SOLOA	19 Zac SADDLER	
	20 Pule SUA,	21 Nikau WILLIAMS
	22 Jonty TIMOTI	
Willie LEYSHON	Brad HENDERSON	

JERSEY FLEGG

Round 13

ROOSTERS 42 (F Baker 3, K Koro, A Kepaoa, M Baker, D Stojanovski, L Lam tries; J Frei 5 goals) **D. PARRAMATTA 16** (N Aukafolau, S Utoikamanu, T Afu tries; T Sapienza 2 goals). **PENRITH 10** (D Laurie, B Too tries; B Hands goal) **D. CANTERBURY 8** (B Wakeham try; Wakeham 2 goals). **NEWCASTLE 54** (S To'a 2, M Cooper 2, L Huth 2, O Manufetoa, T Hoy, B Russell tries; K Dark 9 goals) **D. WARRIORS 6** (P Turner try; C Harris-Tavita goal). **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 30** (J Gillard, T Sailor, M Johns, C Purcell, J Willis tries; Willis 5 goals) **D. MANLY 10** (B Andrews, Z Weatherall tries; B Maarbani goal). **MOUNTIES 26** (T McGrady 2, P Roache, H Young, D Medlyn tries; A Niko 3 goals) **D. CRONULLA 16** (H Smith, B Manowski, C Tupou tries; B Trindall 2 goals). **WESTS TIGERS 42** (J Tautaiolofua 2, O Seufale 2, B Wheelhouse, K McQuiggin, B Seufale tries; B Stevanovic 7 goals) **D. NORTH SYDNEY 16** (J Tago 2, K Tukapua tries; K Hayman 2 goals).

TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	+/-	PTS
NEWCASTLE	13	11	2	9	9	432	236	196	22
PENRITH	12	10	2	0	274	186	1	88	22
CRONULLA	12	8	2	2	1	249	227	22	20
MOUNTIES	13	8	5	0	1	294	286	8	16
SYDNEY ROOSTERS	13	7	5	1	0	356	318	38	15
PARRAMATTA	13	7	6	0	0	336	258	78	14
ST GEORGE ILLA	12	5	6	1	1	263	269	-6	13
CANTERBURY	11	4	7	0	1	250	194	56	10
NORTH SYDNEY	12	4	8	0	0	248	317	-69	8
MANLY	13	4	9	0	0	239	364	-125	8
WARRIORS	13	3	10	0	0	212	341	-129	6
WESTS TIGERS	13	2	11	0	0	178	335	-157	4

ENGLISH SUPER LEAGUE

WAKEFIELD 44 (B Tupou 2, T Johnstone, R Lyne, B Jones-Bishop, R Hampshire, J Batchelor, T Arona tries; Batchelor 4, Hampshire goals) **D. WIDNES 22** (S Marsh, R Ince, A Gerrard, D Walker tries; T Gilmore 3 goals). **CASTLEFORD 19** (Q Laulu-Togagae, M Shenton, M

Cook tries; J Ellis 3 goals; Ellis field goal) **D. WIGAN 18** (S Tomkins, T Davies, L Marshall tries; Tomkins 3 goals). **CATALANS 28** (K Edwards 2, L Tierney, F Yaha, S Langi, J Drinkwater tries; Drinkwater 2 goals) **D. LEEDS 25** (J Walker, L Briscoe, L Sutcliffe, C Smith tries; Sutcliffe 4 goals; Sutcliffe field goal).

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	DIFF	PTS
ST HELENS	18	16	2	0	581	226	355	32
WIGAN	18	13	5	0	471	271	200	26
CASTLEFORD	18	12	5	1	415	364	51	25
WARRINGTON	18	12	6	0	421	327	94	24
HULL FC	18	10	8	0	441	365	76	20
WAKEFIELD	18	9	9	0	413	367	46	18
LEEDS	18	7	10	1	347	381	-34	15
HUDDERSFIELD	18	7	10	1	296	516	-220	15
CATALANS	18	7	11	0	323	440	-117	14
SALFORD	18	6	12	0	294	425	-131	12
HULL KR	18	4	13	1	321	476	-155	9
WIDNES	18	3	15	0	309	474	-165	6

ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP

TORONTO 64 (B Wallace 3, L Kay 2, N Rawsthorne 2, G O'Brien, B Beswick, M Russell, A Sidlow tries; O'Brien 7 goals) **D. BARROW 0. FEATHERSTONE 40** (I Hardman 2, J Hefcastle 2, A Thackeray 2, L Briscoe try; Hardman 6 goals) **D. SHEFFIELD 6** (S Pick try; C Aston goal). **LEIGH 58** (G Hall 2, D Hutchison 2, H Hansen, L Hood, K Larroyer, B Thompson, D Mortimer, R Bailey tries; B Reynolds 9 goals) **D. DEWSBURY 12** (A Brown, R Ward tries; P Sykes 2 goals). **HALIFAX 50** (B Moore 2, J Woodburn-Hall, J Saltonstall, W Sharp, S Murrell, B Johnston, S Grady, E Morris tries; S Tryrer 7 goals) **D. BATLEY 12** (A Gledhill, J Brown tries; D Scott 2 goals). **TOULOUSE 70** (W Barthau 3, M Kriouache 2, M Kheirallah 2, C Mika, B Canet, J Ford, B Ader, M Puech, C Bouzinac tries; Kheirallah 8, Barthau goals) **D. ROCHDALE 14** (L Hutton, J Fox tries; T Whittaker 3 goals). **LONDON 58** (J Sammut 2, A Walker, K Dixon, E Kear, R Williams, A Pewhairangi, J Cunningham, M Davis, J Pitts tries; Dixon 8, Sammut goals) **D. SWINTON 22** (J Brown 3, C Hankinson tries; Hankinson 3 goals).

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	DIFF	PTS
TORONTO	18	16	1	1	624	284	340	33
TOULOUSE	18	13	5	0	704	351	353	26
FEATHERSTONE	18	13	5	0	622	352	270	26
HALIFAX	18	12	5	1	486	334	152	25
LONDON	18	12	6	0	743	356	387	24
LEIGH	18	12	6	0	653	384	269	24
BATLEY	18	7	11	0	417	530	-113	14
BARROW	18	5	10	3	318	574	-256	13
SHEFFIELD	18	5	13	0	341	657	-316	10
DEWSBURY	18	4	13	1	305	603	-298	9
SWINTON	18	2	14	2	301	660	-359	6
ROCHDALE	18	3	15	0	247	676	-429	6

NSW COUNTRY

NORTHERN RIVERS

BALLINA 12 D. TWEED COAST 10, MARIST BROS 50 D. KYOGLE 4, CUDGEN 46 D. EVANS HEAD 4, MULLUMBIMBY 66 D. LOWER CLARENCE 18, MURWILLUMBAH 42. D BYRON BAY 8.

POINTS: Cudgen 19, Tweed Coast 19, Mullumbimby 19, Murwillumbah 16, Ballina 14, Casino 12, Marist Bros 11, Byron Bay 6, Evans Head 6, Lower Clarence 6, Kyogle 4, Northern Utd 0.

GROUP 2

SAWTELL 60 D. NAMBUCCA HEADS 16, GRAFTON 68 D. MACKSVILLE 6, COFFS HARBOUR 88 D. SOUTH GRAFTON 18.

POINTS: Graton 16, Orara Valley 16, Coffs Harbour 14, Sawtell 14, Macksville 12, South Grafton 10, Nambucca Heads 4.

ILLAWARRA

BERKELEY 36 D. CORRIMAL 24, COLLEGIANS 28 D. HELENSBURGH 24, THIRROUL 20 D. WESTS 16.

POINTS: Wests 13, Collegians 13, Dapto 12, Thirroul 12, Berkeley 8, Helensburgh 4, Corrimal 2.

GROUP 6

CAMDEN 24 D. NARELLAN 22, MITTAGONG 64 D. MOSS VALE 6, PICTON 36 D. THIRLMERE 8.

POINTS: Picton 16, Thirlmere 16, Mittagong 14, The Oaks 14, Camden 13, Narellan 10, City Roos 8, Moss Vale 7, Oakdale 2.

NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP

Knights v Eels

MCDONALD JONES STADIUM, SATURDAY, 3:10PM

MEN'S

Knights: 1 Luke Tonegato, 2 Matthew Tope, 4 Lincoln Little, 5 Daniel Langbridge, 6 Jack Edwards, 7 Dylan Thompson, 8 Alex Langbridge, 9 Bart Hill, 10 Matthew Prowse, 11 Jake Fitzpatrick, 14 Scott Bundy, 15 Tom Dafter, 16 Mitchell Wilton

Eels: 1 Georgie Palau, 2 Jordan Horo, 4 Daniel Barton, 5 Jed Ibbotson, 6 Dylan Hennessey, 7 Jordan Marshall-King, 8 Simon Lang, 9 Kyle Jermyn, 11 Alex Nicholls, 12 Kai Simbolon, 13 Marley Simbolon, 15 Mark Roberts, 16 Caidyn Wynyard

WOMEN'S

Knights: 2 Jessica Potts, 3 Emily Hennessey, 4 Rhiannon Podmore, 5 Madison Crowe, 6 Ainsley Hughes, 8 Sian Filipo, 10 Amy Regal, 11 Elise Wilson, 12 Lily Goodchild, 13 Amy Dufour, 14 Sophie Broadhead, 15 Rachel Jeffs, 16 Taryn Love

Eels: 1 Zara Nicholas, 2 Lucy McDonald, 3 Chloe Cheney, 5 Laura Peattie, 6 Danielle Davis, 7 Tayla Clifford, 8 Rachele Davis, 10 Samantha Rodgers, 11 Yasmin Meakes, 12 Brittney Clifford, 13 Aaliyah Paki, 14 Elesha Te Paa, 16 Faith Nathan

Broncos v Cowboys

SUNCORP STADIUM, SATURDAY, 3:15PM

WOMEN'S

Broncos: 2 Savannah Pratten, 3 Samantha Hopkin, 5 Katee Maller, 6 Hayley Maddick, 7 Mia Johnstone, 8 Rebecca Lapraik, 9 Paige Parker, 10 Kimberley Sue See, 12 Catherine Sargent, 13 Tahlia Rolph, 15 Rachel Walsh, 16 Melanie Wilks, 20 Brooke English

Cowboys: 1 Tori Carter, 2 Rae Barker, 4 Georgina Harris, 6 Jessica Bourke, 7 Rebecca Goulding, 9 Anna Hicks, 10 Brittney Brown, 11 Tamara Hussey, 12 Abby King, 13 Hagiga Mosby, 14 Naomi Parslow, 15 Rylie Seemark, 16 Indianna Tillett

MEN'S

Broncos: 1 Tim Baartz, 2 Tommy Quinlivan, 3 Cody Green, 6 Justin Otto, 7 Sean Hooper, 8 Samuel Carmody, 9 Mitchell De Rossi, 10 Liam Bauer, 11 Connor Harvey, 12 Hayden Moffat, 13 David Sen, 14 Adam Russell, 16 James Courtney

Cowboys: 1 Michael Law, 2 Shaun Francis, 3 Trevor Moran, 4 Dave Zanette, 5 Damon Moore, 6 Daniel Withers, 7 Jayden Benbow, 8 Kristian Congo, 9 Justin Cridland, 10 Lachlan Pierce, 11 Jared Townson, 12 Lachlan Hoch, 16 Cormac Hoch

GROUP 7

GERRINGONG 40 D. NOWRA BOMADERRY 24, SHELLHARBOUR SHARKS 44 D. BERRY SHOALHAVEN 12, MILTON ULLADULLA 22 D. STINGRAYS 18, JAMBEROO 30 D. ALBION PARK-OAK FLATS 10, KIAMA 28 D. WARILLA LAKE SOUTH 18.

POINTS: Warilla Lake South 16, Kiama 16, Shellharbour Sharks 16, Gerringong 14, Albion Park-Oak Flats 10, Jamberoo 10, Milton Ulladulla 8, Nowra Bomaderry 6, Berry Shoalhaven 4, Stingrays 0.

GROUP 8

GOULBURN 32 D. GUNGAHLIN 18, YASS 38 D. BELCONNEN UTD 18, WEST BELCONNEN 14 D. BLUES 4, ROOS 22 DREW WODEN VALLEY 22.

POINTS: Tuggeranong 18, West Belconnen 18, Yass 16, Roos 15, Blues 14, Woden Valley 13, Goulburn 10, Gungahlin 4, Belconnen Utd 2.

GROUP 9

BROTHERS 34 D. JUNE 12, TUMUT 26 D. ROOS 14, TEMORA 23 D. YOUNG 22, COOTAMUNDRA 30 D. ALBURY 24, SOUTHCITY 28 D. GUNDAGAI 14.

POINTS: Brothers 18, Southcity 16, June 12, Tumut 12, Cootamundra 12, Gundagai 10, Roos 8, Temora 6, Albury 4, Young 2.

GROUP 10

ST PATS 46 D. BLAYNEY 22, OBERON 36 D. LITHGOW 10, ORANGE CYMS 38 D. MUDGE 28, HAWKS 36 D. COWRA 14.

POINTS: Hawks 18, Cowra 15, Orange CYMS 15, Panthers 14, Oberon 13, St Pats 12, Mudgee 7, Lithgow 7, Blayney 5.

GROUP 11

DUBBO CYMS 58 D. NARROMINE 6, PARKES 30 D. DUBBO MACQUARIE 26, WELLINGTON 26 D. NYNGAN 20, FORBES 46 D. WESTSIDE 20.

POINTS: Dubbo CYMS 16, Wellington 12, Parkes 12, Forbes 10, Westside 6, Dubbo Macquarie 5, Nyngan 3, Narromine 0.

CASTLEREAGH LEAGUE

GULGONG 40 D. COBAR 22, GILGANDRA 26 D. COONAMBLE 18, BINNWAY 26 D. DUNEDOO 18, TRANGIE 38 D. BARADINE 30.

POINTS: Gulgong 18, Dunedoo 14, Gilgandra 14, Trangie 14, Binnaway 12, Cobar 10, Coonamble 8, Baradine 6.

WOODBRIDGE CUP

BURRANGONG 44 D. PEAK HILL 14, TRUNDLE 36 D. CARGO 32, EUGOWRA 106 D. CONDOBOLIN 12, GRENFELL 39 D. MANILDRA 32.

POINTS: Trundle 24, Grenfell 20, Manildra 18, Canowindra 17, Eugowra 15, Cargo 10, Burrangong 6, Condobolin 6, Peak Hill 4.

OUTBACK RL

BOOMERANGS 18 DREW SAINTS 18, YABBIES 70 D. BROKEN HILL UTD 0 (FORFEIT), PARNTU 70 D. EAGLES 0 (FORFEIT).

POINTS: Yabbies 12, Boomerangs 11, Saints 9, Parntu 6, Broken Hill Utd -2, Eagles -2. NOTE: Two points deducted for forfeit as per Outback RL regulations.

CENTRAL COAST

WOY WOY 22 D. KINCUMBER 14, THE ENTRANCE 36 D. OURIMBAH 26, ERINA 18 D. BERKELEY VALE 10, WYONG 26 D. TERRIGAL 16.

POINTS: Wyong 18, The Entrance 18, Woy Woy 12, Toukley 11, Kincumber 11, Terrigal 9, Erina 9, Ourimbah 8, Berkeley Vale 4.

NEWCASTLE

WESTS 22 D. MACQUARIE SCORPIONS 12, MAITLAND 42 D. KURRI KURRI 6, CENTRAL 26 D. CESSNOCK 14, SOUTH NEWCASTLE 26 D. LAKES UNITED 6.

POINTS: Lakes United 10, Kurri Kurri 8, Central 8, Wests 8, Maitland 8, South Newcastle 6, Cessnock 6, Macquarie 6.

GROUP 16

BOMBALA 44 D. BATEMANS BAY 12, MORUYA 46 D. NAROOMA 6, BEGA 34 D. MERIMBULA-PAMBULA 12.

POINTS: Bega 18, Moruya 17, Bombala 15, Merimbula-Pambula 12, Batemans Bay 10, Narooma 8, Cooma 8.

GROUP 20

TULLIBIGEAL LAKE CARGELLIGO 42 D. LEETON 28, WEST WYALONG 44 D. DARLINGTON POINT 12, YENDA 68 D. HAY 6, YANCO WAMOON 50 D. GRIFFITH 36.

POINTS: Tullibigeal Lake Cargelligo 18, Waratahs 16, Yenda 16, West Wyalong 12, Yanco Wamoon 11, Leeton 10, Griffith 10, Darlington Point 5, Hay 2.

GROUP 21

DENMAN 30 D. GRETA BRANXTON 18, SINGLETON 23 D. ABERDEEN 22, MUSWELLBROOK 34 D. SCONE 18.

POINTS: Aberdeen 16, Scone 14, Muswellbrook 14, Singleton 9, Denman 6, Greta Branxton 1.

QLD COUNTRY

SEQ SENIOR WOMEN'S

EASTS TIGERS 56 D. TOOWOOMBA 0, BURLEIGH 16 D. BROTHERS 6, SOUTHS 28 D. WESTS 24.

POINTS: Easts 29, Easts 28, Wests 25, Brothers 24, Souths Magpies 24, Toowoomba 14.

IPSWICH

EASTERN COBRAS 24 D. WEST END 20, SWIFTS 34 D. BROTHERS 14, NORTHS 36 D. GOODNA 28.

POINTS: Swifts 36, Fassifern 36, Brothers 32, Norths 31, Goodna 24, Eastern Cobras 24, West End 20.

GOLD COAST

RUNAWAY BAY 18 D. CURRUMBIN 16, TUGUN 24 D. ORMEAU 22, TWEED HEADS 34 D. BILAMBIL 28, BURLEIGH 38 D. SOUTHPORT 12.

POINTS: Currumbin 26, Tweed Heads 24, Southport 22, Tugun 22, Runaway Bay 21, Burleigh 18, Bilambil 14, Ormeau 10.

TOOWOOMBA

OAKEY 29 D. BROTHERS 20, DALBY 34 D. PITTSWORTH 20, WATTLES 46 D. GOONDIWINDI 32, VALLEYS 50 D. SOUTHS 16, WARWICK 24 D. HIGHFIELDS 20.

POINTS: Valleys 20, Wattles 20, Warwick 16, Dalby 16, Highfields 14, Gatton 10, Pittsworth 8, Goondiwindi 4, Brothers 2, Souths 0.

