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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to this, our third Rugby League Yearbook. This year we have done something no yearbook has previously done – provided match reports for every Super League game – making this a yearbook that gives equal detail to the NRL and Super League.

Our in-depth coverage is also expanded to the NRLW, which had two seasons in 2022, and the Women's Super League! State of Origin, the World Cup and International Rugby League is also covered extensively, while we also provide the results of every game in lower grade competitions in the UK and Australia – another first!

This Yearbook is a testament to the great work being done at two amazing, independently run Rugby League websites, which are blessed to have the best and most dedicated teams behind them – Rugby League Project and League Unlimited.

I am indebted once again to the brilliant writers at League Unlimited, while the editing by Tim Costello is without peer.

Thank you for supporting us for another season!

Andrew Ferguson

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Expanding this project has been a joy - while piecing this together, reminiscing and seeing how incredible and vast the rugby league world continues to be, and some of the great moments from across the game.

We've got every NRL, NRLW, Super League and Men's & Women's World Cup game covered - in detail - across 300+ pages.

An incredible keepsake - only possible with the incredible dedication and hard work from a huge range of people across many areas of independent rugby league media.

A huge thanks in particular to Andrew Ferguson and Shawn Dollin, whose incredible work throughout the year and indeed for nearly two decades now has served the rugby league community immensely, and been a life-saver for our weekly magazine at LeagueUnlimited 'The Front Row'.

We hope you enjoy the Rugby League: 2022 Annual.

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COVER IMAGE: The top five NRL players of 2021 as voted by LeagueUnlimited.com's team of dedicated volunteer writers. Player of the Year Nathan Cleary is in the centre. From L to R: Tom Trbojevic, Mitchell Moses, James Tedesco & Cody Walker. Illustration by TheBiggestTiger

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25 INCREDIBLE YEARS OF THE NRL

Will Evans



The National Rugby League premiership enjoyed its 25th season in 2022 – a milestone marking a period of extraordinary change, progress, triumphs, heartache, controversy and indelible highlights.

Full Throttle Publishing's 25 Incredible Years of the NRL untangles the narrative of the past quarter-century. It encompasses the code's recovery from the rubble of the Super League war, the tearful demise and auspicious birth of several teams, and countless unforgettable moments at club and representative level created by rugby league's players, coaches, administrators, officials and fans since the reunification of the game in 1998.

Spearheaded by the passion and toil of the book's author and editor Will Evans, co-author and veteran journalist Tony Adams, writer and copy editor Nick Tedeschi and enhanced by wonderful contributions from other key figures such as current NRL ARLC chairman Peter V'landys AM, Bernie Gurr and Johnathan Thurston, this is a publication for all rugby league followers to cherish.

A season-by-season retrospective with comprehensive statistics, a 25-year review of each of the 16 current clubs plus a feature of the extinct club's from the NRL era's early days, and a panel-voted 25 greatest players of the NRL's 25 years is complemented by hundreds of high-quality images from the league's archives.

The authors and editorial team for 25 Incredible Years of the NRL would love to express their gratitude to everyone behind Rugby League Project, a peerless online resource without which a publication like this would be infinitely more difficult to put together.

Purchase the [standard edition](#) and the [limited edition](#) of 25 Incredible Years of the NRL from [Full Throttle Publishing](#) as well as from all good bookstores and Peter Wynn's Score.

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LEAGUE, UNION, AND THE GREAT WORLD WAR ONE MYTH

TONY COLLINS

If you've ever been involved in a debate between Australian rugby union and rugby league fans, you know that sooner or later someone will raise the question of what happened in World War One.

Rugby league, so the argument goes, only became the dominant rugby code in Australia because rugby union decided to stop playing during World War One, but rugby league continued to play. The implication is that rugby league took advantage of the war to get the upper-hand over patriotic rugby union.

But, as usual in the rugby culture war, all is not quite as straight forward as it appears. In fact, the dispute reflects a much deeper division in Australian society about World War One which was reflected across all sports.

Britain declared war on Germany on 4 August 1914. When the British government decided to go to war, it also meant that all the nations of the British Empire were automatically at war too. So without any debate or vote in parliament, Australia found itself engaged in the bloodiest conflict of all time.

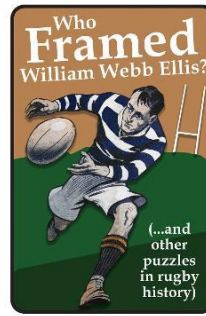
Just as in Britain, the Australian football codes had differing opinions about what to do in war-time. The war had barely begun when Australia's 1914 football seasons ended, and attention focused on whether sport should resume for the 1915 season. As in Britain, rugby league decided to continue, as did the Victorian Football League in Melbourne. But in April 1915, the New South Wales Rugby Union, de facto the governing body of Australian rugby union, decided to suspend all league and representative matches for the duration of the war

As it did in England, rugby union proclaimed it was the only sport doing its patriotic duty. And it was this assertion which laid the basis for the idea that union lost out to league because of its patriotism.

In fact, the NSWRU decision to suspend league and rep matches was only really implemented in Sydney. Many rugby union league competitions continued in 1915 across NSW and Queensland. Christian Brothers 'A' team won the Queensland premiership in September 1915 and the Hunter Rugby Union Championship final was drawn 0-0 between West End and Newcastle.

But even in Sydney, friendly matches between clubs continued in 1915. In June, Norths, Easts, Mosman, St George, University, Manly, Randwick and South Sydney union sides all played matches. Towards the end of the season, knock-out competitions were also played.

It was only in 1916 that the Queensland rugby union suspended its league competition in Brisbane. Even then, local unions continued to organise league tournaments. Local newspapers show premierships awarded in Central Queensland, the Hunter Valley, Bathurst, and many other places. In Sydney, the lower-grade Metropolitan Cup competition was also played.



TONY COLLINS

1917 saw regular matches in Sydney between the leading club sides, some of whom had merged for the duration of the war. On 8 September that year the Sydney sports weekly *The Arrow* adorned its front page with a photograph of the joint Glebe-Balmain union side, describing how the team went through the season with only two defeats.

So, contrary to the commonly-accepted story, Australian rugby union did not stop playing during World War One. As was often the case, especially about amateurism, rugby union made its own decision and then claimed the moral high ground to criticise those who disagreed with it.

Despite union's criticism, the leadership of Australian rugby league saw itself as no less patriotic than rugby union. The NSW Rugby League encouraged players to enlist and argued that league competitions helped promote civilian morale during war-time (as did rugby union during World War Two when it also continued to play competitive football).

Indeed, the first prominent player of either rugby code to be killed in action was Ted Larkin, the first full-time secretary of the NSW Rugby League, who died at Gallipoli on 4 May 1915. Larkin had been responsible for persuading Sydney's catholic secondary schools to switch to League. Many, many more players of both codes would also have their lives cut needlessly short by the barbarism of the war.

These deep divisions in rugby reflected an even deeper divide in Australian society. While Britain's decision to go to war was wholeheartedly supported by Australia's middle and upper classes, it was not so popular among sections of the working class. Millions of Australians of Irish heritage were not keen to support the war effort of a country they saw as oppressing the national rights of Ireland.

In Brisbane, the driving force behind the establishment of rugby league was leading Labour Party politician Jack Fihelly, one of the managers of the first Kangaroo tour in 1908. As a politician he became the focus of opposition to militarism, and the term 'Fihelly-ism' was used to describe the hostility of Irish-Australians to the war.

In October 1916 the Australian government held a referendum to win support for compulsory conscription into the army. A narrow majority voted against conscription. When a second referendum was held on the same question in December 1917 it resulted in an even bigger majority against conscription.

In reality, World War One had little bearing on rugby union's fall or rugby league's rise. That battle had been lost by rugby union a long time before 1914. By 1910, league crowds were dwarfing those of union. Tom Hickie, Australia's leading historian of rugby union, has argued that union's attitude to the war made its existing difficulties even worse: 'league had won the support of Sydney's football public before 1914, [and] the decision by the NSWRU to suspend competition during the years 1915-18 only widened the gap in the levels of support.'

The problems faced by rugby union before, during and after World War One were not caused by rugby league but were a self-inflicted wound. It's high time the myth of World War One was finally laid to rest.

-- This is a chapter from Tony Collins' new book *Who Framed William Webb Ellis?* published by Scratching Shed Publishing and available from www.scratchingshedpublishing.com.

GREEK PRIDE

TERRY LIBEROPOLOUS

Greece made their World Cup debut in 2022, an incredible achievement considering the hurdles that they had to overcome to be here.

Rugby League in Greece was initially controlled by Rugby Union. The politics with the governing body stunted the growth of League, but it wasn't until almost a decade later that the Hellenic Federation of Rugby League (HFRL) was formed in 2013 to govern the sport. Just a few years later and the Rugby League European Federation learnt that the HFRL hadn't been honest over their finances and they were subsequently expelled.

This then saw the Greek Rugby League Association (GRLA) formed who aimed to seize control of the game in Greece from the HFRL. However, the President of the HFRL, Anastasios Pantazidis, used his political sway to have the HFRL absorbed by the Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon, therefore making them the legal and controlling entity of Rugby League in Greece.

This meant any games run by the GRLA were illegal, not just at a sport level, but by the letter of the law. The clubs all wanted to be under the GRLA. This meant Rugby League games had to be played in secret or on privately-owned grounds for fear of getting the police to turn up and stop the games.

The World Cup qualifying match between Greece and Scotland had to be switched from Athens to London because of fear that police would stop the game going ahead.

After being acknowledged by the European Rugby League, the Greek Rugby League was officially recognised as the official body by the Greek government in early August 2022.

It means that the game can now be played without the fear of it being stopped by the police. It also means that matches and training sessions can be advertised and with more accessibility to better fields.

It means no more doing seven-hour round trips on a bus to create a decoy. That was the case when Greece played Malta in the World Cup qualifiers in 2018. To throw the police off, team manager Terry Liberopoulos headed to Patras in order to put photos up on social media. It worked because local constabulary were too busy checking out the ground in Patras while Greece went about their business playing in Athens.

Greece had a tough pool, taking on France, Samoa and England but the experience of being at the World Cup far outweighed everything else.

The squad contained no less than eight players from the domestic premiership and seven of them got the chance to play in the World Cup. The eighth player, Grigorious Koutsibogirogos didn't feature because he was ruled out with

concussion that he suffered during the warm-up match with Bradford.

The amount of positive exposure Greece received in the World Cup on TV, podcasts, radio, newspapers and online was nothing short of amazing.

What about the 200 locals that packed into a bar in Athens cheering like they just won the lotto when Greece scored their first ever try through Tyrone Taukamo?

Nine clubs are doing battle in the Greek domestic Rugby League top division with champions Rhodes Knights the favourites to win the title once again.

But they will have plenty of opposition with Attica Rhinos, Aris Eagles, AEK Athens, Athens Raiders, Patras Panthers, Perama Tigers, Glyfada Sharks and Pyrrhios all trying to outdo the Knights.

With a number of other clubs involved in tournaments, expect the competition to grow. The same applies to the Women's game as well as junior development.

The partnership between the Australian-based players and the game in Greece has worked well with the heritage players bringing plenty of experience to the table.

Reaching the World Cup wasn't just an achievement, it was a just reward.

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THE BIRTH OF THE WORLD CUP

FOLLOWING A WORLD CUP YEAR, A REFLECTION ON HOW THE INTERNATIONAL GAME'S BIGGEST PRIZE CAME TO BE

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Rugby League's World Cup has a very intimate relationship with the birth of Rugby League in France. Without France, we may have never had a World Cup at all. And it is because of France that a World Cup may have happened nearly two decades earlier than it did.

The late 1920's and early 1930's saw Rugby Union in France riddled with sickening violence on field, which saw three players killed in the 1929 and the death of teenage winger Michel Pradie the following year.

The violence coupled with secret payments to amateur Union players led to the French Union being described as 'shamateurism'. In 1931 the games governing body omitted France from the 5 Nations Championship and all future international matches until they cleaned up their act. They were readmitted in 1939, but due to the war, did not play an official international fixture until 1947.

This decision meant France had no official countries to play International fixtures against; games which were the biggest drawcards in every country. The only country willing to play France was Germany, a very poor quality side that was regularly beaten.

On New Year's Eve, 1933 Australian Rugby League tour manager Harry Sunderland, organised a game between his touring Kangaroo's and the English team to be played in Paris. The French public starved of real international Rugby for a few years, flocked to the game in atrocious conditions. Australia, led by the brilliant Dave Brown, ran out convincing winners 63-13 in front of 10,000 cheering French in the snow. The very next day, Frenchman Jean Galia resigned from the French Rugby Union and set about starting the game of Rugby League in France. On April 6, 1934 they were officially a Rugby League nation.

Just 9 months later, the Rugby League Council debated the merits of a World Championship tournament proposed by the French officials, which would include teams from England, Wales, France, Australia and New Zealand. The council though rejected the concept citing "the impossibility of fielding truly Australian and New Zealand teams."

As World War II drew nearer, France's national side became stronger and more competitive. In 1938/39, they won the European Championship for the first time, defeating England 12-9 and Wales 16-10.

The War though saw the game in France suffer horrendously at the hands of the pro-Nazi, collaborative Vichy Government, who set out to 'delete' Rugby League, and for a brief period, succeeding.

Paul Barriere, a highly decorated French Resistance fighter, was elected vice-president of the French Rugby League on September 16, 1944, working as the understudy to Marcel Laborde. On July 2, 1947, Laborde handed the reigns over to the much younger and energetic Barriere, giving him the onerous task of reviving the game in France.

Four months later, Barriere proposed to the Rugby League Council his idea for a "World Championship of Rugby Leagues" to be played between Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand. Barriere estimated that the tournament would generate £24,000 which would be more than enough to cover travel expenses for all teams to travel to France. The concept was supported by the Council's secretary Bill Fallowfield. The board members decided to discuss the concept with their respective national boards before reconvening in the New Year to discuss the matter further.

Barriere's biggest hurdle in the early stages of his talks regarding the World Cup was that he represented a nation who themselves were not represented on the Rugby League Council. Thus, he put forward another proposal, to form a new governing body for the game that would include a member from all Test playing nations. The Council agreed and on January 25, 1948 in Bordeaux, the International Board of Rugby League was formed. Barriere continued to push for the World Championship but was constantly met with concerns about costs and conflicts with international tours, while also trying to figure out the logistics of such a competition that neither Rugby Union nor League had ever staged before.

After years of providing solutions to problems and designing a format for the competition, Barriere informed the games governing body in early November of 1952, that the French Rugby League would provide £25,000 towards expenses for the tournament. He proposed for the tournament to last 15 days and to be held in France around April and May of 1954. The British delegates immediately accepted the proposal, however the Australian and New Zealand officials were apprehensive and agreed to defer their decisions until after they'd spoken with their respective national bodies.

Ten weeks went by without any word on the progress of talks between the Australian and New Zealand boards, so Barriere sweetened the deal moreso by increasing France's guarantee from £25,000 to £36,000 as well as proposing to put all the New Zealand and Australian players on the one plane and fly them to France, at the French League's expense.

French Rugby League secretary Antoine Blan also proposed that a team from the United States would be invited to field a team in the inaugural World Cup, as a means of taking the game to new shores.

Two days later, Australian Rugby League secretary Harold Matthews revealed "France's idea was a very good one" but the major stalling point was the proposed dates for the competition. Barriere had suggested May 16 to May 31, however the English team would be touring Australia and New Zealand around that time and thus they requested that the tournament be held in October 1954 instead.

The following week, Barriere unveiled the mechanics of the competition. Australia, England, New Zealand, France and United States would all play each other once. The top two teams with the best records would play off in a final to determine the World Champion.

Impatience and frustration reared its head on April 19, 1953, when the British Rugby League officials declared the Australian board as inconsiderate for not immediately agreeing to the World Cup concept. They even proposed moving the British tour to Australia and New Zealand to 1955.

Finally, on November 26, 1953, the Australian Rugby League board approved of France's World Cup concept, after French and British officials agreed to move it to October and November of 1954. The Australians agreed on the provisos that the French Rugby League:

- would pay for return air fares for all players
- would pay £2,000 to all competing teams to cover accommodation and player allowances
- would retain 20% of all gate receipts to cover ground hire and organisational expenses
- would receive the first £5,000 of the remaining profits, while the remaining profits would be shared equally between the other competing nations.

The Australian board believed that if these were agreed to, that the New Zealand board would also accept the World Cup concept. Blan and Barriere agreed to the provisions set down within a few days. Shortly after, the New Zealand board approved of the World Cup concept.

On December 16, 1953, Barriere sent an invitation to the United States, asking them to send a team to play against France to determine if they would be competitive enough to take place in the World Cup. English officials were not happy about having the United States involved in the World Cup as they hadn't played any international games and thus were not worthy. Bill Fallowfield suggested that Barriere's programme should not be adopted until the Australian and New Zealand officials had discussed it.

Barriere quite happily suggested that if the United States were not good enough, then he'd be more than happy to send Wales an invitation. On January 9, 1954 France easily accounted for a United States team 31-0 and the decision was made to omit them from the World Cup. Wales however was not approached to replace the United States.

The International Rugby League Board convened in Brisbane on June 27, 1954, where Antoine Blan explained how the competition would be run and that after the final was played, the World Champion team would play against a combined side made up from players from the other competing nations. This idea was met with little interest. Blan later revealed that the organisation of the World Cup could likely cost the French £47,000, not including the World Cup trophy, which was commissioned by Barriere at the cost of 8 million francs and then donated to the International Rugby League Board.

Just a month before the tournament was due to begin, a heavy blow befall England's side, when a number of prospective representative players refused to be considered for selection as they believed the wages they would receive for competing was not enough. Other English players made themselves unavailable due to domestic reasons, some of whom were to be undertaking naval training.

After 20 years, a World War, a government that deleted Rugby League in a country, high expense, deliberation and most of all, amazing patience, vision and generosity by the French Rugby League, especially Paul Barriere, the inaugural World Cup kicked off on October 30, which saw France defeat New Zealand 22-13 at Paris in front of 13,240 spectators.

England eventually defeated hosts France in the final 16-12. Overall, a total of 138,329 people attended the 7 games, bringing in around £45,000. France's official outlay was £38,000. This left £7,000 as profit. According to the arrangement made, France was to receive the first £5,000 and the remaining monies would be split equally among the remaining three countries. However the French tax department claimed all of the remaining monies, leaving the other three countries without a bonus; however the French officials did honour their agreement of paying for each team's airfares and expenses, leaving no country at a loss.

The inaugural World Cup was considered an overwhelming success on and off the field. Australian team manager Jack McMahon rejoiced, saying "It was a terrific gamble by the French, but it has been a great thing for our code."



NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE 2022

Match statistics compiled by **Rugby League Project** Match reports from **LeagueUnlimited.com**

ROUND 1

PENRITH 28 MANLY 6

In their first home game in front of fans for 240+ days, the Penrith Panthers put down an early marker with a 28-6 success against Manly Sea Eagles tonight at Penrith Stadium.

The Panthers were welcomed back after their Premiership win with a comfortable 22-point win against the Sea Eagles which saw backup halfback Sean O'Sullivan star in the game in the stead of Nathan Cleary, who will miss the first three weeks of the season with an injury.

Penrith looked like they hadn't missed a step after the Premiership win. Their defence was ferocious and kept the Sea Eagles side hemmed in their own end for much of the first half and helped them take a six-point advantage into the break. Third time was a charm for the Panthers when they scored through youngster Izack Tago, who dived over in the left corner for his second four-pointer in his career for a 6-nil lead. Prior to that, the Panthers were denied twice due to obstruction which chalked off efforts for Stephen Crichton and Brian To'o.

Crichton was everywhere in attack tonight. He added a penalty goal to stretch the Panthers to 8-nil before the centre strode over himself from a delightful pass from O'Sullivan to give the hosts a 12-6 lead at the break. Manly were under the kosh for much of the first half but found some joy right near the break. It was the one time they found space through Kieran Foran and Tom Trbojevic which sent their new recruit Ethan Bullemor outpaced the defense to give them some spark going into the break.

The second half followed a similar script for the Panthers. They struck within five minutes of the second half whistle when five-eighth Jarome Luai found some space after the kick was caught from the Panthers attack to make the lead 18 points to six. Apisai Koroisau extended the lead with a burrowed effort from close range to give the Panthers a deserved homecoming victory after a long time on the road.

It was a homecoming for Sean O'Sullivan as well, who played his first game in Panthers colours since the SG Ball Grand Final. The former Broncos and Warriors halfback was the perfect stand-in for Cleary. He provided the last pass for three of the Panthers tries and lapped up the support back in his home colours. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PENRITH 28 (S. Crichton, A. Koroisau, J. Luai, L. Martin, I. Tago tries; S. Crichton 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 6** (E. Bullemor try; R. Garrick goal) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 10th March. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: Manly 7-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 16,901. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, O'Sullivan; Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon. **MANLY:** Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Harper, Garrick; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Trbojevic. Int: Koula, Lawton, Keppie, Paseka.

CANBERRA 24 CRONULLA 19

Canberra have won a messy but exciting clash at GIO Stadium tonight, fighting off a Cronulla comeback and Matt Moylan field goal, recording a 24-19 win in Jack Wighton's 200th appearance.

While Cronulla were expected to dominate coming into the contest, it would be Canberra who started the stronger side, with Wighton celebrating in perfect fashion, dotting down for the Raiders' opening try after eight minutes. Having earlier spilled it over the line and costing his side a four-pointer, Semi Valemei scored the home team's second try at the 17 minute mark. Brad Schneider's conversion - his second from two attempts - saw the Raiders lead 12-0. After barely seeing their opposition goalline all game, Cronulla strolled over relatively easily with Blayke Brailey sneaking around the scrumbase to open the Shire club's account for 2022.

In the shadows of halftime it was Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad who ensured the Raiders had a scoreline representing their relative dominance after 40 minutes, pouncing on a Starling grubber. The Green Machine went to the break 18-6 up.

Cronulla looked much sharper after the break, dominating possession and territory - though it took until the 50th minute for them to turn that advantage into points. Will Kennedy busted through the line for his side's second try, which after being converted by Nicho Hynes narrowed the gap back to six. Hynes would play a crucial role in the next Sharks try, putting Teig Wilton into space and ultimately levelling the scores. The 18-all scoreline remained for nearly 20 minutes more despite Canberra's best efforts - including Wighton being denied a try by the Bunker after Schneider touched the ball, knocking it on the lead up.

With seven minutes on the clock, Matt Moylan casually knocked a one-pointer between the sticks to give the Sharks their first lead of the day, but it would be short lived. Three minutes later it was Raiders forward Hudson Young scoring off a near-perfect inside offload by Matt Timoko. The conversion from Schneider saw the Raiders five-point leaders with about 3-and-a-half minutes left to hold out their opponents.

Try as they might - including Matt Ikuvalu being held up with mere seconds remaining - Cronulla couldn't crack the Canberra line and will head back up the Hume without anything to show for their troubles. **TIM COSTELLO**

CANBERRA 24 (C. Nicoll-Klokstad, S. Valemei, J. Wighton, H. Young tries; B. Schneider 4 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 19** (B. Brailey, W. Kennedy, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 3 goals; M. Moylan field goal) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 11th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-6. Penalties: Canberra 7-5. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 15,224. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Cotric, Schiller, Timoko, Valemei; Wighton, Schneider; Papalii, Hodgson, Tapine, Young, Harawira-Naera, Whitehead (C). Int: Starling, Guler, Elliott, Horsburgh. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Mulitalo, Ikuvalu; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Tolman, Talakai, Hunt, Fifita

BRISBANE 11 SOUTH SYDNEY 4

A Kurt Capewell field goal sealed a 7-point win for Brisbane at Suncorp Stadium as runners-up South Sydney capitulated on the road.

Named captain for the day with fellow new signing Adam Reynolds sidelined due to COVID protocols, Capewell's 73rd-minute one-pointer secured a victory that will live long in many Brisbane fan's memory.

Denied twice early, the Broncos scored first through Albert Kelly after he picked off a Cody Walker wayward pass, running 80 metres off a superb intercept. Crucially, Jamayne Isaako converted.

The next points came for the Bunnies, Josh Mansour squeezing inside the touch-in-goal line to get the visitors on the board. Jaxson Paulo was unable to convert, so Brisbane took a two-point lead into the sheds at halftime.

Payne Haas was enormous for the Broncos, picking up where he left off from a huge 2021 season for the prop.

His dominance laid the platform for the home team to edge ahead 11 minutes after halftime, Corey Oates scoring in the corner, extending Brisbane's lead to six.

The twenty minutes that followed were a grind, with Souths trying to get back into the contest and Brisbane looking for a way through, each to no avail.

Enter Capewell and his heroics to push the margin to seven and force Souths into two scoring plays to win the game with just seven minutes left.

They did get a penalty goal attempt with three minutes left, but Paulo's attempt went wide and handed Brisbane possession, snuffing out any chance of a Rabbitoh revival.

Souths do have good news on the horizon - they'll welcome back Latrell Mitchell for Thursday's trip to Melbourne to kick off Round 2. Brisbane have an extended layoff, with a Sunday night clash against Canterbury at Accor Stadium. They'll be boosted further by Reynolds' debut NRL appearance for the club as well as the return of Kobe Hetherington. **TIM COSTELLO**

BRISBANE 11 (A. Kelly, C. Oates tries; J. Isaako goal; K. Capewell field goal) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 4** (J. Mansour try) at Suncorp Stadium. Date: Fri, 11th March. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 6-4. Penalties: Brisbane 7-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 32,002. **BRISBANE:** Isaako, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Walters, Kelly; Palasia, Turpin, Haas, Capewell (C), Riki, Carrigan. Int: James, Kennedy, Robati, Roberts. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Johnston, Mansour, Paulo, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Nicholls, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Host, Havili, Burgess, Chee-Kam.

NEWCASTLE 20 SYDNEY 6

Newcastle Knights picked up a rare win in Sydney against the Roosters in a 20-6 success this afternoon at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

It has been a surprise start to the 2022 season but this result might be the biggest of all. Newcastle Knights were impressive in their work against a Sydney Roosters side which were tipped to be challengers this season. The Knights scored four tries to the Roosters one on a bright afternoon.

Dane Gagai made a welcome return to the Knights side, and the veteran centre was involved in all the Knights best work this afternoon. He also scored the first four-pointer of the afternoon after James Tedesco made a mess of a bomb and gave the centre a stroll to the line.

Next, it was some Bradman Best magic which stretched the lead to 10-nil. The centre who had an indifferent 2021, showed off all the skills with the fend on the defender then he flicked it out to Enari Tuala who had a saloon passage to the tryline.

Roosters looked disjointed and discouraged as the errors and penalties piled up. The home side thought they had the first points when James Tedesco finished off a linebreak from Luke Keary but it was brought back for interference. From there, it became a horror show for the tri-colours, who failed to fire a shot in the first half with a token penalty goal to Sam Walker, making it 10-2 at the break.

Maybe a half-time rev up might get the Roosters going? nope. Knights were the first side to post second half points. Jake Clifford, who joined the side mid-season last year, scooped up a loose pass from Jared Wearea-Hargreaves to scoot away to make it 16-2.

There was a small window when Phoenix Crossland was sent to the sin bin for a professional foul on Keary. The Roosters dominated possession in the period but were unable to make any inroads, due in part, to some stellar defense from Knights winger Dom Young.

The English product put the icing on the result for the Knights in the 73rd minute. Adam Clune started the move with a linebreak on the left before the Knights swung it wide right for Young to dive over in the corner for 20-2.

Roosters got some late consolation from former Panther Paul Momirovski. He cleaned up a crossfield bomb which was spilled and dived over to make the scoreline 20-6 which honestly flattered the home side. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

NEWCASTLE 20 (J. Clifford, D. Gagai, E. Tuala, D. Young tries; J. Clifford 2 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 6** (P. Momirovski try; S. Walker goal) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND**. Date: Sat, 12th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-2. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 14,710. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Momirovski; Walker, Keary; Baker, Watson, Collins, Crichton, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Waerea-Hargreaves, Hutchison, Butcher, Taukeiaho. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Salfiti, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Mann. Int: Crossland, Barnett, Thompson, Momoisea.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 28 WARRIORS 16

The St George Illawarra Dragons have claimed their first win of the season downing the New Zealand Warriors 26-16 at Sunshine Coast Stadium in a scrappy and fiery match to kickstart both side's premiership campaigns.

The Dragons came in with 6 club debutants for their opening round clash and seemed to click into gear early with Tyrell Sloan throwing a lovely cutout ball to Mikaele Ravalawa to claim the opening try of the contest. Zac Lomax playing in game number 50 knocked over the sideline conversion to put the visitors up by 6-0. After scrappy play from both sides leading to multiple errors and try-scoring opportunities going astray, a neat set play from Ben Hunt and Sloan netted the visitors an early two-try lead after Jack Bird stormed onto an inside ball from Sloan to score next to the posts. Lomax once again made no mistakes and the Dragons marched to a 12-0 lead. The Warriors would later settle into this match with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak capitalising on poor clean-up work by Sloan and Hunt to score the Warriors' first try of 2022. Shaun Johnson's kick would go to the right of the uprights. The Dragons seemed to have collapsed before half-time when Josh Curran went through some poor St George defence to put Wayne Egan under the posts. Some poor Warriors discipline cost the Warriors before the break with 2 sloppy penalties setting Zac Lomax up for a gift shot at goal. He made no mistakes and put the Dragons up 14-10 at half-time.

Immediately after the break, Shaun Johnson booted a 40/20 (really was a 30/20) to set the Warriors up with prime attacking field position. From there, Eli Katoa barnstormed his way to the line and with SJ's conversion, the Warriors led for the first time in the match. The Warriors from there just seemed to be on auto-pilot with elementary mistakes from reliable winger Watene-Zelezniak giving the Dragons golden field position. Ravalawa was giving opposite number Marcelo Montoya nightmares on the right-hand side of the field, powering his way to the line to retake the lead for the Red V. From the ensuing kick-off, Ravalawa did his best impression of his half-back's infamous 2015 grand final moment and gave the Warriors another prime attacking opportunity. Fortunately for the Red V, this chance went astray. After a crazy early tackle kick from the Warriors deep in their own half. The Dragons took this opportunity with both hands and scored with Ravalawa completing his hat-trick. Johnson rallied his side back with an impressive 90m dropout, but unfortunately for him and the Warriors, they allowed the Dragons to march down the field and concede possibly the softest try so far in 2022. Moses Mbye threw a dummy and beat two lazy Warriors defenders to wrap the game up. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 28 (M. Ravalawa 3, J. Bird, M. Mbye tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 16** (W. Egan, E. Katoa, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; S. Johnson 2 goals) **AT SUNSHINE COAST STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 12th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 14-10. Penalties: St George Illawarra 8-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 5,382. **WARRIORS:** Harris-Tavita, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Berry, Montoya; Nikorima, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Afoa, Aitken, Katoa, Curran. Int: Tevaga, Murdoch-Masila, Pene, Sironen. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Sloan, Ramsey, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Woods, McCullough, Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Mbye, Molo, Kerr, Gosiewski.

MELBOURNE 26 WESTS TIGERS 16

It was a first round win for the Storm, but it came at a huge cost, with key players Brandon Smith, Christian Welch and George Jennings all sustaining injuries in a 26-16 triumph over Wests Tigers.

Perhaps Brandon Smith going down 3 minutes into the contest was an omen for things to come, but despite all the injuries, the Storm were still able to rally from what was at one point a 10 point deficit with half an hour to go to come back and win by 10 points themselves.

The Tigers attack looked about 10 times better than some of what they dished up in 2021, with the joint venture getting on the board in just the 7th minute. The momentum was too much for the Storm to overcome, as Kelma Tuilagi got an offload away to Luke Brooks, who did well to throw an over-the-head pass to Gildart, who swung it to Maumalo who went over untouched to give the Tigers the early lead. The Storm were able to hit right back just 5 minutes later however, getting into good field position and creating an overlap with ease that George Jennings found himself on the end of, himself going over untouched. The score remained 4-4 as both Brooks and Meaney had rough nights with the boot. Both sides went set for set for a period of time, the Storm were the first to blink and gave away a piggybacking penalty in the 18th minute. Meaney had an opportunity to put the Storm ahead minutes later but his penalty goal was no good. The Tigers took the lead back in the 32nd minute courtesy of a brilliant sweeping play that saw Laurie insert himself into the line and find Nofoaluma with a crisp cutout pass that he did well to finish. A penalty right on halftime in front of the posts made it 10-4 at the break

The Tigers started the second half right how they'd been playing in the first, with Brooks putting in a pinpoint kick to find Ken Maumalo, who picked the pocket of Reimis Smith to score the Tigers third and his second. The Storm again responded with a try of their own, again exposing the weak edge defence of the Tigers through Trent Loiero, who dummied his way over the line. The Tigers kicked another penalty goal to make it a converted try the difference, but the Storm tied things up 5 minutes later courtesy of some individual brilliance from Jahrome Hughes. From there, it was all the Storm. They grabbed their first lead of the night in the 67th minute after a line break from Hughes lead to Xavier Coates getting his first try as a member of the Storm. Meaney missed the conversion, and then the penalty goal moments later to give the Tigers some hope, but Daine Laurie knocked on coming out of his own end and the Storm scored through Smith on the ensuing possession, creating the final score of 26-16. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

MELBOURNE 26 (X. Coates, J. Hughes, G. Jennings, T. Loiero, R. Smith tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 16** (K. Maumalo 2, D. Nofoaluma tries; L. Brooks 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 12th March. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 10-4. Penalties: Wests Tigers 9-7. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 10,025. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofoaluma, Roberts, Gildart, Maumalo; Hastings, Brooks (C); Twal, Simpkin, Utoikamanu, Tuilagi, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Peachey, Garner, Musgrove, Seyfarth. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Jennings, Smith, Olam, Coates; Meaney, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Smith, Welch (C), Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Wishart, Loiero, MacDonald, Moeroa.

PARRAMATTA 32 GOLD COAST 28

Parramatta Eels register their first win of the 2022 season in a 32-28 success this afternoon at Western Sydney Stadium.

It was a game where defence was definitely the thing that goes around the stadium. Both teams piled up nine tries in the first half but it was the steady foot of Mitchell Moses which drove the Eels towards two points tonight.

The highlight of the first half was for young winger Sean Russell. He scored a hat-trick of tries in the left corner to make it five tries in only two appearances in first grade and will think this first grade malarky is easy. The Eels looked forboding when they switched the ball to the left but the half ended on a sad note for Russell, who left the field with a rib injury scoring his third. Parramatta's attack was in fine fettle to open the game. They scored the first two tries of the game to stride out to a 10-nil lead which included a freakish try that thundered off the post and positioned well for Russell to pick up another four-pointer. If 2022 might be the last chance for this Eels squad, they will want to finish inside the top four again and started the season off right.

The Titans showed some resilience after the two early scores. Young half Toby Sexton has been handed the halves mantle and started the season off on the right foot with two terrific passes for Phillip Sami and Brian Kelly to get them back in the contest at 14-10 Eels. For the rest of the first half, the game resembled a pendulum as both teams found point scoring easy. Waqa Blake and Russell pushed the Eels further ahead at 26-12 before the Titans dug deep to make it 26-22 at the break. Hooker Erin Clark found a pocket of space behind the markers then Kelly got involved again to complete his brace and let everyone take a breather after a pulsating half.

Compared to that, the second half was a snoozefest. It was more tough, grinding football. The Eels only points came from the kicking tee with Moses piloted through three penalty goals to hand the Eels a four-point lead. There will be frustration for the Eels despite the win, as they were camped on the Titans line for a majority of the half without getting across the line again. Gold Coast Titans will feel slightly aggrieved after that game. They hit the front for the first time in the 45th minute. Sami came from the clouds from a huge Sexton kick and put some extra sauce on the celebration after he fended off Eels fullback Clint Gutherson, giving them a 28-26 lead.

One positive for Justin Holbrook will be the goal-line defense of the Titans. They had to dig deep several times to deny an Eels line-up which has shown they can score points at will and forced them to take the two points on several occasions.

JUSTIN DAVIES

PARRAMATTA 32 (S. Russell 3, W. Blake, S. Lane tries; M. Moses 6 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 28** (B. Kelly 2, P. Sami 2, E. Clark tries; T. Sexton 4 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 13th March. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 26-22. Penalties: Parramatta 7-1. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 18,211. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Russell, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Matterson. Int: Makatoa, Kaufusi, Stone, Arthur. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Sami, Kelly, Herbert, Marzhev; Smith, Sexton; Fotuauka, Clark, Liu, Fifita, Farmor, Fa'asumaleau (C). Int: Lisone, Jolliffe, Proctor, Boyd.

CANTERBURY 6 NORTH QUEENSLAND 4

The Canterbury Bulldogs are in the NRL top 8 for the first time since 2017 following their scrappy 6-4 victory over the North Queensland Cowboys in Townsville.

Despite not being an NRL classic, there were a few highlights in what could only be described as a dumpster fire of a game (sorry Cowboys and Dogs fans). The first half was a drab affair although the Cowboys were able to score inside 15 minutes when Tom Gilbert backed up some good work from Tom Dearden and Murray Tualagi to score. Valentine Holmes pushed the conversion away.

The start of a new season saw Jack Hetherington reunited with the Sin Bin after 20 minutes though at least in good news for Jack it was as a result of repeated ten metre infringements and not a high tackle that Ben Cummins gave him his marching orders. Both sides had chances but humid conditions meant that neither team could fully execute their attacking plans and the Cowboys lead 4-0 at the break despite a chance on the stroke of half-time for the Bulldogs that was knocked back by the referee and bunker.

A half-time chat between Ben Cummins and Josh Jackson about the lopsided penalty count (it was 8-2 at the break) seemed to work for the Bulldogs as they were able to get two penalties in quick succession and put the Blue and White into good field position.

The Bulldogs were able to put their field position into use eventually when a great tip on from Braidon Burns found Jayden Okonbur who scored out wide for Canterbury. New recruit Matt Burton nailed the conversion from the sideline to give the Bulldogs a 6-4 lead with 25 minutes to play.

The last twenty minutes would have been a nervous watch for the Bulldogs fans who have done it tough and, in a game, where ball security was questionable, the Bulldogs losing players to concussion wouldn't have helped their fans.

If there was ever a gif that summed up a moment, it would've been the Ralph Wiggum heart-breaking gif for Bulldogs fans when in the final two minutes Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow scored after Coen Hess outjumped Matt Dufty and tapped it back to the 'Hammer' who scored.

Canterbury fans got a second life though, when the try was overturned by Steve Chiddy in the bunker after it was ruled that Tabuai-Fidow was offside and the try would not stand. The Bulldogs held on for the remaining two minutes to hold onto the 6-4 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CANTERBURY 6 (J. Okonbur try; M. Burton goal) **DEFEATED NORTH QUEENSLAND 4** (T. Gilbert try) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 13th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 4-0. Penalties: North Queensland 8-7. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 12,640. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Tabuai-Fidow, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Tualagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); Taunoa-Brown, Robson, Taumalolo (C), Gilbert, Nanai, Dunn. Int: Hess, Luki, McLean, Granville. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Okonbur, Burns, Naden, Addo-Carr; Burton, Averillo; Seumanufagai, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Hetherington, Waddell, Jackson (C). Int: Thompson, Biondi-Odo, King, Patolo, Schoupp.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 1

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	1 - 0 - 0	22	2
2	Newcastle	1 - 0 - 0	14	2
3	St Geo Illa	1 - 0 - 0	12	2
4	Melbourne	1 - 0 - 0	10	2
5	Brisbane	1 - 0 - 0	7	2
6	Canberra	1 - 0 - 0	5	2
7	Parramatta	1 - 0 - 0	4	2
8	Canterbury	1 - 0 - 0	2	2
9	North Qld	0 - 0 - 1	-2	0
10	Gold Coast	0 - 0 - 1	-4	0
11	Cronulla	0 - 0 - 1	-5	0
12	Souths	0 - 0 - 1	-7	0
13	W Tigers	0 - 0 - 1	-10	0
14	Warriors	0 - 0 - 1	-12	0
15	Sydney	0 - 0 - 1	-14	0
16	Manly	0 - 0 - 1	-22	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Trent LOIERO (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000 fine
Jake GRANVILLE (Cowboys): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000 fine

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PENRITH v MANLY 3 points - Sean O'Sullivan, 2 points - Liam Martin, 1 points - Stephen Crichton

CANBERRA v CRONULLA 3 points - Jack Wighton, 2 points - Nicho Hynes, 1 points - Hudson Young

BRISBANE v SOUTH SYDNEY 3 points - Payne Haas, 2 points - Kurt Capewell, 1 points - Albert Kelly

SYDNEY v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Dane Gagai, 2 points - Jake Clifford, 1 points - Dominic Young

WARRIORS v ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 3 points - Mikaele Ravalawa, 2 points - Tyrell Sloan, 1 points - Josh Curran

WESTS TIGERS v MELBOURNE 3 points - Jahrome Hughes, 2 points - Ken Maumalo, 1 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen

PARRAMATTA v GOLD COAST 3 points - Junior Paulo, 2 points - Phillip Sami, 1 points - Mitchell Moses

NORTH QUEENSLAND v CANTERBURY 3 points - Tom Gilbert, 2 points - Luke Thompson, 1 points - Max King



LEADERBOARD

3 POINTS Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Junior Paulo (Eels), Tom Gilbert (Cowboys), Payne Haas (Broncos), Dane Gagai (Knights), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Sean O'Sullivan (Panthers)

ROUND 2

MELBOURNE 15 SOUTH SYDNEY 14

Storm fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen has kicked a field goal in Golden Point to escape with a thrilling 15-14 victory over a fast-finishing South Sydney at AAMI Park tonight. In an extraordinary game of Rugby League, Melbourne dominated large periods of the game leading 14-0 with just over ten minutes remaining. With the Storm in cruise control, South Sydney all of the sudden sprung to life scoring three successive tries to cause a boilover. Unfortunately for the Bunnies, their superstar Latrell Mitchell missed all three conversions. However, the NSW Blues centre elevated his superstar status by kicking a two-point field goal from outside 40 metres with seconds remaining to send the game into extra time. The Storm however managed to recover and off the back of a familiar Souths error, Papenhuyzen took the opportunity to give his side a deserved win in front of their home fans for the first time in 2022. Melbourne traditionally perform in milestone games and in Craig Bellamy's 500th game in charge, the Storm kicked off celebrations in style when hooker Harry Grant delivered a pinpoint kick to an unmarked Xavier Coates to score the first try of the match. Grant then made a special guest appearance as the team's goalkicker and pushed his shot to the right of the upright and it was Melbourne with an early 4-0 lead. Melbourne continued to punish South Sydney errors, when fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen received the ball wide and put his winger Coates away down the flank. Papenhuyzen then backed up in support to score a great try and extend their lead to 8-0 following another failed conversion by Grant. The Storm had the home crowd on their feet yet again minutes later, when Harry Grant split the Bunnies defence straight through the middle. The crafty hooker then found a flying Cameron Munster in support who scored under the posts. Papenhuyzen converted to make it 16-0 at the break in a blistering start for the home side. Melbourne was in control in the second half with the Rabbitohs barely managing to handle the ends of their sets and it wasn't until the 68th minute when finally Cody Walker and Taane Milne combined down the lethal left-hand side for Alex Johnston, on what seemed the 55th attempt to open the account for the Bunnies. Minutes later, Souths started to build some momentum when rookie half Lachlan Ilias and Latrell Mitchell combined to put Jaxson Paulo over for a try in the right-hand corner to give his side a glimmer of hope. All of a sudden Souths couldn't be stopped and Mitchell was involved again, creating space for centre Campbell Graham to score and give his side a late chance. Mitchell however missed his third conversion and their night seemed over. However, with seconds remaining the superstar fullback silenced the parochial Melbourne crowd when he rocketed over a field goal from outside 40 metres to stun the Storm and send the game to extra time. It wasn't to be for the Rabbitohs however, with Ryan Papenhuyzen icing the win and his sides blushes in a huge milestone game for their coach Craig Bellamy. **SAM BOURKE**

MELBOURNE 15 (X. Coates, C. Munster, R. Papenhuyzen tries; R. Papenhuyzen goal; R. Papenhuyzen field goal) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 14** (C. Graham, A. Johnston, J. Paulo tries; L. Mitchell field goal (2pt)) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Thu, 17th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 14-0. Penalties: South Sydney 10-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 13,269. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Ieremia, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Wishart, MacDonald, Loiero, Moeroa. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Paulo, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Nicholls, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Havili. Int: Murray (C), Host, Burgess, Moale.

PENRITH 20 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16

Viliame Kikau has capped off his 100th first-grade game with a double and a classy performance as the Penrith Panthers continued their undefeated start to season 2022 with a win over the St George Illawarra Dragons at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium

It was an emotional night for all in attendance with Norm Provan's illustrious career being honoured before kick-off with the grandstand being re-named in his honour.

The start was frantic and scrappy from both sides with Penrith crossing twice early through Izack Tago before having both denied by the Bunker. It took a charge down from Kikau to collect the opening points. St George Illawarra quickly composed themselves through their leader Ben Hunt nailing an inch-perfect 40/20 setting the Dragons up in an attacking position. Again, it was Hunt with an inch-perfect kick finding fullback Tyrell Sloan and the Dragons were back on even terms. St George Illawarra's luck quickly ran out when Jaydn Su'A was sin-binned for a controversial late tackle on Penrith halfback Sean O'Sullivan (who was forced off by the bunker but allowed to return to the field). Saints looked fatigued and panicked conceding two quickfire tries and a penalty goal when Su'A was off the field. Firstly, through rampaging front-rower Spencer Leniu who ran onto an inside pass from Api Koroisau to retake the lead. The next-time Penrith were down that end, Jarome Luai threw a lovely short-ball to the milestone man Kikau to put the score out to 20-6 at half-time.

When the sides came out for the second half, injuries struck both sides with the Dragons losing dummy-half Andrew McCullough to a suspected dislocated elbow while Brian To'o left the field with a knee injury midway through the second half. Rampaging prop James Fisher-Harris only got through 25 minutes so there may be some injury concerns there. Penrith lacked mongrel when he departed. Su'A was quick to repay his team for his "dumb" sin-binning and took a lovely short ball from Talatau Amone and the Dragons quickly got back to a two-possession game at 20-12. The same problems continued for the Dragons when Zac Lomax continued his horror evening and was sin-binned for a professional foul near the try-line. However, the Dragons held firm on this occasion and denied the Panthers, showing an impressive resolve that was missing at times last season. The injury surveillance bunker was put back in the headlines when Jack Bird played for a penalty inside the final 10 minutes. The bunker's independent doctor ruled that Bird had to be taken from the field. St George Illawarra managed a late try through lovely lead-up work from Francis Molo offloading the ball out the back and Moses Mbye put a grubber kick and Lomax had a room-service bounce to put the score within 4 points. Despite last-ditch efforts from the Dragons, they didn't have the finesse required to defeat the defending premiers but they shouldn't be disheartened by their efforts. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 20 (V. Kikau 2, S. Leniu tries; S. Crichton 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16** (Z. Lomax, T. Sloan, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 18th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-6. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 10,057. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Sloan, Ramsey, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, Sims. Int: De Belin, Mbye, Kerr, Burgess. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, O'Sullivan; Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Leniu, Kenny, Sorensen, Salmon.

SYDNEY 26 MANLY 12

An emphatic first half has seen the Sydney Roosters open their 2022 account with a 26-12 victory over the Manly Sea Eagles at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Facing off against their long-standing rivals for the first time since bowing out in the semi finals last year, the Tricolours laid the foundations for the win by nullifying Tom Trbojevic's influence, leaving the Sea Eagles winless after two rounds.

Coming out of the blocks intent on making a statement after a uncharacteristic performance in the opening round, reigning Rookie of the Year Sam Walker fired an immediate attacking shot by splitting the Manly defence with a terrific step before linking with Drew Hutchison (2nd minute) in support for first points.

Keeping pace with clock during the first ten minutes, Daniel Tupou (8th minute) finished off a left-side raid involving James Tedesco and Sitali Tupouniua to cross out wide for his first four-pointer of the season.

Connor Watson provided an immediate impact off the bench midway through proceedings by laying on a try for Nat Butcher (23rd minute), while Tupouniua (32nd minute) completed the first half rout courtesy of a short pass from Luke Keary close to the line.

Coming out of the sheds following a heavy downpour during the halftime break, the Sea Eagles managed to stem the flow of points before striking back with a four-pointer of their own courtesy of a barge over effort from Karl Lawton (54th minute).

Silencing any hope of a Manly comeback after Keary sent Butcher (68th minute) over for his maiden brace in first grade, a consolation effort to Daly Cherry-Evans (75th minute) shortly before fulltime saw the Roosters run out 26-12 winners. **ROB CROSBY**

SYDNEY 26 (N. Butcher 2, D. Hutchison, D. Tupou, S. Tupouniua tries; S. Walker 3 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 12** (D. Cherry-Evans, K. Lawton tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND**. Date: Fri, 18th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 22-0. Penalties: Manly 7-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 11,872. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Momirovski; Walker, Keary; Taukeiaho, Hutchison, Collins, Crichton, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Waerea-Hargreaves, Watson, Baker, Butcher. **MANLY:** Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Harper, Garrick; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Keppie, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Trbojevic. Int: Walker, Lawton, Paseka, Davey.

GOLD COAST 20 WARRIORS 18

A controversial end to the first half saw the Warriors take the lead after a poor start to the game. However the brilliance of AJ Brimson delievered the Titans their first win of the year, 20-18 at Cbus Stadium.

The Titans opened the scoring on just the third tackle of the game when AJ Brimson split the defence right through the middle, ran 25 metres up to halfway and then sent Beau Fermor away, who raced 47 metres to score untouched. Toby Sexton converted the try. The Titans extended their lead in the 14th minute when Jayden Campbell threw a long pass over the top to Greg Marzhew who destroyed a defender with a great fend before running in and around to score near the posts. Sexton added the extras. The Warriors hit back just two minutes later thanks to Wayde Egan who ran from dummy half, burrowed through the defence and forced his way through to score a trademark rake's try. Reece Walsh converted. Chanel Harris-Tevita looked to have scored in the 23rd minute but the Bunker reviewed it and found a small knock on. The Titans extended their margin in the 25th minute when David Fifita sent a beautiful long ball out to Marzhew who ran through whatever it was that ran in front of him and he scored in the corner. Sexton failed to convert. Josh Curran very nearly scored a try for himself after he almost regathered his own grubber kick. A minute later Jazz Tevaga put in a grubber that was taken dead by Marzhew. From the ensuing set Tevaga very nearly burrowed over for a try. They eventually broke through in the 37th minute when they shifted the ball left with some good passing and with plenty of bodies in motion, before Walsh runs towards the sideline, draws the winger and then sends a good pass to Marcelo Montoya, who scores in the corner. Walsh converted brilliantly from touch. Right on halftime, Ash Taylor put in a grubber that looked to be forced ingoal by Philip Sami, but the Bunker decided to review the contest and found that not only did Sami not force the ball, but also that Adam Pompey had forced the ball for a try, despite it appearing that he didn't really have control and had pushed the ball into the body of Sami and onto the ground. Walsh converted and the Warriors went into the sheds at halftime with an 18-16 lead after trailing 16-6 just 4 minutes earlier. The second half started with Campbell kicking the ball dead from the restart. At the end of the Warriors first set of the second half, Chanel Harris-Tavita put up a bomb which was essentially competed for by his team mates Jesse Arthars and Eli Katoa and they knock it on. In the 59th minute AJ Brimson delived a perfect cut-out ball across the face of Brian Kelly and into the waiting hands of Sami, who scored in the corner. Sexton failed to convert. Neither team troubled the scorers for the last quarter of the contest with the Gold Coast holding on to record their first victory of the season before a trip to Canberra next Saturday. The Warriors host Brisbane at Redcliffe the same day. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

GOLD COAST 20 (G. Marzhew 2, B. Fermor, P. Sami tries; T. Sexton 2 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 18** (W. Egan, M. Montoya, A. Pompey tries; R. Walsh 3 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-16. Penalties: Gold Coast 7-2. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,481. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Sami, Kelly, Herbert, Marzhew; Brimson, Sexton; Fotuauka, Clark, Liu, Fifita, Fermor, Fa'asumaleau (C). Int: Smith, Lisone, Jolliffe, Proctor. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Pompey, Arthars, Berry, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Taylor; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Lodge, Aitken, Katoa, Curran. Int: Tevaga, Afoa, Pene, Sironen.

CRONULLA 18 PARRAMATTA 16

With just under a minute remaining on Saturday night, it looked like the Cronulla Sharks would be condemned to a familiar fate.

Too often in past years, the Sharks had scored more tries than the opposition but goal-kicking had let them down and it was almost the case again. But the new face of the franchise, Nicho Hynes, threatened late and kicked the game-winning goal as the Sharks celebrated a thrilling 18-16 win over the Parramatta Eels.

The decisive turning point came when Ray Stone was penalised for a cannonball tackle in the dying minutes of the game. It saw Cronulla handed one final chance to strike and this time it was Matt Moylan coming up clutch, throwing a short pass for Teig Wilton who crashed over. Hynes, who was yet to convert any of Cronulla's prior three tries, stepped up to slot the goal after the siren. It was the perfect homecoming for the Sharks, who returned home for the first time in two years. The Sharks were clunky in attack last week against the Raiders but showed few signs of rust in the opening half. Ronaldo Mulitalo broke an attempted tackle from Clinton Gutherson to score Cronulla's first try of the game in the 11th minute, rewarded for a strong defensive effort shortly prior. On that occasion Mitchell Moses had chipped towards Bailey Simonsson's corner but Mulitalo rose above to take the kick and earn his side a penalty. Mulitalo was at it again on the defensive end 15 minutes later, with a last-gasp tackle stopping Simonsson from soaring over in the corner. It was the other wing that struck gold shortly after as a well-worked right-edge raid saw Sione Katoa go over untouched. Parramatta camped itself on the Cronulla line in the latter stages of the half but had no answers for a relentless Sharks defence. That was, until a moment of pure brilliance saw the Eels' spine link up and spark Parramatta to life. On that occasion, Moses chipped ahead and Gutherson tapped the ball onto Dylan Brown who found his halfback trailing in support.

"It was so good I don't think the Sharks could have stopped it," former Melbourne Storm halfback Cooper Cronk said on Fox League's coverage of the game. The Eels looked the better of the two teams early in the second half, kicking two-straight penalty goals to go ahead 10-8. But a slicing run from Hynes saw Connor Tracey score as the Sharks regain the lead. Hynes though had a tough outing with the boot, missing his third conversion as the buffer remained two points. That buffer did not last though as Shaun Lane burst through minutes later to put Reed Mahoney over. Cronulla had a few opportunities to steal the win late but try-saving tackles from Gutherson and Will Penisini appeared to have Parramatta destined for victory. There would, of course, be one final twist as the Sharks eventually capitalised on strong field position late to secure a much-deserved win. **ANDREW JACKSON**

CRONULLA 18 (S. Katoa, R. Mulitalo, C. Tracey, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes goal) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 16** (R. Mahoney, M. Moses tries; C. Gutherson 4 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 19th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 8-6. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 11,459. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Tracey, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Tolman, Talakai, Fifita, McInnes. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Blake, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Kaufusi. Int: Makatoa, Stone, Brown, Arthur.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 26 CANBERRA 6

The North Queensland Cowboys have taken their first victory of the season with a 26-6 victory over a very poor Canberra Raiders side.

Luck was on the side of the Cowboys for their first try when Murray Tualagi was able to score in the corner after the Cowboys winger just got the ball down just micro-seconds before his foot actually touched the ground. It was a nervous wait though because the Bunker did get involved but stayed with the decision. The Cowboys extended their lead a few minutes later when Valentine Holmes added the first of his two penalty goals. The second one came a few minutes later when Grant Atkins pulled out a rarely seen penalty after Adam Elliott was deemed a "sleeper" that interfered in the play and the Cowboys lead 8-0. The half-hour mark brought a rare bright spark when Corey Harawira-Naera was able to take advantage of the lack of enthusiasm in the Cowboys defence as he was able to fight his way to the line. The Raiders second-rower converted his own try and brought the Green Machine back within two.

Neither side could really find any rhythm early on and the Raiders didn't take a chance to level the scores with a penalty goal which would come back to bite them as the Cowboys were able to take their chance a matter of minutes later. The strength of Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow was on show when he outleapt his Raiders opponents for a Chad Townsend kick and fought his way to the line to get the ball down. The errors continued to mount for the Raiders and eventually, they found themselves a man down, when Hudson Young had to go to the sin bin after referee Grant Atkins ruled that Young had taken out a Raiders kick chaser. The Cowboys took advantage of the extra man running in two tries although it could've started with a third try when an offside Helium Luki got across but had his efforts disallowed for being offside. Towards the end of the sin bin time, was where the Cowboys took advantage and it was luck for the Cowboys when a poor last tackle pass bounced nicely for Peta Hiku who was able to get his boot to the ball, splitting two Raiders defenders and Kyle Feldt had a free passage to the ball to score.

The final try for the Cowboys came right on the end of the 10 minute sin bin period when Jeremiah Nanai was able to force his way over the line after flying high for a good kick and getting down.

The victory for the Cowboys gives them some confidence after last week before their clash next week with the Broncos, whilst the Raiders hit the drawing board when they have to take on the Titans at home. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 26 (K. Feldt, J. Nanai, H. Tabuai-Fidow, M. Tualagi tries; V. Holmes 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 6** (C. Harawira-Naera try; C. Harawira-Naera goal) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 19th March. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 8-6. Penalties: North Queensland 8-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 13,864. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Tabuai-Fidow, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Tualagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Luki, Dunn, Neame. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Kris, Timoko, Valemei, Schiller; Wighton, Frawley; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Young, Harawira-Naera, Whitehead (C). Int: Trevilyan, Guler, Elliott, Horsburgh.

NEWCASTLE 26 WESTS TIGERS 4

The Newcastle Knights have backed up their strong start to the year with an equally impressive showing against the Wests Tigers, who were their own worst enemy for much of the game as they lost 26-4.

The Knights wasted no time getting the scoreboard ticking over, with Jake Clifford proving last week was no fluke with two quick try assists off the boot. His first one was a chip-style kick for himself that couldn't be hauled in by Hastings, while the next was a pinpoint crossfield effort that was masterfully grounded inches from the dead ball line by Tyson Frizell. Newcastle had themselves a 12 points to nil lead after just 10 minutes.

Both sides then exchanged multiple errors, and the Tigers didn't threaten despite having decent field position for periods of time. The only other scoring for the half came in the 34th minute, when Tyrone Peachey committed a professional foul and was sent to the sin bin, giving the Knights the chance to extend their lead to 14, which they did.

Any real hope of a second half comeback was dashed in the 47th minute, when Adam Clune found some running room before passing it to his left to Bradman Best, who dived over the line basically untouched. Clifford missed a shot at goal for the first time however, leaving the door slightly ajar for the Tigers at 18-0.

The door was then slammed shut about 6 minutes later, when a Daine Laurie knock on allowed the Knights to build some pressure for a couple of sets before setting up a short side raid on the right that Dom Young was the beneficiary of.

The Tigers thought they had their first try of the game in the 62nd minute after Stefano Utoikamanu crashed over from short range, however replays showed he had lost the ball over the line.

It proved a costly error, as Newcastle marched their way up the field during the ensuing set that ultimately ended with a Dane Gagai try.

The Tigers would eventually trouble the scorer however, getting over for a consolation try in the 76th minute through skipper Ken Maumalo. Hastings couldn't convert, which gave us the final score of 26-4. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

NEWCASTLE 26 (B. Best, J. Clifford, T. Frizell, D. Gagai, D. Young tries; J. Clifford 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 4** (K. Maumalo try) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 14-0. Penalties: Wests Tigers 8-6. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 23,214. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Young, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Clune; Barnett, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell (C), Fitzgibbon, Mann. Int: Crossland, Thompson, Momoisea, Croker. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofaaluma, Roberts, Gildart, Maumalo (C); Hastings, Brooks; Twal, Simpkin, Utoikamanu, Tuilagi, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Peachey, Musgrove, Seyfarth, Mikaele.

BRISBANE 16 CANTERBURY 10

Adam Reynolds celebrated his Brisbane Broncos debut with a 16-10 win over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in a defensive thriller at Accor Stadium.

It was billed as a battle of young and new with Reynolds going up against young Bulldogs half Matt Burton. Both sides defended with incredible resilience - something that was notably absent from both sides in recent seasons. Tevita Pangai Junior was in the thick of the action early keen to get some revenge on his former Bronco team-mates after his disgruntled exit midway through 2021. TPJ was placed on report for a late hit on Reynolds and may face some scrutiny from the match review committee. Canterbury started the match the better when Burton took his aerial airshow to Accor, giving nightmares to the Broncos back three. It was off one of Burton's towering kicks that set up the opening try when a brilliant set move from the Bulldogs got Jake Averillo and Matt Duffy involved before linking up with Braiden Burns as he slammed it down for the opening try of the game to put the Bulldogs up 4-0. Brisbane quickly hit back when Albert Kelly hit a perfect banana kick to Corey Oates who celebrated his 100th first grade try in style and his second for the season. Reynolds put the kick wide and the scores remained even at 4-4. Canterbury had a near chance moments later when Burton showed clever footwork to go oh so close to scoring. It took a brilliant cover tackle from Kotoni Staggs to deny the playmaker his first for the year. Canterbury had the better end of possession throughout the opening 40 minutes but the Brisbane defence held firm, a penalty against Staggs for an escort on the Fox gave Burton a chance to redeem himself with the boot, however, he too pushed the kick wide and the scores remained even at half-time. Off the back of some more possession and poor discipline from Brisbane allowed much-maligned Canterbury hooker Jeremy Marshall-King to crash over and put the Bulldogs back in front and with Burton's conversion, it pushed the margin out to 10-4. Unfortunately, this was short-lived as a clever one-on-one strip from Herbie Farnworth and some questionable defence from Jayden Okunbor allowed the Brisbane centre to race 50m untouched to bring the margin within two points. Reynolds too landed his conversion and we were locked up again at 10-10. Reynolds did his best audition as an NFL offensive linemen with a miraculous hike to Kotoni Staggs to go over for what everyone thought was a try. However, bunker official Steve Chiddy spot a little knock on and revoked the try from the Broncos. Their pain was short-lived however after Jake Averillo put it down off a miscued set play. Brisbane perfected a scrum play and some more questionable defence allowed Farnworth to race away and claim his double. Reynolds made no mistake with the boot and put the Broncos out by a converted try. Despite numerous sets on Brisbane's line, Canterbury was unable to put away an attacking opportunity despite TPJ and Paul Vaughan going agonisingly short. Albert Kelly saved the game for Brisbane when he cut across and caught an in-field kick from Josh Addo-Carr to halt Canterbury's final attack. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

BRISBANE 16 (H. Farnworth 2, C. Oates tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 10** (B. Burns, J. Marshall-King tries; M. Burton goal) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: Canterbury 6-3. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 13,453. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Okunbor, Burns, Naden, Addo-Carr; Burton, Averillo; Waddell, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Hetherington, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Thompson, Biondi-Odo, King, Seumanufagai. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Kelly, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: James, Hetherington, Robati, Walters.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 2

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 0	36	4
2	Penrith	2 - 0 - 0	26	4
3	Brisbane	2 - 0 - 0	13	4
4	Melbourne	2 - 0 - 0	11	4
5	North Qld	1 - 0 - 1	18	2
6	St Geo Illa	1 - 0 - 1	8	2
7	Parramatta	1 - 0 - 1	2	2
8	Sydney	1 - 0 - 1	0	2
9	Gold Coast	1 - 0 - 1	-2	2
10	Cronulla	1 - 0 - 1	-3	2
11	Canterbury	1 - 0 - 1	-4	2
12	Canberra	1 - 0 - 1	-15	2
13	Souths	0 - 0 - 2	-8	0
14	Warriors	0 - 0 - 2	-14	0
15	W Tigers	0 - 0 - 2	-32	0
16	Manly	0 - 0 - 2	-36	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

George BURGESS (Dragons): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Teig WILTON (Sharks): G2 Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Ray STONE (Eels): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Tom GILBERT (Cowboys): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500
Jackson HASTINGS (W Tigers): G2 Dangerous Throw - 2 matches
Joe OFAHENGAUE (W Tigers): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000

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MELBOURNE v SOUTHS 3 points - Harry Grant, 2 points - Cameron Munster, 1 points - Latrell Mitchell

PENRITH v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Viliame Kikau, 2 points - Jarome Luai, 1 points - Ben Hunt

SYDNEY v MANLY 3 points - Siosiaua Taukeiaho, 2 points - Sam Walker, 1 points - James Tedesco

GOLD COAST v WARRIORS 3 points - AJ Brimson, 2 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, 1 points - Greg Marzhew

CRONULLA v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Isaiah Papali'i, 1 points - Ronaldo Mulitalo

NORTH QLD v CANBERRA 3 points - Jeremiah Nanai, 2 points - Peta Hiku, 1 points - Kyle Feldt

NEWCASTLE v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Jake Clifford, 2 points - Tyson Frizell, 1 points - Dane Gagai

CANTERBURY v BRISBANE 3 points - Herbie Farnworth, 2 points - Albert Kelly, 1 points - Corey Waddell

LEADERBOARD

5 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Jake Clifford (Knights)
4 POINTS Dane Gagai (Knights)



ROUND 3

CRONULLA 36 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12

The Cronulla Sharks have continued their recent run of dominance over the St George Illawarra Dragons with Nicho Hynes playing a leading role in a 36-12 win in Wollongong.

Recording their sixth win from seven previous clashes against the joint venture, the Sharks were a class above their rivals, scoring six tries to two, in the opening match of the league's inaugural Multicultural Round. Following a rain-drenched opening where both sides traded sets before adapting to the conditions with kicks early on in sets, the Sharks gained the ascendancy after Dragons second-rower Jaden Su'A was sent to the sin bin for making shoulder contact to the head of Dale Finucane. Wasting little time in exploiting their one-man advantage, Sione Katoa (18th minute) made amends for squandering a try minutes earlier by finishing off a Gidley-esque flick pass from Jesse Ramien to give the visitors first points.

Extending their lead a few sets later after the spine players spread the ball to the left edge, recalled winger Matt Ikuvalu (21st minute) claimed his first try for the club mere minutes after appearing to suffer a serious knee injury. The Dragons struggled to capitalise on their opportunities during the first half with passes down the right edge falling short of the mark, while the side's best chance of posting points fell short with captain Ben Hunt deemed held up over the line. Striking a major blow shortly before halftime with Siosifa Talakai (35th minute) pouncing on a well-placed kick from Hynes, a further penalty goal saw the visitors take an 18-0 lead into the change of ends.

Needing to be first to score in the second half to have any chance of remaining in the contest, a short pass from Hunt allowed Jack Bird (43rd minute) to crash over for his first try at WIN Stadium. Responding through Ramien (49th minute) following a superb piece of attacking play involving sideline to sideline passing and a kick from Talakai, the Sharks secured victory after Braden Hamlin-Uele (54th minute) pouncing on a superbly placed grubber from Blayke Brailey. Hynes (66th minute) capped a man of the match display with a try of his own before late ill-discipline saw Ramien and Andrew Fifita sent to the sin bin, leaving the visitors to see out proceedings with 11 men.

The Dragons had the final say of a disappointing night with Jack Gosweiski (74th minute) collecting a consolation try to bring the final score to 36-12. **ROB CROSBY**

CRONULLA 36 (B. Hamlin-Uele, N. Hynes, M. Ikuvalu, S. Katoa, J. Ramien, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes 6 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12** (J. Bird, J. Gosiewski tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 24th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 18-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 8-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 10,122. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Sloan, Ramsey, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, Sims. Int: De Belin, Kerr, Ford, Gosiewski. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Tracey, Ikuvalu; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Talakai, Finucane (C). Int: Tolman, McInnes, Trindall, Fifita.

WARRIORS 16 WESTS TIGERS 10

The Warriors have broken their duck for season 2022 securing their opening win over the Wests Tigers 16-10 at Campbelltown Stadium.

It was a match both coaches would've wished ended sooner than it did, as they both bombed several scoring opportunities. The home side kicked off the of the two in this one, when Jock Madden took the ball to the line and found his captain (well, one of them) James Tamou, who barged over the top of fullback Reece Walsh to claim the opening try of the contest. With the easy conversion from Luke Brooks, Wests Tigers took the lead by 6-0. The visitors quickly hit back off a clever kick by Chanel Harris-Tavita, targeting his winger Marcelo Montoya in the air, collecting a result for the visitors. Euan Aitken (who announced this week it will be his last year for the Warriors) grabbed the scraps and hit back. Reece Walsh nailed his kick from the sideline and we were back on even terms just after the 20-minute mark.

There was some controversy when replays suggested Luciano Leilua may have scored in a play that was ruled a knock-on live by the referee. It looked like a knock-on and Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski made a bold live decision - although he could've used the video referee just to be sure, as it was a try-scoring situation. The locals weren't at all pleased with this decision, booing the officiating crew off the park at half-time. Off the next set after this no-try, Kodi Nikorima put a lovely kick up and the Tigers couldn't handle the kick and Adam Pompey flew under the radar to score the visitors' second try. With the kick at goal successful from Walsh, the visitors went up by a converted try. The Warriors quickly went up by two converted tries when Walsh knocked over a penalty goal for a 14-6 lead, but the home side had the last laugh going into the break, when Jock Madden put up a lovely kick for David Nofaluma, who did wonderfully well to bat it back to Daine Laurie before he linked up with Zane Musgrove to get the Tigers back in the contest. Brooks knocked the kick through the posts and the Warriors had a slender lead of 14-12.

The second half can only be described as diabolical, it has to be said. Errors by both sides during key attacking raids blunted chances to assert their dominance. The Warriors only added one penalty goal with Walsh knocking over a chip shot to be up by 4 points. The turning point came when Chanel Harris-Tavita knocked it on and Jock Madden raced away to score. Marcelo Montoya made the try-saving tackle, but unfortunately, he held on way too long in the tackle and Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski has no choice but to sin bin him for a professional foul. Wests Tigers' goal-line attack can only be described as horrible as they didn't even look like scoring against a 12 man defensive line. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

WARRIORS 16 (E. Aitken, A. Pompey tries; R. Walsh 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (Z. Musgrove, J. Tamou tries; L. Brooks 2 goals) **AT CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 25th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 14-12. Penalties: Warriors 9-7. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 7,182. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofaluma, Garner, Gildart, To'a; Madden, Brooks; Tamou (C), Liddle, Utoikamanu, Seyfarth, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Peachey, Twal, Musgrove, Simpkin. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Pompey, Arthurs, Berry, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Nikorima; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Lodge, Aitken, Katoa, Curran. Int: Tevaga, Afoa, Pene, Sironen.

SOUTH SYDNEY 28 SYDNEY 16

Souths skipper Cameron Murray has led his Rabbitohs to a convincing 28-16 win over their bitter rivals the Roosters at Accor Stadium tonight. All the pre-match hype centred on the battle of former teammates Latrell Mitchell and Joey Manu following 'that tackle' last time the two sides met in 2021, which looked to light the fuse on another explosive chapter in Russell Crowe's famed 'book of feuds' in the long history between the two rivals. While both Mitchell and Manu managed to cross the line for their respective sides, it was Latrell who had the final say, when the controversial fullback ran sixty metres to score the match winner with just over 10 minutes remaining. Souths dominated possession early after some bruising defence and that resulted in the Rabbitohs striking first when starting skipper Murray sliced through close to the line to score next to the posts. Latrell Mitchell converted the try and the Bunnies led 6-0. The Rabbitohs continued to dominate possession when James Tedesco looked to be away off a quick twenty metre re-start, however he then threw a rushed pass which went to ground and Cameron Murray then picked up the loose ball and fired a pass to his winger Alex Johnston who raced away to score South Sydney's second try. Mitchell converted and it was 12-0. The Roosters were in danger of losing touch, however redemption came for the Roosters captain, when Joseph Manu delivered a neat offload for his skipper Tedesco, who raced away to score after a forgettable first twenty minutes. Sam Walker converted and the Roosters narrowed the lead to a converted try at the break. The second half was a disaster for Souths however, when off the back of a Tom Burgess error, Roosters centre Joseph Manu skipped his way through the defensive line to score and in the process he let his ex-teammate Latrell Mitchell know about the try in a rare expression of emotion from the Kiwi centre. The Bunnies extended their lead minutes later, when Murray found an elusive Cody Walker with an inside ball and the slippery number six scooted away from the cover defence to score and extend the lead to 18-10. Souths continued to dominate possession and were very unlucky not to skip away from the Roosters further, when they were denied two tries from the Bunker, who spotted knocks by Alex Johnson and Keaon Koloamatangi respectively to keep the Tricolours in the match. Koloamatangi couldn't be denied a second time however, when the blockbusting backrower crashed over close to the line to finally get a try after having one denied moments earlier. Mitchell converted and the lead was 24-10. Latrell Mitchell then put an exclamation point on the victory, when the NSW centre collected the ball in the clear off a Roosters error and then raced sixty metres to score a runaway try against his former club to really rub salt into the wounds. Paul Momirovski delivered a beautiful pass for his outside man Daniel Tupou who scampered over in the corner to give his side a chance with less than ten minutes remaining but it wasn't to be for the Roosters as Souths ran out deserved winners by 28-16. **SAM BOURKE**

SOUTH SYDNEY 28 (A. Johnston, K. Koloamatangi, L. Mitchell, C. Murray, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 16** (J. Manu, J. Tedesco, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 25th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 12-6. Penalties: South Sydney 7-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 18,245. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Milne, Graham, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Nicholls, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Host, Havili, Burgess, Knight. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Smith; Walker, Keary; Collins, Hutchison, Taukeiaho, Butcher, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Watson, Baker, Crichton, Waerea-Hargreaves.

PENRITH 38 NEWCASTLE 20

The Newcastle Knights have fallen for the first time in 2022, beaten 38-20 by a Penrith outfit which was never going to lose from the moment Mitch Barnett was sent off in the 33rd minute.

The Panthers were the first on the board in the 9th minute, with Luai turning what was an ordinary attacking set into a great one with a chinking run and kick into the in goal on the 5th, which was grounded by Taylan May.

The Knights struck back in the 20th minute however, with Dane Gagai making an immediate impact off a scrum win to get on the outside of Tago and set up Dominic Young for the Knights first.

The two sides were well and truly into an arm wrestle at that stage, however that all flipped when Barnett was sent from the field in the 33rd minute for a late, raised forearm to the head of Chris Smith. The Panthers opted to take the 2 and tie it up at 6-apiece.

The Panthers would use the one-man advantage for the first of many times at the end of the first half, with Taylan May getting his 2nd and Crichton converting to make it 12-6 at the break.

For the first scoring play of the second half, the Panthers would take advantage of the Knights lack of urgency getting to the loose ball off a Luai kick, with Taylan May diving on the ball in the in goal for his second.

Sorenson made a mistake on the set after points, and Tex Hoy showcased his speed to strike back instantly for Newcastle on the ensuing set.

The resurgence was short lived, as a Taylan May grubber in the 57th minute was grounded by Tago for his second try.

The Panthers looked to be running away with it as Clifford's kick-off out on the full was met with a try from Stephen Crichton, who got on the outside of Bradman Best and was too quick.

However, the Knights got a penalty on their next possession and Bradman Best made up for it immediately by crossing himself, and all of a sudden it was only a 12-point game.

Knights fans dared to dream when Enari Tuala crossed in the 72nd minute, but a missed conversion and two late Panthers tries to May and Staines quickly dashed those hopes to give us a final score of 38-20. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PENRITH 38 (T. May 3, I. Tago 2, S. Crichton, C. Staines tries; S. Crichton 5 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 20** (B. Best, T. Hoy, E. Tuala, D. Young tries; J. Clifford 2 goals) **AT CARRINGTON PARK**. Date: Sat, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 11,253. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, May; Luai, O'Sullivan; Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Leniu, Kikau, Smith, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Salmon, Hopgood, Smith. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Young, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Clune; Saifiti, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell (C), Barnett, Mann. Int: Crossland, Momoisea, Thompson, Croker.

PARRAMATTA 28 MELBOURNE 24

Led by an unlikely Ray Stone double, Parramatta Eels defeated Melbourne Storm 28-24 in a thrilling contest at Melbourne Rectangular Stadium on Saturday twilight.

It was billed as a heavyweight clash and it lived up to the billing. Parramatta Eels and Melbourne Storm played out a beauty which had brilliant performances from all the star names but it was interchange forward Ray Stone who stole the show. He scored two late tries for the Eels to snatch the win in Melbourne. Things just aren't meant to be easy between the Storm and Eels. The scores were level four times in the epic contest where a late Papenhuyzen four-pointer sent it to Golden Point. In the extra period, it was a missed Field Goal from Mitch Moses which fell perfect for Stone to step inside a defender and win the game 28-24. In the sunshine of Melbourne, both these sides looked to promote the football. There were plenty of offloads in the first half and open space for the sides to exploit. Melbourne crossed the stripe twice through wingers Reimis Smith and Nick Meaney but both were chalked off.

Storm would find the first points through another Smith. The returning Brandon Smith. He took an offload, burrowed low and got himself over the line, making it 6-nil. The Eels were a bit errant to start the contest but found their groove. Points quickly followed. First Dylan Brown cut open the defense before he sent Clint Gutherson across for 6-6 then Waqa Blake turned himself into a cannonball to find the left-hand corner to complete the turnaround. 12-6 Eels. The hosts sent us to the break level after a late error from the Eels. They ran another set play down the left between Kenny Bromwich and Meaney which this time wasn't taken off the winger. 12-all at the break.

Melbourne retook the lead quickly after the break. Some smart thinking from Cam Munster. The halfback saw the Eels defense hemmed in, kicked for Meaney again, he won the race and touched down to make it 18-12. Eels don't seem to fear the Storm side like many do. The visitors scored twice through kicks, once through centre Tom Opacic then an inventive effort from interchange forward Ray Stone put them up 24-18 with five to go.

You can't count out a champion side though. Brandon Smith poked through, found Cam Munster, who in turn sent away a flying Ryan Papenhuyzen to make it 24-all.

Both sides tried to punch through a field goal to win it. Papenhuyzen had his effort charged down by Opacic in a huge effort then Mitch Moses' radar was off for his effort. We were off to Golden Point - where Stone's magic was weaved. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PARRAMATTA 28 (R. Stone 2, W. Blake, C. Gutherson, T. Opacic tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 24** (N. Meaney 2, R. Papenhuyzen, B. Smith tries; R. Papenhuyzen 4 goals) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sat, 26th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Parramatta 7-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 15,691. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Ieremia, Smith, Olam, Meaney; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Smith, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: MacDonald, Loiero, Moeroa, Lewis. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Blake, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Stone, Kaufusi.

CANBERRA 24 GOLD COAST 22

Canberra came back from 22-0 down after 39 minutes to defeat the Gold Coast Titans 24-22 at GIO Stadium. The 22 point comeback equals their largest comeback in club history (22-0 against the Tigers at Leichhardt Oval in 2015). It was the Titans that got off to a perfect start with Phillip Sami crossing just after 10 minutes, after wonderful lead-up work from AJ Brimson who threw a lovely cut-out ball to his winger to cross early to lead 4-0. Canberra had limited ball in the opening 40 and what they did with the footy can only be described as shameful, dropping quality opportunities to potentially place pressure on the Titans. However, it was a complete contrast for the visitors who converted their opportunities in remarkable fashion. A lovely enterprising play from the Gold Coast on the left edge saw the side combining for an incredible try. Brian Kelly put in a kick which was regathered by Beau Fermor, who got it back to his centre to go over for the Titans' second try of the contest and with Sexton's conversion the visitors led 10-0. Just after the 30-minute mark Fermor hit a hole at pace and the Titans' left edge struck once more. There looked to be a question mark on the line Tino Fa'asuamaleau ran, but the Bunker were satisfied with it and the away team collected their third of the first half, Sexton adding the extras from out wide to put his side up by 16-0. Canberra compounded their poor handling in the first 40 with some equally poor defence when big Tino crashed over under the posts to put Gold Coast up 22-0. Right on halftime, Canberra converted some rare field position into their opening try when Semi Valemei touched down after Canberra kept it alive through Elliott Whitehead and Jordan Rapana, who found the big Fijian and he crashed over the line. Brad Schneider's missed kick saw the home side down 22-4 at the break. After the break, Canberra looked to come out with a renewed focus as Jack Wighton kicked early in the tackle count and trapped Jayden Campbell in the in-goal and earned his side another set of six. Canberra capitalised when Wighton put in a lovely grubber kick and Matt Timoko got a room service bounce to collect Canberra's first of the second stanza. Brad Schneider put his kick over from out wide and just like that Canberra were within two scores. Wighton and Timoko reunited two minutes later and the young centre bagged a quickfire double and all of a sudden, the visitors were the ones on the back foot. Toby Sexton's decision making will come under some scrutiny when an ill-timed cut-out ball from inside his own end was intercepted by Sebastian Kris. In the corresponding set, the young winger crashed over and just the Raiders were within 4 points with the goal kicking of Brad Schneider proving the difference. With just under five minutes to play, Brad Schneider made amends for his kicking woes when his grubber kick was perfectly timed for Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad to score the game-tying try. The rookie halfback nailed his kick at goal and secured a comeback win for the Raiders. To round out the victory, Valemei put on the hit of the season forcing the ball from AJ Brimson to seal the unlikely victory for the Green Machine. The Titans had the game for the taking in that second 40 but Canberra bullied them out of the contest with strong defence and running of the football. Justin Holbrook would be rightly filthy at his team for squandering that game. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CANBERRA 24 (M. Timoko 2, S. Kris, C. Nicoll-Klokstad, S. Valemei tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 22** (T. Fa'asuamaleau, B. Fermor, B. Kelly, P. Sami tries; T. Sexton 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 26th March. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 22-4. Penalties: Gold Coast 6-4. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 11,457. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Kris, Timoko, Valemei, Rapana; Wighton, Schneider; Papalii, Frawley, Tapine, Young, Harawira-Naera, Whitehead (C). Int: Starling, Guler, Elliott, Horsburgh. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Sami, Kelly, Herbert, Marzhew; Brimson, Sexton; Fotuauka, Clark, Liu, Fifita, Fermor, Fa'asuamaleau (C). Int: Smith, Lisone, Jolliffe, Proctor.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 38 BRISBANE 12

The North Queensland Cowboys have slaughtered the Brisbane Broncos 38-12 in the QLD Derby at Suncorp Stadium with their young core of superstars leading the way.

North Queensland got the scoring underway through a Valentine Holmes penalty goal, after Jake Turpin was pinned for high contact on Tom Gilbert. From there, the onslaught began. Chad Townsend put in a great grubbing kick and Jeremiah Nanai collected his reward after setting up the repeat set following his great efforts and urgency in defence. The Cowboys thought they were in moments later, but the Broncos' goal-post padding (not for the first time involving the Cowboys) got in the road. From there, Townsend threw an intercept straight to Corey Oates and gave up the attacking opportunity. Brisbane worked their way into the match and were rewarded with a controversial penalty try to Herbie Farnworth. The bunker ruled Albert Kelly had placed Kurt Capewell (who was in an offside position) back onside and allowed play to proceed. Farnworth was then taken off the ball by Kyle Feldt with the bunker ruling in favour of the Broncos centre. With the conversion, Brisbane was back in the contest. Jason Taumalolo got his side into the sheds in the best way possible throwing a brilliant ball to young forward Griffin Neame and the youngster ran his line perfectly and with Holmes' conversion, North Queensland went into the sheds with a well deserved 14-6 lead at half-time.

Straight after the break, Adam Reynolds mistimed his kick and sent it out on the full giving the visitors prime field position, and following another Reynolds kick missing its target, North Queensland made them pay with smooth hands from Reece Robson and Tom Dearden finding Holmes to go over for a well-deserved four-pointer. With a handy sideline conversion from the man himself, the Cowboys extended their advantage to go out by three scores.

The historians were heading for the record books when Jeremiah Nanai plucked a Dearden bomb out of the air and went over his second try to place the Cowboys even further in front. Selwyn Cobbo was having a nightmare being dragged back into the in-goal area on numerous occasions setting the Broncos up for wave after wave of Cowboys onslaught. The visitors went back to their formula and Dearden looked for his target in Nanai who plucked the footy from Tesi Niu's grasp and the young backrower had his first hat-trick in the NRL. Brisbane was surrendering when Tom Dearden strolled over out of acting half to put the Cowboys up by 38-6.

Brisbane managed a late try when a Reynolds' chip took an awful bounce for Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow and Farnworth scored his second try of the contest. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 38 (J. Nanai 3, T. Dearden, V. Holmes, G. Neame tries; V. Holmes 7 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 12** (H. Farnworth 2 tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 14-6. Penalties: North Queensland 6-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 37,761. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Kelly, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: James, Hetherington, Walters, Jensen. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Tabuai-Fidow, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Luki, Cotter, Neame.

MANLY 13 CANTERBURY 12

The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles have posted their first win of season 2022, getting over the Bulldogs 13-12 in a dour affair in Brookvale on Sunday Night. The Sea Eagles' opening possession lasted just 3 tackles before a frantic offload couldn't be handled by Jake Trbojevic, putting the Bulldogs in superb attacking position in the opening minute. They took full advantage, with Brandon Wakeham's grubber being knocked on by Haumole Olakau'atu and then grounded by Wakeham to put the Dogs on the board first. Burton missed a relatively simple conversion, a mistake which would ultimately cost the Bulldogs the game. The Dogs hot start and Manly's cold start continued, as both Morgan Harper and Tom Trbojevic couldn't take clean possession of a Burton grubber and had to knock the ball dead. On the ensuing set, Matt Dufty showed great vision to put in a first tackle kick for a wide open Braidon Burns, who made no mistake with the finish. Burton again missed the conversion, but in fairness this one was right on the goalline in poor conditions. Manly were able to respond almost immediately however. They found an overlap to the left all too easily, with Reuben Garrick getting into open space before passing to Tom Trbojevic on the inside, who scored his first try of the 2022 season. Matt Burton's high balls troubled the Manly back 3 all game, with Saab in particular being all at sea whenever they came towering down. It was a Morgan Harper knock on from a Burton bomb that gave the Dogs a result however; Manly have away a penalty in the resultant set which the Dogs gained 2 points from. Despite their shocking first half, Manly somehow went into the break with the lead, courtesy of a Kieran Foran harbour bridge pass with roughly 30 seconds to go. Reuben Garrick pinned the ears back and easily got to the line, before nailing the sideline conversion to make it 12-10. Both teams looked aimless to say the least in the second half. The rain got even heavier, and Manly were unable to cross the line despite at one point having at least 5 consecutive sets on the Bulldogs tryline. It was a resounding stand for the Bulldogs, but they themselves were unable to take advantage of their opportunities that came shortly after turning the Sea Eagles away. It was in the 72nd minute that the Bulldogs tied things up with another penalty goal and we looked set for a close finish, which is exactly what happened. In the 75th minute, DCE had a shot at a field goal, which was charged down by the Bulldogs but then regathered by Dylan Walker. It counted for nought though as Morgan Harper knocked on two tackles later. The Bulldogs then ran themselves out of room, with Braidon Burns throwing a desperate offload back into the field of play that was caught by the Manly side. DCE wasn't going to be denied on two consecutive field goal attempts, nailing it from 20 odd metres out to give Manly back the lead. Matt Burton tried a shot from about halfway on the Dogs next possession, but it predictably fell way short. A last ditch kick from Josh Addo-Carr was unsuccessful on the siren, giving Manly their first win and meaning both teams involved have started the season 1-2. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

MANLY 13 (R. Garrick, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 2 goals; D. Cherry-Evans field goal) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 12** (B. Burns, B. Wakeham tries; M. Burton 2 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Sun, 27th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-10. Penalties: Manly 8-6. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 13,261. **MANLY:** Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Harper, Garrick; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Keppie, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Bullemor, Walker, Lawton, Paseka. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Schoupp, Burns, Naden, Addo-Carr; Burton, Wakeham; Waddell, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Hetherington, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Thompson, Biondi-Odo, King, Patolo.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 3

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	3 - 0 - 0	44	6
2	North Qld	2 - 0 - 1	44	4
3	Cronulla	2 - 0 - 1	21	4
4	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 1	18	4
5	Melbourne	2 - 0 - 1	7	4
6	Parramatta	2 - 0 - 1	6	4
7	Brisbane	2 - 0 - 1	-13	4
8	Canberra	2 - 0 - 1	-13	4
9	Souths	1 - 0 - 2	4	2
10	Gold Coast	1 - 0 - 2	-4	2
11	Canterbury	1 - 0 - 2	-5	2
12	Warriors	1 - 0 - 2	-10	2
13	Sydney	1 - 0 - 2	-12	2
14	St Geo Illa	1 - 0 - 2	-16	2
15	Manly	1 - 0 - 2	-35	2
16	W Tigers	0 - 0 - 3	-36	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jaydn SU'A (Dragons): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Jesse RAMIEN (Sharks): G1 Careless HT - \$1000
Jake SIMPKIN (Tigers): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500
Mitch BARNETT (Knights): Dangerous Contact, referred - 6 matches
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA (Storm): G1 Careless HT - \$1000
Moeaki FOTUAIKA (Titans): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000

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ST GEO ILLA v CRONULLA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Blayke Brailey, 1 points - Jesse Ramien

WESTS TIGERS v WARRIORS 3 points - Josh Curran, 2 points - Kodi Nikorima, 1 points - Jock Madden

SOUTHS v SYDNEY 3 points - Cameron Murray, 2 points - Jai Arrow, 1 points - Keaon Koloamatangi

PENRITH v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Jarome Luai, 2 points - Taylan May, 1 points - Izack Tago

MELBOURNE v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen, 1 points - Nathan Brown

CANBERRA v GOLD COAST 3 points - Jack Wighton, 2 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, 1 points - Matthew Timoko

NORTH QLD v BRISBANE 3 points - Valentine Holmes, 2 points - Jeremiah Nanai, 1 points - Tom Dearden

MANLY v CANTERBURY 3 points - Kieran Foran, 2 points - Dylan Walker, 1 points - Matt Dufty

LEADERBOARD

8 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
6 POINTS	Jack Wighton (Raiders)
5 POINTS	Jake Clifford (Knights), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Jarome Luai (Panthers)



ROUND 4

GOLD COAST 8 WESTS TIGERS 6

Gold Coast Titans won a game of rugby league against Wests Tigers tonight, 8-6, at Robina Stadium.

It took 79 minutes but we got some excitement in a rugby league game that bordered on unwatchable. Titans take the two points after AJ Brimson pounced on a loose ball from a Jock Madden error in a game which never reached any heights. Games like tonight are those where fans of the losing side are left to ponder why they invest themselves emotionally in sports contests and the chosen laundry which make up their allegiance. For the winners, it is take the points and run. You won a game, now go enjoy a drink of your choice and move onto next week like all the good rugby league cliches say you should. Both teams were desperate headed into this game and it showed in the football. There were errors, dumb penalties and even a sin-bin to Tyrone Peachey in a first half where birds could've set up base in the in-goals. The only points came from the boot of Luke Brooks and Toby Sexton, for a 2-all scoreline. Yep, you right that right.

There were slight signs of life in the second half. Titans spread the ball early and David Fifita rumbled past several defenders. Sadly, the next play was a knock on. That just summed up this game of supposedly professional rugby league. Two sides keen not to lose so all the skilled plays were put to bed earlier than children. Wests Tigers looked like they might get their maiden win in 2022 after a pair of Luke Brooks penalty goals made it 6-2 inside the final five minutes. The second was a curious decision as it gave the Titans one final chance to win the contest. Then it happened. Like a car crash in slow motion. Sexton put up a high kick which flicked the post, wrong footed Tigers defenders before Madden was unable to ground the ball and it left it sitting up like a golden goose. The five-eighth put his hand on the ball and gave the Titans their second win in a season which has already tested the will power of their supporters in high regard.

For the Tigers. What else is there to say. The joint venture seem to find new ways to shoot themselves in the foot and snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. This loss will only heap more pressure on coach Michael Maguire. He must be right near the edge of the plank to walk off after this torrid start to the 2022 season. Gold Coast Titans; take the two points and burn the tape of this contest. It wasn't a classic but it wasn't another loss after their heartbreaker against the Canberra Raiders last weekend in the capital. There were some positive signs with the club debut of Jamayne Isaako in a clash which won't live long in anyone's memory, thankfully. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

GOLD COAST 8 (A. Brimson try; T. Sexton 2 goals) DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 6 (L. Brooks 3 goals) AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.

Date: Thu, 31st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 2-all. Penalties: Gold Coast 10-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 8,774. **GOLD COAST:** Isaako, Thompson, Kelly, Herbert, Marzhev; Brimson, Sexton; Fotuauka, Clark, Jolliffe, Fifita, Proctor, Fa'asumaleaui (C). Int: Smith, Lisone, Wallace, McIntyre. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofaluma, Roberts, Gildart, Maumalo; Madden, Brooks (C); Tamou, Liddle, Musgrove, Tuilagi, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Peachey, Twal, Garner, Seyfarth.

CRONULLA 18 NEWCASTLE 0

The Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks have turned in an impressive performance to improve to 3-1, while their opponents the Newcastle Knights have lost their 2nd straight match.

There were winds of 65 kilometres per hour at Pointsbet, and it showed from the opening siren as the kickoff sat up for the Sharks to immediately go on the attack. Nonetheless, the Knights were able to see off their initial raids and the contest developed into an arm wrestle over the first 25 minutes or so.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 27th minute when the milestone man Aiden Tolman miraculously got over the line first in his 300th. His crash ball effort close to the line brought him up to a whopping average of 0.053 tries per game in his career, while also joining the 21% of 300 gamers who score a try in their 300th game.

In the ensuing set from the kickoff, the Sharks looked to have scored again, with the combination of the wind and high balls creating havoc for the Knights at the back. The ball was allowed to bounce, and Katoa only had Ponga to beat at the back, which he did with a kick ahead and the ball sat up for him, but he bounced the ball in the in goal, giving the Knights a reprieve.

Four minutes later, it looked as if the Sharks had extended their lead, when Moylan did well to sum up a chaotic passage of play with half a break through the line followed by an offload to a barnstorming Talakai, who dived over for the try. The bunker then stepped in to overturn, ruling Saifiti was obstructed in the lead-up.

The Sharks wouldn't be denied a third time. Sione Katoa more than made up for his earlier gaffe as he was on the end of a slick Sharks backline movement, before executing one of the more acrobatic putdowns you'll see right on the half-time hooter to give his side an 8-0 lead going into the break.

The second half was almost a carbon copy of the first. Through the first 27 or so minutes it was an arm wrestle, with both sides having their opportunities, before the Sharks finally broke through in the 69th minute. Hynes threw a beautiful cutout pass to Mulitalo, who drew and passed to Talakai, who was able to get away from Kurt Mann's cover defence to run away for his 2nd try of the year.

The result was put beyond doubt in the 76th minute, and Talakai again had a lot to do with it, easily getting rid of Gagai before passing off to Mulitalo in space. He put a kick through for Will Kennedy, who grounded it for his 2nd try of the season.

Hynes finally kicked a conversion to make the final score 18-0 in favour of the Sharks. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

CRONULLA 18 (S. Katoa, W. Kennedy, S. Talakai, A. Tolman tries; N. Hynes goal) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 0 AT POINTSBET STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 1st April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 8-0. Penalties: Newcastle 8-6. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 8,927. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Tolman, McInnes, Trindall, Fifita. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Clune; Thompson, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Mann. Int: Saifiti, Crossland, Momoisea, Sue.

PENRITH 26 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

Penrith remains undefeated in season 2022 and denies South Sydney their chance of revenge, downing the Rabbitohs 26-12 in a fiery Grand Final rematch at Bluebet Stadium.

Nathan Cleary made a successful return to the side but it was Dylan Edwards who stole the show for the home side. It looked to be a long night for the visitors when their poor discipline set Penrith up with quality field position early. From there, Penrith sent it to their left edge where Wiliame Kikau linked up with Jarome Luai, who found open space before linking up with Izack Tago to score the opening try to give them first blood. Souths' handling concerns in their first two losses reared their ugly head once more, repeatedly giving golden field position to the premiers. It wasn't long before Souths cracked and some poor defending on their right edge saw Luai and Cleary linking up with Stephen Crichton for the home side's second try and an early 8-0 lead. Souths worked their way into the match and found some luck of their own down the right edge, which saw Campbell Graham collect a lovely ball from Lachlan Ilias and get on the outside of Tago to get the visitors back in the contest and cut the deficit to just two points. But, risky play inside Souths' own 20 saw Keaton Koloamatangi come up with an error. Penrith resumed to normal transmission when Kikau combined with Taylan May and Penrith had their third try of the contest. Cleary had an unseasonal off-night with the kicking tee and it kept Souths in the contest. Ilias thought he got Souths back in the contest but the video referee spotted an obstruction as Thomas Burgess runs to the outside shoulder and makes contact, thus taking away his first try in the top grade. At the end of the opening 40, Penrith held a narrow 12-6 advantage.

Straight after half-time, the feeling that was evident in the first 40 minutes really took off. Luai was penalised for taking Jai Arrow out of the tackle illegally and you could see that both sides were up for it. Cleary's control of the game was evidently missing in the last two matches which saw opposition teams make late charges. Off the back of repeated sets forced by the man himself, Penrith converted at last when May scored his second try of the night - his fifth in just two games. Ilias made contact with the head of May as he scored which constituted a rare 'possible eight point try'. Cleary converted both goals and Penrith was up by 20-6. With Latrell Mitchell getting involved, Souths had to be next to score, and off the back of Latrell's quick hands, Alex Johnston found space and linked up with Cody Walker who crossed for a vital try. Mitchell's conversion cut the margin to 8 points and the game was there for South Sydney to take. But once again, the Bunnies made too many mistakes, and off the back of a mountain of defensive work, Luai skipped and danced around the defence before putting boot to ball and finding returning back-rower Liam Martin to put the game beyond doubt at 26-12. Edwards' defensive efforts were the main highlight of this match with not one, but two incredible try savers stopping certain South Sydney raids on Penrith's line, going a long way to ensuring the Panthers retained their long-term undefeated record at Bluebet Stadium - a venue they haven't lost a game at since July 2019. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 26 (T. May 2, S. Crichton, L. Martin, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 3 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 12** (C. Graham, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 1st April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: Penrith 7-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,521. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, May; Luai, Cleary (C); Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Leniu, Sorensen, Kenny, Salmon. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Milne, Graham, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Nicholls, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Host, Havili, Burgess, Knight.

WARRIORS 20 BRISBANE 6

The New Zealand Warriors have claimed back to back victories for the first time since July last year, downing the Brisbane Broncos 20-6 in a controversial clash at Moreton Daily Stadium.

The 'home' side welcomed back big-name signing Shaun Johnson and his impact was immediate when he threw a lovely ball to Jesse Arthars who ran a perfect line to cross against his old club and give the home side a perfect start. Thomas Flegler would go on report four times in this one and his wrap sheet started in the seventh minute for a hip-drop tackle. Brisbane would later settle into the contest forcing mistakes out of the Warriors' side with bone-crunching defence. However, their execution left a lot to be desired. Albert Kelly would leave the field with an ankle injury early in the opening 40, but Billy Walters was a more than capable replacement and Brisbane struggled to create much in attack. Flegler returned to the report sheet not soon afterwards for a series of brain explosions. Firstly, a questionably late shot on Addin Fonua-Blake, but more dangerously followed up with a cannonball tackle on in-form forward Josh Curran. Referee Chris Sutton had no alternative but to sin bin the Broncos enforcer who was in his first game back after a long suspension last season. Due to a lopsided possession count, Brisbane was up against it and it was Arthars again who crossed for the home side and he had a double against his old club. Brisbane quickly rebounded with a scrappy try to captain Adam Reynolds', whose grubbing kick rickshayed off a number of Warriors' legs and he collected the scraps to get Brisbane back in the contest and cut the margin to 12 points. The Broncos thought they had a second until Marcelo Montoya's jarring shot knocked the ball out of the grasp of Kotoni Staggs. The home side took full advantage and the winger was rewarded for his strong defensive work by supporting strong lead-up work from Johnson and Pompey to cross for a vital try just before the break to put the Warriors up by 16-6 at half-time.

The second half was woeful to say the very least. Both sides were just as guilty as each other of squandering opportunities to score. Brisbane went close straight after the break but Corey Oates was ruled to have placed the ball 'touch in-goal'. Opportunities came few and far between for the away side with poor ball control and scrappy play costing the Broncos any chance of cutting into the deficit. Flegler went on report for a FOURTH time with just under 10 to go for a 'hip drop' tackle and was surprisingly allowed to play out the match despite his four previous reportable offences. Reece Walsh potted over the penalty goal and the Warriors had an unassailable 12 point lead. With two minutes to play, Jake Turpin was sin-binned for a blatant slow down of play which denied a 'captain's challenge' from Adam Reynolds. Walsh had another gift of two points and the Warriors secured back to back victories. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

WARRIORS 20 (J. Arthars 2, M. Montoya tries; R. Walsh 4 goals) DEFEATED BRISBANE 6 (A. Reynolds try; A. Reynolds goal) AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-6. Penalties: Warriors 10-7. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 9,620. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Kosi, Arthars, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Lodge, Aitken, Curran, Tevaga. Int: Nikorima, Katoa, Afoa, Murdoch-Masila. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Kelly, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Turpin, Haas, Palasia, Robati, Carrigan. Int: James, Hetherington, Walters, Lee.

MANLY 25 CANBERRA 6

Magnificent Mudgee has been treated to a DCE masterclass as the Sea Eagles took a 24-6 victory over a poor Raiders side.

The game started pretty evenly through the first ten minutes before the Sea Eagles were able to open the scoring through Reuben Garrick out wide after some great work by Tolutau Koula to keep the ball alive after breaking through a legs tackle. The Sea Eagles extended their lead about 8 minutes later when Morgan Harper was able to get himself over the line somehow to extend the Manly lead out to 10-0.

Canberra were able to bring themselves back into the contest when Jack Wighton was able to leave the Manly defence in two minds when he threw a dummy and the Sea Eagles defence held off him to go through and score. Brad Schneider converted from close range to close the score down to 10-6 at the break.

The game was there for the taking and neither side looked like whether they really wanted to early on with a large number of errors from both sides blunting momentum even after Daly Cherry-Evans left many stunned with the seasons first 20/40 kick of the season. It took the Sea Eagles until just shy of the hour mark to add to their lead when the boot of DCE struck again when a grubber kick of his was chased through and grounded by Haumole Olakau'atu. The conversion was successful from Garrick to extend the lead.

Momentum continued to be with Manly and it was off the boot of Daly Cherry-Evans again as he was able to kick a 40/20 that put the Sea Eagles back on the attack. It was Tom Trbojevic who was able to get over next when the Raiders defence failed to wrap up the reigning Dally M medallist and Tommy was able to stretch out to score.

Completing less than half their sets in the second half hurt the Raiders but they were saved any more embarrassment with only a DCE field goal adding to the score which sealed the 25-6 victory for the Sea Eagles. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

MANLY 25 (R. Garrick, M. Harper, H. Olakau'atu, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 4 goals; D. Cherry-Evans field goal) DEFEATED CANBERRA 6 (J. Wighton try; B. Schneider goal) AT GLEN WILLOW OVAL. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Manly 10-6. Penalties: Manly 8-7. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 6,972. **MANLY:** Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Harper, Garrick; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiaj, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Keppie, Walker, Lawton, Paseka. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Cotric, Timoko, Valemei, Rapana; Wighton, Schneider; Papalii, Frawley, Tapine, Young, Harawira-Naera, Whitehead (C). Int: Starling, Guler, Elliott, Horsburgh.