ROMA & DISTRICT

CHINCHILLA 30 D. RED BULLS 14, MITCHELL 36 D. ST GEORGE 10.

POINTS: Red Bulls 28, Chinchilla 28, Cities 20, Mitchell 16, Miles 8, St George 4.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

BLACKWATER CRUSHERS 44 D. EMERALD TIGERS 10, DYSART 34 D. EMERALD COWBOYS 12, BLUFF 86 D. MIDDLEMOUNT 0, SPRINGSURE 38 D. CLERMONT 24.

POINTS: Bluff 20, Blackwater 17, Emerald Tigers 12, Dysart 12, Springsure 11, Clermont 10, Middlemount 4, Emerald Cowboys 2.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WOMEN'S

BLACKWATER 38 D. EMERALD TIGERS 20, DYSART BULLS 14 D. EMERALD COWGIRLS 10.

POINTS: Blackwater 16, Emerald Tigers 12, Emerald Cowgirls 8, Dysart 6.

SUNSHINE COAST

BEERWAH 56 D. GYMPIE 0, KAWANA 26 D. CALOUNDRA 12, MAROCHYDORE 52 D. NOOSA 16, CABOOLTURE 16 D. NAMBOUR 2.

POINTS: Beerwah 50, Maroochydore 47, Caboolture 44, Nambour 41, Kawana 35, Caloundra 29, Noosa 17, Gympie 16.

SUNSHINE COAST WOMEN'S

KAWANA 38 D. SOUTH BURNETT 6, CABOOLTURE 56 D. NAMBOUR 4.

POINTS: Kawana 29, Caboolture 28, South Burnett 23, Nambour 17, Noosa 14.

SOUTH BURNETT

NANANGO 54 D. KINGAROY 12, CHERBOURG 56 D. WONDAI 0.

POINTS: Nanango 14, Kingaroy 10, Murgon 8, Cherbourg 8, Wondai 0.

CENTRAL BURNETT

MUNDUBBERA 68 D. BIGGENDEN 4, GAYNDAH 68 D. EIDSVOLD 10.

POINTS: Mundubbera 14, Gayndah 12, Biggenden 5, Eidsvold 1

NORTHERN DISTRICTS

AVONDALE 14 DREW MIRIAM VALE 14, SOUTH KOLAN 38 D. AGNES WATER 24.

POINTS: Miriam Vale 15, South Kolan 8, Avondale 7, Agnes Water 2.

BUNDABERG

WALLAROOS 34 D. WESTS 6, BROTHERS 76 D. HERVEY BAY 0, EASTS 36 D. MARYBOROUGH BROTHERS 6, WAVES 26 D. ISIS 6.

POINTS: Waves 19, Wallaroos 18, Isis 14, Wests 13, Easts 10, Brothers 10, Maryborough Brothers 2, Hervey Bay 2.

BUNDABERG WOMEN'S

BROTHERS 28 D. ISIS 6, WAVES 16 D. HERVEY BAY 6.

POINTS: Brothers 13, Hervey Bay 8, Waves 8, Isis 3.

ROCKHAMPTON

EMU PARK 42 D. VALLEYS 38, ROCKHAMPTON BROTHERS 50 D. BILOELA 6, NORTHS 30 D. GLADSTONE BROTHERS 0, TANNUM 60 D. WOORABINDA 10, YEPPOON 104 D. FITZROY/GACEMERE 0.

POINTS: Yeppoon 26, Rockhampton Brothers 20, Norths 18, Biloela 16, Emu Park 16, Valleys 10, Woorabinda 8, Gladstone Brothers 6, Tannum 6, Fitzroy 0.

ROCKHAMPTON WOMEN'S

ROUND 13: BROTHERS 36 D. WALLABYS 12, EMU PARK 36 D. VALLEYS 0, NORTHS 20 D. CALLOPE 8, TANNUM 38 D. WOORABINDA 0.

POINTS: Tannum 22, Wallabys 20, Brothers 16, Emu Park 14, Norths 10, Yeppoon 8, Woorabinda 8, Calliope 4, Valleys 0.

MACKAY

WHITSUNDAY 26 D. BROTHERS 12, SOUTHS 74 D. NORTHS 0, MAGPIES 50 D. SARINA 10, WESTS 18 D. MORANBAH 10.

POINTS: Wests 20, Whitsunday 18, Moranbah 14, Souths 12, Brothers 11, Magpies 10, Sarina 7, Norths 0.

MACKAY WOMEN'S

MORANBAH 32 D. SOUTHS 6, MAGPIES 66 D. SARINA 0, BROTHERS 60 D. WHITSUNDAY 0.

POINTS: Moranbah 16, Brothers 14, Magpies 12, Souths 8, Whitsunday 2, Sarina 2.

TOWNSVILLE & DISTRICT

CHARTERS TOWERS 32 D. NORTHS 22, HERBERT RIVER 58 D. BURDEKIN 10, BROTHERS 46 D. CENTRALS 28.

POINTS: Herbert River 36, Brothers 36, Centrals 28, Western Lions 24, Norths 16, Charters Towers 16, Burdekin 8.

CAIRNS & DISTRICT

BROTHERS 20 D. KANGAROOS 10, MOSSMAN 56 D. IVANHOES 10, ATHERTON 46 D. TULLY 16, MAREEBA 44 D. EDMONTON 12, BROTHERS INNISFAIL 35 D. YARRABAH 28.

POINTS: Atherton 18, Brothers 17, Kangaroos 12, Mossman Port Douglas 12, Brothers Innisfail 12, Tully 10, Ivanhoes 10, Southern Suburbs 8, Yarrabah 7, Mareeba 4, Edmonton 0.

2ND HALF | STAT ATTACK

TOP POINTSCORERS

	T	G	FG	PTS
GARETH WIDDOP (DRAGONS)	3	67	1	147
JARROD CROKER (RAIDERS)	6	54	0	132
LATRELL MITCHELL (ROOSTERS)	6	50	0	124
JAMAYNE ISAAKO (BRONCOS)	8	45	1	123
CAMERON SMITH (STORM)	1	54	0	112
JAMES MALONEY (PANTHERS)	2	50	3	111
CHAD TOWNSEND (SHARKS)	2	50	2	110
ADAM REYNOLDS (RABBITOHS)	0	53	0	106
MICHAEL GORDON (TITANS)	4	41	0	98
DALY CHERRY-EVANS (SEA EAGLES)	4	40	0	96
JOHNATHAN THURSTON (COWBOYS)	1	41	0	86
MOSES Mbye (BULLDOGS)	3	36	0	84
SHAUN JOHNSON (WARRIORS)	3	30	3	75
KALYN PONGA (KNIGHTS)	5	27	0	74
ESAN MARSTERS (WESTS TIGERS)	1	33	0	70

TOP GOALKICKERS

	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
GARETH WIDDOP (DRAGONS)	67	84	80%
CAMERON SMITH (STORM)	54	63	86%
JARROD CROKER (RAIDERS)	54	68	79%
ADAM REYNOLDS (RABBITOHS)	53	71	75%
JAMES MALONEY (PANTHERS)	50	58	86%
LATRELL MITCHELL (ROOSTERS)	50	61	82%
CHAD TOWNSEND (SHARKS)	50	67	75%
JAMAYNE ISAAKO (BRONCOS)	45	57	79%

NEW SOUTH WALES v QUEENSLAND

NEW SOUTH WALES 18 (Josh Addo-Carr 25', Boyd Cordner 31', Latrell Mitchell 50' tries; James Maloney 3 goals) **D. QUEENSLAND 14** (Valentine Holmes 13', Dane Gagai 20', Will Chambers 63' tries; Valentine Holmes 1 goal)

Half-time: New South Wales 12-10

Crowd: 82,223

Scrum: New South Wales 7-5

Penalties: Queensland 8-6

Sin Bin: James Roberts (New South Wales) 69'

Sent Off: Nil

Referee: Gerard Sutton

Assistant Referee: Ashley Klein

Touch Judges: Nick Beashel, Brett Suttor

Goalkickers: James Maloney (New South Wales)

3 from 3, Valentine Holmes (Queensland) 1 from 3

Completion Rates: New South Wales 32/36,

Queensland 34/41

PAPUA NEW GUINEA v FIJI

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 26 (Junior Rau (2) 14' 37', Luke Page 18', Justin Olam 39' tries; Rhyse Martin 5 goals)

D. FIJI 14 (Tyrone Phillips 33', Marcelo Montoya 54', Suliasi Vunivalu 69' tries; Sitiveni Moceidreke 1 goal)

Half-time: Papua New Guinea 26-4

Crowd: 17,802

Scrum: Fiji 7-5

Penalties: Fiji 7-6

Sin Bin: Nil

Sent Off: Nil

Referee: Matt Cecchin

Touch Judges: Michael Wise, Kasey Badger

Goalkickers: Rhyse Martin (Papua New Guinea)