SYDNEY 28 NORTH QUEENSLAND 4

The Sydney Roosters finally found some solid form as they ran in 6 tries against a Cowboys side that had 3 players sin binned in a frustrating performance, the Tricolours finishing 28-4 winners.

Scoring began in the seventh minute when a Sam Walker kick to the left corner found Daniel Tupou, who tapped it back to Paul Momirovski who dived over the line to score. Walker failed to convert. The Roosters then spent 14 minutes giving away penalties when they had the Cowboys pinned down inside their own half, however the Cowboys could not find a way to breach the Roosters defences. In the 21st minute Tom Gilbert was sent to the sin bin for pushing Luke Keary over off the ball. It took 5 minutes before the Roosters took advantage of having the extra man when Keary received the ball on the right side and quickly got it on to James Tedesco, who had to catch the ball above his head and in the defensive line, yet he somehow caught and passed it with both hands to Joey Manu and the brilliant centre had a clear run to the tryline. Walker was again unable to convert. The Roosters crossed again in the 32nd minute when Manu, at first receiver on the left side, drifted left and then hit Victor Radley running back towards the left, breaking through the line and crashing over to score. Walker added the extras. Just three minutes later the Roosters scored again when Manu got between the two right edge defenders before flicking a ball out to the unmarked Kevin Naiqama, who strolled in to score a good try. Walker converted.

Within the first 2 minutes of the second half Connor Watson linked with Tedesco for a 50 metre bust up the middle before the fullback was grassed in a good tackle. From the next play Keary kicked to the right side where Manu caught the ball between two Cowboys defenders and then forces his way between them to reach out and score a brilliant try. Walker failed to convert from touch. In the 51st minute Griffin Neame was sin binned for a late hit on Keary. Five minutes later Walker put in a wobbly old grubber behind the posts, which evaded Chad Townsend. Keary trailing behind, planted the ball down with both hands for what looked like a try. The Bunker reviewed it and disallowed the try after finding an obstruction in the lead-up. In the 65th minute the Cowboys finally got on the board. From the back of a scrum, the Cowboys went left to Tom Dearden, who spun to avoid a defender who rushed up, then got a great ball to Murray Taulagi, who stepped inside the cover defence and slammed the ball down for a try in the corner. Valentine Holmes failed to convert from the sideline. In the 72nd minute Chad Townsend produced a stupid and sloppy high tackle that resulted in him being the third Cowboys player sin binned. The Roosters wasted no time to exploit the depleted Cowboys defence, when Tedesco at first receiver on the left side, threw a lovely cut-out ball to Daniel Tupou in space and he dived over in the corner. Tedesco failed comfortably to convert from the sideline. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SYDNEY 28 (J. Manu 2, P. Momirovski, K. Naiqama, V. Radley, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 2 goals) DEFEATED NORTH QUEENSLAND 4 (M. Taulagi try) AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 20-0. Penalties: Sydney 10-8. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 17,929. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Tabuai-Fidow, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Taumalolo (C), Gilbert, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Luki, Neame, Taunoa-Brown. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Naiqama; Walker, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Hutchison, Taukeiaho, Butcher, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Collins, Watson, Fifita, Crichton.

MELBOURNE 44 CANTERBURY 0

A four-try haul from Ryan Papenhuzen has seen the Melbourne Storm bounce back in a big way with a 44-0 demolition over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs at AAMI Park.

Commemorating the 10th anniversary of their 2012 grand final victory, the home side were more than a class above their lowly opponents, scoring eight unanswered tries to the delight of 13,437 supporters.

Holding off an enthusiastic start from the visitors, which almost yielded a try for former speedster Josh Addo-Carr, the Storm struck first through Papenhuzen (11th minute) who slid over after a strong carry from Xavier Coates down the right edge.

Making the most of the Bulldogs tendency to compound errors with penalties in quick succession, underrated forward Josh King (21st minute) claimed his first try for the club by pouncing on a grubber from Harry Grant to put the home side up 12-0.

Showing tremendous resolve on their try line to keep the Bulldogs at bay, the Storm rounded out a resolute first half display with Kenny Bromwich (36th minute) touching down for his first try of the season in the shadows of halftime.

Breaking the game open after halftime with Grant and Jahrome Hughes laying on tries to give Papenhuzen (45th and 52nd minutes) his second and third of the afternoon, a poor pass from Matt Burton allowed Coates (60th minute) to race the length of the field for his third try of the season.

Adding another long-range effort through Felise Kaufusi (62nd minute) in the following set, a short pass from Hughes allowed Papenhuzen (67th minute) to conclude the scoring with the second four-try haul of his career - almost exactly to the day after doing likewise to the Broncos on Good Friday last year.

The win sees Melbourne bounce back into second position on the premiership ladder after last week's golden point loss to Parramatta, while the loss marks a low point in the Bulldogs resurgence, slumping to 15th with the worst for-and-against differential after four rounds. **ROB CROSSBY**

MELBOURNE 44 (R. Papenhuzen 4, K. Bromwich, X. Coates, F. Kaufusi, J. King tries; R. Papenhuzen 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 0 AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sun, 3rd April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 16-0. Penalties: Melbourne 7-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,437. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuzen, Meaney, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Smith, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: MacDonald, Loiero, Moeroa, Lewis. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Burns, Averillo, Naden, Addo-Carr; Burton, Wakeham; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Biondi-Odo, Patolo, King, Stimson.

PARRAMATTA 48 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 14

Mitchell Moses had a party against the Dragons, with his kicking, passing and running games all used to their full ability to tear the opposition defence apart and lead the Eels to a big 48-14 victory at CommBank Stadium. A Zac Lomax knock on in the 6th minute was immediately punished by the Eels when Dylan brown straightened his run, stepped off his left and then shot through a gap, raced 30 metres and scored a good solo try. Mitch Moses added the extras. In the next set, Moses nailed a 40/20. Five minutes later, a towering bomb by Moses was dropped by Moses Mbye. Mbye had a horror night largely via the boot of Moses and Dylan Brown. The Eels were denied a try in the 16th minute. In their next set Dylan brown made another line break. From the next play, Moses kicked early noting that Mbye was up in the defensive line. He then chased his own kick, regathered and scored a brilliant solo try. He then converted. Play settled for a while before the Dragons hit back when Aaron Woods dished a ball at the line to Francis Molo who broke through the middle, before getting a stunning offload to Ben Hunt. Hunt then kicked off the side of his boot, intentionally and found Jack Bird who regathered and fell over the line to score near the posts. Lomax added the extras. Lomax added a penalty goal after the halftime siren sounded to reduce the deficit to just 4 points. The second half saw Parramatta run away with the game in a dominant 40 minute display. In the 43rd minute Moses kicked towards the posts, where Tariq Sims slipped and fumbled the ball before kicking it backwards all in the same motion. The ball dribbled into the Dragons in-goal where Mbye failed to ground the ball, but Nathan Brown didn't. Moses converted. In the 50th minute Moses received an offload, stepped the defence and darted through a gap, before kicking back towards the posts where Reed Mahoney got a lovely bounce and he scored under the posts. Moses converted from in front. In the set after the restart Villami Penisini made a break down the right sideline before linking with Clint Gutherson in support and the Eels custodian raced away to score. Moses converted from out wide. On the hour and the Dragons on the attack, Waqa Blake took an intercept and raced 90 metres to score under the posts. Moses again converted. The Eels crossed again in the 69th minute when Dylan brown drifted right before lobbing a beautiful long ball over the top to Blake who dived over in the corner to score. Moses nailed the sideline conversion. The Dragons improved their score in the 70th minute when Tariq Sims received a crash ball as the lead runner and reached out to score. Lomax converted. Parramatta then produced some magic in the 76th minute when Nathan brown offloaded brilliantly to Bryce Cartwright who caught and then flicked an amazing ball out the back to Moses who dived over in the right corner. Moses converted his try from the sideline. Moses had his first failure of the game in the 79th minute when he failed to kick a field goal. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

PARRAMATTA 48 (W. Blake 2, M. Moses 2, D. Brown, N. Brown, C. Gutherson, R. Mahoney tries; M. Moses 8 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 14** (J. Bird, T. Sims tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 3rd April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 12-8. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 19,711.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Blake, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Matterson, Papali'i, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Cartwright, Kaufusi, Greig.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Mbye, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Bird, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Lawrie, Sims, Gosiewski, De Belin. Int: Amon, Kerr, Ford, Woods.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 4

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	4 - 0 - 0	58	8
2	Melbourne	3 - 0 - 1	51	6
3	Parramatta	3 - 0 - 1	40	6
4	Cronulla	3 - 0 - 1	39	6
5	North Qld	2 - 0 - 2	20	4
6	Sydney	2 - 0 - 2	12	4
7	Warriors	2 - 0 - 2	4	4
8	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 2	0	4
9	Gold Coast	2 - 0 - 2	-2	4
10	Manly	2 - 0 - 2	-16	4
11	Brisbane	2 - 0 - 2	-27	4
12	Canberra	2 - 0 - 2	-32	4
13	Souths	1 - 0 - 3	-10	2
14	Canterbury	1 - 0 - 3	-49	2
15	St Geo Illa	1 - 0 - 3	-50	2
16	W Tigers	0 - 0 - 4	-38	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jake CLIFFORD (Knights): G1 Careless HT - \$1000
Dominic YOUNG (Knights): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000
Lachlan ILIAS (Rabbitohs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Thomas FLEGLER (Broncos) - three charges: G3 Dangerous Contact - 2 matches, G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000, G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Jazz TEVAGA (Warriors): G3 Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Griffin NEAME (Cowboys): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Chad TOWNSEND (Cowboys): G1 Careless HT - \$1000

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GOLD COAST v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - AJ Brimson, 2 points - Luciano Leilua, 1 points - Kelma Tuilagi

CRONULLA v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Siosifa Talakai, 2 points - Matt Moylan, 1 points - Aiden Tolman

PENRITH v SOUTH SYDNEY 3 points - Dylan Edwards, 2 points - Isaah Yeo, 1 points - Izack Tago

WARRIORS v BRISBANE 3 points - Addin Fonua-Blake, 2 points - Shaun Johnson, 1 points - Marcelo Montoya

MANLY v CANBERRA 3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 2 points - Tom Trbojevic, 1 points - Josh Aloiai

NORTH QLD v SYDNEY 3 points - Joseph Manu, 2 points - James Tedesco, 1 points - Luke Keary

MELBOURNE v CANTERBURY 3 points - Ryan Papenhuzen, 2 points - Jahrome Hughes, 1 points - Xavier Coates

PARRAMATTA v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points - Dylan Brown, 1 points - Junior Paulo

LEADERBOARD

8 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
7 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels)
6 POINTS AJ Brimson (Titans), Ryan Papenhuzen (Storm), Jack Wighton (Raiders)



ROUND 5

MANLY 30 NEWCASTLE 6

Manly Sea Eagles made the best of the soggy conditions to down Newcastle Knights 30-6 tonight at Hunter Stadium.

The Sea Eagles made it three straight results in wet and wild conditions tonight with a late onslaught to run over the top of a Knights side that didn't look at their best and fall to back-to-back defeats.

Tonight's scoreline looks inflated after the Sea Eagles scored three late tries to Karl Lawton, Haumole Olakau'atu and Taniela Paseka which gave them a 24-point success and further soar up the National Rugby League ladder to kick off Round 5.

Before that, it was a grinding contest which played right into the hands of Sea Eagles halfback Daly Cherry-Evans. Despite one brain snap where he kicked for Jason Saab inside his own 30 metre line which didn't work. He had an earlier kick for Morgan Harper which stretched the lead to 10-nil.

In the drenched conditions it took 23 minutes to find first points. Dylan Walker scooted from dummy-half and found the charging Andrew Davey to make it 4-nil. Reuben Garrick added another penalty goal to tick over the scoreboard to make it 12-6. Walker also provided the assist for Olakau'atu's four-pointer late in the contest.

It was a night as dark as the sky for the Knights. They fumbled the ball several times in good field position in the first half and it took a moment of brilliance to get it back to 10-6 just after half-time. Kalyn Ponga started and finished the move off a wonderful Enari Tuala pass to give them hope.

The home crowd thought they had taken the lead when hooker Chad Randall touched down underneath the sticks from a Ponga kick. The bunker intervened and denied the Knights a four-pointer which changed the game. Sea Eagles ran away with the contest in the later stages with a good F/A boost.

Rain is the great equaliser for forwards and it was party time for those in maroon and white in the forward pack. Lawton got the party started with a charging run to push their advantage out to 12 points then Olakau'atu and Paseka put icing on the cake for our final scoreline.

Adding to the defeat, the Knights sustained injuries to winger Dominic Young and interchange forward Jirah Momisea in the first half. They also lost Ponga for a while in the first half for a head injury assessment alongside concerns for halfback Adam Clune. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

MANLY 30 (A. Davey, M. Harper, K. Lawton, H. Olakau'atu, T. Paseka tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 6** (K. Ponga try; J. Clifford goal) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 7th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Manly 10-0. Penalties: Newcastle 8-7. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 9,472. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Clune; Saifiti, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Mann. Int: Crossland, Momoisea, Thompson, Sue. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Parker, Harper, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Walker, Lawton, Keppie, Paseka.

WARRIORS 25 NORTH QUEENSLAND 24

Shaun Johnson was the hero for the Warriors as they marched to their third straight victory in an epic 25-24 golden point thriller over the North Queensland Cowboys at Moreton Daily Stadium.

The Cowboys came into this match with a point to prove after a disappointing performance against the Roosters last week. There would be no doubting Todd Payten would've been pleased with his side's start to the contest when Tom Dearden slipped through some ordinary Warriors defence to score the game's opening try. However, the visitors would quickly return to their 2021 ways with poor discipline and their inability to defend their errors. Shaun Johnson took on the Cowboys' defence and fired a lovely pass to Jesse Arthars who hit a lovely hole to hit back for the Warriors. With Reece Walsh's conversion, the home side had an early 6-4 advantage. The home side's poor discipline would cost them dearly, a high tackle from Reece Walsh allowed the Cowboys to level the scores. Off the ensuing set, Addin Fonua-Blake couldn't handle the grubber kick and it allowed Scott Drinkwater to score possibly the easiest try of his career and extend the visitors' advantage to a converted try. From there, the Warriors slowly began to settle in the match and began imposing themselves on the Cowboys' goal line. However, the play broke down and was intercepted by Murray Taulagi who linked up with Valentine Holmes to sprint well over 70 metres before Marcelo Montoya chased down the former NFL star. From there, the Cowboys shifted the ball to the right before Kyle Feldt scored untouched and it appeared the visitors would begin to dominate. However, Chanel Harris-Tavita nailed a 40/20 and the work of in-form forward Josh Curran to step past some woeful defence to put the home side within a converted try at the break.

North Queensland's start to the second 40 was abysmal, it began with a poor kickoff recovery from Murray Taulagi. From there, Kodi Nikorima ran through a gap bigger than Sydney Heads to put the Warriors back at level pegging, which was remarkable considering the visitors' total domination of the opening 40. New Zealand's poor discipline allowed the Cowboys to retake the lead through the wonderful lead-up work of their spine to allow Valentine Holmes to outmuscle Reece Walsh to slam the football down and retake the lead. Valentine Holmes potted over a penalty goal to put the margin out to a converted try. New Zealand found a way to tie the football game up after a lovely pass from Chanel Harris-Tavita to Euan Aitken to score and lock the game back up at 24-24. The final ten minutes were a frantic display of football, with the Warriors having three attempts of field goal all missing sending the match to golden point. By the time the Cowboys' Chad Townsend missed his shot, the Cowboys were fatigued and allowed the home side to race down the field and Shaun Johnson (on the fourth attempt) nailed the field goal to break the hearts of the Cowboys. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

WARRIORS 25 (E. Aitken, J. Arthars, J. Curran, K. Nikorima tries; R. Walsh 4 goals; S. Johnson field goal) **DEFEATED NORTH QUEENSLAND 24** (T. Dearden, S. Drinkwater, K. Feldt, V. Holmes tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 8th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 18-12. Penalties: Warriors 6-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 6,254. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Kosi, Arthars, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Lodge, Aitken, Sironen, Curran. Int: Afoa, Nikorima, Pene, Murchie. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Taunoa-Brown, Granville, Luki, Neame.

SYDNEY 24 BRISBANE 20

Roosters centre Joseph Manu has carried his side to a come from behind 24-20 victory over the Brisbane Broncos at Suncorp Stadium tonight. After trailing 10-0 at halftime, the Kiwi centre scored a brace of tries through pure determination and grit in a superb individual performance to steal his underperforming side the two points in an absolute thrilling game of rugby league. It was a heartbreaking loss for Brisbane, who were the better side for the majority of the match, with huge performances from their two young superstars in Kotoni Staggs and Payne Hass who were enormous in a losing side. Unfortunately, it was lapses in concentration in defence at key times which cost Kevin Walters men in the end. The Broncos came with the attitude early, with halfback Adam Reynolds finding his strike centre Staggs with some early ball, which caused the Roosters defence some early headaches. Brisbane then struck with the first blow, when Reynolds and Tesi Niu combined down the left-hand side to find a hard running Corey Oates who bulldozed his way over for the first try of the night. Reynolds missed the conversion and it was 4-0 to Brisbane after 21 minutes. He has been a bit quiet so far in 2022, but Kotoni Staggs continued to make his mark, when the Broncos star threw off two Roosters defenders to score an explosive try and bring the Suncorp Stadium crowd to their feet. Reynolds converted and it was 10-0 to the home side. The Roosters then had a golden chance to get on the board on the stroke of halftime, however backrower Sitili Tupouniua dropped the ball over the line following a superb Joey Manu grubber. The Tricolours needed to get on the scoreboard first in the second half and they did so, when backrower Angus Crichton stepped past opposite Kurt Capewell close to the line, finding his half Sam Walker in support who scored the Roosters first try. Paul Momorovski converted and the Roosters trailed by 10-6. All of the sudden the game turned with back-to-back tries from the away side, when Manu crashed over out of dummy half close to the line to provide the chance for his side to hit the lead. Sam Walker obliged and the Roosters led 12-10 after less than 15 minutes into the second half. The Broncos then wrestled back the lead through Corey Oates who scored his second try, when he collected a superbly timed kick from Reynolds. Reynolds converted from out wide and Brisbane led 16-12 with less than 20 minutes remaining. With the game seemingly in the Broncos favour, the Roosters own superstar centre Manu again barged his way over from dummy half to score his second try. It set the scene for young Queenslander Sam Walker to convert from the sideline to put the Roosters in front. He calmly converted. Walker then thread the needle on the last to find a flying Sitili Tupouniua who charged onto the ball to score the match winner for the Roosters...or so we thought. Broncos number seven then Reynolds threw up a late Hail Mary play with a kick over the top. The ball then careered away from the Roosters defence and bounced perfectly for Oates to score his hat-trick with minutes remaining on the clock. Unfortunately, Reynolds failed to convert from the sideline and the Roosters held on for what seemed an unlikely victory for the majority of the match. **SAM BOURKE**

SYDNEY 24 (J. Manu 2, S. Tupouniua, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 3, P. Momirovski goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 20** (C. Oates 3, K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 8th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 10-0. Penalties: 5-11. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 23,508. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo, Walters, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Hetherington. Int: James, Jensen, Robati, Paix. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Naigama; Walker, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Hutchison, Collins, Butcher, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Watson, Fifita, Crichton, Baker.

MELBOURNE 30 CANBERRA 16

The Melbourne Storm won their fifth straight game against the Raiders thanks largely to a strong first half and the drizzle that stymied both sides attack in the second half. Canberra though weren't helped by their own ill-discipline and poor defence in the middle of the field.

Scoring began in the 5th minute when a Cameron Munster high tackle saw Brad Schneider kick an easy penalty goal. In the 15th minute Harry Grant at dummy half scooted out and burrowed through the defence to score a strong try. Ryan Papenhuyzen converted. Shortly after, the Storm made big metres through the middle off back-to-back dummy half runs by Grant and then Papenhuyzen. The Storm earned a set restart and very nearly scored twice in the next set, first when Munster was held up over the line and then when Felise Kaufusi hit and spun out of two tackle attempts before falling just short of the line. But just 2 plays later and Jahrome Hughes in the middle stepped off his right foot twice to beat some stray cover defenders before scoring under the posts. Papenhuyzen added the extras from in front. In the middle of the set after the restart Munster dummied, bounced out of a tackle as he drifted left, then fended off a second defender, broke through the line, drew Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad and then passed back inside to Papenhuyzen in support, who raced 30 metres to score under the posts. Papenhuyzen again converted. After 25 minutes the Storm lead 18-2. Seven minutes later and the Raiders finally got a try when they put the ball through the hands on the right side, with a number of catch-and-passes in the defensive line before Semi Valemei got the ball in space, burrowed down, spun out of a tackle attempt and then hopped forward and dived over to score. Schneider converted from touch with a splendid kick.

The Storm were the first to score in the second half when in the 49th minute, off the back of a scrum, the ball went to Munster who passed early to Justin Olam where the powerful centre just shrugged off defenders and got over the line for a good try. Papenhuyzen converted from out wide. It wasn't until the final ten minutes when points were again scored, this time from a Raiders set play off the back of a scrum. Wighton got the ball on the left side, drifted left, linked with Nicoll-Klokstad who was running straighter. He sent a long ball out to the unmarked Nick Cotric, who strolled in to score. Schneider's conversion from touch was again brilliant. The Storm replied with a try just two minutes later when Hughes stepped off his right foot twice, ran into a gap, rolled in a tackle and just gets the ball down for a try near the posts. Referee Gerard Sutton said no try. The Bunker though confirmed he did score. Papenhuyzen again converted. Right on full time, Canberra were awarded a penalty and despite being down by 16 points, opted to take the easy two points instead of trying to score a try. Schneider kicked the gift. Storm won comfortably 30-16. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MELBOURNE 30 (J. Hughes 2, H. Grant, J. Olam, R. Papenhuyzen tries; R. Papenhuyzen 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 16** (N. Cotric, S. Valemei tries; B. Schneider 4 goals) **AT McDONALD'S PARK**. Date: Sat, 9th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 18-8. Penalties: Canberra 9-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 8,133. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Cotric, Timoko, Valemei, Rapana; Wighton, Schneider; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Sutton, Harawira-Naera, Whitehead (C), Guler, Elliott, Horsburgh. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Meaney, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Smith, MacDonald, Loiero, Moeroa.

SOUTH SYDNEY 24 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12

The South Sydney Rabbitohs will be sweating on the fitness of fullback Latrell Mitchell after he went off injured in the 24-12 win over the St. George Illawarra Dragons on Saturday.

Mitchell was taken from the field midway through the first half with a hamstring issue and failed to return, with Blake Taaffe filling in at the back. While Mitchell's injury would have been a cause for concern, the Rabbitohs would have taken plenty of promise out of what was Damien Cook's best performance of the year. The lively South Sydney hooker has struggled at times to inject himself into the attack with the Rabbitohs not enjoying the same dominance they usually did in the Adam Reynolds era. But on Saturday night, with the rest of the Rabbitohs spine struggling at times to find fluency, it was Cook who provided a much-needed spark through the middle.

And it was Cook who took advantage of some tired Dragons defenders to set up the opening try of the night, linking with his outside men as Mitchell scored South Sydney's first. The Rabbitohs almost had another shortly after when Lachlan Ilias put a deft kick through for Campbell Graham but the centre could not ground it cleanly.

The Dragons struggled to threaten, that was until Zac Lomax broke through the line in the 24th minute and simply had to draw and pass to put Jack Bird over. But Lomax instead opted for a no-look pass as the try-scoring opportunity broke down, with the ball going to ground.

South Sydney lacked execution at times itself but went further ahead soon after as runs from Cook and Ilias provided the go-forward for Keaton Koloamatangi to force his way over.

Scoreless at halftime, the Dragons eventually got on the board as Moses Mbye dummied and pushed Koloamatangi away to strike. But an error from Lomax gifted the Rabbitohs a chance to hit right back and they did, in clinical fashion as the ball went through five sets of hands, ending with Graham slicing over.

Errors were a theme of the second half, with the Dragons going from completing 87 per cent of sets in the opening half to just under 50 per cent in the second. The Rabbitohs were no better themselves, going from 90 per cent in the first 40 minutes to a touch over 50 in the second half, although they were better at capitalizing on their chances. After a host of errors from both sides, Ilias put Taane Milne over to cap off what was the best performance of the young halfback's career thus far. Soon after a mix-up on the kick-off saw the Dragons get the ball back as Jaydn Su'A scored against his former teammates. **ANDREW JACKSON**

SOUTH SYDNEY 24 (C. Graham, K. Koloamatangi, T. Milne, L. Mitchell tries; B. Taaffe 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12** (M. Mbye, J. Su'A tries; J. Bird, Z. Lomax goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 9th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 10-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 6-5. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 11,332. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Milne, Graham, Mansour; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Taaffe, Host, Moale, Knight. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Mbye, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Bird, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Woods, Sims, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Amone, Kerr, Lawrie, Ford.

PARRAMATTA 26 GOLD COAST 20

Debate is raging around the Captains Challenge system, as the Parramatta Eels survived a late comeback attempt from the Gold Coast Titans to score a 26-20 victory on the Gold Coast.

Despite the Eels dominating field position for the first quarter of the match, it was a pretty even contest until Parramatta were able to open the scoring just shy of the twenty-minute mark when Mitch Moses set up Clint Gutherson to go through space to score out wide. The conversion was waved away after the kick had a lock on the upright. The Eels added another try out on the righthand side when Bailey Simonsson was able to get over in the corner after the Eels attack again fired. The Eels then extended their lead just shy of half-time when they got the luck after Jarrod Wallace dropped a Mitch Moses kick and Clint Gutherson was on the spot to ground the ball. After the conversion from in front the Eels held a 14-0 lead at the break.

Things didn't start well in the second half for the Titans when Parramatta were able to score again through Ryan Matterson after a long pass from Reed Mahoney put the Gold Coast defence in two minds and Matterson was able to get over, making the Titans pay for an error at the other end of the park.

Controversy then rained when the Titans deliberately gave away a penalty so that they could challenge a potential knock-on by the Eels which was missed by Peter Gough. The challenge was allowed to proceed despite the NRL coming out on Monday saying you couldn't challenge a play on call. The decision to allow the challenge gave the Titans the ball and they took advantage when AJ Brimson put a kick through that was chased through by Phillip Sami to score. So Parramatta fans had every right to be annoyed when the same situation happened again, this time when the Titans deliberately gave away a penalty to challenge a pull back which was successful. The Gold Coast were again able to take advantage of the situation when another AJ Brimson kick was chased through and Erin Clark scored.

It became 'game on' a matter of minutes later after Junior Paulo was sin binned and David Fifita single handedly brought the Titans back into it with a 40m run out of dummy half to get the ball down just inside the touch line. The Eels then stopped the momentum when Dylan Brown took advantage of a loose ball off a kick contest to score and settle things down for the Eels and push the lead back out to 10 points.

The game was far from over when the Titans were able to score again when Greg Marzhew used his brute strength and power to get over from dummy half. The missed conversion kept the scores at the final score of 26-20. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA 26 (C. Gutherson 2, D. Brown, R. Matterson, B. Simonsson tries; M. Moses 3 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 20** (E. Clark, D. Fifita, G. Marzhew, P. Sami tries; T. Sexton 2 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 9th April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 14-0. Penalties: Gold Coast 10-1. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 14,478. **GOLD COAST:** Isaako, Thompson, Sami, Herbert, Marzhew; Brimson, Sexton; Fotuauka, Clark, Liu, Fifita, Fermor, Fa'asumaleaui (C). Int: Smith, Wallace, Jolliffe, Proctor. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Blake, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Matterson, Papali'i, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Kaufusi, Rein, Cartwright.

CRONULLA 30 WESTS TIGERS 4

The Cronulla Sharks have made it four in a row with an emphatic 30-4 victory over the Wests Tigers in a match marred by an act of pure stupidity from a pitch invader.

With the Sharks up 20-0 approaching the hour mark, play was halted for several minutes after a spectator ran onto the field to let off a flare with both teams in close proximity.

The incident did little however to detract from the on-field action with the Sharks extending their dominance over the joint venture to eight wins from the past nine clashes, much to the delight of a sold-out crowd of 11,500 supporters at PointsBet Stadium.

The fifth straight defeat is the worst start to a season for the Wests Tigers since entering the premiership in 2000.

Taking advantage of a spilt bomb from Starford To'a, filling in at fullback after Daine Laurie returned a positive COVID-19 result upon arrival at the ground, a quick pass from Toby Rudolf allowed Briton Nikora (9th minute) to touch down for first points underneath the posts.

Coming close to extending their lead only for Ronaldo Mulitalo to put a foot on the touchline in the lead up, a dazzling run from Sione Katoa (19th minute) a few minutes later put the home side up 10-0.

Knocking back an opportunity to kick a penalty goal shortly before the break, the Sharks attacking instincts were rewarded when a well-worked right side shift, involving every member of the spine, enabled Katoa (36th minute) to collect a brace.

Going further ahead following the resumption of play, Mulitalo (48th minute) finished off a powerful passage in which the Sharks tore through the Tigers feeble defence over the course of a seven tackle set.

With the Tigers failing to mount pressure due to countless errors with the ball in hand, centre Jesse Ramien (66th minute) powered over from another right side shift, while Cameron McInnes selflessly passed to Will Kennedy (69th minute) in the following set after running through a yawning gap to take the score to 30-0.

A late intercept from Ken Maumalo (80th minute) spared the Tigers the ignominy of being held scoreless in an otherwise horrendous afternoon for the visitors. **ROB CROSBY**

CRONULLA 30 (S. Katoa 2, W. Kennedy, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora, J. Ramien tries; N. Hynes 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 4** (K. Maumalo try) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 14-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 11,500. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Fifita, Williams, Hunt. **WESTS TIGERS:** To'a, Nofoaluma, Garner, Gildart, Maumalo; Madden, Brooks; Tamou (C), Liddle, Musgrove, Tuilagi, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Peachey, Twal, Seyfarth, Mikaele.

PENRITH 32 CANTERBURY 12

The Penrith Panthers remain the only undefeated side in 2022 after a comprehensive 32-12 victory over Canterbury at CommBank Stadium. It was billed as a grudge match following the high profile departures of several players and staffers from Penrith to Canterbury in the off-season.

Penrith almost got off to a perfect start when Izack Tago appeared to continue his purple patch of form and cross for the opening try after the ball was batted back by Villiame Kikau and Nathan Cleary to allow Taylan May to get on the outside before passing to Tago, however, his foot touched the touchline and Penrith let the Dogs off the hook. Penrith didn't need to wait much longer when Canterbury's aggressive defence comes back to bite them. Jarome Luai threw a lovely cut-out ball to Taylan May who did a great job to get the football down and the premiers played from in front after Cleary's magnificent sideline conversion. Canterbury's defence continued to let them down, their jamming defence again caused problems when Taylan May linked up with Tago who sprinted 60m before linking up with Dylan Edwards to cross for the premiers second try of the evening. With Cleary's conversion, Penrith had a handy 12-0 lead. Penrith was suffocating the Dogs in attack, but after a high shot from Corey Waddell, they respected the opposition and took the penalty goal to shoot to a three-possession lead. Kyle Flanagan came into the match with a lot of question marks, but he put any doubt surrounding his selection to bed with some lovely defence causing Jarome Luai to lose the ball in a crunching tackle. In the ensuing set, Flanagan again put in a lovely kick which was spilt by Luai and Tevita Pangai Jr raced in to dive on the ball. Unfortunately, a mistake from Matt Dufty in the ensuing set gave the Panthers some field position and the premiers don't squander quality ball opportunities, some lovely ball playing from Cleary and Yebo allowed Liam Martin to hit the hole at speed and score adjacent to the uprights. With the conversion from Cleary, Penrith led 20-6 at half-time.

Penrith kicked off the second half as they ended the first, with a lovely play from hooker Api Koroisau setting up Spencer Leniu to crash over for his second try of the season and give the visitors a 20 point advantage. Canterbury got back in the game by shifting the ball early in the tackle count where Josh Addo-Carr FINALLY had the open space many thought he'd have this season. The Fox linked up with former Storm team-mate Joe Stimson and the Dogs looked to be making a late charge. However, elementary mistakes from Matt Dufty gave Penrith too much quality ball and Mitch Kenny crashed over for his maiden NRL try. No doubt the MKFC will be celebrating that one tonight. Villiame Kikau went close to scoring on full-time but was ruled to have bounced the ball leaving the score at 32-12 in favour of the premiers. Canterbury at least has solved their halves conundrum, Kyle Flanagan looked solid tonight. Trent Barrett just needs to stick by his number 7 and against lesser opposition, the points will come. They showed some better signs in the red zone tonight and will be better for it in the long run. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 32 (D. Edwards, M. Kenny, S. Leniu, L. Martin, T. May tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 12** (T. Pangai Junior, J. Stimson tries; K. Flanagan 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-6. Penalties: Canterbury 7-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 11,157. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Naden, Burns, Averillo, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Wakeham, King, Stimson, Seumanufagai. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, May; Luai, Cleary (C); Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yebo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 5

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	5 - 0 - 0	78	10
2	Cronulla	4 - 0 - 1	65	8
3	Melbourne	4 - 0 - 1	65	8
4	Parramatta	4 - 0 - 1	46	8
5	Sydney	3 - 0 - 2	16	6
6	Manly	3 - 0 - 2	8	6
7	Warriors	3 - 0 - 2	5	6
8	North Qld	2 - 0 - 3	19	4
9	Souths	2 - 0 - 3	2	4
10	Gold Coast	2 - 0 - 3	-8	4
11	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 3	-24	4
12	Brisbane	2 - 0 - 3	-31	4
13	Canberra	2 - 0 - 3	-46	4
14	St Geo Illa	1 - 0 - 4	-62	2
15	Canterbury	1 - 0 - 4	-69	2
16	W Tigers	0 - 0 - 5	-64	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Marcelo MONTOVA (Warriors): Contrary Conduct, referred - 4 matches
Jared WAAREA-HARGREAVES (Roosters): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Josh PAPALI'I (Raiders): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Junior PAULO (Eels): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Braden HAMLIN-UELE (Sharks): G1 Careless HT - \$1000
Matt BURTON (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Braidon BURNS (Bulldogs): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500

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NEWCASTLE v MANLY 3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 2 points - Martin Taupau, 1 points - Haumole Olakau'atu

WARRIORS v NORTH QLD 3 points - Shaun Johnson, 2 points - Josh Curran, 1 points - Jason Taumalolo

BRISBANE v SYDNEY 3 points - Joseph Manu, 2 points - Kotoni Staggs, 1 points - Payne Haas

CANBERRA v MELBOURNE 3 points - Jahrome Hughes, 2 points - Cameron Munster, 1 points - Nelson Asofa-Solomona

SOUTHS v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Damien Cook, 2 points - Lachlan Ilias, 1 points - Cameron Murray

GOLD COAST v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Clinton Gutherson, 2 points - AJ Brimson, 1 points - Reagan Campbell-Gillard

CRONULLA v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Will Kennedy, 2 points - Jesse Ramien, 1 points - Nicho Hynes

CANTERBURY v PENRITH 3 points - Dylan Edwards, 2 points - Isaah Yebo, 1 points - Matt Eisenhuth

LEADERBOARD

9 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
8 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm), AJ Brimson (Titans)
7 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels)



ROUND 6

NORTH QUEENSLAND 18 CANBERRA 12

The Canberra Raiders have collapsed in stunning fashion on Thursday night, held scoreless in the second half as the North Queensland Cowboys surged to an 18-12 win.

It was the second time this season the Raiders had blown a double-digit lead, with Ricky Stuart's men ruining poor execution in the first half, even as they charged out to a 12-0 lead. The first half was hardly perfect, with Canberra lacking potency on the edges and struggling to capitalise on dominant field position.

What the Raiders did do well though was play the power game through the middle, with Josh Papalii and Joseph Tapine leading the way in the opening 40. The pair combined for just under 200 run metres in the first half alone, allowing hooker Tom Starling to add some much-needed spark to an otherwise uninspiring attack.

Starling opened the scoring in simple fashion, beating a few North Queensland big men with a turn of pace to stroll through a gaping hole close to the line. Canberra's only other try of the first half came through a shift to the right edge. While the Raiders lacked polished when they moved the ball from side to side, this was one occasion where they got it right, with quick hands from Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad putting Jordan Rapana over.

Ill-discipline proved North Queensland's biggest downfall in the first 40 minutes, with Todd Payten's men conceding eight penalties. Young gun Jeremiah Nanai was responsible for four of them in a half to forget for the Cowboys second-rower.

Another North Queensland edge forward made an immediate impact in the second half though, with Heilum Luki proving too strong for the Raiders defenders as he crashed over. Canberra's inability to capitalise on its opportunities in the first half continued to prove costly, unable to put a revitalised North Queensland outfit away early in the second. Then an inspired run from Valentine Holmes levelled the scores, setting up a thrilling finish. And it was Nanai who redeemed himself, steaming onto a Scott Drinkwater kick to give North Queensland the lead heading into the final 10 minutes.

It ended up being enough, with Jason Taumalolo and Holmes starring in the second half. Taumalolo ran for 133 metres in a dominant showing while Holmes had seven tackle busts, two linebreaks and over 120 metres to go with his try. **ANDREW JACKSON**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 18 (V. Holmes, H. Luki, J. Nanai tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 12** (J. Rapana, T. Starling tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 14th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-0. Penalties: Canberra 9-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 11,854. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Cotric, Timoko, Valemei, Rapana; Wighton, Schneider; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Harawira-Naera, Whitehead (C), Sutton. Int: Savage, Guler, Elliott, Horsburgh. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); Cotter, Robson, Hess, Luki, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: McLean, Gilbert.

SOUTH SYDNEY 36 CANTERBURY 16

Three tries in the space of ten minutes before halftime has paved the way for the South Sydney Rabbitohs to extend their dominance over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in the annual Good Friday clash.

Turning a 6-0 deficit into an 18-6 lead at the break after Jeremy Marshall-King was sent to the sin bin, opposing hooker, Damien Cook, was the star of the show with a hat-trick in the 36-16 result played before 30,194 supporters at Accor Stadium. In a willing opening that saw both teams vie for ascendancy, the Bulldogs posted first points through Brent Naden (14th minute) after much-maligned halfback Kyle Flanagan delivered a terrific cut-out pass to send the winger over for his first try in blue and white colours. Coming close to extending their lead through Braidon Burns midway through proceedings, the Bulldogs were made to pay for repeat infringements with Marshall-King sent to the sin bin.

Making the most of their one-man advantage, the Rabbitohs blew the game open before halftime with Cook (29th and 32nd minutes) grabbing a double in a matter of sets. Play was stopped for several minutes to assist Chris Patolo from the field following a head clash with Josh Jackson, yet the delay did little to halt the Rabbitohs momentum with Alex Johnston (35th minute) finishing off a left side shift to give the home side a third try against 12 men.

The Rabbitohs continued the flow of points after the resumption with Cody Walker delivering a superb pass to send Johnston (42nd minute) over for his second of the afternoon. Naden appeared to claim a much-needed try following a superbly placed kick from Flanagan, only for intervention from the bunker to overturn the decision due to a contentious knock on and effectively kill off any hope of a comeback. Claiming the first hat-trick of his career with embarrassing ease, Cook (65th minute) split the Bulldogs defence from a scrum to give the Rabbitohs their fourth consecutive Good Friday victory. Finally getting a result after persisting with towering bombs throughout the match, Matt Burton regathered his own kick and linked with Josh Addo-Carr (70th minute) in support after Blake Taaffe allowed the ball to bounce.

Playing the final quarter with the result beyond doubt, Isaiah Tass (74th minute) made his NRL debut one to remember with a try before Marshall-King (80th minute) crossed for a consolation four-pointer on fulltime to round out the scoring at 36-16. **ROB CROSBY**

SOUTH SYDNEY 36 (D. Cook 3, A. Johnston 2, I. Tass tries; B. Taaffe 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 16** (J. Addo-Carr, J. Marshall-King, B. Naden tries; K. Flanagan 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 18-6. Penalties: Canterbury 9-8. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 30,194. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Taaffe, Johnston, Milne, Graham, Mansour; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Sele, Host, Knight, Tass. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Naden, Burns, Averillo, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Patolo, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Wakeham, King, Stimson, Seumanufagai.

PENRITH 40 BRISBANE 12

The Penrith Panthers have made it six straight wins to start season 2022, piling on the second half points to make the final score 40 points to 12 against the Brisbane Broncos, who move to 2-4.

Despite the result, it was the visitors who got on the board initially, with Reynolds shifting it to Kotoni Staggs early. The dynamic centre was able to get on the outside of Tago, before outrunning Taylan May and getting an offload away on the inside to Tesi Niu, who went over for the try. It took the Panthers just over 10 minutes to respond, with Jarome Luai assessing all options before deciding to go himself and make a chinking run to his right, beating Staggs, Niu and Palasia on his way to the tryline. It looked as if it would be a tied ball game at the break, however the Panthers went into the sheds with the lead thanks to some Scott Sorenson individual brilliance, the former Shark stepping off his left foot to get into space and then beating Tesi Niu to the line.

The second half was an arm wrestle for about 10 minutes, before Dylan Edwards and Keenan Palasia exchanged open hand slaps, resulting in both spending 10 minutes in the bin. The Panthers quickly gained momentum courtesy of a Koroisau break and a set restart, and it was too much for the Broncos to handle as the Panthers stripped them for numbers on the right, Charlie Staines the beneficiary as the winger went in for his second try of the year.

The Panthers were rolling, and made another break in the next set. It ended in Cleary putting in a crossfield kick which Taylan May did an outstanding job in picking up, reminiscent to David Mead at Shark Park in 2011. The Broncos finally got the ball, however immediately knocked on in their own half, giving Liam Martin the chance to stroll over the line to make the score 28-6. On the set from the kickoff, Cleary kicked a superb 40/20 and it looked as though the Panthers would be in again for all money, however the NSW halfback then threw an intercept to Corey Oates, and the Broncos used the resultant momentum to get on the attack, culminating in a Reynolds grubber for the in goal which Staggs was able to pounce on and make it a slightly more respectable scoreline.

It didn't last long however. A Broncos mistake and a Panthers set restart gave Spencer Leniu an opportunity to barge his way to the tryline. Izack Tago also got a penalty try with literal seconds to go, giving us the finals score of 40-12. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PENRITH 40 (S. Leniu, J. Luai, L. Martin, T. May, S. Sorenson, C. Staines, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 12** (T. Niu, K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: Penrith 5-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 19,406. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, May; Luai, Cleary (C); Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Hoeter, Cobbo; Walters, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Turpin, Jensen, Capewell, Riki, Hetherington. Int: James, Kennedy, Robati, Paix.

MANLY 26 GOLD COAST 18

Manly Warringah has claimed their fourth straight victory surviving a second-half scare from the Gold Coast Titans to win 26-18 at 4 Pines Park before a monstrous crowd of 16,220.

After a few early opportunities that were unable to be converted by the visitors, Manly pounced with a clever blindside raid which saw Daly Cherry-Evans place a grubber kick inch-perfectly and allowed Haumole Olakau'atu to dive on the footy and punish the Titans for their inability to convert their opportunities early in the match. Reuben Garrick's kick from the right-hand touchline was successful and Manly had an early 6-0 advantage after 15 minutes. Manly's early disciplinary issues would be concerning for Des Hasler, however, the defence of his troops were able to hang on and hold the Titans out. Jake Trbojevic's ball-playing opened them up and allowed Garrick to stroll over against some soft Gold Coast defence. He converted his own try and Manly was looking ominous early on. Olakau'atu was denied 7 minutes later in a sensational tackle from Jamayne Isaako, but two tackles later up against a heavy possession count, Olakau'atu punched straight through the Titans defence and had a handy 18-0 advantage. Gold Coast did hit back just prior to half-time through the work of David Fifita who got on the outside of two defenders and linked up with Isaako and the visitors had a handy try before the break to reduce the margin to 14 points. Off the kickoff, the Titans went for their trademark early shift but it backfired in a spectacular fashion which saw Isaako turn from hero to zero. Kieran Foran threw a dummy and the crowd at Brookie thought we were back in 2012 as Foran went right through and scored to put the margin back out to 20 points at half-time.

Straight after the break, the Titans were looking the better side and ten minutes in, the visitors capitalised off a brilliant kick from Toby Sexton which was batted back by Phillip Sami who linked up with Brian Kelly who crossed out wide. Sexton's goalkicking proved dire, with the margin out to 16 due to misses. Seven minutes later, Patrick Herbert showed his strength before unloading to David Fifita who got on the outside of the Manly edge defence and all of a sudden, the Titans were within two tries. Sexton hit the upright for the second time and the margin remained the same. Will Smith provided a lovely ball to Tino Fa'asuamaleaui to outpace Garrick and cross for the visitors and with Sexton's first goal of the game, the visitors were within a converted try. However, the Titans failed to turn their chances into points and with an offside play from Fa'asuamaleaui, Cherry-Evans kicked a penalty goal and Manly looked home with an 8 point advantage. However, Beau Fermor appeared to cross in the final minute to put both sets of fans on the edge of their seats, but the Bunker ruled Fermor offside and Manly hung on. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

MANLY 26 (H. Olakau'atu 2, K. Foran, R. Garrick tries; R. Garrick 4, D. Cherry-Evans goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 18** (T. Fa'asuamaleaui, D. Fifita, J. Isaako, B. Kelly tries; T. Sexton goal) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Sat, 16th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Manly 24-4. Penalties: Gold Coast 7-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 16,220. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Walker, Lawton, Keppie, Paseka. **GOLD COAST:** Isaako, Sami, Kelly, Herbert, Marzhev; Brimson, Sexton; Fotuika, Clark, Liu, Fifita, Fermor, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Smith, Lisone, Jolliffe, Wallace.

MELBOURNE 34 CRONULLA 18

A Cameron Munster masterclass has shown why the Melbourne Storm are in the elite company of the NRL following their 34-18 victory over the Cronulla in Melbourne.

The scoring was opened off the boot of Nicho Hynes for the Sharks when he kicked a penalty goal after earning a penalty for being hit late by Felise Kaufusi who went on report for the first time. In an end-to-end match, it took 20 minutes for the first try to be scored and it came through Justin Olam who is almost impossible to stop close to the line as Melbourne worked a great play out to the right for a try. The Sharks then hit back soon after with a great try of their own when mid-set they were able to create space with Nicho Hynes putting boot to ball out to Hiroti after sensing space. The Sharks then shifted the ball from right to left and Siosifa Talakai got the Sharks first of the night. Munster got everybody's attention not long after when he was able to create something out of nothing and took off for a brilliant solo effort. The conversion from Ryan Papenhuyzen put the Sharks up 12-8. A missed penalty attempt on the stroke of half-time from Hynes was waved away after it hit the post.

Things couldn't have started any poorer for Cronulla to begin the second half after the kick-off from Munster found touch and then without a single tackle in the half, the Storm were able to score off the back of the scrum to give Olam a double. Trailing by 10, the Sharks needed to quickly find something and they did through their left handside attack of Talakai and Ronaldo Mulitalo who caused all sorts of problems as the soft hands of Talakai put his winger into space to score in the corner. The conversion from out wide from Hynes again came off the upright. Both sides were going tit for tat and it wasn't long before Munster stepped up again as yet again, he just created something out of nothing when he drew the defence out with a dummy and just skipped through before finding Papenhuyzen who scored under the posts. The weird beast that is NRL never stops giving and many were left stunned when play was stopped by referee Grant Atkins after a Sharks kick hit the wires of the Spider Cam and changed the trajectory of the ball. It didn't impact much as the play just restarted on the fifth tackle. Needing a try to hit back, the Sharks again used their left side to exploit the Storm's outside backs and Talakai put Mulitalo through to score out wide. The much-needed conversion from Hynes was successful and the gap had closed back to six points. If there is a team that knows how to shut out a game, it's the Melbourne Storm and they stepped up a gear when they were able to extend their lead after Harry Grant fought his way to the line after looking like he was held-up but kept momentum going to score the try. Back-to-back penalties helped Melbourne up field and extend the lead beyond two converted tries before Papenhuyzen extended the lead further with 8 minutes to go after a kick chaser was ruled to have been taken out, and the Storm took their 34-18 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

MELBOURNE 34 (J. Olam 2, H. Grant, C. Munster, R. Papenhuyzen tries; R. Papenhuyzen 7 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 18** (R. Mulitalo 2, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes 3 goals) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sat, 16th April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 12-8. Penalties: Melbourne 8-7. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 16,286. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Meaney, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes (C); Smith, Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Loiero, King. Int: Wishart, Moeroa, Lewis, MacDonald. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Hiroti, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, McInnes, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Tolman, Williams, Fifita, Trindall.

SYDNEY 22 WARRIORS 14

The Sydney Roosters spent much of their game against the Warriors looking either out of sync, out of form or ill-disciplined, yet despite all this, they produced just enough good footy to score a much needed 22-14 win at the SCG.

A brilliant break inside the Roosters half by Addin Fonua-Blake almost saw him score, but the bottlances tackle by James Tedesco denied him. Tedesco though was penalised for holding on too long and Reece Walsh potted a penalty goal to open the scoring in the 10th minute.

Just 5 minutes later and the Warriors snared the first try of the game when Adam Pompey received the ball early on the left, was allowed to run to the line where he waited until he drew the out-of-position Joseph Suaalii before passing to Edward Kosi who scored untouched. Walsh nailed the sideline conversion.

It took the Roosters 29 minutes to get on the board courtesy of some quality catch-and-passing on the left side which eventually gave Daniel Tupou a clear run to the line and he scored easily in the corner. Sam Walker converted superbly from touch. At halftime the Warriors lead 8-6.

The second half started badly for the Warriors, with Walsh's kick-off going dead on the full. The Roosters received back-to-back penalties and Sam Walker levelled the scores with a penalty goal.

Reece Walsh very nearly scored a try in the 49th minute, which seemed to spark the Roosters into action. Kevin Naiqama scored a try in the 53rd minute, which Walker converted and 7 minutes later, Walker got the ball on the short side, stepped, spun and then slammed the ball down for a try while being held upright in a tackle. He then converted his own try to extend the Roosters lead to 20-8.

The Warriors hit back almost immediately when Walsh made a break through the middle and, amongst traffic, got a miraculous cross-kick across to the right wing and it hit Dallin Watene-Zelezniak perfectly on the chest. He then stepped the defender and scored in the corner. Walsh converted from the sideline.

A Sam Walker penalty goal in the 71st minute gave the Roosters an unassailable 8 point lead, which they maintained til fulltime.

ANDREW FERGUSON

SYDNEY 22 (K. Naiqama, D. Tupou, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 14** (E. Kosi, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh 3 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND**. Date: Sun, 17th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 8-6. Penalties: Warriors 9-8. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 11,267. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Naiqama, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Walker, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Hutchison, Collins, Crichton, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Verrills, Butcher, Baker, Fifita. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Arthars, Pompey, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Pene, Aitken, Sironen, Curran. Int: Nikorima, Afoa, Katoa, Otukolo.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 21 NEWCASTLE 16

St George Illawarra Dragons take the chocolates on Easter Sunday with a 21-16 success over Newcastle Knights in Wollongong.

On a weekend of resurrection, Dragons might have given their season life after a tense five point win against fellow strugglers the Knights. A Zac Lomax field goal and a late four-pointer to Mathew Feagai saw them edge a see-sawing contest. The result is important after four straight losses for the joint venture club. Their attack looked blistering at times, especially on the left side through Feagai and Moses Suli which produced a pair of tries. It was also a good performance from halfback Ben Hunt, who led the side around well all afternoon.

Dragons strode out to an eight point lead after half an hour. Lomax piloted through a penalty goal then hooker Andrew McCullough spied the smallest inch of space between the defense to score his first four-pointer in 644 days. Kalyn Ponga was the name around the traps before and after the game. News filtered through that the Knights had pulled the contract offer for the star fullback for next season. He provided a fantastic assist for Enari Tuala to stroll over to make it 8-4 at the break. Ponga had some fantastic touches for the Knights tonight. He scored a four-pointer to bring it level at 16-all after a sublime break from Bradman Best. Newcastle were once again brave this afternoon but brave doesn't get you two points in the NRL.

Newcastle held the lead briefly just after half-time when Origin representatives Tyson Frizell and Dane Gagai combined for the latter to make it 10-8. Dragons would hit back a minute later in fortunate circumstances when Jack Bird was on the spot from a Ben Hunt break, making it 12-10 for the hosts. Dragons showed when they gave the ball some air, the side can create points. Once again, Feagai got the result but it was the superb work of former Manly Sea Eagles centre Suli to open up the space for the young winger to extend the lead to six. Lomax, who courted some drama after he used former team mate Frizell as a step ladder after a Dragons score. The centre turned up as the match winner in the 75th minute when he sent a field goal almost over the grandstand to make it 17-16.

They added some late insurance when interchange utility Talatau Amone found space on last sent it left and it ended up with young Feagai stepped inside some defense and make the scoreline, 21-16 and an vital two points. For the Knights, it is another afternoon of what ifs for the Hunter club. They battled hard and might have taken the two points if they were able to convert some chances in the second half. Now, they have the Ponga contract hanging over their head as they search for their next win. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 21 (M. Feagai 2, J. Bird, A. McCullough tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals; Z. Lomax field goal) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 16** (D. Gagai, K. Ponga, E. Tuala tries; J. Clifford 2 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 17th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 8-4. Penalties: St George Illawarra 4-2. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 11,113. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Mbye, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Bird, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Kerr, Sims, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Amone, Lawrie, McGuire, Burgess. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Crossland; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Mann. Int: Saifiti, Thompson, Sue, Sasagi.

WESTS TIGERS 21 PARRAMATTA 20

Jackson Hastings has nailed a 38-metre field goal to secure the Wests Tigers' opening win of season 2022 with a 21-20 victory in front of a sold-out crowd at CommBank Stadium.

It was a momentous occasion for the Eels this afternoon with the club acknowledging their 75th anniversary with a guard of honour from their hall of fame members to cheer them on. It was clear from the outset that it wouldn't be the Easter massacre that many had expected. Wests had a point to prove after a disappointing start to 2022 and with numerous reshuffles, it was clear the squad were playing with purpose and intent. It was a great effort from Luciano Leilua to get to the line, at the first time of asking, it was a good short ball from Luke Brooks to collect the opening points for the visitors and with the conversion from Brooks, the Tigers had an early lead. Poor discipline cost the Tigers with repeated piggybacks setting up the Eels to hit back almost immediately. Mitchell Moses got himself out of acting half and placed the kick inch perfectly for Clint Gutherson who chases the kick and grounds the ball and with Moses' conversion, we were back level at 6-6. The Tigers were playing an adventurous style of attack in the opening 20 and their efforts were rewarded when Starford To'a broke through the line. Off the next tackle, Brooks threw a wonderful cut-out ball and David Nofoaluma burrowed his way into the in-goal and the Tigers got themselves back in front. Moments later, Hastings took us back to his early-career form with a lovely early kick which found Nofoaluma on the full to give the Tigers an 8 point advantage. However, the same poor discipline rued the Tigers and off the back of two set restarts and a standard piggyback penalty, their line finally cracked when Isaiah Papali'i crashed over from short range to cut the lead in half. Moses had an off day with the boot and the score remained 14-10 at half-time.

Ten minutes into the second stanza, Jake Simpkin was close to the line, off the ensuing tackle, the Tigers shifted the ball left where Hastings and Laurie combined to send Ken Maumalo down the left flank to cross for a well-earned try. Hastings took over the goal kicking duties and he nailed it from touch to put the margin out to 10 points. Parramatta wasn't going away, however. Dylan Brown was rewarded by taking the ball to the line and broke through some Tigers defence to link up with Reed Mahoney to cross for Parra's third try of the afternoon and with Moses conversion the margin was reduced to just four points. 15 minutes later, Moses went to the air and his bomb was batted back superbly by Bailey Simonsson and Marata Niukore collected the loose pass and crossed for the home side. Moses wasn't able to convert the sideline conversion. The final 10 minutes was a frantic one with both sides letting potential chances to seal the game slip with ill-timed offensive mishaps. Moses sent his first shot wide left with just over a minute to play. This allowed the Tigers one shot, and Hastings nailed it from 38 metres out to give the Tigers a well-deserved opening win of season 2022. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

WESTS TIGERS 21 (D. Nofoaluma 2, L. Leilua, K. Maumalo tries; L. Brooks, J. Hastings goals; J. Hastings field goal) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 20** (C. Gutherson, R. Mahoney, M. Niukore, I. Papali'i tries; M. Moses 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 18th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 14-10. Penalties: Parramatta 6-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 28,336. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Penisini, Opacic, Niukore, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Kaufusi, Lane, Papali'i, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Matterson, Perham, Rein. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofoaluma, Roberts, To'a, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings; Tamou (C), Simpkin, Musgrove, Tuilagi, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Garner, Madden, Twal, Mikaele.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 6

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	6 - 0 - 0	106	12
2	Melbourne	5 - 0 - 1	81	10
3	Cronulla	4 - 0 - 2	49	8
4	Parramatta	4 - 0 - 2	45	8
5	Sydney	4 - 0 - 2	24	8
6	Manly	4 - 0 - 2	16	8
7	North Qld	3 - 0 - 3	25	6
8	Souths	3 - 0 - 3	22	6
9	Warriors	3 - 0 - 3	-3	6
10	Gold Coast	2 - 0 - 4	-16	4
11	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 4	-29	4
12	Canberra	2 - 0 - 4	-52	4
13	St Geo Illa	2 - 0 - 4	-57	4
14	Brisbane	2 - 0 - 4	-59	4
15	W Tigers	1 - 0 - 5	-63	2
16	Canterbury	1 - 0 - 5	-89	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Brandon WAKEHAM (Bulldogs): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1000
Nathan CLEARY (Panthers): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Kobe HETHERINGTON (Broncos): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000
Felise KAUFUSI (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Zac LOMAX (Dragons): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000
Francis MOLO (Dragons): G1 Careless HT - \$625

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CANBERRA v NORTH QLD 3 points - Jason Taumalolo, 2 points - Josh Papali'i, 1 points - Valentine Holmes

SOUTHS v CANTERBURY 3 points - Damien Cook, 2 points - Liam Knight, 1 points - Cameron Murray

PENRITH v BRISBANE 3 points - Isiah Yeo, 2 points - Taylan May, 1 points - Jarome Luai

MANLY v GOLD COAST 3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 2 points - Haumole Olakau'atu, 1 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui

MELBOURNE v CRONULLA 3 points - Cameron Munster, 2 points - Ronaldo Mulitalo, 1 points - Siosifa Talakai

SYDNEY v WARRIORS 3 points - Addin Fonua-Blake, 2 points - Sam Walker, 1 points - Reece Walsh

ST GEO ILLA v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Moses Suli, 2 points - Ben Hunt, 1 points - Kalyn Ponga

PARRAMATTA v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Jackson Hastings, 2 points - Luke Brooks, 1 points - Mitchell Moses

LEADERBOARD

9 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
8 POINTS AJ Brimson (Titans), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Mitchell Moses (Eels)
7 POINTS Isiah Yeo (Panthers), Cameron Munster (Storm)



ROUND 7

CRONULLA 34 MANLY 22

Cronulla Sharks led by a blistering first half performance won 34-22 against Manly Sea Eagles tonight at Shark Park.

It was the Siosifa Talakai show for the Sharks in the first half. The backrower turned centre scored a brace and set up another three in a scintillating first half from the Sharks which had them leading 32-0 at the break.

There must've been a vortex at the southern end of Shark Park. 54 of the 56 points scored tonight were at the northern end of the stadium which contained the hearty souls who were on the hill. Sharks scored six tries while the Sea Eagles scored four in the tiled field position.

The first half was a marker laid down by the Sharks after their disappointment in Melbourne last week. The shire side looked likely to score every time they sent the ball to their left side attack of Talakai and Ronaldo Mulitalo. The pair produced four tries and had the faithful in raptures on a soggy night.

Talakai has been a revelation since his switch to the backline. The powerhouse showed off his full range of skills in the first half to earn the Man of the Match honours by the hooter sound. He just sliced through the Sea Eagles defense for his pair of tries, showed soft hands then put in a deft kick for Will Kennedy to make it 26-0.

Tieg Wilton added another score late in the half. He steamed onto a wonderful pass to make it 32-0 at the break. Cronulla were on fire so much that the fire alarm was sounding around Shark Park as the teams headed to the sheds.

Sea Eagles used the wind to their advantage. The visitors who usually have a sublime record in the shire were blown away. Christian Tuipulotu found the line in the 44th minute before a pair of tries to Taniela Paseka and Haumole Olakau'atu brought them back within 16 points.

Sensing the momentum had shifted. The Sea Eagles tried to continue to pile on the points and create one of the great comebacks in the NRL era. Their cause was helped when Lachlan Croker burrowed over from close range after some confirmation from the bunker, suddenly it was 32-22.

The game started to get frayed with both teams trying to take home the two points. Sea Eagles also were decimated with injuries losing Dylan Walker, Andrew Davey and Taniela Paseka during the contest. Sharks did lose William Kennedy late in the contest but did take home the two points. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CRONULLA 34 (R. Mulitalo 2, S. Talakai 2, W. Kennedy, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 5 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 22** (L. Croker, H. Olakau'atu, T. Paseka, C. Tuipulotu tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 21st April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 32-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 9,611. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Tolman, Trindall, Williams, Fifita. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Parker, Harper, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Davey, Olakau'atu, Lawton, Trbojevic. Int: Paseka, Walker, Bullemor, Koula.

BRISBANE 34 CANTERBURY 14

The Brisbane Broncos have turned on a 25-minute masterclass downing a courageous Canterbury side 34-14 at Suncorp Stadium.

Canterbury came into this match in the worst possible way with a COVID cluster at their facility seeing four players ruled out on top of their injury toll seeing Jacob Kiraz and Billy Tsirikas making their first-grade debuts. After an opening 20 minutes which saw both sides throwing the ball around, Canterbury pounced as possession slowly favoured the Dogs and they were rewarded when Matt Burton took it to the line and found Aaron Schoupp who got a lovely offload away to Josh Addo-Carr and the Bulldogs opened the scoring. Kyle Flanagan's sideline conversion saw the Dogs lead 6-0. Five minutes later, the Bulldogs trotted in for another try as Matt Burton linked up well with Josh Addo-Carr again and the Dogs were starting to produce what we were expecting. However, the Bulldogs conceded right on half-time as a well-executed play saw Corey Oates comes from the left wing to the middle of the field and the winger crashed over to score for the Broncos on the stroke of half-time and cut the Bulldogs' margin down to 4. Straight after half-time, the Dogs struck back again when Tevita Pangai Jr got a lovely ball away to Matt Dufty who outpaced the defence to score for the blue and whites and extend the margin to 8 points.

This is when Brisbane's high octane attack came into gear, off the back of a heavy set restart count in their favour, Cory Paix ducked over from acting half and Brisbane cut into the Bulldogs' margin to trail by just two points. Five minutes later, a chip and chase from Adam Reynolds gave the Fox a nightmare of a bounce as Jordan Riki picked it up and found his skipper to cross for the try that gave his side the lead by 18-14. Another five minutes passed and Brisbane and Adam Reynolds drew in the Bulldogs' defence and Selwyn Cobbo crossed for the Broncos. Cobbo crossed again inside the final ten minutes taking the ball of the Fox to cross for a spectacular try in the corner. Another piece of Cobbo brilliance sparked their last try, as the Broncos shifted again to the left and Cobbo kicked the ball back in play which found Rhys Kennedy who crossed for the Broncos to seal the 20 point victory as the Bulldogs ran out of gas in the final washup. Canterbury was far from disgraced in a week where everything was against them, they showed up and played for around 55 minutes, an effort which can be excused considering the COVID forced changes. But their task doesn't get easier when they take on competition powerhouses, the Sydney Roosters next weekend. Brisbane meanwhile has a tough encounter against the competition's most improved side the Cronulla Sharks. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

BRISBANE 34 (S. Cobbo 2, R. Kennedy, C. Oates, C. Paix, A. Reynolds tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 14** (J. Addo-Carr 2, M. Dufty tries; K. Flanagan goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 22nd April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 10-6. Penalties: Canterbury 6-2. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 23,243. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Gamble, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Hetherington. Int: Paix, Kennedy, Kiraz, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Biondi-Odo, Stimson, King, Tsirikas.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 30 GOLD COAST 4

The Cowboys looked solid and consistent while the Titans were ill-disciplined, disorganised and one-dimensional in a match won 30-4 by the North Queensland side in Townsville tonight.

The Cowboys got the scoreboard attendant working in the 7th minute when Valentine Holmes used his footwork and speed to get outside David Fifita, then drawing Greg Marzhew before getting a good ball to Murray Taulagi in space, who got a good ball back inside to Tom Dearden in support and the half raced 20 metres to score. Holmes converted. The Titans replied in the 16th minute when they spread the ball right to Fifita, who shrugged off Holmes, who had rushed up to try and shut down the play. Fifita then drew Taulagi before putting Jamayne Isaako over for a try. Toby Sexton failed to convert.

In the 22nd minute Scott Drinkwater put in a rushed grubber on the short side at the line, where it ricochets and Taulagi regathered it and dived down low to get over the line and score. Holmes converted from touch. Seven minutes before halftime, the Cowboys scored again this time off the back of a scrum where Drinkwater picked up the ball, 30 metres from the Titans line, where he ran left, got outside Fifita and then sliced through the gap to score in the corner. Holmes narrowly misses the conversion. Two minutes before the break, Erin Clark attempted to barge over to score, but he was held up. At halftime the Cowboys led 16-4.

10 minutes after play resumed Jeremiah Nanai was sin binned for a dangerous tackle, in what could be argued was a tough call. 3 minutes after the home side copped another rough call after a short drop out by the Cowboys didn't go the distance, but Kyle Feldt allowed it to bounce and then miraculously kept himself in the field of play before regathering it up as it passes the 10 metres, but the touch judge mistakenly put his flag up too early, awarding a scrum to the Titans. Within a minute after returning to the field, Nanai scored after Chad Townsend put a little chip over the defence, Nanai ran through, leapt and took it cleanly and uncontested to score. Holmes converted from the right sideline. Inside the final 11 minutes and the Cowboys started to lift even more. An escort penalty against the Titans in the 69th minute saw Holmes kick a penalty goal. Just over 2 minutes later Heilum Luki went on a stepping, straightening run before getting caught by 2 defenders, but he kept going forward. A third defender tried to stop him but he wrestled his arm free and managed to get to the line, where he crashed over and scored a powerful try. Holmes again converted. The Titans became more and more frustrated, ill-disciplined and sloppy but fortunately for them, did not concede any more points.

ANDREW FERGUSON

NORTH QUEENSLAND 30 (T. Dearden, S. Drinkwater, H. Luki, J. Nanai, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 5 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 4** (J. Isaako try) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 23rd April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 16-4. Penalties: North Queensland 8-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 14,547. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Hess, Luki, Granville, Neame. **GOLD COAST:** Isaako, Herbert, Kelly, Fifita, Marzhew; Brimson, Sexton; Jolliffe, Clark, Liu, Proctor, Fermor, Fa'asumaleau (C). Int: Fotuauika, Smith, Lisone, Wallace.

WESTS TIGERS 23 SOUTH SYDNEY 22

After stunning so many last week, the Wests Tigers have proved winning was no fluke following their 23-22 victory over the South Sydney Rabbitohs at Commbank Stadium.

The Tigers were under pressure early on but they were able to withstand that pressure when they turned defence into attack when Daine Laurie threw a beautiful cut out pass that found David Nofaloama who had too much strength close to the line to score. The try wasn't the only pain the Rabbitohs felt from that play with Taane Milne sent to the sin bin after making forceful high contact with Laurie as he passed the ball. Despite having a player in the sin bin, the next 10 minutes was about the only time in the half that Souths were able to dominate running in two tries in the space of five minutes. The first of the Bunnies try was a case of right place right time for the Red & Green as Alex Johnston tried to force his way to the line but was stopped but not before getting an offload away that Cody Walker was on the spot to clean up. The Bunnies took an unlikely lead five minutes later when Alex Johnston was able to score out wide after the Rabbitohs looked as if they had the extra man when the space was created. Blake Taaffe couldn't take advantage by adding the extra two points. Having Taane Milne return from the sin bin was the catalyst for momentum shifting again and the Tigers were back in control of the game with a dominance in possession and field position. Despite all that field position and dominance, the Tigers could only manage the one try and that came when the Tigers took advantage of having a 3-on-1 overlap and scored out wide through Ken Maumalo. The Rabbitohs trailing by 2, had a big chance right on the stroke of half-time when referee Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski used the sin bin for the second time tonight when Alex Twal was given his marching orders for a professional foul. Souths had a chance but an error cost them the chance to take the lead just before half time and went into the break trailing by 2.

Starting with the extra man, The Rabbitohs took advantage of the extra man although it took almost nine minutes to take advantage when Josh Mansour chased through a kick and got it down just in time to score. Blake Taaffe's conversion extended the Bunnies lead to 4. Off the back of an error, the Tigers had prime field position with a centrefield scrum on the Souths 10m line and they took advantage straight away as the Souths defence was left in all sorts and David Nofaloama took advantage out wide to score. Jackson Hastings hit the post with the conversion and scores remained locked up at 16-16. Souths scrappy play cost them dearly when a wayward pass from Lachlan Ilias was swooped upon by Luke Brooks who only had open Commbank Stadium turf in front of him to race away and put the Tigers back into the lead by 6 after Jackson Hastings converted the try. The pattern of the game meant that there were multiple twists left, and that happened when Keaton Koloamatangi scored inside the final ten minutes and Blake Taaffe converted to level the scores again. Both sides had good chances to take advantage, the Tigers were able to get their field goal attempts off the boot but were denied whilst the Bunnies made errors and then arguably cost themselves the game when Jai Arrow idiotically tried to take the field goal attempt that cost Souths field position. A bad piece of luck against Souths, gave the Tigers a final chance inside the final minute when an accidental offside was ruled after Damien Cook's chargedown came off Jai Arrow and back to the Rabbitohs number 9. The Tigers took advantage of the good field position when Luke Brooks took his shot and nailed it securing the 23-22 victory for the Wests Tigers.

JOSH ROBERTSON

WESTS TIGERS 23 (D. Nofaloama 2, L. Brooks, K. Maumalo tries; J. Hastings 3 goals; L. Brooks field goal) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 22** (A. Johnston, K. Koloamatangi, J. Mansour, C. Walker tries; B. Taaffe 3 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 23rd April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 12-10. Penalties: Wests Tigers 6-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 14,251. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofaloama, Garner, To'a, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings; Tamou (C), Liddle, Musgrove, Seyfarth, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Madden, Twal, Mikaele, Gildart. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Taaffe, Johnston, Milne, Graham, Mansour; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Burgess, Host, Moale, Knight.

PARRAMATTA 39 NEWCASTLE 2

The Parramatta Eels have put the disappointment of last week's loss behind them, bouncing back to beat the Newcastle Knights 39 points to 2 at McDonald Jones Stadium on Sunday.

Despite the hefty scoreline, it was the Knights who got on the board first, with Gutherson kicking a dropout out on the full and Clifford knocking the penalty goal over in the 9th minute. The Eels wasted no time hitting the front after that, capitalising on a relieving penalty with a Reed Mahoney short ball to Shaun Lane, who trundled his way over the line. The match was quite an arm wrestle for the next 20 minutes, with Nathan Brown dropping it to let the Knights off the hook and Tuala kicking it dead to give the Eels a 7 tackle set in the 25th minute. Five minutes later the Eels finally got on the board again and it was through Shaun Lane once more, this time the lanky back rower got a last second offload away to an unmarked Hayze Perham, who went in for the try. The Eels posted one more penalty goal before the break, making it a 14-2 scoreline at half time.

It took the Eels 7 minutes to post their first points of the second half, with Reed Mahoney identifying some slow marker defence to make a 10 metre run close to the line before hitting Dylan Brown (who was playing centre for the day) to crash over for his 3rd of the season so far. The Eels kicked a penalty goal 5 minutes later, before a poor Clifford kick was fielded on the full in goal by Gutherson, which saw the Eels march down the field easily. Mahoney opted to go short to Papali'i with a crash ball on the last, and it looked like it was going nowhere before the Tigers bound back-rower wrestled his way to the line. The Eels were back on the attack 5 minutes later, with Moses forcing a dropout that Clifford kicked out on the full. The Eels took the tap, and Papali'i again muscled his way to the line and it was again poor defence from Newcastle. Simi Sasagi dropped the ball in the Knights next set, giving the Eels another golden opportunity. They took full advantage, with Moses putting in an early kick that Edrick Lee got to first but failed to ground, gifting Will Penisini his first try of the season. With 10 seconds to go, Mitch Moses nailed a disrespectful field goal to make the final score 39-2. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PARRAMATTA 39 (I. Papali'i 2, D. Brown, S. Lane, W. Penisini, H. Perham tries; M. Moses 7 goals; M. Moses field goal) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 2** (J. Clifford goal) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 14-2. Penalties: Parramatta 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 25,169. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Mann. Int: Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Sasagi. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Perham, Penisini, Brown, Simonsson; Arthur, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Matterson, Kaufusi, Cartwright.

PENRITH 36 CANBERRA 6

Penrith remains undefeated in season 2022 with a second-half masterclass downing Canberra 36-6 at a packed Bluebet Stadium this afternoon extending their undefeated streak at home.

Penrith was on the attack from the outset looking to maintain their fortress record at home. With the bulk of possession through a heavy penalty count in their favour, Penrith pounced inside the opening 15 minutes when Dylan Edwards created the overlap and allowed Stephen Crichton to dive in for the premiers and with Cleary's conversion, the premiers had an early lead. However, they weren't having it their own way for much longer. After a mishandled kickoff from Matt Eisenhuth, Canberra hit back when Joe Tapine crashed over after lovely lead up work from Tom Starling and with the conversion, we were back level.

14 minutes later, it was the lead-up work of debutant Soni Luke who found Isah Yeo and the Penrith skipper crossed over for the premiers to retake the lead. Cleary's conversion extended the margin back out to six points. Canberra's poor discipline allowed Cleary to add another penalty goal to give Penrith a 14-6 half-time advantage. After halftime, Canberra was staying with the premiers, but eventually, the lopsided possession would see them concede a flood of points.

The onslaught started in the 55th minute when Crichton outmuscled the defence to get to the line despite the on-field decision of NO TRY. Crichton's double gave Penrith a 12 point lead. Off the ensuing set, Cleary's well placed grubber looked certain to give Crichton his hatrick before Xavier Savage illegally took him off the ball. The bunker was quick to rule a penalty try for the Penrith outside back as Crichton is firming for the NSW centre spot vacated by Latrell Mitchell's injury. Ten minutes later, Cleary created another overlap and saw Taylan May continue his try-scoring run to put the margin out to 24 points. Villiame Kikau concluded the onslaught moments later when he received a lovely pass from Jarome Luai to barge over for the premiers.

Canberra would take a lot away from this game, keeping it close to the premiers for 55 minutes, however the switch off in the last 25 minutes will be of major concern to Ricky Stuart. Next week they take on the renewed Warriors. Penrith will look to continue their undefeated start when they take on the inconsistent Titans. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 36 (S. Crichton 3, V. Kikau, T. May, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 6** (J. Tapine try; B. Schneider goal) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-6. Penalties: Penrith 11-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 20,612. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, May; Luai, Cleary (C); Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon, Luke. **CANBERRA:** Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Valemei, Savage; Wighton (C), Schneider; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Harawira-Naera, Young, Elliott. Int: Sutton, Nicoll-Klokstad, Rushton, Horsburgh.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 14 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

A man of the match display from Ben Hunt has inspired the St George Illawarra Dragons to claim their first win on ANZAC Day in four years with a 14-12 victory over the Sydney Roosters. Having a hand in both of his side's tries and kicking with distinction throughout, the tenacious halfback was a deserving recipient of the Ashton-Collier Spirit of ANZAC Medal as the joint venture extended their dominance in the annual fixture to 12 wins from 20 clashes.

Getting off to a strong start with Hunt kicking early to give the Dragons ascendancy, a powerful run from Francis Molo (12th minute) exposed Lindsay Collins and Sitali Tupouniua through the middle of the field to give the home side first points. Growing in confidence after repelling several attacking raids from the Roosters - including a No Try against Sam Walker for an obstruction - second-rower Jadyan Su'A (25th minute) was on the spot to capitalise on a spilt bomb from Paul Momirovski to extend the lead out to 12-0. Finishing the first half well on top of their opponents, an ultimately decisive late penalty goal to Zac Lomax saw the joint venture take a 14-0 lead to the change of ends.

Losing Jack Bird with an elbow injury at halftime, the Dragons woes were compounded when Su'A suffered a serious lower leg injury mere minutes into the resumption of play. Making the Dragons pay for reckless passing on the last tackle, Tupouniua (45th minute) finished off a scintillating passage of play stemming from a break by James Tedesco on halfway. Narrowing the margin to two points heading into the final stages of the match, teenage young gun Joseph Suaalii stepped up with a classy flick pass to send Joseph Manu (68th minute) over for his sixth try of the season. Managing to hold off several attacking raids during the closing minutes, a late 40/20 from Hunt saw the Dragons prevail 14-12 to the delight of 35,273 supporters at the Sydney Cricket Ground. **ROB CROSBY**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 14 (F. Molo, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 12** (J. Manu, S. Tupouniua tries; S. Walker 2 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND**. Date: Mon, 25th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 14-0. Penalties: Sydney 5-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 35,273. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Mbye, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Bird, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Burgess, McGuire, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Sims, Amone, Lawrie, Woods. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'alii; Walker, Keary; Taukeiaho, Verrills, Collins, Crichton, Tupouniua, Butcher. Int: Waerea-Hargreaves, Radley, Hutchison, Baker.

MELBOURNE 70 WARRIORS 10

Ryan Papenhuyzen was simply untouchable as he helped steer the Storm to just the 10th score of 70+ by a team since 1908, Melbourne winning 70-10 over the Warriors at AAMI Park on ANZAC Day. The first half of the game was largely even, but was typified by the Storm taking advantage of the Warriors mistakes. The Storm were by no means perfect, getting penalized repeatedly for high tackles, all of which were sloppy and lazy. The second half though was a nightmare for the Warriors. The Storm opened the scoring in the eighth minute when Edward Kosi dropped a ball with the open tryline in front of him. Ryan Papenhuyzen sweeping across in defence, picked up the loose ball 8 metres from his own line, ran up the wing, passed inside to Jahrome Hughes who raced 70 metres to score untouched. Papenhuyzen's sideline conversion hit the upright and was waved away. Six minutes later the Warriors hit back with a tidy short-side play where Chanel Harris-Tavita threw a stunning long ball to Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and he runs down the narrow corridor to dive over in the corner. Reece Walsh

failed to convert from the sideline. In the 23rd minute, Hughes piled more misery onto Kosi, when he put in a grubber which the Warriors winger fumbled. Xavier Coates was on the spot to ground the ball for a gift four-pointer. Just 4 minutes later and Nick Meaney raced away to give the Storm a two-try lead. Papenhuyzen converted to make the margin 10 points. Shaun Johnson produced some magic in the next Warriors set when he chipped early in the set. The ball bounced horribly for Papenhuyzen but perfectly for Wayne Egan who cleaned up the loose ball and dived over near the posts. Walsh converted. Papenhuyzen landed a penalty goal right on half time to give the Storm a 16-10 lead. The second half started with a Papenhuyzen penalty goal after just a minute. In the 46th minute, Melbourne's attack was doing nothing on the last when the ball ended up in Nelson Asofa-Solomona's hands. He casually put up a kick that Papenhuyzen caught brilliantly above his head to score. Papenhuyzen converted, but only after Watene-Zelezniak was stretched off after a freak accident in back play saw him fall into Asofa-Solomona's leg. The Warriors restart went dead in-goal and from the penalty on halfway, the Storm went on the attack. Cameron Munster dummied inside and then floated a long ball over the edge defenders who rushed up, where he found Meaney perfectly who scored in the left corner. Papenhuyzen converted. Another Kosi dropped ball gave the Storm a fresh set which they promptly turned into points three minutes after their last try. Papenhuyzen ran himself, fought his way out of a tackle, slipped, but kept on his feet enough to reach out and dunk the ball over the line for a try. Harry Grant failed to convert the try while Papenhuyzen tended to some soreness in his leg. The points kept coming for the Storm in the 59th minute when Harry Grant barged over from dummy half to score. Papenhuyzen converted. Two minutes later he broke through the Warriors right side defence, came to the fullback and grubbered to the wing where Coates followed the ball and waited for the right bounce before diving over to score in the corner. Papenhuyzen failed to convert from touch. In the 67th minute Papenhuyzen produced a double pump before delivering a perfect long ball to the unmarked Coates, who strolled in to score untouched. Papenhuyzen converted from in front to bring up the 50 points. The points continued to come in the 70th minute when Hughes kicked for the corner and turned Kosi around. Coates came flying down on the kick chase and miraculously planted the ball down before it rolled into touch. Munster failed to convert from touch. In the 73rd minute Munster put Hughes into a gap, who then stepped to beat Walsh to score under the posts. Meaney added the extras from in front. The Storm crossed yet again in the 77th minute when Jesse Bromwich carried a hit up and a few Warriors defenders over the line to score. Meaney converted. With just over a minute to go, Grant put Munster through a gap who then got a good ball to Justin Olam who set sail for the sideline, and despite being tackled, the defender slipped off, Olam crawled and slammed the ball down over for a try to bring up 70 points. Meaney failed to convert. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MELBOURNE 70 (X. Coates 4, J. Hughes 2, N. Meaney 2, R. Papenhuyzen 2, J. Bromwich, H. Grant, J. Olam tries; R. Papenhuyzen 7, N. Meaney 2 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 10** (W. Egan, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh goal) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Mon, 25th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 16-10. Penalties: Melbourne 7-6. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 22,696. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Meaney, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Smith, Loiero, Moeroa, Lewis. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Arthurs, Pompey, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Lodge, Aitken, Curran, Tevaga. Int: Sironen, Afoa, Pene, Otukolo.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 7

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	7 - 0 - 0	136	14
2	Melbourne	6 - 0 - 1	141	12
3	Parramatta	5 - 0 - 2	82	10
4	Cronulla	5 - 0 - 2	61	10
5	North Qld	4 - 0 - 3	51	8
6	Sydney	4 - 0 - 3	22	8
7	Manly	4 - 0 - 3	4	8
8	Souths	3 - 0 - 4	21	6
9	Brisbane	3 - 0 - 4	-39	6
10	St Geo Illa	3 - 0 - 4	-55	6
11	Warriors	3 - 0 - 4	-63	6
12	Gold Coast	2 - 0 - 5	-42	4
13	W Tigers	2 - 0 - 5	-62	4
14	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 5	-66	4
15	Canberra	2 - 0 - 5	-82	4
16	Canterbury	1 - 0 - 6	-109	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Haumole OLAKAU'ATU (Sea Eagles): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Taane MILNE (Rabbitohs): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Jeremiah NANAI (Cowboys): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000
Daniel TUPOU (Roosters): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Aaron PENE (Warriors): G2 Careless HT - 1 match

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CRONULLA v MANLY 3 points - Siosifa Talakai, 2 points - Kieran Foran, 1 points - Ronaldo Mulitalo

BRISBANE v CANTERBURY 3 points - Payne Haas, 2 points - Adam Reynolds, 1 points - Selwyn Cobbo

NORTH QLD v GOLD COAST 3 points - Peta Hiku, 2 points - Scott Drinkwater, 1 points - Valentine Holmes

WESTS TIGERS v SOUTHS 3 points - Jackson Hastings, 2 points - Keano Koloamatangi, 1 points - David Nofaloama

NEWCASTLE v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points - Reed Mahoney, 1 points - Shaun Lane

PENRITH v CANBERRA 3 points - Nathan Cleary, 2 points - Stephen Crichton, 1 points - Isiah Yeo

ST GEO ILLA v SYDNEY 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Jaydn Su'A, 1 points - Joseph Manu

MELBOURNE v WARRIORS 3 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen, 2 points - Cameron Munster, 1 points - Jahrome Hughes

LEADERBOARD

- 11 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels)
- 9 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Cameron Munster (Storm), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
- 8 POINTS AJ Brimson (Titans), Isiah Yeo (Panthers)



ROUND 8

BRISBANE 16 CRONULLA 7

Kotoni Staggs thoroughly outpointed the in-form Siosifa Talakai as the Brisbane Broncos made a statement in a 16-7 upset win over the Cronulla Sharks.

While the match-up between Staggs and Talakai was billed as the headline act of the night, it was one-way traffic as the Broncos centre dominated on the right edge. He finished the game with 113 metres, six tackle busts and a try while forcing a few uncharacteristic errors from Talakai with some bruising defence. The Brisbane defence as a whole was a highlight while the fact Payne Haas only had to play 55 minutes spoke volumes to just how much of a team effort it was. Haas went off early with a shoulder issue and was not needed to return as the Broncos held strong for a win.

For Cronulla, a lack of energy and impatience in attack proved costly. The Sharks looked dangerous on multiple occasions in the first half but lacked their usual precision passing on the edges. After all, Cronulla's only points of the opening half came in broken play, with five-eighth Matt Moylan kicking ahead for himself to score under the posts.

A host of errors from both sides resulted in a dour 10-minute period in the middle of the first half before some individual brilliance from Staggs brought the Suncorp faithful to their feet. Te Maire Martin simply dished the ball off to Staggs in space and the Broncos centre then beat Talakai before surging past Ronaldo Mulitalo to dive over in the corner. Nicho Hynes slotted a late field goal in the only other score of the half, seeing the Sharks head into the sheds up 7-6.

Brisbane received a big boost heading into the second half, with both Adam Reynolds (nose) and Haas (shoulder) returning despite carrying injury concerns into the sheds. And the Broncos were the first to get on the board, with Jesse Ramien caught out in defence as Herbie Farnworth went over in the 43rd minute. Suddenly Brisbane found itself on a roll as Kurt Capewell charged over after an earlier linebreak from Corey Oates had the Broncos in prime field position.

The Sharks had a few chances to hit back later in the game but failed to capitalise on their field position as the Broncos held on for what could be a season-defining win.

Adam Reynolds faces his former Rabbitohs teammates next week while the Sharks come up against ex-Cronulla halfback Shaun Johnson and the Warriors. **ANDREW JACKSON**

BRISBANE 16 (K. Capewell, H. Farnworth, K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds, K. Staggs goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 7** (M. Moylan try; N. Hynes goal; N. Hynes field goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 28th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 7-6. Penalties: Brisbane 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 16,740. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Gamble, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Hetherington. Int: Paix, Kennedy, Flegler, Palasia. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Tolman, Williams, Trindall, Graham.

PENRITH 18 GOLD COAST 4

Penrith Panthers continue their unbeaten start to the season with a 18-4 success against Gold Coast Titans on Friday night at Robina.

Jim Ross would describe this game as "bowling shoe ugly" as the Panthers did enough to secure two points. Nathan Cleary led the way with a personal tally of 10 points alongside a pair of try assists to keep the good times rolling.

The first half was an error-fest sometimes interrupted by a football game. Both games were abject with their handling and it led to a 4-0 scoreline headed into half-time. The surprise was that Gold Coast Titans held those four points after Greg Marzhev's late score after some razzle dazzle.

Panthers decided to press the accelerator in the second half. The visitors scored four minutes into the second stanza when Izack Tago held onto the grubber from Cleary after an u-and-down first half with his hands to make it 6-4.

Cleary doubled the delight for the Panthers just minutes later. He took the ball to the line, fed Villiame Kikau, who flopped it back to the halfback to dive over close to the sticks and stretched the visitors advantage to eight.

The Titans weren't going away after their dogged effort in the first half. The hosts regularly got into the right field positions but their options were bland and easily gobbled up by the ferocious Panthers defence.

Panthers added some late icing to the cake through Jarome Luai. Cleary again was the architect with a perfect grubber that bounced right up for Luai to take on the bounce and start the celebrations for the Premiers, 18-4.

There might be something rotten in the state of Titansmark. There is plenty of talent in the team, but they can't seem to put together a consistent 80 minutes or even at times, 40 minutes and might have lost star backrower David Fifita to injury. There is plenty for coach Justin Holbrook to ponder. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PENRITH 18 (N. Cleary, J. Luai, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 3 goals) defeated **GOLD COAST 4** (G. Marzhev try) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 29th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 4-0. Penalties: Gold Coast 9-8. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 14,102. **GOLD COAST:** Brimson, Thompson, Kelly, Herbert, Marzhev; Smith, Sexton; Fotuauka, Clark, Liu, Proctor, Farmor, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Fifita, Boyd, Lisone, Ese'ese. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Staines, Tago, Crichton, May; Luai, Cleary (C); Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Luke, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon.

SOUTH SYDNEY 40 MANLY 22

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have withstood a gallant performance from the Manly Sea Eagles to claim a spirited 40-22 victory at Central Coast Stadium.

Playing against 12 men for 70 minutes after Karl Lawton was sent off for a dangerous tackle on Cameron Murray in the opening stages, the Rabbitohs extended their dominance over the Sea Eagles to six consecutive wins in a match played before a crowd of 17,284 supporters.

Despite conceding first points via a Blake Taaffe penalty goal following Lawton's dismissal, the Sea Eagles showed tremendous resilience with Kieran Foran (16th minute) taking on the line through a run reminiscent of his younger self.

Taking a shock 10-2 lead midway through the first half, Jason Saab (19th minute) used his height to outleap Alex Johnston before narrowly getting the ball down before the dead ball line.

Struggling to capitalise on their one-man advantage early on in the half, the Rabbitohs found their attacking groove with Siliva Havili firing a short pass to Keaton Koloamatangi (27th minute) before Alex Johnston (32nd minute) used speed and footwork to collect his sixth try of the season.

Hitting back through Christian Tuipulotu (37th minute) following a skilful offload from returning utility Josh Schuster, an error from Martin Taupau off the kick-off invited Isaiha Tass (40th minute) to put the Rabbitohs up 18-16 at the change of ends

Returning from the sheds intent on keeping the points flowing, Tom Burgess (46th minute) barged over from close range before Cody Walker (50th minute) capped his his 150th first grade game with a try.

Determined to remain in the contest despite an injury toll that forced Brad Parker from the field, Daly Cherry-Evans (58th minute) was awarded a penalty try after Damien Cook was deemed to have impeded the Manly skipper in the act of scoring.

Putting the result beyond doubt through Cameron Murray (71st minute), Central Coast junior Taaffe (80th minute) delivered on home soil to secure the 18-point win. **ROB CROSBY**

SOUTH SYDNEY 40 (T. Burgess, A. Johnston, K. Koloamatangi, C. Murray, B. Taaffe, I. Tass, C. Walker tries; B. Taaffe 6 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 22** (D. Cherry-Evans, K. Foran, J. Saab, C. Tuipulotu tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **AT CENTRAL COAST STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 29th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 18-16. Penalties: South Sydney 6-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,284. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Mansour; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Havili, Moale, Mitchell. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Keppie, Croker, Siple, Lawton, Schuster, Trbojevic. Int: Taupau, Bullemor, Walker, Trbojevic.

WARRIORS 21 CANBERRA 20

Daejarn Asi had a brilliant debut for the Warriors, playing a chief role in two tries to keep his side in the game, before a Shaun Johnson field goal in Golden Point got the Warriors home 21-20 over Canberra in Redcliffe today.

Arguably the two worst performing sides of the previous round went head-to-head at Redcliffe with one of them set to redeem themselves while the other would undoubtedly find themselves under more pressure. Both sides played with too much ill-discipline in the first half, preventing either outfit to build pressure or momentum. It was the Raiders though who managed to score first when Jack Wighton put Matthew Timoko through a weak tackle effort to score. Brad Schneider converted to give the Raiders a 6-0 lead after 8 minutes. Schneider added a penalty goal in the 15th minute after a string of Warriors penalties.

The Warriors got on the board in the 25th minute when Jordan Rapana fielded a bomb, then threw a long ball to Nick Cotric, where it bounced up, but Cotric knocked it on and the Warriors cleaned up. From the next play the Warriors went left where Euan Aitken got a good ball out to Adam Pompey who scored in the corner. Reece Walsh converted from touch. From the restart, Addin Fonua-Blake dropped the ball. The Raiders then got a set restart shortly after. From the ensuing set they produced some nice second phase play which resulted in Hudson Young straightening his run and beating the defence to score near the sticks. Schneider converted. In the 31st minute, Daejarn Asi put in a lovely chip which Jordan Rapana looked set to clean up, but he slipped and Viliani Vailea got a nice bounce, regathered and scored. Walsh converted.

Four minutes before halftime, Jack Wighton went on a run as second receiver, fended off one defender, bumped out of a tackle and palmed off a third to score a soft try. Schneider again converted. At halftime the Raiders lead 20-12.

The second half was quite simply a mess of dropped ball, bad passes and ill-discipline. It was until the 63rd minute before the scoring continued when Asi dropped a lovely short ball in the line into the hard running Aitken, who strolled through the vacant Raiders defence and he scored under the posts. Walsh converted to reduce the Warriors deficit to just 2 points. A high tackle by Corey Horsburgh on Matt Lodge in the 78th minute, allowed Walsh to level the scores with a penalty goal, sending the game into golden point. A Tom Starling forward pass in the first set of extra time gave the Warriors a full set inside the Raiders 35 metres. Shaun Johnston then stepped Horsburgh to comfortably slot the match winning field goal. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

WARRIORS 21 (E. Aitken, A. Pompey, V. Vailea tries; R. Walsh 4 goals; S. Johnson field goal) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 20** (M. Timoko, J. Wighton, H. Young tries; B. Schneider 4 goals) **AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 20-12. Penalties: Warriors 8-7. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 6,326. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Arthurs, Berry, Vailea, Pompey, Asi, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Lodge, Aitken, Sironen, Tevaga. Int: Afoa, Katoa, Murchie, Murdoch-Masila. **CANBERRA:** Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Valemei, Savage; Wighton (C), Schneider; Papalii, Elliott, Tapine, Young, Harawira-Naera, Sutton. Int: Starling, Nicoll-Klokstad, Horsburgh, Rushton.

CANTERBURY 16 SYDNEY 12

Both the Roosters and Bulldogs came into this game under pressure after last start losses, but it was the Bulldogs who were most under fire, ultimately responding with a 16-12 victory over their long-time rivals.

Early on it was the Roosters who turned out looking like a bottom placed side as they gave up two very soft tries off the back of their own errors to trail by six points at halftime.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring in the 14th minute after a Matt Burton grubber was fumbled by Joey Manu. In the following set, Josh Addo-Carr picked up the ball at dummy half and darted down the blindside to barge over in the corner for a good try. Burton failed to convert from the left sideline. In the 21st minute, the Roosters tried a play off the back of a scrum, but Addo-Carr juggled an intercept and ran 85 metres to score. Burton converted to give the Bulldogs a 10-0 lead.

The Roosters crossed inside the final two minutes when a Luke Keary Crossfield kick found Joseph Suaalii, who had had a horror game up til this point, took a great catch in the Bulldogs in-goal and scored. Sam Walker's sideline conversion was poor. At halftime, the Bulldogs held a 10-4 lead.

The Roosters were the first to score in the second half when James Tedesco drifted right and then slipped through the defence to score a soft try. Adam Keighran failed to convert from touch. In the 55th minute the Bulldogs replied when they shifted the ball right where Matt Dufty lobbed a long ball over the out-of-position Kevin Naiqama to Jayden Okunbor who scored in the corner. Burton converted from touch to give the Bulldogs a 16-8 lead.

In the 74th minute the Roosters kept themselves in the game, despite some questionable passes in the lead up before Keary puts up a kick for Naiqama, but it misses its mark, however Sitali Tupouniua cleans up the loose ball and scores in the left corner. Keighran failed to convert from out wide. With 5 minutes remaining, the Bulldogs held a narrow 16-12 lead.

In the 78th minute Sam Walker hit Joey Manu out the back who somehow got a miracle flick ball along to Joseph Suaalii who burrowed down low to score in the right corner - however. The Bunker reviewed it and found that Suaalii's boot grazed the sideline - no try!

A hectic final 2 minutes saw the Roosters throw all forms of cabinetry at the Bulldogs, but the Dogs held firm and got a much needed victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CANTERBURY 16 (J. Addo-Carr 2, J. Okunbor tries; M. Burton 2 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 12** (J. Suaalii, J. Tedesco, S. Tupouniua tries) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 10-4. Penalties: Sydney 7-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 9,544. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Okunbor, Schoupp, Averillo, Addo-Carr (C); Burton, Flanagan; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, Pangai Junior, King. Int: Biondi-Odo, Stimson, Seumanufagai, Tsikrikas. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Naiqama, Keighran, Manu, Suaalii; Walker, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Collins, Crichton, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Hutchison, Baker, Butcher, Taukeiaho.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 35 PARRAMATTA 4

North Queensland continue their impressive start to 2022 with an emphatic 35-4 win over competition heavyweights, the Parramatta Eels before a full house at Darwin's TIO Stadium.

It was the visitors that were up against it early having to deny Parramatta in defence. But, Todd Payten deserves all the credit for a massive turnaround in his side's defence. They had to repeal 4 sets in a row on their own line at one stage in the opening 20 minutes which shows drastic improvement in their defence from last season. On the back of that defence, the visitors scored the game's first points with a Valentine Holmes penalty goal following an offside penalty off a scrum to give the Cowboys an early 2-0 advantage. Parramatta was their own worse enemy, however, having plenty of opportunities to score and put the Cowboys under pressure. Ten minutes later, Scott Drinkwater delivered the rainbow cut out pass leaving the Parra defence at sixes and sevens. Kyle Feldt took it superbly and he crashed over the line and the Cowboys extended their advantage, Holmes' sideline conversion was successful and the visitors had an early 8-0 lead. Five minutes later, Chad Townsend delivered a perfect cross-field kick and Feldt out lept Hayze Perham to cross for his second try and with another sideline from Holmes, the Cowboys led 14-0. Right on half-time, Holmes potted over a field goal and the visitors led 15-0 at half-time.

Parramatta started the better of the two sides in the second half, but the video referee took two Parramatta tries away. Firstly, Shaun Lane dropped the ball over the line. Then Mitch Moses was ruled to have knocked on in the lead up denying a four-pointer for rookie centre Will Penisini. North Queensland immediately made the Eels pay for their lack of execution with a well-worked scrum play from Man of the Match Scott Drinkwater who found Kyle Feldt and the winger grabbed his fourth career hat trick to lead 19-0. Five minutes later, Parramatta finally secured a try with Hayze Perham going over after lovely lead up work from Bryce Cartwright down the blind-side to cut the margin down to 15 points. The last five minutes were remarkable if you were a Cowboys fan, if you were a Parra fan you were very quickly reaching for the off button on your TV remote. Jason Taumalolo made a good bust through the middle before Tom Dearden showed and goed to put an exclamation point on a dominant display. Off the next set, Drinkwater found the Hammer who barely got out of second gear and burnt past Gutherson to cross for the visitors. It only got worse, the next set of 6, Drinkwater put a chip over the top and won the race to the ball to make the final scoreline a convincing 35-4. North Queensland was the NRL's worst defensive side by a long way last year, and the improvement in their defence especially tonight has been incredible to see and so good for the game of rugby league. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 35 (K. Feldt 3, T. Dearden, S. Drinkwater, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; V. Holmes 5 goals; V. Holmes field goal) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 4** (H. Perham try) **AT TIO STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th April. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 15-0. Penalties: Parramatta 6-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 10,017. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Perham, Penisini, Brown, Simonsson; Arthur, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papalii, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Matterson, Kaufusi, Cartwright. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Hess, Luki, Neame, Tabuai-Fidow.

MELBOURNE 50 NEWCASTLE 2

The Newcastle Knights have been humbled at home for the second time in as many weeks, losing 50 points to 2 at the hands of the well oiled machine that is the Melbourne Storm.

The game couldn't have started any worse for the Novocastrians, with Jake Clifford kicking off out on the full to hand the Storm excellent field position straight away. They took full advantage, with Harry Grant scooting from dummy half before linking up with Justin Olam, who was too strong and determined for the Knights defence. The Storm marched down the field with ease in the next set, which ended with a Melbourne penalty as an Edrick Lee knock on was picked up by a Knights player in an offside position. Brodie Jones knocked on in trying to gather in the Storm's kick, and the Storm scored with ease off the scrum win by swinging it left to Xavier Coates, who scored untouched.

The Knights finally touched the ball roughly 11 minutes into the game, but they couldn't do much with it as Clifford ran on the last and got caught. Off the changeover, the Storm ran it themselves on the last, with Meaney forced to put a kick in that sat up for Jahrome Hughes, who's chase was rewarded with a try. Justin Olam would again capitalise on some soft Knights defence in the 30th minute, beating 4 players to score a very soft try and make the score 20-0. The Storm forced a dropout a few minutes later and Xavier Coates beat the Knights cover defence with ease to score his 2nd try in the first half. The Knights got a penalty right on half time and opted to take the 2 to make it a four score game. Clifford was successful and the score at the break was 26-2.

The Storm started the 2nd half how they finished the first: with Xavier Coates scoring an easy try, this one he basically jogged in as the Knights cover was once again non-existent. Harry Grant had his fingerprints all over the next try, he put the original kick in and made the tackle to force the dropout, while on the ensuing set he also put in a deft kick over the top that sat up for Tepai Moeroa to score. Five minutes later, Ponga had the ball stolen from him by Munster, who on the next set threw an outstanding cutout ball to Nick Meaney, who after stepping off his left foot was in for a try against his former club.

After the Knights made another mistake, the Storm spread the ball wide, with Nick Meaney finding open space and linking up with Munster in support, who scored the try to make it 48-2. The Storm got a penalty right in front at the death and opted to kick the penalty goal to bring up the half century, giving the final scoreline of 50-2. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

MELBOURNE 50 (X. Coates 3, J. Olam 2, J. Hughes, N. Meaney, T. Moeroa, C. Munster tries; R. Papenhuyzen 7 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 2** (J. Clifford goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 1st May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 26-2. Penalties: Melbourne 7-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 15,895. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Sasagi, Best, Tuala; Clifford, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Sue. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Thompson, Johns. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Meaney, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Smith, Wishart, Loiero, Moeroa.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12 WESTS TIGERS 6

Individual moments of experience and youth have seen the St George Illawarra Dragons claim a gritty 12-6 win over the Wests Tigers in a Sunday afternoon thriller at Wollongong.

Overcoming a halftime deficit to reach a 50 per cent record after eight rounds, the Dragons posted their third win in succession to the delight of 16,110 supporters - the largest regular season crowd at WIN Stadium in four years.

In a tightly-fought opening 40 minutes where points proved elusive, the Tigers appeared to strike a blow midway through proceedings with Kelma Tuilagi leaping onto a Luke Brooks bomb, only for the bunker to overturn the try due to grounding.

Gaining minor consolation with the bunker adjudicating interference from Zac Lomax in the contest, Jackson Hastings added a penalty goal from next to the posts to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

Coming close to scoring late in the half through returning winger Asu Kepaoa and try-less prop Alex Twal, the Tigers showed their attacking intentions by knocking back the chance to increase their lead by two on several occasions.

Returning from the sheds with similar intensity but unable to break their fellow joint venture's line, momentum began to swing against the Tigers following five minutes of sustained pressure from the Dragons on their own line.

Eventually breaking through via a solo effort from Ben Hunt (56th minute), the Dragons captain took on the line with a step to take a 6-2 lead.

Securing the result after the Tigers knocked on inside their own half, Jayden Sullivan (69th minute) darted from dummy half to slam the ball down in his first appearance of the season.

Having opted against taking on the line himself earlier in the half, Luke Brooks (75th minute) made amends with a solo effort from close range to set up a grandstand finish.