5 from 5, Sitiveni Moceidreke (Fiji) 1 from 2, Henry

Raiwalui (Fiji) 0 from 1

Completion Rates: Papua New Guinea 29/37,

Fiji 27/37

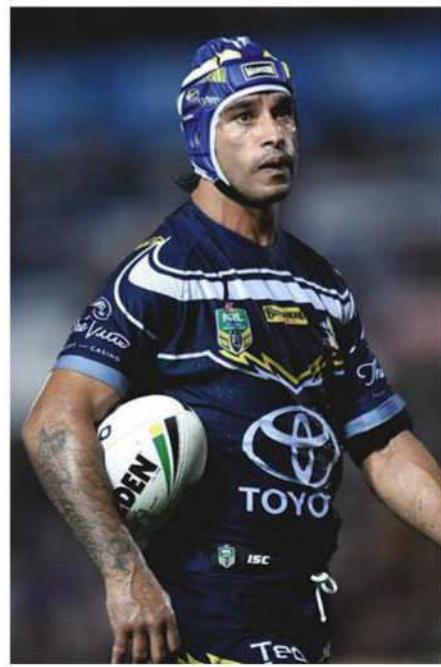
MICHAEL GORDON (TITANS)	41	50	82%
JOHNATHAN THURSTON (COWBOYS)	41	56	73%
DALY CHERRY-EVANS (SEA EAGLES)	40	52	77%
MOSES Mbye (BULLDOGS)	36	46	78%
ESAN MARSTERS (WESTS TIGERS)	33	41	80%
SHAUN JOHNSON (WARRIORS)	30	39	77%
MITCH MOSES (EELS)	27	36	75%

TOP RUNNING METRES

	TOTAL	AVERAGE	GAMES
BLAKE FERGUSON (ROOSTERS)	2,978	199	15
JASON TAUMALOLO (COWBOYS)	2,587	172	15
JAMES TEDESCO (ROOSTERS)	2,536	181	14
DAVID KLEMMER (BULLDOGS)	2,454	175	14
MARTIN TAUPAU (SEA EAGLES)	2,418	161	15
TOM TRBOJEVIC (SEA EAGLES)	2,280	175	13
KALYN PONGA (KNIGHTS)	2,249	150	15
KEN MAUMALO (WARRIORS)	2,082	149	14
KYLE FELDT (COWBOYS)	2,048	137	15
ROGER TUIVASA-SHECK (WARRIORS)	1,992	166	12
WILL HOPOATE (BULLDOGS)	1,983	142	14
NENE MACDONALD (DRAGONS)	1,977	141	14
JAKE TRBOJEVIC (SEA EAGLES)	1,972	141	14
ESAN MARSTERS (WESTS TIGERS)	1,969	131	15
COREY OATES (BRONCOS)	1,951	150	13

CROWDS

EELS v RABBITOHS	8,047
COWBOYS v WARRIORS	11,062
ROOSTERS v PANTHERS	10,078



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Tedesco	80	5	1	0	18	144	0	0
T Trbojevic	80	8	1	0	15	84	1	0
Mitchell	80	13	1	2	13	100	2	2
Roberts	71	19	3	0	14	104	0	0
Addo-Carr	80	10	4	1	11	99	1	0
Maloney	80	10	4	0	9	80	0	0
Clarry	80	25	5	0	6	46	0	1
Klemmer	36	20	0	0	9	86	1	1
Cook	80	40	1	0	8	70	0	1
Prior	33	27	1	0	3	31	0	0
Cordner	75	22	3	0	18	133	1	0
Frizell	63	30	0	0	8	68	0	0
de Belin	60	35	1	0	7	54	0	0
Interchange								
Vaughan	31	12	1	0	10	86	0	0
J Trbojevic	60	31	1	0	15	116	1	0
Crichton	35	23	1	0	7	53	0	2
Peachey	11	5	0	0	6	54	0	0
Total	1040	335	28	3	177	1408	7	7

	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Slater	80	5	2	0	12	107	2	3
Holmes	80	2	0	2	18	225	1	1
Inglis	80	12	1	0	19	195	0	0
Chambers	80	18	3	1	14	135	1	1
Gagai	80	6	5	1	19	161	2	0
Munster	80	26	4	0	13	99	0	1
Hunt	80	19	3	0	5	41	1	1
Napa	35	26	3	0	9	79	0	1
McCullough	80	49	1	0	5	48	0	0
Wallace	28	17	0	0	4	44	0	0
Cooper	80	47	4	0	14	101	0	0
Kaufusi	77	37	0	0	8	64	0	1
McGuire	51	29	1	0	7	69	0	0
Interchange								
Ponga	52	29	5	1	10	109	0	2
Papalii	31	19	0	0	3	31	0	0
Hess	17	9	0	0	4	50	0	0
Arrow	29	22	0	0	9	75	0	1
Total	1040	372	32	5	173	1633	7	12

	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Olam	57	4	1	0	14	189	1	1
Rau	80	3	1	2	12	96	1	0
Teteh	80	17	4	0	12	112	0	1
Minoga	80	12	1	0	12	97	1	0
Pandia	80	1	1	0	15	100	2	0
Lam	80	19	3	0	2	8	0	0
W Boas	80	28	4	0	3	17	1	0
Albert	36	18	3	0	9	70	0	0
Segeyaro	80	44	3	1	3	34	0	2
Page	42	28	2	1	14	142	1	0
Martin	80	34	2	0	13	105	0	0
Putt	80	28	4	0	13	117	0	0
Griffin	40	27	3	0	9	82	1	1
Interchange								
Baptiste	53	25	4	0	2	13	0	0
Brawa	34	15	0	0	12	103	0	0
A Boas	23	5	0	0	2	14	0	0
Maki	36	19	0	0	14	140	0	0
Total	1040	327	36	4	161	1439	8	5

	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Naiqama	80	2	2	0	15	215	1	0
Vunivalu	80	1	1	1	13	98	5	2
Uate	36	7	1	0	4	41	1	0
Phillips	80	9	3	1	12	118	1	1
Montoya	80	2	0	0	12	132	0	0
Raiwalui	80	30	1	0	2	22	0	0
Hayne	80	19	0	1	9	89	0	0
Evans	45	35	1	0	11	100	1	5
Lovodua	80	42	4	0	6	68	0	0
Vunakece	49	30	1	0	9	66	0	0
Vuniyayawa	63	34	0	1	10	109	1	2
Fainga'a	68	35	1	0	10	79	1	0
Kamikamica	70	47	1	0	14	146	0	1
Interchange								
Seci	41	18	0	0	8	68	0	0
Moceidreke	44	10	0	0	9	78	0	0
Sokobalavu	29	18	0	0	7	59	1	0
Rojica	35	19	0	0	7	54	0	0
Total	1040	358	16	4	158	1542	12	11

BULLDOGS v TITANS	6,874
DRAGONS v SEA EAGLES	13,069
SHARKS v BRONCOS	14,587
KNIGHTS v STORM	14,803
WESTS TIGERS v RAIDERS	10,237
TOTAL	88,757
AVERAGE PER GAME	11,095
YEAR TO DATE TOTAL	1,875,056
AVERAGE PER GAME	16,164

CLUB HOME AVERAGES

BRISBANE BRONCOS	30,387
SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	20,876
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	19,536
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	18,748
MELBOURNE STORM	18,653
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	17,552
WARRIORS	17,349
WESTS TIGERS	17,249
PENRITH PANTHERS	15,625
NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS	13,808
MANLY WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES	13,669
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS	13,125
SYDNEY ROOSTERS	12,337
PARRAMATTA EELS	12,177
CANBERRA RAIDERS	11,213
GOLD COAST TITANS	9,704



COMPLETED SETS

WESTS TIGERS	453
SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	439
NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS	436
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS	431
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	425
PARRAMATTA EELS	424
SYDNEY ROOSTERS	423
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	422
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	417
PENRITH PANTHERS	416
MANLY WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES	416
BRISBANE BRONCOS	403
WARRIORS	403
MELBOURNE STORM	398
GOLD COAST TITANS	389
CANBERRA RAIDERS	385

COMPLETION %

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	79%
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	79%
WESTS TIGERS	79%
BRISBANE BRONCOS	79%
WARRIORS	79%
SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	78%
PENRITH PANTHERS	78%
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	77%
GOLD COAST TITANS	76%
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS	76%
PARRAMATTA EELS	76%
CANBERRA RAIDERS	76%
NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS	75%
MANLY WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES	75%
MELBOURNE STORM	74%
SYDNEY ROOSTERS	74%

TOP TRYSCORERS

DAVID FUSITU'A (WARRIORS)	15
JOSH ADDO-CARR (STORM)	14
VALENTINE HOLMES (SHARKS)	12
ROBERT JENNINGS (RABBITOHS)	12
KYLE FELDT (COWBOYS)	10
BLAKE FERGUSON (ROOSTERS)	10

TOP TACKLERS

JAKE FRIEND (ROOSTERS)	642
DANIEL ALVARO (EELS)	611

Aidan Guerra (Knights)	593
Matt Eisenhuth (West's Tigers)	589
Jake Granville (Cowboys)	580

MOST LINE-BREAKS

NICK COTRIC (RAIDERS)	14
COREY OATES (BRONCOS)	12
CODY WALKER (RABBITOHS)	12
DAVID FUSITU'A (WARRIORS)	12
JOSH ADDO-CARR (STORM)	11
BLAKE FERGUSON (ROOSTERS)	11

MOST MISSED TACKLES

JAMES MALONEY (PANTHERS)	98
LUKE BROOKS (WESTS TIGERS)	62
JOHNATHAN THURSTON (COWBOYS)	61
BEN HUNT (DRAGONS)	60
ROBBIE ROCHOW (WESTS TIGERS)	56
CHAD TOWNSEND (SHARKS)	55
JAMES FISHER-HARRIS (PANTHERS)	54