Needing to score a converted try to send the game into golden point following a wayward conversion attempt from Hastings, the Tigers ultimately fell short despite forcing several repeat sets in the final minutes. **ROB CROSBY**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12 (B. Hunt, J. Sullivan tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 6** (L. Brooks try; J. Hastings goal) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 1st May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 2-0. Penalties: Wests Tigers 8-1. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 16,110. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Mbye, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Burgess, Sims, McGuire, De Belin. Int: Lawrie, Woods, Fuimaono, Sullivan. **WESTS TIGERS:** To'a, Nofaaluma, Garner, Gildart, Kepaoa; Brooks, Hastings; Tamou (C), Liddle, Musgrove, Tuilagi, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Madden, Twal, Mikaele, Seyfarth.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 8

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	8 - 0 - 0	150	16
2	Melbourne	7 - 0 - 1	189	14
3	North Qld	5 - 0 - 3	82	10
4	Cronulla	5 - 0 - 3	52	10
5	Parramatta	5 - 0 - 3	51	10
6	Souths	4 - 0 - 4	39	8
7	Sydney	4 - 0 - 4	18	8
8	Manly	4 - 0 - 4	-14	8
9	Brisbane	4 - 0 - 4	-30	8
10	St Geo Illa	4 - 0 - 4	-49	8
11	Warriors	4 - 0 - 4	-62	8
12	Gold Coast	2 - 0 - 6	-56	4
13	W Tigers	2 - 0 - 6	-68	4
14	Canberra	2 - 0 - 6	-83	4
15	Canterbury	2 - 0 - 6	-105	4
16	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 6	-114	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Karl LAWTON (Sea Eagles): G3 Dangerous Throw - 4 matches
Tevita TATOLA (Rabbitohs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Josh MANSOUR (Panthers): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$750
Matt LODGE (Warriors): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Billy TSIKRIKAS (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Jack WIGHTON (Raiders): G2 Dangerous Throw - 2 matches
Jack JOHNS (Knights): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000

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BRISBANE v CRONULLA 3 points - Kotoni Staggs, 2 points - Kurt Capewell, 1 points - Cameron McInnes

GOLD COAST v PENRITH 3 points - Nathan Cleary, 2 points - Liam Martin, 1 points - Greg Marzhev

SOUTHS v MANLY 3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 2 points - Thomas Burgess, 1 points - Cody Walker

WARRIORS v CANBERRA 3 points - Daejarn Asi, 2 points - Joseph Tapine, 1 points - Reece Walsh

CANTERBURY v SYDNEY 3 points - Josh Addo-Carr, 2 points - Jeremy Marshall-King, 1 points - James Tedesco

PARRAMATTA v NORTH QLD 3 points - Scott Drinkwater, 2 points - Reuben Cotter, 1 points - Kyle Feldt

NEWCASTLE v MELBOURNE 3 points - Harry Grant, 2 points - Cameron Munster, 1 points - Jahrome Hughes

ST GEO ILLA v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Jackson Hastings, 1 points - Josh McGuire

LEADERBOARD

12 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
11 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels), Cameron Munster (Storm)
10 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm)
9 POINTS Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Ben Hunt (Dragons)



ROUND 9

BRISBANE 32 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

Lachlan Ilias will only continue to improve and in the long-term, the decision to part ways with Adam Reynolds may have been the right one. But all we can judge South Sydney on is what we see now - and that is a team in desperate need of a cool head in the halves. Unfortunately for last year's grand finalists, that cool head was on the other side of the field, guiding the Brisbane Broncos to a 32-12 upset win at Accor Stadium on Thursday night.

Reynolds had his hand - and boot - in everything, setting up two tries, scoring one and kicking for over 500 metres in a masterclass. All the talk head into Thursday night's meeting between the Rabbitohs and Broncos was about him. Reynolds has said all the right things throughout the week, that this was "just another game", that coming up against his former teammates "doesn't really matter". But when the Broncos halfback surged onto a Patrick Carrigan offload to score under the posts, you could just see it in the way Reynolds celebrated, the way he beat his chest. Sure, this was never just about Reynolds but it meant just a bit more than "just another game". You could see it from the opening set of the game, when Reynolds touched the ball on almost every play, stamping his authority on the occasion early. It was not just Reynolds though. The entire Broncos team lifted around him, upping the intensity in defence to hold a usually lethal South Sydney side to just one try in the first half. Kobe Hetherington was in the thick of it, with try-saving plays to force errors from both Cameron Murray and Jai Arrow while a last-ditch effort from Herbie Farnworth saw Taane Milne spill the ball with the line in sight. And those efforts in defence were rewarded on the scoreboard, with Reynolds putting the ball in the air for winger Corey Oates, who came down with it to score the opening try after 14 minutes. Reynolds then took it upon himself to score off the Carrigan offload and give Brisbane a commanding 12-0 lead. Souths eventually capitalised on poor ball security, a well-executed scrum play saw Milne go over on 38 minutes.

Cody Walker and Damien Cook both came up with errors early in the second half, allowing the Broncos to re-establish their lead as Selwyn Cobbo pounced after Blake Taaffe fumbled a Reynolds kick. An error from Brisbane fullback Te Maire Martin invited South Sydney back into the contest though and the Rabbitohs took full advantage, with Milne grabbing his second. Fortunately for the Broncos, the Rabbitohs relinquished any momentum it had gained with that try as Tevita Tatola coughed it up off the restart and a penalty then saw Reynolds extend the lead to eight. Reynolds was at it again moments later, passing to Oates off a scrum as the winger burst through a few tackles and then linked with Herbie Farnworth to set up Brisbane's fourth try of the night. Reynolds' ghost did not just haunt the Rabbitohs when he was setting up tries for the opposition team. It lingered every time a pass went to ground, when those left-side raids South Sydney made so lethal instead broke down and went awry. Like it did when Walker coughed it up in the 74th and this time it led directly to points as Cobbo sprinted away to seal the emphatic win. **ANDREW JACKSON**

BRISBANE 32 (S. Cobbo 2, H. Farnworth, C. Oates, A. Reynolds tries; A. Reynolds 6 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 12** (T. Milne 2 tries; B. Taaffe 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 5th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-6. Penalties: South Sydney 0-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 9,242. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Moale, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Havili, Knight, Peoples. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Gamble, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Carrigan, Robati, Riki, Hetherington. Int: Paix, Kennedy, Flegler, Palasia.

CANBERRA 14 CANTERBURY 4

The Canberra Raiders are back in the winners circle for the first time in five weeks, taking advantage of a lion's share of possession to see themselves to a 10-point victory over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs at GIO Stadium.

The first half was an incredibly one-sided affair, with plenty of Bulldogs errors gifting the Raiders enough field position to win five matches. The Canterbury defence held firm however, forcing Nick Cotric to commit a double movement. It looked as if the Bulldogs would somehow get themselves on the board first in the resultant set, with Matt Burton getting through the line far too easily before linking up with Josh Addo-Carr in support, who cruised to the line. The try was awarded, but the bunker intervened and correctly ruled that Corey Waddell obstructed Adam Elliott in the lead-up. The call gave the Raiders yet another set on the Bulldogs line, and this time they took full advantage, with English back-rower Elliott Whitehead winding up from 15 metres out to cruise past Aaron Schoupp on his way to the line. The conversion attempt from Croker was unsuccessful, making it a 4-0 ballgame after 20 minutes. The Bulldogs turned in some strong defensive efforts and were able to win back some field position, but a poor pass from Flanagan to Naden in the 31st minute relieved all the pressure. In the ensuing set, Matt Frawley was able to take advantage of some pathetically soft Bulldogs defence. First, he took on the Dogs front-line, easing his way past Jeremy Marshall-King, before selling Matt Dufty a dummy to no one, and he was over the line virtually untouched from 20-odd metres out. The Raiders would take a 10-0 lead into the break, but their fans were far from confident considering the club's recent history of squandering half-time advantages.

For a while in the second half, it appeared Raiders fans' nightmares were materialising once again. They had the bulk of possession and field position from the 40th-50th minute, but were only able to put two points on the board courtesy of a penalty goal. Five minutes later the Raiders forced a dropout, and with 25 minutes to go it appeared they were finally closing out a match in mature fashion. However, Burton went short on the drop kick and it was recovered by Naden. Two tackles later, Burton put in an early kick for Addo-Carr, who gathered in the ball and put in another kick that was again recovered by the Dogs, who all of a sudden were only 10 metres away from the Raiders line and looking dangerous. When Matt Burton muscled his way over in that same set, even the most staunch Raiders fan was dreading the next 20 minutes. Five minutes later, the defining moment of the match came when Addo-Carr was unable to ground Burton's kick in the in-goal area, instead knocking it on. It proved to be an 8-point turnaround when the next Raiders possession resulted in another penalty goal, giving us the eventual final scoreline of 14-4. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

CANBERRA 14 (M. Frawley, E. Whitehead tries; J. Croker 3 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 4** (M. Burton try) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 6th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 10-0. Penalties: Canberra 7-5. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 12,890. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Cotric, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Frawley, Schneider; Papalii, Elliott, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Harawira-Naera. Int: Sutton, Starling, Kris, Horsburgh. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Naden, Schoupp, Averillo, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan, Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Biondi-Odo, Stimson, King, Seumanufagai.

PARRAMATTA 22 PENRITH 20

The Parramatta Eels become the first side since Canberra in July 2019 to defeat the Penrith Panthers at BlueBet Stadium downing their arch-rivals 22-20 in an absolute thriller and submitting Penrith to their first loss of the season.

Penrith had all of the early possession and it took a Hayze Perham error for the first points to come. Dylan Edwards burrowed over after clever lead-up work from Api Koroisau and with Cleary's conversion, Penrith enjoyed an early 6-0 lead. However, Parramatta was quick to rebound and settle into the arm-wrestle, un-nerving the Penrith side through the resounding defence from their big forwards in Paulo and Papalii. With repeated sets through poor Penrith discipline, a clever blindside play from Will Penisini and Clint Gutherson saw the captain cross for the Eels. This game was full of controversy late in the opening 40 and the game's first contentious moment when Reed Mahoney appeared to be tackled short of the line. Bunker official Ashley Klein ruled that Mahoney was taken off the ball by Jaeman Salmon and due to Dylan Edwards committing to the tackled player and the gap presented, the bunker awarded a penalty try. With the chip shot from in front, Moses converted and the Eels had a 10-6 lead.

Penrith thought they levelled up almost immediately when Brian To'o crossed but the bunker took it off the board citing obstruction on Dylan Brown. Penrith had its own contentious moment when Villiame Kikau appeared to knock the ball on but was missed by both the referee and the sideline official. Off the ensuing Cleary linebreak, Penrith shifted it left and Kikau put it on the boot and Taylan May continued his purple patch of form to cross and level the scores at half-time.

Parramatta struggled coming out of the break, continuously being held inside Parramatta's end. The game's turning point was a Kikau charge down which allowed Penrith to be camped inside the Parramatta 20. Off the back of the possession, Kikau again turned provider and May crossed for his second. History showed that Penrith would run on a succession of points, but you never discount Parramatta in season 2022.

When the possession count swung back to the Eels, Gutherson again turned provider and Ryan Matterson put a vicious step past Dylan Edwards to cross for the Eels. Moses converted and Parramatta retook the lead. Off the next set, a mid-field bomb was left uncontested by Edwards, which saw Dylan Brown pounce to cross, although To'o caught him lacking and nearly bombed the try, the try was confirmed and the Eels led by 8. A late try to interchange forward Spencer Leniu got Penrith fans on the edge of their seats, but Cleary missed a two-point field goal which allowed Parramatta to hang on for the victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PARRAMATTA 22 (D. Brown, C. Gutherson, R. Mahoney, R. Matterson tries; M. Moses 3 goals) **DEFEATED PENRITH 20** (T. May 2, D. Edwards, S. Leniu tries; N. Cleary 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 6th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Parramatta 6-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 21,548. **PENRITH:** Edwards, To'o, Tago, Crichton, May; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Eisenhuth, Leniu, Salmon, Kenny. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Perham, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papalii, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Matterson, Kaufusi.

MANLY 36 WESTS TIGERS 22

Playing in front of their biggest home crowd in eight years, the Manly Sea Eagles have left the Brookvale faithful happy following their 36-22 victory over a spirited Wests Tigers side.

Things didn't start well for the Tigers as Daly Cherry-Evans opening kick off was regathered by the Sea Eagles who dominated field position and territory throughout the opening ten minutes. The Tigers thought they had weathered the storm and through the opening twenty-five minutes when it looked as if they had opened the scoring only for it to be knocked back overturned by the bunker for an obstruction. The bright moment for the Tigers didn't last as the Sea Eagles were able to get momentum and just over a minute later, the Sea Eagles were able to open the scoring when Ben Trbojevic got his way over the line after Manly were able to get a quick play the ball to create space. Discipline issues were hurting the Tigers and referee Adam Gee had reached his limit as the Tigers gave away one penalty too many and Stefano Utoikamanu was sent to the sin bin. The Sea Eagles took advantage of the extra man as Reuben Garrick scored out wide but failed to convert his own try. The Sea Eagles added a third try on the stroke of half time, again using the advantage of the extra man when Christian Tuipulotu scored out wide after the Tigers defence was caught short. Garrick added his first conversion of the afternoon to give the home side a 14-0 lead at the break.

Daly Cherry-Evans showed he is still one of the best halves in the competition when he was put into open space by Tolutau Kouala and DCE raced away, putting on the moves on Starford To'a beating him all ends up to score. Garrick's poor day with the boot continued as he missed the conversion. The Tigers spirit was going to keep them in the contest and it was a solo effort from Luke Garner that got them back into the contest. Jackson Hastings conversion from out wide closed the gap to just 12 points. It was second time lucky for the Tigers on their second try after Tyrone Peachey redeemed himself when he chased through a deflected kick after only 60 seconds before having an effort overturned by the bunker. The gap had closed to just a converted try but an error from the kick-off gave Manly possession of the ball and it wasn't long before Josh Aloiai was able to get over under the posts. The conversion from in front pushed the margin back to 12. Ben Trbojevic added a second as he was able to just get the ball to the line after the Tigers defence was caught out. Garrick added the conversion to extend the lead to three converted tries. The Tigers weren't done with yet adding a try to Englishman Oliver Gildart but a missed conversion put any hopes of a comeback to bed. Both sides added tries in the final five minutes with Reuben Garrick scoring a double for the Sea Eagles whilst Joe Ofahengaue scored just before full time for the Tigers. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

MANLY 36 (R. Garrick 2, B. Trbojevic 2, J. Aloiai, D. Cherry-Evans, C. Tuipulotu tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 22** (L. Garner, O. Gildart, J. Ofahengaue, T. Peachey tries; J. Hastings 3 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Sat, 7th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 14-0. Penalties: Manly 9-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 17,385. **MANLY:** Trbojevic, Tuipulotu, Harper, Koula, Garrick; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Keppie, Croker, Aloiai, Trbojevic, Bullemor, Trbojevic. Int: Taupau, Walker, Siple, De Luis. **WESTS TIGERS:** To'a, Kepaoa, Gildart, Garner, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings; Tamou (C), Simpkin, Musgrove, Tuilagi, Seyfarth, Ofahengaue. Int: Peachey, Twal, Mikaele, Utoikamanu..

SYDNEY 44 GOLD COAST 16

It was the James Tedesco show as the Roosters defeated the Titans by 28 points in Mackay.

The Titans started off in the best way possible, with a try in the second minute after an error from Joseph Suaalii gave Beau Fermor a chance to give his side the lead. It took the Tricolours just four minutes to equalise through James Tedesco. The Roosters performed a sweeping play to the right with Luke Keary digging into the line, which gave Tedesco room to move before he passed the ball to Manu, who broke a few tackles before returning the ball back on his inside for Tedesco to score his 100th NRL try. The game ebbed and flowed for a bit with errors from both sides until Lindsay Collins was sent to the sin-bin for a shoulder charge on Corey Thompson. The Titans trailed by just two points and this was a good opportunity as they moved the ball down the right edge in similar fashion to their first try. This time it was Tedesco who took the line on and scored with ease as he broke through the Titans defence for his second try. They kept their foot on the pedal as Joseph Suaalii was able to redeem himself after a blunder that led to the Titans' first try. The Roosters once again attacked down the right edge before Keary through a cut out ball to his winger who barged his way over to score in the corner. A few sets later they grabbed their fourth try, again going down the right edge on last tackle and with Taukeiaho at first receiver, the Titans weren't expecting anything special. The forward through the dummy and then burrowed his way over. Sam Walker made his fourth consecutive sideline conversion to put the Roosters up by 20 points. The Titans were able to grab a try just before the half-time break as a Will Smith kick ricochet off Angus Crichton and fell at the feet of Sam Lisone who picked the ball up and ran it over the try line to bring the Titans within 14 at the half time break.

The Titans came out of the blocks in perfect fashion. They got on the scoresheet first as Herman Ese'ese barged his way over for the Titans third try. Unfortunately, for the Titans, this was as close as they were going to get to the Roosters. The game went without a try for the next 20 minutes until an intercept from Sam Walker swung the momentum in the Roosters direction. Moments later, Luke Keary delivered a pin-point kick to his winger, Daniel Tupou who leapt high and brought the ball down to score in the corner. The Roosters couldn't be stopped now. They took no time in getting back down into the Titans own end and they decided to attack down that right flank once again. Tedesco received the ball at first receiver, tucked the ball under his wing and charged through a tackle to score his third of the night, just his fourth hattrick in the NRL. The 'home' side marched their way back down into Titans' territory as the Titans continued to fail at preventing the Roosters from gaining territory. This time, the Roosters attack down the left flank and it was Keary's halves partner, Sam Walker who delivered the try this time with a great pass over the top of the Titans defence which found Tupou who scored in the corner for his second. The Titans unfortunately put the following kick-off out on the full, allowing the Roosters entry into their own end once again. They followed the trend of the match and attacked the Titans right-edge defence again and came up with another try as a Keary cut out ball found Suaalii on the wing, who charged for the corner and scored gracefully for his second try of the night. **LACHY MACCORQUODALE**

SYDNEY 44 (J. Tedesco 3, J. Sua'alii 2, D. Tupou 2, S. Taukeiaho tries; S. Walker 5, P. Momirovski goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 16** (H. Ese'ese, B. Fermor, S. Lisone tries; T. Sexton 2 goals) **AT BB PRINT STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 7th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney

24-10. Penalties: Sydney 9-8. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 5,527. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'alii; Walker, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Tupouniua, Hutchison, Baker, Taukeiaho. **GOLD COAST:** Brimson, Marzhev, Kelly, Herbert, Thompson; Smith, Sexton; Fotuauka, Clark, Liu, Proctor, Fermor, Fa'asuamaleau (C). Int: Boyd, Lisone, Ese'ese, McIntyre.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 36 NEWCASTLE 16

North Queensland have come back from a poor first half to defeat a depleted Newcastle Knights side 36-16 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium and maintain their place as one of the most improved teams in 2022.

Newcastle was up against it with four changes midweek, before a gameday withdrawal of Tyson Frizzell with a 'non-COVID' illness. Their start was appalling with poor discipline leading to the game's opening try. Tom Dearden continued his great form by taking the ball to the line and with momentum, Dearden found the line and with Holmes conversion, the Cowboys had an early lead. Newcastle worked their way back into the game and thanks to the magic work of Kalyn Ponga, he tapped it onto Dom Young and the winger crossed for the Knights first try in 193 minutes. Ponga's missed kick saw them trail by two points. Fifteen minutes later, a lovely ball from Scott Drinkwater over the head of Edrick Lee found Kyle Feldt and Feldt continued his recent try-scoring form to lead 12-4. Newcastle had the perfect entry into half-time with two quickfire tries. First was when Ponga placed a perfect grubber kick for Jacob Saifiti which came off the post and the Knights were trailing by just two points. Minutes later, it was a great leadup play from Tex Hoy who got it away to Chris Randall who burrowed over to score and the Knights had a shock 16-12 lead at half-time.

North Queensland had the perfect start to the second half when they piled on two quick unanswered tries in a rather bizarre fashion. Chad Townsend misfired the kick, but Murray Taulagi caught it and went through a gap bigger than Sydney Heads and the Cowboys tied the game back up, with Holmes' conversion, North Queensland regained a slender two-point advantage. Off the next set, no one wanted the ball on the last tackle, but they shifted it right, and the Cowboys hit the Knights with the double whammy. Newcastle fell asleep on the right-hand side and Holmes crossed and converted his try to lead by 8. Jeremiah Nanai might have a stint on Dancing with the Stars in the off-season, after showcasing his silky skills by stepping past multiple Knights defenders after his trademark bomb take and the Knights were imploding. The Cowboys finished their air-raid when Heilum Luki took an uncontested bomb and ran it around under the post to give us the final score of 36-16. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 36 (T. Dearden, K. Feldt, V. Holmes, H. Luki, J. Nanai, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 6 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 16** (C. Randall, J. Saifiti, D. Young tries; K. Ponga 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 7th May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 16-12. Penalties: North Queensland 7-6. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 14,463. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Tabuai-Fidow, Luki, Hess, Neame. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Tuala, Best, Young; Hoy, Crossland; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Johns, Fitzgibbon, Thompson. Int: Saifiti, Croker, Saulo, Sasagi.

MELBOURNE 42 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 6

The Melbourne Storm have confirmed their spot back on top of the NRL ladder with a dominant 42-6 win over the St George Illawarra Dragons.

In an even first half, the Dragons were matching it early on with the home side though it was the Storm who crossed for what looked to be two tries only to have them overturned by the bunker with the first ruled out for an obstruction whilst the second was ruled to have been a knock-on. A missed penalty goal attempt from Ryan Papenhuyzen also cost Melbourne a chance to take an early lead whilst the Dragons had an effort denied by the bunker when Mikaele Ravalawa grounded the ball on the touch in-goal line. The Storm opened the scoring after 20 minutes when Ryan Papenhuyzen went himself at the line and scored and it was third time lucky for the Storm. Extending their lead ten minutes later, the Storm pounced on an error from the Dragons and turned defence into attack racing away to score through Nick Meaney.

It might have been a tight affair in the first half, but it was anything but in the second half as the Melbourne Storm turned on the style and flair in the second half. A careless play from the Dragons yet again put the Storm onto the attack and it was Nick Meaney who set things up kicking infield for a hobbling Ryan Papenhuyzen to chase through and score. Papenhuyzen left the field with a hamstring injury to go with a knee injury so Meaney took over the conversion duties successfully. Adding a penalty go to 20 ahead, the Storm didn't stop with the scoring as some great work from Cam Munster to find Jahrome Hughes in open space with a pinpoint kick after Xavier Coates kept the ball alive.

The Dragons defence had been exhausted by the Storm who were able to make easy metres up field and Cam Munster used the fragility as he ran hard and straight at the line to score. The Storm then did the same thing a few minutes later when Nelson Asofa-Solomona was able to charge over at the line.

The Storm held a 36-0 lead when the Dragons were able to get a consolation try through Jack De Belin. Melbourne put the cherry on top when Trent Loiero charged through to score from close range. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

MELBOURNE 42 (R. Papenhuyzen 2, N. Asofa-Solomona, J. Hughes, T. Loiero, N. Meaney, C. Munster tries; N. Meaney 5, R. Papenhuyzen 2 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 6** (J. De Belin try; Z. Lomax goal) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sun, 8th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 12-0. Penalties: Melbourne 11-8. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 11,723.

MELBOURNE: Papenhuyzen, Meaney, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Smith, Wishart, Loiero, Lewis. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Mbye, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amona, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Sims, Bird, McGuire, De Belin. Int: Lawrie, Woods, Fuimaono, Sullivan.

CRONULLA 29 WARRIORS 10

The Cronulla Sharks spent almost an hour playing with 12 men - and a further 10 minutes when down to 11 men later - due to Will Kennedy getting sent off and Jesse Ramien sin binned, yet they not only held on, but increased their lead while defending heroically to belt the Warriors 29-10 at Pointsbet Stadium.

The Sharks opened the scoring in the 7th minute when Jesse Ramien made a break down the right side, before getting a good ball inside to Will Kennedy who then drew the defender before linking with Nicho Hynes who raced 30 metres to score. Hynes converted his try. In the 17th minute Reece Walsh stepped Kennedy, who then flung out his arm and collected Walsh with a sloppy coat hanger. Walsh was unaffected and got straight to his feet, but the referee did not hesitate in sending off Kennedy. In the set following Kennedy's dismissal, the Warriors swung the ball right, taking advantage of the extra man advantage they had, leading to a try to Dallin Watene-Zelezniak in the corner. Walsh failed to convert from out wide.

Four minutes later the Warriors took the lead when Walsh received an offload, ran around to the left and through a gap, before he was ankle-tapped by Sione Katoa. As Walsh fell forward he got a good offload away to Daejarn Asi, who grubbered to the left side where Viliami Vailea got a good bounce and scored out wide. Walsh converted from out wide to give the Warriors a 10-6 lead. The Sharks hit back 9 minutes before halftime when Teig Wilton received a lovely flat ball in the line, he hit the line and spun before crashing over for a good try. Hynes converted to give the Sharks a 2 point lead.

Six minutes after play resumed from the halftime break, Hynes skipped clear of a tackle, passed to Siosifa Talakai, who drew the cover defender before getting a lovely ball to Connor Tracey who scored untouched in the corner. Hynes failed to convert from out wide. In the 55th minute Jesse Ramien was sent to the sin bin after he hit Euan Aitken with a shoulder charge to the head, which resulted in Aitken leaving the field for an HIA which he ultimately failed. The Sharks dominated possession and field position for the following ten minutes, denying the Warriors a chance to get back into the game despite having 2 extra men on the field.

Shortly after Ramien returned to the field, the Sharks crossed again when Hynes threw a long, looping ball over the top to Tracey, who ran in and around to score nearer to the posts. Hynes converted. In the 74th minute Hynes calmly potted a field goal to give the Sharks a 13 point lead.

But the misery didn't end there for the Warriors as Hynes sent Ramien in for a try, which he converted to give the Sharks an impressive and dominant 19 point victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CRONULLA 29 (C. Tracey 2, N. Hynes, J. Ramien, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 4 goals; N. Hynes field goal) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 10** (V. Vailea, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh goal) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 8th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 12-10. Penalties: Warriors 7-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 9,915. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Tracey; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Finucane (C), Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Tolman, Williams, Graham, Fifita. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Berry, Pompey; Asi, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Egan, Lodge, Aitken, Katoa, Tevaga. Int: Murchie, Murdoch-Masila, Afoa, Pene, Sironen.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 9

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Melbourne	8 - 0 - 1	225	16
2	Penrith	8 - 0 - 1	148	16
3	North Qld	6 - 0 - 3	102	12
4	Cronulla	6 - 0 - 3	71	12
5	Parramatta	6 - 0 - 3	53	12
6	Sydney	5 - 0 - 4	46	10
7	Manly	5 - 0 - 4	0	10
8	Brisbane	5 - 0 - 4	-10	10
9	Souths	4 - 0 - 5	19	8
10	Warriors	4 - 0 - 5	-81	8
11	St Geo Illa	4 - 0 - 5	-85	8
12	Canberra	3 - 0 - 6	-73	6
13	W Tigers	2 - 0 - 7	-82	4
14	Gold Coast	2 - 0 - 7	-84	4
15	Canterbury	2 - 0 - 7	-115	4
16	Newcastle	2 - 0 - 7	-134	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Joe STIMSON (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR (Bulldogs): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000
Jeremy MARSHALL-KING (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Ryan MATTERSON (Eels): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000
Lindsay COLLINS (Roosters): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Tom GILBERT (Cowboys): G1 Careless HT - \$1800
Francis MOLO (Dragons): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$3000
Will KENNEDY (Sharks): G3 Careless HT - 2 matches
Jesse RAMIEN (Sharks): G3 Careless HT - 3 matches
Toby RUDOLF (Sharks): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500

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SOUTH SYDNEY v BRISBANE 3 points - Adam Reynolds, 2 points - Patrick Carrigan, 1 points - Selwyn Cobbo

CANBERRA v CANTERBURY 3 points - Matt Frawley, 2 points - Adam Elliott, 1 points - Matt Burton

PENRITH v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Clinton Gutherson, 2 points - Reed Mahoney, 1 points - Viliame Kikau

MANLY v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 2 points - Luke Garner, 1 points - Ben Trbojevic

SYDNEY v GOLD COAST 3 points - James Tedesco, 2 points - Luke Keary, 1 points - Joseph Manu

NORTH QLD v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Chad Townsend, 2 points - Reuben Cotter, 1 points - Kalyn Ponga

MELBOURNE v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Cameron Munster, 2 points - Nick Meaney, 1 points - Harry Grant

CRONULLA v WARRIORS 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Dale Finucane, 1 points - Teig Wilton

LEADERBOARD

15 POINTS	Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
14 POINTS	Cameron Munster (Storm)
12 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
11 POINTS	Mitchell Moses (Eels)
10 POINTS	Jahrome Hughes (Storm)
9 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm)



MAGIC ROUND: ROUND 10

NEWCASTLE 16 CANTERBURY 6

The Newcastle Knights have tasted victory after seven long weeks of misery with a 16-6 win over Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in the opening match of Magic Round 2022.

Claiming their third win from ten matches to surpass their opponents off the bottom of the NRL ladder, the Knights overcame two bombed tries in the second half to secure the result courtesy of a late four-pointer to Adam Clune.

Opening the scoring via a Kalyn Ponga penalty goal during the opening minutes, the Knights posted the first try of Magic Round with Ponga finding Bradman Best down a short side, who offloaded to send Edrick Lee (14th minute) over for his first try in the NRL since the final round of the 2020 season.

Taking a fixated approach to attacking through Matt Burton's kicking game, the Bulldogs produced a result midway through the half after a grubber close to the try line allowed Josh Addo-Carr (20th minute) to outpace Dominic Young to the ball.

Adding a penalty goal through Burton in the latter stages of the first 40 minutes, the Knights were unable to capitalise on late opportunities to leave the scores level at 6-6.

Appearing to strike early after halftime through Daniel Saifiti - only for the bunker to overturn the on-field decision for an obstruction - the Knights disappointment was short-lived with Ponga exposing the Bulldogs rushing goal line defence and sending Best (48th minute) over for his third try of the season.

In a nervous second half for both side, Newcastle forwards Leo Thompson and Pasami Saulo were left to rue missed opportunities over the try line with Thompson spilling a pass from Phoenix Crossland, while Saulo failed to properly ground a grubber from Clune.

Securing the result in the final minutes following a fortuitous line drop out ruling, Clune (75th minute) broke through to score his first try in red and blue and seal the ten-point win. **ROB CROSBY**

NEWCASTLE 16 (B. Best, A. Clune, E. Lee tries; K. Ponga 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 6** (J. Addo-Carr try; M. Burton goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 13th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Newcastle 6-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 30,220. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Okunbor, Schoupp, Naden, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Biondi-Odo, Stimson, King, Patolo. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Tuala, Best, Young; Hoy, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Barnett, Fitzgibbon, Thompson. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Saulo, Croker.

BRISBANE 38 MANLY 0

The Brisbane Broncos have continued to prove to doubters wrong, beating the Sea Eagles by a massive 38 points to nil scoreline in the second game of Magic Round.

The match started off in disaster for the Sea Eagles and never really got any better, with Tom Trbojevic allowing the kickoff to bounce and the ball then went over the dead ball line. The Sea Eagles then opted to go short with the dropout, but it was taken well by Kotoni Staggs, and the Broncos went on the attack. Their set ended with a pinpoint crossfield kick by Adam Reynolds, who found an open Selwyn Cobbo for the first try of the game. The Broncos then had a mountain of possession for the next 10 or 15 minutes, but were unable to turn it into points. Manly were finally given opportunities through penalties and Broncos errors, but didn't pose a threat. On their first trip to the red-zone, Daly Cherry-Evans put in a kick on the third tackle that was knocked on by Koula, and on the next occasion Kieran Foran simply dropped it cold.

The Broncos got a set restart on the ensuing set, and Billy Walters was taken out from chasing his own kick off the ball by Jake Trbojevic. They took the 2, making it 8-0 in the 22nd minute.

Manly were still right in the game late in the first half when Foran forced a dropout, but Koula was stripped 1-on-1 by Tyson Gamble, putting a stop to any momentum the Sea Eagles had garnered. Adam Reynolds continued to put on a show. It was about to be half time when the former Rabbitoh put in a chip'n'chase to score a brilliant individual try before the break. His conversion made it a three-score game at the interval.

Despite what the final score ended up as, Manly were given every opportunity to make something of the game. Brisbane knocked on on the second tackle of the second half, but Martin Taupau turned it right back over on the first play after the scrum win. The next time Manly got the ball they again turned it over, and the Broncos made them pay, with Reynolds putting in another magnificent, perfectly weighted kick for Selwyn Cobbo, and he again converted from out wide to make it a 20 point ball game. The Sea Eagles were then gifted another golden opportunity when Jordan Riki knocked on off the kickoff, but by this point they were getting desperate, and it culminated in Dylan Walker forcing a cutout pass that was picked off by Cobbo, who ran the length of the field for the second time in two weeks and notched up his first career hat-trick.

Corey Oates would score a late double, taking advantage of some meek Manly defence to make the final score 38-0. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

BRISBANE 38 (S. Cobbo 3, C. Oates 2, A. Reynolds tries; A. Reynolds 7 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 0 AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 13th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 14-0. Penalties: Brisbane 4-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 40,267. **MANLY:** Trbojevic, Tuipulotu, Trbojevic, Koula, Garrick; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Trbojevic. Int: Walker, Davey, Taupau, Siple. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Gamble, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Hetherington, Flegler, Palasia.

SOUTH SYDNEY 32 WARRIORS 30

It was the literal game of two halves as South Sydney Rabbitohs held on 32-30 against New Zealand Warriors in the first game of day two of Magic Round.

Neither team will be happy with their performance tonight. Rabbitohs surged into a huge lead before they allowed a Warriors side that has been a sieve to stage a comeback which almost was magical. The Rabbitohs strong first half was enough to secure a vital two points. South Sydney Rabbitohs will relish the first half after their near faultless performance to lead 26-6 before burning the second half tape after almost conceding a magical comeback to a downtrodden New Zealand Warriors side. Cody Walker was the star after taking the captain's armband and set up a majority of the Rabbitohs points. Coming off their loss last week, Rabbitohs were sparkling in attack. In their first four visits to the Warriors end, they found the tryline each time. Taane Milne found the line twice before it was the turn of the other winger Alex Johnston to make it 14-0. Next, Walker provided a wonderful kick to find fullback Blake Taaffe to stretch the advantage to 20. Rabbitohs looked much more like the side which were in the Grand Final last year and were pulling apart a shambolic Warriors outfit who have leaked points for fun. There was one final moment of magic in the first half. Damien Cook showed off his strength after the Rabbitohs recovered the ball from a chargedown and slammed the ball down to make it 26-0. Warriors did get some late joy through Marcelo Montoya to reduce the deficit to 20.

It looked like the rampage would continue in the second half when halfback Lachlan Ilias finished off a left hand raid started by Johnston. Ilias was denied a globetrotter style four-pointer earlier in the half when he was judged to knock on. Past the hour mark, Warriors got themselves in double digits when Adam Pompey was on-hand in the corner. When Jazz Tevaga burrowed over from close range to make it 32-18, there was a flicker of hope for the kiwi side to make a comeback. That flicker turned into a forest fire mid-season recruit Daejan Asi sliced through some feeble defence to cut the deficit to eight then it was quickly followed by Montoya completing his brace in the final two minutes. The scene was set for a grandstand finish after Reece Walsh kicked five from five at the tee to make it 32-30. Shaun Johnson tried a long range two-point field to take it to extra time but it was charged down and the game ended in an unsuccessful challenge.

So the Warriors showed some grit and desire to get within one score but again, they are inconsistent in their application to the game. For the Rabbitohs, it is the classic game of two halves that the proud side will need to fix up if they want to challenge this season. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

SOUTH SYDNEY 32 (T. Milne 2, D. Cook, L. Ilias, A. Johnston, B. Taaffe tries; B. Taaffe 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 30** (M. Montoya 2, D. Asi, A. Pompey, J. Tevaga tries; R. Walsh 5 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 14th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 26-6. Penalties: Warriors 7-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 30,503. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Pompey, Montoya; Asi, Johnson; Fonua-Blake (C), Tevaga, Lodge, Murchie, Katoa, Pene. Int: Harris, Murdoch-Masila, Afoa, Lussick. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Taaffe, Johnston, Paulo, Graham, Milne; Walker (C), Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Arrow. Int: Nikorima, Moale, Havili, Knight.

GOLD COAST 20 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16

The Gold Coast Titans have held on to secure a 89th minute, 20-16 Golden Point victory against the St.George-Illawarra Dragons in woeful weather conditions in the fourth game of NRL Magic Round at Suncorp Stadium.

The Titans were very much in the driver's seat throughout the first half, scoring in the sixth minute when Toby Sexton's kick was batted back by Phillip Sami to Jamayne Isaako. Isaako offloaded back to Sami who in turn offloaded out to the unmarked AJ Brimson who dived over in the corner for a good try. Isaako failed to convert from touch. The next 15 minutes saw the Titans force 5 consecutive drop outs as well as receiving a set restart before Josh McGuire was sent to the sin bin in the 19th minute, handing the Titans a penalty, yet somehow the Dragons did not concede a point in this period. In fact, it was in their third minute whilst playing with just 12 men, that the Dragons got on the scoreboard when Ben Hunt moved the ball left to Moses Suli, who drew a defender, which created an overlap, before getting a good ball out to Mathew Feagai who scored in the corner. Zac Lomax failed to convert from out wide. In the 29th minute the Titans scored a try when Sexton's grubber held up for Beau Fermor to pounce on before it landed in the waiting arms of Mikaele Ravalawa. Isaako converted the try. Just before halftime, Jayden Campbell had a shot at a field goal but it was waved away. As the teams went into the sheds the Titans held a 10-4 lead.

Five minutes after the break, Ben Hunt kicked early to get a 40/20 for his side, but they were unable to mount any pressure from the opportunity. In the 54th minute, Jack De Belin received a short ball from Talatau Amona and he crashed over to score. Lomax converted to level the scores. In the 65th, Ravalawa dived to score in the corner but was hit with an illegal shoulder charge from Sami. Ravalawa failed to score, but the Dragons received a penalty and Lomax nailed the goal from the sideline to give the Dragons a 12-10 lead. Five minutes later Hunt drifted left, drew a defender and then sent Suli through a huge gap which he strolled through to score on the left side. Lomax failed to convert. With five left in the game, Jarrod Wallace received a crash ball near the Dragons line and he smashed his way over to score a powerful try near the posts. Isaako converted to level the scores. At fulltime it was 16 all. Isaako missed back-to-back field goal attempts in the opening three minutes of golden point before Lomax had a shot, which was also wide of the mark. Sexton attempted to nail the match winner in the 87th minute but it was woeful, however it was also spilled by Amona on his own goal line. From the ensuing scrum the Titans opted to send the ball right to Isaako who dived and just managed to score in the corner before being taken into touch, giving the Titans a 20-16 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

GOLD COAST 20 (A. Brimson, B. Fermor, J. Isaako, J. Wallace tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16** (J. De Belin, M. Feagai, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 14th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 10-4. Penalties: Gold Coast 7-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 41,593. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Thompson, Sami, Marsters, Isaako; Brimson, Sexton; Fotuaka, Clark, Wallace, Liu, Fermor, Fa'asumaleaui (C). Int: Boyd, Lisone, Ese'ese, McIntyre. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amona, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Bird, McGuire, De Belin. Int: Sims, Sullivan, Woods, Gosiewski.

PENRITH 32 MELBOURNE 6

Penrith showed their class and dominance by downing a depleted Melbourne Storm side 32-6 in the nightcap of Day 2 of the NRL's Magic Round.

Wet conditions met both sides as the surface was starting to show its wear and tear after staging the previous four games and the preceding week-long deluge of rain. Melbourne was already down on troops but lost Jahrome Hughes before kickoff with a calf injury, making their already difficult task even more challenging taking on a rejuvenated Panthers side who were coming off their first loss of the season. Penrith got off to the perfect start when they collected the opening try just after five minutes when Izack Tago crossed after a lovely set play from the Panthers down the left-hand edge. Five minutes later, Cleary went to the skies and found a high flying Villiame Kikau who soared to new heights to cross for the Panthers' second try. Melbourne would overcome the early ambush when Cam Munster engineered a mini fightback. Munster first stripped the ball from Tago and then on the final tackle, placed his kick with pinpoint accuracy for Nick Meaney who crossed to get Melbourne back in the game and only trail by 6 points after a great sideline conversion from Meaney. Melbourne would have opportunities but unfortunately, the final passes were going to the ground and allowed Penrith to be let off the hook. A high shot from Meaney on Penrith fullback Dylan Edwards allowed Cleary to pot over a penalty goal to extend the margin out to two scores, although Penrith realistically should've scored due to Stephen Crichton passing up the overlap. Off the ensuing set after points, stand in fullback Tyran Wishart let a nightmare bomb from Luai spill from his grasp and Tago slid over to score his second try. Cleary's conversion set Penrith up with a comfortable 20-6 half-time advantage.

Penrith applied the blow torch furiously in the second stanza, with a remarkable 75-25 split in territory down Melbourne's end of the ground. A controversial penalty against Meaney for apparently obstructing Stephen Crichton set Penrith up with this field position. Penrith would stay down here for the majority of the second half. Melbourne would hang on for dear life, but the pressure was too much and Kikau turned provider for Luai to stroll over and extend the margin to 20 points. Nine minutes later, Crichton again nearly blew an opportunity but had way too much strength for Meaney to cross for the Panthers to set up the 26 point margin. Melbourne tried their hardest, but unfortunately combined ill-discipline with a poor completion rate and you don't do that against a ruthless team like the Panthers. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 32 (I. Tago 2, S. Crichton, V. Kikau, J. Luai tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 6** (N. Meaney try; N. Meaney goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 14th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-6. Penalties: Penrith 8-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 46,454. **MELBOURNE:** Wishart, Meaney, Seve, Olam, Coates; Munster, Johns; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Smith, Loiero, Lewis, Kamikamica. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon.

CANBERRA 30 CRONULLA 10

Despite having their backs to the wall for most of the contest, the Canberra Raiders will have silenced some of their detractors with a brave 30-10 victory over the Cronulla Sharks.

The Raiders started the game fast yet again as they opened the scoring after just six minutes when Sione Katoa was in all sorts underneath a bomb from Brad Schneider as he was completely outleapt by Sebastian Kris who got above Katoa and scored.

Discipline and poor play hurt the Sharks as the Raiders continued their dominance and it was after repeat pressure that the Green machine took advantage when Josh Papalii charged over from close range. The Raiders added a penalty goal soon after before Sione Katoa's poor afternoon continued when a bone crunching tackle from Sebastian Kris forced the ball loose and Corey Harawira-Naera was able to score in the middle pushing the score out to 20-0 on the half hour mark. The Sharks were given a chance a few minutes as the Raiders lost their first player to the sin bin when Charnz Nicoll-Klokstad was given his marching orders by referee Liam Kennedy for a professional foul. Despite going down to 12, Canberra had one final chance just shy of half time that was denied by the bunker with Jordan Rapana being ruled offside.

The second half was always going to be a test for the Raiders given their efforts in recent weeks and their mettle was tested when discipline issues gave the Sharks plenty of opportunities to score. The Raiders for a second time were down to 12 men when Corey Horsburgh was given ten minutes in the sin bin after the bunker ruled that the Canberra second rower took out the kick chaser.

The Sharks took advantage eventually when Sione Katoa scored out wide despite there being questions about a potential obstruction in the middle that stopped Nicoll-Klokstad from sliding across, but it was given the all clear. Things were going to get tougher for Canberra when Elliott Whitehead was sent to the sin bin for high contact that saw Dale Finucane ruled out of the game meaning the Green machine went down to 11 for a short period. The Raiders were also copping some tough calls and a harsh knock-on call saw the Sharks use the field position as Royce Hunt was able to spin his way out of a tackle to slam the ball down.

Messy play was the downfall of the Sharks as the Raiders took advantage late on in the contest when Zac Woolford went out of dummy half and split the Sharks defence and found Brad Schneider to score. A few minutes later, the Sharks threw a wayward pass that was cleaned up by Hudson Young who raced 70m to score and seal the victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CANBERRA 30 (C. Harawira-Naera, S. Kris, J. Papalii, B. Schneider, H. Young tries; B. Schneider 5 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 10** (R. Hunt, S. Katoa tries; N. Hynes goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 20-0. Penalties: Cronulla 10-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 30,453. **CRONULLA:** Hynes, Katoa, Tracey, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Finucane (C), Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Tolman, Williams, Graham, Hunt, Hiroti. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Frawley, Schneider; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Harawira-Naera. Int: Starling, Sutton, Savage, Horsburgh.

SYDNEY 31 PARRAMATTA 24

The Sydney Roosters got off to a brilliant start, but 3 unanswered tries by the Eels in 13 minutes turned a one-sided contest into a hard fought, entertaining grind to the final whistle, the Tricolours holding on for a 31-24 victory.

The Roosters opened the scoring in just the third minute when Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, standing at first receiver, dummied to pass to the middle, then turned and ran straight through a poor tackle effort by Regan Campbell-Gillard before stretching out in the tackle by Reed Mahoney to score a great try. Sam Walker converted. Parramatta responded 5 minutes later when Mitch Moses showed the ball before busting through the defensive line, ran downfield and drew James Tedesco before hitting Isaiah Papali'i with a lovely ball and he ran 25 metres to score under the posts. Moses converts the try. The Roosters replied almost immediately when Walker's grubber kept rolling and refused to pop up for Clint Gutherson, who kept waiting for the favourable bounce, before it rolled past him. Tedesco chasing hard got his hands on the ball first to score. Walker converts from out wide. In the 16th minute Tom Opacic was sent to the sin bin for tackling Tedesco without the ball. Walker kicked a penalty goal to extend the Roosters lead to 8 points. In the 24th minute Walker pulled off a brilliant chip and chase which he regathered to score near the posts. He then converted his own try. Right on halftime Walker potted a casual field goal to give the Roosters a 21-6 lead at the break.

The Roosters continued to build their lead just after play resumed when they scored in the 43rd minute. After a good run by Daniel Tupou down the left side, the Roosters sent the ball right to Luke Keary who lobbed a pass over the intercept attempt of Hayze Perham, where Joey Manu received the ball before he flicked a great ball out to Joseph Suaalii who juggled it before diving over to score in the corner. Walker failed to convert from touch. The game was turned on its ear shortly after thanks to a flurry of points from the Eels. In the 46th minute Papali'i strolled through some feeble tackle efforts to score on the right side. Moses converted. Two minutes later Moses produced a short side play where he ran down the sideline, grubbered infield, chased his kick, regathered and scored a splendid try! He then converted it from out wide. Just 7 minutes later the Eels scored again when Joseph Paulo got a brilliant offload away to Mahoney who then passed to Ryan Matterson, who stood and struggled in a gang tackle in the Roosters ingoal, before falling over and scoring under the black dot. Moses added the extras to reduce the Roosters 19 point lead down to just 1. The Eels momentum was halted almost immediately when Keary kicked for the corner and Suaalii flew very high to takes the catch cleanly. He then twisted in the tackle as he hit the ground before falling over the line to score. Walker failed to convert from the sideline. Walker kicked a penalty goal with 7 minutes remaining to give the Roosters a 7 point lead. The Eels threw the ball about but try as they might, could not add any more points. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SYDNEY 31 (J. Sua'alii 2, J. Tedesco, J. Waerea-Hargreaves, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 5 goals; S. Walker field goal) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 24** (I. Papali'i 2, R. Matterson, M. Moses tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 21-6. Penalties: Sydney 6-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 40,135. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'alii; Walker, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Hutchison, Taukeiaho, Crichton, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Watson, Baker, Butcher, Fifita. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Perham, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson, Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Brown. Int: Makatoa, Matterson, Kaufusi, Cartwright.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 36 WESTS TIGERS 12

The NRL's most improved team, the North Queensland Cowboys have rounded out the NRL Magic Round in convincing fashion, downing a depleted Wests Tigers side 36-12.

Wests came into this game with a swag of late changes in the backs and would suffer further injuries throughout the game. The most notable was suffered by 5/8 Luke Brooks who left at half-time with a hamstring injury. It was the Cowboys who got on the board first inside the opening ten minutes with the try of Magic Round, when Murray Taulagi looked for certain to go into touch, before flicking it back inside to Scott Drinkwater who crossed for the opening try of the game and an early lead. Six minutes later, the Tigers hit back when Junior Tupou flew through the air to take the bomb and score his first NRL try in his maiden top-flight appearance and give the Tigers a shock two-point advantage.

The Tigers compounded their try by making an unforgivable mistake off the kickoff when Starford To'a failed to place his foot on the sideline in trying to take the kickoff out on the full. The Tigers would rue this error when Taulagi grabbed a try of his own before the 20-minute mark when he finished off a well-worked set play. The injury hits began for the Tigers when Jake Simpkin failed his HIA following an awkward tackle attempt. Off a dubious hip drop penalty, the Tigers hit back when Hastings and Brooks combined to send Luke Garner away untouched in the corner and with Hastings' conversion, Wests led by four.

The Cowboys hit the Tigers with a cruel double blow before half-time, the carnage began when a Chad Townsend bomb was dropped by Zane Musgrove under the pressure from Coen Hess. Chad Townsend threw a lovely cut out ball to Kyle Feldt to cross and with Holmes' conversion, the visitors led by two. Off the ensuing set, Reuben Cotter accepted a lovely offload in the middle third and he sprinted the best part of 60 metres untouched to put the Cowboys ahead by 20-12 at half-time.

The Tigers were hit with another blow when Brooks failed to return for the second 40 with a hamstring injury, compounded with a shoulder injury to Musgrove, the Tigers played the second 40 with just one fresh reserve. Taulagi was denied an early double when he placed his foot on the line when going for the corner, but he made amends when he crossed in the 47th minute to extend the margin to 14. Ten minutes later, Peta Hiku crossed after a lovely ball from Dearden saw Hiku outmuscle several Tigers defenders. A late special from Jeremiah Nanai saw him snatch a bomb out of the air to seal a convincing Cowboys victory 36-12. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 36 (M. Taulagi 2, R. Cotter, S. Drinkwater, K. Feldt, P. Hiku, J. Nanai tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (L. Garner, J. Tupou tries; J. Hastings 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 20-12. Penalties: North Queensland 8-6. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 43,401. **WESTS TIGERS:** To'a, Tupou, Peachey, Garner, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings; Tamou (C), Simpkin, Musgrove, Tuilagi, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Twa, Seyfarth, Utoikamanu, Pauga. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Tabuai-Fidow, Luki, Hess, Neame.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 10

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	9 - 0 - 1	174	18
2	Melbourne	8 - 0 - 2	199	16
3	North Qld	7 - 0 - 3	126	14
4	Sydney	6 - 0 - 4	53	12
5	Cronulla	6 - 0 - 4	51	12
6	Parramatta	6 - 0 - 4	46	12
7	Brisbane	6 - 0 - 4	28	12
8	Souths	5 - 0 - 5	21	10
9	Manly	5 - 0 - 5	-38	10
10	Canberra	4 - 0 - 6	-53	8
11	Warriors	4 - 0 - 6	-83	8
12	St Geo Illa	4 - 0 - 6	-89	8
13	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 7	-80	6
14	Newcastle	3 - 0 - 7	-124	6
15	W Tigers	2 - 0 - 8	-106	4
16	Canterbury	2 - 0 - 8	-125	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Tom GILBERT (Cowboys): G1 Careless HT - \$3000
Nick MEANEY (Storm): G1 Careless HT - \$750
Sam McINTYRE (Titans): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Jack MURCHIE (Warriors): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Chris PATOLO (Bulldogs): G1 Careless HT - \$1000
Toafofoa SIPLEY (Sea Eagles): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000

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CANTERBURY v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Kalyn Ponga, 2 points - David Klemmer, 1 points - Mitchell Barnett

MANLY v BRISBANE 3 points - Adam Reynolds, 2 points - Selwyn Cobbo, 1 points - Patrick Carrigan

WARRIORS v SOUTHS 3 points - Cody Walker, 2 points - Reece Walsh, 1 points - Blake Taaffe

GOLD COAST v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Toby Sexton, 2 points - Ben Hunt, 1 points - Tino Fa'asuaaleau

MELBOURNE v PENRITH 3 points - Nathan Cleary, 2 points - Jarome Luai, 1 points - Isiah Yeo

CRONULLA v CANBERRA 3 points - Brad Schneider, 2 points - Josh Papali'i, 1 points - Sebastian Kris

SYDNEY v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Luke Keary, 2 points - Isaiah Papali'i, 1 points - Jared Waerea-Hargreaves

WESTS TIGERS v NORTH QLD 3 points - Reuben Cotter, 2 points - Murray Taulagi, 1 points - Tom Dearden

LEADERBOARD

15 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
14 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm)
12 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
11 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons), Mitchell Moses (Eels)
10 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm)



ROUND 11

BRISBANE 36 NEWCASTLE 12

A late flurry of tries in the final 13 minutes has seen the Brisbane Broncos post an emphatic 36-12 win over the Newcastle Knights at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Making the most of a contentious obstruction ruling with the game on the line at 14-12, the Broncos ran in 22 points in the final moments to extend their dominant run to five straight wins for the first time since 2017.

Coming out of the sheds with attacking intentions from the kick-off, the Knights got off to a strong start with Adam Clune executing a well-weighted grubber that contacted off the hand of Broncos debutant Ezra Mam into the arms of Tyson Frizell (9th minute). Going close to extending their lead on multiple occasions only for Lachlan Fitzgibbon and Frizell to lose the ball over the line, the Knights were left to lament a single try during the opening half despite dominating possession.

Playing without captain Adam Reynolds due to a groin injury, the Broncos managed to find the try line midway through the first half with Billy Walters (25th minute) collecting his first try in Brisbane colours by making the most of a six-again call. Appearing to strike a critical blow late in the half following a terrific attacking kick from Anthony Milford in his club debut, a try to Dane Gagai was overturned after the bunker ruled the returning centre failed to re-grip the ball in the act of grounding.

Breaking the halftime deadlock after a goal line error from Dominic Young invited the Broncos on the attack, Jordan Riki (49th minute) charged onto a short pass from Tyson Gamble to put the visitors up 12-6.

Staggs, filling in as goal-kicker, pushed the margin out beyond a converted try following a late tackle from Jacob Saifiti on Gamble, however the Broncos were left to watch in awe a few sets later as Kalyn Ponga (61st minute) streaked onto a short pass from Mat Croker to score next to the posts. Going the length of the field despite Clune appearing to be obstructed inside the Broncos half, Kotoni Staggs combined with Selwyn Cobbo (67th minute) to the disgust of 13,312 parochial supporters. Blowing the game open during the final ten minutes with Corey Dates (70th minute) and Cobbo (74th minute) continuing their try-scoring prowess, an intercept from Milford on fulltime allowed Herbie Farnworth (80th minute) to complete a 36-12 rout. **ROB CROSBY**

BRISBANE 36 (S. Cobbo 2, H. Farnworth, C. Oates, J. Riki, B. Walters tries; K. Staggs 6 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 12** (T. Frizell, K. Ponga tries; K. Ponga 2 goals) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 19th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,312. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Best, Young; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Barnett. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Thompson, Croker. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Gamble, Mam; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell (C), Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Hetherington, Flegler, Palasia.

WESTS TIGERS 36 CANTERBURY 22

Wests Tigers won their third game of the season in a 36-22 success against Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs on Friday night at Leichhardt Oval.

Jackson Hastings had the ball on a string in directing the Tigers around in their fourteen point win which had the joint venture leading 18-0 at the break before they rallied past a gallant Bulldogs for a huge win.

Two desperate sides came to a soggy Leichhardt Oval on Friday night. It wasn't a game of the highest quality but the Tigers had enough class through Hastings to claim their third win of the season. They got the scoring started with a four pointer to Luke Garner to make it 4-0.

The Tigers continued to dazzle in the first half. Stylish winger Ken Maumalo gave the dedicated fans on a Friday night some joy with a pair of fantastic putdowns in the left corner which helped stretch the joint venture's advantage to 18-0.

After getting a bake from interim coach Mick Potter at the break, Bulldogs came out ready for action. Two of their big off-season signings in Tevita Pangai-Junior and Matt Burton combined for the latter to get them on the board.

Their cause was helped with Hastings being binned for offside after a long break. Bulldogs made the man advantage count with tries to Jeremy Marshall-King and young winger Jacob Kiraz which brought it back to 18-16.

The game continued to swing like a rusty gate between two lowly sides with Bulldogs centre Aaron Schoupp the next to head to the bin for a dangerous tackle. Tigers quickly profited through a returning Nu Brown against his old side.

From there the Tigers turned on the class. Jock Madden chipped for himself to give them some breathing space then Brown came back to haunt his former side again with a late burrowing effort which made it 36-22.

Dogs did give themselves a chance for the comeback when Schoupp dived over to make it eight the difference but it wasn't enough. A torrid week for the Bulldogs ended with another loss but despite their comeback cameo in the second half.

For the Tigers, it was a relief to pick up a vital two points. It was also a good way to celebrate game 100 for Alex Twal who received a standing ovation when he interchanged late in the contest for a HIA check. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

WESTS TIGERS 36 (F. Brown 2, K. Maumalo 2, L. Garner, J. Madden, S. To'a tries; J. Madden 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 22** (M. Burton, J. Kiraz, J. Marshall-King, A. Schoupp tries; M. Burton 3 goals) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL**. Date: Fri, 20th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 18-0. Penalties: Wests Tigers 11-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 15,124. **WESTS TIGERS:** To'a, Tupou, Naden, Peachey, Maumalo; Madden, Hastings; Tamou (C), Liddle, Musgrove, Garner, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Tuilagi, Twal, Brown, Utoikamanu. **CANTERBURY:** Dufty, Okunbor, Schoupp, Averillo, Kiraz; Burton, Flanagan; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Stimson, King. Int: Pangai Junior, Patolo, Dockar-Clay, Faitala-Mariner.

PARRAMATTA 22 MANLY 20

Manly will be without the services of fullback Tom Trbojevic after dislocating his shoulder as Parramatta came back to pip Manly in controversial circumstances at CommBank Stadium.

Parramatta thought they had the first try inside the first five minutes, but Hayze Perham was ruled to have obstructed Christian Tuipulotu from catching the bomb. After a slow start in which both sides were fighting it end to end, Manly pounced when Josh Schuster took a Mitch Moses kick out of the air and run downfield. Off the ensuing set, they shifted it left with Kieran Foran and Turbo. Morgan Harper redeems himself by stepping inside to get it to Reuben Garrick to cross for the first try, Garrick converted to extend their early lead.

Three minutes later, Parramatta pounced when Perham capitalised on a poor read in defence, but Manly still had a two point lead following a rare conversion miss from Moses. Five minutes later, the miss came back to bite the Eels when DCE found Christian Tuipulotu and the young winger crossed in the right-hand corner to extend their lead out to two converted tries. Perham grabbed his double seven minutes later as the weight of possession crushed the Manly defence after great ball movement from Brown and Gutho to reduce the margin to two. Mitch Moses was sin-binned on the stroke of half-time after a dubious professional foul when he pulled Tommy Turbo off the ball. Parramatta was able to hang on to trail by just two at the break.

Straight after the break, Manly pounced on the lack of numbers when Morgan Harper finished off a great movement started by Turbo capitalising on the poor edge defence from Parramatta. When Moses returned in the 49th minute, Manly pounced when Garrick collected his second try after diving on a great grubber kick from Foran to get the margin out to 10. On the hour mark, Tom Opacic crossed for the Eels when the offloads kept adding up for the home side and Manly were hanging on for dear life as the margin cut to four. The bad news kept on coming when two minutes later, Turbo dislocated his shoulder trying to force the ball dead in a contest in the in-goal. Manly's poor discipline continued to add up and Sean Keppie was guilty of a dangerous throw and was sin-binned by referee Ben Cummins on advice from the Bunker. Repeated sets off some poor discipline including a questionable high shot from Tuipulotu on Perham saw Manly eventually crack with three to go when Matterson linked up with Penisini to cross out-wide. Moses converted from the sideline showcasing his clutch ability.

Manly had one final chance to win, but the last chance failed to amount to points sealing a controversial win for Parramatta in a match that will be talked about all weekend. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PARRAMATTA 22 (H. Perham 2, T. Opacic, W. Penisini tries; M. Moses 3 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 20** (R. Garrick 2, M. Harper, C. Tuipulotu tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 20th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-10. Penalties: Parramatta 9-2. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 18,778. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Perham, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Niukore. Int: Matterson, Makatoa, Kaufusi, Brown. **MANLY:** Trbojevic, Tuipulotu, Harper, Koula, Garrick; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Keppie, Walker, Schuster, Taipau.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24 WARRIORS 18

The St George Illawarra Dragons have recorded their fifth win of the season 2022, coming back from a half-time deficit to defeat the hapless New Zealand Warriors by 6-points.

It was a horror start to the match for the Warriors, with Shaun Johnson dropping the kickoff and allowing the Dragons a chance to score straight away, which they did after Aitken couldn't knock the ball dead off a grubber and Zac Lomax grounded it in goal for the try. About 8 minutes later, Francis Molo knocked on and off the back of a set restart, the Warriors hit back. Shaun Johnson's crossfield kick on the last looked as if it would sail over the sideline on the full, but it was saved by a leaping Dallin Watene-Zelezniak, who tapped the ball back to Viliami Vailea, who went over in the corner. The Warriors then built some pressure, with back to back repeat sets forced by Shaun Johnson and Freddy Lussick respectively, and the Warriors were finally able to turn all that possession into a lead when Shaun Johnson opted to run the ball on the last and in doing so beat Ben Hunt and dived over to put his team in front. It didn't last long for the kiwis though, with Adam Pompey knocking on to give the Dragons excellent field position. The Dragons wasted no time throwing some attack at them, with Cody Ramsey the beneficiary of a right-side overlap, the young fullback opting to take the line on himself and scoring a try as a result. On the set after points, Jack de Belin knocked on, and Shaun Johnson again put in a crossfield kick that this time was well placed, and Matt Feagai was unable to reel it in as the ball bounced into the arms of Vailea, who notched up a first half double.

The Warriors would score another very good try on the other side of the half time break, executing a right hand shift to perfection, going through the hands with a series of crisp passes before Dallin Watene-Zelezniak finished it superbly. Despite scoring 4 tries to the Dragons 2, the Warriors were only up by a score of 18-12 due to Reece Walsh going 1/4 with the boot, something which would come back to haunt the Warriors in the end. The Dragons began gaining momentum after a reliving penalty was followed by a set restart, and the set ended in debutant Michael Molo crashing his way over the tryline underneath the black dot. Lomax converted, and the scores were tied at 18 with just over half an hour to go. The Dragons did not let up, going the length in their next set thanks largely to a Cody Ramsey break to put them on the attack, before the young fullback got into dummy half and probed down the short side, putting Lomax into a hole and the veteran centre scored his second try of the match. He didn't convert, but the Dragons added a penalty goal with 10 to go to make it a converted try the difference. The Warriors were unable to score an equalising try as the Dragons notched up their first win since Round 8, while after a promising start to the year the Warriors have slumped to a 4-7 record. **ADAM HUTXABLE**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24 (Z. Lomax 2, M. Molo, C. Ramsey tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 18** (V. Vailea 2, S. Johnson, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh goal) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 21st May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 14-12. Penalties: Warriors 4-2. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 7,147. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Bird, Sims, De Belin. Int: Sullivan, Woods, Molo, Fuimaono. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Pompey, Montoya; Asi, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Tevaga, Murdoch-Masila, Aitken, Murchie, Harris (C). Int: Pene, Afoa, Lussick, Katoa.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 36 MELBOURNE 6

North Queensland have cemented their spot in the NRL's top 4 with a resounding 30 point victory over the Melbourne Storm before a big crowd at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Melbourne again came in under-done, with Jahrome Hughes withdrawing late once again. After a tight opening ten minutes, it was a bizarre passage of play which saw the Cowboys take the first points. A short drop-out from Melbourne failed and Tom Gilbert charged his way to cross for the opening try of the evening, Holmes converted for the early 6-0 advantage. Melbourne was their own worst enemy throughout the match, constantly putting themselves under pressure conceding penalties and coughing up possession.

Inside the opening twenty, the Cowboys picked up another try when Tom Dearden found Reece Robson to give the home side a 12-0 lead. Melbourne hit back on the stroke of half-time when Harry Grant linked up with Felise Kaufusi to cross and give the visitors some hope before the break.

Then, the Cowboys went into overdrive putting together a flawless second half raid against Melbourne. Murray Taulagi continued his good form crossing in the left corner, after finishing off a lovely set play to establish their twelve point lead. Three minutes later, the leading try-scorer for the forwards Jeremiah Nanai crossed showcasing his strength and power to give the home side an 18 point lead.

Four minutes later, it was much of the same, Scott Drinkwater capitalised on some poor Melbourne defence to give the Cowboys their third try in the space of seven minutes showcasing the hype that has followed the team in recent weeks. Five minutes later, Air Nanai took off grabbing the grubber kick and securing the final margin of thirty points. The less we say about the final 20, the better. It was a mistake-filled final quarter. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 36 (J. Nanai 2, S. Drinkwater, T. Gilbert, R. Robson, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 6 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 6** (F. Kaufusi try; N. Meaney goal) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 21st May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 12-6. Penalties: North Queensland 9-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 22,728. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Cotter, Tabuai-Fidow, Luki, Neame. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Ieremia, Seve, Olam, Coates; Munster, Grant; Bromwich (C), Smith, Kamikamica, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Wishart, MacDonald, Loiero, Lewis.

PENRITH 32 SYDNEY 12

The Penrith Panthers have gone four points clear on top of the NRL ladder with a 32-12 victory over the Sydney Roosters at the SCG.

The match was the definition of the arm-wrestle for the first half an hour before the Panthers turned on their magic and showed why they are the dominant force of the competition. Isaah Yeo showed why he is leading the Dally M's when he created the Panthers opening try when he drew in defenders and then found Scott Sorensen to go through the gap before finding Jarome Luai to score.

Luai added a second try in quick speed when the Panthers shifted left on the last tackle and put Luai into space to score. The Panthers third try of the half was arguably one of the cheekiest plays you will see this season when the men in pink looked certain to go for field goal, Api Koroisau saw a gap and went from dummy half when the Roosters defence charged off the line to score.

The Roosters dominated the opening 20 minutes of the second half but it was a 95m effort that changed things when Stephen Crichton outjumped Daniel Tupou and had the momentum to race away to score.

James Tedesco had gone close a couple of times and then got his try with a good effort where he had to juggle a ball despite being pulled back by a Panthers defender.

Things became an instant disaster for the Roosters when James Fisher-Harris charged over from close range at the same time as being collected high by Jared Warera-Hargreaves as he scored. The Roosters big man wasn't happy with the eight point try being awarded and after an expletive laden rant to Gerard Sutton he was given his marching orders. Cleary kicked both goals from in front and extended the lead out to 26.

The Roosters got a consolation try at the end when Paul Momirovski was able to get into space after some poor defensive work by the Panthers. Sam Walker closed the gap for the Roosters to a 32-12 defeat. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

Penrith 32 (J. Luai 2, S. Crichton, J. Fisher-Harris, A. Koroisau tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) defeated **Sydney 12** (P. Momirovski, J. Tedesco tries; S. Walker 2 goals) at Sydney Cricket Ground. Date: Sat, 21st May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-0. Penalties: Sydney 7-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 14,482. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Walker, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Hutchison, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Taukeiaho. Int: Watson, Baker, Butcher, May. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon.

CANBERRA 32 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

Canberra have spoiled Souths' trip to central western NSW, executing a near-perfect first half before coasting home to a 32-12 win at Apex Oval today.

The afternoon started disastrously for the favourite team of the newly-elected Prime Minister, with Albo's Bunnies losing Tevita Tatola in the opening tackle of the match.

The Raiders took advantage quickly, with the visitors enjoying the lion's share of early possession, and Nick Cotric capitalised with the opening try just 4 minutes into the contest.

Their advantage was extended ten minutes later when 250 game star Josh Papalii crashed over from close range, and Canberra led 8-0.

Hudson Young was next on the board as the one-way traffic continued, running a hard line and scoring Canberra's third try after 32 minutes and with Jordan Rapana taking over the goalkicking (Brad Schneider missed the first two conversion attempts), a successful conversion meant a 14-0 lead.

The Raiders looked likely to take that 14-0 advantage into the sheds until a slick set of hands from Horsburgh and Young saw Seb Kris score. Rapana's second goalkick pushed the Green Machine to 20-0 at halftime.

After the break the Canberra momentum continued early, with Matt Timoko getting over after a messy effort in the corner.

Down 24-0, South Sydney finally got on the board when Damien Cook ducked around the defence and sped to the line.

After the hour mark, Canberra pressed further when Jordan Rapana steered a penalty goal through to increase Canberra's lead to 26-6, while Xavier Savage was next to score a try a few minutes later.

A consolation try to the Bunnies went the way of Alex Johnston inside the final ten but it was to no avail as Canberra held on for an easy 20-point win.

The victory elevates the Raiders - who were in 15th place just a few weeks ago - to ninth. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CANBERRA 32 (N. Cotric, S. Kris, J. Papalii, X. Savage, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Rapana 4 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 12** (D. Cook, A. Johnston tries; B. Taaffe 2 goals) **AT APEX OVAL**. Date: Sun, 22nd May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 20-0. Penalties: South Sydney 8-7. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 11,124. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Taaffe, Johnston, Paulo, Graham, Milne; Walker (C), Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Peoples, Arrow. Int: Nikorima, Havili, Knight, Sele. **CANBERRA:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Wighton, Schneider; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Savage, Horsburgh, Rushton.

CRONULLA 25 GOLD COAST 18

The Cronulla Sharks have returned to the winners circle following their 25-18 victory over the Gold Coast Titans at Cbus Super Stadium.

The opening 40 minutes was a dour affair with neither side able to dominate on the scoreboard despite the Sharks holding most of the possession. The Titans opened the scoring after eighteen minutes when Jarrod Wallace charged his way onto the line after AJ Brimson turned the ball inside after skipping across the field.

Dominating possession, the Sharks had more than ample opportunity to score and they only managed the one try when Connor Tracey was able to get his way over the line after Briton Nikora kept the ball alive before finding Tracey.

The conditions deteriorated in the second half but the action improved as the Sharks turned on the class early into the second half when Ronaldo Mulitalo found space on the outside of the defence to make big metres along the sideline before a great pass inside found Nicho Hynes to score.

The Sharks then took control of the game as their next try saw Hynes return the favour to Mulitalo when the Sharks shifted left and a beautiful harbour bridge pass from Hynes to Mulitalo put the Sharks winger over in the corner to score. Adding a third try in quick succession, Lachlan Miller stamped why he's represented Australia at the Olympics in Rugby 7s when he swooped on a bouncing bomb and had open space in front of him to race 90m away to score.

Needing quick tries, the Titans gave themselves a chance to get back into the game when Jarrod Wallace chased through a kick that Toby Sexton put in to give the big man a second try. The Titans then set up a potential grandstand finish when Esan Marsters scored in the corner following some good play to close the gap to a converted try with three minutes to play.

Errors deep in their own end cost the Titans a chance of making the comeback as Nicho Hynes sealed the victory just before full time with a field goal to push the margin to 7. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CRONULLA 25 (N. Hynes, L. Miller, R. Mulitalo, C. Tracey tries; N. Hynes 4 goals; N. Hynes field goal) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 18** (J. Wallace 2, E. Marsters tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 22nd May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-2. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 9,882. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Thompson, Sami, Marsters, Isaako; Brimson, Sexton; Fotuaika, Clark, Wallace, Liu, Fermor, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Boyd, Lisone, Ese'ese, McIntyre. **CRONULLA:** Miller, Katoa, Tracey, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Tolman, Trindall, Wilton, Fifita.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 11

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	10 - 0 - 1	194	20
2	Melbourne	8 - 0 - 3	169	16
3	North Qld	8 - 0 - 3	156	16
4	Cronulla	7 - 0 - 4	58	14
5	Brisbane	7 - 0 - 4	52	14
6	Parramatta	7 - 0 - 4	48	14
7	Sydney	6 - 0 - 5	33	12
8	Souths	5 - 0 - 6	1	10
9	Canberra	5 - 0 - 6	-33	10
10	Manly	5 - 0 - 6	-40	10
11	St Geo Illa	5 - 0 - 6	-83	10
12	Warriors	4 - 0 - 7	-89	8
13	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 8	-87	6
14	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 8	-92	6
15	Newcastle	3 - 0 - 8	-148	6
16	Canterbury	2 - 0 - 9	-139	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Haumole OLAKAU'ATU (Sea Eagles): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$3000
Sean KEPPIE (Sea Eagles): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000
Aaron SCHOUUP (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES (Roosters): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1800
Campbell GRAHAM (Rabbitohs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$750
Toby RUDOLF (Sharks): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$3000

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NEWCASTLE v BRISBANE 3 points - Selwyn Cobbo, 2 points - Payne Haas, 1 points - Tyson Frizell

WESTS TIGERS v CANTERBURY 3 points - Jackson Hastings, 2 points - Jock Madden, 1 points - Matt Burton

PARRAMATTA v MANLY 3 points - Ryan Matterson, 2 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 1 points - Mitchell Moses

ST GEO ILLA v WARRIORS 3 points - Cody Ramsey, 2 points - Ben Hunt, 1 points - Shaun Johnson

NORTH QLD v MELBOURNE 3 points - Tom Dearden, 2 points - Jeremiah Nanai, 1 points - Chad Townsend

SYDNEY v PENRITH 3 points - Jarome Luai, 2 points - Taylan May, 1 points - Isaaah Yeoo

SOUTHS v CANBERRA 3 points - Hudson Young, 2 points - Josh Papalii, 1 points - Corey Horsburgh

GOLD COAST v CRONULLA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Blayke Brailey, 1 points - Lachlan Miller

LEADERBOARD

17 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
14 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm)
13 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons)
12 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)



INDIGENOUS ROUND: ROUND 12

MELBOURNE 28 MANLY 8

A double from Cameron Munster has seen the Melbourne Storm return to form by downing the Manly Sea Eagles 28-8 in the opening match of Indigenous Round.

Putting aside the disappointment of back-to-back losses before a crowd of 10,168 on the lands of the Wurundjeri People, the Storm were a class above in extending their dominance over the Sea Eagles to six consecutive matches.

Denied an early try after Felise Kaufusi was ruled to have put a foot into touch before grounding, the Storm capitalised on a scrum play minutes later with Munster (6th minute) taking on the line and dummieing for first points.

Dominating play for much of the first half without adding to their total, the home side struck a crucial blow with returning halfback Jahrome Hughes delivering a superb inside pass to send Chris Lewis (32nd minute) over with his first touch of the night.

Targeted relentlessly under the high ball during his first match back in first grade since late 2020, Jorge Taufua (37th minute) finished off a left side raid to narrow the margin to 12-4 at halftime.

Making the Sea Eagles pay for a wayward offload from Dylan Walker on halfway, Munster continued to target Taufua under the high ball and produced a result with Xavier Coates (43rd minute) flying through the air to collect his 11th try in as many matches for the Storm.

Securing the result on the eve of the hour mark with Munster (56th minute) stripping the ball from Taufua's grasp, the superstar number six strolled over to collect his second try of the night.

Pushing the score out to 28-4 after the Sea Eagles failed to break the ten metre plane from a line drop out, a short pass from Nick Meaney allowed Kenny Bromwich (65th minute) to touch down for his first try of the season.

Rounding out proceedings with a consolation four-pointer to Christian Tuipulotu (68th minute), Kieran Foran had the distinction of throwing the final pass for a try-assist in his 250th appearance in first grade.

ROB CROSBY

MELBOURNE 28 (C. Munster 2, K. Bromwich, X. Coates, C. Lewis tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 8** (J. Taufua, C. Tuipulotu tries) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Thu, 26th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 12-4. Penalties: Melbourne 7-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 10,168. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Ieremia, Seve, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Smith, Kamikamica, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Wishart, Loiero, Lewis, Grant. **MANLY:** Garrick, Taufua, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Walker, Schuster, Keppie, De Luis.

PENRITH 22 NORTH QUEENSLAND 0

The Penrith Panthers have brought the North Queensland Cowboys' six-game winning streak to a grinding halt in Penrith, shutting them out in a 22-point victory at the foot of the mountains.

The home side repelled an early attacking raid from the Cowboys and then went up the field courtesy of a relieving penalty to score on their

first trip to the red-zone. Apisai Koroisau ran from dummy half and drew in the A defender before putting Isaah Yeo through a hole much bigger than he needed to get to the line, the in-form lock scoring the opener.

The Cowboys produced an inspired defensive effort over the next 10-15 minutes, keeping the Panthers out of the in-goal area for at least 5 consecutive attacking sets. After Luai's kick went dead, they had the golden opportunity to go up the other end and make a game of it, but Dearden responded by giving the Panthers a 7 tackle set of their own, and they weren't going to be denied again, with Luai and May combining down the left edge before Edwards picked up a loose ball to score and make it a 12-0 scoreline.

The Panthers looked as if they may start running away with it after they converted a Tom Gilbert knock on into another try courtesy of a slick shift to the right involving Cleary, Edwards and To'o, the latter scoring his first try of season 2022.

Considering the stats, the Cowboys had done well to only head into the sheds down 16, with the home team having a mammoth 66% of possession at the break.

The second half was a relatively even contest, both sides looked threatening in parts but both defences continued to do the job.

Through the first 68 minutes, the Cowboys had only completed 59% of their sets. It's an endorsement of their defence that they were able to stem the flow of points from the Panthers while gifting them that much possession and field position.

Penrith finally got on the board in the second 40 through a brilliant right to left cutout pass from Jarome Luai to Taysan May, who did well to beat Peta Hiku on his way to the line.

That was all she wrote in this top four encounter, with the Panthers moving to 11-1 for the year while the Cowboys will still be in the top four at the end of the round with a record of 8-4. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PENRITH 22 (D. Edwards, T. May, B. To'o, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 2, S. Crichton goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QUEENSLAND 0 AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 27th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 16-0. Penalties: North Queensland 8-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 17,125. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Tabuai-Fidow, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Gilbert, Nanai, Hess. Int: Granville, Luki, Taunoa-Brown, Neame.

BRISBANE 35 GOLD COAST 24

Brisbane have completed a remarkable comeback to overcome a twenty-four-point deficit to run down a shellshocked Titans outfit to clinch an unlikely 35-24 victory in the derby at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Brisbane got off to a rocky start when backrower Jordan Riki was sent to the Sin Bin for a late shot on Titans halfback Toby Sexton. Riki's absence was missed, when Titans fullback Jayden Campbell, skipped to the outside shoulder of Broncos half Ezra Mam to slide over for the first try of the night. Jamayne Isaako converted the try against his former club to make it 6-0 after less than ten minutes. The Titans again took advantage of the extra man, when Sexton created pressure with a repeat set and then off the following set produced a superb

cut out ball close to the line to find an unmarked Corey Thompson who stepped back inside to score and extend the Titans lead to 12-0 following Isaako's second successful conversion from out wide. Sexton was at it again moments later rolling in a deft grubber for a flying AJ Brimson which caught the Broncos by surprise to give the Titans a commanding 18-0 lead with 15 minutes remaining in the first half. With the Titans in cruise control, Maroons Origin bolter Selwyn Cobbo then took a crucial intercept on his own line. The winger was brought down Sam McIntyre, who was then sent to the Sin Bin for holding on far too long. Brisbane made their way up field, when Gold Coast centre Esan Marsters had what can only be described as a brain explosion, when he also elected to hold down a defender and was rightly marched for ten minutes, dropping his side to eleven men. The Broncos immediately made the Titans pay when Te Maire Martin used the overlap to throw a floating pass to a flying Cobbo to score in the corner and reduce the lead to 18-4. Despite the Titans being down to eleven men, David Fifita then made an impact from the bench, when the star forward jumped into dummy half close to the line and steamrolled his way over to score, leaving his side with a commanding 24-4 lead at halftime.

The Broncos needed to score first to be any hope of a comeback and they did just that, when Te Maire Martin made a break, the fullback looked for support in Kotoni Staggs but his pass was knocked down, however the ball bounced back up for Martin who scored his first try in Broncos colours. Despite the lead, the Titans made a bizarre play electing to take a short kickoff, however Cory Paix charged onto the ball and put Riki away to score the Broncos' second in as many minutes. Staggs converted and it was 24-16 and momentum had swung. The Titans continued to make errors, when Jamayne Isaako dropped the ball cold into the hands of prop Keenan Palasia metres from the line. Herbie Farnworth then wrestled his way over from dummy half to score another Broncos try to narrow the lead to just two points following Staggs' conversion. Rookie halfback Mam then gave his side the lead for the first time in the game, with a terrific ball to put Corey Dates away down the left wing. Dates then kicked the ball inside to find backrower Kurt Capewell on the spot to score next to the posts and put Brisbane in front by 28-24 with ten minutes remaining. The win was given an exclamation mark, when Mam was rewarded with his first NRL try following a superb flick pass from Farnworth and the comeback was complete in a remarkable performance by the home side. A late Tyson Gamble field goal further rubbed salt into the wounds of Titans fans and seal a memorable 35-24 win. **SAM BOURKE**

BRISBANE 35 (K. Capewell, S. Cobbo, H. Farnworth, E. Mam, T. Martin, J. Riki tries; K. Staggs 5 goals; T. Gamble field goal) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 24** (A. Brimson, J. Campbell, D. Fifita, C. Thompson tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 27th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 24-4. Penalties: Brisbane 8-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 32,864. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Dates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Gamble, Mam; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell (C), Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Hetherington, Flegler, Palasia. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Thompson, Kelly, Marsters, Isaako; Brimson, Sexton; Liu, Clark, Wallace, McIntyre, Fermor, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Boyd, Jolliffe, Lisone, Fifita.

NEWCASTLE 24 WARRIORS 16

Newcastle Knights picked up a vital win in their 24-16 success against New Zealand Warriors on Saturday afternoon at Redcliffe.

The Knights came from behind to secure a huge win for their season in a tight tussle against fellow strugglers the Warriors with a double to Enari Tuala highlighting the win for the visitors to kick-off Super

Saturday.

Two desperate teams headed onto the field in Redcliffe but only one started on time. The Warriors strode out to a 12-nil lead. Adam Pompey stepped past Origin hopeful centre Dane Gagai to make it 6-0. It was quickly doubled when a simple move saw Viliami Vailea finished off a backline move.

Reece Walsh added a penalty goal which stretched the advantage to 12 and it looked like the Warriors would keep up their perfect record at their temporary home in Queensland. Despite it being their home, the Warriors conspired to kick the ball out on the full four times and let the Knights back in.

Newcastle took the advantage of the Warriors wayward kicking and got into the break at 12-all remarkably. Jake Clifford laid on a four-pointer for Tyson Frizell then Edrick Lee finished off a good backline move in a half of two halves really.

The second half started much like the first. Warriors struck first through Dallin Watene-Zelezniak who was wide open from a Shaun Johnson chip kick to make it 16-12 and turn the tide in their favour once again.

Today was going to be the day that Newcastle got themselves the win. Tuala touched down with a simple scrum play then the conversion from Jake Clifford put the Knights ahead for the first time in the 55th minute.

Tuala completed his double from a nice Anthony Milford kick in the 68th minute to make it 24-16 and put the Knights within touchign distance of two important points in the context of their dire season.

Warriors had a flurry of chances to finish the game and create some late drama. It ended how the game probably should've, a kick that flew over the sideline on the full from Johnson after the Knights had held up Vailea moments earlier. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

NEWCASTLE 24 (E. Tuala 2, T. Frizell, E. Lee tries; J. Clifford 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 16** (A. Pompey, V. Vailea, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh 2 goals) **AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 28th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Warriors 6-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 4,265. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Murdoch-Masila, Lussick, Tevaga, Aitken, Murchie, Harris (C). Int: Otukolo, Pene, Afoa, Lui. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Tuala, Young, Milford, Clifford; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Barnett. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Croker, Sasagi.

SOUTH SYDNEY 44 WESTS TIGERS 18

The Tigers played solid footy to lead 18-12 at halftime, but were no match for an invigorated Souths side, who piled on 32 points in the final 35 minutes of the game to storm home with a romping victory.

The Tigers opened the scoring in the 5th minute when Asu Kepaoa cleanly intercepted a pass from Lachlan Ilias and raced 90 metres to score. Luke Brooks converted. Just a few minutes later, the Tigers went on another attacking raid, ending with Jackson Hastings kicking to the left where Brent Naden tapped the ball back perfectly to Daine Laurie, who then fired a pass to Ken Maumalo and the winger scored in the left corner. Brooks failed to convert. A penalty against Souths in the 14th minute saw Brooks slot a penalty goal. In the 23rd minute Souths finally got on the board with some nice passing in the face of Tigers defenders who rushed up early. This time Alex Johnston

received a pass while unmarked and he scored in the corner. Kodi Nikorima converted. In the 34th minute, Siliva Havili took a crash ball, burrowed down and barged over the line for a powerful try. Nikorima added the extras to level the scores. The Tigers reclaimed the lead just before halftime when Laurie sent a beautiful cut-out ball to Maumalo who scored his second try in the corner. Brooks converted from the sideline and at the break, the Tigers lead 18-12.

Souths were immediately more energised upon returning to the field and in the 45th minute they turned their early second-half pressure into points when Johnston bagged his second try for the night in the corner. Nikorima converted to level the scores again. 5 minutes later Campbell Graham dived over from dummy half to score. Nikorima failed to convert from out wide. In the 59th minute, Graham took on the Tigers line and while standing in a tackle in the Tigers in-goal, he offloaded to the unmarked Johnston who bagged his third try, which brought up his 147th for Souths, taking him past the club record of 146 previously held by Nathan Merritt. Nikorima again could not add the extras from out wide. From this point in the game the Bunnies completely took over and never let the Tigers back in. A rushed grubber towards the posts by Ilias in the 65th minute ricocheted off a Tigers defender. Luciano Leilua tried to pick the ball up on the run but misses it completely. Cody Walker cleaned up with no one around and scored under the posts. Blake Taafe converted from in front. Walked snared his second try in the 72nd minute which Taafe also converted and then, with just under 2 minutes left in the game, Jaxson Paulo cleanly intercepted a Hastings long ball and raced 80 metres to score. Taafe again added the extras. Souths looked like they very nearly scored again after the siren sounded but a knock on in the lead up denied them a chance to have a crack at bringing up the 50. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SOUTH SYDNEY 44 (A. Johnston 3, C. Walker 2, C. Graham, S. Havili, J. Paulo tries; K. Nikorima 3, B. Taafe 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 18** (K. Maumalo 2, A. Kepaoa tries; L. Brooks 3 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 28th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 18-12. Penalties: Wests Tigers 4-2. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 13,585. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Nikorima, Johnston, Paulo, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Nicholls, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Taafe, Sele, Havili, Mitchell. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Kepaoa, To'a, Naden, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings; Tamou (C), Simpkin, Musgrove, Garner, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Tuilagi, Brown, Utoikamanu, Seyfarth.

SYDNEY 36 CRONULLA 16

The Sydney Roosters have shown that they can still be a force in the NRL with a comfortable 36-16 victory over the Cronulla Sharks at Shark Park.

It was one-way traffic for the opening 40 minutes of the contest as the Sydney Roosters just dominated from the get go and it was just in the fourth minute when a last tackle play from Drew Hutchison down the short side left everybody surprised as he offloaded to Daniel Tupou to score out wide. Despite holding the dominance, the Roosters took nearly twenty minutes to get their second try when the tricolours were able to get a redo on a scrum play and it was just way too easy as the defence were drawn in by Luke Keary who found the ball out to Daniel Tupou for a second.

The Sharks were getting more opportunities but they couldn't turn anything into points where as their opponents were able to strike when James Tedesco put Nat Butcher in over in the corner for the Roosters third try of the half. Finding space on the outside of the defence wasn't hard to do for the Roosters as a beautiful ball from

Paul Momirovski found Daniel Tupou on the outside to go down the sideline ball James Tedesco backed up in open space to score. The Roosters lead 20-0 at the half time break.

If you weren't watching the contest, you could've been fooled that the Sharks weren't just contesting with a brick wall as they just could not penetrate the Roosters defence despite having at least five sets on their opponents line as they came up with zilch. To rub salt into the wounds, the Roosters then got one attacking opportunity when Jared Waerea-Hargreaves charged at the line to score and extend the Roosters lead to 24-0. Something must have woken the Sharks up, because they turned from Flake to become Great Whites as their attack suddenly found purpose and ferocity. Cronulla opened their scoring after Ronaldo Mulitalo got on the outside of the defence after a good ball from Sifa Talakai to score. The Sharks had suddenly found their form of the opening to the season as they had the Roosters backtracking and with fifteen minutes to go, the hint of a comeback was starting to become more likely as Sione Katoa scored out wide. Looking more and more likely, the potential of a comeback was confirmed for the Sharks when Cam McInnes managed to fool the Sharks defence and get over. Nicho Hynes converted and the Sharks were within 8.

The comeback hopes fizzled out in the final five minutes though as the Roosters ran in two late tries, one with Joey Manu taking an intercept and racing away before right on the stroke of full-time, Connor Watson scored out of dummy half to seal the 36-16 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SYDNEY 36 (D. Tupou 2, N. Butcher, J. Manu, J. Tedesco, J. Waerea-Hargreaves, C. Watson tries; S. Walker 4 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 16** (S. Katoa, C. McInnes, R. Mulitalo tries; N. Hynes 2 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 28th May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 20-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 11,500. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Tracey, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Tolman, Trindall, Fifita, Hazelton. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Walker, Keary, Waerea-Hargreaves, Hutchison, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Taukeiaho. Int: Watson, Baker, Tupouniua, May.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 34 CANTERBURY 24

The Dragons are on the cusp of the top eight after they defeated the Bulldogs 34-24 in a wild game in front of a packed Belmore crowd.

The Bulldogs started the game well and were able to find some time in the St. George Illawarra Dragons 20 metres. However, Matt Burton couldn't seem to get his kicking game right and handed the Dragons a seven-tackle set on multiple occasions during the first period of the half. Whilst the home side was in the Dragons 20, they were able to get a penalty which resulted in a penalty goal from Burton, giving his side an early two-point lead. However, that was as good as it got for the Bulldogs in the first half. On the back of a seven-tackle set, courtesy of a Burton kick that sailed over the dead ball line, the Dragons were able to march into Bulldogs territory. The Dragons were able to receive a few six again calls which eventually led to the first try of the afternoon as Tautau Moga crossed in the corner after a great pass from Zac Lomax enabled to winger to score his first try for the Dragons. St. George were helped by former Dragon, Matt Duffy who dropped a bomb on the very next set, allowing the Dragons to attack the Bulldogs defensive line. It once again resulted in another try, but this time on the left edge as Ben Hunt and Cody Ramsey linked up to provide Matthew Feagai with his first try of the afternoon. Burton's poor kicking afternoon continued as he sent the kick-off out on the full. The Dragons made the most of the opportunity with Ben Hunt

taking on the Bulldogs staggered defensive line himself as he scored next to the uprights. Lomax converted the kick to make it 16 points to two. The home side was able to grab a try before the break thanks to an error from Ramsey. The Bulldogs shifted it to the right, giving Jake Averillo time and space to get on the outside of his opposite man in Moses Suli before scoring in the corner. The Bulldogs had plenty of work to do after the break.

The Bulldogs started the second half in perfect fashion. The home side was able to produce a one on one strip in the Dragons own half, giving them a full set of six in the Dragons half. They made the most of it as they targeted that right edge again and exposed Suli through Averillo's speed, scoring his second try of the afternoon. It didn't take long for the Bulldogs to get on the scoresheet for another try. As the momentum swung their way, they capitalised through Matt Duffy who got on the outside of Ben Hunt and broke the line, and made his way for the try line before passing to Kyle Flanagan to score next to the posts. Burton added the two to give the Bulldogs the lead. The Bulldogs lead hardly lasted, as the Dragons were able to strip the ball from Josh Jackson, resulting in a full set of six attacking the Bulldogs line. They shifted the ball right with Josh Addo-Carr charging out of the line looking for the intercept, however, the Dragons were able to go right around the New South Wales winger as Lomax scored his first try of the game. Both teams started to throw the ball around as they looked for more points. A Duffy error allowed the Dragons six tackles in the Bulldogs half and the travelling side made the most of the opportunity. A quick play the ball in front of the posts allowed Andrew McCullough to dart out of dummy-half and score under the posts in his first game back from injury. As this match continued to surprise, the Bulldogs brought the deficit down to four points after a classy try from the home side. The Bulldogs shifted the ball left, before Burton put in a grubber kick intended for Addo-Carr, who collected the ball and passed inside for Aaron Schoupp to score the try. The Dragons proved to be too much for the Bulldogs to handle, when in the 75th minute Blake Lawrie was able to barge his way over the try line for his first try of his career, putting his side up by an unassailable 10-points with four minutes left to play. It proved too be too much for the Bulldogs to chase down as the Dragons came away with a 10-point victory over the last placed Bulldogs. The Dragons now sit just outside the top eight with a 6-6 record as the Bulldogs dwell in last place on the competition ladder. **LACHY MACCORQUODALE**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 34 (M. Feagai, B. Hunt, B. Lawrie, Z. Lomax, A. McCullough, T. Moga tries; Z. Lomax 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 24** (J. Averillo 2, K. Flanagan, A. Schoupp tries; M. Burton 4 goals) **AT BELMORE SPORTS GROUND**. Date: Sun, 29th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 16-6. Penalties: Canterbury 6-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 16,991. **CANTERBURY:** Duffy, Kiraz, Schoupp, Averillo, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; Thompson, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, King, Jackson (C). Int: Dockar-Clay, Patolo, Faitala-Mariner, Stimson. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Bird, Sims, De Belin. Int: McCullough, Woods, Molo, Fuimaono.

PARRAMATTA 28 CANBERRA 20

The Parramatta Eels have won back to back matches for just the second time this season, downing the Canberra Raiders in a classic game of football 28-20 at GIO Stadium. It was a back and forth game in the opening exchanges as both sides fought to control the game. It was the Green Machine who crossed for the first try inside the opening ten minutes when Parramatta failed to take a Jamal Fogarty bomb and an urgent Seb Kris dived on the footy to cross for the opening try and the early lead. After a penalty coming out of yardage led to Parramatta crossing in bizarre circumstances, a great take from Bailey Simonsson saw his pass blocked by Xavier Savage which found Will Penisini and the young centre crossed to get the Eels back to level pegging. Five minutes later, the Eels were in again as Dylan Brown continued his great start to the season by hitting and spinning out of a Josh Papalii tackle to cross for the Eels and with Moses converting his halves partners try, the Eels were up by six. But, Parramatta's inconsistent play reared its ugly head just two minutes later. A sloppy penalty saw Canberra march upfield, Jordan Rapana was tackled inches short, before Elliot Whitehead crashed over to bring the scores level. Eight minutes later, the Eels crashed over again when Bailey Simonsson caught a lovely pass from Clint Gutherson and the former Raider crashed over in the corner, however, Mitch Moses shanked the kick. Right on half-time, a Jamal Fogarty bomb was dropped by Gutherson and Kris was jolly on the spot to pick the ball and cross for the Green Machine, who celebrated with a great dance. Fogarty kicked the goal and Canberra went into the dressing sheds up by two at half-time. Canberra's second half started strongly, but they have an early nomination for the worst decision of the season. They went for two when they had all the ball and momentum. Regardless, Fogarty nailed it and Canberra was up by four. Canberra was struggling to hold the lead, against the run of play, Dylan Brown turns momentum with a great run. Moses passes to Niukore onto Paulo before a lovely ball sees Bailey Simonsson cross in the corner. Moses converted to give Parramatta a two-point lead. In the final 20 minutes, Shaun Lane broke through the line, it looked like he passed the ball early to Dylan Brown but he beat the tackle of Xavier Savage to cross for the Eels, Moses converted to seal the 8 point margin. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PARRAMATTA 28 (D. Brown 2, B. Simonsson 2, W. Penisini tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 20** (S. Kris 2, E. Whitehead tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 29th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-16. Penalties: Canberra 5-1. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 16,244. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotric, Kris, Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Sutton, Horsburgh, Schiller. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Blake, Penisini, Opacic, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Niukore, Papalii. Int: Makatoa, Matterson, Kaufusi, Brown.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 12

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	11 - 0 - 1	216	22
2	Melbourne	9 - 0 - 3	189	18
3	North Qld	8 - 0 - 4	134	16
4	Brisbane	8 - 0 - 4	63	16
5	Parramatta	8 - 0 - 4	56	16
6	Sydney	7 - 0 - 5	53	14
7	Cronulla	7 - 0 - 5	38	14
8	Souths	6 - 0 - 6	27	12
9	St Geo Illa	6 - 0 - 6	-73	12
10	Canberra	5 - 0 - 7	-41	10
11	Manly	5 - 0 - 7	-60	10
12	Warriors	4 - 0 - 8	-97	8
13	Newcastle	4 - 0 - 8	-140	8
14	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 9	-98	6
15	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 9	-118	6
16	Canterbury	2 - 0 - 10	-149	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Marcelo MONTOYA (Warriors): G1 Careless HT - \$1800
 Jarome LUAI (Panthers): G1 Careless HT - \$1000
 Jordan RIKI (Broncos): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
 Thomas FLEGLER (Broncos): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$3000
 Jaimin JOLLIFFE (Titans): G1 Careless HT - \$750
 Aaron SCHOUPP (Bulldogs): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1800
 Paul VAUGHAN (Dragons): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000
 Moses MBEYE (Dragons): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000

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MELBOURNE v MANLY 3 points - Cameron Munster, 2 points - Jahrome Hughes, 1 points - Kenny Bromwich

PENRITH v NORTH QLD 3 points - Isaah Yeo, 2 points - Nathan Cleary, 1 points - Dylan Edwards

BRISBANE v GOLD COAST 3 points - Te Maire Martin, 2 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, 1 points - Herbie Farnworth

WARRIORS v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Jake Clifford, 2 points - David Klemmer, 1 points - Adam Pompey

SOUTHS v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Campbell Graham, 2 points - Hame Sele, 1 points - Siliva Havili

SYDNEY v CRONULLA 3 points - James Tedesco, 2 points - Nat Butcher, 1 points - Cameron McInnes

CANTERBURY v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Zac Lomax, 1 points - Luke Thompson

CANBERRA v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Dylan Brown, 2 points - Joseph Tapine, 1 points - Shaun Lane

LEADERBOARD

17 POINTS	Cameron Munster (Storm), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
16 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons)
15 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
13 POINTS	Isaah Yeo (Panthers)
12 POINTS	Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Mitchell Moses (Eels)



ROUND 13

NORTH QUEENSLAND 32 GOLD COAST 6

The North Queensland Cowboys have returned to the winners circle in the opening match of round 13, finishing fast to record a 26 point win over the lowly Gold Coast Titans.

The Cowboys came into this clash with significantly more talent on the sidelines due to State of Origin, the northernmost club missing the likes of Val Holmes, Tom Dearden, Jeremiah Nanai and Reuben Cotter.

It looked as if the Titans, who themselves were missing skipper Tino Faasuaaleai, were going to take advantage of the big name outs of their Queensland rival, dominating possession early and taking a 6-0 lead courtesy of Brimson connecting with his halves partner Sexton in the 15th minute.

For the second week in a row however, the Titans couldn't go on with it, the opposition comeback coming a little earlier in this one though. Heilum Luki ran a solid line and reached out to score after Sexton kicked out on the full, and the Cowboys advanced up the field with the aid of a 6 again call in the following set, spreading it left to Murray Taulagi, who used Jayden Campbell as a speed bump on his way to the line.

Disaster struck for the Titans when five minutes later, Jamayne Isaako knocked on while making a regulation carry out of his own end. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow toed the ball towards the in-goal area and easily won the race. In the space of ten minutes, a 6 point lead for the Titans had become a 10 point deficit.

The first 30-odd minutes of the second half were an arm wrestle, the Titans again having mountains of possession and field position but predictably not being able to do anything with it. The score was still 16-6 with just over ten minutes left in the match when Reece Robson snuck his way past Jamayne Isaako from dummy half to make it a three score game.

It would've taken some resilience for the Titans to mount a comeback from that position, which is something they don't have a lot of on the Gold Coast. As such, the Cowboys scored two late tries, one from a Drinkwater grubber to Tabuai-Fidow and another when Peta Hiku's change of direction caught five Titans off guard, with the centre going over untouched.

The scoreline ended up blowing out to 32-6 to the Cowboys, a fair indication of where the two sides are at this point of the season.

ADAM HUXTABLE

NORTH QUEENSLAND 32 (H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, P. Hiku, H. Luki, R. Robson, M. Taulagi tries; S. Drinkwater 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 6** (T. Sexton try; J. Isaako goal) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 2nd June. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 16-6. Penalties: North Queensland 7-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 10,334. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Thompson, Kelly, Marsters, Isaako; Brimson (C); Sexton; Fotuaika, Clark, Wallace, McIntyre, Farmor, Liu. Int: Herbert, Boyd, Jolliffe, Lisone. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Elliot, Tabuai-Fidow, Hiku, Taulagi; Hampton, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Luki, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Lemuelu, Taunoa-Brown, Neame.

PENRITH 30 CANTERBURY 18

Penrith has continued their winning streak, defeating a resurgent Bulldogs side by 30-18 at Bluebet Stadium tonight to remain four points clear at the top of the NRL ladder.

Despite missing their Origin contingent, their premiership winning stars in Viliame Kikau and Dylan Edwards led the side to a well-deserved win, with Kikau simply devastating against his future club. Former Panther Matt Burton was also outstanding in a losing side, as he put the cellar dwellers on his back and almost single handedly dragged Canterbury back to the brink of causing a massive boilover. However, with the game in the balance with fifteen minutes remaining, Canterbury simply shot themselves in the foot with a catastrophic error from prop Paul Vaughan inside his own half, followed by some woeful discipline costing Mick Potter's side any chance of an unlikely victory. The Panthers came into the game missing six Origin stars, while the Bulldogs were desperately looking to snap four match losing streak despite missing two of their own stars in Tevita Pangai Jr and English prop Luke Thompson. It was rookie Panther Kurt Falls who stepped into the Panthers system seamlessly early, when he placed a perfect kick for former Bulldog Chris Smith, who snatched the ball away from the Bulldogs defence to score the first try of the night. Penrith had the home crowd on their feet minutes later when Kikau put Izack Tago away down the left hand side. Tago then found his fullback Dylan Edwards in support to score his fourth try of the year. Debutant Falls then converted from the sideline to make it 12-0 after just fifteen minutes. Canterbury needed something special to get them in the game and they got it through Matt Burton, who put up a towering bomb, which was spilt by Dylan Edwards. Off the next set, it was the former Panther with a deft grubber for Josh Addo-Carr to score and the former Blues winger was extremely pleased after a tough week after being dropped from the NSW Origin side. Burton then converted from the sideline to narrow Penrith's lead to 12-6. A confident Dogs outfit then chanced their arm in attack through Addo-Carr and new fullback Jake Averillo, however Penrith got the ball back following a desperate pass from Averillo which put his side under enormous pressure. Off the ensuing play, second string halfback Sean O'Sullivan produced a delightful floating pass over the top for his winger Taylan May. The rookie winger then added to his 2022 highlight reel when he produced a spectacular leap to plant the ball down and extend his sides advantage to 16-6 on the scoreboard. Penrith doubled down in quick succession when they again charged up field which saw Viliame Kikau power through some would be Bulldogs defenders to score and give his side a commanding 22-6 lead at halftime.

The Bulldogs needed to strike first after the break and they did so through Matt Burton who put his side back in the match with a chip over the top for a flying Josh Addo-Carr who raced sixty metres to score his second try of the night. Burton then celebrated his homecoming to Penrith when he silenced the crowd after charging onto a flat ball from Jeremy Marshall-King close to the line to score and narrow the score to 22-18 with twenty minutes left in the game. With the game in the balance and after Canterbury completed at 93%, prop Paul Vaughan then produced an astonishing error trying to offload in his own half. Blues back up hooker Apisai Koroisau made the Dogs pay for the error with a grubber out of dummy half for Jaeman Salmon to score. Canterbury then threw their discipline out the window, when backrower Corey Waddell was penalised for a lazy high tackle and then halfback Kyle Flanagan decided to try and dump Kikau on his back by lifting between the legs. Kurt Falls collected

the gift two points on offer and the Panthers iced the game at 30-18. **SAM BOURKE**

PENRITH 30 (D. Edwards, V. Kikau, T. May, J. Salmon, C. Smith tries; K. Falls 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 18** (J. Addo-Carr 2, M. Burton tries; M. Burton 3 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 3rd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-6. Penalties: Canterbury 8-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 16,906. **PENRITH:** Edwards (C), May, Tago, Jennings, Staines; Falls, O'Sullivan; Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris (C), Kikau, Smith, Eisenhuth. Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon. **CANTERBURY:** Allan, Kiraz, Schoupp, Averillo, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; Seumanufagai, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Faitala-Mariner, King. Int: Dockar-Clay, Waddell, Patolo, Stimson.

MANLY 44 WARRIORS 12

Back at home, the Manly Sea Eagles have shown that they may still be a strong force in the competition as they made the Warriors look like a reserve grade side following their dominant 44-12 victory at Brookvale Oval. The opening forty minutes resembled Pitt Street in the Sydney CBD, just one way traffic with everything dominated by the Maroon and White. Opening the scoring in just the fifth minute when Tof Siplely barged over from close range to slam the ball down under the posts. If you weren't worried about how soft the Warriors middle was, the next try was worse when the defence stood passively waiting for a last tackle kick only for Lachlan Croker to go for the short ball to a charging Haumole Olakau'atu to go through and score. The first half was the Haumole Olakau'atu show as he dominated the Warriors defence as they struggled to stop him. The Sea Eagles extended their lead out to 14-0 when Reuben Garrick added a penalty goal from close range. An interesting few moments ensued as Reuben Garrick was initially awarded a try based on Grant Atkins believing there was simultaneous grounding. The bunker intervened when the replays showed that Wayne Egan had gotten to the ball first and despite claims of a penalty try by Garrick and his teammates, the bunker ruled that there was no penalty try but a professional foul. The Warriors were down to 12 after Bunty Afoa was sent to the sin bin and it took the Sea Eagles just a couple of plays to score when Marty Taupau got one of the more questionable tries this season. Despite the Manly big man getting up to play the ball after it looked like he was tackled short, the try was awarded and then upheld by the bunker. Josh Schuster rubbed salt into the first half wounds of the Warriors when the Sea Eagles shifted left and the Sea Eagles youngster got himself over the line to score. Leading 24-0 at the break, the Sea Eagles added an early penalty goal to push the lead out to 26-0. The Warriors had a try denied when Jack Murchie was held up but they got on the board and it was Murchie who got his four pointer as Reece Walsh broke through an attempt at tackle from Morgan Harper and found Murchie who was backing up through the middle. A 20-minute period of control for the Warriors only netted them one try and it was a reappearance of their poor middle defence that let Morgan Harper slide through the middle before Reuben Garrick took the last pass and scored. Reuben Garrick had a double soon after when a bit of luck went his way after a Lachlan Croker kick came off the head of Rocco Berry bouncing into the in-goal and the Sea Eagles Fullback pounced. The Warriors scored a consolation try under the posts with a few minutes to go when Bunty Afoa charged through the line to score under the sticks. The final scoring play came through a Jason Saab intercept when the visitors looked to spin the ball wide, only for it to find the Manly quick man to score and seal the 44-12 win after Garrick's conversion. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

MANLY 44 (R. Garrick 2, H. Olakau'atu, J. Saab, J. Schuster, T. Siple, M. Taupau tries; R. Garrick 8 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 12** (B. Afoa, J. Murchie tries; R. Walsh 2 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**
Date: Sat, 4th June. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Manly 24-0. Penalties: Manly 10-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 9,248.
MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Foran; Aloiai, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic (C). Int: Walker, Lawton, Taupau, Keppie. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Murdoch-Masila, Egan, Tevaga, Aitken, Murchie, Harris (C). Int: Otukolo, Afoa, Pene, Sironen.

CANBERRA 22 SYDNEY 16

A stirring performance on home soil has seen the Canberra Raiders claim a deserved 22-16 victory over the Sydney Roosters without their Origin stars.

Leading from start to finish in a contest attended by only the most ardent supporters braving the cold conditions, the win sees Ricky Stuart's men move within striking distance of the top eight with four wins from their past five matches. Withstanding an early threat from Sitali Tupouniua, who was denied a four-pointer due to an obstruction ruling, the Raiders responded with Zac Woolford sending Adam Elliott (8th minute) through a yawning gap to open the scoring. Struggling to gain the ascendancy in a half frequently dictated by the referee's whistle, the Roosters made the most of good field position from a penalty to level the scores at 6-all after Tupouniua (24th minute) crashed over following superb footwork by stand-in fullback Joey Manu. Regaining the lead through Xavier Savage (29th minute), who caught an offload from Ryan Sutton around his ankles, the home side repelled several sets on their line to take a 12-6 lead to the change of ends.

Getting off to the perfect start following the resumption of play, Corey Horsburgh charged down and regathered a kick from Luke Keary before linking with the speedier Sebastian Kris (42nd minute) in support. Scoring a pivotal try midway through the second half after Tupouniua was denied over the goal line twice, Angus Crichton ran through a hole created by Sam Walker, before delivering a pass to send Paul Momirovski (61st minute) over for his fourth try of the season. Taking advantage of a one-on-one strip by Siosua Taukeiaho inside the Raiders half, Joseph Suaalii (65th minute) leapt through the air with an effort reminiscent of Israel Folau to narrow the margin to two points following Walker's wayward sideline conversion. Striking back after Matt Frawley forced a repeat set with a bomb, exciting centre Matt Timoko (70th minute) brushed aside Momirovski to restore a six-point buffer for the home side. Holding off a late surge from the visitors after Frawley's late attempt at drop goal was wide of the mark, the Raiders held on to claim their first win over the Roosters since the 2020 finals series. **ROB CROSBY**

CANBERRA 22 (A. Elliott, S. Kris, X. Savage, M. Timoko tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 16** (P. Momirovski, J. Sua'ali'i, S. Tupouniua tries; S. Walker 2 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**
Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6. Penalties: Canberra 10-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 6,492.
CANBERRA: Savage, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Frawley, Fogarty; Horsburgh, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Sutton, Mooney. **SYDNEY:** Manu, Smith, Momirovski, Naiqama, Sua'ali'i; Walker, Keary (C); Baker, Hutchison, Taukeiaho, Crichton, Tupouniua, Butcher. Int: Watson, Butcher, May, Fifita.

BYES

BRISBANE BRONCOS
CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS
MELBOURNE STORM
NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS
PARRAMATTA EELS
SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS
ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS
WESTS TIGERS

STATS LEADERS

AFTER ROUND 13

TOP POINTSCORERS

1	Ryan PAPHUYZEN (Storm)	127
2	Reuben GARRICK (Sea Eagles)	112
3	Valentine HOLMES (Cowboys)	107
4	Mitchell MOSES (Eels)	105
5	Sam WALKER (Roosters)	85
6	Nathan CLEARY (Panthers)	84
7	Nicho HYNES (Sharks)	83
8	Zac LOMAX (Dragons)	79
9	Adam REYNOLDS (Broncos)	72
10	Blake TAAFFE (Rabbitohs)	68
	Reece WALSH (Warriors)	68
12	Stephen CRICHTON (Panthers)	60
	Nick MEANEY (Storm)	60
14	Brad SCHNEIDER (Raiders)	50
15	Taylan MAY (Panthers)	48
16	Matt BURTON (Bulldogs)	46
17	Xavier COATES (Storm)	44
	Alex JOHNSTON (Rabbitohs)	44

TOP TRYSCORERS

1	Taylan MAY (Panthers)	12
	Ryan PAPHUYZEN (Storm)	12
3	Xavier COATES (Storm)	11
	Alex JOHNSTON (Rabbitohs)	11
5	Selwyn COBBO (Broncos)	10
	Ken MAUMALO (Wests Tigers)	10
	Jeremiah NANAI (Cowboys)	10
	Corey OATES (Broncos)	10
9	Reuben GARRICK (Sea Eagles)	9

TOP GOALKICKERS

1	Valentine HOLMES (Cowboys)	45
2	Mitchell MOSES (Eels)	44
3	Nathan CLEARY (Panthers)	40
4	Ryan PAPHUYZEN (Storm)	39
5	Reuben GARRICK (Sea Eagles)	38
6	Sam WALKER (Roosters)	36
7	Reece WALSH (Warriors)	34
	Nicho HYNES (Sharks)	34

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 13

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	12 - 0 - 1	228	24
2	Melbourne	9 - 0 - 3	189	20
3	North Qld	9 - 0 - 4	160	18
4	Brisbane	8 - 0 - 4	63	18
5	Parramatta	8 - 0 - 4	56	18
6	Cronulla	7 - 0 - 5	38	16
7	Sydney	7 - 0 - 6	47	14
8	Souths	6 - 0 - 6	27	14
9	St Geo Illa	6 - 0 - 6	-73	14
10	Manly	6 - 0 - 7	-28	12
11	Canberra	6 - 0 - 7	-35	12
12	Newcastle	4 - 0 - 8	-140	10
13	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 9	-118	8
14	Warriors	4 - 0 - 9	-129	8
15	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 10	-124	6
16	Canterbury	2 - 0 - 11	-161	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Kyle FLANAGAN (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000
Jordan RAPANA (Raiders): G2 Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Zac WOOLFORD (Raiders): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500

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GOLD COAST v NORTH QLD 3 points - Scott Drinkwater, 2 points
- Jason Taumalolo, 1 points - Reece Robson

PENRITH v CANTERBURY 3 points - Viliame Kikau, 2 points -
Matt Burton, 1 points - Dylan Edwards

MANLY v WARRIORS 3 points - Haumole Olakau'atu, 2 points -
Reuben Garrick, 1 points - Toafofoa Siple

CANBERRA v SYDNEY 3 points - Ryan Sutton, 2 points - Joseph
Tapine, 1 points - Joseph Manu

ORIGIN I: NSW v QLD 3 points - Cameron Munster, 2 points -
Valentine Holmes, 1 points - Jack Wightton

LEADERBOARD

20 POINTS	Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
17 POINTS	Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
16 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons)
15 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
13 POINTS	Isaah Yeo (Panthers)
12 POINTS	Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Mitchell Moses (Eels)
11 POINTS	Jackson Hastings (Wests Tigers), Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Jarome Luai (Panthers)
10 POINTS	James Tedesco (Roosters)
9 POINTS	Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Payne Haas (Broncos)
8 POINTS	Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), AJ Brimson (Titans), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Jake Clifford (Knights), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)
7 POINTS	Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Harry Grant (Storm), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Jack Wightton (Raiders/NSW), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys/QLD)



ROUND 14

NORTH QUEENSLAND 31 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12

North Queensland has defeated the St George-Illawarra Dragons by 31-12 to move into third place on the NRL ladder in a dominant display from this season's surprise packets.

The Cowboys had their home fans on the feet early on racing to an early lead, before they again backed their tough as nails defence in a clinical display from Todd Payten's men. The win was however soured with a potential ACL injury to gun backrower Heilum Luki who will go for scans to determine the extent of his injury. St George were poor, with a game plan that seemed to revolve around passing the ball to their star halfback Ben Hunt and expect the Origin representative to produce some magic, and while Hunt was their best he had limited support from his Red V teammates. The Cowboys came into the match as favourites and were looking for a big performance at home for Queensland centre Valentine Holmes in NRL game 150. The home side managed it after just five minutes, when Coen Hess strolled through a gap close to the line and produced a superb pass for fullback Scott Drinkwater to score the first try of the night. Holmes converted and it was 6-0. North Queensland were on a tear, charging up field they notched their second try when Drinkwater produced a neat kick on the last which bounced up perfectly for Peta Hiku and the Cowboys charged to a 12-0 lead in a red-hot start. The Dragons were frustrated with the pace of the game which was clearly getting away from them. This was reflected when the Cowboys were penalised for a lazy effort from prop Blake Lawrie who collected Tom Dearden late kicking on the last. Holmes took the penalty goal on offer and made it 14-0 after just 24 minutes. The first half dominance continued for the home side when interchange forward Griffin Neame made a break and found his hooker Reece Robson in support. The classy number nine then raced forty metres to score against his former club. Holmes converted and it was 20-0 and the game looked over. St George needed something before halftime and it was Hunt who got the Dragons back in the game, with a delightful pass close to the line for Moses Suli to crash over to score the Dragons first try of the match. Lomax converted to give Anthony Griffin's side some hope heading into the sheds.

The Red V desperately needed to get on the scoreboard first after the break. However centre Zac Lomax made a dreadful error with the poor option to produce flick pass deep inside his own half. Potential Queensland Origin winger Murray Taulagi then collected the loose ball to reach out and score to extend his side's lead to 24-6. Underrated halfback Chad Townsend then put the game to bed, when he nailed a field goal to give his side an unassailable lead. St George backrower Jaydn Su'A managed to crash over for a late consolation try off a peach of a ball close to the line by Talatau Amone. Cowboys interchange player Connelly Lemuelu then put a cherry on top for his side with a try just as the siren sounded to round out a dominant 31-12 victory.

SAM BOURKE

NORTH QUEENSLAND 31 (S. Drinkwater, P. Hiku, C. Lemuelu, R. Robson, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 5 goals; C. Townsend field goal) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12** (J. Su'A, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 10th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 20-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 14,683. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Holmes, Tabuai-Fidow, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Luki, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Lemuelu, Taunoa-Brown, Neame. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Reuben, Suli, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Bird, McGuire, De Belin. Int: McCullough, Woods, Molo, Su'A.

SOUTH SYDNEY 30 GOLD COAST 16

Alex Johnston brought up his 150th try for South Sydney Rabbitohs as they defeated Gold Coast Titans 30-16 on Saturday afternoon on the Gold Coast.

The Rabbitohs recorded back-to-back wins with a comfortable success against a spirited Titans side which was highlighted by Johnston's hat-trick and Tom Burgess' 200th game for the club which puts them sixth on the table.

On a bright afternoon, Souths attack were quick off the mark. Johnston finished off the movement from a cut-out pass from Cody Walker to make it 6-0 before Titans struck back through Greg Marzhev to make it 6-4.

From there, the Rabbitohs extended their lead to eight from a high kick. Ilias' bomb found a leaping Jaxon Paulo to easily bypass Marzhev and dive over the line to give them a healthy 12-4 lead at the break.

The visitors picked up where they left off in the 42nd minute. Once again, try-scoring maestro Johnston was given wide open space and he didn't need a second invitation to stride over the line to make it 18-4.

Back from Origin, Titans captain Tino Fa'asuamaleaui tried to inspire his side. He dived over from close range to bring them within eight points again then added another in the dying stages of the game for some consolation.

This game was all about milestones though. Johnston brought up his 150th in style. It was another slick backline movement from the Rabbitohs which gave him the room to stroll over and position the kick closer to the posts.

Taane Milne also got his name on the scoresheet with a close range effort. Goal kicker Kodi Nikorima had a wonderful afternoon with the boot kicking five from five from the tee which gave us the final scoreline of 30-16.

There were whispers of a huge defeat today would spell the end of Titans coach Justin Holbrook, so it will be a tense wait for him after another loss at home for a Titans team which should be doing better than they are. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

SOUTH SYDNEY 30 (A. Johnston 3, T. Milne, J. Paulo tries; K. Nikorima 5 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 16** (T. Fa'asuamaleaui 2, G. Marzhev tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 12-4. Penalties: Gold Coast 6-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 14,290. **GOLD COAST:** Isaako, Marzhev, Kelly, Herbert, Marsters; Turner, Sexton; Wallace, Clark, Liu, McIntyre, Farmor, Fotuaka. Int: Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Boyd, Jolliffe, Lisone. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Nikorima, Johnston, Milne, Graham, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Mamouzelos, Nicholls, Havili, Sele.

MELBOURNE 26 SYDNEY 18

A brace of tries to debutant Grant Anderson has seen the Melbourne Storm continue a run of dominance over the Sydney Roosters with a 26-18 victory at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Called into the first grade side after Xavier Coates was injured in the opening State of Origin fixture, the unheralded winger enjoyed a night to remember as the Storm overcame a halftime deficit to claim their fifth consecutive win over the Tricolours before a crowd of 12,925 supporters. Withstanding an early break from Dean Ieremia inside the opening 90 seconds, the Roosters opened the scoring through Joseph Suaalii (6th minute) after Sam Walker exposed Cameron Munster with a dummy to create space down the right edge. Making the most of repeat attacking sets close to their opponent's try line, Anderson (15th minute) claimed his first try following a superb catch and pass from Felise Kaufusi. Squandering an opportunity to score from the kick-off after Jahrome Hughes failed to get the ball down prior to the referee calling held, the Roosters made the visitors pay with Walker (19th minute) regathering his own grubber to establish a converted try buffer.

Taking advantage of Luke Keary being forced from the match with a HIA late in the first half, underrated centre Marion Seve (30th minute) scored his first try of the season to narrow the margin to two-points. The Storm continued to hold their line in the final stages of the half with Nick Meaney denying Suaalii with a remarkable try-saving effort over the line and the bunker ruling Daniel Tupou knocked on contesting a kick that fell into the arms of Joseph Manu.

Capitalising on an early opportunity to attack after James Tedesco sent the kick-off out on the full, Seve (43rd minute) put the Storm in front for the first time with his maiden career double. Refusing to wilt in the face of Walker being temporarily forced from the field due to heavy contact from Kaufusi, the Roosters regained the lead with Manu producing a superbly weighted grubber for Sitili Tupouniua (47th minute) to pounce upon.

With the match poised to go down to the wire heading into the final quarter, Hughes stepped up with a brilliant cut-out pass to send Anderson (62nd minute) over out wide. Surviving a late scare with Tupouniua unable to hold onto an audacious attacking kick from Walker over the try line, Kaufusi (73rd minute) showed his experience as a big game player to charge through the Roosters defence to seal the 26-18 result. **ROB CROSBY**

MELBOURNE 26 (G. Anderson 2, M. Seve 2, F. Kaufusi tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 18** (J. Sua'alii, S. Tupouniua, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 2, P. Momirovski goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.** Date: Sat, 11th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 12-10. Penalties: Melbourne 8-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 12,925. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'alii; Walker, Keary; Collins, Hutchison, Taukeiaho, Crichton, Tupouniua, Butcher. Int: Watson, Baker, May, Fifita. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Ieremia, Anderson, Olam, Seve; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Smith, Kamikamica, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Loiero, Lewis.

BRISBANE 24 CANBERRA 18

The Brisbane Broncos have put up one of their most brave performances of the club's history as they held on for a 24-18 victory over the Canberra Raiders despite losing three key players to serious injury.

In one of the most entertaining halves of Rugby League this season, both sides went tit-for-tat with each other in attack with both sides having successful sustained periods of attacking football. The home-side started the strongest with the majority of possession inside the opening ten minutes and it was Ezra Mam who was able to score for the Broncos after the Raiders defence couldn't hold on. Canberra's first few attacking sets on the Brisbane line were pretty ordinary but their open try was anything but ordinary. Jamal Fogarty put in a pinpoint kick that saw Nick Cotric outjump the Broncos and get the ball down. Fogarty levelled the scores from close range. The Broncos then hit back soon after when the new kids combined with Brenko Lee creating space on the outside after Brisbane elected to go down the short side and Lee found Jordan Pereira who scored out wide. Adam Reynolds converted to push the lead back to a converted try. Despite the home side looking as if they were going to score next, the Raiders hit back through Corey Horsburgh who ran hard at the line off a Zac Woolford short ball and the big red-head slammed the ball next to the posts.

Both sides were going try-for-try in the first half and Herbie Farnworth had the first of his double when the Broncos sliced through the Raiders defence which again was caught short down their right side. Although there was cover defence for the Raiders, Farnworth was able to get over and despite the conversion hitting the upright the Broncos still lead by 4. The Green Machine took the lead close to half-time when the ball was kept alive with countless offloads and eventually it ended up with Adam Elliott who scored next to the posts. Jamal Fogarty converted to give the Raiders an 18-16 lead at the break.

Bravery was set to be tested for the Broncos in the second half which started well for them as they scored what was set to be the only try of the second half when the Broncos again dominated the early stages of the half and Herbie Farnworth scored. Adam Reynolds then pushed the lead out to 4 with his conversion. The Broncos had already lost Payne Haas to a shoulder injury and then Adam Reynolds suffered a rib injury that saw him leave the field in discomfort but not before putting the lead out to 6 with a penalty goal. Having all the momentum, the Raiders were pushing the Broncos defence which was now without Herbie Farnworth who suffered a bicep injury. Although having all the possession, the Raiders only half chance came when Jack Wighton was held up. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE 24 (H. Farnworth 2, E. Mam, J. Pereira tries; A. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 18** (N. Cotric, A. Elliott, C. Horsburgh tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 11th June. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-16. Penalties: Brisbane 3-2. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 28,142. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Lee, Farnworth, Pereira, Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Robati, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Hetherington, Flegler, Palasia. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Schiller; Wighton, Fogarty; Horsburgh, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Papalii, Starling, Sutton, Harawira-Naera.

MANLY 30 WESTS TIGERS 4

Josh Aloiai and Haumole Olakau'atu played starring roles for Manly as they ran away with a comfortable 30-4 victory over a very lost looking Wests Tigers outfit.

Manly's front rowers bagged 3 tries between them as they punched holes through the Tigers middle defence all game, but it wasn't until Brent Naden was sent off for a spear tackle on Jake Trbojevic that Manly took full control of the game.

Both sides were pedestrian in the first half, with last tackle options failing to threaten either defences early on. It took until the 18th minute when Aloiai scored off a crash ball close to the Tigers line for any side to show anything in attack. Reuben Garrick converted.

The Tigers responded in the 34th minute when an offload by Joe Ofahengaue close to Manly's line allowed the Tigers to swing the ball left to Luke Garner, who got outside the defence and dived over in the corner to score. Luke Brooks failed to convert.

Manly extended their lead 14 minutes after halftime when Garrick comfortably avoided a woeful and weak tackle attempt by Naden, before falling over the line on the right side. Garrick then converted his own try.

In the 62nd minute Olakau'atu got the ball at first receiver, while flat footed and 10 metres from the Tigers line. He decided to run, stepped a defender and smashed through a tackle attempt by the considerably smaller Daine Laurie to score. Garrick failed to convert.

3 minutes later, Brent Naden was sent off for an ugly spear tackle on Jake Trbojevic. Trbojevic was uninjured thankfully. Garrick kicked a penalty goal 2 minutes later after Luke Brooks was penalised for an illegal strip.

Manly scored two tries in the final 5 minutes. The first from Tolutau Koula, who ran back infield and then through a gap created by Luciano Leilua losing his footing. Koula stepped past Laurie to race away and score a good solo try. Then, with less than 2 minutes on the clock, Aloiai crossed again when he ran straight and through some more feeble Tigers defence. Both tries converted by Garrick. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MANLY 30 (J. Aloiai 2, R. Garrick, T. Koula, H. Olakau'atu tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 4** (L. Garner try) **AT CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 6-4. Penalties: Manly 9-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 10,231. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofolua, To'a, Naden, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings; Tamou (C), Liddle, Musgrove, Garner, Leilua, Ofahengaue. Int: Madden, Twal, Tuilagi, Seyfarth. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Foran; Aloiai, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic (C). Int: Walker, Taupau, Keppie, Trbojevic.

PENRITH 42 NEWCASTLE 6

The Penrith Panthers have continued their winning ways in the 2022 NRL season, treating their game against the Knights in Newcastle like an opposed training session as they ran out 42 points to 6 winners.

It was clear that the Panthers weren't going to much around as they scored on their first opportunity in attack, with Luai getting away from Gagai in the 5th minute before passing inside to his halves partner Nathan Cleary, who scored the opening try.

After going set for set for the next 10 minutes or so, the Panthers got a penalty and once again took full advantage, when a right side raid was turned away they swung it left to find Kikau in space, who beat at least 3 Knights on his way to the line. The Knights then had a few attacking sets but could do nothing with them, and after finally taking back possession, Nathan Cleary kicked a 40/20 to put his team back on the attack. They unsurprisingly scored another try, with Izack Tago offloading in a two man tackle to Taylan May, who went over untouched.

The Panthers gave away a penalty soon after and the Knights were able to force a dropout, but on the ensuing set a Kurt Mann pass went to ground and was picked up by Penrith, which resulted in Tago getting tackled 20 metres out from the Knights line. On the next play, they swung it right to where the numbers were and found Brian To'o, who scored his first of the afternoon. The Panthers would get a penalty in the dying stages of the first half, making the scoreline at the break a disheartening 26-0 against the Knights.

It would take a full 10 minutes before Penrith continued the onslaught in the second 40, with Kurt Mann (filling in at fullback for Ponga who failed an HIA) making a meal of a Kikau grubber, allowing Tago to dive on the loose ball and add to the score. 15 minutes later, the Panthers would go in again after Stephen Crichton put a dirty right foot step on Tuala, easily beating his opposing man before running right past Kurt Mann in the last line of defence. The next time the Knights had the ball, they dropped it, and To'o got his second try during the ensuing set.

The Knights went over two minutes later but it was reviewed and eventually overruled due to an obstruction, with the Panthers getting a penalty. Kikau opted to put in a kick towards the end of the set, which was scooped up by the Knights, and eventually Gagai was tackled up near halfway. The home side then spread it left to an unmarked Edrick Lee, who sprinted away to score a consolation try, which was the last time the scoreboard attendants were troubled in this one. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PENRITH 42 (B. To'o 2, N. Cleary, S. Crichton, V. Kikau, T. May, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 7 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 6** (E. Lee try; J. Clifford goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 26-0. Penalties: Penrith 7-4. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 21,332. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Tuala, Young; Milford, Clifford; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Barnett. Int: Mann, Sasagi, Thompson, Croker. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Eisenhuth. Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Salmon, Leniu.

CRONULLA 38 WARRIORS 16

The coaching debut of club great Stacey Jones wasn't enough to change the Warriors' fortunes as they went down to Cronulla-Sutherland 38-16 in an entertaining Sunday Night encounter.

In a week shrouded by controversy in the wake of Nathan Brown's shock resignation, Stacey Jones was given the almost impossible task of trying to upset one of the more improved teams in the competition. For much of the opening stages, it seemed like the interim coach curse would strike again. It was an impressive start for the Warriors when Reece Walsh caught Cronulla's left-hand defence napping in the seventh minute and the home side had an early 6-0 lead. That lead was doubled minutes later when Wayde Egan exposed the Sharks' middle defence when he crashed over from short range and the Warriors had a 12-0 lead. Then, the Warriors of more recent times reared their heads when they conceded a flurry of tries which saw their comfortable lead evaporate quickly. A clever kick from Nicho Hynes was knocked back by Jesse Ramien and sat up for Sione Katoa to cross for the black, white and blues. Four minutes later, Siosifa Talakai (who was in doubt all week due to off-field matters) crashed over the top of Chanel Harris-Tavita and brushed past some ordinary right-hand defence to cross. The only difference in the match was goal-kicking and Nicho Hynes was struggling. When Jack Murchie was penalised for facing the Great Barrier Reef to play the ball, Cronulla pounced and Ronaldo Mulitalo crossed and did his trademark Cristiano Ronaldo celebration. Hynes finally knocked a goal over and the Sharks led for the first time tonight. After a mini resistance from the Warriors' defence, they quickly were back waving the white flags when Matt Moylan bounced over some sloppy defence to cross and extend the margin to eight points. Another sloppy penalty conceded in the Warriors' own end, led to another try just before the break when Katoa crossed for his second and the Sharks led by 12 at half-time.

It was the Warriors who again started the half the strongest, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak crossed in spectacular fashion and there was hope for the Warriors only down by 8 points. But, old habits die hard and a controversial second try to Mulitalo after an extensive bunker check seemed to take it out of the Warriors. The wheels quickly came off the Warriors' express when Walsh juggled the ball for a good five seconds before spilling it and allowing Will Kennedy to sneak over and dive on the ball setting up a convincing 18-point lead. Another spilt pass from Walsh saw Katoa sprint 50 metres to cross for his hat-trick. The news doesn't get better for the Warriors with Ben Murdoch-Mesilla and Euan Aitken failing to finish the game with BMM leaving by ambulance with a dislocated elbow. To compound the news, their last game at their Redcliffe base is against a rampaging Penrith side before they can FINALLY return home across the ditch. Cronulla on the other hand were impressive, but at times they were very unconvincing. They take their next home game to Coffs Harbour when they take on the Titans. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CRONULLA 38 (S. Katoa 3, R. Mulitalo 2, W. Kennedy, M. Moylan, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 16** (W. Egan, R. Walsh, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh 2 goals) **AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 24-12. Penalties: Warriors 8-4. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 3,560. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Murdoch-Mesilla, Egan, Tevaga, Aitken, Murchie, Harris (C). Int: Curran, Afoa, Lui, Sironen. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Wilton, Tolman, Trindall, Fifita.

CANTERBURY 34 PARRAMATTA 4

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs recorded the result of the season in their 34-4 success against Parramatta Eels on Monday afternoon in front of 20,184 fans at Stadium Australia.

Josh Addo-Carr trotted for a hat-trick in a performance which might secure him back his Blues jersey in a rollicking performance that saw the Bulldogs blow away a disappointing Eels side behind the Matt Burton-Addo-Carr combo. From the opening exchanges, Bulldogs were up for the contest. Tevita Pangai-Junior made it his mission to take on the Eels pack and ruffled some feathers which got the top four side off their game and allowed the Bulldogs to flourish. The Eels channeled a 90s rock band as they were their own worst enemy tonight. Waqa Blake had an early score chalked off for obstruction then it was a fumbling, bumbling and frankly embarrassing from a team that is supposedly a top four side.

The combination between Josh Addo-Carr and Matt Burton has been one of the bright sparks in the Bulldogs season thus far. The five-eighth put in a short kick for a flying Addo-Carr to go over untouched. Bulldogs were just hungrier for the ball tonight. Jake Averillo was on spot to take an intercept from Reagan Campbell-Gillard to take it to the distance and extend the Bulldogs lead out to double digits. Buoyed by their points, the Dogs continued to push forward and added another four-pointer to young centre Jacob Kiraz to lead 16-0 at the break. The Bulldogs were given a rousing reception from their home faithful after a brilliant half.

They might have expected the Eels to come out firing in the second half but it was Bulldogs having a party again. Burton and Addo-Carr combined again in the 47th minute with a well timed Burton grubber seeing the winger make it 22-0. Being dropped from the Blues side might have been the spark Addo-Carr needed. He completed his hat-trick with an intercept from Eels fullback Clint Gutherson as he trotted away and danced on the Eels chances of a win tonight. Bulldogs left their best trick until last. They kept the ball alive like it was the Harlem Globetrotters before it went into the hands of Burton again. He kicked ahead this time for Averillo to out-pace the Eels defence to send the 20,184 fans into delirium at 34-4. Eels got some late consolation when Villiame Penisini sliced through from a Mitch Moses pass to prevent the Eels having a zero next to their name. Other than that, it was a forgettable afternoon for the Eels who remain a mystery in this year's competition. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CANTERBURY 34 (J. Addo-Carr 3, J. Averillo 2, J. Kiraz tries; M. Burton 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 4** (W. Penisini try) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 13th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-0. Penalties: Parramatta 11-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,184. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Allan, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; Pangai Junior, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Waddell, King. Int: Faitala-Mariner, Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Patolo. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Niukore, Papali'i. Int: Makatoa, Matterson, Kaufusi, Brown.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 14

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	13 - 0 - 1	264	26
2	Melbourne	10 - 0 - 3	197	22
3	North Qld	10 - 0 - 4	179	20
4	Brisbane	9 - 0 - 4	69	20
5	Cronulla	8 - 0 - 5	60	18
6	Parramatta	8 - 0 - 5	34	18
7	Souths	7 - 0 - 6	41	16
8	Sydney	7 - 0 - 7	39	14
9	Manly	7 - 0 - 7	-2	14
10	St Geo Illa	6 - 0 - 7	-92	14
11	Canberra	6 - 0 - 8	-41	12
12	Newcastle	4 - 0 - 9	-176	10
13	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 10	-144	8
14	Warriors	4 - 0 - 10	-151	8
15	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 11	-138	6
16	Canterbury	3 - 0 - 11	-139	6

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Felise KAUFUSI (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - not guilty
Brent NADEN (Wests Tigers): G3 Dangerous Throw - 3 matches

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NORTH QLD v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Reece Robson, 2 points - Jason Taumalolo, 1 points - Scott Drinkwater

GOLD COAST v SOUTHS 3 points - Alex Johnston, 2 points - Damien Cook, 1 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui

SYDNEY v MELBOURNE 3 points - Marion Seve, 2 points - Felise Kaufusi, 1 points - Jahrome Hughes

BRISBANE v CANBERRA 3 points - Joseph Tapine, 2 points - Patrick Carrigan, 1 points - Ezra Mam

WESTS TIGERS v MANLY 3 points - Haumole Olakau'atu, 2 points - Josh Aloiai, 1 points - Reuben Garrick

NEWCASTLE v PENRITH 3 points - Nathan Cleary, 2 points - Viliame Kikau, 1 points - Brian To'o

WARRIORS v CRONULLA 3 points - Blayke Brailey, 2 points - Nicho Hynes, 1 points - Jack Murchie

CANTERBURY v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Josh Addo-Carr, 2 points - Matt Burton, 1 points - Jake Averillo

LEADERBOARD

20 POINTS	Cameron Munster (Storm)
17 POINTS	Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
16 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons)
14 POINTS	Nathan Cleary (Panthers)
13 POINTS	Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Isah Yeo (Panthers)
12 POINTS	Mitchell Moses (Eels)
11 POINTS	Jarome Luai (Panthers), Jackson Hastings (Wests Tigers)
10 POINTS	James Tedesco (Roosters)



ROUND 15

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 32 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

The St George Illawarra Dragons have scored an upset win to rocket into the top eight on Thursday Night, putting up 32 points in the first half for a 20-point win against the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

The poor old Rabbitohs were in it right up until the kickoff, when Lachlan Ilias dropped the ball on the opening play of the match. Souths were able to hold the Dragons off on that occasion, but it wasn't a sign of things to come. The Red V got a penalty in the fourth minute and put it to full use when Ben Hunt kicked early in the count for Zac Lomax. He beat Campbell Graham to the ball and found Hunt backing up on the inside, who dived in under the posts for the first points of the match. Despite the first half blowout, Souths had some decent chances at the start of the first half, going on the attack courtesy of back to back set restarts following the first try. Campbell Graham put it down though, and the Dragons once again took full advantage, with Talatau Amone running right past Cam Murray and linking up with Mikaele Ravalawa in support, who made no mistake with the finish. The Dragons got a penalty on the next set and this is where you started to get the feeling that this was going to get ugly. They looked primed for a spread to the left, but Ben Hunt turned the ball inside for a hard running Jack de Belin, who crashed over the line to make the score 16-0 after just 15 minutes. Souths challenged the next Dragons penalty but were unsuccessful, and Mat Feagai broke multiple tackles on the first play of the next set. Zac Lomax found himself one-on-one with Graham and beat him before flicking it to Ravalawa, who got past Johnston for his second try. The Rabbitohs finally got the ball after the Dragons completed post the Ravalawa try, but they didn't put it to good use as Ilias' kick was fielded easily on the full in goal by Ramsey.

The Dragons again went up the field and scored in the next set, with Ben Hunt putting up an imposing bomb kick that opposing winger Jaxson Paulo wanted nothing to do with. That was all Moses Suli needed, catching it cleanly and having a clean run to the line. St George Illawarra again got a penalty coming out of their own end and again scored a try off the back of it, with Cody Ramsey stepping past Ilias and Paulo on his way to the try-line. The score was 32-0 after just 30 minutes. It was at that point that Souths coach Demetriou got the hook out for young half Lachy Ilias, opting to move Nikorima to the halves and Blake Taafa to fullback. With just under 2 minutes left in the first half, Amone was sin-binned for taking Cody Walker out off the ball. The Dragons dug deep and held the Rabbitohs out for the full 10 minute period. Souths had the lion's share of possession and field position in the second half and were finally able to breach the Dragons defence in the 58th minute, when Damien Cook burrowed his way over from dummy half. A few die hard Souths fans were daring to dream when Cam Murray crashed his way over the line five minutes later to give the scoreline of 32-12 with just over 15 minutes to go. They went close on a few other occasions and may have been a shout to pull it off if Ben Hunt hadn't intercepted Cook on the goal-line two minutes later.

ADAM HUXTABLE

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 32 (M. Ravalawa 2, J. De Belin, B. Hunt, C. Ramsey, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 12** (D. Cook, C. Murray tries; K. Nikorima 2 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 16th June. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 32-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 9-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 11,257. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, Sims. Int: Mbye, Molo, Woods, Molo. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Nikorima, Johnston, Milne, Graham, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Taafa, Nicholls, Havili, Sele.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 28 MANLY 26

North Queensland have come back from a 14-point deficit to defeat Manly Warringah 28-26 in an enthralling and thrilling match at 4 Pines Park.

The Cowboys suffered a cruel blow minutes before kickoff when QLD representative Reuben Cotter strained his hamstring in the warmup forcing a late reshuffle and early on it appeared to work against the visitors with the Cowboys struggling to get out of yardage against a Manly side who had it all to play for in the logjam for the finals. It was the home side who got on the board first as we got a glimpse of what would become a theme of the contest. A lovely second kick from Kieran Foran found Christian Tuipulotu on the full and Manly would play from in front. The defensive effort in the twenty-fourth minute would've reminded Todd Payten of last year as Morgan Harper burned the Cowboys defence before linking up with Reuben Garrick to lead 10-0. The kicking duels continued when North Queensland crossed for their first try just on the half-hour mark when Coen Hess batted the ball back which allowed Chad Townsend to put it on a dime for Valentine Holmes to cross. Harper might have some problems with the match-review committee when he appeared to knee Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow in the head, the Hammer wouldn't return after the incident as the Cowboys trailed by four at the break.

North Queensland started the second half the better side winning the forward battle and out-enthusing the Manly pack that dominated the opening 40. It was the noble kick that saw them take the lead when Andrew Davey dropped the ball straight into the bread basket of Jeremiah Nanai and the Cowboys led for the first time. Although their lead was short-lived when Tuipulotu flew above QLD hopeful Murray Taulagi to cross and retake the lead. Then, Lachlan Croker turned the game in a dramatic three-minute period which began with a booming 40/20 that turned all momentum back to Manly. A clever grubber from Daly Cherry-Evans in the ensuing set and Croker won the race to the ball and Manly were up by eight. Another passage of second kicks led to Croker's second when Croker chased his own kick that was nearly dropped by Josh Schuster and Croker won the race and Manly looked home and hosed. But as we know, we don't doubt the Cowboys this season and began their comeback with eight minutes to play, Reece Robson was placed onside by Nanai and crashed over off yet another kick and reduced the margin to eight. Off the ensuing set, the Cowboys made an exciting interchange of play which saw Val Holmes link up with Taulagi who linked up with Connelly Lemuelu and the margin was cut to two. The game looked over when Nanai dropped the kickoff, but a lapse in concentration from DCE saw him hit strongly by Scott Drinkwater and Val Holmes raced 90 metres to put the Cowboys in front. Despite a last-ditch effort from Manly, North Queensland held on for a famous victory away from home. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 28 (V. Holmes 2, C. Lemuelu, J. Nanai, R. Robson tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 26** (L. Croker 2, C. Tuipulotu 2, R. Garrick tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Fri, 17th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 10-6. Penalties: Manly 5-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 9,226. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Walker, Schuster, Taupau, Keppie. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Tabuai-Fidow, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Taunua-Brown, Hess, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Lemuelu, Granville, Neame, Elliot.

MELBOURNE 32 BRISBANE 20

The Melbourne Storm have extended their dominance over the Brisbane Broncos to 11 consecutive victories with a 32-20 win at AAMI Park.

Rallying from a 16-6 deficit late in the opening half, Melbourne halfback Jahrome Hughes guided the home side back into the contest to the delight of the largest regular season crowd recorded at AAMI Park, excluding ANZAC Day fixtures, since the onset of the pandemic.

Getting off to a positive start with Harry Grant delivering a short pass close to the try line, Fijian front-rower Tui Kamikamica (8th minute) made the most of his chance in the starting side by crossing for his first try of the season.

Holding off a further try to Dean Ieremia that was overturned by the bunker upon review, the Broncos responded with Corey Oates (17th minute) finishing off a spectacular over the head pass from Kurt Capewell.

Going from one end of the field to the other after Justin Olam was denied a four-pointer due to an obstruction call against Cameron Munster, Oates (24th minute) collected his second despite Hughes appearing to be impeded in the lead up.

Continuing the flow of points with Ieremia losing the ball from a kick-return, former Newcastle and Gold Coast playmaker Tyrone Roberts showed his experience with a sensational cut-out pass for Selwyn Cobbo (26th minute) to score.

Facing a ten-point deficit shortly before the break, Hughes took it upon himself to level the scores by chipping early in the tackle count for Munster (35th minute) before combining with Nick Meaney to collect a try of his own (38th minute).

Striking a crucial blow shortly before the hour mark, Melbourne made the most of field position from a penalty with Ieremia (56th minute) breaking the halftime deadlock.

Securing the victory to the delight of 19,253 supporters with a left side shift involving all of the side's spine players, Ieremia (63rd minute) slid over to collect his second try of the evening.

Finishing the scoring with Hughes (74th minute) taking on the line and diving on his own grubber, the visitors had the final say of the evening with Ezra Mam (78th minute) finishing off a length of the field break from Billy Walters moments before the final siren. **ROB CROSSBY**

MELBOURNE 32 (J. Hughes 2, D. Ieremia 2, T. Kamikamica, C. Munster tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 20** (C. Oates 2, S. Cobbo, E. Mam tries; K. Staggs 2 goals) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Fri, 17th June. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Melbourne 6-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 18,586. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Ieremia, Seve, Olam, Anderson; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Kamikamica, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Smith. Int: Asofa-Solomona, King, Loiero, Lewis. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Lee, Cobbo; Mam, Roberts; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell (C), Riki, Carrigan. Int: Turpin, Hetherington, Flegler, Palasia.

CRONULLA 18 GOLD COAST 10

Cronulla never looked threatened in their match against the last placed Gold Coast Titans, despite a low scoring 18-10 win.

Both sides turned the ball over so regularly that you'd be forgiven for thinking it was played in wet weather.

The Sharks scored in the 10th minute when a right-side play resulted in William Kennedy tapping on a pass brilliant and perfectly to his unmarked winger and Sione Katoa strolled in to score in the corner. Nicho Hynes failed to convert from touch.

Six minutes later, the Sharks extended their lead and it looked like they were in a mood to rack up a big score, when Matt Moylan received a ball on the left side. Stepped off his left foot, straightened his run and went through the tattered Titans goal line defence to score a good solo try. Hynes converted.

The Gold Coast Titans responded almost immediately when AJ Brimson ran down the short side, created an overlap and put Beau Fermor into space. The big man raced away, before throwing a perfectly timed dummy, which Kennedy fell for. Fermor then ran in to score a good try. Jamayne Isaako converted.

The Titans equalised in the 24th minute when Greg Marzhem scored a brilliant try when he managed to score in the left corner, despite looking like he was going to be bundled into touch by Ronaldo Mulitalo. Isaako failed to convert from out wide. The scores remained lock at 10 apiece until halftime.

Five minutes after play resumed, Moylan put Teig Wilton through a small gap with a lovely short ball. Wilton progressed up to the Titans line before getting a good offload away to Blayke Brailey in support and the talented rake dived over to score. Hynes converted to give the Sharks the lead again.

Hynes added a penalty in the 60th minute to give the Sharks an 8 point buffer on the scoreboard.

Both sides went close to scoring on a number of occasions in the final 20 minutes, but more frequent was the ill-discipline, poor ball control and placid last tackle options by both sides. A manic last few seconds saw both sides almost score but fittingly, neither did. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CRONULLA 18 (B. Brailey, S. Katoa, M. Moylan tries; N. Hynes 3 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 10** (B. Fermor, G. Marzhem tries; J. Isaako goal) **AT C.EX COFFS INTERNATIONAL STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Cronulla 8-6. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 9,058. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Tolman, Trindall, Wilton, Finucane. **GOLD COAST:** Brimson, Marzhem, Kelly, Herbert, Isaako; Turner, Sexton; Wallace, Clark, Liu, McIntyre, Fermor, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Boyd, Fotuauka, Jolliffe, Lisone.

PENRITH 40 WARRIORS 6

The New Zealand Warriors have bid farewell to Fortress Australia in disappointing circumstances going down to the defending premiers 40-6 in front of a big crowd at Moreton Daily Stadium.

It was a tough and tenacious start for the New Zealanders, holding the Panthers at bay and asking plenty of attacking questions towards the Panthers' defence. Penrith thought they crossed early through Dylan Edwards but the Bunker found a tiny knock-on from Liam Martin in the lead-up and the try was taken off them. Off the back of some untimely disciplinary breakdowns, the Panthers crossed when Moses Leota received a lovely pass from Api Koroisau and the Panther express was in full flight from there on. Five minutes later, a well-worked scrum play saw Nathan Cleary pass on the inside to Dylan Edwards and Penrith was motoring onto an impressive 12-0 lead.

New Zealand worked their way back into the game and forced some pressure on the Panthers' defence but was never able to break through the defence through the opening 40 minutes. But, you can never afford to give Penrith a sniff of possession and Taylan May continued his strong try-scoring form with a spectacular finish right on half-time and with the circus act of Cleary's sideline conversion. Penrith had an 18-0 lead at the change of ends.

Penrith's dominance in the competition continued in the second 40, despite an early lack of patience in their attack which led to several errors and many penalties conceded. But a lovely set-up down the right which saw Edwards link up with Cleary who found Stephen Crichton who passed onto Brian To'o and the NSW origin combination connected.

It was a procession down the middle of the field just shy of the hour mark, this led to Isaah Yeo to cross on the back of a lovely pass from Koroisau who did his NSW hopes the world of good with another great performance. Liam Martin crashed over running over the top of NRL debutant Ronald Volkman to cross. New Zealand wouldn't go away and it was a clever 40/20 from Chanel Harris-Tavita which gave them their sole try of the match off a sweeping movement from Volkman to Reece Walsh who found Josh Curran to cross. Penrith had the final say when To'o crossed for his second on the stroke of full-time. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 40 (B. To'o 2, D. Edwards, M. Leota, L. Martin, T. May, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 5, S. Crichton goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 6** (J. Curran try; R. Walsh goal) **AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 18th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-0. Penalties: Warriors 8-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 8,127. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Arthars, Pompey, Montoya, Volkman, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Tevaga, Murchie, Curran, Harris (C). Int: Afoa, Harris-Tavita, Lui, Sironen. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon.

PARRAMATTA 26 SYDNEY 16

Bouncing back from an awful performance last week, the Parramatta Eels have shown they can be one of the most damaging teams in the competition with their 26-16 win over the Roosters at Parramatta.

The opening forty minutes was arguably one of the greatest halves in Rugby League since the Panthers won the 2021 NRL premiership. Both teams had moments of brilliance starting with the Sydney Roosters who were able to get over first when Joseph Suaalii was able to score in the Northeast corner after some good hands caught the Eels out and the Bondi boys led.

The Eels then showed why they are one of the most entertaining teams in the competition when the Blue and Gold hit back through Dylan Brown after Parramatta were able to keep the ball alive with some good work and Shaun Lane put Brown through to score. A second try came for Parramatta as Isaiah Papali'i had too much speed to beat the defenders in front of him and then had the size to get over the top of James Tedesco for the Eels second try. The third try was as thing of beauty again for Parramatta as they spread the ball across the field and again Shaun Lane's offload was the difference as he put Clint Gutherson through. The Roosters halted the Eels scoreboard momentum temporarily when Sam Walker found Sitili Tupouniua with a flattish pass that sent the Roosters second rower through empty space up the middle of the park to score. Turning back the clock, Maika Sivo was charging over defenders and he was back in the scorers list when the Eels were able to keep it alive despite the Roosters looking shutting down the play multiple times. The final try of the first half, was just as good as anything they dished out earlier in the night with the speed of Mitch Moses causing issues when he ran out towards the sideline and put Bailey Simonsson into space before the ball ended up with Ryan Matterson and eventually Reed Mahoney who scored.

The Roosters needed to find something in the second half trailing 26-12 at the break and early on in the second half, the Eastern Suburbs side found it when some individual brilliance from Joseph Suaalii saw the Roosters get on the board again when he kicked over the top for himself and got the best bounce possible and scored out wide. Sam Walker missed the kick and kept the score at 26-16. For a game that had 38 points in the first half, the points dried up significantly with neither side adding points beyond that despite both sides having chances in particular the Roosters who were denied on regular occasions by the Blue and gold. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA 26 (D. Brown, C. Gutherson, R. Mahoney, I. Papali'i, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 3 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 16** (J. Sua'ali'i 2, S. Tupouniua tries; S. Walker 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 18th June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 26-12. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 21,757. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Matterson, Papali'i. Int: Niukore, Makatoa, Kaufusi, Rodwell. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Walker, Hutchison; Collins, Verrills, Taukeiaho, Crichton, Tupouniua, Butcher. Int: Watson, Butcher, Baker, Fifita.

CANBERRA 20 NEWCASTLE 18

The Canberra Raiders have ensured they kept pace with the scramble for the top 8 on Sunday Afternoon, scoring a go-ahead try in the dying stages to beat the Knights 20 points to 18.

If someone had told you after the first 30 or so minutes that there would be 38 points would be scored, you would've assumed that the Raiders had scored a 38-0 victory, or something in that vicinity. The first try was scored 11 minutes in after Fogarty forced one of the first of many repeat sets. Joe Tapine of all people threw a cutout pass that got Cotric one-on-one with Young, with Cotric getting the better of his counterpart and getting over the line. A Leo Thompson cold drop put the Raiders back on the attack, and after another couple of repeat sets they were over the line once again. Matt Timoko produced an individual effort on Enari Tuala not dissimilar to the one he made on Momirovski a fortnight ago, brushing off his opposite number with ease on his way to the line. Tuala was again responsible for the next Raiders try, dropping the ball and relinquishing any momentum his side had built up. The Raiders then went down the field and scored, with Xavier Savage flying above the Knights defenders to score. Fogarty then nailed his first conversion of the day, making the score 14-0. From the 30th-36th minute, there were about 5 or 6 errors made, with both sides squandering opportunities equally. The Knights finally held the ball for a bit, and when they scored a try right on half time courtesy of a Ponga dummy half pass to Mann, Raiders fans were starting to sweat, thinking that they'd seen this movie before.

They had indeed seen this movie before. An 8 point lead was clearly not enough considering their domination throughout the first half, and the Knights made it clear that they weren't going anywhere when they scored a minute after Elliott Whitehead went to the sin bin for a late hit. Ponga put a grubber in that Mat Croker won the race to. The Raiders attack was then the most disjointed it's been in weeks, making multiple errors that left the door open for the Knights. They paid the price when, after Rapaná's pass went into touch, the Knights took the lead in a relatively nonchalant set. Clune got an offload to Barnett in space, who then found Edrick Lee. The former Raider was way too strong for Savage and all of a sudden the Knights had taken the lead. Newcastle appeared to come up with a dagger, when Savage again made an error in trying to keep a 40/20 in the field of play, knocking on while diving on the ball and allowing Edrick Lee to pick it up and score untouched. The green machine were saved by the bunker though, who ruled that Tuala had knocked on after Savage did the same. Despite that, it looked as though the Knights would hang on. Joe Tapine saved the day by catching the ball and staying in the field of play, but they still had to go 98 metres in 3 minutes. That's exactly what they did. They were helped by a penalty, but the way Newcastle were defending and Canberra were attacking it seemed as though it'd be too little too late. Hudson Young knew this, and decided that he simply wasn't going to lose this game. On the third tackle, he identified Ponga in the defensive line and grubbered ahead for himself, winning the race and scoring the try that tied the game. Fogarty made no mistake with the conversion, and the Raiders got out of jail, keeping pace with the Rabbitohs, Dragons, Roosters and Manly in the race for those final two top eight spots. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

CANBERRA 20 (N. Cotric, X. Savage, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 2 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 18** (M. Croker, E. Lee, K. Mann tries; K. Ponga 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 19th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-6. Penalties: Canberra 8-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 12,457. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapaná; Frawley, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Sutton, Horsburgh, Schiller. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Tuala, Young; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Thompson, Frizell, Barnett, Mann. Int: Saifiti, Sasagi, Croker, Saulo.

CANTERBURY 36 WESTS TIGERS 12

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have posted back-to-back wins for the first time since the onset of COVID-19 by trouncing the Wests Tigers 36-12 at Commbank Stadium.

Backing up their Easter Monday rout over Parramatta with a further six tries against the joint venture, the win - played before a vocal crowd of 14,806 supporters - sees the blue and whites move up to 13th on the ladder ahead of next week's round of representative fixtures.

The Tigers were dealt a blow less than a minute into proceedings with Alex Twal, promoted into the starting side for only the third time this season, needing to be assisted from the field by the medicab after colliding with the ground while pressuring Matt Burton on the last tackle.

Getting the better of their opponents during the opening stages with Burton and Kyle Flanagan forcing repeat sets with their kicking games, underrated hooker Jeremy Marshall-King (14th minute) burrowed over from close range to open the scoring.

Responding a few sets later with Luke Brooks putting up a cross-field bomb, David Nofaluma (18th minute) managed to outfox Josh Addo-Carr with a great catch and even better put down narrowly inside the corner post.

The Bulldogs regained the lead midway through the first 40 minutes with Jake Averillo (25th minute) splitting the Tigers defence from dummy half to give the home side a six-point break at the change of ends.

Exchanging sets after halftime with the contest poised to go either way, the Bulldogs struck a major blow with Jacob Kiraz collecting a Burton bomb and offloading to give Averillo (50th minute) his second of the afternoon.

Electing to run the ball on the last tackle a few sets after scoring, the Bulldogs were rewarded with Corey Allan combining to send Kiraz (54th minute) over for his third try in the top grade.

Securing the result with Addo-Carr running across the field before Kurtis Morrin (63rd minute) in support, the debutant's joy was short-lived after sustaining a shoulder injury minutes later. Keeping the points flowing with Aaron Schoupp (68th minute) running the length of the field from an intercept, the Tigers had the final say with James Tamou (79th minute) crossing for a consolation four-pointer second before the final siren. **ROB CROSBY**

CANTERBURY 36 (J. Averillo 2, J. Kiraz, J. Marshall-King, K. Morrin, A. Schoupp tries; M. Burton 6 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (D. Nofaluma, J. Tamou tries; L. Brooks 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 19th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 12-6. Penalties: Canterbury 4-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 14,806. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Allan, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Waddell, Pangai Junior. Int: Faitala-Mariner, Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Morrin. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofaluma, To'a, Kepaoa, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings (C); Twal, Liddle, Musgrove, Garner, Tuilagi, Ofahengaue. Int: Tamou, Brown, Doueiri, Seyfarth.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 15

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	14 - 0 - 1	298	28
2	Melbourne	11 - 0 - 3	209	24
3	North Qld	11 - 0 - 4	181	22
4	Cronulla	9 - 0 - 5	68	20
5	Brisbane	9 - 0 - 5	57	20
6	Parramatta	9 - 0 - 5	36	20
7	Souths	7 - 0 - 7	21	16
8	St Geo Illa	7 - 0 - 7	-72	16
9	Sydney	7 - 0 - 8	29	14
10	Manly	7 - 0 - 8	-4	14
11	Canberra	7 - 0 - 8	-39	14
12	Newcastle	4 - 0 - 10	-178	10
13	Canterbury	4 - 0 - 11	-107	8
14	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 11	-168	8
15	Warriors	4 - 0 - 11	-185	8
16	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 12	-146	6

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Morgan HARPER (Sea Eagles): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Lindsay COLLINS (Roosters): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$2500
David NOFOALUMA (Tigers): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$750
Elliott WHITEHEAD (Raiders): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000

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ST GEO ILLA v SOUTHS 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Zac Lomax, 1 points - Blake Lawrie

MANLY v NORTH QLD 3 points - Lachlan Croker, 2 points - Valentine Holmes, 1 points - Jason Taumalolo

MELBOURNE v BRISBANE 3 points - Jahrome Hughes, 2 points - Justin Olam, 1 points - Tyrone Roberts

CRONULLA v GOLD COAST 3 points - Matt Moylan, 2 points - Will Kennedy, 1 points - Teig Wilton

WARRIORS v PENRITH 3 points - Apisai Koroisau, 2 points - Dylan Edwards, 1 points - Reece Walsh

PARRAMATTA v SYDNEY 3 points - Junior Paulo, 2 points - Reagan Campbell-Gillard, 1 points - Lindsay Collins

CANBERRA v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Joseph Tapine, 2 points - Kalyn Ponga, 1 points - Hudson Young

CANTERBURY v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Jeremy Marshall-King, 2 points - Tevita Pangai Junior, 1 points - Matt Burton

LEADERBOARD

20 POINTS	Cameron Munster (Storm)
19 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons)
17 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
16 POINTS	Jahrome Hughes (Storm)
14 POINTS	Nathan Cleary (Panthers)
13 POINTS	Isaiah Yeo (Panthers)



ROUND 16

MANLY 36 MELBOURNE 30

A masterclass from Daly Cherry-Evans was nearly thrown away by his Manly Warringah side, but they hung on for a 36-30 upset victory over the Melbourne Storm to kick off Beanies for Brain Cancer Round at 4 Pines Park.

It was the home side that crossed for the first try when Ryan Papenhuyzen showcased some rust in his first game back from injury with a poorly timed grubber kick which was intercepted by Tolutau Koula who showcased his speed and raced 90 metres to cross untouched and set Manly up for an early lead. Reuben Garrick's conversion performed the double doink but failed to go over the uprights. Melbourne hit back moments later when Papenhuyzen showcased his skills with a lovely pass to Nick Meaney who crossed out-wide to put the Storm back on level terms before Meaney's sideline conversion put the Storm in front for the only time in the match. Manly would take full momentum for the remainder of the first 40 minutes off the back of a brilliantly timed 40/20 from DCE which set Manly up in great attacking field position. It appeared that everything DCE was touching was turning to gold for Manly in the opening half when a well-executed set play saw Garrick throw a great pass to Jason Saab and Manly regained the lead. Garrick suffered a knock passing the final pass and wouldn't kick goals for the remainder of the contest, DCE nailed the kick from out near the sideline for Manly to lead by four. Off the ensuing set a bomb from the QLD halfback was allowed to bounce by the Storm's back three and Christian Tuipulotu charged his way over the line to score. Melbourne weren't their usual clinical selves in this contest, forcing poor passes and dropping the ball in critical situations. Manly made them pay right on half-time when Saab crossed for his second juggling the ball to give Manly a twelve-point lead at the change of ends.

Despite the narrow margin, Melbourne was playing as if they were down by 30 with Craig Bellamy's half-time address seemingly going in one ear and out the other. Morgan Harper continued his strong game charging over the top of some pedestrian Melbourne defence to put his side up by sixteen. Off the ensuing set, Manly went down the field and hit Melbourne with their second double whammy of the match when Haumole Olakau'atu charged over the top of four defenders to cross and give Manly a 22-point lead. Melbourne showed some signs of life off the very next play when Brandon Smith stole the ball off Martin Taupau and ran 20 metres to cross and give the Storm a chance. Any hope of a comeback appeared to be sniffed out when Koula scored off another DCE pass for Manly's seventh of the evening to lead 34-12. A run of sets on Melbourne's line eventually saw Manly add more points, however it was just a solitary penalty goal after Melbourne sent a short dropout out on the full and the Eagles looked home. The last seven minutes were drama charged and all Manly's wrong doing. A failed attempt at a one on one strip by Taniela Paseka saw Melbourne cross off a routine scrum play when Nelson Asofa-Solomona crashed over. Off the kick-off, Josh Schuster was ruled offside and the Storm charged down field and Papenhuyzen crossed for the first of his two late tries when Manly's defence crumbled at the seems. The next kickoff saw it sail out on the full, which allowed Olam to cross for the Storm off some sloppy Manly defence. Although they finally got a kickoff right (yep it's a miracle), they let Papenhuyzen stroll straight through untouched to set up one final play. But, thankfully for Manly fans, there footy team remembered how to tackle for one play and hung on for an upset victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

MANLY 36 (T. Koula 2, J. Saab 2, M. Harper, H. Olakau'atu, C. Tuipulotu tries; D. Cherry-Evans 4 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 30** (R. Papenhuyzen 2, N. Asofa-Solomona, N. Meaney, J. Olam, B. Smith tries; N. Meaney 2, R. Papenhuyzen goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Thu, 30th June. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Manly 18-6. Penalties: Melbourne 8-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 8,168. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Keppie, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Walker, Schuster, Taupau, Paseka. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Meaney, Seve, Olam, Anderson; Nikorima, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Kamikamica, Lewis, Bromwich, Smith. Int: Ieremia, King, Asofa-Solomona, MacDonald.

NEWCASTLE 38 GOLD COAST 12

Newcastle Knights have got a much needed win with Edrick Lee's five try haul breaking a club record in their 38-12 win against a woeful Gold Coast Titans team on Friday night at Hunter Stadium.

It was a winger's wonderland in the first half. All five of the Knights tries went to their backline. Edrick Lee was prolific in getting a hat-trick while Dominic Young touched down twice. Young got the Knights on the board after they were running downhill in the first half. It was a nice kick from Clune which landed right in the winger's hands to make it 4-0. Newcastle in front of a hardy crowd on Friday night, dominated the opening exchanges. Anthony Milford paired with Adam Clune provided the wonderful pass for Lee to dive over. The Knights kept the foot on the pedal with Lee repeated the dose, this time the pass came from Clune in a rapid fire start for a side that truly needed something after their recent horror run at home. Young then provided a splashy finish to complete his double. It was another wonderful pass from Milford which gave the English winger the room to plant it just inside the whitewash. Lee put the exclamation point on the impressive first half. Enari Tuala had them on the front foot with an intercept then a Clune kick was right into Lee's hands to make it 22-0 at the break.

Titans were the first on the board in the second half. It was a wonderful run from AJ Brimson from the scrum to outpace the chasers to the line and get the visitors on the board. The nerves started to jangle for the Knights when Titans made it back-to-back scores. Greg Marzhev finished the move off in the corner then a stylish kick from Jamayne Isaako made it 22-12. Newcastle gave themselves some breathing room when Edrick Lee joined the four-tries club at Newcastle with an effort that was ticked off by the bunker review to make it 26-12. Both teams were reduced to twelve men in the final ten. Jarrod Wallace was sent directly for a dangerous tackle on interchange Knights forward Simi Sasagi while David Klemmer was binned for a punch in the ensuing melee. It was the Edrick Lee night. The winger made it a club record five tries with a sumptuous pass from Tex Hoy gave him so much room for activities to add his fifth score. Knights topped off the win with Young's hat-trick in the final minutes. He scooped up an errant pass and strode away to make it 38-12 at a wet Hunter Stadium. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

NEWCASTLE 38 (E. Lee 5, D. Young 3 tries; T. Hoy 2, A. Milford goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 12** (A. Brimson, G. Marzhev tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 1st July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-0. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 8,578. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Lee, Gagai, Tuala, Young; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell (C), Barnett, Mann. Int: Saifiti, Sasagi, Thompson, Croker. **GOLD COAST:** Brimson, Marzhev, Kelly, Herbert, Isaako; Turner, Sexton; Wallace, Clark, Liu, McIntyre, Fermor, Fa'asuaaleai (C). Int: Boyd, Fotuika, Fifita, Esèese.

PENRITH 26 SYDNEY 18

The defending premiers Penrith have defeated a determined Roosters outfit by 26-18 at Bluebet Stadium tonight to place one hand on the NRL Minor Premiership for 2022.

Penrith took the early ascendancy early in the game, when ill-discipline from the Roosters saw them give away back-to-back penalties. Nathan Cleary took the gift two points on offer to make it 2-0 after just seven minutes. The defending premiers then struck with the first try of the night, through some silky hands from the Penrith backline off a scrum to allow winger Brian To'o to slide over to score in the corner. Cleary converted from out wide and it was 8-0. The Tricolours then were put under even more pressure following a break from Panther utility Jaeman Salmon. Backrower Angus Crichton was sent to the Sin Bin for taking out his namesake and NSW teammate, Stephen off the ball who was in support. The visitors however managed to repel the waves of Penrith attack, before Joey Manu and James Tedesco combined through the middle to find Sam Walker in support, who scored under the posts to reduce the Panthers lead to two points.

The Roosters defence remained resolute while Crichton was off the field, as they continued to scramble in defence to protect the scoreboard until they were back on even terms. However, in a crushing blow before halftime Roosters hooker Sam Verrills was then penalised for a controversial lifting tackle. Replays suggested he slipped and Panthers forward Scott Sorensen tripped over him accidentally. Regardless it was a crucial penalty right before halftime which proved costly, when Viliame Kikau crashed over beside the posts to extend the lead to 14-6 at halftime.

The Roosters then struck first in the second half, after prop Siosia Taukeiaho steamed onto a lovely flat ball from Egan Butcher close to the line. Walker then converted to narrow the Panthers lead to 14-12 and it was game on. The Tricolours then took the lead after makeshift five-eighth Joey Manu ran the ball on the last. The Kiwi international then managed to release the ball out the back for his hooker Verrills to pick up the crumbs to score and put his side up by 18-14.

Penrith then hit back through their skipper Nathan Cleary, who delivered a superb clutch play on the last tackle with a delicious ball close to the line which hit an unmarked Izack Tago to score and tie up the score. Cleary converted the try to give his side a 20-18 lead with less than 15 minutes remaining. The Panthers then iced the game through NSW hooker Apisai Koroisau, who jumped out of dummy half close to the line catching the markers napping to score and seal a vital 26-18 win in front of their home fans. **SAM BOURKE**

PENRITH 26 (V. Kikau, A. Koroisau, I. Tago, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary 5 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 18** (S. Taukeiaho, S. Verrills, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 3 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 1st July. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-6. Penalties: Penrith 8-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 16,725. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Tupouniua, Sua'alii; Manu, Walker; Collins, Hutchison, Taukeiaho, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Verrills, Watson, Butcher.

CRONULLA 18 CANTERBURY 6

The Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks have consolidated their spot in the top four, with two second half tries seeing them score an 18-6 win over the 13th placed Bulldogs at Commbank Stadium.

Despite the heavy rain, both sides played quite an expansive brand of footy early, with Wade Graham making a break off an early left side shift. It gave the Sharks momentum, and they took advantage of it, with Ronaldo Mulitalo crossing in the corner at the end of that same set.

The Sharks were scrappy in attack for the next 15 minutes or so, with Hynes getting multiple 5th tackle kicks wrong, letting the Bulldogs off the hook. They had multiple opportunities but couldn't capitalise, and when Talakai batted the ball over the sideline in the 22nd minute the momentum shifted.

It was the Bulldogs who had all the ball and field position from that point, with the Sharks turning the ball over whenever they had the chance to take possession.

Despite ending the first half with only 40% of the ball, it looked as though the Sharks would carry an unlikely lead into the break after constantly turning up in defence. However, the Bulldogs came up with a dagger with literally 2 seconds left until the break, with Kyle Flanagan producing a well weighted grubber for Jake Averillo to pounce on and score. Burton converted, and the score was 6-6 at the break.

Perhaps the biggest turning point of the match came 6 minutes into the second half. The Bulldogs were on the attack with momentum and Raymond Faitala-Mariner looked to be in for all money, however he dropped the ball over the line.

5 minutes later, the Sharks re-took the lead courtesy of a beautiful Nicho Hynes cutout pass to Sione Katoa, who beat Josh Addo-Carr with ease before getting around Matt Burton in cover. Hynes iced the sideline conversion for the second time, making it a 6-point ball game once again.

3 minutes later, the Sharks would get a penalty and look to force the Bulldogs to score twice if they wanted to win, but Hynes produced his first miss with the boot all game. Matt Burton found touch with the dropout, and the Dogs would go on the attack to try and even up the game once again.

The Bulldogs received a major setback when a possible try was overturned after the bunker deemed Will Kennedy was pushed in the back off the ball. The Sharks got a 6-again and forced a repeat set, before finally closing the game out with a Briton Nikora try in the 64th minute. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

CRONULLA 18 (S. Katoa, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 3 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 6** (J. Averillo try; M. Burton goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 8,837. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Casey, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Waddell, Pangai Junior. Int: Faitala-Mariner, Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Morrin. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), Finucane. Int: McInnes, Tolman, Wilton, Fifita.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 40 BRISBANE 26

The North Queensland Cowboys have completed a rare sweep of QLD teams downing a fast-finishing Brisbane Broncos 40-26 in front of a vocal home crowd in Townsville tonight.

It was billed as a return of old as the Cowboys and Broncos are rapidly rising sides after the bitter disappointment of the past few seasons. Tonight showcased why these two sides deserve to be playing in the finals in 2022. It was a frantic start to the contest with both sides making unforced errors which meant that the sides were unable to get the upper hand.

The first try came in the eleventh minute after a Peta Hiku pass was poorly executed, Chad Townsend failed to gather the ball and Billy Walters picked up the scraps to cross for the opening try of the contest. However, Adam Reynolds managed to hand the Cowboys a try on a silver platter four minutes later when his cutout pass inside the Broncos' own 20 was intercepted by Murray Taulagi and the QLD winger raced away to level the scores. Both sides exchanged penalty goals to close out the opening forty minutes. Val Holmes potted the first when Reynolds kicked his second restart of play out on the full to go ahead by two before Ezra Mam was taken off the ball which allowed Reynolds to level the scores. North Queensland had the lead at the break following a ball strip and another Holmes penalty goal and led 10-8 at half-time.

North Queensland started the second half the better of the two sides and were rewarded when boom rookie forward Griffin Neame crashed over following a lovely pass from Reece Robson to extend the lead to eight points. Brisbane felt the scoreboard pressure and that was their undoing when Jordan Riki forced an ill-timed offload to Kotoni Staggs and off the scrum, the Cowboys shifted it right and it took a lovely pass from Scott Drinkwater to Kyle Feldt and North Queensland's lead was extended to fourteen. Brisbane had some more ball and were rewarded when Reynolds and Mam combined to send Corey Dates over to reduce the deficit to eight points. Robson continued his great season crossing for a vital try getting through some sloppy defence and keeping the margin to fourteen points. Jeremiah Nanai crashed over some paper-thin defence to give the Cowboys a comfortable 20-point lead. But, as has been the theme of this round, you never get comfortable with a big lead. Brisbane fired a late comeback crossing for two quick-fire tries. Dates crossed for his second off a well-worked scrum play before Selwyn Cobbo crashed over from dummy half on the next set to reduce the margin to eight points before Taulagi crossed in the final moments to seal a well-deserved victory for North Queensland. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 40 (M. Taulagi 2, K. Feldt, J. Nanai, G. Neame, R. Robson tries; V. Holmes 8 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 26** (C. Oates 2, S. Cobbo, B. Walters tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 2nd July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 10-8. Penalties: North Queensland 7-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 23,531. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Tabuai-Fidow, Leilua, Taunoa-Brown, Neame. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Lee, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Turpin, Hetherington, Flegler, Palasia.

SOUTH SYDNEY 30 PARRAMATTA 12

It wasn't just a new light system or the weather that was dull at Stadium Australia as Parramatta were absolutely no match for South Sydney as the Rabbitohs ran out big 30-12 victors.

Souths welcomed back Latrell Mitchell and his impact was immediate as the Rabbitohs were the more dominant side early and despite being denied early off a Cody Walker kick, it took them just six minutes to score. The Rabbitohs took advantage of the Parramatta defence rushing in and a good pass from Latrell put Alex Johnston into space out wide to score in the corner.

Creating something out of nothing was the recipe for South Sydney's second try when Cody Walker's first average kick was knocked back by Damien Cook who got the ball to Latrell Mitchell who found Jaxson Paulo who's on kick set up Jai Arrow to score.

Souths put the pressure on and looked to have a third when Jaxson Paulo was initially awarded a try by referee Ben Cummins only for the bunker to step in and deny the Souths winger when it was pretty obvious that he had gone into touch.

The no try and then a subsequent penalty hurt the Rabbitohs as the Eels were able to score when Shaun Lane ran to the line and found Clint Gutherson who juggled the ball and scored.

Souths had dominated the first half and the scoreboard didn't reflect the dominance they had until right on the stroke of half-time when Alex Johnston took an offload as Mitch Moses looked to tip the ball on but only found the Souths flyer who raced away to score. Latrell Mitchell converted for the third time and put the Rabbitohs out to a 18-6 lead.

The second half was all red and green again as Souths dominated field position although it took them until just after the hour mark to get their first try of the second half when Jaxson Paulo scored in the corner after some good work from Campbell Graham.

Souths added another try through Damien Cook which was set up by a big run from Latrell Mitchell over the top of Reed Mahoney and Mitchell found Illias before he found Cook to score under the posts.

A late consolation try for Parramatta gave Clint Gutherson a double when the Eels had rare attacking field position to put on a great attacking play. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SOUTH SYDNEY 30 (A. Johnston 2, J. Arrow, D. Cook, J. Paulo tries; L. Mitchell 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 12** (C. Gutherson 2 tries; M. Moses 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 2nd July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 18-6. Penalties: Parramatta 5-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 10,102. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Nicholls, Nikorima, Burgess, Havili. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Niukore. Int: Makatoa, Kaufusi, Rodwell, Opacic.

WARRIORS 22 WESTS TIGERS 2

It had been 1037 days since the Warriors last played in New Zealand and despite their woeful form this year, they made sure that their long-awaited return home was a happy one, keeping the Tiger's tryless as they won 22-2.

The Tigers lacked structure, direction and discipline from start to finish while the Warriors relied heavily on strong ball running to get a much needed win.

Wayde Egan made a break in the very first set of the game, but his support player Chanel Harris-Tavita tripped before Egan could get him the ball and a certain try went begging.

In the 12th minute Egan darted over the Tigers line from dummy half for a try, but the Bunker was unable to confirm that he got the ball down and the try decision was overturned.

The Bunker denied the Warriors a second try just 5 minutes later when it found Marcelo Montoya knocked the ball on in the contest to catch a Shaun Johnson bomb.

The scoring opened in the 26th minute when Johnson kicked a penalty goal.

From the next set, Johnson's grubber was blocked by the Tigers defence, however he managed to regather the ball. A minute later, Egan at dummy half, close to the Tigers line, sent a good ball to Tohu Harris, who was the trailing runner, and he scored between two Tigers defenders. Johnson converted from almost in front.

In the 34th minute, Johnson's cross-field kick was missed by both Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and Ken Maumalo. The ball pulled up in the Tigers in-goal area and Chanel Harris-Tavita following through, grounded the ball for a try. Johnson converted.

Right on halftime, the Tigers got on the board courtesy of an Adam Doueihy penalty goal.

The second half saw both sides playing restrained, low-percentage football. A second penalty goal for Johnson, kicked in the 66th minute, was the only points scored until the final 7 minutes of the game, when Johnson put in a chip to the Tigers left corner, which Watene-Zelezniak batted back to Jesse Arthars, who regathered the ball, spun out of a tackle attempt by Maumalo and fell over the line to score. Johnson converted from touch to seal the 20 point victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

WARRIORS 22 (J. Arthars, C. Harris-Tavita, T. Harris tries; S. Johnson 5 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 2** (A. Doueihy goal) **AT MT SMART STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 14-2. Penalties: Warriors 8-5. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 26,009. **WARRIORS:** Harris-Tavita, Watene-Zelezniak, Arthars, Pompey, Montoya; Volkman, Johnson; Pene, Egan, Tevaga, Aitken, Curran, Harris (C). Int: Fonua-Blake, Afoa, Sironen, Lussick. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofualuma, To'a, Roberts, Maumalo; Brooks, Hastings (C); Seyfarth, Brown, Musgrove, Garner, Tuilagi, Ofahengaue. Int: Utoikamanu, Doueihy, Pole, Dias.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12 CANBERRA 10

A controlled performance in rain-affected conditions has seen the St George Illawarra Dragons return to the top eight with a 12-10 victory over the Canberra Raiders.

Getting the job done at WIN Stadium in a match commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Illawarra Steelers, Dragons captain Ben Hunt once again earned man of the match honours with a performance seen by a hearty group of 7,069 supporters braving the wet Wollongong weather.

Knocking back the opportunity to post points with multiple penalties within kicking range, the Dragons opened the scoring in bizarre circumstances after Jack Wighton batted back a short line drop out which landed into the waiting arms of Talatau Amona (17th minute).

Extending the lead midway through the half just as the rain poured down at its heaviest, Zac Lomax added a penalty goal after Jordan Rapana failed to break the ten metre plane with his line drop out attempt.

Taking advantage of an error inside the Dragons half, young fullback Xavier Savage (30th minute) put the Raiders on the board by taking on the line and using the rain-soaked field to slide over out wide.

Striking a crucial blow with seconds remaining in the opening half, the home side capitalised on Nick Cotric spilling a bomb with Moses Suli (39th minute) powering over Savage to give the Dragons a 12-4 lead.

Using the conditions to their advantage following the change of ends, the Raiders made the most of multiple repeat sets with Tom Starling delivering a terrific pass to give Hudson Young (53rd minute) a clean run underneath the posts.

Failing to make the most of the opportunities due to a lack of patience and execution, the Raiders played out of their own end during the second half as a result of Hunt's instinct to kick early and often.

The Raiders had one final opportunity to score after Cody Ramsey dropped a towering bomb from Jamal Fogarty, however the Dragons managed to hold their line for one final set to run out two-point victors. **ROB CROSBY**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12 (T. Amona, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 10** (X. Savage, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty goal) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 12-4. Penalties: St George Illawarra 6-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 7,069. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amona, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, Sims. Int: Mbye, Molo, Woods, Molo. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Sutton. Int: Elliott, Starling, Nicoll-Klokstad, Horsburgh.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 16

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	15 - 0 - 1	306	30
2	Melbourne	11 - 0 - 4	203	24
3	North Qld	12 - 0 - 4	195	24
4	Cronulla	10 - 0 - 5	80	22
5	Brisbane	9 - 0 - 6	43	20
6	Parramatta	9 - 0 - 6	18	20
7	Souths	8 - 0 - 7	39	18
8	St Geo Illa	8 - 0 - 7	-70	18
9	Manly	8 - 0 - 8	2	16
10	Sydney	7 - 0 - 9	21	14
11	Canberra	7 - 0 - 9	-41	14
12	Newcastle	5 - 0 - 10	-152	12
13	Warriors	5 - 0 - 11	-165	10
14	Canterbury	4 - 0 - 12	-119	8
15	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 12	-188	8
16	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 13	-172	6

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jarrold WALLACE (Titans): G2 Dangerous Throw - 2 matches
Kelma TUILAGI (Tigers): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000

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MANLY v MELBOURNE 3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 2 points - Morgan Harper, 1 points - Brandon Smith

NEWCASTLE v GOLD COAST 3 points - Anthony Milford, 2 points - Edrick Lee, 1 points - Adam Clune

PENRITH v SYDNEY 3 points - Apisai Koroisau, 2 points - Siosua Taukeiaho, 1 points - James Fisher-Harris

CANTERBURY v CRONULLA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Will Kennedy, 1 points - Jeremy Marshall-King

NORTH QLD v BRISBANE 3 points - Reece Robson, 2 points - Scott Drinkwater, 1 points - Ezra Mam

SOUTHS v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Latrell Mitchell, 2 points - Damien Cook, 1 points - Alex Johnston

WARRIORS v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Wayde Egan, 2 points - Tohu Harris, 1 points - Josh Curran

ST GEO ILLA v CANBERRA 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Joseph Tapine, 1 points - Cody Ramsey

LEADERBOARD

22 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons)
20 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
18 POINTS	Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
17 POINTS	Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)
14 POINTS	Joseph Tapine (Raiders)
13 POINTS	Isaiah Yeo (Panthers)



ROUND 17

CRONULLA 28 MELBOURNE 6

The Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks have cemented their spot inside the NRL's top 4 with a commanding 22 point win over the Melbourne Storm with both sides missing key stars to kick off Round 17 at Pointsbet Stadium.

Both sides were short on big names due to Origin and COVID protocols but it was the Sharks who rubbed salt into the wounds of the Storm launching an aggressive attacking raid that would send Craig Bellamy into a fit of rage before the end of the first half. Cronulla kicked off proceedings when Jesse Ramien crossed for the first of his three tries. It came off a great play out to the right-hand side which engaged the sloppy Melbourne Storm defence and the rangy centre crossed for the first try of the evening. The home side got into the spirit of Try July and their aggressive attacking raid left fans wanting more and more try celebrations. They wouldn't be disappointed when off the back of a cheap penalty, Matt Moylan engaged the defence and threw a dummy straight past an out-of-touch Ryan Papenhuyzen before linking up with Blayke Brailey to cross for the Sharks and the lead was out to 10 points rather quickly. Ramien thought he had a quick-fire double inside 25 minutes but a well-positioned Adam Gee ruled that the centre lost the ball over the line and the try was disallowed. Cronulla didn't have to wait long before nabbing a third try of the opening 40 when Moylan again turned provider putting a well-weighted kick in behind Grant Anderson and Ronaldo Mulitalo won the race to the ball before catching his centre partner with a clever post-try celebration and Cronulla were having a time of it. Braydon Trindall nailed the conversion from the sideline and Cronulla had an early cushion and Melbourne was facing deja-vu from last week's defensive disaster. Craig Bellamy would go from semi-angry to full-blown temper tantrum just a set later after Papenhuyzen was caught at marker when the Sharks shifted it right and Sione Katoa put a clever kick in behind and Jesse Ramien grabbed his double to give Cronulla a 20-0 lead at the change of ends.

If you thought the first half couldn't have made Melbourne fans any more angry and upset, the injuries added more salt to the fresh wounds. Grant Anderson left shortly after the resumption after his elbow was bent awkwardly. Worse was to come when Papenhuyzen battled through a series of injuries in the second half, but it was clear to even the most passionate of supporters that he was struggling. Cronulla was letting key attacking passages down with ill-timed mistakes and forward passes, but their defence frustrated the Storm. This led to Brandon Smith taking out his anger on referee Gee and the referee didn't hesitate in sin-binning him for dissent. Melbourne's defence held firm while Smith was off until the final set until his return when Katoa grabbed a try off yet another slick movement involving Trindall, Moylan and Ramien before finding his winger and crossing for the first try of the second half. Ramien grabbed a hat-trick to continue Melbourne's sloppy defensive record as of late making it the fifth match they've conceded over 26 points this season making the score 28-0. Melbourne would grab a consolation try when Alec MacDonald (who was one of their best tonight) crashed over the top of Briton Nikora to reduce the margin to 22 points. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CRONULLA 28 (J. Ramien 3, B. Brailey, S. Katoa, R. Mulitalo tries; B. Trindall 2 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 6** (A.

MacDonald try; N. Meaney goal) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 7th July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 20-0. Penalties: Melbourne 10-9. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 7,868. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Tracey, Mulitalo; Moylan, Trindall; Fifita, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), Finucane. **Int:** Tolman, McInnes, Wilton, Hamlin-Uele. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Ieremia, Seve, Olam, Anderson; Meaney, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Smith, Asofa-Solomona, Lewis, Bromwich, King. **Int:** Wishart, Kamikamica, MacDonald, Grant.

SOUTH SYDNEY 40 NEWCASTLE 28

In one of the more bizarre games of 2022, the South Sydney Rabbitohs have taken a 40-28 victory that including 68 points, a comeback and a send-off all in front of 18,000 fans at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Weird circumstances surrounded the first try for the Rabbitohs when Cody Walker crossed after running into Tom Burgess and bumping away to get under an effort from Mitch Barnett to score. After looking certain to score, the Rabbitohs quickly got a rude shock when Dom Young turned defence into attack after saving a try tackling Nikorima from behind before a lost ball saw Newcastle counter-attack and score through Dom Young. The Knights crossed again soon after when David Klemmer was on the spot to clean up the ball after Edrick Lee was able to tap the ball backwards and Klemmer was there to pick it up and get over. The message about not letting Edrick Lee take clean catches hadn't reached the Knights as Lee was again able to take a clean uncontested catch on the ball before getting it out to an unmarked Bradman Best to score. Leading 16-6, the Knights looked as if they were going to dominate but the game turned on its head when a short dropout from Latrell Mitchell was regathered by Souths and the game changed significantly. The Rabbitohs then turned the momentum big time running in three tries in ten minutes including back-to-back tries to Richie Kennar including the second coming off a pinpoint kick from Cody Walker who used the boot to take advantage of the overlap. Souths added another try right on half-time when Cody Walker took an intercept off a poor pass from Matt Croker and raced 80m to score. Latrell Mitchell's conversion pushed Souths out to a 24-16 lead after trailing 16-6.

The Knights were left shellshocked as poor defence hurt them again when Dom Young needlessly raced 20m infield leaving space open for Richie Kennar to score his third try of the night and extend the Souths lead. Some more misfortune at the back for the Knights gifted Tevita Tatola a try and after leading by 10, the Knights were now down by 14. Edrick Lee broke the run of Souths dominance out wide when Newcastle found their attacking groove but it wasn't to last long when the Rabbitohs were able to hit back. Poor defence again from the Knights let Jaxson Paulo muscle his way to the line when he easily could've been stopped. The Knights were in reach of making a comeback and when Mitch Barnett crossed from close range and things looked good for the home side as they could mount a potential comeback. However, poor decision making from the Red & Blue cost them points and opportunities. What was an entertaining contest finished on a sour note when referee Todd Smith sent David Klemmer from the field in the dying seconds after the Knights enforced dropped a cheap elbow onto a Souths player on the ground. The ensuing penalty gave the Rabbitohs an easy two points which they took to seal the 40-28 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SOUTH SYDNEY 40 (R. Kennar 3, C. Walker 2, J. Paulo, T. Tatola tries; L. Mitchell 6 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 28** (M. Barnett, B. Best, D. Klemmer, E. Lee, D. Young tries; A. Milford 4 goals) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 8th July. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 24-16. Penalties: Newcastle 9-7. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 18,621. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Lee, Tuala, Best, Young; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell (C), Barnett, Mann. **Int:** Brailey, Thompson, Croker, Saulo. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell (C), Kennar, Milne, Tass, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Havili, Moale, Koloamatangi, Cartwright, Nikorima. **Int:** Burgess, Chee-Kam, Fifita, Mitchell.

PARRAMATTA 28 WESTS TIGERS 20

In a game that won't ever go down as a good game, the Parramatta Eels have come from 12-0 down to take a 28-20 win at Leichhardt Oval over the Wests Tigers.

The Eels looked to have started the scoring inside the first five minutes when Shaun Lane thought he had crossed and despite it being awarded, the Bunker stepped in to overturn it with a knock-on during the kick contest with it being ruled Lane had knocked into Daine Laurie. A second almost certain try was disallowed this time via the touch judge who ruled a forward pass, although replays showed it was a harsh call.

Momentum had shifted to the Tigers and they took advantage of some lazy defence at marker from the Eels with Nu Brown getting his way over from dummy half to score. The Tigers then extended their lead a matter of minutes later when Daine Laurie pounced on a mistake from Clint Gutherson at the back to score and the Tigers had a surprise 12-0 lead.

A capitulation ensued from the half-hour mark for the Wests Tigers when Regan Campbell-Gillard scored for the Eels after a kick from Mitch Moses couldn't get cleaned up by the Tigers. The try had a double whammy with Tigers debutant Justin Matamua sent to the sin bin for late contact on Mitch Moses after he kicked the ball.

If you could define the Tigers but a passage of play, it was what happened leading to the half hour mark when a dumb kick from Luke Brooks put the Eels into counter-attack mode which was accelerated by a penalty. Maika Sivo took advantage of his size and powered his way to the line to score. The missed conversion saw the Tigers hold onto a 12-10 lead.

Things continued to go badly for the Tigers at the start of the second half when a lost ball at the end of the first set and put the Eels onto the attack which saw Mitch Moses take the line on and going through after showing the dummy.

Just like most of the game, the only dominant force was Chris Butler's whistle who was penalty happy and stopped either side from getting any momentum. In a poorly officiated game, there was a bright moment for the officials when Maika Sivo was denied a try by the eagle-eyed touch judge who spotted the Fijian star's foot hit the touchline and Parramatta were denied.

The Eels then finally were able to crack the line again when a Mitch Moses kick was perfectly placed for a chasing Isaiah Papali'i to get through and ground the ball.

A late comeback looked to have some potential for the Tigers

when David Nofoaluma got a late double when Luke Brooks put him into space and scored in the corner. The second try for David Nofoaluma had question marks on the put down but was awarded. Both conversion attempts were waved away meaning that the Tigers comeback was thwarted. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA 28 (R. Campbell-Gillard, R. Mahoney, M. Moses, I. Papali'i, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 20** (D. Nofoaluma 2, F. Brown, D. Laurie tries; A. Doueihi 2 goals) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL**. Date: Sat, 9th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 16-12. Penalties: Wests Tigers 9-8. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 13,214. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Nofoaluma, To'a, Doueihi, Tupou; Brooks, Hastings (C); Pole, Brown, Musgrove, Garner, Tuilagi, Ofahengaue. Int: Utoikamanu, Matamua, Liddle, Dias. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Niukore, Lane, Papali'i, Makatoa. Int: Opacic, Kaufusi, Rodwell, Brown.

BRISBANE 32 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18

The Brisbane Broncos paid homage to their 1992 premiership side with a resounding 32-18 victory over St George Illawarra at Suncorp Stadium despite missing 11 eligible first graders due to Origin or injury.

It was definitely a return of the 'Baby Broncos' tag today at Suncorp with this Broncos side almost looking unrecognisable to the side that took to the park last weekend against North Queensland. It was clear in the opening stages that St George would take leaps out of the Cowboys handbook of targeting a wounded Adam Reynolds, but Tariq Sims skated too close to the mark and was sin-binned inside the opening five minutes by Grant Atkins after hitting Reynolds late with "force and causing a whiplash action". Brisbane would quickly capitalise on the extra man advantage when Brenko Lee got a magical pass away to Delouise Hoeter to cross for his first try in his NRL career, a wonderful moment for a man who's worked so hard over seven seasons to reach this point.

The Dragons would hang on for the rest of the sin bin period and when Sims returned to the field (momentarily), the Saints took the lead following a wonderfully worked set play which saw Cody Ramsey fly onto a Talatau Amone pass and outpace Tesi Niu to go all the way to the try-line and with Lomax's conversion, the Dragons had a narrow advantage. Sims would earn another trip to the sin bin with 15 minutes to play in the opening stanza when he hit Rhys Kennedy with a shoulder to the head, making Sims the first player since Kane Evans to earn two trips to the sin bin in the same game, although replays suggested Sims was lucky to return this afternoon.

Much like the first stint, Brisbane capitalised almost immediately when Niu spun his way around some pedestrian Dragons defence to score and with Reynolds converting, Brisbane led by four. St George fired back almost immediately when Moses Suli continued his excellent form this season by powering past four defenders on his way to the try line and regaining the lead for the Saints. However, a cheap penalty against Zac Lomax was the catalyst for the turning point at half-time when Kotoni Staggs ran past Suli to crash over and give the Broncos a 16-12 half-time advantage.

The second half was a comedy of errors from both sides early with the half beginning with both sides kicking the ball dead giving the other a golden opportunity to convert. St George was missing Ben Hunt exponentially tonight and as good as Amone and Sullivan have been in their limited action, tonight showed that they are still incredibly raw at the NRL level and need to improve their short kicking games as well as their game management in the opposition red zone with many opportunities going astray to reduce the gap.

Hoeter grabbed his second try ten minutes into the second half finishing off a lovely set play from Niu who had his hands in absolutely everything tonight. Four minutes later, Kobe Hetherington went straight through a yawning gap before linking up with Niu before Ezra Mam finished off a lovely play to extend the margin beyond two possessions. Brisbane sealed the game off the game's following set when Reynolds and Niu linked up with Jordan Pereira down the right-wing before he kicked back in field to find Staggs who collected the footy and scored his second try. St George nabbed a consolation try in the final ten when Ramsey grabbed his second off a lovely offload from Jack Bird but it was in vein as Brisbane sealed an important win without their stars. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

BRISBANE 32 (D. Hoeter 2, K. Staggs 2, E. Mam, T. Niu tries; A. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18** (C. Ramsey 2, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 16-12. Penalties: Brisbane 5-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 29,234. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Hoeter, Staggs, Lee, Pereira; Mam, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Walters, James, Hosking, Riki, Hetherington. Int: Paix, Kennedy, Willison, Gamble. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Sullivan; Molo, McCullough (C), Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, Sims. Int: De Belin, Mbye, Hunt, Kerr.

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9	St Geo Illa	8 - 0 - 8	-84	18
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MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Tariq SIMS (Dragons): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Tariq SIMS (Dragons): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
David KLEMMER (Knights): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Brandon SMITH (Storm): Contrary Conduct, referred - 3 matches
Briton NIKORA (Sharks): G2 Dangerous Throw - 1 match
Andrew FIFITA (Sharks): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000

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CRONULLA v MELBOURNE 3 points - Matt Moylan, 2 points - Blayke Brailey, 1 points - Cameron McInnes

NEWCASTLE v SOUTHS 3 points - Thomas Burgess, 2 points - Latrell Mitchell, 1 points - Cody Walker

WESTS TIGERS v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points - Isaiah Papali'i, 1 points - Joe Ofahengaue

BRISBANE v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Tesi Niu, 2 points - Zac Hosking, 1 points - Kotoni Staggs

LEADERBOARD



22 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons)
20 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
18 POINTS	Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
17 POINTS	Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)
15 POINTS	Mitchell Moses (Eels)
14 POINTS	Joseph Tapine (Raiders)
13 POINTS	Isaah Yeo (Panthers)
12 POINTS	Jarome Luai (Panthers/NSW), Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ)
11 POINTS	Jackson Hastings (Wests Tigers), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)
10 POINTS	Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), James Tedesco (Roosters), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)
9 POINTS	Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Payne Haas (Broncos), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Matt Burton (Bulldogs/NSW)

ROUND 18

CRONULLA 26 NORTH QUEENSLAND 12

A starring role from Nicho Hynes has proved the difference as Cronulla held on for a 26-12 victory against a North Queensland side missing their QLD Origin winners in Townsville tonight.

North Queensland was missing all their Queensland contingent with Tom Gilbert being the only Maroon to back up following Wednesday night, but still played a formidable line-up that stayed with Cronulla for most of the match. However, an ill-timed tackle on Ronaldo Mulitalo by Kyle Feldt set the visitors up with an early attacking opportunity and they didn't take long to execute when Matt Moylan executed a shift to the right and found try-scoring centre Jesse Ramien who continued his hot-streak to cross for the opening try of the evening.

North Queensland got themselves back into the game but as would be the case throughout the match, Cronulla would be more than happy to hold down and halt the momentum, but this would come back to bite later in the half. On the half-way mark of the opening half, Ramien burrowed his way to the line and despite Adam Gee ruling no-try, replays showed Ramien did enough to get the ball to the line and the Cowboys were looking shellshocked. Following a penalty inside their own end, the Cowboys hit back after a great catch and pass from Luciano Leilua who got it onto Peta Hiku who drew in Mulitalo and Kyle Feldt crossed for their first of the night.

A controversial late hit on Dale Finucane got the Sharks a further two points in front to lead by two possessions. Cronulla's dicing with the set restarts came back to bite when Adam Gee's patience ran out and Blayke Brailey was sin-binned, this proved costly when Chad Townsend found Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow and the Cowboys reduced the gap to two at half-time.

After a case of the droppies went through Townsville, it appeared the Cowboys were going to take the lead when Jason Taumalolo broke through the middle and charged his way to the line. But, the bunker spoiled the fun when replays showed Reece Robson obstructed Braden Hamlin-Uele. Off the back of the penalty, a grubber from Moylan was spilt by Hampton and Teig Wilton crossed for the black, white and blue. Cronulla would seal a well-earned win when Sione Katoa broke through a poor attempt of a tackle by Scott Drinkwater to sprint 60 metres to score, concerningly though he left the game with a shoulder injury and said he heard a pop in his shoulder. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CRONULLA 26 (J. Ramien 2, S. Katoa, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 5 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QUEENSLAND 12** (K. Feldt, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; C. Townsend 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 15th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 14-12. Penalties: Cronulla 7-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 15,982. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Tabuai-Fidow, Hiku, Elliot, Hampton, Townsend (C); Taunoa-Brown, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Leilua, Taumalolo (C). Int: Lemuelu, Granville, Neame, Chester. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Tracey, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Wilton, Graham (C), Finucane. Int: McInnes, Hamlin-Uele, Fifita, Colquhoun.

PARRAMATTA 28 WARRIORS 18

Parramatta were too strong for a fast-finishing Warriors outfit, winning 28-18 at CommBank Stadium tonight, to make it back-to-back wins for Brad Arthur's men and consolidate their Top 8 spot.

Hooker Reed Mahoney was the star for the home side, setting up two tries with some superb touches out of dummy half and his crafty kicks in general play constantly had the Warriors on the back foot. Overall, it was a comfortable victory for Brad Arthur's men who will still have concerns following another late game fade out where they conceded some soft tries with the game seemingly won, which they simply can't afford to do against the top sides of the competition. For New Zealand it was a solid performance, with the Warriors keeping pace with Parramatta early in the match, but crucial errors at key times cost them dearly as they just could not create any momentum to overpower the Eels. Parramatta were happy to be back on home turf and had their fans on their feet early, when Waqa Blake crashed over for the first try of the game following a beautiful flat ball from Mahoney at dummy half close to the line. Moses missed the conversion but it was the Eels ahead 4-0. Waqa Blake then had his second try shortly after, when Maika Sivo took an intercept off his own line and as the cover defence closed in, he showed enough composure to find his centre in support, who cruised to the try line. Moses nailed the conversion from out wide and it was 10-0. The Warriors needed to get into the match and they were gifted an opportunity following an error from Clint Gutherson. New Zealand accepted the invitation and hit back through a blind side play close to the line, which resulted in winger Marcelo Montoya scoring in the corner just before halftime. Shaun Johnson nailed the conversion to narrow the Eels lead to 10-6 at the break.

Parramatta then took the game away with a one-two punch combination, firstly through Isaiah Papali'i steaming onto an inside ball from Mahoney to score against his former club. Minutes later the Eels made it back-to-back tries, when off a Warriors error from a kick, the ball fell into the lap of winger Bailey Simonsson who flicked the ball back inside to find his skipper Gutherson who picked up the scraps to score a simple try and extend the lead to 22-6. Parramatta then put an exclamation point on the match when fan favourite Maika Sivo was put in the clear by Dylan Brown down the left touch line. The Fijian winger then went on a 60 metre run to score a superb try and kick his side clear by 28-6 following the conversion by Moses with ten minutes to go. The Warriors then charged home with two late consolation tries from the hand of Shaun Johnson for winger Edward Kosi and then backrower Jack Murchie, but it was too little too late as Parramatta held on for a comfortable 28-18 victory. **SAM BOURKE**

PARRAMATTA 28 (W. Blake 2, C. Gutherson, I. Papali'i, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 18** (E. Kosi, M. Montoya, J. Murchie tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 15th July. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 10-6. Penalties: Warriors 7-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 12,279. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Niukore. Int: Makatoa, Arthur, Kaufusi, Rodwell. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Montoya, Arthurs, Pompey, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Pene, Egan, Harris (C), Aitken, Curran, Tevaga. Int: Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Afoa, Murchie.

SYDNEY 54 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 26

The Roosters piled on 42 points in 38 minutes to turn a 14-12 deficit into a thumping 54-26 victory against the St. George-Illawarra Dragons on the Central Coast. Joseph Manu and Ben Hunt dominated the first half for their respective sides, before the Roosters turned up the heat after the break, ending their 4 game losing streak in emphatic fashion and resulting in the Roosters jumping the Dragons on the ladder and back into the top 8. The scoring opened in the 14th minute when Sam Verrills darted out of dummy half before linking in the middle with Joseph Manu, who spun out of a tackle then got a little flick pass away to Victor Radley, who ran 30 metres to score

under the posts. Sam Walker converted. The Roosters crossed again in the 21st minute when Manu barged over from dummy half. Walker again added the extras. The Dragons hit back in the 26th minute when Ben Hunt at second receiver, straightened his run, dummied and then took on the line, bumping out of a tackle before diving over to score under the sticks. Zac Lomax converted. From the restart, Hunt kicked early and from inside his own 30 metres, nailing a 40/20. From the next set, the Dragons sent the ball right to Lomax who stood up his opposite number and then ran past him to score out wide. He then converted his own try to level the scores with 10 minutes remaining in the first half. With 5 minutes remaining in the half, Lomax kicked a penalty goal to give the Dragons a 14-12 lead at halftime. The Roosters reclaimed the lead just 2 minutes after play resumed when Connor Watson burst into a huge space in the middle of the field and run 20 metres to score under the posts. Walker converted from in front. In the 46th minute Aaron Woods was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes for obstruction. Walker kicked a penalty goal. Despite being down to 12 men, the Dragons scored in the 49th minute when Cody Ramsay produced a brilliant solo effort where he beat Walker with footwork and then ran 25 metres before getting a great pass away after being tackled from behind, to Mathew Feagai who scored in the corner. Lomax converted from the sideline to level the scores. The Roosters took over the game from the 54th minute when Manu scored his second barge-over try from dummy half, which Walker again converted. The Roosters scored again just 2 minutes later when Walker spun out of a tackle and dived over the line to score near the posts. He then converted his own try. Less than 2 minutes later, the Roosters scored again when Angus Crichton made a break before getting a lovely ball inside to James Tedesco who ran 20 metres to score under the posts. Walker again added the extras. In the 63rd minute, the Roosters were again on the attack. Tupou took a cross-field kick cleanly close to the Dragons line, offloaded infield to Crichton. He then got a pass onto Matt Lodge who offloaded in a tackle which Ramsay intercepted before racing 90 metres to score. Lomax converted to reduce the deficit to 8 points. Joseph Suaalii scored a now trademark try as he soared high to take a bomb to the corner cleanly, before falling over the line to score. Walker fails to convert from out near the sideline. In the 70th minute Manu picked up a loose ball, stood still, grabs at a cramp in his calf. The defence relaxed around him. Manu then exploded through the Dragons defenders, grubbered ahead and Paul Momirovski scored. Walker made no mistake from the sideline with the conversion. Just before the fulltime siren sounded, Tedesco went on a hard angled run, slicing through the Dragons defence before being tackled low, but somehow he managed to twist and roll in the tackle to reach the line and get the ball down for a try, bringing up the 50 points. Walker converted from in front to close out a high scoring game. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SYDNEY 54 (J. Manu 2, J. Tedesco 2, P. Momirovski, V. Radley, J. Sua'ali'i, S. Walker, C. Watson tries; S. Walker 9 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 26** (M. Feagai, B. Hunt, Z. Lomax, C. Ramsey tries; Z. Lomax 5 goals) **AT CENTRAL COAST STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 14-12. Penalties: Sydney 3-2. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 15,721. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Momirovski, Sua'ali'i; Manu, Walker, Butcher, Verrills, Taukeiaho, Crichton, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Watson, Butcher, Hutchison, Lodge. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, Burns, Su'A, Bird. Int: Molo, Mbye, Woods, McGuire.