MOST PENALTIES

JAKE TRBOJEVIC (SEA EAGLES)	23
ANDREW FIFITA (SHARKS)	22
AARON WOODS (BULLDOGS)	18
CAMERON McINNES (DRAGONS)	17
COEN HESS (COWBOYS)	17
MARTIN TAUPAU (SEA EAGLES)	17
TYRONE PEACHEY (PANTHERS)	17

SAMOA v TONGA

TONGA 38 (Siliva Havili 9', Ata Hingano 12', Konrad Hurrell 15', Robert Jennings 24', Will Hupoate 29', Daniel Tupou 32', Tevita Tatola 43' tries; Sio Siua Taukeiaho 5 goals) **D. SAMOA 22** (James Gavet 2', Tim Lafai 51', Tyrone May 56', Jorge Taufua 64' tries; Mason Lino 3 goals)

Half-time: Tonga 30-6

Crowd: 17,802

Scrum: Tonga 4-3

Penalties: Tonga 10-4

Sin Bin: Nil

Sent Off: Nil

Referee: Grant Atkins

Touch Judges: Chris Butler, Chris Sutton

Goalkickers: Mason Lino (Samoa) 3 from 4,

Sio Siua Taukeiaho (Tonga) 5 from 8

Completion Rates: Samoa 24/34, Tonga 31/37



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Milford	80	6	1	0	13	103	2	0
Crichton	80	5	0	0	12	119	1	0
J Leilua	80	17	1	1	10	151	1	2
Lafai	80	6	1	1	10	153	0	3
Taufua	80	0	2	1	15	148	0	0
May	80	17	4	1	9	83	1	1
Lino	80	20	5	0	5	30	2	0
Gavet	39	20	6	1	12	112	0	2
Paulo	43	31	2	0	5	35	1	0
Kasiano	3	0	0	0	2	24	0	0
Chee-Kam	80	37	13	0	10	110	0	0
Papali'i	80	30	12	0	12	102	1	1
Aloa	56	35	6	0	10	117	0	0
Interchange								
Lui	56	44	3	0	9	101	0	1
Aloiai	40	27	2	0	6	55	1	0
Sao	29	20	1	0	7	59	0	2
Godinet	54	21	7	0	3	16	0	1
Total	1040	336	66	5	150	1518	10	13



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Hupoate	80	7	2	2	12	110	0	2
Tupou	80	2	1	1	14	136	4	0
Hurrell	80	12	5	1	8	84	0	1
M Jennings	80	14	2	1	8	134	0	0
R Jennings	80	6	2	0	8	108	0	0
Lolohea	80	15	7	0	3	14	0	1
Hingano	47	7	3	0	4	48	1	0
Fifita	47	25	2	0	14	120	1	5
Havili	56	34	7	1	3	33	0	0
Fonua-Blake	44	19	0	0	15	183	0	0
Ma'u	62	29	0	0	11	116	0	0
Taukeiaho	80	23	8	0	16	140	1	3
Taumalolo	59	20	2	0	16	179	0	3
Interchange								
S Katoa	57	26	2	0	2	16	1	1
Ofahengaue	53	35	0	0	15	119	0	0
Terepo	33	16	3	0	11	103	1	1
Tatola	21	8	0	1	6	71	0	0
Total	1040	298	46	7	166	1714	9	17

NEW ZEALAND v ENGLAND

ENGLAND 36 (Elliott Whitehead (2) 39' 53', Ryan Hall 33', Jake Connor 60', Thomas Makinson 65', John Bateman 80' tries; Gareth Widdop 6 goals) **D. NEW ZEALAND 18** (Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (2) 29' 69', Esan Marsters 10' tries; Jamayne Isaako 3 goals)

Half-time: New Zealand 12-10

Crowd: 19,320

Scrum: England 7-6

Penalties: England 10-3

Sin Bin: Nil

Sent Off: Nil

Referee: Ben Thaler

Touch Judges: Chris Kendall, Chris McMillan

Goalkickers: Jamayne Isaako (New Zealand)

3 from 3, Gareth Widdop (England) 6 from 7,

James Graham (England) 0 from 1

Completion Rates: New Zealand 20/32,

England 30/36



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Watene-Zelezniak	80	2	1	0	17	177	1	5
Isaako	80	7	1	1	13	118	2	1
Marsters	80	9	4	2	13	188	0	4
Hiku	80	10	3	0	11	90	0	2
Maumalo	80	3	3	0	18	187	1	2
Martin	80	19	3	1	4	46	1	0
Nikorima	80	13	6	1	6	75	0	2
Waerea-Hargreaves	53	34	5	0	8	83	0	1
Luke	64	29	5	2	7	102	1	0
Asofa-Solomona	55	35	3	0	13	143	1	3
Faitala-Mariner	80	22	4	0	13	109	2	2
Tapine	55	27	1	0	10	106	0	1
Taupau	34	17	5	0	9	92	0	3
Interchange								
Fisher-Harris	60	36	4	0	10	98	0	1
Griffin	22	12	0	0	2	18	0	0
Ese'ese	25	22	2	0	5	35	1	0
Ah Mau	31	24	0	0	6	55	1	2
Total	1040	321	50	7	165	1722	11	29



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Ratchford	80	9	2	0	11	90	0	0
McGillvary	80	1	0	0	19	191	1	1
Bateman	63	15	4	1	13	104	2	3
Percival	80	11	2	0	9	88	0	1
Hall	80	0	1	1	16	149	0	0
Lomax	35	8	4	0	5	38	0	0
Widdop	80	12	4	0	11	52	2	1
Hill	51	25	1	0	11	101	1	1
Roby	65	32	3	0	5	68	0	0
Graham	61	39	5	0	9	91	0	1
S Burgess	80	16	4	0	19	190	0	1
Whitehead	64	21	3	1	12	156	0	4
O'Loughlin	43	25	2	0	10	69	0	0
Interchange								
Connor	45	4	2	1	5	100	0	0
T Burgess	40	21	4	0	12	149	1	0
Makinson	53	6	2	0	7	135	0	0
Taylor	39	24	1	0	8	75	0	1
Total	1040	269	44	4	182	1846	7	13

12 tries in his past 11 games. >> Bulldogs prop David Klemmer has never lost against Newcastle. >> The Roosters are aiming for five consecutive wins for the first time since 2015.

MOST TRY ASSISTS

ASH TAYLOR (TITANS)	16
LUKE KEARY (ROOSTERS)	14
CAMERON MUNSTER (STORM)	13
MATT MOYLAN (SHARKS)	12
GARETH WIDDOP (DRAGONS)	12
JOHNATHAN THURSTON (COWBOYS)	11



MOST HIT-UPS/RUNS

BLAKE FERGUSON (ROOSTERS)	303
JASON TAUMALOLO (COWBOYS)	260
DAVID KLEMMER (BULLDOGS)	250
MARTIN TAUPAU (SEA EAGLES)	242
ANDREW FIFITA (SHARKS)	241
KALYN PONGA (KNIGHTS)	238

MOST TACKLE BREAKS

KALYN PONGA (KNIGHTS)	116
NICK COTRIC (RAIDERS)	91
JAMES TEDESCO (ROOSTERS)	88
JASON TAUMALOLO (COWBOYS)	74
MARTIN TAUPAU (SEA EAGLES)	66

MOST OFFLOADS

ANDREW FIFITA (SHARKS)	53
MARTIN TAUPAU (SEA EAGLES)	52
ESAN MARSTERS (WESTS TIGERS)	45
JOEY LEILUA (RAIDERS)	31
AARON WOODS (BULLDOGS)	29

TOP LINE-BREAK ASSISTS

MATT MOYLAN (SHARKS)	13
KALYN PONGA (KNIGHTS)	13
ASH TAYLOR (TITANS)	12
JOHNATHAN THURSTON (COWBOYS)	12
ALEX JOHNSTON (RABBITOHS)	11
GARETH WIDDOP (DRAGONS)	11

40/20 KICKS THIS SEASON

DALY CHERRY-EVANS (SEA EAGLES)	2
COOPER CRONK (ROOSTERS)	2
BLAKE GREEN (WARRIORS)	2

TOP TURNOVER TACKLES

API KOROISAU (SEA EAGLES)	11
LUKE BATEMAN (RAIDERS)	11
JOEL THOMPSON (SEA EAGLES)	10
JAKE TRBOJEVIC (SEA EAGLES)	10
ISSAC LUKE (WARRIORS)	9
MATT PRIOR (SHARKS)	9
DANIEL ALVARO (EELS)	9
ANGUS CRICHTON (RABBITOHS)	9

TOP DUMMY-HALF RUNNERS

DAMIEN COOK (RABBITOHS)	76
ISSAC LUKE (WARRIORS)	70
CAMERON McINNES (DRAGONS)	64
JORDAN RAPANA (RAIDERS)	61
MITCH REIN (TITANS)	52
ANDREW McCULLOUGH (BRONCOS)	51
JAKE GRANVILLE (COWBOYS)	49
CAMERON SMITH (STORM)	49