MANLY 42 NEWCASTLE 12

Manly Warringah has shown that they'll be amongst the conversation to play finals footy with a resounding 42-12 win over a pedestrian Newcastle Knights side at 4 Pines Park this evening, placing more

heat on embattled Newcastle coach Adam O'Brien.

This match was important to both sides semi-final chances with Manly being joined on 18 competition points by the Roosters after their earlier victory this afternoon, while the Knights were slowly losing touch with the teams in the log-jam for the final spots around the top 8. Manly was quick to fire inside the opening ten minutes and their efforts were rewarded following a cheap escort penalty conceded by Dane Gagai. Tolatau Koula continued his purple patch of try-scoring form doing a clever right foot step to make Enari Tuala look like a fool and cross for the first try of the evening. Daly Cherry-Evans continued to deputise the goal-kicking duties for his crook Eagles team-mate Reuben Garrick and made no mistakes. Newcastle responded almost immediately when a lovely play from Jayden Brailey down the blind saw him link up with Kalyn Ponga who in turn found Gagai who quickly shifted it onto Dom Young with the Jamaican kicking back in field and Adam Clune won the race to the ball first and the Knights quickly locked the scoreline back up. Newcastle thought they grabbed a second but Edrick Lee was denied following a forward pass that was correctly picked up by the officials. Off the error, Andrew Davey blitzed the Knights down the left-hand side of the park after a deep dig into the line from Kieran Foran. Davey linked up with Jason Saab who gets the crowd in his selfie to celebrate #TryJuly. Manly looked set for more when they went back down the left-hand side, but Anthony Milford had a grab of Garrick's arm and after momentarily playing advantage, Gerard Sutton had no choice but to send the 5/8 to the sin bin. DCE knocked over the penalty goal to give Manly an eight-point half-time lead.

Newcastle was first to score in the second half despite being short on numbers, Kalyn Ponga was the man in the lead role. It was a great pass from KP to Lachlan Fitzgibbon who found Enari Tuala who blitzed them straight through the middle before a no-look pass found Kalyn Ponga and despite being down to 12 men, the Knights crossed first in the second 40. Just when it appeared they would survive the sin bin period, Manly pounced when Foran exposed the Newcastle defence by linking up with DCE before a magic pass to Saab saw the winger collect his second of the evening and the eight-point half-time gap was re-established. Manly was running away with it just before the hour mark and eventually put some respectability on the scoreboard, another bust from Koula was cut down by Ponga. However, on the ensuing tackle, Garrick linked up with Haumole Olakau'atu who burst onto the ball and stepped past the fatigued defence of Daniel Saifiti and Jayden Brailey to slam it down, DCE hit the upright and the margin was two converted tries. Five minutes later, the carnage continued when Garrick hit a beautiful line before linking up with Andrew Davey to cross for the Sea Eagles. That extended the margin to 18 points and went a long way to improving their for and against which could prove vital for the run into September. That statistic was only improving when DCE was putting it on a string and another great grubber found Christian Tuipulotu and Manly were up by 24 points and would close out the game giving their Origin stars a much-needed early mark to rest up for the coming weeks. They grabbed a late try when Lachlan Croker crashed over off a great offload from Dylan Walker to cement the scoreline. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

MANLY 42 (J. Saab 2, L. Croker, A. Davey, T. Koula, H. Olakau'atu, C. Tuipulotu tries; D. Cherry-Evans 6, R. Garrick goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 12** (A. Clune, K. Ponga tries; K. Ponga 2 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Sat, 16th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Manly 14-6. Penalties: Manly 5-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 15,896. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Keppie, Croker, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Siple, Walker, Schuster, Taupau. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Tuala,

Young; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Brailey, Saifiti, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Barnett. Int: Sasagi, Saifiti, Jones, Thompson.

BRISBANE 16 GOLD COAST 12

Despite having less points combined than the score of the two winning sides today, the Brisbane Broncos and Gold Coast Titans have played out an entertaining South-East Queensland Derby which saw the Broncos take a 16-12 lead.

A lack of points in the opening forty minutes didn't dampen the entertainment of the contest as both sides went close on a number of occasions before it took the Titans scoring on the half-hour mark to break the deadlock. AJ Brimson started things for the Titans when his 60m run put the home-side into attacking position and Tanah Boyd chased through a Toby Sexton kick to open the scoring for the home-side. The Broncos managed to get back on the scoreboard on the stroke of half-time when Delouise Hoeter had to contend with a difficult low pass from Adam Reynolds to get over in the corner which he did and got over. Adam Reynolds converted from out wide to ensure the scores were level at the break.

Question marks surround the first try of the second half with Jaimin Joliffe being awarded a try by the referee after a good run through the middle saw him get close to the line and in the officials' opinion to the line. Replays though put a question mark on whether it had got to the line but it was confirmed and after the conversion the Titans lead 12-6. Both sides went end to end until the Broncos hit back through Jordan Pereira who crossed only tackles after being denied at close range by some strong defence. Questions surrounded with the Broncos winger had got there as a result of a double movement though replays showed no defenders were on Pereira so he was entitled to get the ball to the line. The conversion was waved away. The Broncos then took the lead just a few minutes later when off the back of an error, the Broncos were in good field position and despite looking as if they shut down the play, the Titans couldn't stop Tyson Gamble from getting an offload to Adam Reynolds who scored. Reynolds converted his own try from in front to give the Broncos a four point lead. It looked as if the Broncos had sealed the victory with fifteen minutes to play when Zac Hosking crossed only to have Matt Noyen in the bunker overturn the try for a double movement after the ball had hit the ground prior to Hosking stretching out to the line. The last ten minutes would be something Phillip Sami would want to forget about as he looked to put the Titans level inside the final ten minutes only to have the bunker step in as he dropped the ball as he tried to ground it. The second moment Sami would want to forget is when he elected to stop to come back infield and not just pin the ears back when he had an open line in front of him. Despite mounting pressure, the Titans could crack the Broncos line and had to succumb to the 16-12 defeat to their Brisbane cousins. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE 16 (D. Hoeter, J. Pereira, A. Reynolds tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 12** (T. Boyd, J. Joliffe tries; T. Sexton 2 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 16th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Gold Coast 5-1. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 19,245. **GOLD COAST:** Brimson, Fifita, Sami, Herbert, Thompson; Boyd, Sexton; Fotuika, Booth, Liu, Fifita, Fernor, Clark. Int: Fa'asumaleaui (C), Joliffe, Ese'ese, Turner. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Hoeter, Staggs, Lee, Pereira, Mam, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Walters, Flegler, Hosking, Riki, Hetherington. Int: James, Turpin, Kennedy, Gamble.

PENRITH 18 WESTS TIGERS 16

The Penrith Panthers have won their eighth straight match downing the Wests Tigers 18-16 in an at times scrappy Sunday afternoon match

at CommBank Stadium.

In the opening stages, it appeared to be going to script as Penrith suffocated Wests in their own end and were placing the Tigers under a mountain of early pressure. But then, something magical happened and the Tigers crossed for the first try of the afternoon. Despite all the footy being played at the other end, some nice second-phase play from the Tigers saw Asu Kepaoa make Robert Jennings look foolish before linking up with Junior Tupou and the Tigers led 4-0. But, when you're going up against a side that is as talented from 1-17 as Penrith (even with the Origin stars out), you need to play for the full 80 minutes. Penrith hit back almost immediately when following good lead-up work from Taylan May it was a great shift to the left and Villiame Kikau got it onto Izack Tago who beat Daine Laurie on his way to the line. But then, the Tigers side we've come to see reared their ugly heads when a poor pass was kicked ahead by Kikau who toed ahead again to cross for Penrith and he held his own kava ceremony in the in-goal of CommBank Stadium. Despite a lengthy bunker review, they gave Kikau the green lights. Wests went into half-time with all the momentum after forcing an error from rookie half Kurt Falls. From the scrum play, Adam Doueihi worked his way past some sloppy defence to get it down and despite all the possession being up the other end, Wests were within two points. Despite the officials missing a Mitch Kenny jag back, the Tigers thought they hit the front when Doueihi put it up to the skies, Robert Jennings lost it, Luke Brooks grubber kicked it forward and flicks it straight to Kepaoa, there was just one problem, Tupou was offside and Penrith was lucky to hang in for a two-point half-time lead.

The second half began with a comedy of errors, both sides struggling to gain the ascendancy with errors at the critical moments undoing all their good work and leading Fox commentator Corey Parker to call the first twenty minutes of the second half "absolute rubbish". The Tigers thought they crossed for the first try of the second half when Tupou crossed untouched but unfortunately, Justin Matamua ran straight into Jaeman Salmon constituting an obstruction. Wests were generating the better of the attacking chances and we're imposing themselves down the other end but Penrith was doing enough to hang in there and keep their two-point lead. But at last, we had some points when a pin-point kick from Adam Doueihi found Ken Maumalo who leapt above Taylan May and outmuscled his way past four Panthers to give the Tigers the lead back. But the relief was short-lived following a Scott Sorenson line break which gave Penrith the field position and on the last tackle, Mitch Kenny linked up with James Fisher-Harris to score the match-winning try and O'Sullivan converted to give Penrith a narrow two-point verdict. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 18 (J. Fisher-Harris, V. Kikau, I. Tago tries; K. Falls 2, S. O'Sullivan goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 16** (A. Doueihi, K. Maumalo, J. Tupou tries; A. Doueihi 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-10. Penalties: Penrith 7-6. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 11,464. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Tupou, To'a, Kepaoa, Maumalo; Doueihi, Brooks; Ofahengaue, Brown, Musgrove, Garner, Tuilagi, Hastings. Int: Matamua, Pole, Tamou (C), Simpkin. **PENRITH:** Edwards (C), May, Tago, Jennings, Staines; Falls, O'Sullivan; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris (C), Kikau, Smith, Eisenhuth. Int: Luke, Sorensen, Salmon, Smith.

CANBERRA 20 MELBOURNE 16

The Canberra Raiders have produced a stirring performance to upset the Melbourne Storm in one of the games of the season.

Extending their record as the only team to boast a positive win-loss record at AAMI Park, the Raiders managed to fight back after

squandering a halftime lead with little-known winger James Schiller bagging the match-winner with one of the tries of the season. Adding to the Storm's woes, who slumped to their third consecutive loss, Ryan Papenhuyzen sustained a suspected fractured kneecap that looks set to sideline the star fullback for the remainder of 2022. Beginning the match with a much-improved attitude following last week's debacle against Cronulla, Melbourne outside back Nick Meaney (5th minute) opened the scoring after the Raiders failed to wrap up the ball from Kenny Bromwich's grasp close to the try line.

Capitalising on an ill-timed pass from Papenhuyzen which allowed Sebastian Kris (10th minute) to streak 85 metres untouched, the Raiders hit the front with a penalty goal coinciding with Papenhuyzen being escorted from the field with a suspected fractured kneecap. Establishing an eight-point buffer after Schiller (22nd minute) crossed for his maiden NRL try, luck continued to run with the visitors after the bunker overturned a try due to Jahrome Hughes losing control while grounding the ball. The Storm managed to maintain the 14-6 deficit after Justin Olam produced a spectacular try-saving hit to deny Schiller a second four-pointer shortly before the change of ends.

Returning from the sheds intent on bouncing back on home soil, the Storm survived an early scare with Jordan Rapana ruled out of play while planting the ball before striking back with a try of their own through Hughes (50th minute), who made amends for his earlier blemish by taking advantage of a quick tap close to the try line. Taking advantage of a one-man advantage after Rapana was sent to the sin bin for making head contact on Marion Seve, the Storm regained the lead with Harry Grant (59th minute) taking on the line from close range.

Securing the result with one of the tries of the season to Schiller (67th minute), the 21-year-old winger kicked ahead, ran back into the field of play and managed to ground the ball with an effort reminiscent of Parramatta rookie Krisnan Inu against the Bulldogs 15 years ago. In a frantic ending to the match, Xavier Savage and Hughes both had tries denied by the bunker which allowed the Raiders to run out 20-16 victors before a crowd of 16,106 supporters.

The match also marked the official unveiling of the Cameron Smith Stand in recognition of the Melbourne Storm's greatest player. **ROB CROSBY**

CANBERRA 20 (J. Schiller 2, S. Kris tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 16** (H. Grant, J. Hughes, N. Meaney tries; N. Meaney, R. Papenhuyzen goals) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-6. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 16,106. **MELBOURNE:** Papenhuyzen, Meaney, Seve, Olam, Ieremia; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Wishart, Kamikamica, MacDonald, Grant. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Schiller, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Wighton (C), Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Elliott, Harawira-Naera. Int: Sutton, Starling, Guler, Hopoate.

SOUTH SYDNEY 36 CANTERBURY 28

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have secured some much needed security to their spot in the top eight with a 36-28 win over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in a see-sawing encounter that featured five lead changes.

The match started off with young Souths halfback Lachlan Ilias showing some individual brilliance, grubbering through for himself and scoring the first try of the game. It didn't take the Bulldogs long to respond however. Souths' attempt at a trick play on tackle 1 didn't

go to plan, with Latrell Mitchell's kick going dead. Off the ensuing 7 tackle set, the Bulldogs forced an error off a Kyle Flanagan kick. Off the scrum win, Braidon Burns manhandled Alex Johnston out of the way to score in the corner against his old club. It took just 2 more minutes for the Dogs to score their next try. They got into attacking position courtesy of a penalty, and Declan Casey was able to dummy his way through a 2-on-2 situation to dive over for the first try of his NRL career. Emotions were running high between the stars on either side, with Latrell and Matt Burton exchanging words on multiple occasions, the former running over the top of the latter twice throughout the contest. Ilias had his fingerprints all over Souths' next try as well, passing to put Koloamatangi through a hole and the big second rower getting an offload away on the inside to Cody Walker, who scored. Big defensive plays from both teams followed. Canterbury managed to stop Burgess over the line and throw Isaiah Tass over the sideline, but soon after Souths forced Corey Waddell to drop it, and they were finally able to cross the line to take advantage of their field position through Johnston. At half time it was 16-10 to the Red and Green, but the Bulldogs were not going to lie down.

Mitchell was penalised for a hand to the face of Josh Addo-Carr, and on the ensuing set Marshall-King came up with a brilliant pass that ended up as a try assist for Joe Stimson. Souths had a few minutes of attack but the Bulldogs defence came through. Cody Walker eventually made an error, and against the run of play, the Bulldogs scored a magnificent try to hit the front. Declan Casey stepped past two Souths defenders and broke the line, before showing great patience and maturity to wait for support, which he found in Flanagan. The halfback then passed it off to speedy fullback Jake Averillo, who dived in under the posts. The Bulldogs new found lead didn't last long. The next time Souths had the ball (two minutes later), Kodi Nikorima offloaded to Mitchell, who went on a run only he is capable of, goose-stepping to beat Burton and then shrugging off the two Bulldogs players in the last line of defence to score a magnificent individual try. With 15 minutes to go and the scores tied at 22-all, the game was anyone's for the taking. The Bulldogs were the first to stand up and take charge, with Waddell running over Jed Cartwright to create a broken field situation. The ball found Burton, who went to Flanagan, who then found Paul Vaughan of all people in support, the big man crashing over to give the Bulldogs a 6-point lead. Once again, Souths didn't take kindly to being behind on the scoreboard. On their next set, they went downfield with ease, and the two big guns of Walker and Mitchell combined brilliantly, the former probing around the ruck before passing to the latter, who put big Tevita Tatola through a gaping hole to score under the posts. Marshall-King made an unfortunate error the next time the Bulldogs had the ball, and Latrell again came up with a passing try-assist, running across field before letting the ball sing it's way to Johnston, who crossed over untouched, giving Souths a four point lead. The Bulldogs tried a short kickoff, but Souths came up with possession, and would score once again before full time when Isaiah Tass miraculously kept the ball infield from a bomb to Johnston, who completed his third hat-trick of the season. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

SOUTH SYDNEY 36 (A. Johnston 3, L. Ilias, L. Mitchell, T. Tatola, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 28** (J. Averillo, B. Burns, D. Casey, J. Stimson, P. Vaughan tries; M. Burton 4 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 16-10. Penalties: South Sydney 5-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 19,126. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Casey, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Waddell, Pangai Junior. Int: Dockar-Clay, Morrin, Stimson, Faitala-Mariner. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell (C), Johnston, Milne, Tass, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Havili, Nicholls, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Moale. Int: Nikorima, Cartwright, Burgess, Fifita.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 18

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	16 - 0 - 1	308	34
2	North Qld	12 - 0 - 5	181	26
3	Cronulla	12 - 0 - 5	116	26
4	Melbourne	11 - 0 - 6	177	24
5	Brisbane	11 - 0 - 6	61	24
6	Parramatta	11 - 0 - 6	36	24
7	Souths	10 - 0 - 7	59	22
8	Manly	9 - 0 - 8	32	20
9	Sydney	8 - 0 - 9	49	18
10	Canberra	8 - 0 - 9	-37	18
11	St Geo Illa	8 - 0 - 9	-112	18
12	Warriors	5 - 0 - 12	-175	12
13	Newcastle	5 - 0 - 12	-194	12
14	Canterbury	4 - 0 - 13	-127	10
15	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 14	-176	8
16	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 14	-198	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jordan RAPANA (Raiders): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$3000
 Jordan RAPANA (Raiders): G2 Careless HT - 2 matches
 Mitch KENNY (Panthers): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
 Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA (Storm): G1 Careless HT - \$1800
 Raymond FAITALA-MARINER (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
 Jason TAUMALOLO: G1 Shoulder Charge - \$1500

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NORTH QLD v CRONULLA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Toby Rudolf, 1 points - Dale Finucane

PARRAMATTA v WARRIORS 3 points - Reed Mahoney, 2 points - Isaiah Papalii, 1 points - Shaun Lane

SYDNEY v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Joseph Manu, 2 points - James Tedesco, 1 points - Victor Radley

MANLY v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 2 points - Reuben Garrick, 1 points - Josh Aloia

GOLD COAST v BRISBANE 3 points - Erin Clark, 2 points - Zac Hosking, 1 points - Tesi Niu

WESTS TIGERS v PENRITH 3 points - James Fisher-Harris, 2 points - Adam Doueih, 1 points - Dylan Edwards

MELBOURNE v CANBERRA 3 points - Adam Elliott, 2 points - Cameron Munster, 1 points - James Schiller

CANTERBURY v SOUTHS 3 points - Latrell Mitchell, 2 points - Lachlan Ilias, 1 points - Declan Casey

LEADERBOARD

23 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
 22 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
 18 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
 17 POINTS Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)
 15 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels), Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ)
 14 POINTS Joseph Tapine (Raiders), James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)



ROUND 19

BRISBANE 36 PARRAMATTA 14

Brisbane Broncos produced a fabulous effort to win 36-14 against fellow top four challengers Parramatta Eels to kick off the round at Western Sydney Stadium on Thursday night.

The Broncos were in scintillating form with a six tries to three win which has launched the side into the top four ahead of the Melbourne Storm in another masterful display from off-season recruit Adam Reynolds.

After they conceded the first try to Eels winger Maiko Sivo, the Broncos put on a 15 minute passage of play where they scored three times and took the game by the scruff of the neck in the wet. Corey Oates started the run with a soccer-style effort from Brenko Lee in the set up. Next, it was a simple run from Payne Haas through some flimsy Eels defence which saw him touch down. Adam Reynolds got himself involved with a low kick that was pounced upon by Jordan Rikki, making it 18-4. Broncos built on their advantage in the 33rd minute. Ezra Mam with the lovely slight of hand pass to a charging Kurt Capewell to stretch the advantage to 20-4. Eels did pull one back through Waqa Blake on half-time to get within two scores.

Parramatta Eels have shown at times this year they can pile on points and that they can implode with the best of them. Dropping the kick-off to second half which led to Oates second try of the evening fell into the latter category. Western Sydney stadium has become Sivo's playground. The Fijian winger has become a fixture on the try-scorers list for the Eels and added another to his total with quick hands down the left to make it 30-14 and sniff a comeback. The Eels did start to gather some possession and thought they might have further reduced the advantage when Blake crossed for his second. It was sent to the bunker for review and chalked off for obstruction on a downbeat night for the blue-and-gold. That was on display in the Broncos final four-pointer of the night. Clint Gutherson tried to create something from his own end, spills the ball into the path of Reynolds who toed ahead for himself and complete the 36-14 score line.

For the Broncos, they move into the top four and the vibes around Red Hill have been immaculate in 2022. Similar to a time 16 years ago when they won their last Premiership? they sit in fourth and in a prime spot to make a charge at the title this season. Moving onto the Eels. How do you solve a riddle like the Parramatta Eels? Some weeks, they look like world beaters then sometimes it looks like they have never played rugby league before in their life? It doesn't get easier with a game against Western Sydney rivals Penrith next week. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

BRISBANE 36 (C. Oates 2, K. Capewell, P. Haas, A. Reynolds, J. Riki tries; A. Reynolds 6 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 14** (M. Sivo 2, W. Blake tries; M. Moses goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 21st July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 24-10. Penalties: Parramatta 7-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 11,017. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Matterson. Int: Makatoa, Arthur, Kaufusi, Niukore. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Lee, Pereira; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Jensen, Paix, Hetherington, Palasia.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 20 MANLY 6

Ben Hunt has continued his purple patch of form with a superb individual performance to help his St George Illawarra Dragons defeat the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles 20-6 to kick off Friday Night Footy from Nestrate Jubilee Oval.

It was a trying opening twenty minutes with St George suffocating Manly down their own end with Manly being their own worst enemy conceding three set restarts and two penalties continuously giving the Dragons a chance to attack and place pressure on an already weakened Manly. The night began on a sour note when Cody Ramsey fell awkwardly in a tackle and failed to return. But, following another cheap piggyback downfield, Ben Hunt took the footy to the line and stepped back past Christian Tuipulotu to get down low to burrow his way to the line for the first try and the early lead.

As the field position started to favour the Dragons, Manly was hanging on for dear life and it was a clever grubber from Talatau Amona and Hunt won the race to the footy and the Dragons extended their lead out to twelve points. Manly fans were having flashbacks to the Sharks game when Daly Cherry-Evans lost the ball in the in-goal and Jack Bird claimed a try, luckily for them, the video referee ruled DCE grounded the ball just in time and the Dragons held a 12-point advantage. The last twenty minutes were a comedy of errors as Manly struggled the second they got into good ball territory with elementary mistakes from Josh Schuster halting any attacking momentum. The Dragons' forwards were rewarded with their strong runs and Manly's poor first-half discipline came to bite when Marty Taupau was pinned for the second time in as many minutes for stripping the ball. Lomax converted from point-blank range and St George led 14-0 at the change of ends. The second 40 was a strong start from Manly when a cheap penalty went their way after Francis Molo was ruled out of play. Off the back of the 'out of play' penalty, their goal line defence fell apart at the seams and Josh Aloiai crashes underneath Francis Molo and Billy Burns to crash over and give Manly some hope in the second 40 and the margin was reduced to eight. As Manly was warming into the contest, one thing became noticeably apparent, their obsession with going down the left-hand side. Although they were creating chances, nothing was eventuating for Manly and they were clearly missing the direction that Croker, Davey and Jurbo provide in the middle as DCE was unable to carry the Manly attack on his back as he has in the previous few weeks. Ben Hunt was applying the blow-torch forcing four-line drop-outs and being instrumental in St George's play tonight which is good signs after last week's disaster in Gosford. It was an uneventful second forty in terms of attacking footy with defence really taking the centre stage in the wet and slippery conditions. St George ended this match with a lovely set play which saw Jack Bird provide a magic pass to Mathew Feagai to give the Dragons a 14-point victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 20 (B. Hunt 2, M. Feagai tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 6** (J. Aloiai try; R. Garrick goal) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 22nd July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 14-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 9-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 7,137. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Mbye, Lomax, Moga; Amona, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, Burns, Su'A, Bird. Int: Sullivan, Sims, Molo, McGuire. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Keppie, Walker, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Siplej. Int: Schuster, Taupau, Paseka, Weekes.

SYDNEY 42 NEWCASTLE 12

The Sydney Roosters have put the competition on notice by moving back into the Top 8 with a dominant display to thrash the Newcastle Knights by 42-12 at McDonald Jones Stadium tonight.

It was a fiery start with both forward packs testing each other out in the early exchanges. This resulted in a late shot from Roosters backrower Angus Crichton on Anthony Milford whose acting should have been nominated for a Logie at best. The ensuing penalty resulted in the Knights getting on the board first, taking the two points on offer through Kalyn Ponga to lead 2-0.

Ponga was then collected high moments later by Matt Lodge and sent for a Head Injury Assessment. Ponga then failed his assessment, and was ruled out of the match. On the back of this news, Connor Watson then broke the line against his former club and found the returning Luke Keary in support, who scored the first try of the night to take a 6-2 lead for the visitors.

The Roosters then picked up their second try following an attempted Edrick Lee intercept. The Roosters backline however recovered the rushing attempt for Tedesco to combine with Suaalii who scored in the corner to make it 10-2.

The Tricolours then picked up a crucial try before halftime when Sam Walker kicked high for Suaalii on the last. The young superstar then caught the ball and delivered a classy offload for his skipper Tedesco to score and take a 16-2 lead into the break. The Roosters got the jump early in the second half, when Keary then went to the left-hand side of the field to kick high for the original wing target in Daniel Tupou. The NSW winger then leapt high to collect the ball in the air and scored under the posts to make it 22-6 following Sam Walker's conversion.

Joseph Suaalii then went over for his second try in the corner, following some quick hands from Tedesco and Paul Momirovski to take the game away from the home side. The frustration then boiled over with Knights centre Dane Gagai sent to the sin bin for dissent.

The flood gates then opened as the Roosters had a field day, with three quick tries to Tupou for his second. This was followed by Angus Crichton and Egan Butcher then getting in on the action to threaten to run up a cricket score. Newcastle then rallied late to score two late consolation tries to Dolphins bound winger Edrick Lee. It was all to no avail however with the Roosters running out 42-12 winners in a dominant display. **SAM BOURKE**

SYDNEY 42 (J. Sua'alii 2, D. Tupou 2, E. Butcher, A. Crichton, L. Keary, J. Tedesco tries; S. Walker 5 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 12** (P. Crossland, E. Lee tries; A. Milford, K. Ponga goals) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 22nd July. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: Sydney 16-2. Penalties: Newcastle 8-7. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 13,701. **NEWCASTLE:** Ponga (C), Lee, Gagai, Tuala, Hunt; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Brailey, Saifiti, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Barnett. Int: Saifiti, Saulo, Jones, Crossland. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Hutchison, Sua'alii; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Lodge, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Watson, Butcher, May, Keighran.

CANBERRA 26 WARRIORS 14

Canberra Raiders kept their finals hopes alive with a 26-14 win against New Zealand Warriors on Saturday afternoon at Canberra Stadium.

The Raiders scored 26 unanswered points in the second half in a wild second half to register back-to-back wins and keep themselves in the hunt for the top eight headed into the final six weeks of the NRL competition.

In the first half, the Raiders looked anything but the side that knocked over the Storm last week. Warriors came out full of purpose and dominated the first 10 minutes of the contest and didn't allow the hosts to touch the ball.

Jack Murchie crawled his way over for the opener then a huge kick from Daejarn Asi gave the Warriors position. The five-eighth then sliced through himself to build up a 12-nil lead for the visitors as they raced the clock.

Shaun Johnson piloted home a 40-metre penalty goal to put their advantage past two scores. Warriors were good value for their lead at the break with some wonderful scramble defence which repelled the Raiders several times on their goal-line.

Coming out of the break, the Raiders needed to step up and enter Jack Wighton. The representative five-eighth kicked two 40/20s which turned the tide of the contest and got the faithful involved.

His first within the first set of the restart allowed Albert Hopoate to dive over from some strong Matt Timoko work to make it 14-4. The second was enough to put the Raiders into the lead when Corey Haerea-Naera steamed over from a short ball.

Haerea-Naera was a force whenever he got the ball coming off the bench. He made it a double when an airswing from Chanel Harris-Tavita left the ball prone for him to slam down alongside Sebastian Kris between the interchange men two tries were enough tonight.

Raiders kept ticking the scoreboard over late in the contest. Fogarty who was solid from the tee after his first miss and sent through a pair of penalty goals which pushed the margin to a dozen and a valuable win for the Green Machine.

Warriors must be thinking how they let this game slip from 14 points up. They failed to fire a shot in the second half and the late interjection of Reece Walsh was reduced to the utility having to repeatedly kick the ball from under the posts due to the Raiders pressure. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CANBERRA 26 (C. Harawira-Naera 2, A. Hopoate, S. Kris tries; J. Fogarty 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 14** (D. Asi, J. Murchie tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 23rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 14-0. Penalties: Canberra 6-5. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 11,915. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotrie, Timoko, Kris, Hopoate; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Sutton, Guler, Harawira-Naera. **WARRIORS:** Harris-Tavita, Watene-Zelezniak, Arthurs, Pompey, Montoya; Asi, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Harris (C), Aitken, Murchie, Tevaga. Int: Curran, Walsh, Afoa, Katoa.

PENRITH 20 CRONULLA 10

The Penrith Panthers have prowled to their ninth straight victory downing a courageous Cronulla Sharks outfit 20-10, coming back from an early deficit in front of a vocal home crowd at Bluebet Stadium tonight.

It was billed as a semi-final dress rehearsal and the opening exchanges didn't disappoint. Cronulla repeatedly placed Penrith under pressure early and their efforts were rewarded when Nicho Hynes put in a clever cross-field kick which was batted back by Briton Nikora and after silky hands from Jesse Ramien, Connor Tracey stepped inside four Panthers and slammed the footy down for the first try of the evening. Hynes failed to convert the try from the sideline which was going to be an impressive feat in the wet and windy conditions at the foot of the mountains. On the back of the next set, Dylan Edwards put down a Matt Moylan bomb which put the Sharks back on the attack. Off the ensuing tackle, Moylan's kick saw him rewarded with a try. Referee Ashley Klein had no hesitations in awarding the try, but replays seemed to suggest he was short of the line. However, Grant Atkins in the Bunker ticked it off and confirmed the try for the Cronulla 5/8 and the Sharks were taking a bite out of the Panthers early. Hynes converted this try and all of a sudden, Cronulla were up 10-0. But as the match wore on, Penrith started to assert their dominance through strong carries of the footy which repeatedly set the Panthers up in a good attacking position. There was just one small problem, their execution was incredibly poor with many good opportunities going to waste. As the rain continued to tumble, Penrith cashed in off a great pass from Jarome Luai which saw Izack Tago cross for the premiers' first of the evening. A late penalty conceded by the Sharks allowed Cleary to pot over a penalty goal from point-blank range and the Sharks held a narrow but well-deserved two-point lead at half-time.

Craig Fitzgibbon would've been pulling his front teeth out after a poor defensive read saw Penrith fly down their noted left edge with Luai onto Kikau onto Tago onto May before linking up with Edwards and Penrith hit the lead following a spectacular team try that we've seen so often in 2022. After such a frantic opening to the game, from there both sides struggled in a game of who made the most errors in good attacking opportunities. Cronulla began to build some pressure and momentum but unfortunately, the final pass wasn't landing in the right arms as Brian To'o intercepted Hynes' pass and Penrith went right back on the attack which like most of the second 40 amounted to nothing. Dale Finucane ignited fresh energy by putting a monster shot on Stephen Crichton, the two clashed heads and Crichton left to undergo an HIA. But in the final moments, Luai took a step straight off the left foot and steam-rolls over the top of the Shark's defence to seal their ninth straight victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 20 (D. Edwards, J. Luai, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 4 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 10** (M. Moylan, C. Tracey tries; N. Hynes goal) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 23rd July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 10-8. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 17,426. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Eisenhuth, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Salmon, Leniu. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Tracey, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), Finucane. Int: Wilton, McInnes, Hamlin-Uele, Fifita.

SOUTH SYDNEY 24 MELBOURNE 12

Souths recorded just their 6th ever win against the Storm in most emphatic performance. The Storm attack was panicked all game as the enthusiastic Souths defence refused to give them space.

In the very first set of the game, Nelson Asofa-Solomona was put on report for an accidental hit on Cameron Murray's ducking head. Souths received a penalty and marched deep into the Storm half. Lachlan Ilias drifted right late in the set, engaged the edge defenders and then passed to what looked like a casually jogging Keaton Koloamatangi, who strolled through a huge gap and scored a very soft try. Latrell Mitchell converted from out wide. After Souths went close to scoring again in the 10th minute, Melbourne responded courtesy of a 40/20 kick from Jahrome Hughes. Harry Grant forced a drop out at the end of the set. Mitchell though opted for the short restart and Souths got the ball back. Three minutes later and a Munster grubber forced another Souths drop out, which Mitchell again kicked short. This time the Storm got the ball back only for Jesse Bromwich to drop it a few plays later. Back to back set restarts for Souths lead to their next points in the 28th minute, when Mitchell lobbed a cut-out ball to the unmarked Alex Johnston, who dived over to score in the corner. Mitchell failed to convert from the sideline. Johnston very nearly scored again 4 minutes later, but was put into touch. With 3 minutes left before halftime, the Storm finally got on the board. From the back of a scrum win on halfway, Melbourne sent the ball to Marion Seve, who stepped infield to straighten his run, bumped through the defenders and then raced away to score. Nick Meaney converted from in front. Souths lead 10-6 at halftime.

Souths crossed six minutes into the second half courtesy of some Mitchell magic. Latrell grubbered into Seve's feet, then reached down to pick it up before getting away a bonkers pass to Johnston who scored yet another try. Mitchell's sideline conversion was waved away. Three minutes after that, Souths piled more misery on the Storm, when Ilias finished off a lovely piece of play through the middle before sliding to the in-goal and only just getting the ball down for the try. Mitchell converted from in front. Johnston very nearly scored a genuine try-of-the-year contender in the 54th minute when he toed ahead a Mitchell kick and very nearly grounding the ball just inside the dead ball line. Souths added more points in the 56th minute when Souths sent the ball to right and caught the Storm rushing defence short, allowing Jaxson Paulo to score out wide. Mitchell failed to convert from the sideline. Melbourne hit back with a similar try in the 64th minute when Dean Jeremia scored untouched in the corner. Meaney converted from touch to get the Storm back within two converted tries. Try as they might though, the Storm attack simply could not build any pressure. They plagued themselves with too much poor handling, much of which was caused by the impressive Souths defence who were unrelenting for the entire game. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SOUTH SYDNEY 24 (A. Johnston 2, L. Ilias, K. Koloamatangi, J. Paulo tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 12** (D. Jeremia, M. Seve tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 23rd July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 10-6. Penalties: Melbourne 9-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 11,217. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Cartwright, Tass, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Nicholls, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Nikorima, Moale, Havili, Burgess. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Jeremia, Seve, Olam, Anderson; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, King. Int: Wishart, Kamikamica, MacDonald, Eisenhuth.

CANTERBURY 36 GOLD COAST 26

Parramatta might as well have been home to a pencil factory because there were plenty of points on show at Commbank Stadium following the Bulldogs 36-26 victory over the Gold Coast Titans.

After opening the scoring with a penalty goal, the Bulldogs had dominance over the opening stages of the contest as Josh Addo-Carr scored his first of the afternoon as he connected with Matt Burton after the Dogs number six broke through a gap in the defence. The Titans hit back soon after stopping the momentum when Toby Sexton chased through an Aaron Booth kick to score under the posts. Despite the temporary halt in momentum, the Bulldogs went on a point scoring spree starting with Jeremy Marshall-King burrowing over from dummy half under the sticks and then Josh Addo-Carr showed his injury issues from last week were over as he ran 95m to take an intercept and score.

Matt Burton then added his name to the try scorers list on the half-hour mark after some great work from Jacob Kiraz to find space down the touchline before slinging the ball back infield and on the next play Burton was able to get over. The Titans grabbed the final points of the first half when David Fifita chased through a kick to score and close the gap to 26-10 at the half-time interval.

Josh Addo-Carr started the second half the same way he did the first half with an intercept that saw the fox reading the play perfectly and taking a grab and racing away 80m to score and push the lead back to 16 points following Burton's conversion. Momentum then shifted to the Titans as they were able to score two quick tries back-to-back with Phillip Sami firstly chasing through a grubber kick from Toby Sexton before Patrick Herbert outjumped the Bulldogs defence to take a Tanah Boyd bomb to score. A selfless Josh Addo-Carr set up the second for Matt Burton who scored after the Bulldogs spread the ball to their lethal left and the Fox found himself in space and easily could've had a fourth but instead put it to Burton to score his second of the afternoon.

Regathering the ball from the short kick-off the Titans took advantage of the field position with Jojo Fifita scored in the corner giving the Gold Coast plenty of hope of a comeback. Strangely for a game that didn't lack points, the last thirteen minutes became a mini-drought with both sides able to cross the line despite both sides going very close at times. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CANTERBURY 36 (J. Addo-Carr 3, M. Burton 2, J. Marshall-King tries; M. Burton 6 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 26** (D. Fifita, S. Fifita, P. Herbert, P. Sami, T. Sexton tries; T. Sexton 3 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 26-10. Penalties: Canterbury 5-4. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 11,726. **CANTERBURY:** Casey, Kiraz, Schoupp, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Waddell, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Pangai Junior, Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Patolo. **GOLD COAST:** Brimson, Fifita, Sami, Herbert, Thompson; Boyd, Sexton; Fotuaka, Booth, Liu, Fifita, Fermor, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Clark, Jolliffe, Ese'ese, Campbell.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 27 WESTS TIGERS 26

A penalty goal after the fulltime siren has seen the North Queensland Cowboys pull off a 27-26 victory over the Wests Tigers in one of the most remarkable games of the season.

Snatching victory from the jaws of defeat after Starford To'a seemingly secured a famous win for the last-placed visitors, a contentious captains challenge allowed Valentine Holmes to kick the Cowboys home after the bunker deemed Asu Kepaoa impeded Kyle Feldt from contesting a short kick-off with one second remaining on the clock. Moving into outright second on the ladder following the result, North Queensland were well below their best in a match which saw James Tamou, a member of the Cowboys inaugural premiership-winning side, play his 300th game in first grade. Getting off to a perfect start in a rare afternoon appearance in Townsville, Tom Dearden (2nd minute) touched down underneath the posts following strong work from Jason Taumalolo and Reece Robson with the side's first set with the ball. Levelling the scores at 6-all with Luke Brooks delivering a superb pass to send returning outside back Brent Naden (11th minute) over for his first try in Tigers colours, the visitors snatched an unlikely lead midway through the half with Fa'amanu Brown (20th minute) burrowing over from close range. Taking a shock ten-point lead to the change of ends with Brooks producing a similar pass for Kepaoa (36th minute) to cross in the corner, the Tigers managed to repel a late bust with Feldt deemed to have put a foot into touch prior to grounding the ball.

Conceding a penalty goal shortly after the resumption, which put the visitors up by two converted tries, the Cowboys struck back with Holmes (47th minute) using footwork to get the home side back in the contest. Tying the scores up at 18-all with Jeremiah Nanai (55th minute) streaking away for his 13th try of the season, the Tigers managed to hold their line whilst playing a man down after Ken Maumalo was sent to the sin bin for making shoulder contact to the head of Dearden. Retaking the lead mere minutes after Maumalo completed his stint in the sin bin, Nanai (67th minute) capitalised on an error to race 50 metres for his second of the afternoon. Seemingly wrapping up the result with Holmes kicking a field goal to put the home side beyond a converted try, Naden (75th minute) collected his second to reduce the deficit to three points. Appearing to pull off a miracle with Adam Doueihi and Daine Laurie combining to send To'a (78th minute) over in the corner, Doueihi's conversion attempt ultimately proved costly with the ball fading back only to strike the post. The Cowboys ultimately had the final say with Holmes kicking a long-range penalty goal after the siren with the bunker producing a deus ex machina to the delight of the Townsville faithful. **ROB CROSBY**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 27 (J. Nanai 2, T. Dearden, V. Holmes tries; V. Holmes 5 goals; V. Holmes field goal) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 26** (B. Naden 2, F. Brown, A. Kepaoa, S. To'a tries; A. Doueihi 3 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 16-6. Penalties: North Queensland 6-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 14,910. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); Hess, Robson, Taunua-Brown, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Leilua, Tabuai-Fidow, Granville, Neame. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Naden, To'a, Kepaoa, Maumalo; Doueihi, Brooks; Tamou (C), Brown, Ofahengaue, Garner, Tuilagi, Hastings. Int: Pole, Musgrove, Seyfarth, Peachey.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 19

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	17 - 0 - 1	318	36
2	North Qld	13 - 0 - 5	182	28
3	Cronulla	12 - 0 - 6	106	26
4	Brisbane	12 - 0 - 6	83	26
5	Melbourne	11 - 0 - 7	165	24
6	Souths	11 - 0 - 7	71	24
7	Parramatta	11 - 0 - 7	14	24
8	Sydney	9 - 0 - 9	79	20
9	Manly	9 - 0 - 9	18	20
10	Canberra	9 - 0 - 9	-25	20
11	St Geo Illa	9 - 0 - 9	-98	20
12	Canterbury	5 - 0 - 13	-117	12
13	Warriors	5 - 0 - 13	-187	12
14	Newcastle	5 - 0 - 13	-224	12
15	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 15	-186	8
16	W Tigers	3 - 0 - 15	-199	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Matt LODGE (Roosters): G1 Careless HT - \$1800
Viliame KIKAU (Panthers): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$1500
Dale FINUCANE (Sharks): G2 Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$3000
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA (Storm): G1 Careless HT - \$3000
Corey WADDELL (Bulldogs): Dangerous contact, referred - 5 matches
Ken MAUMALO (Tigers): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$1000

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PARRAMATTA v BRISBANE 3 points - Adam Reynolds, 2 points - Corey Oates, 1 points - Ezra Mam

ST GEO ILLA v MANLY 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Talataa Amona, 1 points - Josh Aloiai

NEWCASTLE v SYDNEY 3 points - James Tedesco, 2 points - Joseph Suaalii, 1 points - Sam Walker

CANBERRA v WARRIORS 3 points - Jack Wighton, 2 points - Corey Harawira-Naera, 1 points - Sebastian Kris

PENRITH v CRONULLA 3 points - Jarome Luai, 2 points - Apisai Koroisau, 1 points - Connor Tracey

SOUTHS v MELBOURNE 3 points - Latrell Mitchell, 2 points - Keaon Koloamatangi, 1 points - Alex Johnston

CANTERBURY v GOLD COAST 3 points - Matt Burton, 2 points - Josh Addo-Carr, 1 points - Jeremy Marshall-King

NORTH QLD v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Jeremiah Nanai, 2 points - Luke Brooks, 1 points - Daine Laurie

LEADERBOARD

26 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
23 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles),
Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
22 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
18 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
17 POINTS James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW),
Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)



ROUND 20

SYDNEY 20 MANLY 10

Sydney Roosters hold onto eighth spot after their 20-10 win over Manly Sea Eagles at Brookvale Oval on Thursday night.

On a week full of headlines, Sydney Roosters were able to do enough to keep their spot in the top eight off the back of another fabulous performance from fullback James Tedesco against a gallant Manly Sea Eagles side.

The Roosters came out ready for business and put first points on the board through a Sam Walker penalty goal. Next, it was a smooth backline move which saw Daniel Tupou stroll over for an early 8-0 lead. James Tedesco was an energiser bunny all over the field tonight. The Blues fullback showed all the full range of tricks with a deft kick for a chasing Nat Butcher to touch down and extend the Roosters lead to 12 points. It was a hard game for the Sea Eagles to get any cohesive effort but they did pull one back before half-time. Daly Cherry-Evans held up the ball enough for Andrew Davey to eventually score the four-pointer. Back from injury, Joseph Manu restored the Roosters lead back to a dozen just before half-time. The centre burrowed over from close range to make it 18-6 and strengthen the Roosters grip on eighth spot on the NRL ladder.

Roosters were unable to build on their lead much in the second half. A Walker penalty goal was their only points as they went close late through winger Joseph Suaalii who bounced the ball from a great height. Sea Eagles never gave up the ghost despite being outmanned and went close several times. Morgan Harper spilled the ball when the hosts had an overlap and future Premier League striker Cherry-Evans kicked twice but flubbed his lines trying to touch down. They did have one final moment in the game and it was a happy one for debuting winger Alfred Smalley. He was on the end of a slick backline movement started by Kieran Foran and ended with a big dive for a four-pointer on debut. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

SYDNEY 20 (N. Butcher, J. Manu, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 10** (A. Davey, A. Smalley tries; R. Garrick goal) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Thu, 28th July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-6. Penalties: Sydney 8-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 12,187. **MANLY:** Garrick, Seci, Harper, Walker, Smalley; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Taupau, Bullemor, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: De Luis, Segeyaro, Boyle, Fulton. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Watson, Butcher, Hutchison, Lodge.

MELBOURNE 24 WARRIORS 12

The Melbourne Storm have struck back into the winner's circle with a hard-fought win over a tenacious New Zealand Warriors side to retain the Michael Moore Cup 24-12 at Mt Smart Stadium tonight.

It was a fiery start to this contest with Nelson Asofa-Solomona in the report book of referee Peter Gough twice inside the first 5 minutes. Firstly for a dangerous throw on Edward Kosi, then off the proceeding penalty an elbow to the head of hooker Wayde Egan who was forced off clutching his jaw. Thankfully, Egan was cleared of ANY jaw injury. Unfortunately for the home side,

their execution on the goal-line gave Melbourne a get-out-of-jail-free card. Off the back of a cheap late shot from Josh Curran, Melbourne was back to their best and it has to be said, the defensive effort from the Warriors left a lot to be desired. They loaded up on the left-hand edge and it's Cameron Munster who provides a lovely ball to Justin Olam who gets past some pedestrian defence to score the first try tonight. Melbourne thought they had a second minutes later, Melbourne was blitzing them down the right-hand side but Grant Anderson couldn't handle the pass back inside from Marion Seve and the lead remained at six points. Melbourne's wrestling tactics earned the attention of referee Peter Gough again, when Josh King had his hands around the eye of Jazz Tevaga, the replays don't look good for King and in the wake of the Corey Waddell suspension, he could have some time on the sidelines. Melbourne's left edge was torn apart after a lovely pass from Chanel Harris-Tavita which landed on the chest of Edward Kosi and the rangy winger crashes over for the Warriors to get themselves into the contest only being down two points. Unfortunately, another cheap penalty set the Storm up in great attacking field position and you can't give a side with this much talent the ball. They went after a limping Chanel Harris-Tavita and it was Jahrome Hughes who provided a great ball to Felise Kaufusi who was brought down by Walsh before a wonderful offload to Harry Grant who crossed to extend the lead for the Storm back out to six. Off the back of a short dropout which backfired, the Warriors continued going blow for blow with Melbourne. Their poor left-edge defence was exploited following a lovely pass from Wayde Egan which sent Edward Kosi away in the corner for his second of the evening and the margin was just two points at the change of ends.

Melbourne started the second half in emphatic style, off the back of a set restart for a slow ruck. The Storm camped down the Warriors' end and following a poor read in defence from Euan Aitken, Jahrome Hughes stepped his way past the defenders and Melbourne was quickly out to an eight-point lead. It was another shift to the right that sent Anderson down the sideline before he put it on the boot inch perfectly and Nick Meaney did enough to get it down after it was initially called NO TRY. Meaney's conversion hit the upright so the Warriors were still within two converted tries. The margin was extended when the Warriors conceded an elementary penalty as they failed to drop kick the ball within the allotted time, Meaney potted over the gift two points and the lead was out to 14. Meaney would depart just on the hour mark following an ugly collision with DWZ and with a mammoth injury toll, it's a seismic blow on the eve of the finals and could be the cue to try and get a quick-fire signing with the deadline closing in three days. New Zealand was forcing mistakes and finally, off a well-worked scrum play, a great cutout pass from Shaun Johnson saw Kosi slide over for his hattrick, the first hattrick against the Storm by a Warrior since Ken Maumalo last season. Unfortunately, their goal kicking was the only thing stopping the score-line from being closer than it should have. As close as the Warriors were getting, their ill-discipline was killing them, a late shot from Euan Aitken saw Munster convert the penalty goal and Melbourne led by 12. There would be no change to the final score-line as Melbourne snap a four-game losing streak and retain the Michael Moore Cup. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

MELBOURNE 24 (H. Grant, J. Hughes, N. Meaney, J. Olam tries; N. Meaney 3, C. Munster goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 12** (E. Kosi 3 tries) **AT MT SMART STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 29th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 10-8. Penalties: Warriors 8-7.

Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 18,395. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Montoya, Pompey, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Harris (C), Aitken, Curran, Tevaga. Int: Lussick, Afoa, Katoa, Frei. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Jeremia, Seve, Olam, Anderson; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Kamikamica. Int: King, Wishart, MacDonald, Eisenhuth.

PARRAMATTA 34 PENRITH 10

Parramatta has defeated the defending premiers Penrith for the second time this season, defeating their bitter rivals by 34-10 at a packed CommBank Stadium tonight.

The Battle of West was turned on its head in the 18th minute however, when Panthers skipper Nathan Cleary was sensationally sent from the field for a dangerous spear tackle on Eels five-eighth Dylan Brown. Replays showed Cleary's hands were placed illegally between the legs and he then tipped Brown into a dangerous position, leaving the referee with no choice but to send the Panthers number seven from the field. Parramatta were already leading 12-4 at the time of the send-off and led by Mitchell Moses, the Eels then put the foot down in a dominant first half display to run in five first half tries to thrash the Panthers in an impressive display, despite the opposition being down to 12 men. The Panthers to their credit rallied in the second half to stem the bleeding somewhat, however Penrith now have a challenge on their hands with now both of their star halves in Jerome Luai and now Cleary looking like spending at least a few weeks on the sideline.

It was a fast start for the premiers, when they piled the pressure on the Eels early and it was second string half Sean O'Sullivan who surprised the home side with the show and go close to the line. The future Dolphin then sliced through to score the first try of the night for the Panthers. Cleary missed from out wide but it was 4-0 after 8 minutes. The Eels hit straight back through a delightful kick from Eels five-eighth Brown for Isaiah Papali'i who leaped high to come down with the ball to score. Moses converted and it was 6-4 to the home side. Off the back of a perfect 40/20 from Mitchell Moses, his five-eighth Brown then took over again with a superb cut out ball for the Fijian Flyer in Maika Sivo, who scored his 33rd try from 33 games at CommBank Stadium. Moses converted the Sivo try and it was 12-4. The game was then turned on its head in the 18th minute when Cleary was sensationally sent off for a spear tackle on Brown. Off the next set, Eels hooker Reed Mahoney and Junior Paulo combined through a set play close to the line and Paulo produced a silky offload for Mahoney to score. Moses converted and it was 18-4. Parramatta continued to have a field day with their opposition a man short, putting the premiers under enormous pressure. Bulldogs bound hooker Mahoney then darted over from dummy half for his second try. This was quickly followed by Eels skipper Clint Gutherson who then got in the act with a jinking run from dummy half. He then grubbered for himself and collected a delicious bounce to score and send the Eels fans into raptures with a shock 30-4 lead at halftime.

Penrith finally returned serve after the break through an unlikely source in prop Moses Leota who produced a terrific draw and pass at the line for backrower Liam Martin who steamed onto the ball and get the Panthers over for the first try of the second half. Sean O'Sullivan converted to narrow the score to 30-10. Despite the defending premiers rallying in the second half, Parramatta finished with a bang in front of their

home fans, when Gutherson threw a superb cut out ball for his winger Sivo who powered away for his second try of the evening to put an exclamation mark on their 34-10 win. **SAM BOURKE**

PARRAMATTA 34 (R. Mahoney 2, M. Sivo 2, C. Gutherson, I. Papali'i tries; M. Moses 5 goals) **DEFEATED PENRITH 10** (L. Martin, S. O'Sullivan tries; S. O'Sullivan goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 29th July. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 30-4. Penalties: Parramatta 7-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 26,912. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Opacic, Blake, Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Matterson. Int: Makatoa, Cartwright, Kaufusi, Niukore. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Jennings, To'o; O'Sullivan, Cleary (C); Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Salmon, Sorensen, Leniu, Staines.

CANBERRA 36 GOLD COAST 24

The Canberra Raiders have maintained touch with the top eight, outlasting the Gold Coast Titans 36-24 on Saturday Afternoon at CBus Super Stadium.

The Raiders had a golden start to the match, taking young winger Jojo Fifita into touch inside two minutes. They were unable to take advantage of their first opportunity, but a Fermor error gifted them another one, and Jack Wighton put Timoko through a gaping hole off the scrum win, the centre going in untouched. Both sides exchanged errors before the Titans got a penalty for an illegal strip, going on the attack. They were able to level the scores courtesy of a Tanah Boyd grubber kick that found Brian Kelly, the centre scoring in his return to first grade. The Titans looked to have taken the lead after Aaron Booth's grubber was chased through by Beau Fermor, but replays showed the back rower had knocked on in-goal. The Raiders turned that into a 12-point turnaround, finding some room on the left side of the field and executing a perfect inside outside play, Elliott Whitehead passing to Nick Cotric, who did well to get to the line. Canberra would soon get back into attacking position through a penalty and a set restart. The Titans looked to be doing well to hold them out initially, but Nick Cotric would eventually get over for a double from dummy-half, running right past Phil Sami in the process. The Raiders took exception to a late tackle around the legs from Aaron Booth, Tapine defending himself by throwing a few punches. The bunker found nothing wrong with the contact from Booth and sent Tapine packing for 10 as a result. The Titans took advantage of the extra man in the shadows of half time, Tanah Boyd again heavily involved, the crafty five-eighth going from dummy half and finding a huge gap. The conversion meant the score was 16-12 in favour of the Green Machine at the break.

The second half was basically all one way traffic in favour of the away side. Canberra scored two quick tries inside 5 minutes, the first one after Sexton got clean bowled by Fogarty's kick and Hudson Young was there to clean up, the second after Wighton broke a tackle, offloaded to Young, who flicked it out to Kris, who pinned the ears back and scored to make it a 14-point lead. The Titans showed some signs of life 6 minutes later, with Beau Fermor breaking two tackles before showing great composure to find Jayden Campbell on the inside. The Raiders would put the result beyond doubt in the 66th minute though. A successful captains challenge set them up for an attacking raid, and Joe Tapine showed great strength to stay upright in the tackle before reaching out to plant it down on the line. A late

left side shift to Seb Kris made the scoreline 36-18, before a late consolation try from the Titans made it a little more respectable. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

CANBERRA 36 (N. Cotric 2, S. Kris 2, J. Tapine, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 24** (J. Campbell 2, T. Boyd, B. Kelly tries; T. Sexton 4 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 16-12. Penalties: Gold Coast 6-4. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 12,461. **GOLD COAST:** Brimson, Fifita, Sami, Kelly, Herbert; Boyd, Sexton; Fotuauka, Booth, Fa'asuaumeaui (C), Fifita, Fermor, Clark. Int: Campbell, Ese'ese, Liu, Jolliffe. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Hopoate; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Sutton, Guler, Harawira-Naera.

CRONULLA 21 SOUTH SYDNEY 20

Both sides traded powerful tries by their respective big men to send this top of the table clash into Golden Point before an ugly high tackle by George Burgess gave the Sharks the opportunity they needed to win the game.

Souths dominated field position and possession for the bulk of the game but it was the Sharks who maximised their possession vastly better. Souths opened the scoring in the 4th minute when Latrell Mitchell kicked a penalty goal. The Bunnies extended their lead in the 11th minute after a glut of possession. They sent the ball through the hands to the left side, finding Alex Johnston who does what he does better than anyone else, finding the line for a try. Mitchell converted from the sideline to give the Bunnies an 8 point lead. In the 19th minute the Sharks got their first full set inside the Rabbitohs red zone. Late in the set they sent the ball right onto Connor Tracey, who shrugged under a cover tackle, stayed in the field of play and scored in the corner. Nicho Hynes converted from touch. Hynes levelled the scores in the 33rd minute when he landed a penalty goal. Then, with less than 3 minutes left in the half, Cronulla took the lead when Hynes kicked to the left side where Ronaldo Mulitalo leapt exceptionally high, caught the ball cleanly and scored a stunning try! Hynes added the extras and at halftime, Cronulla led 14-8.

A fumbled Cody Walker grubber by Tracey allowed Mitchell to score a converted try 3 minutes after halftime. The Sharks went from constantly being on the back foot started to take charge, helped by a lot of ill-discipline and poor decision making by Souths in attack. In the 67th minute Cameron McInnes was caught with the ball 5 metres from the Souths line, but managed to offload to the flat-footed Andrew Fifita, who pushed off Cam Murray and then barged through three defenders before reaching out to score a brilliant try. Hynes converted from almost in front to regain the lead. With just 2 minutes remaining in the game, Tevita Taola stormed onto a crash ball and burrowed down, just managing to get the ball onto a piece of white grass to score a powerful try. Mitchell added the extras from almost in front to level the scores. The first 5 minutes of Golden Point saw Matt Moylan and Latrell Mitchell fail to win the game with 2 attempts at field goals each. The second half of Golden Point looked like it might produce a win for Souths after Tom Burgess made a big bust through the middle, getting Souths deep inside the Sharks half. Mitchell though failed to kick a field goal with his third attempt. Within a minute, Mulitalo found space out wide before he was hit high in an ugly tackle by Burgess. Referee Gerard Sutton had no option but to send Burgess off. Cronulla moved deep into the Bunnies half before

Hynes slotted a field goal and got the Sharks a hard earned and well deserved. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CRONULLA 21 (A. Fifita, R. Mulitalo, C. Tracey tries; N. Hynes 4 goals; N. Hynes field goal) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 20** (A. Johnston, L. Mitchell, T. Tatola tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 14-8. Penalties: Cronulla 6-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 11,492. **CRONULLA:** Kennedy, Tracey, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Wilton, Hamlin-Uele, Fifita, Tolman. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Cartwright, Tass, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Fifita, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Nikorima, Moale, Havili, Burgess.

WESTS TIGERS 32 BRISBANE 18

The Wests Tigers have left last week's highway robbery behind them as they scored an impressive 32-18 victory over the Brisbane Broncos at Suncorp Stadium.

Starting fast, the Tigers opened the scoring after 13 minutes when Brent Naden opened the scoring in the corner after they were able to keep the ball alive spinning it wide and getting the overlap. The Broncos hit back just after the 20 minute mark when Tesi Niu put on the afterburners and Adam Reynolds set it all up with class. A second Broncos try came at the half-hour mark when Ezra Mam scored a remarkable try when he ended upside down but still managed to get the ball to the line for a try. Adam Reynolds converted and gave the Broncos a 12-6 lead. A brain snap from Brent Naden cost the Tigers a second but it didn't hurt because they were able to score and level the scores when Jock Madden scored after starting the play putting Kelma Tuilagi through a gap before Madden finished it off.

The Tigers started the second half in dominant fashion with two quick tries inside the opening fifteen minutes when Starford To'a was able to cross after the Tigers kept the ball alive off a Jock Madden kick which went through the hands for a try. The second try came when Zane Musgrove charged at the line and saw the bunker overturn a live no try decision from Adam Gee. The Broncos struggled while Adam Reynolds was off the field but after returning from his successful HIA, the Broncos found momentum and Jordan Riki had too much strength to get over and close the gap to just the solitary try. Momentum had swung but the Broncos struggled in attack and eventually their poor play came back to hurt them when the Tigers had set up camp down the other end and earned a penalty after Pat Carrigan put on a nasty hip drop on Jackson Hastings who had to leave the field. The Tigers then sealed the deal when Adam Doueihi was able to go through some poor defence straight off the back at a scrum to score and seal the deal. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

WESTS TIGERS 32 (A. Doueihi, J. Madden, Z. Musgrove, B. Naden, S. To'a tries; A. Doueihi 6 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 18** (E. Mam, T. Niu, J. Riki tries; A. Reynolds 2, K. Staggs goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Wests Tigers 5-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 32,909. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Mariner, Hoeter; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Hetherington, Jensen, Palasia. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Naden, To'a, Kepaao, Maumalo; Doueihi, Madden; Tamou (C), Brown, Ofahengaue, Seyfarth, Tuilagi, Hastings. Int: Pole, Musgrove, Dias, Peachey.

CANTERBURY 24 NEWCASTLE 10

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have continued their end-of-season renaissance under Mick Potter downing a pedestrian Newcastle Knights side 24-10 in an at times scrappy performance at McDonald Jones Stadium this afternoon.

Both sides came into this match with a point to prove to finish what's been a disappointing 2022. It was the visiting Bulldogs who were the first to enter attacking territory but unfortunately the final pass from Josh Jackson to Josh Addo-Carr was correctly ruled forward by Dave Munro. But unfortunately for the Knights, they were their own worst enemy in the opening exchanges when they failed to complete sets and turned the football over cheap attacking territory.

It was this possession which aided the Bulldogs in setting up their first try and it was a clever blindside play from Jeremy Marshall-King who linked up with Braidon Burns who got a magical pass away to Jacob Kiraz to cross for the first try of the afternoon. If you thought that try was impressive, their second one was even better. Following a Matt Burton bomb, the Fox batted it back to Jackson who offloaded the ball back to JAC who put an inch-perfect kick on the boot for Kiraz to cross for his second try and the Dogs had a 10-point lead.

From there, the Knights were able to work themselves back into the match. They hit back following a questionable short dropout from the Bulldogs, and it was off a big shift to the left and some well-worked passes from Phoenix Crossland and Jake Clifford who worked it onto Simi Sasagi who found Enari Tuala and Newcastle reduced the gap to six points. Three minutes later, the Bulldogs we've come to know under interim coach Mick Potter delivered after Matt Burton put it on the toe for the Fox who linked up with Aaron Schoupp and the Dogs had their third of the first half. A spear tackle from Crossland in the final tackle of the first half saw Burton put over a penalty goal which gave Canterbury a 14 point lead at the half-time break.

Canterbury were on the board first to start the second stanza when Averillo, Schoupp and Kiraz combined to send the young winger away for his first NRL hat-trick. This capped off a brilliant game and spectacular rookie season for Kiraz which should be enough to earn selection for Lebanon at the World Cup. Burton's conversion was successful from touch which extended the lead out to 20 points for the visitors. The rest of the second 40 left a lot to be desired as the Knights were dominating possession but failing to get over the try-line with the final plays going astray at critical moments. All this does is increase the pressure on Adam O'Brien as the head coach of the footy side. The Knights eventually gave their 19,813 fans something to cheer about after a clever blindside play saw Dom Young cross a questionable final pass from Milford to reduce the margin to 14. The final 20 was a comedy of errors from both sides, best summed up when Burton kicked for the Fox but he ran into his teammate Schoupp and the movement failed. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CANTERBURY 24 (J. Kiraz 3, A. Schoupp tries; M. Burton 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 10** (E. Tuala, D. Young tries; J. Clifford goal) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 18-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 19,813. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Sasagi, Gagai, Tuala, Young; Milford, Clifford; Klemmer, Brailey (C), Saifiti, Frizell, Barnett, Jones. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Saulo, Croker. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Burns,

Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Topine, Pangai Junior, Jackson (C). Int: Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Patolo, Edwards.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 34 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 8

North Queensland have retained second position on the premiership ladder by breaking a 19-year drought at Kogarah with an emphatic 34-8 victory over St George Illawarra.

Storming to victory with three late tries after the Dragons trailed by just two points early in the second half, Cowboys captain Jason Taumalolo was a stand-out for the victors with several key plays showcasing the evolution of his game from wrecking ball to ball-playing powerhouse.

Conceding the first points of the afternoon with Zac Lomax slotting a close range penalty goal, North Queensland winger Kyle Feldt (15th minute) put the visitors on the board by finishing off a strong run by Scott Drinkwater.

Adding a second try from the ensuing kick-off, Jeremiah Nanai produced a huge run through the middle of the field before finding Drinkwater (18th minute) in support to extend the lead beyond a converted try.

Taking advantage of their opportunities midway through the half, the Dragons were rewarded with a fortuitous four-pointer to Jack de Belin (27th minute), who followed up a wayward pass from Ben Hunt close to the try line, to touch down for his fourth try of the season.

The Dragons came close to regaining the lead minutes later, only for Mat Feagai to lose possession of the ball while diving for the line, leaving the visitors ahead 10-8 at halftime.

Re-establishing an eight-point break with interchange prop Griffin Neame (56th minute) running onto a superb pass from Taumalolo, the Cowboys lock was heavily involved in the match-clinching four-pointer with a bullocking run that enabled Nanai (67th minute) to touch down on the following play.

Valentine Holmes demonstrated his class by swooping on a loose ball, stepping opponents and finding Drinkwater (70th minute) in support to put the visitors up by 20.

A lovely pass from Chad Townsend saw Nanai (74th minute) collect his 16th try in as many games this season to cap the 34-8 result. **ROB CROSBY**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 34 (S. Drinkwater 2, J. Nanai 2, K. Feldt, G. Neame tries; V. Holmes 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 8** (J. De Belin try; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 10-8. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-4. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 9,517. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Mbye, Feagai, Bird, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, Burns, Su'A, Sims. Int: Sloan, Woods, Molo, McGuire. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); Hess, Robson, Taunoa-Brown, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Leilua, Tabuai-Fidow, Neame, Cotter.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 20

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	17 - 0 - 2	294	36
2	North Qld	13 - 0 - 5	182	28
3	Cronulla	13 - 0 - 6	107	28
4	Melbourne	12 - 0 - 7	177	26
5	Brisbane	12 - 0 - 7	69	26
6	Parramatta	12 - 0 - 7	38	26
7	Souths	11 - 0 - 8	70	24
8	Sydney	10 - 0 - 9	89	22
9	Canberra	10 - 0 - 9	-13	22
10	Manly	9 - 0 - 10	8	20
11	St Geo Illa	9 - 0 - 9	-98	20
12	Canterbury	6 - 0 - 13	-103	14
13	Warriors	5 - 0 - 14	-199	12
14	Newcastle	5 - 0 - 14	-238	12
15	W Tigers	4 - 0 - 15	-185	10
16	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 16	-198	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Patrick Carrigan (Broncos): Dangerous Contact, referred - 4 matches
Tom Burgess (Rabbitohs): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Joseph Tapine (Raiders): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000
Alfred Smalley (Sea Eagles): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$3000
Egan Butcher (Roosters): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Nathan Cleary (Panthers): G3 Dangerous Throw - 5 matches
Jackson Frei (Warriors): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Anthony Milford (Knights): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$1500
Jaydn Su'A (Dragons): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1800
Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$3000

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

MANLY v SYDNEY 3 points - James Tedesco, 2 points - Joseph Manu, 1 points - Jake Trbojevic

WARRIORS v MELBOURNE 3 points - Jahrome Hughes, 2 points - Wayne Egan, 1 points - Harry Grant

PARRAMATTA v PENRITH 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points - Reed Mahoney, 1 points - Dylan Brown

GOLD COAST v CANBERRA 3 points - Jack Wighton, 2 points - Joseph Tapine, 1 points - Hudson Young

CRONULLA v SOUTHS 3 points - Siosifa Talakai, 2 points - Nicho Hynes, 1 points - Keon Koloamatangi

BRISBANE v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Adam Doueih, 2 points - Daine Laurie, 1 points - Jackson Hastings

NEWCASTLE v CANTERBURY 3 points - Matt Burton, 2 points - Jeremy Marshall-King, 1 points - Jacob Kiraz

ST GEO ILLA v NORTH QLD 3 points - Jason Taumalolo, 2 points - Scott Drinkwater, 1 points - Jeremiah Nanai

LEADERBOARD

26 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
25 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
23 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
22 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
21 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
20 POINTS James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)



ROUND 21

SYDNEY 34 BRISBANE 16

The Sydney Roosters have continued to solidify their place inside the top eight by downing the Brisbane Broncos 34-16 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Temporarily moving into seventh position on the premiership ladder in the wake of their fourth straight win, the Roosters will fancy their chances of qualifying for a sixth consecutive finals series with games against North Queensland, Wests Tigers, Melbourne and South Sydney to come over the final month.

Beginning the match at a frenetic pace with three tries inside the opening quarter, the Roosters posted first points through Paul Momirovski (5th minute) after a shift down the left edge.

Taking the score out to double figures courtesy of Nat Butcher (9th minute) pouncing on an instinctive grubber from Sam Walker, the home side added a third try with Angus Crichton (16th minute) charging onto a pass from Luke Keary to effectively secure the result.

The Broncos managed to claw back the deficit with Corey Dates (20th minute) finishing off strong work by Ezra Mam and Kurt Capewell who drew in the Roosters defence.

In a stilted end to the first half, where both teams lacked finesse with the ball, the Broncos came closest to scoring with Kotoni Staggs held up over the line, leaving the Roosters ahead 18-4 at the break.

Coming out of the sheds determined to extinguish any hopes of a Broncos comeback, the Roosters established a 20-point buffer with Butcher (43rd minute) charging over the top of Mam to collect his second career double.

Making the most of a fortuitous ruling with Mam appearing to pass the ball at least a metre forward, Oates (59th minute) touched down to equal his personal best try-scoring tally in a season.

Having already set up two tries earlier in the evening, Keary (67th minute) collected one of his own by taking on the line with a dummy and run out wide.

Conceding a consolation four-pointer to Kurt Capewell (72nd minute) in the closing stages, the home side had the final say with James Tedesco producing a superb cut-out pass to send Joseph Suaalii (76th minute) over to close out the 34-16 victory.

ROB CROSBY

SYDNEY 34 (N. Butcher 2, A. Crichton, L. Keary, P. Momirovski, J. Sua'ali'i tries; S. Walker 5 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 16** (C. Dates 2, K. Capewell tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND**. Date: Thu, 4th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 10,495. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Lodge, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Watson, Thomas, Hutchison, May. **BRISBANE:** Niu, Oates, Staggs, Mariner, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Hetherington. Int: Walters, Kennedy, Jensen, Palasia.

MELBOURNE 32 GOLD COAST 14

A twenty-point individual performance from superstar Cameron Munster has guided the Melbourne Storm to back-to-back victories against a determined Gold Coast Titans side to win 32-14 at AAMI Park this evening.

It was a scrappy start to the game for the Storm with several late changes causing some mix-ups in combinations. Still, they went close to scoring in the sixth minute but new loanee David Nofoaluma lost the ball over the line. Eventually, the heavy weight of possession of the Storm had come to haunt the visitors and the defence was MIA for the Titans when Harry Grant provided a wonderful pass to Xavier Coates to cross for the first of the evening. Seven minutes later, it was more of the same and it was the combination of Hughes and Munster that saw the Storm collect their second. It was a clever kick from Jahrome Hughes which saw Cam Munster fly high to collect the ball and score to give Melbourne an early ten-point cushion. The Gold Coast were their own worst enemy in the opening stanza with several errors setting the Storm up in good attacking areas. It was an AJ Brimson error that gave the Storm quality field position and after a month of quiet footy, the Storm was firing on all cylinders. It was great shape out to their left-hand side with Hughes, Grant and Cooper Johns all touching the footy in the final player. Great pass from Johns and Kenny Bromwich crashed over to extend the margin to sixteen. But, at the first time of asking since the opening minutes, the Titans crashed over for a much-needed four-pointer after Tanah Boyd found Beau Fermor and the margin was reduced to 12. Brandon Smith found himself on the report sheet with an alleged hip drop tackle on Tino Fa'asuamaleau. From the ensuing penalty, Herman Ese'ese crashed over from short fire range and after being out of it for all money, the margin was cut down to just six points. Unfortunately for the Titans, their defence is the worst in the competition and it was on show minutes later when Munster split them open to cross for his second try which extended the lead back out to twelve points and it's where the scores stayed at the break.

It was a horror start for the Storm in the second half when Josh King lost possession and gave the Titans a golden opportunity. Justin Holbrook's men hit back when Brimson's grubber was collected by Brian Kelly and the Titans reduced the gap to eight. From there, the Storm attack struggled without Hughes who left at half-time after a shoulder injury and several big attacking opportunities went astray. But, when push came to shove. The Storm's class rose above and it was a clever pass from Grant which saw Munster stroll straight past some fatigued Titans forwards to cross for his third and give his side a big fourteen-point lead with fifteen minutes to go. Melbourne finished with a late try when Young Tonumaiepa was on the end of a lovely pass from Johns to seal an 18-point victory for the Storm. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

MELBOURNE 32 (C. Munster 3, K. Bromwich, X. Coates, Y. Tonumaiepa tries; C. Munster 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 14** (H. Ese'ese, B. Fermor, B. Kelly tries; T. Boyd goal) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Fri, 5th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 22-10. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 10,869. **MELBOURNE:** Munster, Nofoaluma, Seve, Tonumaiepa, Coates; Johns, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Kamikamica. Int: Wishart, King, Smith, Eisenhuth. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Fifita, Sami, Kelly, Marzhev; Brimson, Boyd; Fotuauka, Booth, Fa'asuamaleau (C), Fifita, Fermor, Clark. Int: Ese'ese, Liu, Jolliffe, McIntyre.

PARRAMATTA 36 MANLY 20

Parramatta Eels moved up to fifth spot in the NRL premiership after a solid second half led by Clint Gutherson to record a 36-20 win over their historic rivals Manly Sea Eagles on Friday night at Brookvale Oval.

The Eels had to produce a second half comeback with three straight tries including superb efforts from Gutherson and Dylan Brown to record two points and solidify their spot in the top eight headed into the final month.

It was a breathless first half of football. Eels despite not having Mitch Moses clicked into gear on the left side. Clint Gutherson with a pair of assists for Maika Sivo to make it 8-0. Parramatta had it all their own way in the first 20 minutes but were unable to extend their lead before the Sea Eagles struck back. Tolutau Koula lept high to touch down before a Reuben Garrick kick made it 8-8.

Kieran Foran turned the clock back tonight. The five-eighth directed the Sea Eagles across the park wonderfully then produced a stunning cut-out pass for Jason Saab to roll over the tryline for 14-8.

Sea Eagles were having fun down the left side of the Eels defence. Saab went close twice in setting up Morgan Harper but for some last-ditch work from the Eels kept the scoreline close.

Eels were rewarded for keeping themselves in the game and sent us to the break, locked up. Shaun Lane offloaded to Gutherson went sent Tom Opacic away for a four-pointer in a pulsating half of footy. In the topsy-turvy game, the Sea Eagles retook the lead just after the break. It was a simple scrum play on the right and Christian Tuipulotu was able to touch down.

Both sides were going tit-for-tat in this blockbuster affair. Waqa Blake produced the putdown of the season, taking in a high pass from Jake Arthur and kept it just inside the line to make it 20-18. Return of the king put the Eels ahead for the first time since the 20th minute. Combination work between Dylan Brown, Lane and Gutherson sent the fullback away with him showing some toe to give the Eels a 24-20 lead.

The Eels extended their lead with a deft touch from Arthur again. He filled in well for Moses tonight and kicked through for Will Penisini to dive over for 30-20. Brown put the icing on a huge two points for the Eels. He showed a dummy then sliced through, broke Garrick's ankles before he scored close to the posts. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PARRAMATTA 36 (M. Sivo 2, W. Blake, D. Brown, C. Gutherson, T. Opacic, W. Penisini tries; C. Gutherson 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 20** (T. Koula, J. Saab, C. Tuipulotu tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Fri, 5th August. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Penalties: Manly 4-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 17,134. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Harper, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Siple, Walker, Trbojevic, Bullemor. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Opacic, Blake; Brown, Arthur; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Matterson. Int: Makatoa, Cartwright, Kaufusi, Niukore.

SOUTH SYDNEY 48 WARRIORS 10

Another vintage Latrell Mitchell performance has helped South Sydney Rabbitohs to a 48-10 win over New Zealand Warriors on a cloudy afternoon at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

South Sydney Rabbitohs have moved into sixth spot after their impressive first half where they led 36-6 against a disinterested New Zealand Warriors side which included another huge effort from fullback Latrell Mitchell.

The Rabbitohs started how they meant to go on. The hosts scored in the third minute through young halfback Lachlan Ilias who finished off a move and slide underneath the sticks to make it 6-0 as they aimed to solidify themselves in the top eight. It was one-way traffic in the first half, the Rabbitohs Origin representatives in Cameron Murray and Damien Cook combined for the latter to weave past some defence and touch down close to the posts.

Next it was the time for the forwards. Keaton Koloamatangi and Tavita Tatola both crashed over for Souths from close range and it just highlighted that the Warriors weren't focused on any defending on Saturday afternoon as the Rabbitohs led 24-0. Warriors did pull one back through Edward Kosi. The winger was on the end of a nice backline movement which gave him all the space to stroll over on an otherwise forgettable afternoon for a side ready to end their season.

The highlight of the first half was a rampaging run from Mitchell. He scattered defenders like bowling pins to extend the Rabbitohs lead past 30-6 as the fullback also was perfect from the kicking tee in a good comeback after his field goal misses last weekend. It isn't a Rabbitohs game without an Alex Johnston four-pointer. The prolific tryscorer scored #159 off a fantastic movement on the left side and capped off what was a stunning first half performance for the cardinal and myrtle.

The second half wasn't the same pointsfest but the Rabbitohs did register a pair of tries to boost their for-and-against which might be vital in the run home. Debutant Izaak Thompson scored two minutes in then it was a double for Mitchell before he was given a well deserved early mark. There was some consolation for the Warriors in the second half which got them to double digits. Shaun Johnson scored with the wraparound effort to get himself on the scoreboard in a trying afternoon.

JUSTIN DAVIES

SOUTH SYDNEY 48 (L. Mitchell 2, D. Cook, L. Ilias, A. Johnston, K. Koloamatangi, T. Tatola, I. Thompson tries; L. Mitchell 8 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 10** (S. Johnson, E. Kosi tries; S. Johnson goal) **AT SUNSHINE COAST STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 36-6. Penalties: South Sydney 8-5. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 8,911. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Paulo, Tass, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Fifita, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Taaffe, Moale, Havili, Nicholls. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Montoya, Aitken, Kosi; Egan, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Harris (C), Sironen, Murchie, Pene. Int: Otukolo, Afoa, Curran, Frei.

PENRITH 26 CANBERRA 6

A five-star performance from Dylan Edwards in game number 100 has seen the Penrith Panthers return to the winners' circle with a comprehensive 26-6 victory over the Canberra Raiders at a freezing GIO Stadium tonight, which has seen Raiders coach Ricky Stuart lose it at a Panthers star.

After forcing repeat sets on Penrith's line, eventually, the pressure told and off a brilliant short ball from Zac Woolford, big Josh Papali'i crashed over to give the Raiders an early advantage. But, as would become a theme, Canberra failed to complete their set following points and Api Koroisau took full advantage of some sloppy middle defence to get us back level at six apiece. From there, the rest of the first half was an error-fest with both sides failing to come to terms with the slippery conditions in the nation's capital. Penrith began to take the ascendancy and their patience was rewarded when Chris Smith was obstructed off the ball by Hudson Young which allowed Crichton to chip over a penalty goal and give the premiers their first lead of the night. Off the back of a crusher tackle from Joe Tapine, the Panthers marched right back into scoring position. It was a clever grubber from dominant half Sean O'Sullivan which allowed Stephen Crichton to win the race for the ball. Crichton converted his own try and the lead was eight points. Canberra wouldn't die wondering in this one, but they were deep in the wars when Tapine departed with a rib injury. Penrith was dealt a blow when James Fisher-Harris was sin-binned for a high shot on Ryan Sutton. The Panthers miraculously held on despite the lack of numbers and heavy defensive workload. There was a scare just before the break when Dylan Edwards clutched his sternum following a big break, but the 100-game maestro toughed it out to half-time where Penrith held a narrow eight-point lead.

The second half started in frantic fashion when Nick Cotric went for an old-fashioned coat-hanger. He survived being sent off and was sin-binned. Penrith made the most of the extra man advantage when they went down their favoured left-hand side and it produced big results. Isiah Yeo and James Fisher-Harris linked up with Sean O'Sullivan who found Scott Sorensen who in turn linked up with Dylan Edwards and the Panthers had a 14-point cushion. From there, Canberra was unable to penetrate the line of Penrith. Despite several opportunities, Canberra came within inches of scoring but was unable to get the ball across the stripe. Down the other end, Penrith iced the game with fifteen minutes remaining when Jaeman Salmon strolled through some pedestrian Canberra defence to give the Panthers a 20-point winning margin and a strong bounce-back performance after last week's loss.

The headaches might continue for the Raiders after coach Ricky Stuart launched a sensational personal attack on Panthers utility Jaeman Salmon in the post-match press conference. Stuart was incensed after Salmon struck out and hit Tom Starling in the jatz-crackers and the head (both appear to be accidental), the Raiders' boss went on to say the following about Salmon "I know that kid very well. He was a weak gutted dog as a kid and he hasn't changed now, He's a weak gutted dog person now." It was an extraordinary spray which appears to have taken the pressure off Canberra's poor performance and should be in for some scrutiny from the NRL and the Raiders board. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 26 (S. Crichton, D. Edwards, A. Koroisau, J. Salmon tries; S. Crichton 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 6** (J. Papali'i try; J. Fogarty goal) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 6th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-6. Penalties: Penrith

8-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 16,912. **CANBERRA:** Hopoate, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Sutton, Guler, Harawira-Naera. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Salmon, O'Sullivan; Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Smith, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Turuva.

CRONULLA 24 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18

The Cronulla Sharks have put in a mixed display to get the two points over their local rivalries following their 24-18 victory over the St George Illawarra Dragons

A fast start for the Sharks put them in front when Nicho Hynes put on the footwork to find a gap in the Dragons defence and get down low to score after just four minutes. A second chance for the Sharks was blown when Nicho Hynes had the same situation but with defenders on him he threw a pass that found a Dragons player. The Dragons had only one play in the Sharks 20 when they scored their opening try when Jack De Belin was on the spot after Ronaldo Multitalo knocked a Ben Hunt bomb on and De Belin was on the spot to score near the posts. Zac Lomax converted to level the scores. One of the biggest talking points of the game came soon after when nearly all NRL fans were left puzzled by Tariq Sims only being sin binned for a tackle that looked to be about as clear a send-off as you could get. The tackle saw Sims hit Connor Tracey high and had knocked the Sharks centre out before he had hit it the ground. The Sharks couldn't take advantage of the extra man as Braydon Trindall scored after putting on some magic with a dummy and footwork to go through and score. Trindall had his fingerprints on the next try as well ten minutes later when the Sharks backup half ran to the line and this time had the Dragons in two minds on whether he was going to dummy or pass and this time Trindall found Teig Wilton to score. A sin bin for Blayke Brailey gave the Dragons an extra man which they took advantage of in the second half with Tautau Moga scored after some ill-discipline from the Sharks as the Red 'V' shifted the ball right and Moga had open space to the outside.

The Dragons scored a second try to close the gap to just two points after the Cronulla defence rushed up in defence and Mat Feagai scored in the corner as the Dragons took advantage of the mismatch in defence. Cronulla's fourth try came with some luck as Tyrell Sloan lost a Nicho Hynes bomb and the ball came off Briton Nikora's head and with the Sharks second rower getting to the ball first before finding Blayke Brailey who found Wade Graham who scored his first try since 2020. Pushing the lead out to 8, the Dragons elected to close the gap to 6 when they got a penalty for the Sharks being offside inside the final two and a half minutes. The Dragons then showed their most expansive play but it wasn't to be as the Sharks held on. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CRONULLA 24 (W. Graham, N. Hynes, B. Trindall, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18** (J. De Belin, M. Feagai, T. Moga tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 6th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 18-6. Penalties: Cronulla 7-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 11,427. **CRONULLA:** Dykes, Tracey, Ramien, Talakai, Multitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Tolman, Wilton, Fifita, Miller. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Mbye, Feagai, Bird, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, McCullough, Lawrie, Sims, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Sloan, Woods, McGuire, Molo.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 28 CANTERBURY 14

The North Queensland Cowboys have overcome an early ten-point deficit to defeat a determined Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs 28-14 in the NRL's inaugural match in the coastal town of Bundaberg.

It was the first NRL competition game to be played in the coastal city of Bundaberg, we did have some NRL trials played here in 2016. The sold-out crowd enjoyed every minute of the game and it was a strong start from the 'home' side in this one. The opening kickoff went out on the full (via a Bulldogs challenge) and the Cowboys' defence fell away. Canterbury's first try came off the ensuing set and it was a great grubber from Matt Burton Josh Addo-Carr stole the ball off Peta Hiku and the Dogs hit the early lead. The swirling breeze the Cowboys were running into created further kickoff problems and the ball (and ensuing momentum) swung back to the 'visitors'. North Queensland thought they had an immediate response when Tom Dearden carried two Dogs defenders over the line, but the video referee believed Kyle Flanagan was obstructed by Valentine Holmes and the try was overturned. The next ten minutes were an eventful combination of errors and ill-discipline, but the Cowboys were unable to turn any momentum into points. Up the other end, the Dogs were brutal and off a routine scrum play, it was Burton who threw a dummy and ran it right over the try-line to give the Bulldogs a 10-0 advantage. The Cowboys slowly worked their way back into the game and off some poor ball handling and ill-discipline from the Bulldogs, Griffin Neame crashed over off his first touch of the footy. Neame ran over the top of a couple of defenders on his way to the try-line which helped to reduce the margin to four. Off the ensuing set, Chad Townsend's bomb was spilt by Averillo and with the fresh set, it was a great offload from Luciano Leilua to Chad Townsend who shrugs away from several defenders to cross and level the game up. That's where the score stayed at the change of ends.

Straight after the break, an escort penalty was awarded to the Cowboys although this one was less controversial than a few weeks ago. Holmes converted from point-blank range to give the Cowboys their first lead of the afternoon. As would be the case in this see-sawing contest, the lead would be short-lived when another Burton kick caused nightmares for the Cowboy's back three. Jacob Kiraz took the bomb before a miraculous offload to Kyle Flanagan and the Dogs were back in the lead. A controversial off-side penalty against the Bulldogs cost them dearly. Luciano Leilua was on the receiving end of a great offload from Reece Robson and the Cowboys forward crashed over the top of four defenders to score and regain the lead for his side. Holmes converted to extend the margin out to four points. From there, the final ten minutes turned into the Scott Drinkwater show with the standout fullback scoring a quick-fire double. The first came off a great run from Robson out of dummy half and he found Drinkwater and the Cowboys were eight points clear. From there, the Cows were on a roll and Drinkwater grabbed a second off a good run through the middle to seal a 14-point victory.

AJ LUCANTONIO

NORTH QUEENSLAND 28 (S. Drinkwater 2, L. Leilua, G. Neame, C. Townsend tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 14** (J. Addo-Carr, M. Burton, K. Flanagan tries; M. Burton goal) **AT SALTER OVAL**. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: North Queensland 6-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 8,521. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Topine, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Pangai Junior, Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Patolo. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Tabuai-Fidow, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); Taunua-Brown, Robson, Hess, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Cotter, Leilua, Neame.

NEWCASTLE 14 WESTS TIGERS 10

After a promising few weeks, the Wests Tigers break hearts once again in front of a home Campbelltown crowd, going down 14-10.

The Knights got off to a great start, rolling through some poor Tigers defence and seemingly making metres for fun out of their own end. Their forwards were dominant, and kicking options from Anthony Milford and Jake Clifford were outstanding early on. An early try for the Knights set the tone for the first half. A lovely grubber through the line from Jake Clifford early in the tackle count found Enari Tuala, who opened the scoring in the corner. They kept up the momentum after points, soaring downfield and creating more opportunities off the back of some beautiful footwork from Dane Gagai, but they couldn't take advantage. The Tigers got their first real attacking shot at around the 10 minute mark, with Brent Naden finding some space on the wing but dropping it over the line. The Knights kept the pressure on Wests, with a 40/20 kick from Anthony Milford breaking the back-and-forth nature of the game up to that point. Some poor fifth tackle options from the Tigers meant that the Knights were never forced to work it off their own goal-line. After a number of sets on the Tigers' line, the Knights got their attack together, and Enari Tuala crossed for his second. Starford To'a rushed in, creating the overlap on the left wing. Clifford missed his second conversion of the day, and the score remained at 8-0, 20 minutes in. Following this, the game went into a bit of a stalemate, until Naden went close yet again before the play was called back for an obstruction. Tex Hoy got things moving for Newcastle again, taking advantage of more poor Tigers defence. Breaking Adam Doueih's tackle and stepping around Daine Laurie, Kalyn Ponga's replacement went over under the posts to increase his teams' lead, before Clifford made it 14-0. Some late pressure from the Tigers was withstood by some resolute Newcastle defence, and 14-0 remained the score at half-time.

The second half began with a much more even grind, with both sets of forwards struggling to make metres. So Adam Doueih took matters into his own hands, putting up a Burton-esque bomb that eluded Dominic Young, before Brent Naden stormed through to claim his teams' first points of the match. These bombs continued to torment Newcastle's back three, with Hoy dropping one backwards just one set after. With the halves finding some good kicks, momentum began to shift towards the Tigers, and it wasn't long until they found the line again. Asu Kepaoa slid over at left centre to decrease the deficit at the 65 minute mark. Errors from both sides began to build, as fatigue became more of a factor. With 8 minutes to go and a 4 point gap, the game was perfectly poised. A one-on-one strip from Tyrone Peachey turned the tide back towards the Tigers, before a scintillating 40/20 kick from Jock Madden provided an opportunity to level the game. With just three minutes to go, the Tigers fans at Campbelltown thought their team had won the game, with Daine Laurie going over under the posts, only for it to be called back for a knock on. The Knights had to hold on for one more minute, with the Tigers just on their own side of halfway. Some good use of the ball meant the team found plenty of metres, and Kelma Tuilagi almost crashed over with less than a minute to go. A six again call only added to the drama, but the Tigers couldn't find the overlap, with Daine Laurie dropping the ball on the last play to seal the victory for the Knights.

LACHLAN MCINTYRE

NEWCASTLE 14 (E. Tuala 2, T. Hoy tries; J. Clifford goal) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 10** (A. Kepaoa, B. Naden tries; A. Doueih goal) **AT CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 14-0. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 9,621. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Naden, To'a, Kepaoa, Maumalo; Doueih, Madden; Tamou (C), Brown, Ofahengaue, Seyfarth, Tuilagi, Pole. Int: Musgrove, Dias, Freebairn, Peachey. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Tuala, Gagai, Best, Young; Milford, Clifford; Saifiti, Brailey (C), Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Barnett. Int: Crossland, Sasagi, Saulo, Croker.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 21

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	18 - 0 - 2	314	38
2	North Qld	15 - 0 - 5	222	32
3	Cronulla	14 - 0 - 6	113	30
4	Melbourne	13 - 0 - 7	195	28
5	Parramatta	13 - 0 - 7	54	28
6	Souths	12 - 0 - 8	108	26
7	Brisbane	12 - 0 - 8	51	26
8	Sydney	11 - 0 - 9	107	24
9	Canberra	10 - 0 - 10	-33	22
10	Manly	9 - 0 - 11	-8	20
11	St Geo Illa	9 - 0 - 11	-130	20
12	Canterbury	6 - 0 - 14	-117	14
13	Newcastle	6 - 0 - 14	-234	14
14	Warriors	5 - 0 - 15	-237	12
15	W Tigers	4 - 0 - 16	-189	10
16	Gold Coast	3 - 0 - 17	-216	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Brandon Smith (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Taniela Otukolo (Warriors): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500
Joseph Tapine (Raiders): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$3000
James Fisher-Harris (Panthers): G3 Careless HT - 2 matches
Nick Cotric (Raiders): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Jaeman Salmon (Panthers): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$1000
Tariq Sims (Dragons): G3 Careless HT - 4 matches

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SYDNEY v BRISBANE 3 points - Matthew Lodge, 2 points - Sam Walker, 1 points - James Tedesco

MELBOURNE v GOLD COAST 3 points - Cameron Munster, 2 points - AJ Brimson, 1 points - Harry Grant

MANLY v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Clinton Gutherson, 2 points - Dylan Brown, 1 points - Kieran Foran

SOUTHS v WARRIORS 3 points - Latrell Mitchell, 2 points - Damien Cook, 1 points - Izaac Thompson

CANBERRA v PENRITH 3 points - Dylan Edwards, 2 points - Isaah Yebo, 1 points - Jaeman Salmon

CRONULLA v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Briton Nikora, 1 points - Braydon Trindall

CANTERBURY v NORTH QLD 3 points - Reuben Cotter, 2 points - Luciano Leilua, 1 points - Matt Burton

WESTS TIGERS v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Tex Hoy, 2 points - Kelma Tuilagi, 1 points - Dane Gagai

LEADERBOARD

28 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
26 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
25 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
23 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
21 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ), James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)
18 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels)



ROUND 22

MELBOURNE 16 PENRITH 0

The Melbourne Storm have continued their strong run of recent form, putting on a defensive masterclass to beat a Panthers side missing a host of stars 16 points to nil.

Both sides appeared to be on the ball to start the game, the arm wrestle being enhanced by the ball being in play for an extended period. The Panthers were the first to have any real attacking opportunity after Cameron Munster gifted them prime field position with a basic error. The purple wall held firm however, and it was the Storm who scored first against the run of play. Justin Olam, not for the only time, found space down the left hand side before putting in a great kick ahead, which sat up perfectly for Nick Meaney to score under the posts. It's fair to say the play had the Panthers rattled, with the Storm scoring another try in the set directly after the kickoff to restart play. Their forwards had them rolling up the field nicely before Brandon Smith ran a superb line to beat two Penrith defenders. The Kiwi international then put on a step to beat stand-in fullback Charlie Staines, and just like that the score was 12-0 to the visitors. The Panthers were handed another golden opportunity to get themselves back into the game when Nelson Asofa-Solomona made a poor error coming out of his own end. Penrith, not for the only time, had nothing in attack though. They went close with Brian To'o but the Storm's scramble, Justin Olam's in particular, was too good. The Panthers would receive a penalty though and go again, and it appeared Viliame Kikau had crashed over, but the bunker deemed he knocked on over the line. The Storm, off the back of the ensuing seven tackle set, were able to produce a dagger. They forced an error from young winger Sunia Turuva and the Panthers defensive line never recovered as Melbourne spread the ball left to find David Nofoaluma, who shrugged off a tackle attempt from Stephen Crichton to score his first try as a member of the Storm. Nick Meaney's missed conversion meant that the score was 16-0 in the Storm's favour, and that was the way it stayed for the remaining 49 minutes of play. Xavier Coates looked to have produced the put-down of the century (no exaggeration) on the stroke of halftime, but replays showed he knocked on. It remains to be seen how much the Panthers will read into what was an extraordinarily poor attacking display, especially by their lofty standards. They enjoyed 55 tackles in the opposition's 20 metre zone compared to the Storm's 10, 37 of which came in the second half along with a 63% share of possession. Obviously it can be discounted somewhat considering they were missing 3 of their starting 4 spine players, but it's not the kind of performance Ivan Cleary would be wanting so close to the finals, regardless of who takes the field. On the other side of the coin is the Storm, who not only held Penrith out despite the possession being so lopsided, but did it with ease. The Panthers never really looked like scoring except for in broken field situations, and even then the scramble defence was as good as it's been in months. Yes, their last 3 victories have only come against the Warriors, Titans and Panthers reserves, but you can only beat the team in front of you as they say, and there have certainly been some encouraging signs to come out of the Storm's recent performances. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

MELBOURNE 16 (N. Meaney, D. Nofoaluma, B. Smith tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) **DEFEATED PENRITH 0 AT BLUEBET STADIUM.** Date: Thu, 11th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 16-0. Penalties: Penrith 6-1. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 15,612. **PENRITH:** Staines, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Salmon, O'Sullivan; Leota, Koroisau, Eisenhuth, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Sorensen, Leniu, Jennings. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Nofoaluma, Seve, Olam, Coates; Munster, Johns; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kamikamica, Bromwich, Smith. Int: Eisenhuth, King, Lewis, Wishart.

WARRIORS 42 CANTERBURY 18

A vintage performance from Shaun Johnson has sparked the New Zealand Warriors to a dominant second-half performance to run away with a 42-18 victory over the Canterbury Bulldogs in the 300th premiership match to be played in Auckland.

It was the home side that got off to a hot start scoring twice inside the first fifteen minutes. Off an illegal tackle off the ball from Braidon Burns, the Warriors were able to build momentum and crashed over after Shaun Johnson tore the left-hand defensive of the Bulldogs apart. It was his well-timed pass that sent Villiami Vailea away to cross for the first try. Canterbury worked their way back into the game and set up an attacking opportunity, but Matt Burton's pass was picked off by Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and the flying winger sprinted the length of the field to give the Warriors a 12-0 lead. Canterbury quickly rebounded and earned a repeat set of six. Despite going close through Matt Burton, the Bulldogs scored off the proceeding play when Aaron Schoupp found Jake Averillo to cut the Warriors lead in half. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs failed to complete their set after points and from there the Warriors made them pay. Off the scrum play, the Warriors shifted it left and Johnson found Reece Walsh and found to the man of the moment Edward Kosi who slammed the footy down and the Warriors restored their 12-point lead. The rest of the first half was an error-fest with both sides failing to take full advantage of their quality possession. After such a frantic opening 20 minutes where we saw four tries, the final twenty saw no tries and a lot of drop ball. But the Warriors went to the shed up by 12 points. The start of the second forty was just as reminiscent of the first half. A traditional spiral bomb from Burton sent Walsh into a nightmare. It sat up nicely for Jacob Kiraz who found Burns before being taken metres before the line. Off the ensuing tackle, Walsh lost it in the contact of Burns and Kyle Flanagan was jolly on the spot to secure the footy and reduce the margin back to six points.

The Warriors thought they hit back when Euan Aitken crashed over for his 50th try in the top grade, but the video referee spoiled the party when he found a little knock-on although the Warriors maintained possession. The home side might've been better off losing the ball as Johnson's cut-out ball was intercepted by Josh Addo-Carr and no one is catching the Fox from the open field and the scores were level at 18 apiece. The Warriors were always looking dangerous in the attacking third, with Addin Fonua-Blake being denied by the tenacious defence. Off the ensuing play, Johnson provided a lovely pass to Eli Katoa and the man who's farewell to the club at the end of the season crashed over to re-take the lead for the home side as we entered the final quarter of the game. The final twenty minutes saw an end-to-end battle with the Warriors dominating the early attacking opportunities but failing to come up with the knock-out blow to close the game out. At the same time, the Bulldogs were unable to ask enough questions in their attack with Burton's normally reliable kicking game struggling to create results similar to what we saw earlier in the second half. New Zealand sealed the game inside the final five minutes when Johnson breezed past Flanagan and dummied his way past Averillo to give the Warriors an unassailable 12-point margin. The home side wasn't finished, off a kickoff penalty, the Warriors sent it left and Walsh found Kosi for his try double. Off the next set, Asi's bomb was allowed to bounce and Addin Fonua-Blake pounced for his first try of the season sealing a 42-18 victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

WARRIORS 42 (E. Kosi 2, A. Fonua-Blake, S. Johnson, E. Katoa, V. Vailea, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh 7 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 18** (J. Addo-Carr, J. Averillo, K. Flanagan tries; M.

Burton 3 goals) **AT MT SMART STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 12th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-6. Penalties: Warriors 6-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 16,212. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Montoya, Kosi; Asi, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Harris (C), Aitken, Murchie, Afoa. Int: Curran, Lussick, Katoa, Ale. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Edwards, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Topine, Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Patolo.

SOUTH SYDNEY 26 PARRAMATTA 0

South Sydney has made a huge statement defeating Parramatta by 26-0 at CommBank Stadium tonight to move into 5th place on the NRL ladder and have the league leaders looking over their shoulder as the finals series approaches.

Last year's Grand Finalists were clinical, scoring five unanswered tries but more impressively keeping the Eels scoreless at CommBank Stadium in a superb display. It was the Bunnies stars in Latrell Mitchell and skipper Cameron Murray who led the way for the home side, while prolific try scorer Alex Johnston registered two more tries to take his season tally to 25 tries. South Sydney came into the match needing to continue their late season momentum if they were to challenge for a Top 4 finish. The visitors didn't disappoint, when they scored the first try of the night through Cody Walker who ran onto a deft pass from Damien Cook at dummy half close to the line. Latrell Mitchell converted and it was 6-0 in as many minutes.

Souths continued to keep the Eels defence scrambling, with Walker going within millimetres of scoring his second try. However, it was in form backrower Keaton Koloamatangi who was the pivotal man minutes later, with a superb tap on for rookie winger Izaak Thompson who raced over to score in the corner. Mitchell missed the conversion from out wide but it was all South Sydney by 10-0 after less than 20 minutes. Alex Johnston then scored South Sydney's third try, after Walker and Isaiah Tass combined on that familiar left edge. Mitchell again missed the conversion but it was all the Rabbitohs at they took a convincing 14-0 lead into halftime.

The Eels came out a different side after the break and were camped on the Rabbitohs line but the home side just couldn't convert their chances. South Sydney proved they only needed one, when off the back of a piggy back penalty downfield by the Eels, Walker and Mitchell combined for Johnston to touch down for his second try of the night to extend their lead to 20-0. After earlier being denied his second, Cody Walker then iced the game by taking his next chance when he cleaned up the scraps off a cross field kick from rookie halfback Dean Hawkins to take the lead out to 26-0 following Mitchell's conversion.

SAM BOURKE

SOUTH SYDNEY 26 (A. Johnston 2, C. Walker 2, I. Thompson tries; L. Mitchell 3 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 0 AT COMMBANK STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 12th August. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 14-0. Penalties: South Sydney 5-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 22,958. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Opacic, Blake; Brown, Arthur; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Matterson. Int: Ogden, Cartwright, Kaufusi, Niukore. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Paulo, Tass, Thompson; Walker, Hawkins; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Nicholls, Havili, Moale, Milne.

SYDNEY 32 NORTH QLD 18

Sydney Roosters won their fifth game in a row with a 32-18 win against North Queensland Cowboys at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday afternoon.

Celebrating James Tedesco in style were the Roosters in a game where all four wingers scored a four-pointer and the Sydney Roosters flexed their Premiership muscles once again against the second place Cowboys. The Roosters came out full of vim and vigour in the second last game in their temporary home. Their defence didn't give the Cowboys any room to breathe and it helped create their first try through Joseph Suaalii in the corner for 4-0. The tri-colours were fighting for to maintain their spot in the top eight and doubled their advantage through Matt Lodge. The mid-season signing charged over from an inside ball for a rare four-pointer.

North Queensland's first visit to the SCG wasn't a happy one. They completed the collection of all 16 sides playing at the historic ground and got themselves on the scoreboard late in the first half through Murray Taulagi after some Luciano Leilua magic. Sydney Roosters took an eight point advantage into the break after we had the third wingers try of the contest. Veteran Daniel Tupou strolled past some feeble defence from quick hands and it was 14-6 at the break.

It was a simple move from the scrum which pushed the Roosters past a three score advantage. Gold Coast bound hooker Sam Verrills fooled everyone and sliced through to stretch the advantage to 20-6. Needing a win to stay in the race for the minor premiership, the Cowboys struck back. Reece Robson with a heads-up play for the wraparound to dive over close to the sticks and bring some life back to the game. Jared Wearea-Hargreaves had a huge impact and his roar post try might have sent shockwaves through the competition. The enforcer steamed onto a short ball and no one was going to stop the Kiwi international slamming it down.

Verrills made it a double delight with his second to confirm the Roosters win. He tried to burrow over from close range and needed to be confirmed from the bunker to green light the four-pointer and the 32-12 lead. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow completed the winger first four late in the piece. The Cowboys flyer showed off his speed once again taking a lovely pass down the right sideline and touching down without much chase for 32-18.

JUSTIN DAVIES

SYDNEY 32 (S. Verrills 2, M. Lodge, J. Sua'ali'i, D. Tupou, J. Waerea-Hargreaves tries; S. Walker 4 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QUEENSLAND 18** (R. Robson, H. Tabuai-Fidow, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.**

Date: Sat, 13th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 15,219.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Momirovski, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Lodge, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Watson, Butcher, Hutchison, May. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Tabuai-Fidow, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); Hess, Robson, Cotter, Gilbert, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: McLean, Taunoa-Brown, Leilua, Neame.

CRONULLA 36 WESTS TIGERS 12

Cronulla has shown their bite in this season's Telstra Premiership, cementing their top 4 position by thrashing the Tigers by 24 points as the NRL returned to Tamworth this evening for the first time since 2020.

It was a fast start for the Sharks in this one as they're desperate to stay in the race for the top four. Nicho Hynes was heavily involved when a clever set play saw the Cronulla halfback put boot to ball and Lachie Miller was there to pounce and give the Sharks an early advantage.

Five minutes later, the Tigers were made to pay for some poor discipline when Braidon Trindall produced an inch perfect grubber and Matt Ikuvalu beat Daine Laurie to the ball. All of a sudden, the Sharks were beating the clock with an early 12-0 advantage. However, an ill-timed error from Miller gave the Tigers some attacking footy. Fa'amanu Brown caught the Sharks middle napping and snuck over to score although replays couldn't overturn the on-field decision of a try and the margin was cut in half. However, a Hynes bomb was spilled by Laurie and the Sharks were immediately back on the attack. Royce Hunt steamrolled his way onto the football and the late inclusion crashed over the top of Laurie to re-establish a twelve point margin. Off the very next set, it was a short side raid from Hynes, Jesse Ramien and Miller. The former Aussie sevens star was able to kick it back on the inside and Kade Dykes was jolly on the spot to pick up his first NRL try and the Sharks got out to an 18 point lead. The Tigers were able to stem the bleeding and hang in the contest, but a lazy high shot from Tyrone Peachey gave Hynes a gift two points and a 20 point half-time advantage.

The second half began with a strong attacking chance from the visitors, but Brett Kimmorley's men were able to hang in there and stop the Shark attack. But, their attack left a lot to be desired and eventually the Sharks were able to bite their way through for another try. It was a clever inside ball from Blayke Brailey to Braden Hamlin-Uele and the big man was able to extend the Sharks lead. However, the Sharks were their own worst enemy and off a cheap error, Fonua Pole was able to offload to a flying Luke Garner to cross for the Tigers' second of the evening and reduce the margin once more. However, that was short lived when another mistake from Brent Naden saw the Sharks immediately shift it to the right which saw Briton Nikora link up with Ramien to extend the margin back out to 24 points. It wasn't all plain sailing for the visitors with Teig Wilton sin binned for a late hit on Laurie, it nearly came to bite them when Naden thought he crashed over, but the Bunker spotted an obstruction and revoked the try. But the result was never in doubt and the Sharks rolled on convincing winners in the final analysis. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CRONULLA 36 (K. Dykes, B. Hamlin-Uele, R. Hunt, M. Ikuvalu, L. Miller, J. Ramien tries; N. Hynes 6 goals) defeated **WESTS TIGERS 12** (F. Brown, L. Garner tries; A. Doueihi 2 goals) **AT SCULLY PARK.** Date: Sat, 13th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 26-6. Penalties: Cronulla 6-2. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 10,048. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Naden, Roberts, Kepaoa, To'a; Doueihi, Madden; Tamou (C), Brown, Musgrove, Garner, Tuilagi, Ofahengau. Int: Pole, Dias, Freebairn, Peachey. **CRONULLA:** Dykes, Miller, Ramien, Ikuvalu, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), Finucane. Int: Hamlin-Uele, Wilton, McInnes, Colquhoun.

BRISBANE 28 NEWCASTLE 10

Despite being far from clinical, the Brisbane Broncos have sealed their spot in the NRL top 8 following their 28-10 victory over the Newcastle Knights at Suncorp Stadium.

The Knights dominated the early possession and field position but their attack wasn't proving to be a threat at all and it was the Broncos who opened the scoring after around 20-minute mark when Selwyn Cobbo scored his first of the night when the Knights defence was left in all sorts of trouble when they rushed up leaving space for Cobbo to score.

Both sides couldn't hold possession in the slippery conditions and although the Knights were still dominating the possession, the Broncos were next to score when Corey Oates went one-on-one with Dom Young and the Broncos gun was able to get his way over the line although question marks over a forward pass were left unanswered.

The Broncos turned on the flair almost immediately for their third try which came quickly off the back of the second when Ezra Mam was put through space after a lovely ball from Te Maire Martin who played a big role when he was backing up for Mam to find before Martin gave it back to Mam to score. Adam Reynolds converted and the Broncos took an 18-0 lead into the half-time break.

It was a pretty messy start to the second half with neither side able to assert any dominance before the Knights finally got on the board just shy of the hour mark when Daniel Saifiti went straight through the middle and over the top of the Brisbane defence to score. Anthony Milford's conversion closed the gap to 12.

There was a long wait for the Knights second try to be confirmed when Bradman Best was able to fight his way over the line but there were plenty of things to check for Kasey Badger in the bunker, as she had to clear an obstruction and whether Bradman Best got the ball to the ground. The try was eventually confirmed though the conversion attempt from Anthony Milford was a shocker.

The Broncos sealed the deal inside the final ten minutes when Selwyn Cobbo sealed his double and then hattrick with two late tries. Cobbo scored first as the Broncos attack fired when they looked to shift the ball right and then the third try came with a perfect kick from Adam Reynolds. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE 28 (S. Cobbo 3, E. Mam, C. Oates tries; A. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 10** (B. Best, D. Saifiti tries; A. Milford goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 13th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 18-0. Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 25,742.

BRISBANE: Martin, Oates, Staggs, Hoeter, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, James. Int: Hetherington, Turpin, Kennedy, Jensen. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Tuala, Gagai, Best, Young; Milford, Clune; Saifiti, Brailey (C), Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Croker. Int: Crossland, Saulo, Sasagi, Sue.

CANBERRA 24 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 22

The Canberra Raiders have escaped with a 24-22 win over the St. George Illawarra Dragons on Sunday afternoon to keep their season alive in thrilling fashion. Going up 24-12 early in the second half, the Raiders looked on track for a straightforward win but it was anything but, with Canberra even struggling to set up for the match-winning field goal. Raiders front rower Josh Papalii put it best in the post-game interview, telling Fox League: "We're pretty good at shooting ourselves in the foot".

The Dragons almost went 80 metres to score on the siren when Ben Hunt put Mathew Feagai through a gaping hole, only for the winger to be pulled up 15 out from the line. There was controversy with suggestions Feagai should have earned a penalty after Raiders players slowed the play-the-ball down, with a final shove from Corey Harawira-Naera put under the spotlight. In the end, no penalty was blown with the Raiders surviving in dramatic circumstances.

The Red V were their own worst enemy earlier in the game though, made to pay for a mistake after a loose carry from Jack Bird led to points, with Hudson Young pouncing on a pinpoint Zac Woolford kick. The Raiders hooker continued to put his stamp on the game early, bursting through the middle off the set after points to keep Canberra rolling up the field. No points came from that linebreak but the home side was well on top at that stage, until an Albert Hopoate error gifted the Dragons prime field position and five-eighth Talatau Amone took full advantage. Fancy footwork from the 20-year-old playmaker levelled up the scores before Amone backed up in support in the 20th minute to score his second try, this one off a Bird offload. Amone inspired the Dragons into the lead but it was one of Canberra's brightest young stars, Xavier Savage, who stepped up when his team needed it most. First, a confident Savage put Albert Hopoate away deep inside the Raiders' half before popping up on the left edge to set up Jordan Rapana in the corner for Canberra's second try of the afternoon. That saw the scores tied up once again before Ryan Sutton came up with one of the individual plays of the game, charging down a Hunt kick to score in the 36th minute. The Raiders had another chance to put on points before the break but were a muddled mess inside the Dragons' red zone, failing to even set up for a field goal and settling for a 18-12 halftime lead.

They were not so wasteful with their first opportunity in the second half though, with Hopoate grounding a Savage kick after the Dragons sent the restart out on the full to gift the Raiders a full set on their line. The Dragons were there for the taking, coughing the ball up and almost asking to be put away, but the Raiders could not strike with the killer blow and were eventually made to pay. With just over 10 minutes left Hunt, who kicked a 40-20 earlier in the game, nailed a 20-40 this time around before Amone took the line on to score his third of the afternoon and reduce the deficit to six. Amone then put Tautau Moga over in the corner to set up a grandstand finish, with Zac Lomax's attempted conversion waved away, leaving the Dragons trailing by two. Anthony Griffin's side fell agonisingly short of pulling off a miracle and face the Tigers next week while the Raiders take on the Sea Eagles. **ANDREW JACKSON**

CANBERRA 24 (A. Hopoate, J. Rapana, R. Sutton, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 22** (T. Amone 3, T. Moga tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-12. Penalties: Canberra 6-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 11,216. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Hopoate, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Guler, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Sutton, Horsburgh, Harawira-Naera. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai, Mbye, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, McGuire, Su'A, Bird. Int: Molo, Woods, Fuimaono, Burns.

GOLD COAST 44 MANLY 24

The Gold Coast Titans have claimed their first win since Magic Round with an emphatic 44-24 victory over the Manly Sea Eagles to move off the bottom of the NRL ladder.

Breaking a run of ten consecutive losses dating back to May, the Titans were in scintillating form to all but end the Sea Eagles' finals hopes and temporarily consign the Wests Tigers to last position due to for-and-against differential. Overcoming a horror opening which saw Jaimin Jolliffe make an error off the kick-off and Haumole Olakau'atu denied a powerhouse try due to intervention by the bunker, the Titans posted first points with recalled prop Jarrod Wallace delivering a superb offload to send fellow front-rower Jolliffe (6th minute) over for a rare try.

The Sea Eagles were quick to take advantage of an error by their opponents minutes later with future Titan Kieran Foran instigating a left side raid finished off by Reuben Garrick (10th minute) in support. In a case of both sides trading tries midway through the half, Titans rookie Sosefo Fifita (21st minute) showed no ill effects of a high shot from Dylan Walker, which saw the Manly utility sent to the sin bin, before Jake Trbojevic (23rd minute) responded to open his try-scoring account for the season. The home side struck a major blow shortly before the break with Brian Kelly latching onto a cut-out pass from Daly Cherry-Evans to race 65 metres untouched and Tanah Boyd adding a late penalty goal to give the Titans a 20-12 lead.

Coming out for the second half intent on breaking through for a win, Beau Fermor (45th minute) pounced on a grubber from AJ Brimson to push the Titans further in front. Securing the result with two superstar plays in as many minutes, Brimson (54th minute) used footwork and speed to push the score beyond 30 before David Fifita (57th minute) broke free with a 50 metre charge to the delight of 11,753 supporters.

The Sea Eagles posted consolation four-pointers with Brad Parker (61st minute) sliding over in his first game back from a long-term injury and Tolutau Koula (70th minute) restoring a modicum of respectability to an otherwise disastrous half. The Titans finished the match on a high with Fermor (79th minute) charging into space for his second to cap a season best performance for the victors. Adding insult to injury for the Sea Eagles, who failed to rise to the occasion of Des Hasler's 300th game as club coach, winger Jason Saab was assisted from the field with a suspected ACL injury. **ROB CROSBY**

GOLD COAST 44 (B. Fermor 2, A. Brimson, D. Fifita, S. Fifita, J. Jolliffe, B. Kelly tries; T. Boyd 8 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 24** (R. Garrick, T. Koula, B. Parker, J. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 20-12. Penalties: Gold Coast 6-4. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 11,753. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Fifita, Sami, Kelly, Herbert; Brimson (C), Boyd; Jolliffe, Clark, Wallace, Fifita, Fermor, Liu. Int: Fotuauka, Marzhev, Ese'ese, McIntyre. **MANLY:** Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Davey, Trbojevic. Int: Siple, Walker, Trbojevic, Schuster.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 22

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	18 - 0 - 3	298	38
2	North Qld	15 - 0 - 6	208	32
3	Cronulla	15 - 0 - 6	137	32
4	Melbourne	14 - 0 - 7	211	30
5	Souths	13 - 0 - 8	134	28
6	Brisbane	13 - 0 - 8	69	28
7	Parramatta	13 - 0 - 8	28	28
8	Sydney	12 - 0 - 9	121	26
9	Canberra	11 - 0 - 10	-31	24
10	Manly	9 - 0 - 12	-28	20
11	St Geo Illa	9 - 0 - 12	-132	20
12	Canterbury	6 - 0 - 15	-141	14
13	Warriors	6 - 0 - 15	-213	14
14	Newcastle	6 - 0 - 15	-252	14
15	Gold Coast	4 - 0 - 17	-196	10
16	W Tigers	4 - 0 - 17	-213	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Matt BURTON (Bulldogs): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$1800
Ryan MATTERSON (Eels): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Tui KAMIKAMICA (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Luciano LEILUA (Cowboys): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500
Joseph SUAALI'I (Roosters): G1 Careless HT - \$1000
Teig WILTON (Sharks): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Anthony MILFORD (Knights): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$3000
Joseph SUAALI'I (Roosters): G1 Careless HT - \$750

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

PENRITH v MELBOURNE 3 points - Justin Olam, 2 points - Nelson Asofa-Solomona, 1 points - Cameron Munster

WARRIORS v CANTERBURY 3 points - Shaun Johnson, 2 points - Addin Fonua-Blake, 1 points - Tohu Harris

PARRAMATTA v SOUTHS 3 points - Cameron Murray, 2 points - Latrell Mitchell, 1 points - Damien Cook

SYDNEY v NORTH QLD 3 points - Sam Walker, 2 points - Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, 1 points - Joseph Suaalii

WESTS TIGERS v CRONULLA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Royce Hunt, 1 points - Kade Dykes

BRISBANE v NEWCASTLE 3 points - Adam Reynolds, 2 points - Corey Dates, 1 points - Selwyn Cobbo

CANBERRA v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Talatau Amone, 2 points - Xavier Savage, 1 points - Ben Hunt

GOLD COAST v MANLY 3 points - AJ Brimson, 2 points - Tanah Boyd, 1 points - Beau Fermor

LEADERBOARD

31 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
27 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
26 POINTS	Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
23 POINTS	Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
21 POINTS	James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW), Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
18 POINTS	Mitchell Moses (Eels)



ROUND 23

PENRITH 26 SOUTH SYDNEY 22

The Penrith Panthers have clinched the minor premiership with a nail-biting come-from-behind victory against the South Sydney Rabbitohs at Accor Stadium this evening with a four-point win over last year's grand finalists.

It was billed as a semi-final dress rehearsal between the two sides who still have so much to play for with three rounds remaining. The Rabbitohs are still yet to secure their spot in the finals, while the reigning premiers want to ensure the minor premiership without their big guns in Luai, Cleary and Fisher-Harris. There's no doubt that the sidelined contingent would've loved the aggressive defensive start forcing a number of mistakes and poor decisions, including one which led to the first try of the contest. The first try would've given Souths fans some DeJa'Vu, a poor pass from Damien Cook wasn't caught by Cody Walker and just like in the grand final. Stephen Crichton picked it up and scooped the best part of 50 metres to score the match's opening try and give his side an early lead. Despite other attacking opportunities off the back of O'Sullivan's well-executed 40/20, the score would remain at 6-0. But, it's clear if you give the Rabbitohs some footy, they'll pick up some points. It was their daunting left edge that gave Souths their first try. It was a well-worked set play which saw Cody Walker link up with Isaiah Tass and the young centre got a magnificent tip on to Alex Johnston who strolled over the try-line. Latrell Mitchell's conversion was unsuccessful and Penrith had a slight lead. Souths thought they had a second off a kick by Damien Cook, unfortunately, Junior Tatola was offside and played an active role in the kick-chase. Off a play the ball error from Mitchell, Penrith went down the left and it was a lovely play from O'Sullivan and Dylan Edwards sprinted 40 metres to cross. Despite some doubts over an obstruction, the Bunker gave it the all-clear and confirmed the four-pointer and Penrith had an 8-point lead. Both sides bombed chances to cross the stripe and add to their total, but it was Liam Martin's dropped grubber that cost the Panthers dearly. A lovely offload from Mitchell saw Walker fool Edwards in cover defence to reduce the deficit to two points. A ball strip from Viliame Kikau gave Mitchell a gift of two points to level it up at the break.

Straight after the break, Souths bombed two tries in quick succession when Jaxson Paulo failed to grab the ball on two occasions. Some sloppy discipline to match compounded a poor start to the second half, Crichton knocked over a penalty goal to give his side the lead back. Four minutes later, off the back of a bizarre sequence of play which saw the Rabbits attempt two short dropouts in the space of one minute saw Koroisau grubber the ball in behind and Spencer Leinu pounced to give Penrith an eight-point lead. The Rabbitohs bounced back on the score-sheet when they pounced on a Panthers mistake. It was a lovely set play that saw Murray, Ilias and Mitchell link up to find Campbell Graham who slides over and gets it down in the corner which saw the Rabbitohs reduce the margin to just four points. Six minutes later, off another error from the Panthers, it was Cody Walker again who delivered a wonderful pass and Alex Johnston crashed over to score his second in the left corner, Mitchell delivered a big sideline conversion to give Souths a two-point lead. Mitchell turned from hero to villain when he was ruled offside on the goal-line to tie the game at 22-22. With the game on the line, Koroisau fooled the Rabbitohs defence and found Liam Martin, despite being denied twice in the match thus far, he slammed it down to seal the come-from-behind victory and their fourth minor premiership. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 26 (S. Crichton, D. Edwards, S. Leniu, L. Martin tries; S. Crichton 5 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 22** (A. Johnston 2, C. Graham, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 3 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 18th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 15,208. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Paulo; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Fifita, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Milne, Nicholls, Havili, Sele. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Salmon, O'Sullivan; Leota, Kenny, Eisenhuth, Kikau, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Koroisau, Leniu, Staines, Hopgood.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 48 WARRIORS 4

On an emotional night paying tribute to the late Paul Green, the North Queensland Cowboys have thumped the New Zealand Warriors in convincing fashion downing the Aucklanders by a club-record 44 points in Townsville.

It was a sombre mood at Queensland Country Bank Stadium as both sides mourned the passing of the Cowboys premiership-winning coach Paul Green. The crowd stood and applauded at the fifteenth minute to celebrate his contribution to the Cowboys football club. The home side was keen to put last week's Sydney horror show behind them and they got off to a fast start. After some good defence and a questionable short dropout from Shaun Johnson, Reece Robson delivered a wonderful pass to Coen Hess who bounced over the top of Reece Walsh to cross for the first try of the evening. Off some more poor discipline, it was a lovely shift to the left which saw the spine ignites before Valentine Holmes provided the short tip on to Murray Taulagi who crash over the top of poor Walsh to extend the margin to 10. After holding the Warriors out, a scrum infringement allowed Holmes to pot over a gift of two points to give the home side a two-converted try lead. The Warriors were thanking their lucky stars the margin wasn't greater after the video ref ruled a bat-on from Kyle Feldt forward. Off the proceeding sets, it was a great kick from Daejarn Asi which was batted back by Edward Kosi. From there, it was spilt by Scott Drinkwater and Marcelo Montoya was jolly on the spot to cross for the visitors, despite a lengthy referral, it was eventually given to the Warriors centre. North Queensland then blew the Warriors out of the water with an electrifying final five minutes which saw them bag two quick tries. The first came off a terrific short pass from Townsend which saw Jeremiah Nanai crash over for try number 17 for the season. Off the next set, a thrilling set play to the left saw Townsend get it onto Dearden who found Drinkwater who got a lovely flick onto Holmes who in turn found Dearden who picked and chose Hiku to cross for the home side and give his side a 20 point half-time advantage.

Off the start to the second 40, it was another Warriors mistake (Walsh spilt a bomb) that gave the Cowboys attacking footy. From there, Dearden caught the defence napping as he slipped through some poor defence to put the Cowboys up by 26. It was turning into an embarrassment when Luciano Leilua charged over the top of Shaun Johnson to add another six points to their tally. Although the Warriors were hanging in there, it wasn't long before more points were being added to the Cowboys' tally. From the ensuing sets, Townsend kicked for himself to secure a 44-point lead. Although, it should've been more with Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow bombing two tries which should've been scored. But, in the final analysis, the Cowboys have their biggest victory in club history over the Warriors with a 48-4 verdict. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 48 (T. Dearden 2, C. Hess, P. Hiku, L. Leilua, J. Nanai, M. Taulagi, C. Townsend tries; V. Holmes 8 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 4** (M. Montoya try) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 19th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 24-4. Penalties: North Queensland 7-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 17,404. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Cotter, Tabuai-Fidow, Neame, Taunoa-Brown. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Montoya, Kosi; Asi, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Harris (C), Aitken, Murchie, Afoa. Int: Lussick, Ale, Katoa, Curran.

MELBOURNE 60 BRISBANE 12

A relentless Melbourne Storm has reminded the NRL competition of their premiership credentials by thrashing the Broncos by 60-12 at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

With hooker Harry Grant pulling the strings out of dummy half, the Storm ran in ten tries to two in a dominant performance to entrench themselves in the Top 4 with just two regular season matches remaining. Incredibly, it was the fourth straight win where the Storm have put a forty plus score line on the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium and leaves Kevin Walters' men in dire straights as they now cling to a Top 8 spot with tough matches against the Eels and Dragons to come. It was an exciting start from both sides, with Melbourne forcing the home side into two consecutive dropouts. The Storm took the second one to deliver, when Nelson Asofa-Solomona stood in a tackle close to the line and offloaded to his centre Young Tonumaiepa who burst onto the ball to score the first try of the match. Nick Meaney converted and it was 6-0 to the visitors. Asofa-Solomona then turned villain just moments later when he threw a no look flick pass which found a surprised Xavier Coates. The Queensland winger then in turn produced another loose pass which was intercepted by Kurt Capewell who raced away to score and get the Broncos on the scoreboard. Adam Reynolds converted and it was all square at 6 all. Melbourne then hit the lead when off the back of a strong run and quick play the ball from Brandon Smith. This allowed Harry Grant to jump out of dummy half to find Tui Kamikamica and the Fijian international took the opportunity to score the Storm's second try and put them back in front. The visitors continued to pressure the Broncos defensive line and they were rewarded again, when blockbusting Justin Olam backed his way towards the tryline. Then showing tremendous strength he managed to produce a scrappy offload for his winger David Nofaloama who scored in the corner. Meaney nailed the conversion and it was the Storm up 18-6. Melbourne scored their fourth try on the stroke of halftime following a sublime grubber from Grant close to the line and it was Cameron Munster who won the race for the ball to score and give his side a commanding 24-6 lead at the break.

It was a horror start to the second half for Brisbane, as Harry Grant darted out of dummy half again off a strong Brandon Smith run, and this time the Queensland hooker scored himself to extend the lead. The game then completely slipped out of Brisbane's hands with two tries to Justin Olam, who first scored after brushing off three defenders to score. The PNG international then collected a superb late offload from Kenny Bromwich to extend the lead to 42-6 with 20 minutes remaining. Brisbane then finally gave their home fans something to cheer about, when Adam Reynolds kicked for his winger in Corey Oates who collected the ball in goal and did amazingly well to ground the ball and narrow the lead to 42-12. The Broncos try seemed to only fire up Melbourne who went on a rampage with tries to Jahrome Hughes, Nelson Asofa-Solomona and

a second try to David Nofoaluma to blow the score out to a record 60-12 thrashing. **SAM BOURKE**

MELBOURNE 60 (D. Nofoaluma 2, J. Olam 2, N. Asofa-Solomona, H. Grant, J. Hughes, T. Kamikamica, C. Munster, Y. Tonumaipaea tries; N. Meaney 10 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 12** (K. Capewell, C. Oates tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 19th August. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 24-6. Penalties: Brisbane 6-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 42,612. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Hoeter, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Riki, James. Int: Walters, Hetherington, Kennedy, Jensen. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Nofoaluma, Tonumaipaea, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kamikamica, Bromwich, Smith. Int: Eisenhuth, King, Lewis, Wishart.

PARRAMATTA 42 CANTERBURY 6

Parramatta Eels got themselves back in the winner's circle with a comfortable 42-6 win against Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs on Saturday afternoon at Western Sydney Stadium.

This game looked like the Eels that we have been used to in 2022. They were in sparkling form with the ball and the return of Mitchell Moses helped steer the side around against a lackluster Bulldogs side. The Eels welcomed back Mitch Moses and the halfback's return gave them an inspired start. A high kick was batted back and found Will Penisini who dived over for the opener. Looking much more like their usual selves, the Eels produced a carbon copy for their second four-pointer. Quick hands on the right this time to Waqa Blake who showed off with an acrobatic finish to make it 12-2. The Dogs took the lead through an early Matt Burton penalty goal but found the stripe in the 28th minute. Aaron Schoupp with some pace to beat Blake and make it 12-6. It isn't a game at Western Sydney Stadium without a Maika Sivo try. The powerhouse strolled over after a wonderful pass from Dylan Brown which cutout several players for a 16-6 lead at the break.

The hosts looked to find their groove and they added to their advantage in the second half. Another good pass this time to Ryan Matterson who walked past several Bulldogs defenders to score. Parramatta were in a mood this afternoon and just opened up the Bulldogs again. On second tackle, they swung it left and Tom Opacic got into the try-scoring action for 26-6. Back in the side and Moses showed off all the skills. He kicked earlier for Brown which was chalked off due to offside. This time, he puts in a grubber then a football-style first touch from Brown saw the five-eighth make it 32-6. The two combined again to put the Eels ahead by 32. Moses who was being treated moments before, kicked through and Brown beat the chasers to the ball for his double. There was one last party piece left for the Eels. They broke from their own end and created space. A fantastic pass from Junior Paulo allows Blake to score his double and bring up the 40 points. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PARRAMATTA 42 (W. Blake 2, D. Brown 2, R. Matterson, T. Opacic, W. Penisini, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 6** (A. Schoupp try; M. Burton goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 20th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 16-6. Penalties: Canterbury 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 26,451. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Opacic, Blake; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Niukore. Int: Matterson, Ogden, Cartwright, Kaufusi. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Pangai Junior, Faitala-Mariner, Jackson (C). Int: Edwards, Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Thompson.

CRONULLA 40 MANLY 6

The Cronulla Sharks have put in a performance that can be described only as a thrashing with the Sharks taking a 40-6 victory over the Manly Sea Eagles at Brookvale Oval.

It only took seven minutes for the Sharks to start the scoring and it was a piece of brilliance or luck depending on the camp you're in when a kick over the top from Matt Moylan came off the post whether intended or not ended up with some good work from Nicho Hynes to score.

The Sharks continued their dominance when Royce Hunt was able to break away from some flimsy defence from the Sea Eagles to score next to the posts. Matt Moylan then had his turn to get out of a tackle and score although at first it was initially denied by Gerard Sutton but thankfully for the Sharks, the bunker needed very few looks to overturn the decision.

It was the Nicho Hynes show all night and that was on show again when towards half time, the Sharks took advantage of an overlap and a beautiful pass out to Matt Ikuvalu who scored in the corner. The conversion was missed in what was Hynes' only negative in the first half.

The second half wasn't the cleanest performance from the Sharks but they were never in doubt as they were able to extend their lead when Nicho Hynes scored his second of the night when the Sharks elected to go down the shortside and kept the ball alive for the long-haired star to score.

Momentum was still with the Sharks and Matt Ikuvalu set up the next try when he tapped back a Nicho Hynes kick and Briton Nikora picked it up and raced around to the posts to score. Hynes converted to extend the lead.

The next 15-minute period was an absolute mess but the Sharks were able to score when the Sea Eagles couldn't handle a Hynes bomb and Matt Ikuvalu was there to pounce on the loose ball.

Manly were saved from a donut score, when Daly Cherry-Evans took an intercept to score and convert his own try. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CRONULLA 40 (N. Hynes 2, M. Ikuvalu 2, R. Hunt, M. Moylan, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 6 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 6** (D. Cherry-Evans try; D. Cherry-Evans goal) **AT 4 PINES PARK**. Date: Sat, 20th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 22-0. Penalties: Manly 5-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 12,243. **MANLY:** Koula, Smalley, Parker, Harper, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Aloiai, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Walker. Int: Trbojevic, Schuster, Siple, De Luis. **CRONULLA:** Miller, Ikuvalu, Ramien, Tracey, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Hamlin-Uele, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), Finucane. Int: McInnes, Tolman, Fifita, Trindall.

SYDNEY 72 WESTS TIGERS 6

The Sydney Roosters have bid farewell to the Sydney Cricket Ground in style with a 72-6 annihilation of the Wests Tigers on Saturday evening.

Securing their sixth consecutive win to move up to sixth on the premiership ladder, ahead of the Rabbitohs and Broncos on for-and-against differential, the Roosters were never troubled throughout the 12 tries to one demolition played before a crowd

of 14,939 supporters. Making their opponents pay for a slew of errors, the Roosters overcame near misses in the opening stages with Nat Butcher (12th minute) running onto a grubber kick from Sam Walker to open the scoring. Taking advantage of a kick out on the full from Jock Madden midway through the half, Angus Crichton (22nd minute) embarrassed the Tigers' brittle defence with a hit and spin on the last tackle to take the score out to 12-0. Luke Keary demonstrated his standing as a three-time premiership winner by drawing in Adam Doueihi and firing a superb short pass to send Crichton (25th minute) over for his second before doing likewise with Madden and Butcher (29th minute) mere minutes later. Completing the opening half rout with Keary sending Crichton into space for his third line break of the half, James Tedesco (33rd minute) backed up in support to send the home side to the sheds up 30-0.

Continuing the one-way flow of points after the resumption, Connor Watson (44th minute) made the Tigers' defence appear amateurish with a dummy and footwork to cross for his third try of the season. Taking the score past 40 with Drew Hutchison (48th minute) fending off Doueihi for a rare try, Butcher (52nd minute) made amends for an error off the previous kick-off to claim his first career hat-trick. Keary capped a Man of the Match performance with the final pass to send Daniel Tupou (55th minute) over for a customary try before receiving an early shower with 20 minutes to spare. Taking the score past 60 for the first time since 2007, Tupou (63rd minute) collected his double before a late intercept from Brent Naden (72nd minute) spared the Tigers the ignominy of being held to nil. Capping a night to remember, Butcher (75th minute) became the first Roosters forward to score four tries in a match since Charlie Banks 71 years ago, while James Tamou, in an eruption of frustration, was sent-off for abusing referee Ben Cummins minutes before full-time. The Roosters completed the scoring with Matt Lodge (79th minute) avoiding a double movement and Sam Walker converting his 12th goal to round out the 72-6 scoreline. The win marked the final appearance for the Sydney Roosters at the Sydney Cricket Ground ahead of the opening of the new Allianz Stadium in a fortnight's time.

Taking up temporary tenancy at the venue in 2019, the foundation club ended their tenure with 23 wins from 32 appearances, including three ANZAC Day fixtures, a preliminary final victory in 2019, and Mitchell Aubusson breaking the record for the most appearances for the club. **ROB CROSSBY**

SYDNEY 72 (N. Butcher 4, A. Crichton 2, D. Tupou 2, D. Hutchison, M. Lodge, J. Tedesco, C. Watson tries; S. Walker 12 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 6** (B. Naden try; A. Doueihi goal) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND**. Date: Sat, 20th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Sydney 30-0. Penalties: Sydney 3-2. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 14,939. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Hutchison, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Lodge, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Watson, Butcher, May, Gildart. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Naden, To'a, Kepaoa, Maumalo; Doueihi, Madden; Tamou (C), Brown, Musgrove, Garner, Tuilagi, Ofahengaua. Int: Pole, Dias, Freebairn, Seyfarth.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 46 GOLD COAST 26

The St George Illawarra Dragons have overcome the late send-off of Francis Molo to end a three-match losing streak by downing the Gold Coast Titans by 20 points in Wollongong this afternoon.

It was the home side that got the scoring underway inside the opening five minutes when Zac Lomax flicked it out the back in an unconventional fashion. From there, boom youngster Talatau Amone put it on the boot and won the race to the ball to cross for the opening try. Lomax was unsuccessful with the conversion and it remained a four-point lead. Not to be outdone, the Titans hit back almost immediately when Pat Herbert linked up with Greg Marzhev down the left-hand side before linking up on the inside with AJ Brimson and the Titans hit the lead. But that would be the end of their scoring for a significant portion of the first half. Tautau Moga used his brute strength to outmuscle Marzhev to reach out and retake the lead for the Dragons. The journeymen thought he had a double in three minutes, but the video referee correctly ruled Moga had put his knee on the sideline and the try was revoked. But, they didn't need to wait long for their third when a good ball from Ben Hunt found Jack Bird who got it onto Cody Ramsey before passing back on the inside to Mathew Feagai to cross for the third. Four minutes later, Jayden Sullivan strolled over from short range and the Dragons had a sixteen-point lead. Further flashbacks to 2021 occurred this weekend when David Fifita went back to last season and crashed over to score and give his side a chance in this game. Back-to-back penalties late in the half saw Tanah Boyd nail a 30-metre penalty goal to reduce the margin to eight at the half.

That margin would be extended almost immediately after the resumption of play as the Dragons marched right up field and it was the work of Hunt who found Jack Bird racing onto a great pass extending the lead out to twelve points. From there, the Titans slowly worked themselves into the game and crossed for one of the more bizarre and amazing tries this season. The kick was allowed to bounce, Herman Ese'ese got it onto David Fifita who wrestled it onto Brimson who kicked for Marzhev who used his brute strength to get away from three defenders, he found Beau Fermor and the Titans reduced it. However, a lapse in concentration saw them lose possession and off the ensuing scrum, Amone split Jarrod Wallace (who was defending in the centres for no apparent reason) to cross for his second. But the Titans wouldn't go away and eventually, their attack was rewarded when a short dropout (which is silly enough when you have a 10-point lead) backfired and Jojo Fifita collected an easy try to make the margin four. Francis Molo was sent off with just a touch under 20 minutes to play after a horrible tackle on Herbert which collected the outside back flush on the jaw. Despite the extra man advantage, the Titans weren't able to convert. However, the Dragons were able to punish the Titans' lack of execution when Moga crossed for his second and Lomax was able to convert to give his side a valuable ten-point lead. That lead was remarkably extended off another error from Fermor when Moga grabbed a hat-trick to extend the margin out to fourteen points. At the end of the game, it was a spectacular bomb take from Bird to seal his second try and the Dragons gave their Wollongong fans something to cheer at, sealing an undefeated season in the Gong. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 46 (T. Moga 3, T. Amone 2, J. Bird 2, M. Feagai, J. Sullivan tries; Z. Lomax 5 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 26** (A. Brimson, B. Fermor, D. Fifita, S. Fifita tries; T. Boyd 5 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 22-14. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-2. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 12,348. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Feagai,

Mbye, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, McGuire, Su'A, Bird. Int: Woods, Molo, Sullivan, Molo. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Fifita, Sami, Herbert, Marzhev; Brimson, Boyd; Wallace, McIntyre, Fa'asuamaleau (C), Fifita, Fermor, Liu. Int: Jolliffe, Ese'ese, Fotuauka, Turner, Thompson.

CANBERRA 28 NEWCASTLE 22

The Canberra Raiders keep their finals hopes alive with a six-point comeback victory over the Newcastle Knights.

It was a beautiful afternoon in Newcastle, and it started perfectly for the Knights who opened the scoring just five minutes into the clash through a left edge shift which saw Edrick Lee score his first of the afternoon in the corner. The Raiders, with their season on the line responded in quick fashion with Sebastian Kris scoring his own try on the left edge as he got on the outside of Dane Gagai and beat him one-on-one to level the scores. To the surprise of most, the Knights turned it on scoring the next two tries through 21-year-old Dominic Young. After a poor start to the night, Young's first four-pointer was thanks to a nice right edge shift from the Knights which caught the Raiders out for numbers. Young scored again not long after and this time it was the brilliance of Dane Gagai, who returned serve to Kris with a great move that left the Raiders' centre in his wake before drawing Tex Hoy and passing to Young for his second of the afternoon. With only 12 points to show for their three tries, the Knights kept on going regardless until the Raiders struck in the 32nd minute with a right side shift through the hands which caught the Knights out for numbers allowing Jordan Rapana to score in the corner. However, the Knights struck back immediately with another Edrick Lee try, this time thanks to a great cross field kick from Milford. The Knights added another before the break, through Jayden Brailey as they took a 22-8 point lead into the half.

The Knights of the first half failed to show up in the second half with the Raiders grabbing a try right from the get-go. Kris grabbed his second of the afternoon through a Fogarty bomb kick which was uncontested by the Knights. Six minutes later, Hudson Young brought the Raiders to within two points with an acrobatic finish, beating Hoy to the ball as he grounded a grubber kick just before the dead ball line. The Knights continued their horror start to the second half by gifting the Raiders a penalty in front of goal which Fogarty used to convert a penalty goal and draw the scores level at 22. The next 20 minutes saw some sloppy play, but a bit of feeling entered the game as both sides fought for the victory. Then the Raiders scored the match-winning try in the 72nd minute after a line break from Josh Papalii broke open the game, who passed to Joseph Tapine and he threw a wild pass out wide which found Jack Wighton who scored in the corner to give the Raiders the lead. The Raiders survived a scare in the final minutes as Edrick Lee came inches from giving the Knights a chance to level the game. It was one that got away from the Knights as the Raiders keep their season alive. **LACHY MACCORQUODALE**

CANBERRA 28 (S. Kris 2, J. Rapana, J. Wighton, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 22** (E. Lee 2, D. Young 2, J. Brailey tries; A. Milford goal) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-8. Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 16,768. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Lee, Gagai, Mapapalangi, Young; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Brailey (C), Saifiti, Croker, Jones, Sue. Int: Crossland, Saulo, Sasagi, Keeley. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Woolford, Guler, Horsburgh, Harawira-Naera.

2022 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 23

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	19 - 0 - 3	302	40
2	North Qld	16 - 0 - 6	252	34
3	Cronulla	16 - 0 - 6	171	34
4	Melbourne	15 - 0 - 7	259	32
5	Parramatta	14 - 0 - 8	64	30
6	Sydney	13 - 0 - 9	187	28
7	Souths	13 - 0 - 9	130	28
8	Brisbane	13 - 0 - 9	21	28
9	Canberra	12 - 0 - 10	-25	26
10	St Geo Illa	10 - 0 - 12	-112	22
11	Manly	9 - 0 - 13	-62	20
12	Canterbury	6 - 0 - 16	-177	14
13	Warriors	6 - 0 - 16	-257	14
14	Newcastle	6 - 0 - 16	-258	14
15	Gold Coast	4 - 0 - 18	-216	10
16	W Tigers	4 - 0 - 18	-279	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Francis MOLO (Dragons): G3 Careless HT - 4 matches
Josh McGUIRE (Dragons): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Moses Mbye (Dragons): G2 Careless HT - 2 matches
Tevita PANGAI JUNIOR (Bulldogs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Victor RADLEY (Roosters): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
James TAMOU (Tigers): G2 Contrary Conduct - 1 match
Jeremiah NANAI (Cowboys): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800

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SOUTH SYDNEY v PENRITH 3 points - Apisai Koroisau, 2 points - Latrell Mitchell, 1 points - Liam Martin

NORTH QLD v WARRIORS 3 points - Chad Townsend, 2 points - Tom Dearden, 1 points - Jordan McLean

BRISBANE v MELBOURNE 3 points - Harry Grant, 2 points - Cameron Munster, 1 points - Nelson Asofa-Solomona

PARRAMATTA v CANTERBURY 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points - Dylan Brown, 1 points - Ryan Matterson

MANLY v CRONULLA 3 points - Nicho Hynes, 2 points - Royce Hunt, 1 points - Lachlan Miller

SYDNEY v WESTS TIGERS 3 points - Luke Keary, 2 points - Nat Butcher, 1 points - Angus Crichton

ST GEO ILLA v GOLD COAST 3 points - Talatau Amone, 2 points - AJ Brimson, 1 points - Ben Hunt

NEWCASTLE v CANBERRA 3 points - Joseph Tapine, 2 points - Hudson Young, 1 points - David Klemmer

LEADERBOARD

34 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
28 POINTS	Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD), Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
23 POINTS	Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)
21 POINTS	Mitchell Moses (Eels), Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ), James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)
19 POINTS	Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)
17 POINTS	Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW), Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ)
16 POINTS	Matt Burton (Bulldogs/NSW)



ROUND 24

PARRAMATTA 53 BRISBANE 6

An attacking masterclass has seen the Parramatta Eels confirm a place in the finals with a 53-6 victory over the Brisbane Broncos on Thursday evening.

Piling on nine tries in a contest that defied the standing of two top eight teams a fortnight out from the finals, the Eels cracked the half century barrier for the first time since obliterating the Broncos 58-0 in the 2019 elimination final. The result puts the Broncos finals hopes in serious doubt with the side also facing an injury toll with Adam Reynolds, Thomas Flegler, Kobe Hetherington and Brenko Lee all failing to complete the match.

In a competitive opening which saw both teams unsuccessfully challenge decisions inside the opening seven minutes, the Eels weathered early pressure on their own line to post first points through Maika Sivo (10th minute) following a left side raid. Losing Reynolds, playing his 250th NRL game, to a HIA minutes later, the Broncos night went from bad to worse with Tom Opacic (16th minute) and Clinton Gutherson (19th minute) blowing the score out to 18-0 in near equal time. Posting a fourth try through Mitchell Moses (27th minute) midway through the half, the Broncos temporarily stemmed the flow of points by capitalising on an error from the kick-off with Lee (30th minute) touching down off a scrum play. Capping a golden first half with Shaun Lane running a strong line to send Gutherson (36th minute) over for his second, Moses slotted a disrespectful field goal to send the visitors to the sheds 31-6.

Restoring a degree of respectability after halftime with an improved defensive effort, the Broncos showed remarkable grit on their line during a six-minute period before Isaiah Papali'i (66th minute) crashed over to restore the avalanche of points. Taking the score past 40 with Will Penisini (68th minute) pouncing on a kick, Opacic (77th minute) did likewise to collect his second before a blockbusting run from Waqa Blake (80th minute) rounded out the 53-6 demolition. **ROB CROSBY**

PARRAMATTA 53 (C. Gutherson 2, T. Opacic 2, W. Blake, M. Moses, I. Papali'i, W. Penisini, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 8 goals; M. Moses field goal) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 6** (B. Lee try; K. Staggs goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 31-6. Penalties: Parramatta 8-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 30,371. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Oates, Staggs, Lee, Pereira; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Jensen. Int: Walters, Hetherington, Palasia, Hosking. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Opacic, Blake; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Niukore. Int: Matterson, Makatoa, Arthur, Kaufusi.

PENRITH 46 WARRIORS 12

The Penrith Panthers have resumed transmission trouncing the hapless New Zealand Warriors side by 34 points this evening with returning superstars Jarome Luai and James Fisher-Harris playing a vital role.

It was a real David v Goliath battle at the foot of the mountains tonight, with Penrith in a celebratory mood while the Warriors were keen to head back across the ditch. After the last start 44 point loss to the Cowboys, it was imperative that the

visitors start fast and after a clever short ball from Tohu Harris, Dunamis Lui found open space before finding Chanel Harris-Tavita who got it onto Reece Walsh to cross for the first try of the contest. Penrith took a while to warm into this contest, with several stars returning the chemistry took a while to connect, as a result, plenty of attacking opportunities were left begging.

However, a team with the class of Penrith were going to crash over eventually. A significant shift out to the left sees the combination finally fire with Luai getting it onto Kikau before a great ball saw Taylan May crash over for his 15th try of the season and get the scoreboard back level. Penrith had a lion's share of possession and eventually, the Warriors cracked with their paper-thin edge defence when silky skill from Dylan Edwards and Stephen Crichton allowed Brian To'o to get down low and go go go. Unfortunately for the Warriors, they could not hold on until the break when a big miss from Josh Curran on Sean O'Sullivan allowed him to break free and he could get it onto Edwards who found To'o for his second. On the stroke of half-time, Sean O'Sullivan found Viliame Kikau before offloading to Izack Tago who turned DWZ inside out to get it onto May who in turn found O'Sullivan to give Penrith a 16-point lead at the half.

Penrith continued their rampage straight after the break when Crichton took on the Warriors' left edge all by himself and crashed over to score to extend the margin. If you thought that try was easy, the next one was embarrassing for the visitors when O'Sullivan delivered a peach of a pass to Kikau who crashed over to score. When the Warriors had the ball, they were causing some problems and it was another great pass from Harris who found Eli Katoa to reduce the gap for the visitors. Penrith finished with a flurry when Yeo was given a penalty try after Walsh led with the footy. Penrith sealed their twentieth victory of the season with a strong showing tonight, they've been assured of a home final for a while now, but they'll be on their way to North Queensland for Round 25. The Warriors get to go back home for the final round of the season when they take on the Titans as they prepare to usher in a new coach and a new era. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 46 (T. May 2, B. To'o 2, S. Crichton, V. Kikau, S. O'Sullivan, I. Yeo tries; S. Crichton 7 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 12** (E. Katoa, R. Walsh tries; R. Walsh 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 26th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-6. Penalties: Penrith 5-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 17,025. **PENRITH:** Edwards, May, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, O'Sullivan; Leota, Koroisau, Fisher-Harris, Kikau, Smith, Yeo (C). Int: Kenny, Eisenhuth, Leniu, Hopgood. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Vailea, Pompey, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Harris (C), Katoa, Curran, Lui. Int: Afoa, Ale, Murdoch-Masila, Otukolo.

SYDNEY 18 MELBOURNE 14

A desperate Sydney Roosters have held off a fast-finishing Melbourne Storm to win 18-14 tonight at AAMI Park and book their place in this year's finals series.

With the match in the balance, Roosters skipper James Tedesco managed to save his side with a desperate last-ditch attempt to hold up Storm backrower Kenny Bromwich with minutes remaining. It proved a decisive play as his troops rallied late to hold on for victory in a brave performance from Trent Robinson's men. The win was soured somewhat with Roosters prop Lindsay

Collins put on report for a hip drop tackle and lock Victor Radley was severely concussed and will unlikely line up for the club next week.

It was a high octane and at times fiery clash, and for the fans it was a perfect dress rehearsal for this year's final series. The game saw a number of players placed on report and highlighted by a running battle between Roosters enforcer Jared Waerea-Hargreaves and Storm behemoth Nelson Asofa-Solomona who had made a beeline for one another on numerous occasions. It was a nervous start for the men in purple, when an early error saw the visitors on the attack. Storm prop Asofa-Solomona was then penalised for an illegal strip. Roosters' half Sam Walker took the two points on offer to get the Roosters on the board early with a penalty goal. Melbourne looked to have hit back when Harry Grant placed a deft kick behind the line for his centre Justin Olam, however replays showed Olam did not ground the ball and Sydney survived an early scare. The Tricolours then marched straight up the other end of the field and thanks to some quick hands from Luke Keary and Drew Hutchison on the left-hand side, winger Daniel Tupou scampered over in the corner to score the first try of the night. The Roosters scored their second try after Luke Keary showed great vision to kick for an unmarked Joseph Manu who strolled over for the try and following the conversion from Walker it was 14-0 after 20 minutes. Tempers began to flair between both firebrands in Waerea-Hargreaves and Asofa-Solomona and upon a warning from the referee, Waerea-Hargreaves was sent to the Sin Bin for a high tackle on his opposite number and for instigating a melee.

After numerous chances, Melbourne finally managed to take advantage of the extra man as Marion Seve delivered a nice pass for Xavier Coates to score in the corner and Nick Meaney nailed the conversion to narrow the Roosters lead to 14-6 as halftime approached. On the cusp of halftime Roosters interchange forward Siosua Taukeiaho was penalised in front of the posts for a high tackle and Melbourne elected to take the gift two points as Meaney knocked over the penalty goal to narrow the Roosters lead to 14-8 at the break. The arm wrestle continued in the second half but it was the Roosters who struck first, after Tedesco and Angus Crichton combined for young winger Joseph Suaali'i to steamroll his way over in the corner. Walker missed from out wide and it was 18-8 with a quarter of the match remaining. Melbourne then finally hit back when fullback Nick Meaney dived over to score after collecting a neat offload from Kenny Bromwich close to the line. Meaney converted his own try and which narrowed the score to 18-14 for the Roosters.

Despite Melbourne having plenty of chances to win the game, the Roosters showed enough desperation with clutch defensive plays from Tedesco and Joey Manu in the dying minutes saving the Roosters from a sudden death scenario against their bitter rivals South Sydney next week. **SAM BOURKE**

SYDNEY 18 (J. Manu, J. Suaali'i, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 3 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 14** (X. Coates, N. Meaney tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Fri, 26th August. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-8. Penalties: Melbourne 11-7. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 25,308. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Nofaloama, Seve, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kamikamica, Bromwich, Smith. Int: Kaufusi, Eisenhuth, King, Loiero. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Tupou, Hutchison, Manu, Suaali'i; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Lodge, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Watson, Butcher, Collins, Taukeiaho.

CANBERRA 48 MANLY 6

The Canberra Raiders are into the top eight for the first time since Round 3, thrashing the Manly Sea Eagles by 42 points this afternoon before their vocal home fans at GIO Stadium this afternoon.

With a top eight spot up for grabs, the Raiders had to get off to a better start than they did six days ago. It seemed that they answered the call early. Off the back of a quick tap from Jordan Rapana, the Green Machine crossed for the first try when Wighton's pass landed perfectly on the chest of Rapana to give the Raiders the early lead. Manly were able to work in the game and pose several questions of the Raiders defence. But their final tackle options left a lot to be desired and it was one of these options that cost them big time. Hudson Young was able to pick up the loose ball and run away before linking up with Jack Wighton before finding Xavier Savage and the young fullback crossed for his fifth try of the year and extend the margin to ten. With the possession stats so lopsided, the Raiders soon had their third when a clever kick from Jamal Fogarty was batted back by Sebastian Kris and Hudson Young was jolly on the spot to collect his tenth of the season and their third of the afternoon. Three minutes later, Manly were preparing to wave the white flag when Wighton found Young then Rapana before getting a wonder ball to Kris before linking up with Tom Starling crosses for try number two of his season and Canberra were out to a 22 point lead. The carnage continued on the next set when Fogarty put another cross kick up which was batted back by Wighton who got it to Rapana who kicked it to Foran who spills it straight into Jamal Fogarty's lap and the Raiders have another one to take a 28-0 lead into the sheds.

After a temporary stop in the scoring rampage, Canberra kicked off their charge for positive for and against territory when Hudson Young crashed over for his second from point-blank range to give the Green Machine a 34 point lead. Despite the dominant margin, you could see the Raiders were hunting for more, knowing that they'll need a win next week and hope that the Broncos don't put the Dragons to the sword next week. Manly's best attacking play of the afternoon was rewarded when Josh Schuster went deep into the line before finding Kieran Foran who got a great ball to Brad Parker, before the centre got a magical pass away to Ethan Bullemor to stop Manly having the duck-egg next to their name. Unfortunately, their joy was short-lived when Koula put down a regulation bomb and Albert Hupoate crashed over to restore the 34 point margin. This was extended minutes later when Corey Harawira-Naera found Sebastian Kris to allow the centre to join in on the scoring parade. Off the ensuing set, CHN was backing up in support to dive over in the corner to make it three tries in the space of five minutes. From there that was the end of their scoring, but the Canberra Raiders are into the top eight for the time being with an emphatic victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CANBERRA 48 (H. Young 2, J. Fogarty, C. Harawira-Naera, A. Hupoate, S. Kris, J. Rapana, X. Savage, T. Starling tries; J. Fogarty 6 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 6** (E. Bullemor try; D. Cherry-Evans goal) **AT GIO STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 28-0. Penalties: Canberra 3-2. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 16,647. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Hupoate, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Elliott. Int: Starling, Guler, Horsburgh, Harawira-Naera. **MANLY:** Koula, Tuaimalo Vaega, Parker, Trbojevic, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Taupau, Croker, De Luis, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Aloiai. Int: Siple, Walker, Schuster, Weekes.

CRONULLA 16 CANTERBURY 0

The Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks are one step closer to securing a home final in week one, beating the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 16-0 in an uneventful affair at Pointsbet Stadium.

It was a scrappy and ill-disciplined start from both teams, with the Sharks finishing the first-half with a 56% completion rate and struggling to take advantage of a mountain of early field position as a result.

The Bulldogs defence was valiant, but they were only able to hold out Cronulla for so long, with Briton Nikora eventually crashing over in the 17th minute courtesy of a nice short pass from Matt Moylan.

In their set immediately after points, the Sharks were able to roll up the field with ease and gain momentum. When Matt Moylan held his cutout pass long enough to avoid the Addo-Carr intercept, Ronaldo Mulitalo crashed over basically untouched and it looked as though the Sharks would open the floodgates.

It wasn't to be however, despite completely lopsided first half stats in favour of Cronulla (25 tackle breaks to 10 as an example), the home team were unable to add to their total and would go into half-time only up 10 points to nil.

The Sharks main instruction from Coach Fitzgibbon at half-time was to keep it simple and complete their sets, but they did everything but that in the opening stages, dropping the ball multiple times. Despite that, they were able to easily defend the Bulldogs multiple attacking raids.

With the Bulldogs not firing a single shot in attack and the Sharks only completing at 60%, the game was extremely unentertaining, and that's probably putting it lightly. The Bulldogs, despite completing 31 sets from 38, couldn't manage a single line-break and were out-gained by over 300 metres. The final tackle break stats were even more uneven, the Sharks making 56 to the Bulldogs 19.

Despite all of this, the Sharks were only able to manage one extra try in the second half that came in the 65th minute, when Hynes identified Addo-Carr out of position and put in an early kick for Mulitalo, who made no mistake with the pickup and scored under the posts.

The Sharks attack wasn't inspiring, but holding the Bulldogs to nil is something that Fitzgibbon will be happy with, especially considering Canterbury had 52% of the ball. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

CRONULLA 16 (R. Mulitalo 2, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 0 AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 27th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 10-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 11,500. **CRONULLA:** Miller, Iro, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Hamlin-Uele, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Wilton, Tolman, Fifita, Trindall. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Jackson (C), Faitala-Mariner, Stimson. Int: Dockar-Clay, Edwards, Patolo, Stuckey.

SOUTH SYDNEY 20 NORTH QUEENSLAND 10

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have booked their spot in the finals with a less than impressive 20-10 victory in a match where the Cowboys found themselves on the wrong side of a bunker controversy.

Souths started the scoring after just seven minutes when Latrell Mitchell slotted a penalty goal to give the Rabbitohs a 2-0 lead. The Cowboys though were able to open the try scoring when Murray Taulagi was put through into space after a misread in defence from the Rabbitohs opened things up.

The Rabbitohs were able to hit back not long after as the presence of Latrell Mitchell put the Cowboys in two minds as Cam Murray found Keon Koloamatangi on a strong angled run to go through a gap in the Cowboys defence to score.

Extending their lead just after the half-hour mark, the Rabbitohs play right had been far from crisp but down their left they got it picture perfect as they shifted the ball left finding Alex Johnston on the outside to score. The conversion was perfect from Latrell Mitchell and the Bunnies took a 14-6 lead into the break.

Neither side looked remotely close to scoring a try for most of the second half despite the Rabbitohs setting up camp in the Cowboys half for the most part. The Cowboys found themselves on the wrong side of the bunker when Taane Milne was ruled to have not played a ball when it looked as if he was playing it when looking up on it and as a result lost their challenge.

It didn't hurt the Cowboys though because they were able to score soon after when some quick thinking from Chad Townsend put Kyle Feldt into space on the outside on last tackle before a double kick from Feldt put him through to chase through his own kick. Valentine Holmes missed the conversion to keep the margin at 4.

The Cowboys found themselves on the wrong side of the bunker again, when Coen Hess was sent to the sin bin for contact with the head of Campbell Graham, the ruling looked controversial given it was a head clash and no doubt will reignite some debate.

Things got worse for the Cowboys when Kyle Feldt found himself joining Hess in the bin for a professional foul when he took Alex Johnston out on a kick chase in a try scoring opportunity. Souths took advantage of the extra men when Tom Burgess sealed the win scoring under the posts to seal the victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SOUTH SYDNEY 20 (T. Burgess, A. Johnston, K. Koloamatangi tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QUEENSLAND 10** (K. Feldt, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes goal) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 27th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 14-6. Penalties: South Sydney 8-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 15,264. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Havili, Sele, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Nikorima, Nicholls, Burgess, Chee-Kam. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Tabuai-Fidow, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Drinkwater, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Nanai, Taumalolo. Int: Cotter, Gilbert, Taunoa-Brown, Granville.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24 WESTS TIGERS 22

St George Illawarra have defeated the Wests Tigers thanks to a late Zac Lomax penalty goal at CommBank Stadium on Sunday, finishing 24-22 after trailing most of the afternoon.

The final moments saw a Lomax break stifled by the Tigers cover defence, but in that defence, which led to Lomax being taken in touch, Kepaao hit Lomax high. On a Bunker review, Kepaao was penalised and sin binned, allowing Lomax to pot the two points and the Red V to sneak home.

It was the visitors who got proceedings off to a better start, a Jaydn Su'A try on seven minutes seeing the Dragons ahead 6-0 early. After their early efforts though, they unravelled and the Tigers eventually took advantage. A brain snap in a Tigers try-scoring situation by Saints fullback Cody Ramsey saw him sin binned at the 19th minute, during which the home side scored back-to-back tries through Thomas Freebairn and Nu Brown, snaring a 12-6 lead. Things got worse after Ramsey's 29th-minute return - Jack Bird was penalised for a dangerous tackle on Daine Laurie eight minutes before halftime, dissented and gave up ten metres on the play, then kept dissenting. Liam Kennedy had no trouble making him the second sin binned player of the contest and the Tigers again took advantage, Freebairn crossing for his second of the afternoon.

Trailing 16-6 at the break, the Red V made amends shortly after play resumed, Tautau Moga dotting down out wide and the margin narrowing to six. Closer to the hour-mark, Zac Lomax thought he'd scored to narrow the score further, but was denied by the video referee who identified a knock-on in the contest for a Ben Hunt kick. He would cross minutes later anyway, taking advantage of lax defence from the hosts and with his conversion, levelling proceedings at 16-all.

The Tigers managed to turn momentum back their way with a superb individual try to Jock Madden, who turned defenders inside-out on a clever run to score and put the home team back ahead 22-16. Inside the final five minutes, Dragons interchange forward Jackson Ford scored a rare try, Lomax's conversion levelling the scores, before his late penalty goal put them back in the lead for the first time since the 23rd minute, winning them the game.

The loss makes it very difficult for the Tigers to shed the dreaded wooden spoon - which will be all-but confirmed if the Titans can beat Newcastle later today. The Dragons have locked up 10th spot with today's victory and have one match left before heading off on their off-season trips. **TIM COSTELLO**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24 (J. Ford, Z. Lomax, T. Moga, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 22** (T. Freebairn 2, F. Brown, J. Madden tries; A. Doueih 3 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 16-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 8-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 9,789. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Naden, To'a, Kepaao, Pauga; Doueih (C), Madden; Ofahengaue, Simpkin, Musgrove, Freebairn, Tuilagi, Brown. Int: Pole, Dias, Liddle, Kautoga. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Sloan, Feagai, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, Sullivan, Lawrie, McGuire, Su'A, Bird. Int: Woods, Fuimaono, Hunt, Ford.

GOLD COAST 36 NEWCASTLE 26

The Gold Coast Titans have avoided the wooden spoon with a high-scoring 36-26 victory over the Newcastle Knights at CBUS Super Stadium.

Playing the majority of the second half a man down after Brian Kelly was dismissed for a dangerous tackle, the Titans managed to hold on for only their fifth win of the season.

In a match which saw 12 tries scored collectively, the Knights took little more than 90 seconds to begin the procession of points with Edrick Lee (1st minute), contesting a well-placed cross-field kick from Anthony Milford, outleaping Corey Thompson in a mismatch of size out wide.

Hitting back through Greg Marzhev (6th minute) after AJ Brimson exposed the visitors down a blind side, the Titans hit the front with David Fifita (11th minute) powering over for his seventh try of the season.

The Knights managed to level the scores at 10-all midway through the half after the bunker deemed Daniel Saifiti (25th minute) managed to get the ball to the ground, but a late flurry of tries turned the game in favour of the home side.

Making metres at will through the middle of the field, the Titans posted three tries in as many sets - Beau Fermor (30th minute), Marzhev (33rd minute) and Tanah Boyd (35th minute) - to take a 14-point lead to the change of ends.

Taking advantage of a break from Jayden Brailey through the middle of the field, a right-side shift allowed Dominic Young (44th minute) to cross in the corner.

Going from hero to villain in a matter of minutes, Kelly embarrassed Dane Gagai to set up a try for Brimson (48th minute) only to be sent off for a dangerous tackle which saw Young driven into the ground.

Withstanding goal line pressure, which saw David Klemmer denied a rare four-pointer by the bunker, the Titans responded with Brimson (57th minute) grubbering close to the goal line to secure the result.

Refusing to go away, despite the bunker denying Jacob Saifiti what would have been one of the tries of the season, Gagai (64th minute) produced a rare display of his class with a dashing run.

Narrowing the margin to ten-points with Gagai (72nd minute) collecting his second, the Titans managed to hold on to the delight of 11,816 supporters on home soil. **ROB CROSBY**

GOLD COAST 36 (A. Brimson 2, G. Marzhev 2, T. Boyd, B. Fermor, D. Fifita tries; T. Boyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 26** (D. Gagai 2, E. Lee, D. Saifiti, D. Young tries; T. Hoy 3 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 24-10. Penalties: Newcastle 5-1. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 11,816. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Thompson, Kelly, Fifita, Marzhev; Brimson, Boyd; Jolliffe, McIntyre, Fa'asumaleau (C), Fifita, Fermor, Liu. Int: Turner, Es'eese, Fotuaka, Haas. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Lee, Gagai, Mapapalang, Young; Milford, Clune; Klemmer, Brailey (C), Saifiti, Frizell, Jones, Sue. Int: Saifiti, Crossland, Saulo, Croker.

2021 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 24

POS	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Penrith	20 - 0 - 3	336	42
2	Cronulla	17 - 0 - 6	187	36
3	North Qld	16 - 0 - 7	242	34
4	Melbourne	15 - 0 - 8	255	32
5	Parramatta	15 - 0 - 8	111	32
6	Sydney	14 - 0 - 9	191	30
7	Souths	14 - 0 - 9	140	30
8	Canberra	13 - 0 - 10	17	28
9	Brisbane	13 - 0 - 10	-26	28
10	St Geo Illa	11 - 0 - 12	-110	24
11	Manly	9 - 0 - 14	-104	20
12	Canterbury	6 - 0 - 17	-193	14
13	Newcastle	6 - 0 - 17	-268	14
14	Warriors	6 - 0 - 17	-291	14
15	Gold Coast	5 - 0 - 18	-206	12
16	W Tigers	4 - 0 - 19	-281	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Asu KEPAOA (Tigers): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Isaac LIU (Titans): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$1500
Brian KELLY (Titans): G3 Dangerous Throw - 4 matches
Coen HESS (Cowboys): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Lindsay COLLINS (Roosters): G3 Dangerous Contact - 4 matches
Victor RADLEY (Roosters): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES (Roosters): G1 Contrary Conduct - \$3000
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$3000
Jordan RIKI (Broncos): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$3000
Reagan CAMPBELL-GILLARD (Eels): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1500

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BRISBANE v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Shaun Lane, 2 points - Mitchell Moses, 1 points - Reagan Campbell-Gillard

PENRITH v WARRIORS 3 points - Viliame Kikau, 2 points - Jarome Luai, 1 points - James Fisher-Harris

MELBOURNE v SYDNEY 3 points - Joseph Manu, 2 points - Jahrome Hughes, 1 points - James Tedesco

CANBERRA v MANLY 3 points - Jack Wighton, 2 points - Jordan Rapana, 1 points - Xavier Savage

CRONULLA v CANTERBURY 3 points - Ronaldo Mulitalo, 2 points - Nicho Hynes, 1 points - Cameron McInnes

SOUTHS v NORTH QLD 3 points - Keaton Koloamatangi, 2 points - Cameron Murray, 1 points - Tevita Tatola

WESTS TIGERS v ST GEO ILLA 3 points - Zac Lomax, 2 points - Jock Madden, 1 points - Thomas Freebairn

GOLD COAST v NEWCASTLE 3 points - AJ Brimson, 2 points - Tino Fa'asuamaleau, 1 points - Dane Gagai

LEADERBOARD

36 POINTS	Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
28 POINTS	Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD), Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
23 POINTS	Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
22 POINTS	James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)
20 POINTS	Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ)



ROUND 25

PARRAMATTA 22 MELBOURNE 14

The Parramatta Eels have secured a top four berth for the first time since 2017, downing the Melbourne Storm by 22-14 in a fiery match to kickoff Round 25 of the NRL Telstra Premiership. It was billed as a finals dress rehearsal and with a lot on the line for both sides, it was imperative to get off to a fast start this evening.

It was the Eels who punished the Storm for their poor handling. An NFL-style pass from Jesse Bromwich was ruled forward and off the ensuing set, Dylan Brown showed and went, ducking underneath an ineffective tackle by Nelson Asofa-Solomona to cross for the first try. Melbourne's ill-discipline almost cost them immediately after Cam Munster's kick-off went out on the full. Marata Niukore was ruled to be held up by Ashley Klein and the ensuing bunker review failed to produce the angle to overturn the on-field decision. Melbourne was up against it defensively for much of the first half, largely of their poor ball control and ill discipline. NAS was placed on report again following a late tackle on Mitch Moses. Parramatta was only able to add a penalty goal to extend the margin to eight when Munster's short dropout just failed to break the plane. The Storm had some chances late in the half but at the final moment, the movement failed when Justin Olam was thrown over the sideline then Xavier Coates put the ball down with the line wide-open to go into the sheds scoreless and down by eight. The same problems reared their ugly heads for the Storm at the worst possible time. Another cheap penalty inside Parramatta territory gave the Eels prime attacking opportunity. Just a tackle after Shaun Lane was held up, great attacking shape from Moses and Gutherson saw Will Penisini spin his way out of two tackles to score which gave the Eels a vital three possession lead.

Melbourne were trying hard but ultimately the fatigue from last week's bone-crunching encounter caught up with them, the mistakes and ill-discipline would be pulling Craig Bellamy's hair out. Parramatta made light work of their opposition when Gutherson turned provider with a lovely cut-out pass to Maika Sivo and the flying Fijian winger raced the best part of 30 metres untouched to give the Eels an unassailable 20 point advantage. The Storm built some momentum and off a ridiculous short drop-out, Harry Grant ducked under some would be tacklers to avoid the duck-egg, Meaney missed a relatively simple kick and the margin remained 16. Another penalty for a failed short dropout gave Parramatta a gift two points and they'd prove decisive. They'd prove decisive because Melbourne went on a scoring raid inside the final five minutes bagging two tries, one to Meaney off a Munster show and go. The second was from Nofoaluma stepping past some pedestrian Eels defence to set up a grandstand finish. But, Parramatta held off the Storm's final charge to finish inside the top 4 for the first time since 2017, while the Storm finish outside the second chance positions for the first time since 2014. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PARRAMATTA 22 (D. Brown, W. Penisini, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 5 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 14** (H. Grant, N. Meaney, D. Nofoaluma tries; N. Meaney goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 1st September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 8-0. Penalties: Parramatta 8-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 23,758. **PARRAMATTA:** Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Opacic, Blake; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Mahoney, Paulo (C), Lane, Papali'i, Niukore. Int: Matterson, Makatoa, Arthur, Kaufusi. **MELBOURNE:** Meaney, Nofoaluma, Seve, Olam, Coates; Munster, Johns; Bromwich (C), Grant, Asofa-Solomona, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Kamikamica. Int: King, Smith, Loiero, Lewis.

CANTERBURY 21 MANLY 20

A late Matt Burton field goal has secured a stunning 21-20 comeback win for the Canterbury Bulldogs over Manly at Olympic Park this evening.

The Manly Sea Eagles started strong, scoring the first try early when their halfback DCE crossed under the posts in the 5th minute. It was off the back of a break by Toafofoa Siple, with Dylan Walker providing the final pass to open the points. Following the opening try, Manly found some momentum, charging down the field and piling plenty of pressure onto the Bulldogs, and as the weather continued to worsen, both sides played with remarkable discipline. A Daly Cherry-Evans cut out pass found his winger, Christian Tuipulotu, in the 13th minute, but his kick from the right sideline rebounded off the post and the score remained 10-0 to the Sea Eagles. Keeping their perfect completion rate, they forced a dropout, and off the back of a six-again, Marty Taupau crashed over for his team's third try of the match, in the 18th minute. DCE slotted his second conversion of the night and the lead was extended to 16-0. Following these points, Manly developed a case of the dropsies, with Davey putting it down twice while working it off his team's own line. Canterbury just couldn't get their attack together despite the Sea Eagles constantly inviting them to their own end, but Braidon Burns finally crossed the stripe in the 29th minute off the back of a six-again call. Burton's first conversion of the night hit the post and bounced in, reducing his side's deficit to 10 points. Joe Stimson dropped it as the Bulldog's attempted to work it off their own line following points, gifting Manly their first attacking field position in a while. They couldn't convert it into points, however, and just 5 minutes later the Bulldogs were back on the attack thanks to some good kicks from Matt Burton. Off the back of a dropout, Zach Dockar-Clay dived over from dummy-half for his first NRL try, and Burton nailed the conversion to make the half-time score 16-12 to Manly.

A 20/40 attempt that went out on the full from Dylan Walker early in the second forty allowed Canterbury some field position, but time was then called off for a few minutes as Max King was called off the field for a HIA. Following some confusion and communication between the sideline and King, he remained on the field, with seemingly nobody understanding why the game was stopped in the first place. Both sides had attacking opportunities to start the second-half, but it was Aaron Schoupp who opened the scoring for the second period against the run of play. With Manly on the attack, he plucked the ball out of the air and ran the length of the field to score a try in the corner for Canterbury. Burton missed the conversion to keep the scores tied with 30 minutes still left in the game. The game settled down quite noticeably following those points, with both sides going set for set. A Manly penalty gave them some field position to work with, and they forced an error in a kick contest to continue building pressure on the Bulldogs. A DCE grubber forced a dropout, and Olakau'atu crossed for a try soon after off the back of another genius kick from his halfback. Suddenly, momentum was back in the Sea Eagles favour. Making line breaks galore, they forced a dropout with 10 minutes left on the clock, but Burton executed a short dropout perfectly, getting the ball just over the 10m line and over the sideline. With Canterbury back with the ball, they needed to find points to close Manly's four point lead. It was their halfback Kyle Flanagan who found the line in the 76th minute. An error from Manly in the kick contest saw the ball fall perfectly for the Bulldogs, and the scores remained level at 20 following Burton's

unsuccessful conversion attempt. He made up for it though, putting up a big bomb that the rookie Sea Eagle's fullback couldn't handle, and winning a midfield scrum for his team 30m out from Manly's line with just two minutes left on the clock. A perfectly executed 79th minute field goal from Matt Burton followed, and Canterbury took the lead 21-20. An attempted short kick-off from Manly was successfully defused by the Bulldogs, and they ran down the clock to hold on and clinch the victory. Both of these clubs will shift their focus to 2023 after their respective disappointing seasons, but it will be Canterbury heading into the pre-season as winners. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

CANTERBURY 21 (B. Burns, Z. Dockar-Clay, K. Flanagan, A. Schoupp tries; M. Burton 2 goals; M. Burton field goal) **DEFEATED MANLY 20** (D. Cherry-Evans, H. Olakau'atu, M. Taupau, C. Tuipulotu tries; D. Cherry-Evans 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 2nd September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 16-12. Penalties: Manly 7-6. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 13,648. **CANTERBURY:** Averillo, Kiraz, Schoupp, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton, Flanagan; King, Marshall-King, Vaughan, Waddell, Faitala-Mariner, Jackson (C). Int: Dockar-Clay, Stimson, Patolo, Pangai Junior. **MANLY:** Weekes, Tuaimalo Vaega, Trbojevic, Koula, Tuipulotu; Foran, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Taupau, Olakau'atu, Davey, Walker. Int: Schuster, Bullemor, De Luis, Roumanos.

SYDNEY 26 SOUTH SYDNEY 16

The Sydney Roosters have managed the opening night double at Allianz Stadium, downing local rivals the Rabbitohs 26-12 to secure elimination final hosting rights just hours after their women's side recorded an emphatic win.

The Tricolours and Bunnies will face off for the 229th time next week after tonight's match set up a re-match in a little over seven days in the opening finals weekend. It took just seven minutes for the hosts to stamp their authority on their newly rebuilt home ground, Angus Crichton crossing on the left edge to score the venue's first four pointer in the NRL men's premiership. The night had already started disastrously for the Rabbitohs - lock Cameron Murray was ushered off for a head injury assessment inside the opening 90 seconds and ultimately failed that - immediately reducing the visitors to 16 players. For the Roosters, it meant pushing on. Sam Walker converted a penalty goal attempt on 17 minutes to extend their lead to eight before James Tedesco continued the early dominance just the other side of the 20 minute mark. Largely against the run of play the Rabbitohs found themselves on the attack, and after a clever grubber through the line from Latrell Mitchell, fill-in hooker Peter Mamouzelos snatched a try against the odds to get his side on the board for the first time at Allianz. It didn't take long for the home team to wrestle momentum back - Sam Walker with his own piece of individual brilliance grubbering through the line, having identified Mitchell up out of the line. He pounced on his own kick and the Roosters pushed out to a 20-6 lead, which they retained through to the break.

Egan Butcher was first on the board after the break - the Roosters extending their lead to twenty points after a superb ball found his chest close to the line. Walker's conversion had the result all but confirmed despite there being 35 minutes to play. In the remaining time the Rabbitohs did manage two tries to keep the hosts on their toes - Taane Milne scoring both - the first a sterling effort tiptoeing inside the sideline and *just* getting it down, the other a surprising effort just a minute after

teammate Latrell Mitchell was binned just over ten minutes from fulltime. The Roosters held out their opposition for the remaining time and withstood their own player - Nat Butcher - being binned a couple of minutes prior to the end of the contest.

TIM COSTELLO

SYDNEY 26 (E. Butcher, A. Crichton, J. Tedesco, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 5 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 16** (T. Milne 2, P. Mamouzelos tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 2nd September. Kickoff: 7:55 PM. Halftime: Sydney 20-6. Penalties: Sydney 10-8. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 41,906. **SYDNEY:** Tedesco (C), Momirovski, Hutchison, Manu, Naiqama; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Verrills, Lodge, Crichton, Butcher, Taukeiaho. Int: Watson, Butcher, May, Gildart. **SOUTH SYDNEY:** Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Paulo, Milne; Walker, Ilias, Tatola, Havili, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Mamouzelos, Nicholls, Sele, Nikorima.

GOLD COAST 27 WARRIORS 26

Gold Coast Titans have signed off a miserable 2022 season in style with a 27-26 Golden Point win against New Zealand Warriors at Mt Smart stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Warriors will wonder how they lost this one. They led by 14 with under ten to go before tries by Jayden Campbell and Paul Turner alongside two wonderful kicks from Tanah Boyd gave the visitors the two points. New Zealand Warriors have been a much better side at home, and it showed in the first half. Reece Walsh was the architect as Jesse Arthars and Josh Curran crossed in the first ten minutes for a 12-0 advantage. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak added to their advantage with another magical putdown for the winger who has been one of the highlights in a forgettable season for the Warriors led 16-0 and on course to sign off in style. Titans pulled one back through one of their stars late in the season. Five-eighth AJ Brimson produced a stunning solo effort to get the Titans on the board. The hosts restored their 14 point lead just before the break. Josh Curran has been a consistent performer for the New Zealand side in the 2022 season and won the race to the ball in-goal to make it 20-6.

Titans were back within eight just after the break through Beau Fermor. The second rower was alert to the ball after a kick was tapped back and finished off the move to make it 20-12 in a game that started to warm up. It looked like the Warriors were going to cruise to ending their season on a high when Villiame Vailea. The centre was a late inclusion to the team and strode through some feeble defence from the scrum to make it 26-12. There was a final twist left in the tale. Campbell stepped past the defenders in the 73rd minute to give them a faint whisper of hope which turned into a loud roar when former Warrior Paul Turner was supporting inside to make it 26-24. Campbell was involved again as he was clipped high in the final minute. Tanah Boyd stepped up and slotted the penalty goal in a perfect afternoon from the boot and sent this game into extra time at 26-all. Warriors had the first chance through Daejarn Asi whose field goal was well wide. Campbell had an effort charged down then Boyd drilled his one from 40 metres out to secure an improbable win for the Titans in New Zealand. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

GOLD COAST 27 (A. Brimson, J. Campbell, B. Fermor, P. Turner tries; T. Boyd 5 goals; T. Boyd field goal) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 26** (J. Curran 2, J. Arthars, V. Vailea, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; R. Walsh 2, C. Harris-Tavita goals) **AT MT**

SMART STADIUM. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 20-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 20,512. **WARRIORS:** Walsh, Watene-Zelezniak, Arthars, Vailea, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Asi; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Harris (C), Aitken, Curran, Katoa. Int: Afoa, Lussick, Murdoch-Masila, Ale. **GOLD COAST:** Campbell, Marzhev, Fifita, Sami, Thompson; Brimson, Boyd; Fotuauka, Wallace, Fa'asuaumaleui (C), Fifita, Fermor, Liu. Int: Turner, Ese'ese, Jolliffe, Haas.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 22 BRISBANE 12

The St George Illawarra Dragons have denied the Brisbane Broncos a place in the finals with a stirring 22-12 victory at Kogarah on Saturday evening.

Finishing the season with three straight wins to fall short of the finals, despite boasting a 50 per cent winning record, the Dragons were a class above a disappointing Broncos side, who failed to grasp the importance of the season-defining occasion.

Taking advantage of their opponent's poor ball control during the opening stages, the Dragons capitalised with Jack Bird (5th minute) powering through four defenders to slam the ball down for first points. Managing to withstand further pressure, along with Thomas Flegler being sent to the sin bin for forceful contact to the head of Mat Feagai, the Broncos levelled the scores at 6-all courtesy of a well-worked play finished off by Delouise Hoeter (25th minute). Ben Hunt demonstrated his class as one of the front-runners for the Dally M medal with his sixth 40/20 kick of the season; the home side took advantage of the ensuing field position with Feagai (36th minute) touching down out wide to give the Dragons a 10-6 lead at the break.

Going further in front shortly after the resumption, Cody Ramsey (44th minute) was on the spot to race onto an offload from Hunt following an error from Te Maire Martin inside the Broncos half. Crossing for a crucial four-pointer on the hour mark to narrow the margin to less than a converted try, Billy Walters (59th minute) used the greasy conditions to slide over from close range. In a nervous final quarter which saw Hunt produce a try-saving tackle on Zac Hosking and Zac Lomax denied a four-pointer by the bunker, little-known outside-back Feagai (75th minute) produced a star-making piece of individual brilliance to seal the result. Playing the final minutes a man down after Kotoni Staggs was sin-binned for high contact on Andrew McCullough, the Broncos were left to rue what could have been as the Dragons ran out ten-point winners. **ROB CROSBY**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 22 (M. Feagai 2, J. Bird, C. Ramsey tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 12** (D. Hoeter, B. Walters tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 10-6. Penalties: Brisbane 7-6. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 8,247. **ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA:** Ramsey, Sloan, Feagai, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, McCullough, Lawrie, McGuire, Su'A, Bird. Int: Sullivan, Hunt, Ford, Woods. **BRISBANE:** Martin, Dates, Staggs, Hoeter, Cobbo; Gamble, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Turpin, Haas, Capewell, Hosking, Carrigan. Int: Walters, Palasia, Kennedy, Piakura.

NORTH QUEENSLAND 38 PENRITH 8

The North-Queensland Cowboys have easily and expectedly dominated a vastly understrength Panthers outfit, winning by 30-points to give themselves the best chance at securing a home final.

It was the Panthers who had a golden opportunity to take an unlikely early lead, getting a penalty and set restart in quick succession to go on the attack. To their credit, they were threatening, but Hopgood's attempt to reach out and score ended in a Penrith knock on.

The Cowboys off the back of a penalty would predictably go up the field and score a try, finding spac easily with a left side shift that was finished off by Ronaldo Mulitalo. The Panthers completion rate would remain poor, and the Cowboys had a try disallowed by the bunker when Feldt went into touch before grounding it. Five minutes later, the Cowboys would extend their lead courtesy of a successful challenge, retaining possession and putting in a kick that was dropped by Jennings, recovered by Holmes and grounded.

It was all getting too easy for North-Queensland when Reece Robson easily made a line break from dummy half, drawing and passing to Scott Drinkwater, putting his fullback over for an easy try. They'd score again just 3 minutes later off the back of a penalty, with Holmes muscling his way over the defence to score his second. The Panthers would restore some pride to the scoreline shortly after halftime when Robert Jennings found a hole in the Cowboys defensive line, making it 20-4 in favour of the hosts.

The Cowboys would be quick to respond however. After repelling another Panthers attacking raid, Valentine Holmes caught the ball in goal giving his side a 7 tackle set, but they only needed one, with the star centre streaking away after the tap, passing to Kyle Feldt who then passed back to Holmes, who streaked away to score an entertaining try. Young Panthers centre Tom Jenkins would sit down for 10 after it was ruled he took out a Cowboys player off the ball. Despite the one man advantage, the Cowboys would somehow concede a try during the 10 minutes, with Penrith stripping them for number on the edge and getting Sunia Turuva his first NRL try. The Cowboys would blow the scoreline out with two late tries to Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow and Reece Robson respectively. It looked for all money they'd add one more when Scott Drinkwater found open space in the final minute, but bench forward Eddie Blacker produced a Herculean effort to run him down and spoil the party. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 38 (V. Holmes 3, S. Drinkwater, R. Robson, H. Tabuai-Fidow, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 3, C. Townsend 2 goals) **DEFEATED PENRITH 8** (R. Jennings, S. Turuva tries) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: North Queensland 20-0. Penalties: North Queensland 9-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 23,840. **NORTH QUEENSLAND:** Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Leilua, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Tabuai-Fidow, Gilbert, Taunoa-Brown, Neame. **PENRITH:** Staines, Turuva, Jennings, Jenkins, Crichton; Falls, O'Sullivan; Smith, Kenny (C), Eisenhuth, Smith, Sorensen, Hopgood. Int: Luke, Blacker, Henry, Cole.

CRONULLA 38 NEWCASTLE 16

The Cronulla Sharks have secured a home final against the Cowboys next week by downing a gritty Newcastle Knights side by 22 points in Newcastle this afternoon. It was a big clash for the Cronulla side as they were looking to secure a home final with a victory by any margin against a Newcastle side that was keen for the season to be over.

It was the visitors that started strongly, winning the field position battle and setting up shop in Newcastle's attacking third. After going close with Braden Hamlin-Uele, the ensuing tackle saw great pass selection from Blayke Brailey saw Briton Nikora crashed over for his fifth try of the season which allowed Sharks play from in front. The Sharks were guilty of blowing try scoring chances. Newcastle were working themselves back in the contest creating chances off second phase play. Off a cheap Sharks error in their own end, Tex Hoy threw the dummy and catches the Sharks napping in defence to level the scores up at 6-6. Newcastle was dominating possession and forcing repeat sets but they were unable to find the stripe. A poor grubber kick by Adam Clune which saw Luke Metcalf scoop it up and race the best part of 100 metres to cross untouched. After being up against it, the Sharks find a way to bounce back and take the lead. On the stroke of half-time, another Sharks mistake proved to be costly when Nicho Hynes' cut-out pass was intercepted by Dom Young. The flying Jamaican ran 95 metres to cross for his thirteenth try of the season and with the ensuing conversion, it was a 12-12 score-line at half-time. Off the kick-off to restart play, the Knights failed to recover in the breeze and the Sharks went straight back on the attack. Nicho Hynes delivered a short pass to Briton Nikora and the New Zealand international collected his second and the Sharks hit the lead. An early kick by Chris Randall rolled a touch too long, unfortunately for the Knights it led to more points. The combination of Hynes and Matt Moylan found Ronaldo Mulitalo who had too much pace for Hoy and it was 24-12 within the blink of an eye.

A bizarre series of events followed, Adam Clune dropped a regulation pass which was toed ahead by Teig Wilton who raced away before being tackled by Tuala. From the ensuing play, Hynes' pass was intercepted in spectacular fashion by Edrick Lee. The Knights were able to roll up the field and it was Clune who turned into the provider with a spectacular show and go before finding Young to cross out-wide. This reduced the margin to eight. Cronulla re-established their dominance when Randall's pass was intercepted by Jesse Ramien who ran 100m to score, but a missed Hynes conversion kept them within reach inside the final 20. Cronulla showed their class though and it was Hynes who delivered another quality ball to Nikora to allow the Kiwi representative to secure his first NRL hat-trick. There'll be some worries as Siosifa Talakai was injured on an apparent hip drop tackle. The offender was sin-binned and off the final set, Miller scooted his way around the defence to cross for a well-deserved try as he was the best of the park. Cronulla secured their first home final at Shark Park since 2008 where they'll take on the Cowboys in a probable Saturday night timeslot. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CRONULLA 38 (B. Nikora 3, L. Metcalf, L. Miller, R. Mulitalo, J. Ramien tries; N. Hynes 5 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 16** (D. Young 2, T. Hoy tries; T. Hoy 2 goals) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Newcastle 6-3. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 16,808. **NEWCASTLE:** Hoy, Lee, Gagai, Tuala, Young; Crossland, Clune; Klemmer, Randall, Saifiti, Frizell (C), Jones, Croker. Int: Saifiti, Saulo, Johns, Sasagi. **CRONULLA:** Miller, Ikuvalu, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Hamlin-Uele, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Wilton, Tolman, Fifita, Metcalf, Colquhoun.

CANBERRA 56 WESTS TIGERS 10

The Broncos were holding out for a miracle. That the Tigers could somehow not just beat the Raiders but win by 54 points or more to close out a season which had seen the joint-venture reach new lows. Instead, it was the Tigers on the wrong end of a lopsided scoreline, crashing to a 56-10 defeat, trailing 42-0 at halftime as Brett Kimmorley's side were booed off the field by the Leichhardt faithful.

And as if you could not script it any better, an alarm was accidentally activated in the final five minutes of the game, but the fire at the Tigers is out of control and will take a while to put out. It was Canberra's seventh win in eight games, building on last week's 48-6 demolition of Manly and sees the Raiders book an elimination final meeting with the Storm. For the Tigers, the additions of Apisai Koroisau and Isaiah Papali'i will be welcome blessings next year but Sunday's shellacking was only further proof of just how far they have to go. In reality, the Tigers were not actually that bad to open Sunday's game, showing plenty of intent early before the Raiders hit the front after a Jamal Fogarty kick took an unfortunate bounce. Matthew Timoko was chasing in support to pounce and it went downhill from there for the home side as Jordan Rapana and Sebastian Kris wreaked havoc on the left edge. The two combined to score Canberra's second try before Nick Cotric put his stamp on the game, bursting through the middle off the restart before finishing off a well-worked move in the right corner. The tries kept coming for the Raiders, with Rapana and Kris again putting on a show as the former scored in the 20th minute before Zac Woolford went short to Hudson Young for their fourth of the game. Canberra then went 80 metres on the ensuing set as Xavier Savage snatched a Matt Frawley kick and, as you would expect, the onslaught was just letting up. This time Zac Woolford split the Tigers through the middle and linked with Fogarty in support as the score blew out to 42-0 after 34 minutes. To their credit, the Tigers showed some rare resilience defending their own line to keep it at that scoreline heading into the sheds.

The Raiders benched Fogarty, Josh Papalii and Joseph Tapine to open the second half while fullback Savage (head knock) had to come from the field shortly after, although he would later return. It opened the door for the Tigers to win back some respect in the second half and they made the perfect start as Daine Laurie burst onto an Adam Doueih pass to score. The points kept coming for the home side with Laurie involved once again, cutting it out to Starford To'a before Ken Maumalo dived over in the corner. Papalii and Tapine were brought back on in an attempt to halt the home side's momentum and it paid dividends immediately, although it was Young who bumped off a few tackles to score in the 55th minute. The tries were not coming as thick and fast as they were in the first, but the Tigers still could not hold the Raiders out from extending their lead further. Next it was Papalii who beat four Tigers defenders, using his footwork and size to power over and push the buffer out to 44 points. The Raiders added an extra penalty goal in the only other points of the game, running out 56-10 winners to end their regular season. **ANDREW JACKSON**

CANBERRA 56 (H. Young 2, N. Cotric, J. Fogarty, S. Kris, J. Papalii, J. Rapana, X. Savage, M. Timoko tries; J. Fogarty 7, J. Rapana 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 10** (D. Laurie, K. Maumalo tries; A. Doueih goal) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL**. Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canberra 42-0. Penalties: Canberra 7-6. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 10,041. **WESTS TIGERS:** Laurie, Naden, To'a, Garner, Maumalo; Doueih, Madden; Tamou (C), Simpkin, Ofahengaue, Freebairn, Tuilagi, Brown. Int: Pole, Musgrove, Peachey, Dias. **CANBERRA:** Savage, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Rapana; Frawley, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine (C), Young, Harawira-Naera, Elliott. Int: Starling, Guler, Horschburgh, Hopoate.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Mat CROKER (Knights): G3 Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Corey HORSBURGH (Raiders): G1 Careless HT - \$750
Zane MUSGROVE (Tigers): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Jake SIMPKIN (Tigers): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Zac LOMAX (Dragons): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$3000
J'maine HOPGOOD (Panthers): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$1000
Hame SELE (Rabbitohs): G1 Dangerous Throw - \$750

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PARRAMATTA v MELBOURNE 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points
- Junior Paulo, 1 points - Shaun Lane

CANTERBURY v MANLY 3 points - Braidon Burns, 2 points - Daly Cherry-Evans, 1 points - Matt Burton

SYDNEY v SOUTHS 3 points - James Tedesco, 2 points - Angus Crichton, 1 points - Latrell Mitchell

WARRIORS v GOLD COAST 3 points - Beau Farmor, 2 points - Reece Walsh, 1 points - Jayden Campbell

ST GEO ILLA v BRISBANE 3 points - Ben Hunt, 2 points - Mathew Feagai, 1 points - Jack Bird

NORTH OLD v PANTHERS 3 points - Valentine Holmes, 2 points - Reece Robson, 1 points - Scott Drinkwater

NEWCASTLE v CRONULLA 3 points - Lachlan Miller, 2 points - Briton Nikora, 1 points - Tex Hoy

WESTS TIGERS v CANBERRA 3 points - Josh Papalii, 2 points - Jamal Fogarty, 1 points - Joseph Tapine

LEADERBOARD

36 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
31 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
28 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
26 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels)
25 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)
23 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ)
20 POINTS Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ)
18 POINTS AJ Brimson (Titans)
17 POINTS Jarome Luai (Panthers/NSW), Matt Burton (Bulldogs/NSW), Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)
16 POINTS Jack Wighton (Raiders/NSW)
15 POINTS Isah Yeo (Panthers)



2022 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP LADDER

Pos	Team	Home								Away								Overall						Stats		
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	Bye	F	A	Pts	PD	FPG	APG
1	Penrith Panthers	12	10	2	-	332	152	180	12	10	2	-	304	178	126	24	20	4	-	1	636	330	42	306	26.5	13.75
2	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	12	10	2	-	262	172	90	12	8	4	-	311	192	119	24	18	6	-	1	573	364	38	209	23.88	15.17
3	North Queensland Cowboys	12	9	3	-	332	168	164	12	8	4	-	301	193	108	24	17	7	-	1	633	361	36	272	26.38	15.04
4	Parramatta Eels	12	8	4	-	292	244	48	12	8	4	-	316	245	71	24	16	8	-	1	608	489	34	119	25.33	20.38
5	Melbourne Storm	12	8	4	-	357	188	169	12	7	5	-	300	222	78	24	15	9	-	1	657	410	32	247	27.38	17.08
6	Sydney Roosters	12	9	3	-	377	226	151	12	6	6	-	258	208	50	24	15	9	-	1	635	434	32	201	26.46	18.08
7	South Sydney Rabbitohs	12	9	3	-	340	218	122	12	5	7	-	264	256	8	24	14	10	-	1	604	474	30	130	25.17	19.75
8	Canberra Raiders	12	8	4	-	256	223	33	12	6	6	-	268	238	30	24	14	10	-	1	524	461	30	63	21.83	19.21
9	Brisbane Broncos	12	7	5	-	248	302	-54	12	6	6	-	266	248	18	24	13	11	-	1	514	550	28	-36	21.42	22.92
10	St George Illawarra Dragons	12	9	3	-	239	208	31	12	3	9	-	230	361	-131	24	12	12	-	1	469	569	26	-100	19.54	23.71
11	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	12	7	5	-	284	274	10	12	2	10	-	206	321	-115	24	9	15	-	1	490	595	20	-105	20.42	24.79
12	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	12	5	7	-	243	254	-11	12	2	10	-	140	321	-181	24	7	17	-	1	383	575	16	-192	15.96	23.96
13	Gold Coast Titans	12	5	7	-	228	273	-45	12	1	11	-	227	387	-160	24	6	18	-	1	455	660	14	-205	18.96	27.5
14	Newcastle Knights	12	2	10	-	180	385	-205	12	4	8	-	192	277	-85	24	6	18	-	1	372	662	14	-290	15.5	27.58
15	Warriors	12	5	7	-	252	283	-31	12	1	11	-	156	417	-261	24	6	18	-	1	408	700	14	-292	17	29.17
16	West's Tigers	12	2	10	-	193	328	-135	12	2	10	-	159	351	-192	24	4	20	-	1	352	679	10	-327	14.67	28.29

2022 NRL STATS LEADERS

TRIES

Rank	Player	Team	Pos	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	25	30
2	Corey OATES	BRI	W	22	20
3	Ronaldo MULITALO	CRO	W, C	24	17
	Jeremiah NANAI	NQL	2RF	23	17
	Murray TAULAGI	NQL	W	25	17
6	Josh ADDO-CARR	CBY	W	23	16
	Xavier COATES	MEL	W	17	16
	Taylan MAY	PEN	W	21	16
	Daniel TUPOU	SYD	W	22	16
10	Selwyn COBBO	BRI	W	18	15
	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	28	15
	Joseph SUA'ALI'I	SYD	W	19	15
13	Sione KATOA	CRO	W	16	14
	Sebastian KRIS	CAN	W, C, INT	20	14
	Edrick LEE	NEW	W	16	14
	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	12	14
	Cody WALKER	SOU	F/E	27	14
	Dominic YOUNG	NEW	W	20	14
	Hudson YOUNG	CAN	2RF	24	14

POINTS

Rank	Player	Team	Pos	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	W, C	24	10	100	3	244
2	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	26	7	95	2	220
3	Sam WALKER	SYD	F/E, HB	25	7	91	1	211
4	Nicho HYNES	CRO	FB, HB	25	6	83	4	194
5	Zac LOMAX	SGI	C	24	6	71	1	167
6	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	17	3	76	1	165
7	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	21	12	57	-	162
8	Latrell MITCHELL	SOU	FB	17	7	61	1	152
9	Nick MEANEY	MEL	FB, W, F/E	23	13	48	-	148
10	Adam REYNOLDS	BRI	HB	20	6	61	-	146
11	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	12	14	41	1	139
12	Matt BURTON	CBY	F/E	24	6	50	1	125
13	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	25	30	-	-	120
14	Stephen CRICHTON	PEN	C	23	13	32	-	116
	Jamal FOGARTY	CAN	HB	15	3	52	-	116
16	Reece WALSH	WAR	FB, INT	22	2	48	-	104
17	Corey OATES	BRI	W	22	20	-	-	80
18	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	28	15	8	-	76
19	Ronaldo MULITALO	CRO	W, C	24	17	-	-	68
	Jeremiah NANAI	NQL	2RF	23	17	-	-	68
	Blake TAAFFE	SOU	FB, INT	10	2	30	-	68
	Murray TAULAGI	NQL	W	25	17	-	-	68

FINALS WEEK 1

QUALIFYING FINAL 1 (1ST V 4TH)

PENRITH 27 PARRAMATTA 8

Panthers skipper Nathan Cleary has returned to the NRL in the best way possible, leading his side to a convincing 27-8 win to take his side to just one game away from a chance to defend their title on Grand Final day.

With the Panthers holding onto a slender lead just after halftime, Parramatta suffered a crushing blow when halfback Mitch Moses left the field with concussion following an awkward tackle on Villiame Kikau. Cleary made the Eels pay almost immediately, laying on two tries and kicking a penalty goal to leave their bitter rivals looking for answers after the game was taken away from them by the NSW halfback.

Parramatta will rue their lost opportunities in the first half despite having their fair share of possession. However, the loss of Moses and a whopping ten errors in the second half cost the visitors any chance in competing in the match against a clinical Panthers outfit.

Penrith came into the match heavy favourites, however it was a sluggish start for the defending premiers with Moses forcing two repeat sets in a row. However, things went sour for Penrith when winger Taylan May was sent to the Sin Bin for a high tackle on Eels centre Villiame Penisini.

Being a man down had little effect on the Panthers though when Eels winger Waqa Blake put down a towering Nathan Cleary bomb. The ball was then collected by James Fisher-Harris who found his fellow front rower Moses Leota with a skilful flick pass. Leota then kept his cool and got the pill to an expert finisher in Brian To'o to score the first try of the night. Cleary converted and it was Penrith out to an early 6-0 lead. Parramatta were still in the contest but failed to convert their chances with a mountain of possession. That was until hooker Reed Mahoney produced a neat face ball out of dummy half to find interchange forward Oregon Kaufusi who scored next to the posts to get the visitors on the scoreboard. Moses converted and scores were locked at 6 all. With minutes remaining in the first half, it was Mitch Moses who attempted to take the lead through a field goal, which just went wide. Penrith then took the ball upfield and it was Nathan Cleary who took the shot on the stroke of halftime to give his side a slender 7-6 lead at the break.

Parramatta regained the lead early in the second half through a penalty against Panthers prop Spencer Leniu for a high tackle on Isaiah Papali'i. Parramatta took the gift two points on offer and were back in front by 8-7. The home side managed to regain the lead when Brian To'o scored his second try following some nice hands from his right edge in Cleary and Stephen Crichton. To'o with plenty of work to do managed to crash over with three Parramatta defenders hanging off him. Cleary then nailed the conversion from the stripe to make it 13-8. With Parramatta fighting to stay in the match they were dealt a catastrophic blow with halfback Moses being taken from the field with concussion and he played no further part in the game.

Panthers skipper Nathan Cleary then took the game by the scruff of the neck in Moses' absence, firstly kicking for Dylan

Edwards to collect the bounce to score next to the posts. This was followed by a bust from last year's Clive Churchill Medallist, who then took on the line and produced a terrific flick pass for his front rower James Fisher-Harris to score and give his side a commanding 25-8 lead. Cleary then added a penalty late to give his side Penrith's largest ever semi-final win, running out victors by 27-8 and head into a preliminary final where they are one step away for a chance to go for back-to-back premierships in a fortnight's time.

Parramatta need to put their second half performance behind them, as they await the result of the Melbourne Storm vs Canberra Raiders final. **SAM BOURKE**

PENRITH 27 (B. Too 2, D. Edwards, J. Fisher-Harris tries; N. Cleary 5/5 goals; N. Cleary 1 field goal) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 8** (O. Kaufusi try; M. Moses 2/2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 9th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Penrith 7-6. Penalties: Eels 5-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 21,863. **PENRITH:** 1. Dylan Edwards 2. Taylan May 3. Izack Tago 4. Stephen Crichton 5. Brian To'o 6. Jarome Luai 7. Nathan Cleary 8. Moses Leota 14. Mitch Kenny 10. James Fisher-Harris 11. Villiame Kikau 12. Liam Martin 13. Isiah Yeo. Int: 9. Apisai Koroisau 15. Scott Sorensen 16. Spencer Leniu 17. Jaeman Salmon. **PARRAMATTA:** 1. Clinton Gutherson 2. Maika Sivo 3. Villiame Penisini 4. Tom Opacic 5. Waqa Blake 6. Dylan Brown 7. Mitchell Moses 8. Reagan Campbell-Gillard 9. Reed Mahoney 10. Junior Paulo 11. Shaun Lane 12. Isaiah Papali'i 17. Marata Niukore. Int: 13. Ryan Matterson 14. Makahesi Makatoa 15. Jakob Arthur 16. Oregon Kaufusi

ELIMINATION FINAL 1 (5TH V 8TH)

CANBERRA 28 MELBOURNE 20

The Canberra Raiders have raided AAMI Park once more to eliminate the Melbourne Storm from the 2022 NRL Telstra Premiership in a frantic elimination final by 28-20.

It was 'win or go home' for these two sides in the first elimination final of this year's finals series.

Melbourne had all the early possession in the opening five minutes with several sets on the Canberra try-line. But, the Green Machine were able to weather the early storm. Remarkably, despite the lion-share of possession against them, the Raiders were able to open the scoring just minutes later. Jack Wighton was able to scoop up the offload from Joseph Tapine and race away. Despite Xavier Coates touching Wighton's cut-out pass, Xavier Savage was able to find Matt Timoko who said goodbye to Cameron Munster and after absorbing all of the early momentum, Canberra led 4-0.

Despite their strong goal-line defence, if you keep giving the Storm chances eventually you are going to crack and the Raiders crack at the midway point of the first half. It was great service from Harry Grant who found Cameron Munster and Jahrome Hughes who linked up with Marion Seve down the right and showed excellent hands to find Coates. The big winger was able to crash over the would-be tackle of Seb Kris to crash over in the corner and tie the game up at 4-4.

Off the ensuing set, Melbourne marched down the other end of the field and forced a repeat set. Off that set, Harry Grant darted out of dummy half before finding Hughes who produced an inch-perfect kick and Coates gets himself an

early double to give the Storm a four-point lead. Off the back of some field position up the other end, which was as rare as Halley's Comet in the first half. Jamal Fogarty caught the Storm napping off the scrum when he skipped on the outside of Meaney and Olam to score and regain the lead.

After Felise Kaufusi obstructed the Raiders defence, it was a clever short-ball from Tapine to Elliott Whitehead and the English international crashed over to score and after being down 8-4 early, the Raiders turned a corner to lead 16-8 at the break.

Melbourne started the second half stronger and was rewarded when Munster and Hughes combined with Marion Seve who shrugged away from Sebastian Kris' attempt of tackle. Seve linked back up with Munster before he found Coates who crossed for a hat-trick and reduce the gap to just two points. Melbourne's lack of an established goal kicker looked to be costly when Munster missed a chip shot penalty goal to tie the game. Harry Grant was able to isolate the Raiders' edge defence to find the giant in Nelson Asofa-Solomona and the Storm was able to hit the lead.

From there, the Raiders were able to regain some ascendancy and eventually land a big blow. A clever little grubber kick from Jack Wighton has seen Cam Munster go ice-skating and Hudson Young beats Munster to the ball first to continue his try-scoring form. Fogarty's conversion was successful and the Raiders snatched the lead again. A contentious knock-on by Asofa-Solomona was called by the referee and the Raiders clinched the game. It was a clever catch and pass from Xavier Savage that collected Kris on the head but it was not a knock on and Jordan Rapana won the race to the loose ball to score. Fogarty was cool under pressure to give the Raiders a two-possession lead.