MOST INTERCEPTS

SHAUN KENNY-DOWALL (KNIGHTS)	3
BEN HUNT (DRAGONS)	2
GEORGE JENNINGS (EELS)	2

RICHARD KENRAR (RABBITOHS)	2
CAMERON SMITH (STORM)	2
RICKY LEUTELE (SHARKS)	2
JOSEPH MANU (ROOSTERS)	2

MOST CHARGE DOWNS

JAKE FRIEND (ROOSTERS)	3
GAVIN COOPER (COWBOYS)	2
TEVITA PANGAI (BRONCOS)	2
CODY WALKER (RABBITOHS)	2
TEPAI MOERQA (EELS)	2

MOST DECOYS

GAVIN COOPER (COWBOYS)	135
THOMAS BURGESS (RABBITOHS)	133
JAMES FISHER-HARRIS (PANTHERS)	128
ANGUS CRICHTON (RABBITOHS)	128

MOST SUPPORTS

JAMES TEDESCO (ROOSTERS)	394
MICHAEL GORDON (TITANS)	376
LUKE KEARY (ROOSTERS)	354
CHAD TOWNSEND (SHARKS)	343

MOST RECEIVES

CAMERON McINNES (DRAGONS)	1,526
JAKE GRANVILLE (COWBOYS)	1,380
JAKE FRIEND (ROOSTERS)	1,365
DAMIEN COOK (RABBITOHS)	1,330
CAMERON SMITH (STORM)	1,315

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN V QUEENSLAND WOMEN

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN 16 (Isabelle Kelly (2) 9' 55", Nakia Davis-Welsh 37' tries; Maddie Studdon 2 goals) **D. QUEENSLAND WOMEN 10** (Karina Brown (2) 13' 46' tries; Chelsea Baker 1 goal)

Half-time: New South Wales 10-6

Crowd: 6,824

Scrum: New South Wales 7-5

Penalties: New South Wales 4-3

Sin Bin: Nil

Sent Off: Nil

Referee: Jon Stone

Assistant Referee: Peter Gough

Touch Judges: Phil Henderson, Belinda Sleeman
Goalkeepers: Maddie Studdon (New South Wales) 2 from 3, Chelsea Baker (Queensland) 1 from 2

Completion Rates: New South Wales 21/29, Queensland 21/28



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Bremner	60	8	0	0	11	104	1	0
Simon	60	4	0	0	8	48	1	0
McGregor	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly	60	13	3	2	12	127	0	0
Davis-Welsh	60	7	1	1	6	56	1	0
O Mealey	60	16	2	0	3	41	0	0
Studdon	60	11	2	0	1	3	0	0
Taufa-Kautai	60	31	1	0	20	155	2	1
Riley	25	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Walton	33	11	0	0	9	79	0	1
Quinn	60	24	1	0	16	133	2	0
Apps	60	22	0	0	11	99	2	0
Foliaki	24	11	1	0	3	24	0	0
Interchange								
Maynard	35	17	2	0	5	39	0	0
Young	24	15	1	0	3	21	0	0
Wheeler	39	30	1	0	4	21	1	0
Southwell	54	7	3	0	5	27	0	0
Total	1040	238	19	3	117	977	10	2



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Baker	60	4	2	0	10	88	1	0
Brown	60	7	1	1	6	42	0	0
Kuk	60	16	5	0	10	86	0	1
Ward	60	9	4	0	10	76	1	0
Revell-Blair	60	2	3	0	8	62	1	0
Temara	60	11	4	0	3	28	0	1
Brigginsshaw	60	16	2	1	7	72	0	1
Peters	30	20	1	0	5	43	0	0
Breayley	60	45	0	0	5	40	2	0
Ballinger	46	26	3	0	9	77	0	0
Gray	57	28	2	0	9	77	0	0
Feterika	56	25	1	0	12	114	1	0
Brander	46	24	1	0	8	76	0	0
Interchange								
Storch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hancock	33	21	1	0	7	56	0	3
House	14	8	0	0	3	22	1	0
Harden	18	12	0	0	3	23	0	0
Total	1040	274	30	2	115	982	7	6



Blues skipper Maddie Studdon hoists the shield.



Queensland rake Brittany Breayley looks for a way through.



INTRUST SUPER PREMIERSHIP NSW

TOP POINTSCORERS

	T	G	FG	PTS
SITIVENI MOCEIDREKE (MOUNTIES)	8	42	0	116
JOSH MANTELLATO (ROOS)	4	45	0	106
NATHAN DAVIS (WENTWORTHVILLE)	7	37	0	102
ADAM KEIGHRAN (PANTHERS)	3	37	0	86
KYLE FLANAGAN (JETS)	3	35	1	83
CHANEL HARRIS-TAVITA (WARRIORS)	5	25	2	72
JOSH DRINKWATER (WESTS)	2	32	0	72
FA'AMANU BROWN (BULLDOGS)	8	18	1	69
JACKSON HASTINGS (SEA EAGLES)	3	28	0	68
DEAN HAWKINS (BEARS)	2	29	1	67
RHYSSE MARTIN (BULLDOGS)	2	27	0	62
JAI FIELD (DRAGONS)	7	16	0	60
DARREN NICHOLLS (DRAGONS)	3	23	1	59
JORDAN PEREIRA (DRAGONS)	13	0	0	52
BRAD ABBEY (MOUNTIES)	12	0	0	48

TOP RUNNING METRES

	TOTAL	AVERAGE	GAMES
CALEB AEKINS (PANTHERS)	2,559	197	13
BLAKE LAWRIE (DRAGONS)	2,131	152	14
VILIAMI KAVEINGA (BEARS)	2,056	158	13
JORDAN PEREIRA (DRAGONS)	1,983	153	13
TOM AMONE (SEA EAGLES)	1,953	150	13
PATRICK HERBERT (DRAGONS)	1,871	144	13
MIKAELE RAVALAWA (MOUNTIES)	1,848	142	13
REIMIS SMITH (BULLDOGS)	1,821	140	13
HAME SELE (DRAGONS)	1,800	138	13
JACKSON FORD (DRAGONS)	1,752	117	15
WATSON HELETA (WESTS)	1,726	133	13
OFAHIKI OGDEN (BULLDOGS)	1,708	122	14
JJ FELISE (WESTS)	1,643	117	14
LUKE SHARPE (ROOS)	1,604	107	15
HAYZE PERHAM (WARRIORS)	1,602	134	12

TOP TRYSCORERS

JORDAN PEREIRA (DRAGONS)	13
BRAD ABBEY (MOUNTIES)	12
MIKAELE RAVALAWA (MOUNTIES)	11
LEWIS SOOSEMEA (WARRIORS)	9
WILLIAM KENNEDY (JETS)	9
FA'AMANU BROWN (BULLDOGS)	8
LUKE GARNER (WESTS)	8
SITIVENI MOCEIDREKE (MOUNTIES)	8

TOP TRY ASSISTS

CRAIG GARVEY (MOUNTIES)	15
JOSH DRINKWATER (WESTS)	11
MITCH WILLIAMS (ROOS)	10
PATRICK HERBERT (DRAGONS)	9

CHANEL HARRIS-TAVITA (WARRIORS)	9
SAM COOK (WARRIORS)	8
MANASE FAINU (SEA EAGLES)	8
BLAYKE BRAILEY (JETS)	8
TYSON GAMBLE (WESTS)	8

TOP LINE-BREAKS

JORDAN PEREIRA (DRAGONS)	13
MIKAELE RAVALAWA (MOUNTIES)	13
LEWIS SOOSEMEA (WARRIORS)	12
SITIVENI MOCEIDREKE (MOUNTIES)	11
FA'AMANU BROWN (BULLDOGS)	10
MATT EVANS (JETS)	9
JAI FIELD (DRAGONS)	9

TOP LINE-BREAK ASSISTS

CRAIG GARVEY (MOUNTIES)	14
MITCH WILLIAMS (ROOS)	10
CHANEL HARRIS-TAVITA (WARRIORS)	10

TOP TACKLE BREAKS

CALEB AEKINS (PANTHERS)	72
JORDAN PEREIRA (DRAGONS)	70
MIKAELE RAVALAWA (MOUNTIES)	67
WATSON HELETA (WESTS)	65
LUKE SHARPE (ROOS)	58
PATRICK HERBERT (DRAGONS)	53
JOSH BERGAMIN (BULLDOGS)	49

TOP TACKLERS

MITCH WILLIAMS (ROOS)	570
BILLY BRITAIN (BEARS)	533
BLAKE LAWRIE (DRAGONS)	488
JACKSON FORD (DRAGONS)	479
JAMES BELL (WARRIORS)	475
REECE ROBSON (DRAGONS)	470
BLAYKE BRAILEY (JETS)	450

TOP MISSED TACKLES

CHRIS SMITH (ROOS)	55
MITCH WILLIAMS (ROOS)	51
JAMES BELL (WARRIORS)	50
DEAN HAWKINS (BEARS)	47
OFAHIKI OGDEN (BULLDOGS)	46
SAM COOK (WARRIORS)	45
RAY STONE (WENTWORTHVILLE)	44

TOP PENALTIES

PATRICE SILO (WESTS)	20
JAMES BELL (WARRIORS)	19
LACHLAN LEWIS (BULLDOGS)	18
TOAFOFOA SIPLEY (SEA EAGLES)	16
SAM COOK (WARRIORS)	16
JACKSON FORD (DRAGONS)	16