Canberra moves onto Week 2 of the finals when they take on Parramatta in a probable Friday night time-slot at CommBank Stadium. Melbourne's season is done, but you have to hand it to them for the way they continued to battle in the face of a horror injury toll. With several big stars leaving at the end of the season, you have to wonder if that was their last chance at premiership glory for the time being. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CANBERRA 28 (J. Fogarty, J. Rapana, M. Timoko, E. Whitehead, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 4/5 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 20** (X. Coates 3, N. Asofa-Solomona tries; C. Munster 2/3, N. Meaney 0/1 goals) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sat, 10th September. Kickoff: 5:40 PM. Halftime: Canberra 16-8. Penalties: Canberra 4-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 20,838. **MELBOURNE:** 1. Nick Meaney 2. David Nofaluma 3. Marion Seve 4. Justin Olam 5. Xavier Coates 6. Cameron Munster 7. Jahrome Hughes 8. Jesse Bromwich 9. Harry Grant 10. Nelson Asofa-Solomona 15. Tui Kamikamica 12. Kenny Bromwich 14. Brandon Smith. Int: 11. Felise Kaufusi 13. Josh King 16. Trent Loiero 17. Chris Lewis. **CANBERRA:** 1. Xavier Savage 2. Nick Cotric 3. Matthew Timoko 4. Sebastian Kris 5. Jordan Rapana 6. Jack Wighton 7. Jamal Fogarty 8. Josh Papali'i 9. Zac Woolford 10. Joseph Tapine 11. Hudson Young 12. Elliott Whitehead 13. Adam Elliott. Int: 14. Tom Starling 15. Emre Guler 16. Corey Horsburgh 17. Corey Harawira-Naera.

QUALIFYING FINAL 2 (2ND V 3RD) NORTH QUEENSLAND 32 CRONULLA 30

In a Rugby League epic that was decided after ninety-three minutes of action (yes - you read that right), the Cowboys have pulled off 32-30 victory at Shark Park, courtesy of a Valentine Holmes two-point field goal, sending them to their first prelim final since 2017.

The Cowboys opened scoring first with Tom Gilbert plucking a Chad Townsend kick out of the air and fighting his way to the line to get the ball down. The bunker needed a long look at a technical decision but upheld the try. Back-to-back tries for the Sharks put them up into the lead firstly through Toby Rudolf who charged to the line with a solo effort and then out wide Siosifa Talakai was able to get into a free gap when Moylan and Hynes were able to change momentum. At the half-hour mark, momentum turned when Tom Dearden was able to just burst his way from dummy half and straight through the middle to score untouched. The Cowboys then went back into the lead when the attacking magic continued when a long ball from Jason Taumalolo went out to Peta Hiku to score. Right on the stroke of half time the Sharks were able to level scores up when Will Kennedy got the first of his double as yet again Hynes and Moylan combined for some Sharks magic.

The Cowboys were able to regain the lead soon after the resumption of play when Murray Taulagi scored in the corner thanks to some quick hands from the Cowboys spreading the ball left to the winger to score in the corner. A missed conversion from Valentine Holmes was crucial as it came off the post. Momentum swung to the Sharks who ran in two tries and could've had a third when Cam McInnes had too much strength to fight his way over the line and then Kennedy went through next to the posts. These two converted tries sandwiched an overturned try when Connor Tracey was denied via an obstruction.

A brain fade from Tracey saw the Sharks winger sin binned for a professional foul on Holmes as he chased through a kick from Townsend and was taken out. The Cowboys closed the gap to two via the penalty goal and then right on full time were able to score through Taumalolo next to the posts to score. The game went into extra time and the Cowboys had a big chance early when Kyle Feldt got his hands to a Townsend kick only to put it down. The Sharks had a chance just before half time of extra time when a Nicho Hynes field goal was charged down.

Neither side really had an attacking effort until the game moved into golden point when Holmes was able to nail a two-point field goal to seal a 32-30 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NORTH QUEENSLAND 32 (T. Dearden, T. Gilbert, P. Hiku, M. Taulagi, J. Taumalolo tries; V. Holmes 5/6 goals; V. Holmes two point field goal) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 30** (W. Kennedy 2, C. McInnes, T. Rudolf, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes 5/5 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 10th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 18-all. Penalties: Cowboys 5-2. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 12,447. **CRONULLA**: 1. Will Kennedy 2. Connor Tracey 3. Jesse Ramien 4. Siosifa Talakai 5. Ronaldo Mulitalo 6. Matt Moylan 7. Nicho Hynes 8. Toby Rudolf 9. Blayke Brailey 10. Royce Hunt 11. Briton Nikora 12. Wade Graham 13. Dale Finucane. Int: 14. Teig Wilton 15.

Cameron McInnes 16. Braden Hamlin-Uele 17. Andrew Fifita. **NORTH QLD**: 1. Scott Drinkwater 2. Kyle Feldt 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Peta Hiku 5. Murray Taulagi 6. Tom Dearden 7. Chad Townsend 8. Jordan McLean 9. Reece Robson 10. Reuben Cotter 11. Luciano Leilua 12. Jeremiah Nanai 13. Jason Taumalolo Int: 14. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow 15. Tom Gilbert 16. Coen Hess 17. Griffin Neame.

ELIMINATION FINAL 2 (6TH V 7TH) SOUTH SYDNEY 30 SYDNEY 14

Records fell as the South Sydney Rabbitohs prevailed in an all-time classic against the Sydney Roosters to round out the opening week of the finals.

In a match which saw seven sin bins, including two players sanctioned twice, winger Alex Johnston became the first player in premiership history to score 30 tries in multiple seasons as the Rabbitohs bounced back from the disappointment of last week with a 30-14 victory to keep their premiership hopes alive. In a spiteful opening which saw Victor Radley sent to the sin bin for allegedly punching Taane Milne during a scuffle, the Rabbitohs struck first with Johnston (5th minute) finishing off a left side movement to register his 29th try of the season. Striking back minutes later through Angus Crichton (10th minute), the Roosters hit the front with Sam Walker delivering a superb cut-out pass from dummy half to send Daniel Tupou (13th minute) over in the corner.

Tempers flared midway through the half after James Tedesco was struck by Thomas Burgess in a tackle that, while not deemed foul play, ultimately ended his afternoon; Burgess and Milne were subsequently sent to the sin bin minutes apart for high tackles leaving the Rabbitohs to play with 11 men during a crucial stage. Managing to repel their opponents with a reduced defensive line, the Rabbitohs regained the lead with Latrell Mitchell (22nd minute) taking advantage of space created by Cody Walker to go ahead 12-8. Adding to the Roosters woes during the latter stages of the first half, Crichton was ruled out after copping Burgess' shoulder, while Tupou aggravated a groin injury sustained a fortnight earlier to leave the hosts to play the second half with a one-man bench.

Returning from the sheds with an entirely new backline, departing forward Siosua Taukeiaho suffered a head clash with Hame Sele, but managed to return to the field later in the half. Taking their lead beyond a converted try with Walker producing a trademark try-assist, Johnston (48th minute) achieved a piece of history as the only player in premiership history to score 30 tries in a season on multiple occasions.

Securing the victory shortly after Jared Waerea-Hargreaves was sent to the sin bin for a head slam on Burgess, Walker produced a superb kick to send Jai Arrow (51st minute) over for a rare four-pointer.

The Roosters refused to surrender and capitalised on an error from the kick-off with Nat Butcher (54th minute) pouncing on a grubber by Keary, but tensions continued to boil over with Tevita Tatola and Radley (his second) sent for ten following an all-in scuffle.

The Rabbitohs were forced to play with 11 men for the second time in the match after Milne was binned for a high tackle, but it did little to deter the victors with Isaiah Tass (72nd minute) throwing a show-and-go close to the line to seal the result. **ROB CROSSBY**

SOUTH SYDNEY 30 (A. Johnston 2, J. Arrow, L. Mitchell, I. Tass tries; L. Mitchell 5/5 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 14** (N. Butcher, A. Crichton, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 1/3 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 11th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Rabbitohs 12-8. Penalties: Roosters 9-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 39,498. **SYDNEY**: 1. James Tedesco 2. Daniel Tupou 3. Paul Momirovski 4. Drew Hutchison 5. Joseph Suaalii 6. Luke Keary 7. Sam Walker 8. Jared Waerea-Hargreaves 9. Sam Verrills 17. Matthew Lodge 11. Angus Crichton 12. Nat Butcher 13. Victor Radley. Int: 10. Siosua Taukeiaho 14. Connor Watson 15. Egan Butcher 18. Kevin Naiqama. **SOUTH SYDNEY**: 1. Latrell Mitchell 2. Alex Johnston 3. Isaiah Tass 4. Campbell Graham 5. Taane Milne 6. Cody Walker 7. Lachlan Ilias 8. Tevita Tatola 9. Damien Cook 10. Mark Nicholls 11. Keaton Koloamatangi 12. Jai Arrow 13. Cameron Murray. Int: 14. Kodi Nikorima 15. Hame Sele 16. Thomas Burgess 17. Siliva Havili.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs): G2 Careless HT - 2 matches
Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs): G1 Careless HT - \$1800
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters): G2 Dangerous Contact - 3 matches
Taane Milne (Rabbitohs): G1 Careless HT - \$1800
Joseph Suaalii (Roosters): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Dale Finucane (Sharks): G1 Crusher Tackle - \$3000
Felise Kaufusi (Storm): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Taylan May (Panthers): G2 Careless HT - 1 match
Spencer Leniu (Panthers): G1 Careless HT - \$750

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

PENRITH v PARRAMATTA 3 points - Nathan Cleary, 2 points - Brian To'o, 1 points - James Fisher-Harris

MELBOURNE v CANBERRA 3 points - Joseph Tapine, 2 points - Elliott Whitehead, 1 points - Cameron Munster

CRONULLA v NORTH QLD 3 points - Jason Taumalolo, 2 points - Nicho Hynes, 1 points - Reuben Cotter

SYDNEY v SOUTHS 3 points - Cody Walker, 2 points - Cameron Murray, 1 points - Alex Johnston

LEADERBOARD

38 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
31 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
29 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD)
26 POINTS Mitchell Moses (Eels)
25 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)
23 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ), Joseph Tapine (Raiders)
20 POINTS Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ), Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)
18 POINTS AJ Brimson (Titans)



SEMI FINALS

FIRST SEMI FINAL

PARRAMATTA 40 CANBERRA 4

Parramatta are one game away from their first Grand Final since 2009, after the Eels thrashed the Raiders by 40-4 at CommBank Stadium tonight.

The Eels were relentless in front of their home fans, racing in seven tries to one to book a date in Townsville next week where they will face the Cowboys to decide who will make the 2022 NRL Grand Final.

Parramatta half Mitch Moses was terrific for the home side, scoring a memorable try on his birthday and silencing the doubters who questioned his and coach Brad Arthur's poor finals record. Moses did give his side a late injury scare when he left the field in the Second Half with a potential concussion, but the Eels number seven passed his Head Injury Assessment to return to the field and played a pivotal role in the victory. It was a hugely disappointing performance from Canberra, who simply missed the bus as the home side raced in four early tries before the Raiders finally came to the party through a Xavier Savage solo try.

With their poor finals record the topic of conversation in the build up, Parramatta came into the game under serious pressure and it was relieved early when skipper Clint Gutherson put his centre Viliami Penisini in some space down the right-hand side. The rookie centre then muscled his way over to score the first try of the night. Moses converted and it was 6-0 after just 8 minutes.

The Eels continued to dominate possession and were rewarded when Raiders fullback Xavier Savage failed to collect a grubber from Dylan Brown, with the ball taking a wicked bounce for Eels centre Tom Opacic to score the Eels second try. Parramatta then ran riot, with two more tries through winger Waqa Blake and then through NSW prop Junior Paulo who charged through a huge hole close to the line allowing the Eels to race out to a 22-0 lead.

Canberra were shell shocked after 30 minutes and needed something special to get back into the match. Xavier Savage then got some redemption following his earlier error, when the lightning quick fullback raced 80 metres to score a superb solo try and keep the Green Machine within touching distance before the break. The Eels could have easily had two more in the first half with both Gutherson and Maika Sivo disallowed tries but in a dominant display it was the Eels leading 22-4 at halftime.

Parramatta continued their dominance early in the Second Half when Junior Paulo produced a superb offload to Moses, who used his speed to race to the corner to score an electric try for the Eels. Departing backrower Marata Niukore, then had a farewell to remember in front of his home fans when he collected a late double, the first thanks to a superb pass from Gutherson and then at the death he scored off a nice offload from winger Maika Sivo to end the route, with Parramatta running out winners by 40-4. **SAM BOURKE**

PARRAMATTA 40 (M. Niukore 2, W. Blake, M. Moses, T. Opacic, J. Paulo, W. Penisini tries; M. Moses 6/8 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 4** (X. Savage try) **AT COMMBANK**

STADIUM. Date: Fri, 16th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 22-4. Penalties: Eels 6-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 29,134. **PARRAMATTA:** 1. Clinton Gutherson 2. Maika Sivo 3. Viliami Penisini 4. Tom Opacic 5. Waqa Blake 6. Dylan Brown 7. Mitchell Moses 8. Reagan Campbell-Gillard 9. Reed Mahoney 10. Junior Paulo 11. Shaun Lane 12. Isaiah Papali'i 17. Marata Niukore. Int: 13. Ryan Matterson 14. Makenzie Makatoa 15. Jakob Arthur 16. Oregon Kaufusi. **CANBERRA:** 1. Xavier Savage 2. Nick Cotric 3. Matthew Timoko 4. Sebastian Kris 5. Jordan Rapana 6. Jack Wighton 7. Jamal Fogarty 8. Josh Papali'i 9. Zac Woolford 10. Joseph Tapine 11. Hudson Young 12. Elliott Whitehead 16. Corey Horsburgh. Int: 13. Corey Harawira-Naera 14. Tom Starling 15. Emre Guler 17. Ryan Sutton.

SECOND SEMI FINAL

SOUTH SYDNEY 38 CRONULLA 12

South Sydney have shown that they will be this season's dark horse, eliminating the Cronulla Sharks in straight sets by 38-12 in front of a monster crowd at the neutral venue of Allianz Stadium.

The game had a frantic feel to it in the opening stages as both sides tried to feel each other out. A lazy high shot from Briton Nikora gave Souths the opening chance of the evening. The Rabbitohs didn't have to wait too long when a simple crash ball from Damien Cook allowed Mark Nicholls to charge over to score the first try inside the opening 3 minutes.

From there, the Sharks had majority of the footy through Rabbitohs mistakes. But at every turn, the Rabbitohs were hanging in deep and defending for their finals lives. Up the other end of the field, Souths were showing promising signs to extend their margin. But, the Sharks hung deep and saved certain tries from happening, including holding up Latrell Mitchell in the twenty-second minute.

Eventually, the defensive workload took its toll and with ten to go before half-time it was the quick hands from Lachlan Ilias, Keaton Koloamatangi and Mitchell who got a great cut out pass to allow to Taane Milne to cross in the right corner and Mitchell converted from the sideline to give the Rabbits an early 12-0 cushion. Right on half-time, the Rabbitohs landed a crucial blow when Cam Murray charged past two poor attempts of tackle from the Sharks and Souths led 18-0 at the break.

Cronulla got the dream start to the second half when they crossed off a Cam Murray error inside the first five minutes on the second half. A clever kick from Hynes was batted back by Ronaldo Mulitalo and Nikora crashed over in the corner to reduce the margin to 12. Off the ensuing set, Hynes kicked the footy dead and off the extra tackle set, the Rabbitohs right hand side showcased some silky skill and Lachlan Ilias crossed to give the Bunnies an 18 point lead.

Cronulla thought they answered back immediately when Jesse Ramien finished off a wonderfully worked play which saw Nikora perform a spectacular flick pass. But, the video ref spotted Ramien as being offside and the try was revoked. Fortunately, the 'home' side didn't have to wait long when Mitchell's pass was intercepted by Mulitalo and the winger raced 100 metres to reduce the gap to two possessions.

As the Sharks worked their way back into the game, their inability to ice key situations would bring their downfall, key mistakes in the attacking third allowed the Rabbitohs to grab a critical try. Cody Walker timed his impact perfectly when he stepped back on his lethal left boot and regained a critical three converted try lead. From there, another good pass from Ilias saw Milne outmuscle the Sharks left edge to get the Rabbitohs an unassailable 24 point advantage.

The Rabbitohs have a number of injury concerns, Jai Arrow felt a twinge in his groin and failed to finish the game, Alex Johnston left with a hip flexor issue midway through the second half while Siliva Havilli failed to last 20 minutes succumbing to a cork injury. Tevita Tatola is in for a nervous wait from the MRC after being placed on report for a chicken wing. On a positive front, they'll be at their home ground in Accor Stadium next week when they take on the Panthers. For the Sharks, it's a disappointing end to a season that promised so much, but there are promising signs moving forward that will give Sharks fans a lot to look forward to. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SOUTH SYDNEY 38 (T. Milne 2, L. Ilias, C. Murray, M. Nicholls, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 7/7 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 12** (R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 2/2 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 17th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Rabbitohs 18-0. Penalties: Rabbitohs 6-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 39,733. **CRONULLA:** 1. Will Kennedy 18. Lachlan Miller 3. Jesse Ramien 2. Connor Tracey 5. Ronaldo Mulitalo 6. Matt Moylan 7. Nicho Hynes 8. Toby Rudolf 9. Blayke Brailey 16. Braden Hamlin-Uele 11. Briton Nikora 12. Wade Graham 13. Dale Finucane. Int: 14. Teig Wilton 15. Cameron McInnes 17. Andrew Fifita 19. Aiden Tolman. **SOUTHS:** 1. Latrell Mitchell 2. Alex Johnston 3. Isaiah Tass 4. Campbell Graham 5. Taane Milne 6. Cody Walker 7. Lachlan Ilias 8. Tevita Tatola 9. Damien Cook 10. Mark Nicholls 11. Keaton Koloamatangi 12. Jai Arrow 13. Cameron Murray. Int: 14. Kodi Nikorima 15. Hame Sele 16. Michael Chee Kam 17. Siliva Havili

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Elliott Whitehead (Raiders): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
Elliott Whitehead (Raiders): G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

PARRAMATTA v **CANBERRA** 3 points - Mitchell Moses, 2 points - Clinton Gutherson, 1 points - Junior Paulo

CRONULLA v **SOUTHS** 3 points - Lachlan Ilias, 2 points - Damien Cook, 1 points - Cameron Murray

LEADERBOARD

38 POINTS Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
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PRELIMINARY FINALS

SECOND PRELIMINARY FINAL PARRAMATTA 24 NORTH QUEENSLAND 20

The Parramatta Eels are the first side into the 2022 NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final with a nail-biting four point victory over the North Queensland Cowboys in Townsville tonight.

It was a fast and furious start to the game, which was played in warm and humid conditions in Townsville which was more suited to the home side. But the visitors got the early rub of the green when an almost certain forward pass from Mitch Moses was called by everyone live, except the officials. From there, Parramatta played on and Marata Niukore drew in the fullback and Will Penisini crossed for the first try.

Parramatta's lead was short lived, and it was all their own doing. Off the back of a short dropout, Rueben Cotter went straight between Reed Mahoney and Niukore and crashes over to get the Cowboys back in it. There was more controversy when Jason Taumalolo was dispatched to the sin-bin for direct shoulder contact to the head of Isaiah Papali'i.

Parramatta took full advantage of the extra man when Reagan Campbell-Gillard crashed over after Chad Townsend jammed in to create a yawning gap and the enforcer retook the lead for the visitors. The Eels were once again their own worst enemy when Moses kicked two consecutive bombs out on the full and Waqa Blake went back to his form of two weeks ago dropping bombs for fun.

North Queensland reduced the gap when Luciano Leilua charged over the top of Penisini to reduce the gap to two. A late penalty for ruck interference gave Val Holmes a gift two points to go into the sheds all locked up at 12-12.

The second half started like the first ended, an illegal strip from Papali'i gave Holmes a gift two points from in front and the Cowboys had their first lead of the night. Two minutes later, it was a great Griffin Neame offload to Tom Dearden who was taken short of the line. Off the next play it was a lovely ball to Drinkwater who found Holmes who in turn got it onto Murray Taulagi to cross and more importantly, a two possession lead.

But, then the twists continued to come. Parramatta had limited possession, but they took advantage off a Cowboys mistake. It was an unlikely double for RCG when Jordan McLean and Jason Taumalolo had a horrific defensive relapse and the Eels veteran forward got try number two. Moses converted to give his side every chance as they trailed by just two points. Moses missed a gift penalty goal, but off the set post points, a clever short-side raid by Reed Mahoney allowed Maika Sivo to score and put the Eels back front and with Moses redeeming himself, the Eels had a four point lead.

North Queensland threw everything at the Eels and they were denied a try when Kyle Feldt stepped on the sideline. Parramatta also withstood a large defensive stand in the final ten minutes of play to seal their place in this season's Grand Final. North Queensland are far from disgraced, a season where many pundits had egg on their face

predicting them to be competition cellar-dwellers. Todd Payten can build upon this for seasons to come. But, the party is beginning for the Eels as they prepare for their first premiership decider in 13 years. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PARRAMATTA 24 (R. Campbell-Gillard 2, W. Penisini, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 4/5 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 20** (R. Cotter, L. Leilua, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 4/5 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 23rd September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Cowboys 7-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 25,372. **NORTH QLD:** 1. Scott Drinkwater 2. Kyle Feldt 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Peta Hiku 5. Murray Taulagi 6. Tom Dearden 7. Chad Townsend 8. Jordan McLean 9. Reece Robson 10. Reuben Cotter 11. Tom Gilbert 12. Jeremiah Nanai 13. Jason Taumalolo. Int: 14. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow 15. Luciano Leilua 16. Coen Hess 17. Griffin Neame. **PARRAMATTA:** 1. Clinton Gutherson 2. Maika Sivo 3. Viliame Penisini 4. Bailey Simonsson 5. Waqa Blake 6. Dylan Brown 7. Mitchell Moses 8. Reagan Campbell-Gillard 9. Reed Mahoney 10. Junior Paulo 11. Shaun Lane 12. Isaiah Papali'i 13. Marata Niukore. Int: 13. Ryan Matterson 14. Bryce Cartwright 15. Jakob Arthur 16. Oregon Kaufusi.

FIRST PRELIMINARY FINAL PENRITH 32 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

The Penrith Panthers will have a chance to defend their premiership title after defeating the South Sydney Rabbitohs 32-12 to confirm a place in the 2022 NRL Grand Final.

Becoming only the third team alongside the Sydney Roosters (2002-04) and Melbourne Storm (2016-2018) to legitimately qualify for three consecutive Grand Finals in the NRL era, the reigning premiers will face a nervous wait with Viliame Kikau placed on report and Spencer Leniu forced from the field after a high tackle resulting in Taane Milne being sent off.

In a fierce opening which saw Izack Tago denied a four-pointer due to an obstruction, the Rabbitohs made the most of ensuing field position with Cody Walker (12th minute) pouncing on an offload from Mark Nicholls close to the goal line.

Taking advantage of another penalty after Kikau was placed on report for a shoulder charge, Latrell Mitchell timed a short pass to perfection allowing Isaiah Tass to find space and send Richie Kennar (18th minute), replacing Alex Johnston on the wing, over in the corner.

Facing a 0-12 deficit for the first this season, the Panthers managed to hold their nerve and were unlucky to have a try to Charlie Staines overturned for an obstruction midway through the half.

The Panthers were denied four points once again with Kikau ruled offside from a short line drop out, but the resolve of the reigning premiers eventually paid off with Apisai Koroisau (36th minute) managing to get the ball on the line following a terrific bust from dummy half.

Looking set to head to the sheds trailing by a converted try, Brian To'o (40th minute) produced a Steven Bradbury-esque moment by swooping on an error from Campbell Graham and outpacing the Rabbitohs defence to level the scores at 12-all.

Coming out for the second half without the burden of needing to chase points, the Panthers gained the ascendancy with Kikau charging down a kick from Lachlan Ilias; Nathan Cleary capitalised with an inspired grubber grounded by Leniu (45th minute) to put the hosts in front for the first time.

Dylan Edwards showcased his standing as Penrith's most valuable player this season with an inspirational kick return culminating in Izack Tago (55th minute) running onto a grubber from Jarome Luai to swing the momentum of the match entirely in the Panthers favour.

Securing the result after Taane Milne was sent off for collecting Leniu with a swinging arm around the head, Cleary added a penalty goal to push the victors beyond two converted tries.

Completing a night to remember with a try in the shadows of fulltime, Cleary (78th minute) kicked for himself to the delight of 50,034 supporters in attendance at Accor Stadium.

Aiming to become only the second team in the NRL era to claim back-to-back premierships, the Penrith Panthers will face the Parramatta Eels in the 2022 NRL Grand Final on Sunday evening. **ROB CROSBY**

PENRITH 32 (N. Cleary, A. Koroisau, S. Leniu, I. Tago, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary 6/6 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTH SYDNEY 12** (R. Kennar, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 2/2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 24th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Rabbitohs 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 50,035. **PENRITH:** 1. Dylan Edwards 2. Charlie Staines 3. Izack Tago 4. Stephen Crichton 5. Brian To'o 6. Jarome Luai 7. Nathan Cleary 8. Moses Leota 14. Mitch Kenny 10. James Fisher-Harris 11. Viliame Kikau 12. Liam Martin 13. Isaah Yeo. Int: 9. Apisai Koroisau 15. Scott Sorensen 16. Spencer Leniu 17. Jaeman Salmon. **SOUTHS:** 1. Latrell Mitchell 21. Richard Kennar 3. Isaiah Tass 4. Campbell Graham 5. Taane Milne 6. Cody Walker 7. Lachlan Ilias 8. Tevita Tatola 9. Damien Cook 10. Mark Nicholls 11. Keaton Koloamatangi 12. Jai Arrow 13. Cameron Murray. Int: 14. Kodi Nikorima 15. Hame Sele 16. Michael Chee Kam 17. Jed Cartwright.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys): G2 Dangerous Contact - 3 matches
Viliame Kikau (Panthers): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$3000
Charlie Staines (Panthers): G1 Shoulder Charge - \$1500
Taane Milne (Rabbitohs): G2 Reckless HT - 6 matches

LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

NORTH QLD v **PARRAMATTA** 3 points - Shaun Lane, 2 points - Reagan Campbell-Gillard, 1 points - Reuben Cotter

PENRITH v **SOUTHS** 3 points - Dylan Edwards, 2 points - Apisai Koroisau, 1 points - Cameron Murray

LEADERBOARD

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31 POINTS Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)
29 POINTS Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD),
Mitchell Moses (Eels)



2022 NRL GRAND FINAL

Perfect Panthers pound pitiful Parramatta to go back-to-back

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

PENRITH 28 PARRAMATTA 12

Penrith Panthers have gone back-to-back after defeating local rivals Parramatta Eels 28-12 in front of 82,415 fans at Stadium Australia on Sunday afternoon.

They were relentless, rugged and unstoppable tonight Penrith as they put together one of the best first half displays in a Grand Final to blow away Parramatta, leading 18-0 and lifting the trophy for the second straight year.

From the opening kick, it was a stage set for the Panthers. They were bruising in defence and precise in their kicking game which pinned back the Eels and just wore them down into dust and scored the points required.

Stephen Crichton cut back on the inside from an inside ball to find out the lazy marker to stride away and open the scoring the Panthers. Crichton also scored three tries back-to-back in Grand Finals after his double in the win over South Sydney last season.

The Panthers just rolled forward like a grass mulcher and never gave the Eels an inch. When Brian To'o strolled over the second four-pointer from a slick backline movement, it seemed like the game was already over and it was.

It was 18-0 within half an hour when Nathan Cleary stabbed through a kick for interchange forward Scott Sorensen to just pick up like the Sunday paper and touch down. Penrith were well on their way to being the second team since 1993 to win back-to-back Premierships.

There was expected to be a response from the Eels after the break but there was only just more Panthers prowess. To'o made it a double when he was on the back of another movement from the backline for 22-0.

Everything went right for the Panthers, even including their Captain's Challenges which went 2/3 but the first two continued the theme of one-sided dominance. The Eels did have their chances with Maika Sivo and Bailey Simonsson unable to convert.

Penrith extended their lead to 28 points on the hour mark. Another raid on the right ended with Charlie Staines left Clint Gutherson clutching at air and diving over for a four-pointer in the right corner.

There was some late consolation for the Eels. Gutherson and utility Jakob Arthur scored after breaks from the Eels end which prevented them from being niled and gave the majority Eels fans who packed out Stadium Australia some joy.

Afterwards Panthers fullback Dylan Edwards was awarded the Clive Churchill medal for his fantastic performance tonight. The fullback pulled off a tackle which was similar to Scott Sattler's effort on Todd Byrne in 2003.

For the Eels, the wait for the elusive Premiership goes into a 37th year and they say goodbye to some key contributors from this season including Reed Mahoney who heads to the Bulldogs. Panthers send Villiame Kikau and Apisai Koroisau to their new clubs with a Grand Final win. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PENRITH 28 (Brian To'o 2, Stephen Crichton, Scott Sorensen, Charlie Staines tries; Nathan Cleary 4/6 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 12** (Clinton Gutherson, Jakob Arthur tries; Mitchell Moses 2/2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 2nd October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Panthers 18-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 82,415.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Ryan Matterson (Eels): G1 Crusher Tackle - 3 matches

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PENRITH v PARRAMATTA

3 points - Dylan Edwards

2 points - Brian To'o

1 points - Moses Leota



GRAND FINAL TEAMLISTS

PENRITH PANTHERS

- 1 Dylan Edwards
- 2 Charlie Staines
- 3 Izack Tago
- 4 Stephen Crichton
- 5 Brian To'o
- 6 Jarome Luai
- 7 Nathan Cleary
- 8 Moses Leota
- 14 Mitch Kenny
- 10 James Fisher-Harris
- 11 Viliame Kikau
- 12 Liam Martin
- 13 Isiah Yeo

- 9 Apisai Koroisau
- 15 Scott Sorensen
- 16 Spencer Leniu
- 17 Jaeman Salmon

PARRAMATTA EELS

- 1 Clinton Gutherson
- 2 Maika Sivo
- 3 Viliame Penisini
- 4 Bailey Simonsson
- 5 Waqa Blake
- 6 Dylan Brown
- 7 Mitchell Moses
- 8 Reagan Campbell-Gillard
- 9 Reed Mahoney
- 10 Junior Paulo
- 11 Shaun Lane
- 12 Isaiah Papali'i
- 17 Marata Niukore

- 13 Ryan Matterson
- 14 Nathan Brown
- 15 Jakob Arthur
- 16 Oregon Kaufusi



38 points - Nicho HYNES (Sharks)

31 points - Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)

29 points - Cameron Munster (Storm/QLD), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

25 points - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), James Tedesco (Roosters/NSW)

23 points - Jahrome Hughes (Storm/NZ), Joseph Tapine (Raiders)

20 points - Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Joseph Manu (Roosters/NZ), Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

18 points - AJ Brimson (Titans)

17 points - Jarome Luai (Panthers/NSW), Matt Burton (Bulldogs/NSW)

16 points - Jack Wighton (Raiders/NSW)

15 points - Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs)

14 points - Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs)

13 points - Apisai Koroisau (Panthers)

12 points - Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Harry Grant (Storm), Jackson Hastings (Wests Tigers), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys/QLD), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys)

11 points - Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Clinton Gutherson (Eels)

10 points - Dylan Brown (Eels), Sam Walker (Roosters), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Kalya Ponga (Knights/QLD), Junior Paulo (Eels), Shaun Lane (Eels)

9 points - Reed Mahoney (Eels), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Luke Keary (Roosters), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Ryan Papehuyzen (Storm), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Payne Haas (Broncos)

8 points - Matt Moylan (Sharks), Talatau Amona (Dragons), Jake Clifford (Knights), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Hudson Young (Raiders), Taylan May (Panthers/Samoa), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)

7 points - Will Kennedy (Sharks), Josh Curran (Warriors), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Reece Walsh (Warriors), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Tom Dearden (Cowboys), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers/NZ), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs)

6 points - Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles), Dane Gagai (Knights), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Justin Olam (Storm/PNG), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels)

5 points - Lachlan Miller (Sharks), Adam Elliott (Raiders), David Klemmer (Knights), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Wayne Egan (Warriors), Adam Douiehi (Wests Tigers), Jock Madden (Wests Tigers), Peta Hiku (Cowboys), Liam Martin (Panthers), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Siosiaua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Brian To'o (Panthers)

4 points - Cameron McInnes (Sharks), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Royce Hunt (Sharks), Tex Hoy (Knights), Kurt Capewell (Broncos), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Beau Fermoil (Titans), Cody Ramsey (Dragons), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Zac Hosking (Broncos), Corey Dates (Broncos), Tesi Niu (Broncos), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers/Cowboys), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), David Nofoaluma (Wests Tigers, Samoa, Storm)

3 points - Dale Finucane (Sharks), Lachlan Croker (Sea Eagles), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Toby Sexton (Titans), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Brad Schneider (Raiders), Ezra Mam (Broncos), Braidon Burns (Bulldogs), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Te Maire Martin (Broncos), Marion Seve (Storm), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Sean O'Sullivan (Panthers), Erin Clark (Titans), Tom Gilbert (Cowboys), Anthony Milford (Knights), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Daejarn Asi (Cowboys), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Matthew Lodge (Warriors/Roosters), Joseph Suaalii (Roosters), Kelma Tuilagi (Wests Tigers), Moses Suli (Dragons), Matt Frawley (Raiders), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Lachlan Lam (PNG/Roosters)

2 points - Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Tanah Boyd (Titans), Morgan Harper (Sea Eagles), Edrick Lee (Knights), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Tevita Pangai Junior (Bulldogs), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Jaydn Su'A (Dragons), Dylan Walker (Sea Eagles), Izack Tago (Panthers), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Liam Knight (Rabbitohs), Nick Meaney (Storm), Luke Garner (Wests Tigers), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors/Rabbitohs), Ken Maumalo (Wests Tigers), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Phillip Sami (Titans), Greg Marzheiw (Titans), Kyle Feldt (Cowboys), Teig Wilton (Sharks), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Sunia Turuva (Fiji/Panthers), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders)

1 point - Kade Dykes (Sharks), Corey Waddell (Bulldogs), Jack Murchie (Warriors), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Nathan Brown (Eels), Isaac Thompson (Rabbitohs), Jaeman Salmon (Panthers), Corey Horsburgh (Raiders), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Jordan McLean (Cowboys), Siliva Havili (Rabbitohs), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Jack Bird (Dragons), Dominic Young (Knights), Thomas Freebairn (Wests Tigers), Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Max King (Bulldogs), Adam Pompey (Warriors), Kenny Bromwich (Storm), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Joe Ofahengau (Wests Tigers), Tyrone Roberts (Broncos), Matt Eisenhuth (Panthers), Josh Mcguire (Dragons), Ben Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Brandon Smith (Storm), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Adam Clune (Knights), Blake Taaffe (Rabbitohs), Victor Radley (Roosters), Xavier Coates (Storm), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Matt Dufty (Bulldogs), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Aiden Tolman (Sharks), Marcelo Montoya (Warriors), Toafofoa Siple (Sea Eagles), James Schiller (Raiders), Declan Casey (Bulldogs), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles/Samoa), Moses Leota (Panthers)

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AUSTRALIAN FIRST GRADE HONOUR ROLL

NSWRL 1908-1994, ARL 1995-1997, SUPER LEAGUE 1997, NRL 1998-2022

NSWRL PREMIERSHIP - COMMENCED 1908. Balmain, Cumberland, Eastern Suburbs, Glebe, Newcastle, Newtown, North Sydney, South Sydney and Western Suburbs were inaugural teams.

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NSWRF 1908	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney	9
<u>Cumberland</u> disbanded at the conclusion of the 1908 season.			
NSWRF 1909	South Sydney	South Sydney	8
<u>Newcastle</u> left the premiership at the conclusion of the 1909 season.			
<u>Annandale</u> joined the premiership ahead of the 1910 season.			
NSWRF 1910	Newtown	N/A	8
NSWRF 1911	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRF 1912	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRF 1913	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRF 1914	South Sydney	N/A	8
NSWRF 1915	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRF 1916	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRF 1917	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRF 1918	South Sydney	N/A	8
NSWRF 1919	Balmain	N/A	8

University joined the premiership ahead of the 1920 season.

NSWRF 1920	Balmain	N/A	9
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Annandale left the premiership after the 1920 season.

St George joined the premiership ahead of 1921 season.

NSWRF 1921	North Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRF 1922	North Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRF 1923	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	9
NSWRF 1924	Balmain	n/a	9
NSWRF 1925	South Sydney	n/a	9
NSWRF 1926	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
NSWRF 1927	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
NSWRF 1928	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs, St George	9
NSWRF 1929	South Sydney	South Sydney	9

Glebe left the premiership after the 1929 season.

NSWRF 1930	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	8
NSWRF 1931	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRF 1932	South Sydney	South Sydney	8
NSWRF 1933	Newtown	Newtown	8
NSWRF 1934	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs, Eastern Suburbs	8

Canterbury joined the premiership ahead of 1935 season.

NSWRF 1935	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	9
NSWRF 1936	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	9
NSWRF 1937	Eastern Suburbs	n/a	9

University left the premiership after the 1937 season.

NSWRF 1938	Canterbury	Canterbury	8
NSWRF 1939	Balmain	Balmain	8
NSWRF 1940	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRF 1941	St George	n/a	8
NSWRF 1942	Canterbury	Canterbury	8
NSWRF 1943	Newtown	Newtown	8
NSWRF 1944	Balmain	Newtown	8
NSWRF 1945	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRF 1946	Balmain	St George	8

Manly and Parramatta joined the premiership ahead of 1947 season.

NSWRF 1947	Balmain	Canterbury	10
NSWRF 1948	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	10
NSWRF 1949	St George	South Sydney	10
NSWRF 1950	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRF 1951	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRF 1952	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	10
NSWRF 1953	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRF 1954	South Sydney	Newtown	10
NSWRF 1955	South Sydney	Newtown	10
NSWRF 1956	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1957	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1958	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1959	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1960	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1961	St George	St George, Western Suburbs	10
NSWRF 1962	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1963	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1964	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1965	St George	St George	10
NSWRF 1966	St George	St George	10

Cronulla and Penrith joined the premiership ahead of 1967 season.

NSWRF 1967	South Sydney	St George	12
NSWRF 1968	South Sydney	South Sydney	12
NSWRF 1969	Balmain	South Sydney	12
NSWRF 1970	South Sydney	South Sydney	12
NSWRF 1971	South Sydney	Manly	12
NSWRF 1972	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRF 1973	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRF 1974	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRF 1975	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRF 1976	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRF 1977	St George	Parramatta	12
NSWRF 1978	Manly	Western Suburbs	12
NSWRF 1979	St George	St George	12
NSWRF 1980	Canterbury	Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRF 1981	Parramatta	Eastern Suburbs	12

Canberra and Illawarra joined the premiership ahead of 1982 season.

NSWRF 1982	Parramatta	Parramatta	14
NSWRF 1983	Parramatta	Manly	14

Newtown left the premiership after the 1983 season.

NSWRL 1984	Canterbury	Canterbury	13
NSWRL 1985	Canterbury	St George	13
NSWRL 1986	Parramatta	Parramatta	13
NSWRL 1987	Manly	Manly	13

Brisbane, Gold Coast and Newcastle joined the premiership ahead of 1988 season.

NSWRL 1988	Canterbury	Cronulla	16
NSWRL 1989	Canberra	South Sydney	16
NSWRL 1990	Canberra	Canberra	16
NSWRL 1991	Penrith	Penrith	16
NSWRL 1992	Brisbane	Brisbane	16
NSWRL 1993	Brisbane	Canterbury	16
NSWRL 1994	Canberra	Canterbury	16

Auckland, North Queensland, South Queensland and Western Reds joined the premiership ahead of 1995 season, during which the NSWRL transferred control of the competition to the ARL.

ARL 1995	Sydney Bulldogs	Manly	20
ARL 1996	Manly	Manly	20

For the 1997 season, eight teams joined Super League: Auckland, Brisbane, Canberra, Canterbury, Cronulla, North Queensland, Penrith and Western Reds. They were joined by new clubs Adelaide and Hunter.

Super League 1997	Brisbane	Brisbane	10
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The remaining twelve clubs continued in the ARL competition which was played concurrently to the Super League.

ARL 1997	Newcastle	Manly	12
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The Super League and ARL competitions were reunified in 1998. Hunter, South Queensland and Western Reds left the premiership after 1997. Melbourne joined the premiership ahead of the 1998 season.

NRL 1998	Brisbane	Brisbane	20
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Adelaide and Gold Coast left the premiership after the 1998 season.

St George and Illawarra merged to form St George Illawarra ahead of the 1999 season

NRL 1999	Melbourne	Sharks	17
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South Sydney were removed from the premiership after the 1999 season.

Balmain and Western Suburbs merged to form Wests Tigers ahead of the 2000 season.

Manly and North Sydney merged to form Northern Eagles ahead of the 2000 season.

NRL 2000	Brisbane	Brisbane	14
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NRL 2001	Newcastle	Parramatta	14
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South Sydney were reinstated ahead of the 2002 season.

NRL 2002	Sydney	Warriors	15
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Northern Eagles were disbanded after the 2002 season..

Manly were reinstated ahead of the 2003 season.

NRL 2003	Penrith	Penrith	15
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NRL 2004	Bulldogs	Sydney	15
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NRL 2005	Wests Tigers	Parramatta	15
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NRL 2006	Brisbane	<i>Withdrawn</i>	15
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Melbourne's minor premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.

Gold Coast Titans joined the premiership ahead of the 2007 season

NRL 2007	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	16
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Melbourne's premiership & minor premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.

NRL 2008	Manly	<i>Withdrawn</i>	16
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Melbourne's minor premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.

NRL 2009	<i>Withdrawn</i>	St George Illawarra	16
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Melbourne's premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.

NRL 2010	St George Illawarra	St George Illawarra	16
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NRL 2011	Manly	Melbourne	16
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NRL 2012	Melbourne	Canterbury	16
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NRL 2013	Sydney	Sydney	16
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NRL 2014	South Sydney	Sydney	16
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NRL 2015	North Queensland	Sydney	16
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NRL 2016	Cronulla	Melbourne	16
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NRL 2017	Melbourne	Melbourne	16
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NRL 2018	Sydney	Sydney	16
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NRL 2019	Sydney	Melbourne	16
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NRL 2020	Melbourne	Penrith	16
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NRL 2021	Penrith	Melbourne	16
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NRL 2022	Penrith	Penrith	16
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Dolphins will join the premiership ahead of the 2023 season.

PREMIERSHIP LEADERBOARD: South Sydney

Rabbitohs 21, Sydney Roosters 15, St George Dragons 15, Balmain Tigers 11, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 8, Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles 8, Brisbane Broncos 6, Western Suburbs Magpies 4, Parramatta Eels 4, Melbourne Storm 4, Penrith Panthers 4, Newtown Jets 3, Canberra Raiders 3, North Sydney Bears 2, Newcastle Knights 2, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 1, North Queensland Cowboys 1, St George Illawarra Dragons 1, Wests Tigers 1.

NO PREMIERSHIP: Cumberland, Newcastle Rebels, Glebe Dirty Reds, Anndale Dales, Sydney University, Illawarra Steelers, Gold Coast Giants/Seagulls/Chargers, Gold Coast Titans, South Queensland Crushers, Western Reds, Warriors, Adelaide Rams, Hunter Mariners, Northern Eagles



NRL WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP HONOUR ROLL

NRLW PREMIERSHIP - COMMENCED 2018. Brisbane, St George Illawarra, Sydney, Warriors.

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NRLW 2018	Brisbane	Brisbane	4
NRLW 2019	Brisbane	Brisbane	4
NRLW 2020	Brisbane	Brisbane	4

Warriors withdrew at the conclusion of the 2020 season.

Gold Coast, Newcastle and Parramatta joined the premiership ahead of the 2021 season.

The 2021 season was played in 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

NRLW 2021	Sydney	St George Illawarra	6
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NRLW 2022	Newcastle	Sydney	6
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Canberra, Cronulla, North Queensland and Wests Tigers will join the premiership ahead of the 2023 season.

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SEASON REVIEW

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If there was any positive for Kevin Walters as he took over at Red Hill at the end of 2020, it was the fact that the only way was up - literally.

For the first time in club history, Brisbane had finished the regular season with the wooden spoon, once an NRL powerhouse reduced to nothing more than a laughing stock. There was a sense that in order to go forwards, the Broncos needed to go backwards in some respects, to draw on the team's proud history and restore tradition. The appointment of Walters went a long way to doing just that, having played 237 games of the Broncos. He was a club legend, emblematic of the fusing of past, present and future. But as Walters has learned, being an NRL coach is a fickle business and in only a matter of games you can go from a revelation to on the precipice of losing your job. That much was true for Walters, who was credited with being the mastermind of a sudden turnaround that had the Broncos threatening to contest for a spot in the top four this year. Instead of challenging for a surprise premiership, Brisbane fell apart in the second half of the season and Walters was spared the axe, despite growing calls for the club to move in another direction. The Broncos would finish the season one win shy of the top eight, an undeniable success on the surface given how the past two years had unfolded. But in a lot of ways it felt like a failure. A season that had initially promised so much fell flat and now expectations are even higher.

Turning point

It was a stunning capitulation for the Broncos, who became the first team in history to miss the finals having finished inside the top four by Round 19. So, where did everything go wrong? Well, as simple as it may seem, fatigue from the Origin period may have played a role. Even back-to-back premiers Penrith struggled with that period last year, although the Panthers had far more all-round talent in their roster to overcome the mid-season wobbles. Brisbane, on the other hand, still has quite a young roster that is learning to handle the weekly rigours that come with playing first-grade football and it showed in the latter stages of the season. The Broncos finished the season winning just one of six games, giving up 113 points in losses to Parramatta and Melbourne that put a serious dent in their for-and-against. It was the most points the club had given up in back-to-back games ever and with the team still in finals contention, the fact they fell apart so spectacularly suggested fatigue had well and truly set in. Speaking after the 53-6 loss to the Eels, coach Walters said it was more of an attitude problem than anything else that had sparked his team's stunning collapse.

"It's just disappointing for everyone," Walters said at the time.

"Obviously, we just need to fix our defence more than anything. Our attitude hasn't been where it needs to be at this time of the year to compete against the good sides. I'm not going to make any excuses. It (defence) hasn't been good enough."

What worked

The addition of Adam Reynolds certainly had the desired impact, although it quickly became clear he alone cannot be the saviour at Red Hill. Nonetheless, his experience and composure immediately rubbed off on his teammates and added an extra element of professionalism that extended beyond the playing field. Even before the season had started, Reynolds was making a clear difference to standards at training, with teammate Patrick Carrigan writing that the new skipper's football intelligence was "on another level".

"Gordie Tallis said this week that our training goes to another level when Reyno is on the park - and it's true," he wrote in a column for Fox Sports earlier in the year. "I don't want to say he carries an aura but his presence has certainly been felt ever since he arrived for pre-season three weeks early."

That presence carried onto the football field as Reynolds finished the regular season with 21 try assists and 15 linebreak assists while his 442 average kicking metres were second in the league only behind Nathan Cleary. The key for the Broncos next year will be finding a clear five-eighth to partner alongside Reynolds, with Ezra Mam showing flashes at the end of 2022 to suggest he could be that man.

What didn't work

Considering the Broncos were in contention for a finals spot right until the last game of the season, you would have expected at least some sort of desperation in defence. Instead, Brisbane reverted to its old ways and surrendered meekly to end what should have been a promising rebuilding year on a sour note. As much as it is on the players to perform, there also does have to be something said about coach Walters and whether he is truly the best fit to take this team to the next level. After all, the prospect of a top-eight spot should have been enough of a motivating factor for Walters to work with and if not, that speaks to a need for more experienced heads in the playing group.

"We lacked the effort and discipline in the last five weeks that's required," Walters bemoaned after a defeat to the Dragons ended Brisbane's season. "We had that effort and discipline for the first 20 weeks. And then we just let it go."

Working out how to rediscover that effort and discipline and sustain it will be key to how far the Broncos can go in 2023.

Best players

Having already addressed Reynolds, I'm going to focus on two players who entered this season in very different periods of their career - Selwyn Cobbo and Corey Oates. Starting with Cobbo, he is one of those players who may have struggled with the weekly demands of playing in the NRL but will be better for the experience. Regardless, Cobbo showed glimpses of his game-winning potential throughout the season, finishing with 15 tries, 92 tackle busts, 21 linebreaks and an average of 122 run metres per game. It saw the young winger rewarded with an Origin jersey, where he also excelled in a clear sign that the 20-year-old is also capable of performing on the biggest of stages in the game. As for Oates, there were doubts as to whether he would even figure in Brisbane's first-choice line-up at the start of the season but he cast those aside to resurrect his career. Oates even put himself back in the Origin frame as he scored 20 tries while also averaging a team-high 158 metres, eventually earning a recall for Queensland in the Game 3 decider. His hard-edged running style and slick finishing made Oates one of the team's most consistent and reliable players, something which was much-needed as the Broncos fell apart later in the season.

Rookies

He may not be the long-term answer but for a rookie, Ezra Mam was impressively consistent for the Broncos when partnering Adam Reynolds in the latter stages of the season. Mam played only 13 games but made the most of his playing time, finishing the season with eight try assists, 10 linebreak assists, seven linebreaks and 27 tackle busts. While capable of the flashy passes and highlight-reel plays, it was the 19-year-old's lethal running game that made him particularly challenging to defend. Mam finished the year averaging seven runs for 76 metres per game, figures that ranked him just short of Parramatta's Dylan Brown as one of the league's best running five-eighths. That area of Mam's game will only continue to grow as he gets more comfortable in Brisbane's attack with another off-season under his belt. His defence will of course remain a work-in-progress but will get better with time, as is the case with any young playmaker. With Tyson Gamble leaving for Newcastle, Mam has a clear shot to make the five-eighth jumper his own given he offers more variety than new signing Jock Madden. Back-rower Brendan Piakura also figures to be a key part of Brisbane's bench next season after seeing limited playing time in 2022.

Looking Ahead

This is a talented line-up, with the forward pack in particular boasting plenty of representative players capable of laying a strong platform for Reynolds to work with. Reece Walsh will add an extra playmaking option at fullback, although like Mam he too will need to work on his defence in the summer. Provided Walters finds the key to unlocking this young squad's potential, the Broncos are capable of being a solid finals team next year, although the top four looks beyond them at this point.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Reece Walsh 2. Corey Oates 3. Herbie Farnworth 4. Kotoni Staggs 5. Selwyn Cobbo 6. Ezra Mam 7. Adam Reynolds 8. Payne Haas 9. Billy Walters 10. Tom Flegler 11. Kurt Capewell 12. Jordan Riki 13. Patrick Carrigan / 14. Cory Paix 15. Keenan Palasia 16. Kobe Hetherington 17. Brendan Piakura

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 9TH | PLAYED 24, WON 13, LOST 11 | FOR 514, AGAINST 550 | COACH: KEVIN WALTERS (24 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: ADAM REYNOLDS (146) | MOST TRIES: COREY OATES (20)

Round																										Season Stats						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts		
Opponent	SOU	CBY	NQL	WAR	SYD	PEN	CBY	CRO	SOU	MAN	NEW	GCT	CAN	MEL	NQL	SGI	GCT	PAR	WST	SYD	NEW	MEL	PAR	SGI								
CAPEWELL, Kurt	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R		2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	19	-	5	-	1	21		
CARRIGAN, Patrick	L	L	L	L					FR	L	L	L	L	L	L			L	L					L	14	-	-	-	-	-		
COBBO, Selwyn	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W					W	W	W		W	18	-	15	-	-	60		
FARNWORTH, Herbie	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C												12	-	10	-	-	40		
FLEGLER, Thomas				FR			B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	9	9	-	-	-	-		
GAMBLE, Tyson							FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE				B	B							FE	7	2	-	-	1	1		
HAAS, Payne	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	20	-	1	-	-	4		
HETHERINGTON, Kobe		B	B	B	L	L	L	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	L	B	B	L	B	B	B		8	14	-	-	-	-		
HOETER, Delouise					C											W	W		W		C	C		C	7	-	4	-	-	16		
HOSKING, Zac																2R	2R							B	2R	3	1	-	-	-		
ISAAKO, Jamayne	FB																								1	-	-	1	-	2		
JAMES, Ryan	B	B	B	B	B	B										FR	B				L	L			3	7	-	-	-	-		
JENSEN, Corey			B		B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			B	B	B	B	B	L		11	7	-	-	-	-		
KELLY, Albert	HB	FE	FE	FE																					4	-	1	-	-	4		
KENNEDY, Rhys	B				B	B	B	B								B	B			B	B	B		B	-	11	1	-	-	4		
LEE, Brenko				B								C	C	C	C	C	C	C					C		7	1	1	-	-	4		
MAM, Ezra										HB	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		13	-	6	-	-	24		
MARINER, Deine																				C	C				2	-	-	-	-	-		
MARTIN, Te Maire							FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB								FB	FB	FB	FB	13	-	1	-	-	4
NIU, Tesi		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB											FB	FB	FB	FB	FB				10	-	3	-	-	-	12	
OATES, Corey	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	22	-	20	-	-	-	80	
PAIX, Cory					B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B							-	12	1	-	-	4	
PALASIA, Keenan	FR	FR	FR	2R	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	B	B	B			B	B	8	14	-	-	-	-		
PEREIRA, Jordan													W			W	W	W					W		5	-	2	-	-	-	8	
PIAKURA, Brendan																								B	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
REYNOLDS, Adam		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	20	-	6	61	-	-	146	
RIKI, Jordan	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	22	-	4	-	-	-	16	
ROBATI, TC	B	B		2R	B	B			2R					2R											3	4	-	-	-	-	-	
ROBERTS, Tyrone	B													HB											1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
STAGGS, Kotoni	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	23	-	5	16	-	-	52	
TURPIN, Jake	H	H	H	H	H	H								B	B		B	H		H	B	H	H	H	11	4	-	-	-	-	-	
WALTERS, Billy	FE	B	B	B	FE	FE	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		H	B	H	B	B	B	16	7	3	-	-	-	12	
WILLISON, Xavier																B									-	1	-	-	-	-	-	

BRISBANE BRONCOS

Established	1988
Home Ground	Brisbane Stadium, Milton QLD (current name: Suncorp Stadium)
Premierships	1992, 1993, 1997 (SL), 1998, 2000, 2006
Runners Up	2015
World Club Challenge	1992
Most Appearances	Darren Lockyer: 366
Most Points (all time)	Corey Parker: 1356
Most Tries (all time)	Steve Renouf: 155 tries
Matches Played	876
Won	517
Lost	345
Drawn	14
Points For	19,742
Points Against	16,105
Biggest win	71-6 (65 pts) - May 27th, 2007 - vs. Newcastle
Biggest loss	0-59 (59 pts) - Jun 4th, 2020 - vs. Sydney
Most points scored	71-6 (71 pts) - May 27th, 2007 - vs. Newcastle
Most points conceded	22-68 (68 pts) - Sep 2nd, 2007 - vs. Parramatta

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Resut	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 11th	H	Souths	W 11 - 4	Suncorp	32,002
2	Mar 20th	A	Canterbury	W 16 - 10	Accor	13,453
3	Mar 27th	H	North Qld	L 12 - 38	Suncorp	37,761
4	Apr 2nd	A	Warriors	L 6 - 20	Redcliffe	9,620
5	Apr 8th	H	Sydney	L 20 - 24	Suncorp	23,508
6	Apr 15th	A	Penrith	L 12 - 40	BlueBet	19,406
7	Apr 22nd	H	Canterbury	W 34 - 14	Suncorp	23,243
8	Apr 28th	H	Cronulla	W 16 - 7	Suncorp	16,740
9	May 5th	A	Souths	W 32 - 12	Accor	9,242
10	May 13th	A N	Manly	W 38 - 0	Suncorp	40,267
11	May 19th	A	Newcastle	W 36 - 12	McD. Jones	13,312
12	May 27th	H	Gold Coast	W 35 - 24	Suncorp	32,864
14	Jun 11th	H	Canberra	W 24 - 18	Suncorp	28,142
15	Jun 17th	A	Melbourne	L 20 - 32	AAMI Park	18,586
16	Jul 2nd	A	North Qld	L 26 - 40	QLD C.B.	23,531
17	Jul 10th	H	St Geo Illa	W 32 - 18	Suncorp	29,234
18	Jul 16th	A	Gold Coast	W 16 - 12	CBUS	19,245
19	Jul 21st	A	Parramatta	W 36 - 14	CommBank	11,017
20	Jul 30th	H	Wests Tigers	L 18 - 32	Suncorp	32,909
21	Aug 4th	A	Sydney	L 16 - 34	SCG	10,495
22	Aug 13th	H	Newcastle	W 28 - 10	Suncorp	25,742
23	Aug 19th	H	Melbourne	L 12 - 60	Suncorp	42,612
24	Aug 25th	H	Parramatta	L 6 - 53	Suncorp	30,371
25	Sep 3rd	A	St Geo Illa	L 12 - 22	Netstrata	8,247

CANBERRA RAIDERS

SEASON REVIEW

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There tended to be two schools of thought heading into 2022 for the Green Machine.

Many pundits predicted they would be on the slide following a disastrous 2021, which had seen them fail to make the finals for the first time since 2018. The more optimistic experts saw a young side on the rise, with the only question mark revolving around whether Titans recruit Jamal Fogarty was the halfback to unlock their biggest attacking threat in Jack Wighton. Coming into their 40th season, it was a fork in the road moment in Ricky Stuart's reign over his beloved Raiders.

Canberra flew out of the blocks, winning two out of their first three. This was despite the catastrophic loss of hooker Josh Hodgson, who was ruled out for the season with an ACL injury (in Round 1) and he was joined by one of the rising stars of 2021 in outside back Harley Smith-Shields. Veteran centre and skipper Jarrod Croker also couldn't get the body right, and nor could new recruit Fogarty. The injury toll seemed to have piled the pressure on the Milk, who subsequently slumped to five straight losses before managing to outscore a hapless Canterbury outfit by 14-4 in Round 9.

The Raiders then all of the sudden sprang to life at Magic Round where they upset the red hot Sharks, running out convincing 30-10 winners which kept them on a three match run until they were halted by Parramatta to mark the halfway point of the season. Canberra continued to be inconsistent throughout the representative period and they seemed a bit too far out to make a run for the finals.

However all of the sudden their major query during the off season was answered, when the well balanced halves duo of Wighton and Fogarty gelled. This opened the door for breakout seasons from backrower Hudson Young, and arguably the world's best prop in Joseph Tapine. This perfect storm led to Canberra going on a superb run to win their final four matches of the season and leap over competition pretenders in the Broncos and Sea Eagles to snatch 8th spot on the ladder.

Without the weight of expectation, the Milk then stunned the Storm at AAMI Park in the first Elimination Final running out winners by 28-20 to set up a huge clash with the Parramatta Eels. Unfortunately for the Raiders, they were blown off the park by the eventual Grand Finalists and while their season ended in disappointment, overall it left fans with a feeling of burning optimism that Canberra's premiership window isn't closed as some suspected pre-season.

Turning Point

The Raiders most impressive and rare stat that they hold from 2022 is that they defeated the Storm in Melbourne...twice!

Their Round 18 encounter saw them come into the match as underdogs but following a Jack Wighton bust just before halftime, which resulted in a heavy collision between himself and Storm fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen, (who came off second best with his knee cap shattered and his season over) Canberra sensed that this could be their day.

The Raiders then held that momentum and the win was given an exclamation mark, following one of the individual tries of the season by rookie outside back James Schiller to seal victory.

The win gave Ricky Stuart's side the confidence they could beat anyone on their day and proved to be the impetus that saw them go on an incredible run to snatch 8th position on the ladder at season's end.

What worked

Coach Stuart and his coaching staff made some tough calls at the selection table in 2022, which proved crucial to their ongoing success moving forward. The preference of the mercurial Xavier Savage at fullback over long term favourite, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad proved to be the right call.

While Savage is prone to the over-enthusiastic error on occasion, in open space he is electric and he has huge potential in the custodian role moving forward. The astute buy of Jamal Fogarty as the team's halfback hardly sold newspapers, but he was exactly the organising halfback that Wighton will benefit from and their combination looks certain to improve.

Did we mention the emergence of Hudson Young? The back rower went from an erratic and ill-disciplined bench warmer, to a bolter selection for the Kangaroos World Cup extended squad, scoring a team-high 14 tries, ten of those occurring from Round 15 onwards.

What didn't work

Not having a healthy roster early in the season didn't help the Raiders chance of a premiership nor give them any chance of challenging for a Top 4 spot. Ultimately, it is consistency that didn't work for Canberra in 2022.

While they did manage to belt out eight out of nine victories to finish the regular season, their best and worst performances are still miles apart. You still get the Raiders who beat Melbourne in Melbourne but who also get beat by the Warriors at home despite seemingly being in control.

Until they get that consistency across the board they won't be challenging the title contenders.

Best Player

Joseph Tapine went from wallowing on the bench for the Raiders for long periods in 2021 to emerging as one of the most dynamic and damaging front rowers in the NRL just 12 months later.

Tapine led the resurgent Raiders to the finals with his damaging runs and deft offloads in a timely contract year performance. The Raiders were quick to offer the Kiwi prop a generous five year deal which keeps Tapine in the nation's capital until 2027. Canberra is now his home long term and he is certainly on the trajectory as a future captain of the club.

Looking Ahead

Ricky Stuart was quoted as saying that he had a Top 4 squad and that it was only the early season decimation of their roster through injury that held them back in 2022. Stuart has so far doubled down on that assertion with no major big name signings for 2023.

He has however welcomed premiership winning coach Michael Maguire back to the club as part of his inner coaching circle, as the Green Machine look to back the emerging talents of Tapine, Young, Savage, Kris and Horsburgh.

Provided the Raiders pick up a few depth signings over summer (particularly in the backrow) then there is no reason why they won't be playing finals in 2023.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Xavier Savage 2. Nic Cotric 3. Matt Timoko 4. Sebastian Kris 5. Jordan Rapana 6. Jack Wighton 7. Jamal Fogarty 8. Josh Papali'i 9. Tom Starling 10. Joseph Tapine 11. Hudson Young 12. Elliott Whitehead 13. Corey Harawira-Naera / 14. Danny Levi 15. Corey Horsburgh 16. Emre Guler 17. Ata Mariota

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 8TH | PLAYED 26, WON 15, LOST 11 | FOR 556, AGAINST 521 | COACH: RICKY STUART (25 MATCHES), BRETT WHITE (1 MATCH) | MOST POINTS: JAMAL FOGARTY (116) | MOST TRIES: HUDSON YOUNG (15)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	QF	SF	Season Stats					
Opponent	CRO	NQL	GCT	MAN	MEL	NQL	PEN	WAR	CBY	CRO	SOU	PAR	SYD	BRI	NEW	SGI	MEL	WAR	GCT	PEN	SGI	NEW	MAN	WST	MEL	PAR	Starts	Bench	T	G	FG	Pts
COTRIC, Nick	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W		W		W	W	W	21	-	7	-	-	28
CROKER, Jarrod									C																		1	-	-	3	-	6
ELLIOTT, Adam	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	H	H		L	L	L	L	L	B	2R	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		17	7	2	-	-	8
FOGARTY, Jamal											HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	15	-	3	52	-	116
FRAWLEY, Matt		HB	H	H					FE	FE			FE		FE									FE			8	-	1	-	-	4
GULER, Emre	B	B	B	B	B	B											B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	1	15	-	-	-	-
HARAWIRA-NAERA, Corey	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	L	L				B			L	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	12	9	5	1	-	22
HODGSON, Josh	H																										1	-	-	-	-	-
HOPOATE, Albert																	B	W	W	FB	W		W	B			5	2	3	-	-	12
HORSBURGH, Corey	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	B	B					B	B	B	B	B	L	3	19	1	-	-	4
KRIS, Sebastian		W	W						B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	19	1	14	-	-	56
MOONEY, Trey													B														-	1	-	-	-	-
NICOLL-KLOKSTAD, Charnze	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	B	B	FB	FB	FB					B											9	3	2	-	-	8
PAPALII, Josh	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	24	1	4	-	-	16
RAPANA, Jordan			W	W	W	W	FB	FB	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	21	-	6	7	-	38
RUSHTON, Harry							B	B			B																-	3	-	-	-	-
SAVAGE, Xavier						B	W	W		B	B	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	16	3	7	-	-	28
SCHILLER, James	C	W										B		W	B		W										4	2	2	-	-	8
SCHNEIDER, Brad	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB																10	-	1	23	-	50
STARLING, Tom	B	H	B	B	H	H	H	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	H	B	B	B	5	21	2	-	-	8
SUTTON, Ryan					2R	L	B	L	B	B		B	B	B	B	L	B	B	B	B	B	B				B	4	13	1	-	-	4
TAPINE, Joseph	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	25	-	2	-	-	8
TIMOKO, Matthew	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	26	-	9	-	-	36
TREVILYAN, Adrian		B																									-	1	-	-	-	-
VALEMEI, Semi	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C																			8	-	3	-	-	12
WHITEHEAD, Elliott	L	L	L	L	L	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	22	-	3	-	-	12
WIGHTON, Jack	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			FE	FE		FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	21	-	4	-	-	16
WOOLFORD, Zac										H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	H	H	H	16	1	-	-	-	-
YOUNG, Hudson	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	24	-	14	-	-	56

CANBERRA RAIDERS

Established	1982
Home Ground	Canberra Stadium, Bruce ACT (current name: GIO Stadium Canberra)
Premierships	1989, 1990, 1994
Runners Up	1987, 2019
World Club Challenge	None
Most Appearances	Jason Croker: 324
Most Points (all time)	Jarrod Croker: 2244
Most Tries (all time)	Jarrod Croker: 133
Matches Played	1018
Won	522
Lost	486
Drawn	10
Points For	22,100
Points Against	20,647
Biggest win	68-0 (68 pts) - Aug 22nd, 1993 - vs. Parramatta
Biggest loss	4-68 (64 pts) - Aug 4th, 2013 - vs. Melbourne
Most points scored	74-12 (74 pts) - Aug 10th, 2008 - vs. Penrith
Most points conceded	32-70 (70 pts) - Mar 19th, 2006 - vs. Newcastle

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Resut	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 11th	H	Cronulla	W 24 - 19	GIO	15,224
2	Mar 19th	A	North Qld	L 6 - 26	QLD C.B.	13,864
3	Mar 26th	H	Gold Coast	W 24 - 22	GIO	11,457
4	Apr 2nd	A N	Manly	L 6 - 25	Mudgee	6,972
5	Apr 9th	H N	Melbourne	L 16 - 30	Wagga	8,133
6	Apr 14th	H	North Qld	L 12 - 18	GIO	11,854
7	Apr 24th	A	Penrith	L 6 - 36	BlueBet	20,612
8	Apr 30th	A	Warriors	L 20 - 21	Redcliffe	6,326
9	May 6th	H	Canterbury	W 14 - 4	GIO	12,890
10	May 15th	A N	Cronulla	W 30 - 10	Suncorp	30,453
11	May 22nd	A N	Souths	W 32 - 12	Apex Oval	11,124
12	May 29th	H	Parramatta	L 20 - 28	GIO	16,244
13	Jun 5th	H	Sydney	W 22 - 16	GIO	6,492
14	Jun 11th	A	Brisbane	L 18 - 24	Suncorp	28,142
15	Jun 19th	H	Newcastle	W 20 - 18	GIO	12,457
16	Jul 3rd	A	St Geo Illa	L 10 - 12	WIN	7,069
18	Jul 17th	H	Melbourne	W 20 - 16	AAMI	16,106
19	Jul 23rd	A	Warriors	W 26 - 14	GIO	11,915
20	Jul 30th	A	Gold Coast	W 36 - 24	CBUS	12,461
21	Aug 6th	H	Penrith	L 6 - 26	GIO	16,912
22	Aug 14th	H	St Geo Illa	W 24 - 22	GIO	11,216
23	Aug 21st	A	Newcastle	W 28 - 22	McD. Jones	16,768
24	Aug 27th	H	Manly	W 48 - 6	GIO	16,647
25	Sep 4th	A	Wests Tigers	W 56 - 10	Leichhardt	10,041
EF	Sep 10th	A	Melbourne	W 28 - 20	AAMI	20,838
SF	Sep 16th	A	Parramatta	L 4 - 40	CommBank	29,134

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

SEASON REVIEW

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Bulldogs show promise but lack results.

After an outstanding off-season, the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs headed into their 2022 campaign with hopes of a first finals appearance since 2016. A disappointing first season under new head coach Trent Barrett saw them claim the wooden spoon in 2021, but fans had plenty of reasons to believe their club was on the rise, with the signings of Josh Addo-Carr, Matt Burton, Brent Naden, Matt Dufty, Paul Vaughan, and Tevita Pangai Junior creating plenty of hype at Belmore. After a low-scoring opening win against the Cowboys, it would take until round eight for the Bulldogs to add to their competition point tally when they caused a 16-12 upset over the Roosters.

Only a few weeks later, the Bulldogs parted ways with head coach Trent Barrett, and with just two wins in ten games any hope of going deep into the competition was gone too. Mick Potter was appointed as interim coach, and was welcomed to the role with a 36-22 loss to the 15th placed Tigers. In round 14, Bulldogs fans were rewarded with something to cheer about. Canterbury-Bankstown set Homebush alight, running in try after try against the high-flying Eels. The 30 point upset was backed up by a 36-12 win over the Tigers the following week, with the Bulldogs' attack seemingly clicking. Wins against the Gold Coast, Newcastle and Manly in the home stretch saw the Bulldogs finish 12th on the competition ladder. While their season has not lived up to expectations, it was a marked improvement on the wooden spoon effort of 2021. Canterbury-Bankstown are continuing to build and strengthen their roster, with the likes of Viliame Kikau and Reed Mahoney linking up with the club for the 2023 season. The appointment of Cameron Ciraldo as head coach for the coming seasons has created plenty of anticipation for 2023 and has fans hoping the Bulldogs become a premierships contender once again.

Turning Point

The resignation of head coach Trent Barrett following Canterbury's Magic Round loss to Newcastle. Under Barrett in 2022, the Bulldogs averaged 9.6 points per game. In the ten 2022 games with Trent Barrett in charge. In good signs for Canterbury-Bankstown fans, this changed drastically when Potter entered the scene. In contrast, the Mick Potter-coached Bulldogs averaged 20.5 points per game in 2022. Their brand of footy was unarguably entertaining, and while their defence left much to be desired the attitude at Belmore had seemingly returned to that of the pre-season - hope and anticipation. Adding to this was the constant media speculation over who the next long-term head coach would be. Secret Gould-Ciraldo meetings dominated the sporting headlines, as the Tigers also attempted to secure the services of the Penrith assistant. In August, Ciraldo was formally announced to have signed with Canterbury-Bankstown. The five year deal is a huge show of faith from the Bulldogs, with this to be Ciraldo's first head coaching role in the NRL. Potter is expected to stay on as an assistant coach.

What Worked

Jake Averillo's move to fullback. Averillo started the season as a halfback, before shifting into the centres. He was dropped from the 17 on a few occasions by Barrett, and failed to find any particularly impressive form. In round 14, Mick Potter made the call to start Averillo at fullback. He was immediately rewarded for the decision, with Averillo running in two tries as Canterbury-Bankstown upset the Eels 34-4 in just their third win of the season. Averillo would score another two tries from fullback in the following week's game, helping his team to a win over the Tigers, and consecutive wins for the first and only time during the 2022 season. He would start at fullback in all but one of the Bulldogs' remaining games, and create plenty of highlights in the process. Named the Canterbury junior of the year in 2020, this year has shown why the club has shown faith in him throughout the past few years. Averillo capped off an excellent year with a debut for the Australian Prime Minister's XIII.

What Didn't Work

Trent Barrett. His short and disappointing tenure at the club came to a close before the halfway point of the season. The resignation occurred just weeks after Bulldogs general manager of football Phil Gould backed Barrett as the long term head coach of the NRL side. Whether or not Barrett has a future in the NRL as a coach remains to be seen, but with just five wins in 34 games in charge of Canterbury-Bankstown, a return to Belmore, in a minor capacity, seems well off the cards.

Defining Players

Matt Burton arrived at Belmore as a 21 year old with very limited NRL game time in the halves. Moving from a premierships-winning club to the wooden spooners, Burton's arrival was a promising one for Bulldogs fans. During the 2022 season, he started at five-eighth in all but one match, and was a crucially consistent performer in a tough season at a new club. His bomb kicks would go on to become the stuff of legend, with rumours about NFL scouts showing interest mid-season. While Burton made his Origin debut, his teammate and NSW incumbent Josh Addo-Carr was controversially left out of the Blues squad. After a highly successful, perhaps career defining stint at Melbourne, Josh Addo-Carr arrived at Canterbury-Bankstown with plenty of expectation on his shoulders. And he certainly delivered, scoring 16 tries in 23 games, and providing plenty of moments of scintillating footy for the highlights reel. Addo-Carr capped off his year with a successful World Cup charge, in which he finished as the tournament's top try scorer. Matt Dufty was a key signing for the Bulldogs last year, with the fullback joining the club from the Dragons. However any belief Bulldogs fans carried of him providing some solutions for Canterbury at fullback certainly didn't last long. Starting the season as the number one, he played the first twelve rounds as starting fullback for Canterbury. Mick Potter dropped him to reserve grade, where he played just six games before moving to the Warrington Wolves in late July. Paul Vaughan was another signing for Canterbury-Bankstown, adding experience and depth to their forward pack. He started every game of the season for the Bulldogs at prop despite also signing with Warrington mid-season.

Rookies

Jacob Kiraz highlighted the NRL debutants of 2022 with the Bulldogs. The 20 year old winger is signed with the club until the end of 2024, and showed plenty of promising signs in his first season of first grade. Making his debut in round seven as a centre, he would go on to make 14 more appearances for Canterbury-Bankstown as a winger. He rounded out his breakout season with a successful World Cup campaign as fullback for Lebanon. Lock Kurtis Morrin is a promising 22 year old who also made his debut in the 2022 season. He is currently on a test-and-trial contract at Belmore, and his future at the club remains uncertain. Billy Tsirikas is another vying for a spot in the top 30 at Canterbury-Bankstown. The 27 year old made his long-awaited NRL debut in round seven (alongside Kiraz, due to a Covid-19 outbreak at the club). 22 year old Declan Casey made three NRL appearances in 2022, including an 80 minute performance at fullback in his side's victory over the Titans in round 19. Having secured a contract extension until the end of this season, Casey will want to gain more first grade experience. Harrison Edwards and Joshua Stuckey were some other NRL debutants at the Bulldogs in 2022, with their futures remaining uncertain. Veteran and journeyman Zach Dockar-Clay made his long-awaited NRL debut early in the 2022 campaign, but it appears that he and the club have parted ways for 2023. Paul Alamoti and Khaled Rajab will both be eyeing off potential NRL debuts in 2023.

Looking Ahead

After 241 first grade games, former Canterbury-Bankstown Captain Josh Jackson has announced his retirement from the NRL. He was contracted to the Bulldogs for the 2023 season, but the one club man will not suit up in the blue and white next year. Jackson's spot in the forward pack will leave a hole in the second row which will be filled by Fijian international Viliame Kikau. Kikau is a huge signing for GM of Football Phil Gould and the club, with the Penrith premierships winner contracted to stay at Belmore all the way until the end of the 2026 season. Kikau was first reported to be joining the Bulldogs back in November of 2021, and the anticipation of his arrival is high. Kikau has never played with a club at the NRL level apart from Penrith, so how he goes in an unfamiliar environment is an important question for the trajectory of the Bulldogs' season. Leading around the forward pack from hooker will be Reed Mahoney. The 24 year old has just over 100 NRL appearances to his name, and just like fellow new recruit Kikau, he has never played for more than one club at NRL level. Bulldogs legend Josh Reynolds returns from the UK to Belmore on a test-and-trial contract. Whether or not he can get elevated into the main squad remains to be seen, but his presence back at the club may just lift the team's spirits slightly. Rounding out the 2023 big Bulldogs news, Cameron Ciraldo will start his tenure as head coach. This season really could go either way for Canterbury, but a lot of the responsibility for getting the best out of their marquee signings will come down to Ciraldo. Can he get his team to perform? Or will it be another year of disappointment for Bulldogs fans?

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Jake Averillo 2. Jacob Kiraz 3. Paul Alamoti 4. Braidon Burns 5. Josh Addo-Carr 6. Matt Burton 7. Kyle Flanagan 8. Max King 9. Reed Mahoney 10. Luke Thompson 11. Viliame Kikau 12. Raymond Faitala-Mariner 13. Ryan Sutton / 14. Andrew Davey 15. Chris Patolo 16. Tevita Pangai Junior 17. Fa'amanu Brown

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 12TH | PLAYED 24, WON 7, LOST 17 | FOR 383, AGAINST 575 | COACH: TRENT BARRETT (10 MATCHES), MICHAEL POTTER (14 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: MATT BURTON (125) | MOST TRIES: JOSH ADDO-CARR (16)

Round	Opponent																									Season Stats					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
ADDO-CARR, Josh	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	23	-	16	-	-	64
ALLAN, Corey													FB	C	C											3	-	-	-	-	-
AVERILLO, Jake	HB	HB		C	C	C		C	C		C	C	C	FB	FB	FB	FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	20	-	9	-	-	36
BIONDI-ODO, Bailey	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B																-	8	-	-	-	-
BURNS, Braidon	C	C	C	W	C	C											C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	14	-	4	-	-	16
BURTON, Matt	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	24	-	6	50	1	125
CASEY, Declan																C	C	FB							3	-	1	-	-	4	
DOCKAR-CLAY, Zach											B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	-	14	1	-	-	4
DUFTY, Matt	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB													12	-	1	-	-	4	
EDWARDS, Harrison																		B		2R	B	B			1	3	-	-	-	-	
FAITALA-MARINER, Raymond										B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	L		L	L	2R	2R	2R		7	6	-	-	-	-	
FLANAGAN, Kyle				HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	20	-	4	5	-	26
HETHERINGTON, Jack	2R	2R	2R																						3	-	-	-	-	-	
JACKSON, Josh	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L	L	2R	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	L	2R	2R	L	2R	L	23	-	-	-	-	-	
KING, Max	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	B	B	L	2R	L	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	15	9	-	-	-	-	
KIRAZ, Jacob						C				W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	15	-	6	-	-	24	
MARSHALL-KING, Jeremy	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	24	-	5	-	-	20	
MORRIN, Kurtis														B	B	B									-	3	1	-	-	4	
NADEN, Brent	C	C	C	C	W	W			W	C															8	-	1	-	-	4	
OKUNBOR, Jayden	W	W					W	W		W	W														6	-	2	-	-	8	
PANGAI JUNIOR, Tevita		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B			FR	L	L	L	B	2R	B		2R		B	15	4	1	-	-	4	
PATOLO, Chris	B		B	B		2R				B	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B		B	B		1	14	-	-	-	-	
SCHOUPP, Aaron			W				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	18	1	6	-	-	24	
SEUMANUFAGAI, Ava	FR	B			B	B		B	B			FR													2	5	-	-	-	-	
STIMSON, Joe				B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	B	2	19	2	-	-	8	
STUCKEY, Joshua																							B		-	1	-	-	-	-	
THOMPSON, Luke	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR										B			9	4	-	-	-	-	
TOPINE, Jackson																			2R	2R	B				2	1	-	-	-	-	
TSIKRIKAS, Billy						B	B																		-	2	-	-	-	-	
VAUGHAN, Paul	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	24	-	1	-	-	4	
WADELLE, Corey	2R	FR	FR	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R						2R	16	1	-	-	-	-	
WAKEHAM, Brandon			HB	HB	B	B																			2	2	1	-	-	4	

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

Established 1935
 Home Grounds Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park NSW (current name: Accor Stadium)
 Western Sydney Stadium, Parramatta NSW (current name: CommBank Stadium)
 Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore NSW

Premierships 1938, 1942, 1980, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1995, 2004
 Runners Up 1940, 1946, 1967, 1974, 1979, 1986, 1994, 1998, 2012, 2014
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Appearances Hazem El Masri: 324
 Most Points (all time) Hazem El Masri: 2462
 Most Tries (all time) Hazem El Masri: 168
 Matches Played 1914
 Won 965
 Lost 896
 Drawn 53
 Points For 32984
 Points Against 33444
 Biggest win 66-4 (62 pts) - Aug 27th, 1995 - vs. North Queensland
 Biggest loss 6-91 (85 pts) - May 11th, 1935 - vs. St George
 Most points scored 66-4 (66 pts) - Aug 27th, 1995 - vs. North Queensland
 Most points conceded 6-91 (91 pts) - May 11th, 1935 - vs. St George

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 13th	A	North Qld	W 6-4	QLD C.B.	12,640
2	Mar 20th	H	Brisbane	L 10-16	Accor	13,453
3	Mar 27th	A	Manly	L 12-13	4 Pines	13,261
4	Apr 3rd	A	Melbourne	L 0-44	AAMI	13,437
5	Apr 10th	H	Penrith	L 12-32	CommBank	11,157
6	Apr 15th	A	Souths	L 16-36	Accor	30,194
7	Apr 22nd	A	Brisbane	L 14-34	Suncorp	23,243
8	Apr 30th	H	Sydney	W 16-12	Accor	9,544
9	May 6th	A	Canberra	L 4-14	GIO	12,890
10	May 13th	H N	Newcastle	L 6-16	Suncorp	30,220
11	May 20th	A	W. Tigers	L 22-36	Leichhardt	15,124
12	May 29th	H	St Geo Illa	L 24-34	Belmore	16,991
13	Jun 3rd	A	Penrith	L 18-30	Bluebet	16,906
14	Jun 13th	H	Parramatta	W 34-4	Accor	20,184
15	Jun 19th	H	W. Tigers	W 36-12	CommBank	14,806
16	Jul 2nd	H	Cronulla	L 6-18	CommBank	8,837
18	Jul 17th	H	Souths	L 28-36	Accor	19,126
19	Jul 24th	H	Gold Coast	W 36-26	CommBank	11,726
20	Jul 31st	A	Newcastle	W 24-10	McD. Jones	19,813
21	Aug 7th	H N	North Qld	L 14-28	Bundaberg	8,521
22	Aug 12th	A	Warriors	L 18-42	Mt Smart	16,212
23	Aug 20th	A	Parramatta	L 6-42	CommBank	26,541
24	Aug 27th	A	Cronulla	L 0-16	Pointsbet	11,500
25	Sep 2nd	H	Manly	W 21-20	Accor	13,648

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

SEASON REVIEW

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The 2021 season saw the Sharks make the shock decision to dump their coach John Morris, who had performed admirably since taking over from banned Premiership winning coach Shane Flanagan at ridiculously short notice in early 2019.

The Sharks reached the finals – just – in 2019 and 2020 before Morris quit after seeing the writing on the wall early in 2021. The Sharks rallied late but a last round loss to Melbourne saw them drop out of the finals race.

Craig Fitzgibbon was named as his replacement while still working as an assistant coach at the Roosters in 2021, but promptly began making some roster changes, which had a huge and immediately positive impact on the club.

Many pundits believed the Sharks would continue sliding further down the ladder in 2022, but Fitzgibbon's charges did quite the opposite, finishing second on the ladder behind eventual Premiers Penrith, in what can only be described as a brilliant debut season as coach.

The acquisition of Storm stars Dale Finucane and Nicho Hynes were astute, and paid immediate dividends. Finucane's leadership and defensive strength made the Sharks middle rock solid in defence.

Hynes took to the role of halfback like a Shark to water and finished the season as a clear Dally M medal winner.

Turning Point

Round 12 - The Sharks loss to the Roosters in Round 12 was their 7th straight week where they followed up a win with a loss.

The team had a bye the following week and used that time to sort out their defence and improve their consistency.

They won all but one of their remaining 12 regular season games, the solitary loss coming against Penrith. This run saw them rise from 7th on the ladder to 2nd.

What Worked

Hynes at halfback. Hynes had played just 1 game as a halfback in the NRL prior to joining the Sharks, but he was so comfortable in the role from Round 1, that it undoubtedly put the minds of everyone at the club and fans alike, at rest.

Hynes' goal kicking was poor to start the season but was vastly improved and very reliable by the end of the year.

He ended the year having scored 194 points, the 5th highest season tally for the Sharks since 1998.

What didn't work

The Cameron McInnes tactic. This is not a criticism of his form – he played well all year – more about the role he had.

He was mostly covering the lock role, but the Sharks had a wealth of forward depth, especially in the middle where McInnes played, that he wasn't really needed, especially given his size compared to the other forwards.

He will almost certainly be a bench utility in 2023 at most.

Best Player

Dally M Medallist and LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year Nicho Hynes hands down was the Sharks best player in 2022, but he had a supporting cast who were all superb this year as well.

Siosifa Talakai started the year as a bench forward but after 3 games he had to take up a role as a starting centre.

So good was he, that he earned a call up to the NSW State of Origin side.

Ronaldo Mulitalo was outstanding again on the wing, while Matt Moylan turned back the clock and had one of his best seasons since departing the Panthers.

His combination with Hynes developed quickly and proved to be very threatening all season long.

Rookies

Kayal Iro made his NRL debut late in the season and finished the year representing the Cook Islands at the World Cup.

Kade Dykes played two games at fullback and did not disappoint. Jesse Colquhoun and Thomas Hazelton also made solid starts to their NRL careers in 2022.

Looking Ahead

The Sharks have made very few changes to their squad for 2023.

Andrew Fifita and Aiden Tolman both retired while Luke Metcalf moved to the Warriors.

The Sharks have signed impressive young Eels forward Oregon Kaufusi.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. William Kennedy
2. Sione Katoa
3. Jesse Ramien
4. Connor Tracey
5. Ronaldo Mulitalo
6. Matt Moylan
7. Nicho Hynes
8. Toby Rudolf
9. Blayne Brailey
10. Braden Hamlin-Uele
11. Briton Nikora
12. Wade Graham
13. Dale Finucane
14. Teig Wilton
15. Royce Hunt
16. Siosifa Talakai
17. Oregon Kaufusi

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 2ND | PLAYED 26, WON 18, LOST 8 | FOR 615, AGAINST 434 | COACH: CRAIG FITZGIBBON (26 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: NICHU HYNES (194) | MOST TRIES: RONALDO MULITALO (18)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	QF	SF	Season Stats						
Opponent	CAN	PAR	SGI	NEW	WST	MEL	MAN	BRI	WAR	CAN	GCT	SYD	WAR	GCT	CBY	MEL	NQL	PEN	SOU	SGI	WST	MAN	CBY	NEW	NQL	SOU	Starts	Bench	T	G	FG	Pts	
BRAILEY, Blayke	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	26	-	3	-	-	12	
COLQUHOUN, Jesse																	B				B						-	3	-	-	-	-	
DYKES, Kade																					FB	FB					2	-	1	-	-	4	
FIFITA, Andrew	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B		B	B	B		B	FR	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	1	21	1	-	-	4	
FINUCANE, Dale	L	L	L	L	L	L			FR	FR				B	L	L	L	L			L	L		L	L	16	1	-	-	-	-		
GRAHAM, Wade								B	B	B	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	15	3	1	-	-	4	
HAMLIN-UELE, Braden	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR										B	B	B	B	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	11	6	2	-	-	8	
HAZELTON, Thomas												B															-	1	-	-	-	-	
HIROTI, Mawene						W																					1	1	-	-	-	-	
HUNT, Royce	B				B		FR	FR		B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	16	3	3	-	-	12	
HYNES, Nicho	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	FB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	25	-	6	83	4	194	
IKUVALU, Matt	W		W																			C	W		W		5	-	4	-	-	16	
IRO, Kayal																							W				1	-	-	-	-	-	
KATO, Sione	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W										16	-	14	-	-	56	
KENNEDY, William	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB					FB	FB	19	-	7	-	-	28	
McINNES, Cameron		B	B	B	B	2R	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	B	B	B	L	L	B	B	L	L	B	B	13	12	2	-	-	8	
METCALF, Luke																								B			-	1	1	-	-	4	
MILLER, Lachlan											FB											B	W	FB	FB	FB	W	6	1	3	-	-	12
MOYLAN, Matt	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	21	
MULITALO, Ronaldo	C	W		W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	24	-	17	-	-	68	
NIKORA, Briton	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	24	-	8	-	-	32	
RAMIEN, Jesse	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	23	-	10	-	-	40	
RUDDOLF, Toby	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR				FR	FR	22	-	1	-	-	4	
TALAKAI, Siosifa	B	B	2R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C			C	C	C		19	2	7	-	-	28	
TOLMAN, Aiden	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	B		B	B	B		B	-	21	1	-	-	4	
TRACEY, Connor		C	C						W	C	C	C				C	C	W	W	W		C			W	C	14	-	6	-	-	24	
TRINDALL, Braydon			B	B		B	B	B		HB	B	B	B	B		HB				FE	FE	B	B				4	11	1	2	-	8	
WILLIAMS, Jack					B	B	B	B	B	B																	-	6	-	-	-	-	
WILTON, Teig	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	11	13	6	-	-	24	

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Established 1967
 Home Ground Endeavour Field, Woolooware NSW
 (current name: PointsBet Stadium)
 Premierships 2016
 Runners Up 1973, 1978, 1997 (SL)
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Appearances Paul Gallen: 349
 Most Points (all time) Steve Rogers: 1278
 Most Tries (all time) Andrew Ettingshausen: 166
 Matches Played 1345
 Won 656
 Lost 665
 Drawn 24
 Points For 24,777
 Points Against 24,736
 Biggest wins 68-6 (62 pts) - Aug 21st, 2005 - vs. Manly
 62-0 (62 pts) - May 15th, 2016 - vs. Newcastle
 4-74 (70 pts) - Aug 23rd, 2003 - vs. Parramatta
 Biggest loss 68-6 (68 pts) - Aug 21st, 2005 - vs. Manly
 Most points scored 68-6 (68 pts) - Aug 21st, 2005 - vs. Manly
 Most points conceded 4-74 (74 pts) - Aug 23rd, 2003 - vs. Parramatta

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 11th	A	Canberra	L 19 - 24	GIO	15,224
2	Mar 19th	H	Parramatta	W 18 - 16	Pointsbet	11,459
3	Mar 24th	A	St Geo Illa	W 36 - 12	WIN	10,122
4	Apr 1st	H	Newcastle	W 18 - 0	Pointsbet	8,927
5	Apr 10th	H	W Tigers	W 30 - 4	Pointsbet	11,500
6	Apr 16th	A	Melbourne	L 18 - 34	AAMI Park	16,286
7	Apr 21st	H	Manly	W 34 - 22	Pointsbet	9,611
8	Apr 28th	A	Brisbane	L 7 - 16	Suncorp	16,740
9	May 8th	H	Warriors	W 29 - 10	Pointsbet	9,915
10	May 15th	H N	Canberra	L 10 - 30	Suncorp	30,453
11	May 22nd	A	Gold Coast	W 25 - 18	CBUS	9,888
12	May 28th	H	Sydney	L 16 - 36	Pointsbet	11,510
14	Jun 12th	A	Warriors	W 38 - 16	Redcliffe	3,560
15	Jun 18th	H N	Gold Coast	W 18 - 10	C. ex Cofts	9,058
16	Jul 2nd	A	Canterbury	W 18 - 6	CommBank	8,837
17	Jul 7th	H	Melbourne	W 28 - 6	Pointsbet	7,868
18	Jul 15th	A	North Old	W 26 - 12	QLD C.B.	15,982
19	Jul 23rd	A	Penrith	L 10 - 20	BlueBet	17,426
20	Jul 30th	H	Souths	W 21 - 20	Pointsbet	11,492
21	Aug 6th	H	St Geo Illa	W 24 - 18	Pointsbet	11,427
22	Aug 13th	A N	W Tigers	W 36 - 12	Tamworth	10,048
23	Aug 20th	A	Manly	W 40 - 6	4 Pines	12,243
24	Aug 27th	H	Canterbury	W 16 - 0	Pointsbet	11,500
25	Sep 4th	A	Newcastle	W 38 - 16	McD. Jones	16,808
QF	Sep 10th	H	North Old	L 30 - 32	Pointsbet	12,447
SF	Sep 17th	H N	Souths	L 12 - 38	Allianz	39,733

GOLD COAST TITANS

SEASON REVIEW

with AJ LUCANTONIO, LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM



On the Ning Nang Nong where the Titans Disappoint...

On the Ning Nang Nong where the Titans go blip and Fogarty went bye-bye.
On the Nong Nang Ning where Fifita went plop and the team jibber-jabbered 'round the field.
On the Nong Ning Nang, the edge defence fizzled. What a chaotic place to play!

It's hard to define the Gold Coast Titans. One year, you can predict them to achieve nothing and they surprise you. The next year, you predict them to show further improvement only to send your pre-season predictions into total chaos. It's just as if the Titans reside and play out of an abandoned field on the Ning Nang Nong, organised chaos at its finest.

Their pre-season decision to let Jamal Fogarty go was a poor one for the fact that he was the experienced head that could keep everyone together when the going got tough in the 2022 season. That was on full display when the rookie halves combination of AJ Brimson and Toby Sexton were failing to fire.

It took an injury to Jayden Campbell, and Sexton being banished to reserve grade for the Titans to show any signs of life in attack.

Defensively, the same problems linger that were ever-present against the big clubs, their edge defence - which should've been taken out the back and shot last off-season - was left to rot and unsurprisingly, the opposition had a field day at their expense.

Turning Point

This season imploded the moment the Titans entered the sheds for half-time of their Round 3 game against the Raiders. Up 22-4 with all momentum, they completely dropped their bundle and collapsed in spectacular fashion to lose 24-22. Gold Coast wouldn't be able to sniff a top eight spot after that moment.

Nine weeks later against big brother Brisbane, it was much of the same: a convincing lead at half-time blown apart in the space of 40 minutes. For the sake of Titans fans, the less we say about that short kickoff, the better.

What went right?

The emergence of their forward pack. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui and Mo Fotuika have continued to show why they are among the top forwards in the game. This along with the rise of Beau Fermor on the left edge gives the Titans a lot to look forward to in 2023.

If Fifita can find some of his old form back, then the Titans instantly look like smokies for a surprise semi-final appearance.

What went wrong?

The inexperienced spine. On paper, it was a glaringly obvious problem, but it wasn't rectified until it was too late, and all was lost for the boys from Robina. Looking at their spine on paper it was an absolute mess.

While Campbell was a passable fullback, he didn't look anywhere near the player he was at the back-end of last season, at least until the season was gone largely due to injury, and Justin Holbrook throwing him around between fullback and the bench.

Sexton was playing Marco Polo, "in" and then eventually becoming the "fish out of water" and was relegated to reserve grade. Erin Clark was thrust into a hooker spot and even he'll admit it wasn't for him.

It's a shame Holbrook really messed around with this flawed thinking throughout the season and only the last month of the season - finishing with three wins from the final four games - saved him from the unemployment line.

Best Players

Two players stand out in what was a disappointing season. AJ Brimson and Tino Fa'asuamaleaui were exceptional and were literally carrying the Titans on their backs, with big Tino being rewarded with a Queensland berth, as well as playing a key role in Australia's World Cup victory at the end of the year.

Brimson had an interesting season, starting out at five-eighth, leading an inexperienced spine from an unfamiliar position. He was able to feel more at home in the #6 jumper towards the end of the season, but with the impending arrival of Kieran Foran, where AJ plays next season is really a mystery at this point.

Will Holbrook sideline Campbell, or will Brimson be retained at five-eighth and allow Foran to anchor the attack from halfback?

Rookies

Two players were fortunate to make their debut for the Titans this season in young Jojo Fifita and Klese Haas.

Fifita has a lot of promise and potential and with the retirement of Corey Thompson, his chances of earning a consistent guernsey in first grade have gone up.

Haas is another player that has loads of upside, playing six Hostplus Cup matches before earning his debut against the Knights in round 24. If he can fight for regular first team action, then the sky is the limit.

Looking back at the World Cup, Jacob Alick is a man to watch. Alick played for PNG and was huge in the middle for the Kumuls throughout the tournament. With losses in the Titans middle stocks, Alick is a strong chance to be considered for a first grade debut sometime in 2023.

Looking ahead

There's much more experience coming into this line-up. Justin Holbrook has also addressed a major flaw of their side by adding in premiership winner Sam Verrills to play in the number nine jumper.

As mentioned, Kieran Foran has also joined the ranks looking to provide much needed experience to a Titans side that's desperate for it.

Joe Stimson also joins the ranks to provide much needed forward competition as Ese'ese and Wallace go out the door and the late signing of Aaron Schoupp will provide competition on the edges.

It should be a much improved season for the Titans if all goes to script. That's if all goes to script, but for now, the 2022 season was simply another Ning Nang Nong.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Jayden Campbell 2. Jojo Fifita 3. Phillip Sami 4. Aaron Schoupp 5. Greg Marzhew 6. AJ Brimson 7. Kieran Foran 8. Moeaki Fotuika 9. Sam Verrills 10. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui 11. Beau Fermor 12. David Fifita 13. Isaac Liu / 14. Tanah Boyd 15. Erin Clark 16. Jaimin Jolliffe 17. Joe Stimson

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 13TH | PLAYED 24, WON 6, LOST 18 | FOR 455, AGAINST 660 | COACH: JUSTIN HOLBROOK (24 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: TANAH BOYD (59) | MOST TRIES: BEAU FERMORE (11)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Season Stats					
Opponent	PAR	WAR	CAN	WST	PAR	MAN	NQL	PEN	SYD	SGI	CRO	BRI	NQL	SOU	CRO	NEW	BRI	CBY	CAN	MEL	MAN	SGI	NEW	WAR	Starts	Bench	T	G	FG	Pts
BOOTH, Aaron																	H	H	H	H					4	-	-	-	-	-
BOYD, Tanah	B							B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	8	10	3	23	1	59
BRIMSON, AJ		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FB	FB	FE	FE	FE	FE		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FE	FE	FE	FE	22	-	9	-	-	36	
CAMPBELL, Jayden	FB	FB	FB							FB	FB	FB	FB					B	B	FB	FB	FB	FB	12	2	4	-	-	16	
CLARK, Erin	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	L	B	L	L	H			20	1	2	-	-	8	
ESE'ESE, Herman								B	B	B	B					B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	-	13	2	-	-	8	
FA'ASUAMALEAUI, Tino	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		B	L	L	B	L	FR	FR		FR	FR	20	2	4	-	-	16	
FERMORE, Beau	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	23	-	11	-	-	44	
FIFITA, David	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	B				B				B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	15	3	7	-	-	28	
FIFITA, Sosefo																	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C	8	-	3	-	-	12
FOTUAIKA, Moeaki	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	L	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	FR	17	6	-	-	-	-
HAAS, Klese																							B	B	-	2	-	-	-	-
HERBERT, Patrick	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	C	C				B	C	C	C	C	C	W		W	C		17	1	1	-	-	4	
ISAAGO, Jamayne				FB	FB	FB	FB			W	W	W	W	FB	W	W								11	-	3	15	-	42	
JOLLIFFE, Jaimin	B	B	B	FR	B	B	FR					B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	FR	B	FR	B	4	15	2	-	-	8
KELLY, Brian	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C	17	-	7	-	-	28	
LISONE, Sam	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B									-	14	1	-	-	4	
LIU, Isaac	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	2R	FR	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	L	L	L	L	21	2	-	-	-	-
MARSTERS, Esan										C	C	C	C	W										5	-	1	-	-	4	
MARZHEW, Greg	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W				W	B	W	W	W	16	1	9	-	-	36
McINTYRE, Sam				B					B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				B	B	H	H	7	6	-	-	-	-	
PROCTOR, Kevin	B	B	B	2R	B		2R	2R	2R															4	4	-	-	-	-	
SAMI, Phillip	W	W	W		C	W				C	C						C	C	C	C	C	C	C	14	-	6	-	-	24	
SEXTON, Toby	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				19	-	2	25	-	58	
SMITH, Will	FE	B	B	B	B	B	B	FE	FE															3	6	-	-	-	-	
THOMPSON, Corey				W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W				W	W					W	W	12	1	1	-	-	4
TURNER, Paul														FE	FE	FE	B					B	B	B	3	4	1	-	-	4
WALLACE, Jarrod				B	B	B	B			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR					FR	FR		H	10	4	3	-	-	12

GOLD COAST TITANS

Established 2007
Home Ground Robina Stadium, Robina QLD
 (current name: Cbus Super Stadium)
Premierships None
Runners Up None
World Club Challenge None
Most Appearances (all time) Mark Minichiello: 173
Most Points (all time) Scott Prince: 727 points
Most Tries (all time) Anthony Don: 85 tries
Matches Played 386
Won 152
Lost 233
Drawn 1
Points For 7341
Points Against 9166
Biggest win 44-0 (44 pts) - Sep 5th, 2021 - vs. Warriors
Biggest loss 0-54 (54 pts) - Aug 5th, 2017 - vs. Brisbane
Most points scored 44-24 (44 pts) - Aug 14th, 2022 - vs. Manly
 44-8 (44 pts) - Mar 28th, 2021 - vs. North Queensland
 44-6 (44 pts) - Jul 3rd, 2021 - vs. Canberra
 44-0 (44 pts) - Sep 5th, 2021 - vs. Warriors
Most points conceded 6-58 (58 pts) - Aug 4th, 2019 - vs. Sydney

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 13th	A	Parramatta	L 28 - 32	CommBank	18,211
2	Mar 19th	H	Warriors	W 20 - 18	CBUS	13,481
3	Mar 26th	A	Canberra	L 22 - 24	GIO	11,457
4	Mar 31st	H	W Tigers	W 8 - 6	CBUS	8,774
5	Apr 9th	H	Parramatta	L 20 - 26	CBUS	14,478
6	Apr 16th	A	Manly	L 18 - 26	4 Pines	16,220
7	Apr 23rd	A	North Old	L 4 - 30	QLD C.B.	14,547
8	Apr 29th	H	Penrith	L 4 - 18	CBUS	14,102
9	May 7th	A N	Sydney	L 16 - 44	Mackay	5,527
10	May 14th	H N	St Geo Illa	W 20 - 16	Suncorp	30,503
11	May 22nd	H	Cronulla	L 18 - 25	CBUS	9,882
12	May 27th	A	Brisbane	L 24 - 35	Suncorp	32,864
13	Jun 2nd	H	North Old	L 6 - 32	CBUS	10,334
14	Jun 11th	H	Souths	L 16 - 30	CBUS	14,290
15	Jun 18th	A N	Cronulla	L 10 - 18	Coffs Hbr	9,058
16	Jul 1st	A	Newcastle	L 12 - 38	McD. Jones	8,578
18	Jul 16th	H	Brisbane	L 12 - 16	CBUS	19,245
19	Jul 24th	A	Canterbury	L 26 - 36	CommBank	11,726
20	Jul 30th	H	Canberra	L 24 - 36	CBUS	12,461
21	Aug 5th	A	Melbourne	L 14 - 32	AAMI	10,869
22	Aug 14th	H	Manly	W 44 - 24	CBUS	11,753
23	Aug 21st	A	St Geo Illa	L 26 - 46	WIN	12,348
24	Aug 28th	H	Newcastle	W 36 - 26	CBUS	11,816
25	Sep 3rd	A	Warriors	W 27 - 26	Mt Smart	20,512

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

SEASON REVIEW

with SHAWN DOLLIN, LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM



While it was little surprise to anyone that Manly's fortunes in 2022 once again rested on the shoulders of the champion fullback Tom Trbojevic, an unexpected backlash by 7 players against the wearing of a Pride jersey in August not only put paid to their finals hopes, but caused a rift so severe that the Sea Eagles may never be quite the same again.