INTRUST SUPER CUP QLD

TOP POINTSCORERS

	T	G	FG	PTS
JAKE CLIFFORD (PRIDE)	10	44	1	129
GUY HAMILTON (MAGPIES)	3	55	0	122
WES CONLON (JETS)	5	44	0	108
KOTONI STAGGS (DOLPHINS)	6	39	0	102
TODD MURPHY (DEVILS)	1	37	0	78
TYRONNE ROBERTS-DAVIS (BEARS)	9	18	0	72
PAT TEMPLEMAN (WM SEAGULLS)	6	21	1	67
LINDON MCGRADY (TH SEAGULLS)	2	26	1	61
BRAYDEN TORPY (TIGERS)	3	23	0	58
CONNOR BROADHURST (CAPRAS)	1	26	0	56
LEVI DODD (BLACKHAWKS)	3	21	0	54
ASE BOAS (HUNTERS)	3	21	0	54
DANIEL OGDEN (WM SEAGULLS)	13	0	0	52
JAMAL FOGARTY (BEARS)	4	17	0	50
BRAYDEN MCGRADY (TH SEAGULLS)	12	0	0	48

TOP RUNNING METRES

	TOTAL	AVERAGE	GAMES
BEN SHEA (JETS)	2,183	156	14
MARION SEVE (MAGPIES)	2,097	150	14
SEB PANDIA (JETS)	2,091	149	14
NATHANIEL NEALE (JETS)	2,032	156	13
PATRICK CARRIGAN (WM SEAGULLS)	1,974	141	14
JOHNNY FALETAGOA'I (CUTTERS)	1,863	155	12
LUKE PAGE (BEARS)	1,857	133	14
GEHAMAT SHIBASAKI (DEVILS)	1,847	154	12
JAMES TAYLOR (DOLPHINS)	1,830	131	14
TONY TUMUSA (DOLPHINS)	1,819	130	14
SAMI SAULLIMA (BEARS)	1,808	129	14
SAM ANDERSON (DOLPHINS)	1,794	128	14
DANIEL OGDEN (WM SEAGULLS)	1,784	127	14
BRETT GREINKE (TIGERS)	1,732	124	14
LINC PORT (TIGERS)	1,730	124	14

TOP TRYSCORERS

JACK AHEARN (DEVILS)	11
PAT POLITONI (BEARS)	10
NICHO HYNES (CUTTERS)	10
SCOTT DRINKWATER (TIGERS)	10
TRAVIS WADDELL (MAGPIES)	9
SAM SCARLETT (MAGPIES)	9
PAT TEMPLEMAN (WM SEAGULLS)	9
GUY HAMILTON (MAGPIES)	9

TOP TRY ASSISTS

JACK AHEARN (DEVILS)	11
PAT POLITONI (BEARS)	10
NICHO HYNES (CUTTERS)	10
SCOTT DRINKWATER (TIGERS)	10

TRAVIS WADDELL (MAGPIES)	9
SAM SCARLETT (MAGPIES)	9
PAT TEMPLEMAN (WM SEAGULLS)	9
GUY HAMILTON (MAGPIES)	9

TOP LINE-BREAKS

DANIEL OGDEN (WM SEAGULLS)	14
LINC PORT (TIGERS)	11
YAMBA BOWIE (CUTTERS)	10
TROY LEO (BEARS)	10

TOP LINE-BREAK ASSISTS

PAT TEMPLEMAN (WM SEAGULLS)	11
GUY HAMILTON (MAGPIES)	10
SCOTT DRINKWATER (TIGERS)	10
PAT POLITONI (BEARS)	9
NICHO HYNES (CUTTERS)	9

TOP TACKLE-BREAKS

SCOTT DRINKWATER (TIGERS)	77
TONY TUMUSA (DOLPHINS)	76
MARION SEVE (MAGPIES)	69
SEB PANDIA (JETS)	68
GEORGE FAI (MAGPIES)	64
DAVE TAYLOR (CAPRAS)	60
JUSTIN OLAM (FALCONS)	57
GEHAMAT SHIBASAKI (DEVILS)	56

TOP TACKLERS

PAT POLITONI (BEARS)	493
HARRY GRANT (FALCONS)	468
JERRY KEY (CAPRAS)	455
JACK SVENDSEN (TIGERS)	443
PATRICK CARRIGAN (WM SEAGULLS)	443
JAMES HILL (CAPRAS)	439
SAM COSTER (BEARS)	438
JACOB HIND (FALCONS)	430

TOP MISSED TACKLES

DAVID COWHAN (CAPRAS)	64
CAMERON CULLEN (DOLPHINS)	59
DANE PHILLIPS (JETS)	53
GUY HAMILTON (MAGPIES)	52
KIERRAN MOSELEY (JETS)	48
LAMAR LIOLLEVAE (TH SEAGULLS)	48
GRAHAM CLARK (PRIDE)	48

TOP PENALTIES

DAVE TAYLOR (CAPRAS)	23
TODD MURPHY (DEVILS)	17
JAKE MARKETO (BLACKHAWKS)	16
GUY HAMILTON (MAGPIES)	16
BRENDON GIBB (MAGPIES)	15
CHRIS LEWIS (FALCONS)	15

NSW RESIDENTS V QLD RESIDENTS

NSW RESIDENTS 36 (Dean Britt (2) 19' 22', Kyle Flanagan 6', Luke Garner 27', Sean O'Sullivan 36', Tony Satini 52' tries; Kyle Flanagan 6 goals) **Qld RESIDENTS 20** (Kalifa Faifai Loa (2) 44' 79', Blake Leary 75', Scott Drinkwater 77' tries; Kalifa Faifai Loa 2 goals)

Half-time: New South Wales 30-0

Scrum: New South Wales 7-2

Penalties: 6-all

Sin Bin: Nil

Sent Off: Nil

Referee: Todd Smith

Assistant Referee: Liam Kennedy

Touch Judges: Liam Nicholls, Drew Outtram

Goalkickers: Kyle Flanagan (NSW Residents) 6 from 6, Kalifa Faifai Loa (Qld Residents) 2 from 3, Jonus Pearson (Qld Residents) 0 from 1

Completion Rates: NSW Residents 30/35, Qld Residents 21/32



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Aekins	80	2	1	1	19	176	0	1
Satini	80	5	3	1	13	153	1	1
Gray	80	15	3	0	10	77	1	0
Hiroti	80	17	3	0	16	122	0	0
Sivo	80	5	0	0	11	88	0	0
O'Sullivan	80	15	6	1	4	34	1	0
Flanagan	80	20	2	0	6	29	3	1
Dillon	45	24	2	0	13	123	0	0
Brailey	60	29	2	0	3	27	0	0
Felise	45	15	0	0	11	120	0	0
Britt	80	23	6	2	13	138	0	0
Garner	80	30	3	1	9	82	0	0
Martin	53	29	2	0	10	79	0	0
Interchange								
Matagi	33	16	2	0	6	63	0	0
Ogden	31	13	0	0	6	60	0	0
Brittain	29	11	1	0	3	31	0	0
Sironen	24	9	0	0	5	49	0	0
Total	1040	278	37	6	158	1451	6	3



	Minutes played	Total tackles	Missed tackles	Line-breaks	Total hit-ups/runs	Metres gained	Handling errors	Offloads
Drinkwater	80	6	2	2	16	149	2	2
Pearson	80	3	0	0	13	128	2	1
Seve	80	22	3	0	17	171	2	2
Shibasaki	80	14	0	0	13	115	1	0
Faifai Loa	80	3	0	1	15	133	0	3
Walters	80	22	3	1	11	125	3	7
Fogarty	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neale	61	49	1	0	3	21	1	1
Politoni	64	45	0	0	3	19	0	1
Anderson	46	25	5	0	10	90	0	1
Kaufusi	80	33	4	0	7	74	0	0
Leary	80	35	2	0	9	71	0	0
Mago	36	20	0	0	5	43	0	0
Interchange								
Cronin	55	17	1	0	5	49	0	0
Carrigan	39	17	1	0	6	54	0	0
Timm	37	18	2	0	11	91	0	0
Bugden	37	19	3	0	4	37	0	0
Total	1040	355	27	4	148	1370	11	18

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of their past 10 games against the Warriors. >> Titans prop Ryan James has scored three tries in his past two games. >> Brisbane have won their past five games against Canberra.



ROUND 1

Dragons v Broncos	34-12
Knights v Sea Eagles	19-18*
Cowboys v Sharks	20-14
Wests Tigers v Roosters	10-8
Rabbitohs v Warriors	20-32
Bulldogs v Storm	18-36
Panthers v Eels	24-14
Titans v Raiders	30-28

ROUND 2

Sharks v Dragons	16-20
Roosters v Bulldogs	30-12
Broncos v Cowboys	24-20
Warriors v Titans	20-8
Panthers v Rabbitohs	18-14
Storm v Wests Tigers	8-10
Sea Eagles v Eels	54-0
Raiders v Knights	28-30

ROUND 3

Storm v Cowboys	30-14
Bulldogs v Panthers	20-18
Wests Tigers v Broncos	7-9*
Raiders v Warriors	19-20
Rabbitohs v Sea Eagles	34-6
Eels v Sharks	4-14
Titans v Dragons	8-54
Roosters v Knights	38-8

ROUND 4

Cowboys v Panthers	14-33
Rabbitohs v Bulldogs	20-16
Sharks v Storm	14-4
Roosters v Warriors	6-30
Sea Eagles v Raiders	32-16
Dragons v Knights	30-12
Broncos v Titans	14-26
Wests Tigers v Eels	30-20

ROUND 5

Raiders v Bulldogs	26-10
Sharks v Roosters	10-28
Dragons v Rabbitohs	16-12
Wests Tigers v Storm	11-10
Warriors v Cowboys	22-12
Knights v Broncos	15-10
Titans v Sea Eagles	32-20
Eels v Panthers	6-12

ROUND 6

Roosters v Rabbitohs	14-26
Storm v Knights	40-14
Dragons v Sharks	40-20
Warriors v Broncos	18-27
Cowboys v Bulldogs	10-27
Raiders v Eels	18-2
Panthers v Titans	35-12
Sea Eagles v Wests Tigers	12-38

ROUND 7

Bulldogs v Roosters	0-6
Warriors v Dragons	20-12
Broncos v Storm	20-34
Rabbitohs v Raiders	42-22

Mar 8-11

Wests Tigers v Knights	20-22
Cowboys v Titans	26-14
Eels v Sea Eagles	44-10
Sharks v Panthers	26-22

ROUND 8

Dragons v Roosters	24-8
Storm v Warriors	50-10
Rabbitohs v Broncos	20-24
Sea Eagles v Knights	12-18
Panthers v Bulldogs	22-14
Titans v Sharks	9-10
Cowboys v Raiders	8-18
Eels v Wests Tigers	24-22

ROUND 9

Broncos v Bulldogs	22-20
Knights v Rabbitohs	18-36
Panthers v Cowboys	20-26
Raiders v Titans	32-18
Warriors v Wests Tigers	26-4
Sharks v Eels	22-20
Dragons v Storm	34-14
Roosters v Sea Eagles	22-20

ROUND 10

Wests Tigers v Cowboys	20-12
Knights v Panthers	18-29
Bulldogs v Eels	20-12
Warriors v Roosters	0-32
Storm v Titans	28-14
Sea Eagles v Broncos	38-24
Rabbitohs v Dragons	24-10
Raiders v Sharks	16-24

ROUND 11

Panthers v Wests Tigers	16-2
Eels v Warriors	14-24
Broncos v Roosters	28-22
Titans v Knights	33-26
Cowboys v Rabbitohs	19-20
Storm v Sea Eagles	4-24
Dragons v Raiders	25-18
Sharks v Bulldogs	22-16

ROUND 12

Broncos v Eels	18-10
Raiders v Sea Eagles	21-20
Cowboys v Storm	6-7
Roosters v Titans	34-14
Warriors v Rabbitohs	10-30
Panthers v Dragons	28-2
Knights v Sharks	10-48
Wests Tigers v Bulldogs	14-10

ROUND 13

Sea Eagles v Cowboys	12-26
Rabbitohs v Sharks	22-14
Eels v Knights	4-30
Roosters v Wests Tigers	16-14
BYE: Broncos, Raiders, Bulldogs, Titans, Storm, Panthers, Dragons, Warriors	

STATE OF ORIGIN – GAME I

NSW v Queensland	22-12
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ROUND 14

Raiders v Panthers	
Titans v Rabbitohs	
Sea Eagles v Warriors	
Knights v Roosters	
Eels v Cowboys	
Sharks v Wests Tigers	
Storm v Broncos	
Bulldogs v Dragons	

ROUND 15

Eels v Rabbitohs	24-42
Cowboys v Warriors	16-23
Roosters v Panthers	32-6
Bulldogs v Titans	10-32
Dragons v Sea Eagles	32-8
Sharks v Broncos	16-20
Knights v Storm	10-28
Wests Tigers v Raiders	12-48

STATE OF ORIGIN – GAME II

NSW v Queensland	18-14
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This Week

ROUND 16

Dragons v Eels	Thu, 7.50pm, WIN
Warriors v Sharks	Fri, 8pm (NZ), Mt Smart
Roosters v Storm	Fri, 7.50pm, Adelaide Oval
Panthers v Sea Eagles	Sat, 3pm, Panthers
Knights v Bulldogs	Sat, 5.30pm, McDonald Jones
Broncos v Raiders	Sat, 7.30pm, Suncorp
Wests Tigers v Titans	Sun, 2pm, Leichhardt
Rabbitohs v Cowboys	Sun, 4pm, Barlow Park

Jun 28-Jul 1

Round 17

Storm v Dragons	Thu, 7.50pm, AAMI
Panthers v Warriors	Friday, 7.50pm, Panthers
Bulldogs v Raiders	Sat, 7.30pm, Belmore
Titans v Broncos	Sun, 4.10pm, Cbus Super
BYE: Sharks, Sea Eagles, Knights, Cowboys, Eels, Rabbitohs, Roosters, Wests Tigers	

STATE OF ORIGIN – GAME III

Queensland v NSW	Wed, 8pm, Suncorp
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ROUND 18

Panthers v Sharks	Fri, 6pm, Panthers
Knights v Eels	Fri, 7.50pm, McDonald Jones
Bulldogs v Rabbitohs	Sat, 3pm, ANZ
Sea Eagles v Storm	Sat, 5.30pm, Lottoland
Raiders v Cowboys	Sat, 7.30pm, GIO
Broncos v Warriors	Sun, 2pm, Suncorp
Dragons v Wests Tigers	Sun, 4.10pm, Jubilee
Titans v Roosters	Sun, 6.30pm, Cbus Super

ROUND 19

Eels v Bulldogs	Thu, 7.50pm, ANZ
Sharks v Raiders	Fri, 6pm, Southern Cross
Broncos v Panthers	Fri, 7.50pm, Suncorp
Knights v Titans	Sat, 3pm, McDonald Jones
Wests Tigers v Rabbitohs	Sat, 5.30pm, ANZ
Cowboys v Dragons	Sat, 7.30pm, 1300SMILES
Warriors v Storm	Sun, 4pm (NZ), Mt Smart
Sea Eagles v Roosters	Sun, 4.10pm, Lottoland

Jun 8-11

ROUND 20

Broncos v Sharks	Thu, 7.50pm, Suncorp
Cowboys v Knights	Fri, 6pm, 1300SMILES
Bulldogs v Wests Tigers	Fri, 7.50pm, ANZ
Sea Eagles v Panthers	Sat, 3pm, Lottoland
Rabbitohs v Eels	Sat, 5.30pm, ANZ
Storm v Raiders	Sat, 7.30pm, AAMI
Titans v Warriors	Sun, 2pm, Cbus Super
Roosters v Dragons	Sun, 4.10pm, Allianz

ROUND 21

Bulldogs v Broncos	Thu, 7.50pm, ANZ
Knights v Wests Tigers	Fri, 6pm, McDonald Jones
Rabbitohs v Storm	Fri, 7.50pm, ANZ
Dragons v Warriors	Sat, 3pm, WIN
Eels v Titans	Sat, 5.30pm, ANZ
Roosters v Cowboys	Sat, 7.30pm, Allianz
Sharks v Sea Eagles	Sun, 2pm, Southern Cross
Panthers v Raiders	Sun, 4.10pm, Panthers

ROUND 22

Cowboys v Broncos	Thu, 7.50pm, 1300SMILES
Warriors v Knights	Fri, 8pm (NZ), Mt Smart
Rabbitohs v Roosters	Fri, 7.50pm, ANZ
Titans v Panthers	Sat, 3pm, Cbus Super
Sea Eagles v Bulldogs	Sat, 5.30pm, Lottoland
Eels v Dragons	Sat, 7.30pm, ANZ
Raiders v Wests Tigers	Sun, 2pm, GIO
Storm v Sharks	Sun, 4.10pm, AAMI

ROUND 23

Broncos v Rabbitohs	Thu, 7.50pm, Suncorp
Sea Eagles v Titans	Fri, 6pm, Lottoland
Storm v Eels	Fri, 7.50pm, AAMI
Panthers v Knights	Sat, 3pm, Panthers
Wests Tigers v Dragons	Sat, 5.30pm, Leichhardt
Sharks v Cowboys	Sat, 7.30pm, Southern Cross
Bulldogs v Warriors	Sun, 2pm, ANZ
Raiders v Roosters	Sun, 4.10pm, GIO

ROUND 24

Wests Tigers v Sea Eagles	Thu, 7.50pm, Campbelltown
Warriors v Panthers	Fri, 8pm (NZ), Mt Smart
Cowboys v Eels	Fri, 7.50pm, 1300SMILES
Raiders v Rabbitohs	Sat, 3pm, GIO
Titans v Storm	Sat, 5.30pm, Cbus Super
Roosters v Broncos	Sat, 7.30pm, Allianz
Sharks v Knights	Sun, 2pm, Southern Cross
Dragons v Bulldogs	Sun, 4.10pm, Jubilee

ROUND 25

Rabbitohs v Wests Tigers	Thu, 7.50pm, ANZ
Warriors v Raiders	Fri, 8pm (NZ), Mt Smart
Storm v Panthers	Fri, 7.50pm, AAMI
Knights v Dragons	Sat, 3pm, McDonald Jones
Titans v Cowboys	Sat, 5.30pm, Cbus Super
Eels v Roosters	Sat, 7.30pm, ANZ
Bulldogs v Sharks	Sun, 2pm, ANZ
Broncos v Sea Eagles	Sun, 4.10pm, Suncorp

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