It was head coach Des Hasler - the man who was nicknamed "Sorry" during his playing days - that bravely offered up a very public apology on behalf of the club alongside captain Daly Cherry-Evans, and was able to reunite the players the week after the incident. Unfortunately for him, his efforts mattered little. The side failed to win another game and finish a disappointing 11th, he was sacked 4 seasons into his second stint as head coach of Manly. It wasn't until they hosted last season's wooden spooners in round 3 that Manly won their first match, but it took a field goal from Daly Cherry Evans to get them home on the night. It wasn't until Manly took on Canberra the following week in Mudgee that their key man Tom "Turbo" Trbojevic started to fire, and it resulted in a comfortable 25-6 win over the green machine.

Sadly for supporters, it was only a brief ray of light, as Turbo was ruled out with a knee complaint immediately after. While the momentum continued with comfortable wins over the Knights and Titans, it was the new and improved Sharks that showed Manly were still not ready to dance with the real contenders. This loss was followed by another defeat at the hands of the Rabbitohs on the Central Coast, and while they were able to celebrate the return of Turbo against the Wests Tigers with a victory, the depth of Manly's problems were brutally exposed against a revitalised Broncos, who walloped them 38-0 in round 10. Manly's despair was compounded further by not only their arch rivals Parramatta edging them out in a much improved effort, but the loss of Turbo for the remainder of the season with a serious shoulder injury. After an unsuccessful visit to Melbourne, coach Des Hasler was able to guide the side through the origin period with a very impressive 4 out of 5 wins, with one of those wins being against the Storm. Even after a disappointing showing in Round 19 where they lost to the Dragons, 9th placed Manly were giving fans hope that they had the potential to come home with a wet sail and lock in a top-8 finish.

However, the pride jersey drama cut the threads that the Sea Eagles were hanging onto grimly, and that was it. Supporters could only watch on in despair as one defeat gradually became seven in a row, dropping them to a disappointing 11th and ending Hasler's reign as coach.

Turning point

While Turbo's shoulder injury against the Eels could be considered the point at which Manly's were shot, the fact is that they had their best period of the season with him absent. It was undeniably the saga that engulfed the club when the Pride jersey was announced that single-handedly turned Manly's season from one of hope to an absolute train wreck. The weekend following the saga - which dominated not only back pages but front pages throughout the week - Manly was without 7 of their starting side as a result. Those who did play in the rainbow-accented maroon and white put in a brave performance, but in the end it served as little more than a springboard for the Roosters to continue on their way to an 8-match winning streak. It was no doubt a lot of work by coach Des Hasler who got the team back together to take on the Eels in an effort to get their top-8 hopes back on track, but Parramatta was just far too good. It teed off a devastating losing streak for Manly in which they conceded an average of 36 points per game for the remainder of the year.

What worked

After 2020 and 2021, Manly finally showed the rugby league world that they can win games without needing to rely on Tom Trbojevic. While their star fullback was out, the side went on a winning run that had everyone sitting up and taking notice. Forwards Herman Olakau'atu, Josh Aloiai and Lachlan Croker in particular were outstanding in getting Manly going forward, and with help from the evergreen Daly Cherry Evans and five-eighth Kieran Foran, they were able to bring the best out of the likes of Christian Tuipulotu, Morgan Harper and noted speedster Charlie Saab. Reuben Garrick also came of age, providing Manly with an experienced and more than capable spare fullback.

What didn't work

Dividing the playing group on religious grounds is definitely not something we'll be seeing in any sporting coach's playbook going forward. In a broader sense, regardless which side of the fence one sits on, Manly's management completely botched the decision making process, design,

communication and announcement of the pride jersey. They even made the basic error of releasing it during the Women in League round. The saga made it abundantly clear that there was a disconnect between the club management and the playing group, and it turned what could have been a good season into an unmitigated disaster.

The management have gotten rid of Kieran Foran, who has undeniably been a key part of Manly's success in his years at the club, and 2-time premiership winning coach Des Hasler. This same management remains at Manly and will have to do better this season to ensure the playing and coaching group are all pulling in the same direction.

On the field, it is clear that Seibold will have to solve the puzzle that is Josh Schuster. An immensely talented player, Schuster has struggled to find his feet and may be at a crossroads in his career. He struggled for the most part in 2022, although at times he still showed glimpses of brilliance with the ball. In the right environment, he has the potential to be an ideal replacement at five-eighth for Kieran Foran.

Best players

Halfback and captain Daly Cherry Evans had yet another outstanding year for the Sea Eagles. While he is the highest paid player at the club, he continues to show that he is worth every cent. Without DCE's leadership, kicking game, consistency and ball skills, Manly would be struggling to stave off the wooden spoon. Along with DCE, Manly were able to continue to rely on their top representative stars - Marty Tapau, Kieran Foran, and Dylan Walker was consistent off the bench. Jake Trbojevic was also rewarded as the cornerstone of Manly's pack with a return to the Blues' side.

There have been a few newer names that have really shown their quality in 2022. Josh Aloiai, Reuben Garrick, and Jason Saab have either emerged as future stars or established themselves as permanent fixtures in Manly's starting lineup for years to come. Coach Des Hasler would have also been grateful for the consistency and whole-hearted efforts of Manly's player of the year Lachlan Croker in the hooking role. But there is one name that has really shone above all else, and that is Haumole Olakau'atu. He has been consistently outstanding for the Sea Eagles this year, and Anthony Seibold will be delighted that he's contracted until the end of 2024.

Rookies

Manly had a big opportunity to blood a number of youngsters this season. In Round 20, Des Hasler handed NRL debuts to club legend Bob Fulton's promising grandson, Zac. Fijian Pio Seci and Kiwi Alfred Smalley also played their first NRL games wearing the controversial rainbow stripes. Christian Tuipulotu showed the kids out there what grabbing an opportunity with both hands is all about. After Tom Trbojevic's knee injury, Tuipulotu slotted into Reuben Garrick's wing position, and played so well that Hasler had no choice but to keep him there when Turbo returned. Meanwhile, another Trbojevic emerged as a future first grader. Tom and Jake's brother Ben showed his utility potential, doing a job for Manly in the outside backs and in the second row at different times throughout the year. Last but not least, Tolutau Koula had a breakout season as a genuine rookie for Manly this year. After a bench appearance in round 1, he filled in for Brad Parker who had a tough run of injuries in 2022.

Looking ahead

On the field, Manly's chances largely revolve around incoming Anthony Seibold and his new coaching staff which include the likes of Jim Dymock and former premiership winning coach Shane Flanagan. They will be tasked with getting the playing group's head on straight after the disastrous end to 2022. The best way to do this will be to break their round 1 duck, as early losses will be hard to turn around. Seibold also has the challenge of bringing the best out of the precocious Josh Schuster. Given Schuster's role in the Pride jersey saga, a lot of Seibold's work may well revolve around the man who will have to try and fill the boots of Kieran Foran.

A possible plan B on the minds of many will be moving Turbo to five-eighth, but Manly's best chance to bounce back and play to their potential - which means making the top 8 comfortably - will be to keep him injury free and starting in the #1 jersey every week. If Schuster and DCE can gel in the halves, with Croker improving all the time and the tireless Jake Trbojevic wearing the #13, Manly absolutely has the depth and talent to go deep into the finals series - if they can stay free of drama.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Tom Trbojevic 2. Jason Saab 3. Brad Parker 4. Tolutau Koula 5. Reuben Garrick 6. Josh Schuster 7. Daly Cherry-Evans 8. Josh Aloiai 9. Lachlan Croker 10. Toafofoa Siplely 11. Haumole Olakau'atu 12. Kelma Tullagi 13. Jake Trbojevic / 14. Sean Keppie 15. Ben Condon 16. Taniela Paseka 17. Ben Trbojevic

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 11TH | PLAYED 24, WON 9, LOST 15 | FOR 490, AGAINST X | COACH: DES HASLER (24 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: REUBEN GARRICK (162) | MOST TRIES: REUBEN GARRICK (12)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Season Stats						
Opponent	PEN	SYD	CBY	CAN	NEW	GCT	CRO	SOU	WST	BRI	PAR	MEL	WAR	WST	NQL	MEL	NEW	SGI	SYD	PAR	GCT	CRO	CAN	CBY	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
ALOIAI, Josh				FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR			FR	FR	L		15	-	4	-	-	16	
BOYLE, Morgan																			B						-	1	-	-	-	-	
BULLEMOR, Ethan	2R	2R	B				B	B	2R	2R									2R	B		2R	2R	B	7	5	2	-	-	8	
CHERRY-EVANS, Daly	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	22	-	5	15	2	52	
CROKER, Lachlan	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	23	-	4	-	-	16	
DAVEY, Andrew		B	2R	2R	2R	2R	FR			B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	16	2	3	-	-	12	
DE LUIS, Kurt									B			B							B			B	FR	B	1	5	-	-	-	-	
FORAN, Kieran	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	24	-	2	-	-	8	
FULTON, Zac																				B					-	1	-	-	-	-	
GARRICK, Reuben	W	W	W	W	FB	FB	FB	FB	W	W	W	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		21	-	12	57	-	162	
HARPER, Morgan	C	C	C	C	C		C		C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		18	-	4	-	-	16	
KEPPIE, Sean	B	FR	FR	B	B	B		FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR							8	9	-	-	-	-	
KOULA, Tolutau	B			C		C	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	FB	FB	C	18	2	6	-	-	24	
LAWTON, Karl	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	2R					B												2	7	2	-	-	8	
OLAKAU'ATU, Haumole	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	21	-	10	-	-	40	
PARKER, Brad	C	C	C		C	C	C	C														C	C	C	10	-	1	-	-	4	
PASEKA, Taniela	B	B	B	B	B	B	B									B		B	FR	FR					2	9	2	-	-	8	
ROUMANOS, James																								B	-	1	-	-	-	-	
SAAB, Jason	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W				16	-	7	-	-	28	
SCHUSTER, Josh								2R			B	B	FE	FE	B	B	B	B				B	B	B	3	10	1	-	-	4	
SECI, Pio																				W					1	-	-	-	-	-	
SEGEYARD, James																				B					-	1	-	-	-	-	
SIPLEY, Toafofoa	FR					FR	FR	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	L		B	B	B	B	FR	12	7	1	-	-	4	
SMALLEY, Alfred																				W			W		2	-	1	-	-	4	
TAUFUA, Jorge												W													1	-	1	-	-	4	
TAUPAU, Martin	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	11	10	2	-	-	8	
TRBOJEVIC, Ben								B	2R	C				B					2R		B	B	B	C	5	5	2	-	-	8	
TRBOJEVIC, Jake	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		20	-	1	-	-	4	
TRBOJEVIC, Tom	FB	FB	FB	FB					FB	FB	FB														7	-	2	-	-	8	
TUAIMALO VAEGA, Raymond																								W	W	2	-	-	-	-	-
TUIPULOTU, Christian					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	19	-	11	-	-	44	
WALKER, Dylan		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	H	C	B	B	B	L	B	L	4	19	-	-	-	-
WEEKES, Kao																			B					B	FB	1	2	-	-	-	-

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

Established	1947
Home Ground	Brookvale Oval, Brookvale NSW (current name: 4 Pines Park)
Premierships	1972, 1973, 1976, 1978, 1987, 1996, 2008, 2011
Runners Up	1957, 1959, 1968, 1970, 1982, 1983, 1995, 1997, 2007, 2013
World Club Challenge	2009
Most Appearances (all time)	Cliff Lyons: 312
Most Points (all time)	Graham Eadie: 1917
Most Tries (all time)	Brett Stewart: 163
Matches Played	1683
Won	953
Lost	694
Drawn	36
Points For	33171
Points Against	27827
Biggest win	66-0 (66 pts) - Jul 3rd, 2021 - vs. Canterbury
Biggest loss	6-68 (62 pts) - Aug 21st, 2005 - vs. Cronulla
Most points scored	70-7 (70 pts) - Jul 29th, 1973 - vs. Penrith
Most points conceded	12-72 (72 pts) - Aug 7th, 2004 - vs. Penrith

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 10th	A	Penrith	L 6 - 28	BlueBet	16,901
2	Mar 18th	A	Sydney	L 12 - 26	SCG	11,872
3	Mar 27th	H	Canterbury	W 13 - 12	4 Pines	13,261
4	Apr 2nd	H N	Canberra	W 25 - 6	Mudgee	6,972
5	Apr 7th	A	Newcastle	W 30 - 6	McD Jones	9,472
6	Apr 16th	H	Gold Coast	W 26 - 18	4 Pines	16,22
7	Apr 21st	A	Cronulla	L 22 - 34	Pointsbet	9,611
8	Apr 29th	A N	Souths	L 22 - 40	Gosford	17,28
9	May 7th	H	W. Tigers	W 36 - 22	4 Pines	17,385
10	May 13th	H N	Brisbane	L 0 - 38	Suncorp	40,267
11	May 20th	A	Parramatta	L 20 - 22	CommBank	18,778
12	May 26th	A	Melbourne	L 8 - 28	AAMI	10,168
13	Jun 4th	H	Warriors	W 44 - 12	4 Pines	9,248
14	Jun 12th	A	W. Tigers	W 30 - 4	C'town	10,231
15	Jun 17th	H	North Qld	L 26 - 28	4 Pines	9,226
16	Jun 30th	H	Melbourne	W 36 - 30	4 Pines	8,168
18	Jul 16th	H	Newcastle	W 42 - 12	4 Pines	15,896
19	Jul 22nd	A	St Geo Illa	L 6 - 20	Netstrata	7,137
20	Jul 28th	H	Sydney	L 10 - 20	4 Pines	12,187
21	Aug 5th	H	Parramatta	L 20 - 36	4 Pines	17,134
22	Aug 14th	A	Gold Coast	L 24 - 44	CBUS	11,753
23	Aug 20th	H	Cronulla	L 6 - 40	4 Pines	12,243
24	Aug 27th	A	Canberra	L 6 - 48	GIO	16,647
25	Sep 2nd	A	Canterbury	L 20 - 21	Accor	13,648

MELBOURNE STORM

SEASON REVIEW

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Stormy seas in 2022 for Bellamy's men, despite an heroic season.

You might think a first round exit from the finals would mean the 2022 season was an unmitigated disaster for a Craig Bellamy coached side.

But, when you look deeper at all the injury problems that plagued the Storm's chances, it's a minor miracle that they finished as high as they did, mirroring the efforts of the Sydney Roosters from just twelve months prior.

The injury problems began on the opening night of the season, losing George Jennings and Christian Welch with season-ending injuries prior to their round 1 match against the Wests Tigers concluding.

That was the sign that Melbourne's season would be governed by the injury gods.

Despite this, the Storm went on a flawless start to the season, dropping just one of their first nine matches - a golden point loss against the Eels at home.

Turning Point

A 42-6 blowout win over the Dragons on a fine Sunday afternoon in Round 9 saw Melbourne's finals charge implode with a series of injuries.

Reimis Smith, Ryan Papenhuyzen and Jahrome Hughes failed to finish and would all miss multiple weeks on the sideline.

In the two weeks Hughes was out, Melbourne would lose to the Cowboys and Panthers by the combined margin of 68-12. This was the sign to many that they were considerably off the pace.

Despite a horror mid-year losing streak, the Storm were able to turn the tide and secure a home final before coming up short against the Raiders at home - who had also managed to down them two months prior at the same venue.

What went right

The emergence of Harry Grant as the best hooker in the game. We knew he was good, but 2022 proved just how good he was.

Also promising was the return of a booze-free Cam Munster, fresh off an off-season he'd rather forget.

Munster was the cog that kept the Storm in operation.

What didn't go right

That mid-year losing streak. They were that far below their best it wasn't funny. With the exception of their late rally against Manly, their attack had all the grace of a bowling ball in a pond.

Whilst it wasn't helped with Papenhuyzen's horror knee injury and Brandon Smith's abusive tirade towards a referee, the Storm were considerably under-par against future top eight opponents.

Despite this, they managed to stumble into the finals and fell just one win short of a top four berth.

Best players

For me, there's three players that made the Storm what they were in 2022.

The aforementioned Harry Grant is the best hooker in the competition - and if there was any doubt about it, there isn't now.

Grant emerged as the best through his creativity in attack and a stout defensive resilience.

Also noted previously, Cameron Munster proved himself following an off-season from hell, scoring 11 tries and setting up a further 16 across the campaign.

Another key name was Jahrome Hughes, his name now being mentioned as one of the elite halves in the competition.

Rookies

2022 saw the Storm blood three new faces.

Alec MacDonald was the pick of the three debutants with the bench forward impressing many within the club with his solid work rate.

After joining the club on a train and trial deal, MacDonald played twelve matches and scored his first try against the Sharks in early July.

Grant Anderson also debuted mid-year and crossed for two tries against the Roosters. He would go onto play 6 matches.

Tyran Wishart was the last of the debutants, playing across a variety of positions in his 15 matches in 2022, if he can secure a position in the off-season, then the sky is the limit for Tyran.

Looking ahead

Everyone will be quick to look at the gains and losses list and write Melbourne off in 2023.

But this is Melbourne - and we've seen this movie way too many times before. Out of the squad are the Bromwich brothers, Felise Kaufusi and Brandon Smith. Coming into the side are Tariq Sims, Eli Katoa, Aaron Pene and Joe Chan.

There's going to be questions about the talent lost, but if anyone can turn water into wine in coaching, it's Craig Bellamy.

There will be early stormy seas, but can the talent left behind at AAMI Park fill the void?

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Ryan Papenhuyzen
2. Xavier Coates
3. Reimis Smith
4. Justin Olam
5. Nick Meaney
6. Cam Munster
7. Jahrome Hughes
8. Nelson Asofa-Solomona
9. Harry Grant
10. Christian Welch
11. Tariq Sims
12. Eli Katoa
13. Josh King

14. Tyran Wishart
15. Joe Chan
16. Aaron Pene
17. Tui Kamikamica

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 5TH | PLAYED 25, WON 15, LOST 10 | FOR 677, AGAINST 438 | COACH: CRAIG BELLAMY (25 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: NICK MEANEY (148) | MOST TRIES: XAVIER COATES (19)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	QF	Season Stats						
Opponent	WST	SOU	PAR	CBY	CAN	CRO	WAR	NEW	SGI	PEN	NQL	MAN	SYD	BRI	MAN	CRO	CAN	SOU	WAR	GCT	PEN	BRI	SYD	PAR	CAN	Starts	Bench	T	G	FG	Pts	
ANDERSON, Grant													C	W	W	W		W	W							6	-	2	-	-	8	
ASOFA-SOLOMONA, Nelson	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	20	3	4	-	-	16
BROMWICH, Jesse		FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	23	-	1	-	-	4
BROMWICH, Kenny	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	24	-	3	-	-	12
COATES, Xavier	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W								W	W	W	W	W	W	W	17	-	16	-	-	64
EISENHUTH, Tom																		B	B	B	B	B	B			-	6	-	-	-	-	
GRANT, Harry		H			H	H	H	H	H	H	HB		B	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	19	1	7	-	-	28
GRANT, Jordan												B				B	B									-	3	-	-	-	-	
HUGHES, Jahrome	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB		HB	21	-	12	-	-	48
IEREMIA, Dean		W	W								W	W	W	W	B	W	W	W	W							10	1	3	-	-	12	
JENNINGS, George	W																									1	-	1	-	-	4	
JOHNS, Cooper										HB											FE	HB			HB	4	-	-	-	-	-	
KAMIKAMICA, Tui										B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	L	L	2R	2R	2R	L	2R	12	4	2	-	-	8	
KAUFUSI, Felise	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R				B	2R	B	19	2	3	-	-	12	
KING, Josh	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	B	L	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	16	9	1	-	-	4	
LEWIS, Chris			B	B		B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	2R					B	B		B	B	2	14	1	-	-	4	
LOIERO, Trent	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B									B	B	B	1	16	2	-	-	8	
MacDONALD, Alec	B	B	B	B	B	B					B				B	B	B	B	B							-	12	1	-	-	4	
MEANEY, Nick	FE		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	23	-	13	48	-	148
MOEROA, Tepai	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B																		-	8	1	-	-	4	
MUNSTER, Cameron		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	22	-	11	7	-	58
NIKORIMA, Jayden															FE											1	-	-	-	-	-	
NOFOALUMA, David																				W	W	W	W	W	W	W	6	-	4	-	-	16
OLAM, Justin	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	-	10	-	-	40
PAPENHUYZEN, Ryan	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB						FB	FB	FB									12	-	14	41	1	139	
SEVE, Marion										C	C	C	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	15	-	3	-	-	12	
SMITH, Brandon	H		H	H	B	FR	B	B	B	B	H	H	H	L	L	H					B	L	L	L	B	L	14	7	3	-	-	12
SMITH, Reimis	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C																	9	-	1	-	-	4	
TONUMAIPEA, Young																				C		C				2	-	2	-	-	8	
WELCH, Christian	FR																									1	-	-	-	-	-	
WISHART, Tyran	B	B			B		B	B	B	FB	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B			1	14	-	-	-	-	

MELBOURNE STORM

Established	1998
Home Ground	Melbourne Rectangular Stadium, Melbourne VIC (current name: AAMI Park)
Premierships	1999, 2012, 2017, 2020
Runners Up	2006, 2008, 2016, 2019
World Club Challenge	2000, 2010, 2013, 2018
Most Appearances	Cameron Smith: 433
Most Points (all time)	Cameron Smith: 2810
Most Tries (all time)	Billy Slater: 191
Matches Played	655
Won	435
Lost	214
Drawn	6
Points For	15,988
Points Against	10,797
Biggest win	64-0 (64 pts) - Jul 5th, 2001 - vs. Wests Tigers 68-4 (64 pts) - Aug 4th, 2013 - vs. Canberra
Biggest loss	4-50 (46 pts) - Jun 4th, 2000 - vs. St George Illawarra 4-50 (46 pts) - Aug 10th, 2003 - vs. Canterbury
Most points scored	70-10 (70 pts) - Mar 3rd, 2000 - vs. St George Illawarra 70-10 (70 pts) - Apr 25th, 2022 - vs. Warriors
Most points conceded	10-54 (54 pts) - Jul 20th, 2001 - vs. Parramatta

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 12th	A	W Tigers	W 26-16	CommBank	10,025
2	Mar 17th	H	Souths	W 15-14	AAMI	13,269
3	Mar 26th	H	Parramatta	L 24-28	AAMI	15,691
4	Apr 3rd	H	Canterbury	W 44-0	AAMI	13,437
5	Apr 9th	A,N	Canberra	W 30-16	Wagga	8,133
6	Apr 16th	H	Cronulla	W 34-18	AAMI	16,286
7	Apr 25th	H	Warriors	W 70-10	AAMI	22,696
8	May 1st	A	Newcastle	W 50-2	McD. Jones	15,895
9	May 8th	H	St Geo Illa	W 42-6	AAMI	11,723
10	May 14th	H,N	Penrith	L 6-32	Suncorp	41,593
11	May 21st	A	North Qld	L 6-36	QLD C.B.	22,728
12	May 26th	H	Manly	W 28-8	AAMI	10,168
14	Jun 11th	A	Sydney	W 26-18	SCG	12,925
15	Jun 17th	H	Brisbane	W 32-20	AAMI	18,586
16	Jun 30th	A	Manly	L 30-36	4 Pines	8,168
17	Jul 7th	A	Cronulla	L 6-28	Pointsbet	7,868
18	Jul 17th	H	Canberra	L 16-20	AAMI	16,106
19	Jul 23rd	A	Souths	L 12-24	Accor	11,217
20	Jul 29th	A	Warriors	W 24-12	Mt Smart	18,395
21	Aug 5th	H	Gold Coast	W 32-14	AAMI	10,869
22	Aug 11th	A	Penrith	W 16-0	BlueBet	15,612
23	Aug 19th	A	Brisbane	W 60-12	Suncorp	42,612
24	Aug 26th	H	Sydney	L 14-18	AAMI	25,308
25	Sep 1st	A	Parramatta	L 14-22	CommBank	23,758
EF	Sep 10th	H	Canberra	L 20-28	AAMI	20,838

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

SEASON REVIEW

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You finish where you deserve.

There were many failings that contributed to the Newcastle Knights dismal 2022 campaign. The most damning was one that went largely unnoticed. Facing the in-form Cowboys in Townsville during the first third of the year, North Queensland winger Kyle Feldt crossed out wide midway through the opening half before improving his position to ground the ball closer to the posts. The successful conversion proved inconsequential in the final wash-up, as the side slumped to last on the ladder courtesy of a seventh consecutive loss, however the lack of concentration displayed by highly-lauded centre Bradman Best in failing to compete on every play embodied an easy way out mentality that plagued the Knights all year. Having reached the first week of the finals in the previous two seasons, coach Adam O'Brien's side impressed over the opening fortnight before steadily declining to the point that the wooden spoon loomed as an outside possibility up until the final weeks of the season.

Finishing in 14th position with attacking and defensive records ranking in the bottom three of the league, the mediocre on-field results extended off the field with club management allowing Mitchell Pearce to leave without securing a suitable replacement, senior players David Klemmer, Kalyn Ponga and Kurt Mann inviting negative headlines late in the season and a succession of team selections that left players unaccountable for their performances.

Conceding more than 36 points in 11 matches while managing to crack 30 themselves only once, supporters were left to lament how a team that had risen from wooden spooners to top eight finalists regressed to a side reminiscent of Nathan Brown's early years at the helm. In a different year, the Newcastle Knights would have run last based on their 2022 form.

For the sake of O'Brien and the goodwill of supporters, the Knights need to find an identity where effort is the bare minimum.

Turning Point

Stunning the league world by leading the competition a fortnight into the season, the round three clash against Penrith in Bathurst shaped as a gauge of the side's standing among the NRL hierarchy. Going set for set with the reigning premiers for the first half hour, an inexplicable moment of stupidity from Mitchell Barnett, raising an elbow to the jaw of opposing forward Chris Smith, set in motion a downward spiral that killed off any hope of the Knights being anything other than also-rans for the remaining 22 weeks of the season.

Falling from first to last in the weeks that coincided with Barnett's six-match ban, the side never recovered from the Bathurst debacle, climbing no higher than 12th on the ladder, accruing a measly four wins against the lowly Bulldogs (16-6), Warriors (24-16), Titans (38-12) and Tigers (14-10) for the remainder of the year.

What worked

In a year which regularly saw the NRL side save their worst performances for home soil, the Newcastle faithful continued to show up even when the team they were cheering on didn't. Managing two paltry victories over Wests Tigers (26-4) and Gold Coast (38-12) from 12 appearances on Turton Road, fans routinely made their way through the turnstiles with crowds topping 15,000 eight times, including three occasions with in excess of 20,000 supporters in attendance, to rank among the best supported teams in the league.

Novocastrians have stuck solid with their team through lean times over the years, but few seasons left fans with as little to root for as 2022.

What didn't work

Like 'eyes-up football' and 'one week at a time' before it, the truism 'next-man up' has become ingrained into the rugby league vernacular over recent years. Representing a mentality of resilience in the face of injuries and other adversities, the Knights more aptly fit the description of 'mentally weak' based on their 2022 performances.

While the Knights were dealt yet another tough hand with injuries, losing co-captains Jayden Brailey and Kalyn Ponga for extended periods, the side's inability to weather adversity frequently saw close contests go by the wayside and narrow deficits turn into blowouts.

Touting the signing of club legend Andrew Johns in a role designed to improve the side's stilted attack over the off-season, the eighth immortal's influence was rarely sighted with the side managing 15.5 points each week. Former prodigy Anthony Milford, handed a mid-season lifeline following off-field legal drama, proved a bust in 13 appearances to rank among the worst signings in the history of the club.

Using the Knights as a layover ahead of a reunion with Wayne Bennett at The Dolphins, Milford was spared being deservedly dropped post-Origin due to injuries in the halves.

Best player

Few Newcastle players could claim to have improved from past seasons with one notable exception - Dominic Young. Recruited to the club from the UK as a teenager, the hulking outside back made the right wing position his own with 14 tries from 20 appearances to emerge as a breakout star on the domestic and international stages.

Making significant strides from the unrefined talent showcased the previous season, the former Huddersfield fringe player endeared himself to supporters, averaging 134 running metres each week, resulting in two awards at the club's presentation night - the Gladiator Award, selected by the Once A Knight Old Boys, and Knight In Shining Armour Award, for chasing down Josh Addo-Carr during Magic Round, judged as the stand-out moment of the year. Earning a post-season call-up to represent England at the World Cup, culminating in nine tries from five tests, the 21-year-old can expect to field plenty of market interest with rival clubs currently able to negotiate for 2024.

Rookies

Debuting three players in first grade during the course of the season, former Canberra lower-grader Leo Thompson was judged Rookie of the Year off the strength of 16 appearances during the first two-thirds of the season.

Krystian Mapapalangi and Oryn Keeley, stars from the Jersey Flegg squad that fell agonisingly short in extra time of the Under 20s grand final, featured late in the season. Mapapalangi produced a try-assist early in his debut, while Keeley was notified of his elevation from 18th man mere moments before kick-off after Tyson Frizell aggravated an injury in the warm-up.

Mat Croker, a middle forward from the Mid North Coast, built upon his limited opportunities last season to finish 2022 as a regular interchange player and earn his first top 30 contract in the process.

Looking Ahead

The best thing about failure is the opportunity to grow from the experience. Many things went wrong on and off the field for the Knights in 2022, but with the opportunity to complete a full pre-season with minimal injury disruptions and a quartet of fiery competitors - Adam Elliott, Jack Hetherington, Tyson Gamble and, crucially, Jackson Hastings - joining the ranks, the Knights have the foundations of a team capable of challenging for the top eight once more.

A successful group of Jersey Flegg youngsters should put the pressure on underperforming first-graders for positions, while the addition of Hastings will be vitally important following the lack of direction provided by the halves in 2022.

With a fit-and-firing Kalyn Ponga and Jayden Brailey raring to go for Round 1, the Knights can only go up in the year to come.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Kalyn Ponga 2. Dominic Young 3. Dane Gagai 4. Krystian Mapapalangi 5. Enari Tuala 6. Tyson Gamble 7. Jackson Hastings 8. Jacob Saifiti 9. Jayden Brailey (C) 10. Daniel Saifiti 11. Tyson Frizell 12. Jack Hetherington 13. Adam Elliott / 14. Kurt Mann 15. Mat Croker 16. Leo Thompson 17. Brodie Jones

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 14TH | PLAYED 24, WON 6, LOST 18 | FOR 372, AGAINST 662 | COACH: ADAM O'BRIEN (24 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: EDRICK LEE & DOMINIC YOUNG (56) | MOST TRIES: EDRICK LEE & DOMINIC YOUNG (14)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Season Stats						
Opponent	SYD	WST	PEN	CRO	MAN	SGI	PAR	MEL	NQL	CBY	BRI	WAR	PEN	CAN	GCT	SOU	MAN	SYD	CBY	WST	BRI	CAN	GCT	CRO	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
BARNETT, Mitchell	B	FR	2R							2R	L	L	L	2R	2R	2R	L	L	2R	L					13	1	1	-	-	4	
BEST, Bradman	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C					C				C	C				14	-	5	-	-	20	
BRAILEY, Jayden																B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		7	1	1	-	-	4	
CLIFFORD, Jake	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE				HB	HB						HB	HB					12	-	2	19	-	46	
CLUNE, Adam	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB		HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	18	-	2	-	-	8	
CROKER, Mat		B	B							B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	B	L	2R	B	L	3	13	1	-	-	4	
CROSSLAND, Phoenix	B	B	B	B	B	HB	B	B	HB	B	B	B						B	B	B	B	B	B	FE	3	16	1	-	-	4	
FITZGIBBON, Lachlan	2R	2R							2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R	2R							9	-	-	-	-	-	
FRIZELL, Tyson	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	21	-	3	-	-	12	
GAGAI, Dane	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	20	-	5	-	-	20		
HOY, Tex		FB	FB						FE	FE					FB	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	12	-	3	7	-	26	
HUNT, Hymel																		W							1	-	-	-	-	-	
JOHNS, Jack							B	2R																B	1	2	-	-	-	-	
JONES, Brodie				2R	2R	2R	2R	2R									B	B	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	11	2	-	-	-	-	
KEELEY, Oryn																							B		-	1	-	-	-	-	-
KLEMMER, David	FR					FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	18	-	1	-	-	4
LEE, Edrick						W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	16	-	14	-	-	56
MANN, Kurt	L	L	L	L	L	L	L						B	L	L	L									10	1	1	-	-	4	
MAPAPALANGI, Krystian																							C	C	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
MILFORD, Anthony											FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	13	-	-	8	-	16	
MOMOISEA, Jirah	B	B	B	B	B																				-	5	-	-	-	-	-
PONGA, Kalyn	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB			FB	FB							14	-	4	12	-	40	
RANDALL, Chris	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H							H		17	-	1	-	-	4	
SAIFITI, Daniel			FR	FR	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		B	FR	16	3	2	-	-	8	
SAIFITI, Jacob	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B	B		B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	11	12	1	-	-	4	
SASAGI, Simi						B	B	C	B			B	B	B	B		B		W	B	B	B	B	B	2	12	-	-	-	-	-
SAULO, Pasami									B	B					B		B		B	B	B	B	B	B	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
SUE, Sauaso				B	B	B		L														B	L	L	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
THOMPSON, Leo	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	L	L	B		B	FR	B	B	B								4	12	-	-	-	-	-
TUALA, Enari	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	W		C	21	-	8	-	-	32	
YOUNG, Dominic	W	W	W	W	W				W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	20	-	14	-	-	56	

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

Established 1988
 Home Ground Newcastle International Sports Centre, New Lambton NSW (current name: McDonald Jones Stadium)
 Premierships 1997 (ARL), 2001
 Runners Up None
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Appearances (all time) Danny Buderus: 258
 Most Points (all time) Andrew Johns: 2190
 Most Tries (all time) Akuila Uate: 112 tries

Matches Played 849
 Won 394
 Lost 438
 Drawn 17
 Points For 17049
 Points Against 18291
 Biggest win 60-0 (60 pts) - Aug 8th, 1999 - vs. South Sydney
 Biggest loss 6-71 (65 pts) - May 27th, 2007 - vs. Brisbane
 Most points scored 70-32 (70 pts) - Mar 19th, 2006 - vs. Canberra
 Most points conceded 6-71 (71 pts) - May 27th, 2007 - vs. Brisbane

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 12th	A	Sydney	W 20 - 6	SCG	14,710
2	Mar 20th	H	W. Tigers	W 26 - 4	McD. Jones	23,214
3	Mar 26th	A/N	Penrith	L 20 - 38	Carrington	11,253
4	Apr 1st	A	Cronulla	L 0 - 18	Pointsbet	8,927
5	Apr 7th	H	Manly	L 6 - 30	McD. Jones	9,472
6	Apr 17th	A	St Geo Illa	L 16 - 21	WIN	11,113
7	Apr 24th	H	Parramatta	L 2 - 39	McD. Jones	25,169
8	May 1st	H	Melbourne	L 2 - 50	McD. Jones	15,895
9	May 7th	A	North Old	L 16 - 36	QLD C.B.	14,463
10	May 13th	A/N	Canterbury	W 16 - 6	Suncorp	30,220
11	May 19th	H	Brisbane	L 12 - 36	McD. Jones	13,312
12	May 28th	A	Warriors	W 24 - 16	Redcliffe	4,265
14	Jun 12th	H	Penrith	L 6 - 42	McD. Jones	21,332
15	Jun 19th	A	Canberra	L 18 - 20	GIO	12,457
16	Jul 1st	H	Gold Coast	W 38 - 12	McD. Jones	8,578
17	Jul 8th	H	Souths	L 28 - 40	McD. Jones	18,621
18	Jul 16th	A	Manly	L 12 - 42	4 Pines	15,896
19	Jul 22nd	H	Sydney	L 12 - 42	McD. Jones	13,701
20	Jul 31st	H	Canterbury	L 10 - 24	McD. Jones	19,813
21	Aug 7th	A	W. Tigers	W 14 - 10	C'town	9,621
22	Aug 13th	A	Brisbane	L 10 - 28	Suncorp	25,742
23	Aug 21st	H	Canberra	L 22 - 28	McD. Jones	16,768
24	Aug 28th	A	Gold Coast	L 26 - 36	CBUS	11,816
25	Sep 4th	H	Cronulla	L 16 - 38	McD. Jones	16,808

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

SEASON REVIEW

with SHAWN DOLLIN, LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM



Nobody could have predicted that the 2022 North Queensland Cowboys would go down as the most improved Cowboys side in history.

Head coach Todd Payten, who deservedly won the Dally M Coach of the Year award, turned an off-season working heavily on conditioning and defense into 10 more wins than 2021 and just one win shy of the grand final.

Despite an opening loss against the Bulldogs, the Cowboys quickly put up a couple of big wins against the Raiders and Broncos, and after three games they'd conceded just 24 points. By the same point in the previous year, that number was 93. The promising start hit a snag in round 4, after which Payten infamously suggested match officials were favouring the bigger sides in 50/50 calls.

Subsequently, injured Tabuai-Fidow was replaced at fullback by Scott Drinkwater and utility hooker/lock Reuben Cotter, was handed his first ever start in the front row. While the Cowboys went down in golden point against the Warriors in round 5, Payten stuck with the changes, and Drinkwater started to strike a chord with the new halves combination. The Cowboys went on to stun the rugby league world with a vicious six match winning streak, including 30+ point demolitions of contenders the Parramatta Eels and Melbourne Storm.

The streak ended but the form held, and not even being ransacked by Origin selectors was enough to prevent North QLD surging to second on the ladder by round 21. They faced the vastly improved Sharks in the first week of the finals. Both sides seemed out of steam as defense fell by the wayside, and the Cowboys snatched a 31-30 win in golden point time, earning them a week off. However they didn't quite have the finishing quality they needed to prevent Parramatta from securing a grand final spot.

Coach Todd Payten felt nothing but pride for the efforts of his team and refused to take the bait of journalists questioning a Mitchell Moses forward pass that led to a try in the first half. "It happened early enough in the game for us to get over it," he said, and acknowledged the Eels were too good on the night. The key takeaway was clear. In 2022, the Cowboys had "put some respect back into the place."

Turning point

It was the knee injury of Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow against the Roosters that changed everything for the Cowboys in 2022. Scott Drinkwater was brought in as a stopgap, but he was so good that the "Hammer" never made it back to his preferred position. So successful was the switch that he was left with little choice but to leave for newcomers Redcliffe for 2023. For the Cowboys, Drinkwater's playmaking skills and surprising turn of pace provided them with an extra option in attack. While the improvements in other areas would have probably resulted in the Cowboys still finding success and reaching the top 8, it was Drinkwater's form that elevated them to an elusive top 4 status.

What worked

The Cowboys' stars aligned in 2022 in a way that may not quite happen to the same degree again. It was technically injuries that got the side where it needed to be, but most importantly, it was the lack of injuries that kept them there. They weren't completely without misfortune - Mitch Dunn and Heilum Luki both copped season-ending knee injuries - but overall, they fared much better than they had in previous seasons and were able to keep the core of their starting side on the field.

The icing on the cake for the Cowboys' success was the overall play of Chad Townsend. The former Shark brought his experience, composure and leadership with him and was an ironman for the side. As well as not being selected for representative duties, helping guide the Cowboys through a challenging Origin period, he shared the load of captaincy duties with Jason Taumalolo, and their co-leadership worked a charm on the field.

What didn't work

After the drama between Payten and Taumalolo in 2021, Cowboys fans were sceptical to see him named in the front row early in the season. Whatever it was that the coach saw in shifting the big fella, it just wasn't working. Fortunately that was quickly put to bed with the emergence of Reuben Cotter.

Payten also failed to solve the puzzle of where to put Tabuai-Fidow after he returned from injury. The Hammer was left mostly on the bench with a few appearances covering outside back positions, and ultimately, he was frustrated into accepting an offer to go to the Dolphins in 2023.

Best players

As well as the entire squad performed, there are a few names that really stood out and will be the key for continued success next year. Scott Drinkwater was a revelation, having shown plenty of potential in 2021 but not having gotten much of a chance at fullback. Murray Tuilagi has made the transition from an exciting prospect to a Queensland and Australian representative. Valentine Holmes continued to be an absolute superstar and provided the Cowboys with the X-factor to win big games in attack. In the halves, Tom Dearden was outstanding and silenced many critics.

In the forwards, nobody could overlook the impact of teenage sensation Jeremiah Nanai. He scored in both of the Cowboys' first two wins, including a hat-trick against the Broncos. And then, well, he just kept on scoring, finishing as the side's equal top try scorer for the season and also earning Queensland and Australian jerseys, despite still only being 19.

Reuben Cotter was another revelation. He emerged as an 80 minute front rower, earned a Queensland debut with tireless performances and dominated the Blues' forwards in game one before being injured.

Reece Robson and Tom Gilbert also deserve special mentions for their consistency in the Cowboys' engine room. But it was Jason Taumalolo, who after having a rough time of it in 2021, was a man reborn, and the better the team around him went, the more he lifted, earning him a sixth Paul Bowman medal as the Cowboys player of the year.

Rookies

There were limited opportunities in the Cowboys' line-up this season due to the relative lack of ongoing injuries to players and impressive form of the starting side. Aside from Nanai's incredible year, Griffin Neame slotted onto the bench and did a superb job for coach Payten throughout the season. Highly rated fullback Tom Chester also got his first chance in the big time in 2022, debuting off the bench against the Sharks in round 18. With Tabuai-Fidow leaving, Chester will no doubt have more opportunities to impress in 2023.

Looking ahead

While they will welcome forwards Mitchell Dunn and Heilum Luki back from injury, the Cowboys will also rue the losses of Tom Gilbert and Connelly Lemuelo - along with the Hammer - to the Redcliffe Dolphins. Depth options Kane Bradley, Emry Pere and Morgan McWhirter also depart the club.

The success and representative experience of the 2022 side will make the starting 17 for the new season look even more formidable for 2023. With another off-season under their belt, crucial defensive lapses in the finals should be improved upon dramatically. But for the Cowboys to win the comp would require yet another surprise packet, something unexpected and unpredictable, to give them an extra gear that the likes of Penrith can't handle. Realistically, the Cowboys will be aiming for a similar result in 2023 while bolstering their depth in key positions.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Scott Drinkwater 2. Murray Tuilagi 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Peta Hiku 5. Kyle Feldt 6. Tom Dearden 7. Chad Townsend 8. Jordan McLean 9. Reece Robson 10. Reuben Cotter 11. Mitch Dunn 12. Jeremiah Nanai 13. Jason Taumalolo / 14. Griffin Neame 15. Coen Hess 16. Luciano Leilua 17. Heilum Luki

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 3RD | PLAYED 26, WON 18, LOST 8 | FOR 685, AGAINST 415 | COACH: TODD PAYTEN (26 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: VALENTINE HOLMES (244) | MOST TRIES: MURRAY TAULAGI (19)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	QF	PF	Season Stats						
Opponent	CBY	CAN	BRI	SYD	WAR	CAN	GCT	PAR	NEW	WST	MEL	PEN	GCT	SGI	MAN	BRI	CRO	WST	SGI	CBY	SYD	WAR	SOU	PEN	CRO	PAR	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
CHESTER, Tom																	B											-	1	-	-	-	-
COTTER, Reuben			B	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR							B	B	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	12	6	2	-	-	8
DEARDEN, Tom	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	23	-	9	-	-	36
DRINKWATER, Scott					FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FE	FB	FB	FB	FB	22	-	11	4	-	52
DUNN, Mitchell	L	B																									1	1	-	-	-	-	
ELLIOT, Brendan													W		B		W										2	1	-	-	-	-	
FELDT, Kyle	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	20	-	11	-	-	44
GILBERT, Tom	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		B	B	2R	2R	21	3	3	-	-	12	
GRANVILLE, Jake	B	B	B	B	B		B					B	B	B	B		B	B		B			B				-	14	-	-	-	-	
HAMPTON, Ben													FE				FE										2	-	-	-	-	-	
HESS, Coen	B	FR	FR			FR	B	B	B	B	B	FR	L	FR	FR	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		B	B	16	7	1	-	-	4	
HIKU, Peta	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	26	-	5	-	-	20	
HOLMES, Valentine	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		W	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	-	10	100	3	244	
LEILUA, Luciano																B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	B	B	4	7	3	-	-	12
LEMUELU, Connelly													B	B	B		B										-	4	2	-	-	8	
LUKI, Heilum	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	2R													3	11	4	-	-	16	
McLEAN, Jordan	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR					B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	19	3	-	-	-	-
NANAI, Jeremiah	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	23	-	17	-	-	68	
NEAME, Griffin		B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	-	23	4	-	-	16
ROBSON, Reece	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	26	-	7	-	-	28	
TABUAI-FIDOW, Hamiso	FB	FB	FB	FB				B	B	B	B	B	W	C	C	W	B	C	B	B	W	W	B	FB	B	B	12	11	7	-	-	28	
TAULAGI, Murray	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	25	-	17	-	-	68
TAUMALOLO, Jason	FR	L	L	FR	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	25	-	1	-	-	4	
TAUNOA-BROWN, Jamayne	FR			B	B								B	B	B	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B		6	10	-	-	-	-	
TOWNSEND, Chad	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	26	-	2	4	1	17

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

Established	1995
Home Ground	North Queensland Stadium, South Townsville (current name: Queensland Country Bank Stadium)
Premierships	2015
Runners Up	2005, 2017
World Club Challenge	None
Most Appearance (all time)	Johnathan Thurston: 295
Most Points (all time)	Johnathan Thurston: 2190
Most Tries (all time)	Matt Bowen: 130
Matches Played	690
Won	292
Lost	392
Drawn	6
Points For	14,094
Points Against	15,907
Biggest win	64-6 (58 pts) - Aug 9th, 2014 - vs. Wests Tigers
Biggest loss	4-66 (62 pts) - Aug 27th, 1995 - vs. Canterbury 0-62 (62 pts) - Aug 23rd, 1998 - vs. North Sydney 0-62 (62 pts) - Jul 29th, 2001 - vs. Parramatta
Most points scored	64-6 (64 pts) - Aug 9th, 2014 - vs. Wests Tigers
Most points conceded	4-66 (66 pts) - Aug 27th, 1995 - vs. Canterbury 10-66 (66 pts) - Apr 14th, 1996 - vs. Canberra

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Resut	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 13th	H	Canterbury	L 4 - 6	QLD C.B.	12,640
2	Mar 19th	H	Canberra	W 26 - 6	QLD C.B.	13,864
3	Mar 27th	A	Brisbane	W 38 - 12	Suncorp	37,761
4	Apr 2nd	H	Sydney	L 4 - 28	QLD C.B.	17,929
5	Apr 8th	A	Warriors	L 24 - 25	Redcliffe	6,254
6	Apr 14th	A	Canberra	W 18 - 12	GIO	11,854
7	Apr 23rd	H	Gold Coast	W 30 - 4	QLD C.B.	14,547
8	Apr 30th	A N	Parramatta	W 35 - 4	Darwin	10,017
9	May 7th	H	Newcastle	W 36 - 16	QLD C.B.	14,463
10	May 15th	A N	Wests Tigers	W 36 - 12	Suncorp	43,401
11	May 21st	H	Melbourne	W 36 - 6	QLD C.B.	22,728
12	May 27th	A	Penrith	L 0 - 22	BlueBet	17,125
13	Jun 2nd	A	Gold Coast	W 32 - 6	CBUS	10,334
14	Jun 10th	H	St Geo Illa	W 31 - 12	QLD C.B.	14,683
15	Jun 17th	A	Manly	W 28 - 26	4 Pines	9,226
16	Jun 2nd	H	Brisbane	W 40 - 26	QLD C.B.	23,531
18	Jul 15th	H	Cronulla	L 12 - 26	QLD C.B.	15,982
19	Jul 24th	H	Wests Tigers	W 27 - 26	QLD C.B.	14,910
20	Jul 31st	A	St Geo Illa	W 34 - 8	Netstrata	9,517
21	Aug 7th	A N	Canterbury	W 28 - 14	Bundaberg	8,521
22	Aug 13th	A	Sydney	L 18 - 32	SCG	15,219
23	Aug 19th	H	Warriors	W 48 - 4	QLD C.B.	17,404
24	Aug 27th	A	Souths	L 10 - 20	Accor	15,264
25	Sep 3rd	H	Penrith	W 38 - 8	QLD C.B.	23,840
QF	Sep 10th	A	Cronulla	W 32 - 30	Pointsbet	12,447
PF	Sep 23rd	H	Parramatta	L 20 - 24	QLD C.B.	25,372

PARRAMATTA EELS

SEASON REVIEW

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The Eels came into season 2022 off the back of three consecutive top 6 finishes - but they had not made it past week two of the Finals since 2009.

Pressure, and expectations on the club to again finish in the top 6 were high, and the Eels' loyal fanbase was desperate to see their beloved club make a deeper run into Finals footy.

Parramatta began their campaign in 2022 in unconvincing fashion; despite winning 4 of their opening 5 matches, they struggled to put opponents away (the Titans eventually succumbed 32-28 in round 1, but they should have been put away much earlier). Indeed - the two shining lights for the Eels were a Golden Point victory over the Storm at AAMI Park, and a 48-14 victory over the Dragons.

The Eels would then win only 2 of their next 5 (one against the Panthers, the other against a struggling Knights team), and would hand the Tigers their first win of 2022 while also succumbing to lowly Canterbury in the Queen's Birthday match.

After round 10, the Eels won 10 of their last 14 games (including defeating a Cleary-less Panthers, the Storm for the second time in 2022, the Raiders in Canberra, and scoring 42 points against the Bulldogs, and 53 points against Brisbane).

The Eels finished the 2022 regular season in 4th position, having won 16 of 24 games, with a for and against of 119.

They lost to the Panthers in week 1 of the Finals 27-8, defeated Canberra 40-4 in week 2, then the Cowboys 24-20 in the Grand Final Qualifier (after some dubious forward pass calls that favoured the Eels - though an argument could be made that the Cowboys should not have lost that game, as they were leading 20-8 after 52 minutes).

Against all odds, Parramatta managed to make the 2022 NRL Grand Final, where they were handily defeated by the blistering Panthers side to the tune of 28-12.

Turning point

The form of Shaun Lane; in 2022, Lane mustered 26 matches, scored 2 tries, made 7 line breaks (and created 14 line break assists), offloaded 38 times, made 767 tackles at 92.7% efficiency, ran for 3,388 metres (an average of 130 metres per game), and made several clutch plays (one of the standouts being the charge-down against the Cowboys in the Grand Final Qualifier that swung momentum back the Eels' way).

What worked

The Eels thrived when their monster forward pack was able to steamroll their opposition; it created space for Mitchell Moses to control the game, and the Eels benefitted greatly from that.

Junior Paulo, and Reagan Campbell-Gillard had outstanding seasons, both being selected for representative honours.

Moses was able to force 21 dropouts, kick for an average of 428 metres per game, and keep the Eels' scoreboard moving.

What didn't work

Conversely, in matches where possession was less than even, the Eels struggled.

Parramatta's big forward pack relies on aggression, and collision; they are not well-suited to defending for long periods of time, and they get fatigued.

Several of the Eels' losses in 2022 were really a result of their opposition playing simple, mistake-free football, and starving the Eels of possession, making them work hard in defence, and tiring them out.

Best Players

The Eels' most valuable player must surely have been Shaun Lane; he consistently threatened to break the line, was a tireless worker in defence, and his ball-playing kept the opposition in two minds.

He was complemented aptly by Mitchell Moses' kicking game - at times, the Eels' pack struggled to get out of their own end, and it was through Moses' powerful kicking game that they were able to make metres without the ball.

Rookies

The Eels did not debut any rookies in 2022; however, former Canterbury bench forward Ofahiki Ogden played 2 games off the bench (making his club debut) in rounds 22, and 23.

Looking ahead

Parramatta lost a lot of star power at the end of 2022 - Isaiah Papali'i, Reed Mahoney, Marata Niukore, Ray Stone, Tom Opacic, and Oregon Kaufusi are all leaving the club.

Some of those players have been replaced - the Eels will welcome Josh Hodgson to the side in 2023, pinched J'maine Hopgood from Penrith, and nabbed Jirah Moimosea from Newcastle.

The core of the Parramatta team remains unchanged for 2023 - fullback, and skipper Clint Gutherson; halfback Mitchell Moses; five-eighth Dylan Brown; starting props Junior Paulo, and Reagan Campbell-Gillard; and Shaun Lane on an edge.

Penrith have demonstrated that the formula to success under the new rule changes is to utilise big, strong outside backs to take early hit-ups in the ruck, to take some pressure off their forward pack.

The Eels do boast Maika Sivo, but his involvement rate is rather low; Clint Gutherson is a skilful ball-player, a reliable defender, and a solid support player, but lacks the elite power to break tackles; and the other winger (likely to be Bailey Simonsson) features speed, and agility, but not much power.

Parramatta must involve their backline more in doing the ruck out work, if they hope to be a chance of being a genuine threat in 2023.

Time will also tell whether the signing of Josh Hodgson pans out - there is no doubt about his skill, and leadership qualities, but the biggest concern will be his ability to remain fit.

Given the roster disruptions from personnel leaving (as well as Ryan Matterson being unavailable for the first 4 weeks of the 2023 competition), it isn't unreasonable to see the Eels finishing in the lower end of the top 8 in 2023.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Clinton Gutherson (C)
2. Maika Sivo
3. Will Penisini
4. Waqa Blake
5. Bailey Simonsson
6. Dylan Brown
7. Mitchell Moses
8. Junior Paulo (C)
9. Josh Hodgson
10. Reagan Campbell-Gillard
11. Shaun Lane
12. Jack Murchie
13. J'maine Hopgood

14. Mitch Rein
15. Jirah Moimosea
16. Bryce Cartwright
17. Makahesi Makatoa

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 4TH | PLAYED 28, WON 18, LOST 10 | FOR 692, AGAINST 564 | COACH: BRAD ARTHUR (28 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: MITCHELL MOSES (220) | MOST TRIES: CLINT GUTHERSON (16)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	QF	SF	PF	GF	Season Stats					
Opponent	GCT	CRO	MEL	SGI	GCT	WST	NEW	NQL	PEN	SYD	MAN	CAN	CBY	SYD	SOU	WST	WAR	BRI	PEN	MAN	SOU	CBY	BRI	MEL	PEN	CAN	NQL	PEN	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts
ARTHUR, Jakob	B	B				FE	FE									B	B		HB	HB		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	4	10	1	-	-	4
BLAKE, Waqa	C	W	W	W	W						W	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	22	-	12	-	-	48
BROWN, Dylan	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	C	C	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	28	-	11	-	-	44
BROWN, Nathan		B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	B	B			B											B	8	6	1	-	-	4	
CAMPBELL-GILLARD, Reagan	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	28	-	3	-	-	12
CARTWRIGHT, Bryce				B	B		B	B		B									B	B	B	B				B		-	10	-	-	-	-	
GREIG, Wiremu				B																								-	1	-	-	-	-	
GUTHERSON, Clinton	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	28	-	15	8	-	76
KAUFUSI, Oregon	B	L	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2	26	1	-	-	4
LANE, Shaun	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	26	-	2	-	-	8
MAHONEY, Reed	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	28	-	8	-	-	32
MAKATO, Makahehi	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B		1	23	-	-	-	-	
MATTERSON, Ryan	L			2R	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R				L	L	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	8	15	4	-	-	16
MOSES, Mitchell	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	26	-	7	95	2	220
NIUKORE, Marata					C						L	2R	2R	B	L	FR	L	B	B	B	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	14	5	3	-	-	12	
OGDEN, Ofahiki																						B	B					-	2	-	-	-	-	
OPACIC, Tom		C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C			B	B			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	17	2	7	-	-	28	
PAPALI'I, Isaiah	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	L	L	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	28	-	10	-	-	40
PAULO, Junior	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	26	-	1	-	-	4
PENISINI, Will	C	C	C	C	C	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	28	-	10	-	-	40	
PERHAM, Hayze						B	W	W	W	W	W																	5	1	4	-	-	16	
REIN, Mitch					B	B																						-	2	-	-	-	-	
RODWELL, Ky														B	B	B	B											-	4	-	-	-	-	
RUSSELL, Sean	W																											1	-	3	-	-	12	
SIMONSSON, Bailey	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W							C	C	C	20	-	3	-	-	12	
SIVO, Maika													W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	16	-	13	-	-	52	
STONE, Ray	B	B	B																									-	3	2	-	-	8	

PARRAMATTA EELS

Established	1947
Home Ground	Western Sydney Stadium (current name: CommBank Stadium)
Premierships	1981, 1982, 1983, 1986
Runners Up	1976, 1977, 1984, 2001, 2009, 2022
World Club Challenge	None
Most Appearance (all time)	Nathan Hindmarsh: 330
Most Points (all time)	Michael Cronin: 1971
Most Tries (all time)	Luke Burt: 124
Matches Played	1736
Won	806
Lost	890
Drawn	40
Points For	30,488
Points Against	31,968
Biggest win	74-4 (70 pts) - Aug 23rd, 2003 - vs. Cronulla
Biggest loss	0-68 (68 pts) - Aug 22nd, 1993 - vs. Canberra
Most points scored	74-4 (74 pts) - Aug 23rd, 2003 - vs. Cronulla
Most points conceded	0-68 (68 pts) - Aug 22nd, 1993 - vs. Canberra

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 13th	H	Gold Coast	W 32-28	CommBank	18,211
2	Mar 19th	A	Cronulla	L 16-18	Pointsbet	11,459
3	Mar 26th	A	Melbourne	W 28-24	AAMI Park	15,691
4	Apr 3rd	H	St Geo Illa	W 48-14	CommBank	19,711
5	Apr 9th	A	Gold Coast	W 26-20	CBUS	14,478
6	Apr 18th	H	Wests Tigers	L 20-21	CommBank	28,336
7	Apr 24th	A	Newcastle	W 39-2	McD.Jones	25,169
8	Apr 30th	H/N	North Qld	L 4-35	Darwin	10,017
9	May 6th	A	Penrith	W 22-20	BlueBet	21,548
10	May 15th	A/N	Sydney	L 24-31	Suncorp	40,135
11	May 20th	H	Manly	W 22-20	CommBank	18,778
12	May 29th	A	Canberra	W 28-20	GIO	16,244
14	Jun 13th	A	Canterbury	L 4-34	Accor	20,184
15	Jun 18th	H	Sydney	W 26-16	CommBank	21,757
16	Jul 2nd	A	Souths	L 12-30	Accor	10,102
17	Jul 9th	A	Wests Tigers	W 28-20	Leichhardt	13,214
18	Jul 15th	H	Warriors	W 28-18	CommBank	12,279
19	Jul 21st	H	Brisbane	L 14-36	CommBank	11,017
20	Jul 29th	H	Penrith	W 34-10	CommBank	26,912
21	Aug 5th	A	Manly	W 36-20	4 Pines	17,134
22	Aug 12th	H	Souths	L 0-26	CommBank	22,958
23	Aug 20th	H	Canterbury	W 42-6	CommBank	26,451
24	Aug 25th	A	Brisbane	W 53-6	Suncorp	30,371
25	Sep 1st	H	Melbourne	W 22-14	CommBank	23,758
QF	Sep 9th	A	Penrith	L 8-27	BlueBet	21,863
SF	Sep 16th	H	Canberra	W 40-4	CommBank	29,134
PF	Sep 23rd	A	North Qld	W 24-20	QLD C.B.	25,372
GF	Oct 2nd	A/N	Penrith	L 12-28	Accor	82,415

PENRITH PANTHERS

SEASON REVIEW

with JOSH ROBERTSON, LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

“The Greatest Penrith team in history” were the (in)famous words of James Fisher-Harris just 12 hours after the Penrith Panthers secured back-to-back premierships.

Those words upset some, but arguably they were accurate for a team - and club - that is in a period of success very rarely seen in Rugby League.

There were questions about whether the Panthers could continue their success from 2020 (grand finalists) and 2021 (premiers) into a third straight grand final and then trying to do the almost impossible: win back-to-back premierships and become just the second team in the NRL era to do so. Little did anybody know, that the Panthers were set for the biggest season of silverware in the club and in Rugby League's history, picking up multiple NSWRL titles alongside the NRL crown.

Things weren't necessarily all smooth sailing for the Panthers though, despite their success. Starting the season without Nathan Cleary through his shoulder surgery recovery, finishing the last six weeks without the same key star, and a potentially rocky period through Origin.

Penrith kicked things off with a new-look halves combination of Jarome Luai and Sean O'Sullivan combining magnificently to set themselves on a 3-0 season start before Nathan Cleary took the reins and stretched the record to eight wins in a row, before a loss to chief rivals Parramatta at home saw the winning streak halted.

The middle of the season - which looked to be the rockiest road for the Panthers - seemed to go brilliantly, with a clean streak of wins including a narrow victory over the Wests Tigers. In that match, they relied on what was mostly a NSW Cup team to accomplish victory. Not every journey is smooth sailing and the Round 20 clash against the Eels proved to be the potential Iceberg in the path.

Turning point

The Nathan Cleary send-off in that Eels clash and subsequently a heavy defeat put questions on the Panthers' season and premiership aspirations given that just a week before, Jarome Luai had suffered a knee injury that was going to keep him out for what looked like at least the rest of the regular season. Penrith managed to find something yet again though, with a halves combination of Sean O'Sullivan and Jaeman Salmon leading the Panthers to victories against Canberra and then sealing the minor premiership with a win against the Rabbitohs.

They were then still able to find momentum, Luai returning early in Round 24 and Cleary in the first week of the finals. The preliminary final was nearly a different story, a poor start had the Panthers trailing last year's vanquished Grand Finalists in South Sydney, and there were plenty of nervous moments for the fans in the stands after trailing 12-0 close to halftime.

An attitude that never admits defeat, proved itself vital as the Panthers were able to capitalise on some luck and then turn it into attack and not look back, ultimately cruising home to a 20-point win and book a third consecutive Grand Final berth.

There was absolutely no doubt about the Grand Final in 2022 (unlike the nerves of 2021), as the Panthers dominated from start to finish, opening up a 28-0 lead over Parramatta before conceding a couple of very late tries and taking the 28-12 victory.

What worked

Everything. Well, almost everything for the Panthers worked in season 2022 - because you can't be doing much wrong if you are managing to win five trophies across a possible six different competitions. The Panthers system worked starting at the beginning of the year when the Harold Matthews Cup side took an amazing come-from-behind victory over the Roosters to win that competition, then the success of the Panthers across the season with several players who had either made their debut last year or this season slotting into the first grade side seamlessly.

The success here showed also in the New South Wales Cup when a patchwork side was managed to score a remarkable finals victory in the first week, when the majority of the regular side was called up to NRL duty after key stars were rested. The experience of the big games helped the Panthers with their Jersey Flegg, NSW Cup and NRL State Championship victories, setting a framework for the future.

What didn't work

There probably wasn't anything that didn't work for the Panthers this season which shows how good the season was.

If you had to pin down something that didn't work it might have been a couple of the performances where Penrith was comprehensively outplayed against Parramatta, Melbourne and the Cowboys, although any side missing their key spine would struggle as well.

Best players

It doesn't matter what anybody says, but for mine, the best fullback and one of the season's best players in the competition was Dylan Edwards - an absolute star for Penrith in the custodian role. The club favourite was amazing across the season just amassing metre after metre, running the ball back and putting the fear in opposition defence as the Panthers set up their attack.

It's hard not to focus on the work of Nathan Cleary and Jarome Luai across the season as some of the Panthers' best players in the season, but Isaah Ye'o's efforts in the middle of the park have been fantastic. His control and patience help the Panthers settle things down when play was getting dicy, and just reset the attack.

Another unsung hero of the Panthers side that doesn't get the plaudits is the man who quickly became a fan favourite last season and then again this season gaining the nickname 'Hot Scott' by fans on social media. Scott Sorensen's efforts off the bench are arguably one of the major factors and a grand final try was probably one of the most deserved.

Rookies

The Panthers have never been short of talented rookies and yet again so many were able to star for Penrith including the likes of Taylan May and Izack Tago who become a force on the edge for the mountain men in 2022. The pair combined for 29 tries this season which helped them become an almost unstoppable force in the season out on the edges.

The Panthers had three debutants in their Round 25 clash with the Cowboys, which included the likes of Thomas Jenkins who starred in the NSW Cup for this season scoring 20 tries, as well as Jack Cole who is a rising star for the future both in the halves and in the backline. Another was second-rower Liam Henry, who has so much potential for the future and is set to join the Panthers top 30 in 2024.

Looking ahead

It's hard to see the Panthers having a big slide backwards in 2023 given that a large number of the squad is still with the club, although the losses of Api Koroisau and Villiame Kikau are going to hurt. The vision of Koroisau out of dummy half makes a big difference and Kikau's edge running game is some of the best in the competition. Api's departure opens the door for Mitch Kenny to take the #9 jumper fulltime while it's likely Soni Luke will help Kenny in the dummy-half rotation. Luke Garner makes the journey up The Northern Road to slot into the second-row vacancy created by Kikau's departure. Tyrone Peachey also returns to the foot of the mountains after a few seasons away at the Titans and Tigers, while other new faces included former Newcastle and Huddersfield five-eighth Jack Cogger, and forward Zac Hosking from Brisbane.

Despite the key losses of Kikau and Koroisau, you wouldn't be out of line saying that the Panthers could have continued success and become one of the most successful sides since the Parramatta and Canterbury in the 1980s.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Dylan Edwards 2. Taylan May 3. Izack Tago 4. Stephen Crichton 5. Brian To'o 6. Jarome Luai 7. Nathan Cleary 8. Moses Leota 9. Mitch Kenny 10. James Fisher-Harris 11. Luke Garner 12. Liam Martin 13. Isaah Ye'o / 14. Soni Luke 15. Scott Sorensen 16. Spencer Leniu 17. Jaeman Salmon

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

SEASON REVIEW

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2022 was another forgettable year for St George Illawarra Dragons, whose finishing position of tenth probably flatters them in a year where fans are left with more questions than answers headed into 2023.

The season started off with a first round win against the Warriors in sunny Queensland, before a gallant loss to eventual premiers Penrith was quickly followed by two heavy losses to local rivals Cronulla and Parramatta, which brought them back to earth.

That would be the pattern for their season.

The Dragons won three games in a row twice – once at the start, then again to end the year (a nice contrast to 2021) - and otherwise were more up and down than a rollercoaster at your local theme park.

It has left coach Anthony Griffin in an awkward spot headed into his third year as Dragons coach, with several questions left over his tenure, which was only added to with the retirement of Andrew McCullough in the off-season.

Most of the signings that Griffin brought to the team were busts with the two outliers being former Rabbitoh Jaydn Su'A and Moses Suli who on his day was a wrecking ball.

Otherwise, they ranged from average – to awful – to George Burgess.

One positive was the play of Ben Hunt who was in the Dally M running all season and took out their player of the year award deservedly.

He will need some team mates to go with him in 2023 if they want any kind of success.

Now they also have to solve a problem at hooker after McCullough's retirement. Moses Mbye and Jayden Sullivan both had time there in 2022.

Tigers recruit Jacob Liddle should get first crack at it in the new year, however.

Turning Point

Unlike BBQ-gate last season, there wasn't one turning point for the Saints in 2022.

It was mostly their inability to string wins together with them winning three in a row twice across the season - Round 6 to 8 and Round 23-25 to end the season.

There was also concerns of rifts in the side due to Anthony Griffin's fondness for the more experienced players in the squad despite performances which also showed in the release requests from Jayden Sullivan and Tyrell Sloan which were withdrawn.

What Worked

This will be similar to the best players blurb and the editor denied my request to basically just say Ben Hunt here and end this section. So, the halfback was a bright spot in another listless year for the side with his leadership and kicking game.

I will give an honourable mention to Jack Bird, who was the swiss army knife for the Dragons. He played fullback, centre, five-eighth and lock across the season and ended the year in some stellar form.

What Didn't Work

The forward pack. Coach Anthony Griffin tried his version of 'moneyball' with some of the signings which included Aaron Woods and the now-retired George Burgess were dud pick-ups.

Also the constant merry-go-round in the halves and at hooker, meant that there was no consistency for Hunt for much of the season and the attack suffered.

Also notably, the Dragons were a sieve on their own line and were the sixth-worst defence in the league, conceding 30+ points on seven occasions.

Best Players

Let's get the obvious answer out of the way first - Ben Hunt.

The Dragons halfback was a bright spot in a team which at times were rudderless and impotent.

The mid-season switch of Cody Ramsay taking over the fullback showed that he might be the future option there instead of Tyrell Sloan. We hope Cody also recovers from his illness swiftly.

Also, I just want to shoutout Blake Lawrie for finally getting his first NRL try and Jaydn Su'A who was quite good in his first season with the Dragons.

Rookies

Most of the Dragons rookies came through the ranks last season and this season showed some further development from them.

Talatau Amone showed himself as the ideal partner to Ben Hunt in the halves while Mat Faagai scored 10 tries including a solo effort against the Broncos in the last round.

Looking Ahead

There is some hope ahead for the 'Red V' with some of the talent coming through the ranks and Ben Hunt has re-signed for the foreseeable future after a close to Dally M winning season.

They still have to fix some areas of the team (mostly the forward pack) if they want to make the top eight and continue the development of their young stars.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Cody Ramsey
2. Mat Faagai
3. Moses Suli
4. Zac Lomax
5. Mikaele Ravalawa
6. Talatau Amone
7. Ben Hunt
8. Blake Lawrie
9. Jacob Liddle
10. Francis Molo
11. Jack Bird
12. Jaydn Su'A
13. Jack de Belin
14. Jayden Sullivan
15. Michael Molo
16. Tyrell Fuimaono
17. Jaiyden Hunt

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 10TH | PLAYED 24, WON 12, LOST 12 | FOR 469, AGAINST 569 | COACH: ANTHONY GRIFFIN (24 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: ZAC LOMAX (167) | MOST TRIES: MAT FEAGAI (10)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Season Stats						
Opponent	WAR	PEN	CRO	PAR	SOU	NEW	SYD	WST	MEL	GCT	WAR	CBY	NQL	SOU	CAN	BRI	SYD	MAN	NQL	CRO	CAN	GCT	WST	BRI	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
AMONE, Talatau	FE	FE	FE	B	B	B	B	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	20	4	6	-	-	24
BIRD, Jack	2R	2R	2R	FE	FE	FE	FE		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	L	L	C	C	L	L	L	L	23	-	7	1	-	30	
BURGESS, George		B				B	FR	FR																	2	2	-	-	-	-	
BURNS, Billy																	2R	2R	2R		B				3	1	-	-	-	-	
DE BELIN, Jack	L	B	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	21	3	5	-	-	20	
FEAGAI, Mathew				W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C	20	-	10	-	-	40	
FORD, Jackson			B	B	B																		B	B	-	5	1	-	-	4	
FUIMAONO, Tyrell								B	B		B	B									B		B		-	6	-	-	-	-	
GOSIEWSKI, Jack	B		B	2R						B															1	3	1	-	-	4	
HUNT, Ben	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	23	-	6	-	-	24	
HUNT, Jaiyden																B							B	B	-	3	-	-	-	-	
KERR, Josh	B	B	B	B	B	FR										B									1	6	-	-	-	-	
LAWRIE, Blake	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	19	5	1	-	-	4	
LOMAX, Zac	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	-	6	71	1	167	
MBYE, Moses	B	B	H	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	H	H	H	H	B	B	B	B	C	FB	FB	C	C			16	6	2	-	-	8	
McCULLOUGH, Andrew	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H			B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		H	18	2	2	-	-	8	
McGUIRE, Josh					B	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R				B	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	9	5	-	-	-	-	
MOGA, Tautau												W	W				W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	10	-	7	-	-	28	
MOLO, Francis	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	FR	B	B	B	FR		B			14	7	1	-	-	4	
MOLO, Michael											B	B	B	B	B					B	B	B			-	8	1	-	-	4	
RAMSEY, Cody	W	W	W								FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	15	-	6	-	-	24	
RAVALAWA, Mikaele	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W									14	-	5	-	-	20	
REUBEN, Jonathon													W												1	-	-	-	-	-	
SIMS, Tariq		L	L	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	FR	B	2R	2R		L	L	L		B	L	2R					14	3	1	-	-	4	
SLOAN, Tyrell	FB	FB	FB							FB										B	B			W	W	6	2	1	-	-	4
SU'A, Jaydn	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R						B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	17	1	5	-	-	20	
SULLI, Moses	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C								17	-	5	-	-	20	
SULLIVAN, Jayden								B	B	B	B					HB		B				B	H	B	2	7	2	-	-	8	
WOODS, Aaron	FR			B	FR		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B		B	B	B	B	B	B	2	17	-	-	-	-	

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

Established	1999 (St George 1921, Illawarra 1982)
Home Grounds	Jubilee Oval, Kogarah NSW (current name: Netstrata Jubilee Stadium) Wollongong Showground, Wollongong NSW (current name: WIN Stadium)
Premierships	2010
Runners Up	1999
World Club Challenge	2011
Most Appearances	Ben Hornby: 275
Most Points (all time)	Jamie Soward: 995
Most Tries (all time)	Matt Cooper: 124
Matches Played	577
Won	286
Lost	285
Drawn	6
Points For	12,160
Points Against	11,521
Biggest win	54-0 (54 pts) - May 6th, 2000 - vs. Warriors
Biggest loss	10-70 (60 pts) - Mar 3rd, 2000 - vs. Melbourne
Most points scored	58-16 (58 pts) - Aug 18th, 2002 - vs. South Sydney 58-16 (58 pts) - Jul 8th, 2007 - vs. Canberra
Most points conceded	10-70 (70 pts) - Mar 3rd, 2000 - vs. Melbourne

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 12th	A N	Warriors	W 28 - 16	Sun. Coast	5,382
2	Mar 18th	H	Penrith	L 16 - 20	Netstrata	10,057
3	Mar 24th	H	Cronulla	L 12 - 36	WIN	10,122
4	Apr 3rd	A	Parramatta	L 14 - 48	CommBank	19,711
5	Apr 9th	A	Souths	L 12 - 24	Accor	11,332
6	Apr 17th	H	Newcastle	W 21 - 16	WIN	11,113
7	Apr 25th	H N	Sydney	W 14 - 12	SCG	35,273
8	May 1st	H	W Tigers	W 12 - 6	WIN	16,110
9	May 8th	A	Melbourne	L 6 - 42	AAMI	11,723
10	May 14th	A N	Gold Coast	L 16 - 20	Suncorp	30,503
11	May 21st	H	Warriors	W 24 - 18	Netstrata	7,147
12	May 29th	A	Canterbury	W 34 - 24	Belmore	16,991
14	Jun 10th	A	North Qld	L 12 - 31	QLD C.B.	14,683
15	Jun 16th	H	Souths	W 32 - 12	WIN	11,257
16	Jul 3rd	H	Canberra	W 12 - 10	WIN	7,069
17	Jul 10th	A	Brisbane	L 18 - 32	Suncorp	29,234
18	Jul 16th	A N	Sydney	L 26 - 54	Gosford	15,721
19	Jul 22nd	H	Manly	W 20 - 6	Netstrata	7,137
20	Jul 31st	H	North Qld	L 8 - 34	Netstrata	9,517
21	Aug 6th	A	Cronulla	L 18 - 24	Pointsbet	11,427
22	Aug 14th	A	Canberra	L 22 - 24	GIO	11,216
23	Aug 21st	H	Gold Coast	W 46 - 26	WIN	12,348
24	Aug 28th	A	W Tigers	W 24 - 22	CommBank	9,789
25	Sep 3rd	H	Brisbane	W 22 - 12	Netstrata	8,247

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

SEASON REVIEW

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With Adam Reynolds on the move and Wayne Bennett out of the picture, this was supposed to be the year that the South Sydney Rabbitohs took a step backwards.

Ultimately though, it would be a step backwards to later take a step forwards, with rookie halfback Lachlan Ilias given a full year to adjust to the weekly rigours of first-grade football.

Of course, the spotlight was always going to be on Ilias regardless of how South Sydney performed given the quality of halfback he was replacing.

But with lower expectations, at least seemingly there would be more time and space for him to develop without the added pressure of delivering a premiership.

It looked like that would be the case early in the season, although a sudden revival and in-form Latrell Mitchell threatened to see South Sydney go one better when it was least expected.

Ultimately the Rabbitohs would fall one game short, outclassed again by the Panthers when it mattered most.

Yet, in a year that initially promised to be little but part of long-term vision at Redfern, South Sydney emerged as late-season surprise packets, giving hope there could be a title for the taking in 2023.

Turning point

Trailing 32-0 at halftime against the inconsistent Dragons, it did not look like the Rabbitohs could slump much lower. And then cameras followed as first-year halfback Ilias was taken out of the game and left on the bench in what coach Jason Demetriou described as a learning experience for the young playmaker.

On the surface, it looked just as much like he was being made into an easy scapegoat for a string of poor performances. You never know what is happening behind closed doors though and after an honest chat with the 22-year-old, Ilias only grew in confidence and shoulder greater playmaking responsibility.

The team as a whole lifted its standards, winning six of its next eight games and that strong run of form coincided with the return of fullback Latrell Mitchell. Mitchell went on to record 12 try assists, 15 linebreak assists, 36 tackle busts, eight linebreaks and four tries in just seven games and all while returning from a hamstring injury. Both he and the Rabbitohs carried that momentum all the way to the third week of the finals before running into a determined Panthers side that just proved too good yet again.

What worked

While South Sydney's halves drifted in and out of form, most weeks they could always rely on a strong platform up front to give them plenty to work with.

Even without Reynolds or Bennett, the Rabbitohs entered the 2023 season with a star-studded forward pack headlined by lock Cameron Murray. Murray's quick play-the-balls and short passing threat once again made him one of the game's biggest threats through the middle, thereby opening up even more space on the edges.

It was not just Murray though, with several other Rabbitohs forwards enjoying career-best years.

Tom Burgess (average 129 running metres) and Tevita Tatola (121 metres) both consistently produced while Keaton Koloamatangi (118 metres, two tackle busts) was a handful on the edge. South Sydney's mid-season revival also coincided with Burgess, Tatola and Koloamatangi all increasing their involvement too. Burgess went from averaging 118 metres per game between Rounds 1 and 15 to 161 from then onwards while Koloamatangi bumped up his average metres by 30 and Tatola by nearly 70.

What didn't work

The new-look halves pairing was always going to be a work-in-progress in 2023 but at times that had as much to do with five-eighth Cody Walker as it did Ilias. As a first-year halfback Ilias deserved leeway when it came to any potential holes in his game, be it the accuracy of his long-range kicking or ability to command the ball in the big moments.

For Walker though, as the far more experienced on the two Ilias needed him at times to be the calming influence that Reynolds was for him during his time at South Sydney. Of course, that is not Walker's game, with the crafty five-eighth better suited to chiming in and out of games in a similar fashion to Penrith's Jarome Luai.

It meant that at times the Rabbitohs lacked direction and leadership in attack, with Mitchell and Damien Cook also not always the type of player to calm things down when errors pile up. Rather, those two are more likely to push the pass in an attempt to desperate spark something in attack.

Demetriou quickly started to sound like a broken record as he continued to harp on about South Sydney's poor completion rate and ultimately it would time and time again prove its undoing.

Best players

The likes of Mitchell and Murray are the obvious answers here, with both pivotal to South Sydney's success but centre Campbell Graham was an underrated performer who deserves plenty of praise too.

Graham is deceptively strong and had a habit for finding his way to the line even if defenders were around him, finishing with a solid five tries to his name. It was Graham's work in defence in particular though that was undervalued for much of the season, with the 23-year-old highly physical in his contact and smart with his decision-making under pressure.

Winger Alex Johnston also has to rate a mention here, shattering records as he finished the season with 30 tries. With it, Johnston became the first player in premiership history to score 30 tries in two separate seasons, having done so in back-to-back seasons after scoring 30 in 2021.

Rookies

He has already been discussed already but you have to start here with Ilias, who did exceptionally well given the circumstances of his rookie year. It is already hard enough to be a halfback in the NRL, let alone the one replacing a club legend but Ilias did well to stick to his own game and not fall into the trap of trying to be the new Reynolds. Not everything went to plan but that is to be expected in your first year in the top grade and yet Ilias still finished the year with 11 try assists, 11 linebreak assists, 15 forced dropouts and four tries while averaging 225 kicking metres. The 22-year-old's kicking game will only continue to develop, as will his leadership and presence in the squad as he grows more comfortable calling the shots. Ilias was rewarded for his fine season with the club's John Sattler Rookie of the Year awarded and also extended until the end of the 2025 season. Outside of Ilias, Davvy Moale was the other rookie to have a fairly consistent in the NRL, having made two first-grade appearances back in 2021. Moale added 12 more NRL games to his name this year, averaging 58 metres from six runs as a high-impact player off the bench. While the 19-year-old had limited game time, averaging around 20 minutes off the pine, that suited his style anyway as a potential point of difference to bring on against tired forwards.

Looking ahead

The Rabbitohs were not supposed to be contending for a title this year but went within one game of another grand final appearance. With a relatively settled squad next season there is nothing to suggest South Sydney won't be there again trying to win its first title since 2014.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Latrell Mitchell 2. Alex Johnston 3. Isaiah Tass 4. Campbell Graham 5. Isaac Thompson 6. Cody Walker 7. Lachlan Ilias 8. Tevita Tatola 9. Damien Cook 10. Hame Sele 11. Keaton Koloamatangi 12. Jai Arrow 13. Cameron Murray / 14. Siliva Havili 15. Tom Burgess 16. Davvy Moale 17. Jacob Host

SYDNEY ROOSTERS

SEASON REVIEW

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Teething pains and agony for the boys from Bondi.

The 2022 season was one of high expectations for the boys in the red, white and blue. On the surface, it looks like they failed to meet expectations.

But when you take a deeper dive, it's understandable to see why they fell short. Coming into the season, the core spine had yet to play a single game with each other, and as expected by realistic Roosters supporters it took time for everything to come together which saw them limp into the finals.

Sydney's 2022 season began with a typical round 1 loss, to an underwhelming Knights side before recovering to only lose one match before their ANZAC Day clash with the Dragons.

From ANZAC Day to Round 16, the Roosters went on to only win just four matches. The most impressive of those was an Indigenous round victory at the hands of the Sharks, becoming the only side to defeat Cronulla on their home turf in the regular season.

There was one glaringly obvious problem with the Roosters attack during this period of instability post ANZAC Day. Luke Keary was very uncomfortable as the dominant half as opposed to the 5/8 role in which he won multiple premierships. It wasn't until his return from concussion that the Roosters were able to fire.

After the Origin stars returned to club land, it appeared the Roosters woes disappeared with them, going to win out for the remainder of the regular season. This included a return home to Allianz Stadium, which the tri-colours were able to secure a victory over arch-rivals South Sydney.

If circumstances were different in the semi-finals and James Tedesco wasn't knocked out of the game, then it's pretty safe to say things would've been completely different.

Turning Point

A lot was made of the Roosters decision to sign Matt Lodge in July, a lot of it was critical based about his past and his perceived 'walk-out' on the Warriors.

Ultimately though, a lot of Roosters supporters (myself included) were eating crow. Lodge's impact in a Roosters pack that was desperate for another big body was immense and was able to contribute heavily into the Roosters run into the semi-finals.

This signing along with the switch of Keary and Walker into their preferred positions contributed greatly to the Roosters revival in the second half of the season.

What went right

The switch of Luke Keary and Sam Walker to their more familiar positions. This decision from Trent Robinson is probably up there with playing Daniel Tupou on the bench in the 2017 prelim final as far as the moves that backfired in his face.

That being said, when they shifted over to their more preferred sides of the football field. The Roosters attack seemed to have their mojo back, becoming one of the more exciting attacking teams to watch as they marched onto the semi-finals.

What didn't go right

The first half of the season was a total mess. There were times where you'd watch the Roosters attack the football and it would be like watching a game of two handed touch.

It was side to side football, and no straight-forward direction. Their edge defence was also incredibly suspect at times in 2022. Paul Momirovski was brought to the club with a reputation as a 'defensive specialist'. Roosters fans would be demanding their money back with poor reads in defence.

Best players

The ability of Joseph Manu to change the game on its head with one WOW moment. There were many moments in particular to highlight about Manu's 2022 season, but for me, his ability to patrol around the field causing mayhem for opposing defences is what separates him as the form centre in the competition.

Then there's the usual suspect of James Tedesco. The Roosters player of the year for the last five seasons, was once again at his dynamic best in this season. Captaining his side with distinction, lifting them off the canvas in critical situations to save their season.

Disappointment of the Year

After arriving from Penrith fresh off a premiership win, Paul Momirovski arrived with a lot of expectations and it's fair to make the assessment that his return has been quite a disappointment. Arriving as a 'defensive-specialist', Momirovski has left a lot to be desired in his first season back at Bondi letting Marion Seve and Grant Anderson put on a clinic in Round 14 which saw him dropped until Billy Smith's unfortunate knee injury in Round 18.

Momirovski will need a big off-season and some fortune going his way if his name is to be on the team sheet come Round 1.

Rookies

Joseph Suaalii continued his break-out season in spectacular fashion. The recently turned 19 year old nabbed 15 tries and delivered a truck-load of metres coming out of yardage.

On the debutant front, the only player to debut was Terrell May. May has been the form forward of the KOE NSW Cup, but due to Trent Robinson's rotation policy, his game time was limited. However, there's been enough to suggest that he could fight for a bench spot with Taukeiaho's departure.

Looking forward, Siua Wong has been exceptional on the edge for Fiji in the World Cup and with Sitili Tupouniua's injury, Wong is a chance to start the year on the bench.

Looking Ahead

The Roosters have lost a considerable amount of experience, with two premiership winners in Sam Verrills and Sio-Siua Taukeiaho departing the club for greener pastures in 2023. Verrills' departure is off-set by the impending arrival of Brandon Smith.

They've also added Jaxson Paulo and Jake Turpin to their line-up which are handy depth pieces. But, it'll be another off-season of learning to play with each-other, that being said if they catch fire early, then the task of snatching the premiership trophy off Penrith gets easier by the week.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. James Tedesco
2. Daniel Tupou
3. Joseph Manu
4. Joseph Suaalii
5. Jaxson Paulo
6. Luke Keary
7. Sam Walker
8. Jared Waerea-Hargraves
9. Brandon Smith
10. Lindsay Collins
11. Angus Crichton
12. Nat Butcher
13. Victor Radley

14. Connor Watson
15. Egan Butcher
16. Matthew Lodge
17. Terrell May

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 6TH | PLAYED 25, WON 15, LOST 10 | FOR 649, AGAINST 464 | COACH: TRENT ROBINSON (25 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: SAM WALKER (211) | MOST TRIES: DANIEL TUPOU (17)

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	Opponent	NEW	MAN	SOU	NQL	BRI	WAR	SGI	CBY	GCT	PAR	PEN	CRO	CAN	MEL	PAR	PEN	SGI	NEW	MAN	BRI	NQL	WST	MEL	SOU	SOU	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts
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BUTCHER, Egan											B		B		B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	-	12	2	-	-	8
BUTCHER, Nat	B	B	2R	2R	2R	B	L	B	2R	B	2R	2R	L	L	L	2R	FR	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	20	5	11	-	-	44	
COLLINS, Lindsay	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR		FR	FR	FR						B				14	2	-	-	-	-	
CRICHTON, Angus	2R	2R	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	22	3	6	-	-	24	
FIFITA, Daniel				B	B	B					B		B	B	B											-	7	-	-	-	-	
GILDART, Oliver																						B		B		-	2	-	-	-	-	
HUTCHISON, Drew	B	H	H	H	H	H	B	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	HB	H	B	C	B	B	B	C	C	C	C	17	8	2	-	-	8	
KEARY, Luke	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	22	-	2	-	-	8	
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LODGE, Matt																	B	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	7	2	2	-	-	8	
MANU, Joseph	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	FB	C	C	FE	FE		C	C	C	C	C	C	23	-	11	-	-	44		
MAY, Terrell										B	B	B	B					B		B	B	B		B		-	9	-	-	-	-	
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NAIQAMA, Kevin				W	W	C		W					C												W	B	6	1	2	-	8	
RADLEY, Victor	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	L	L	L						L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	18	1	2	-	-	8	
SMITH, Billy	C	C	W										W		C	C	C									7	-	-	-	-	-	
SUA'ALI'I, Joseph						W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	19	-	15	-	-	60	
TAUKEIAHO, Sio Siua	B	FR	FR	FR			FR	B	B	FR	L	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR						B	L	B	13	5	2	-	-	8	
TEDESCO, James	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	24	-	13	-	-	52	
THOMAS, Ben																					B					-	1	-	-	-	-	
TUPOU, Daniel	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	22	-	16	-	-	64	
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VERRILLS, Sam					B	H	H	H						H	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	13	2	3	-	-	12	
WAEREA-HARGREAVES, Jared	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR						FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	16	4	3	-	-	12	
WALKER, Sam	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	25	-	7	91	1	211	
WATSON, Connor	H	B	B	B	B						B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	1	20	3	-	-	12	

SYDNEY ROOSTERS

Established	1908
Home Grounds	Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park NSW Sydney Football Stadium, Moore Park NSW (current name: Allianz Stadium)
Premierships	1911, 1912, 1913, 1923, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1940, 1945, 1974, 1975, 2002, 2013, 2018, 2019
Runners Up	1908, 1928, 1934, 1938, 1941, 1942, 1960, 1972, 1980, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2010 1976, 2003, 2014, 2019, 2020
World Club Challenge	1976, 2003, 2014, 2019, 2020
Most Appearances	Mitchell Aubusson: 306
Most Points (all time)	Craig Fitzgibbon: 1470
Most Tries (all time)	Anthony Minichiello: 139
Matches Played	2303
Won	1230
Lost	1004
Drawn	69
Points For	41598
Points Against	36528
Biggest win	87-7 (80 pts) - May 18th, 1935 - vs. Canterbury
Biggest loss	4-66 (62 pts) - Apr 15th, 1990 - vs. Canberra
Most points scored	87-7 (87 pts) - May 18th, 1935 - vs. Canterbury
Most points conceded	4-66 (66 pts) - Apr 15th, 1990 - vs. Canberra

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3	Mar 25th	A	Souths	L 16 - 28	Accor	18,245
4	Apr 2nd	A	North Qld	W 28 - 4	QLD C.B.	17,929
5	Apr 8th	A	Brisbane	W 24 - 20	Suncorp	23,508
6	Apr 17th	H	Warriors	W 22 - 14	SCG	11,267
7	Apr 25th	A/N	St Geo Illa	L 12 - 14	SCG	35,273
8	Apr 30th	A	Canterbury	L 12 - 16	Accor	9,544
9	May 7th	H/N	Gold Coast	W 44 - 16	Mackay	5,527
10	May 15th	H/N	Parramatta	W 31 - 24	Suncorp	40,135
11	May 21st	H	Penrith	L 12 - 32	SCG	14,482
12	May 28th	A	Cronulla	W 36 - 16	Pointsbet	11,500
13	Jun 5th	A	Canberra	L 16 - 22	GIO	6,492
14	Jun 11th	H	Melbourne	L 18 - 26	SCG	12,825
15	Jun 18th	A	Parramatta	L 16 - 26	CommBank	21,757
16	Jul 1st	A	Penrith	L 18 - 26	Bluebet	16,725
18	Jul 16th	H/N	St Geo Illa	W 54 - 26	Gosford	15,721
19	Jul 22nd	A	Newcastle	W 42 - 12	McD. Jones	13,701
20	Jul 28th	A	Manly	W 20 - 10	4 Pines	12,187
21	Aug 4th	H	Brisbane	W 34 - 16	SCG	10,495
22	Aug 13th	H	North Qld	W 32 - 18	SCG	15,219
23	Aug 20th	H	W Tigers	W 72 - 6	SCG	14,939
24	Aug 26th	A	Melbourne	W 18 - 14	AAMI	25,308
25	Sep 2nd	H	Souths	W 26 - 16	Allianz	41,906
EF	Sep 11th	H	Souths	L 14 - 30	Allianz	39,498

WARRIORS

SEASON REVIEW

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Steps forward off the field, steps sideways on the field is the story of another mediocre season for the Warriors.

The Warriors were not expected to compete for the premiership or even a finals berth in 2022. If you told their long suffering fans that they'd win 6 games and finish in the bottom four, they'd probably shrug their shoulders, say "sounds about right" and move on with their day.

What do you get when you put together a huge injury toll in the forward pack for the majority of the year, playing more than half of your home games in a different country, together with a coach who ultimately didn't see out the season? Obviously, everyone would prefer if their on-field product was a little better. But in essence, 2022 was a successful year for the Warriors as a club; they made their long-awaited return to New Zealand, moved on from their coach and turned over their roster to ensure that only players who actually want to play where the team is based remain.

While their future looks as bright as it has in a while, there's no escaping the fact that despite moves being made that will benefit the club in the long term, season 2022 in a vacuum for the Warriors was a bit of a circus.

Let's start with the on-field product. They actually got off to a pretty hot start, going 3-2, including wins over the Broncos and Cowboys. They would've been 4-1 if they hadn't lost to the Titans by two points in Round 2. Unfortunately, their next three wins would be accumulated over 20 rounds. This included a massive losing streak, one that lasted seven games to be precise.

Of all the losses, the most embarrassing came in Round 7 on Anzac Day against the Storm to the tune of 70 points to 10. What's crazy about that game is that they were actually still in the contest at half time, facing a six-point deficit heading into the sheds - and at times looking like a very capable football team. That of course changed in the second half as Melbourne piled on 54 unanswered points in just 40 minutes of play. It was a low point, but they dug deep the following week to pull a one-point win against Canberra out of the fire. The seven-game losing streak would begin after that.

In the middle of said losing streak, the Warriors fired coach Nathan Brown after a dismal 44-12 drubbing at the hands of the Manly Sea Eagles. The team had gone backwards under Brown, just as the Knights did in the years prior. To this day, Todd Payten deciding to turn down the offer from the Warriors and head up to coach the Cowboys remains one of the bigger "what if" moments in recent history.

Turning Point: July 3 - Warriors 22 Wests Tigers 2 @ Mt Smart Stadium

While there were a lot of lows for the Warriors in 2022, they and their fans also experienced what was probably their best moment since qualifying for the 2011 Grand Final when a tick over 26,000 footy deprived Kiwi fans packed into a sold-out Mt Smart Stadium to watch their team play a true home game for the first time since 2019. It's lucky the stadium doesn't have a roof, because it would've come right off after the reception the Warriors faithful gave their boys as they ran out onto the hallowed turf. Unsurprisingly, they had a big 20-point win over the Tigers. Despite the small sample size, it's clear the return home gave the Warriors a much-needed mental boost, winning 50% of their games there compared to 20% of their games away from there.

What Worked

When a team comes 15th, it's going to be a challenge filling in the "what worked" section of a season report. Nonetheless, I will try. Hooker Wayde Egan showed signs of improvement, acting as the Warriors' general in attack in numerous games while also averaging a strong tackle efficiency of 92.6%.

What Didn't Work

There were a lot of disappointment on the paddock for the Warriors. Their forward pack significantly underperformed throughout the season as the team ranked 16th for both all run metres and post contact metres, which made things even harder for returning cult figure.

Shaun Johnson, whom I love as a player, but must also be say that he regressed badly in 2022, throwing several intercepts at inopportune times as well as generally making the wrong decision late in the tackle count.

Best Player

The aforementioned Wayde Egan had comfortably his best season in first grade and was the standout for the Warriors in terms of consistency along with Euan Aitken, who found an unlikely home in the back row for stretches. Tohu Harris also impressed whenever he was on the field as he always does, but he unfortunately missed much of the season due to injury.

Rookies

The Warriors only had one player make his NRL debut for them in 2022, that being Ronald Volkman who came across in a mid-season transfer from the Roosters. He is a highly touted young five-eighth who could will no doubt be given an extended opportunity at some point in 2023.

Looking Ahead

The Warriors have made some major personnel changes for 2023 that will have fans hoping (praying) for a return to the finals is on the cards. Reece Walsh (Broncos), Euan Aitken (Dolphins) and Chanel Harris-Tavita (travelling) are their three most significant losses, while depth players Eliesa Katoa, Jack Murchie and Daejarn Asi are also moving on. Their gains are solid if not breathtaking, with Marata Niukore, Dylan Walker, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad and Te Maire Martin the biggest names on the inclusion list.

The appointment of Andrew Webster as head coach is one that the Warriors simply can't afford to go wrong. Since 2011, they have had 10 different coaches (including caretakers), the most in the league during that time by a landslide. With a new-ish group of players, it will be interesting to see what Webster can do in his first year on the job. While the Warriors won't win the premiership in 2023, their long suffering fans should be cautiously optimistic of making a run to the finals for the first time since 2018.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Te Maire Martin
2. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak
3. Adam Pompey
4. Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad
5. Marcelo Montoya
6. Ronald Volkman
7. Shaun Johnson
8. Addin Fonua-Blake
9. Wayde Egan
10. Tohu Harris
11. Marata Niukore
12. Josh Curran
13. Jazz Tevaga

14. Dylan Walker
15. Mitch Barnett
16. Ben Murdoch-Masila
17. Bunty Afoa

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 15TH | PLAYED 24, WON 6, LOST 18 | FOR 408, AGAINST 700 | COACH: NATHAN BROWN (13 MATCHES), STACEY JONES (11 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: REECE WALSH (104) | MOST TRIES: DALLIN WATENE-ZELEZNIAK (9)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Season Stats					
Opponent	SGI	GCT	WST	BRI	NQL	SYD	MEL	CAN	CRO	SOU	SGI	NEW	MAN	CRO	PEN	WST	PAR	CAN	MEL	SOU	CBY	NQL	PEN	GCT	Starts	Bench	T	G	FG	Pts
AFOA, Bunty	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	L	B	B	3	21	1	-	-	4
AITKEN, Euan	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	C	2R	2R		2R	21	-	3	-	12	
ALE, Tom																					B	B	B	B	-	4	-	-	-	
ARTHARS, Jesse		C	C	C	C	C	C	W							C	C	C	C					C		12	-	5	-	20	
ASI, Daejarn							FE	FE	FE	FE									FE		FE	FE		HB	8	-	2	-	8	
BERRY, Rocco	C	C	C					C	C				C	C											7	-	-	-	-	
CURRAN, Joshua	L	L	L	2R	L	L	2R							B	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	B	B	B	2R	2R	13	5	4	-	16	
EGAN, Wayde	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H				H	H	H	H	H	H	H	FE	H	H		H	20	-	4	-	16	
FONUA-BLAKE, Addin	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR				FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	19	2	1	-	4	
FREI, Jackson																				B	B				-	2	-	-	-	
HARRIS, Tohu										B	L	L	L	L	L	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	14	1	1	-	4	
HARRIS-TAVITA, Chanel	FB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE					FE	FE	FE	B	FB	FE	FB	FE				FE	FE	16	1	1	1	-	6
JOHNSON, Shaun	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	21	-	3	14	2	42
KATO, Eliesa	2R	2R	2R	B		B		B	2R	2R	B							B	B		B	B	2R	L	7	8	3	-	12	
KOSI, Edward				W	W	W	W										W		W	W	W	W	W	W	11	-	8	-	32	
LODGE, Matt		FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR															8	-	-	-	-	
LUI, Dunamis											B		B	B									L		1	3	-	-	-	
LUSSICK, Freddy										B	B	H				B	B		B	H	B	B	H	B	3	8	-	-	-	
MONTOYA, Marcelo	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C	C	C			18	-	6	-	24	
MURCHIE, Jack				B			B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		B	2R		2R	2R	2R			10	4	3	-	12	
MURDOCH-MASILA, Ben	B			B			B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR										B	B	4	7	-	-	-	
NIKORIMA, Kodi	FE		HB	B	B	B																			2	3	1	-	4	
OTUKOLO, Taniela						B	B					B	B								B		B		-	6	-	-	-	
PENE, Aaron	B	B	B		B	FR	B		B	L	B	B	B			FR	FR				L				5	9	-	-	-	
POMPEY, Adam		W	W	C	C	C	C	W	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C		19	-	5	-	20	
SIRONEN, Bayley	B	B	B		2R	2R	B	2R					B	B	B	B							2R		4	9	-	-	-	
TAYLOR, Ash		HB																							1	-	-	-	-	
TEVAGA, Jazz	B	B	B	L			L	L	L	H	H	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	L	L	L						14	3	1	-	4	
VAILEA, Viliami	C						C	C	C	C	C										C	C	C	C	10	-	7	-	28	
VOLKMAN, Ronald															FE	FE									2	-	-	-	-	
WALSH, Reece		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		FB	B	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	21	1	2	48	-	104
WATENE-ZELEZNIAK, Dallin	W					W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	18	-	9	-	36	

WARRIORS

Established
Home Grounds

Premierships
Runners Up
World Club Challenge

Most Appearances (all time)
Most Points (all time)
Most Tries (all time)

Matches Played
Won
Lost
Drawn
Points For
Points Against
Biggest win
Biggest loss
Most points scored
Most points conceded

1995
Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose NZ
Dolphin Stadium, Redcliffe QLD
(current name: Moreton Daily Stadium)
Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina QLD

None
2002, 2011
None
Simon Mannering: 301
Shaun Johnson: 1003
Manu Vatovei: 152
679
301
370
8
13946
15401
66-0 (66 pts) - Jun 25th, 2006 - vs. South Sydney
10-70 (60 pts) - Apr 25th, 2022 - vs. Melbourne
68-10 (68 pts) - Apr 14th, 2002 - vs. Northern Eagles
10-70 (60 pts) - Apr 25th, 2022 - vs. Melbourne

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Result	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 12th	H	St Gen Illa	L 16 - 28	Sun Coast	5,382
2	Mar 19th	A	Gold Coast	L 18 - 20	CEBUS	13,481
3	Mar 25th	A	W. Tigers	W 16 - 12	C Town	7,082
4	Apr 2nd	H	Brisbane	W 20 - 6	Redcliffe	9,620
5	Apr 8th	H	North Old	W 25 - 24	Redcliffe	6,254
6	Apr 17th	A	Sydney	L 14 - 22	SCG	11,267
7	Apr 25th	A	Melbourne	L 10 - 70	AAMI	22,896
8	Apr 30th	H	Canberra	W 21 - 20	Redcliffe	6,326
9	May 8th	A	Cronulla	L 10 - 29	Pointsbet	9,915
10	May 14th	H	Souths	L 30 - 32	Suncorp	46,454
11	May 21st	A	St Gen Illa	L 18 - 24	Netstrata	7,147
12	May 28th	H	Newcastle	L 16 - 24	Redcliffe	4,265
13	Jun 4th	A	Manly	L 12 - 44	4 Pines	9,248
14	Jun 12th	H	Cronulla	L 16 - 38	Redcliffe	3,560
15	Jun 18th	H	Penrith	L 6 - 40	Redcliffe	8,127
16	Jul 3rd	H	W. Tigers	W 22 - 2	Mt Smart	26,009
18	Jul 15th	A	Parramatta	L 18 - 28	CommBank	12,279
19	Jul 23rd	A	Canberra	L 14 - 26	GID	11,915
20	Jul 29th	H	Melbourne	L 12 - 24	Mt Smart	18,395
21	Aug 6th	A	Souths	L 10 - 48	Sun Coast	8,911
22	Aug 12th	H	Canterbury	W 42 - 18	Mt Smart	16,212
23	Aug 19th	A	North Old	L 4 - 48	QLD C.B.	17,404
24	Aug 26th	A	Penrith	L 12 - 46	Bluebet	17,025
25	Sep 3rd	H	Gold Coast	L 26 - 27	Mt Smart	20,512

WESTS TIGERS

SEASON REVIEW

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Dismal decade finally delivers a wooden spoon.

The complete and utterly disgraceful efforts by the Wests Tigers on and off the field over the previous years finally culminated in them in winning a well-deserved wooden spoon in the 2022 NRL season.

A clueless board constantly sacking coaches they hire and being too ignorant to realise what that ultimately says about them; the constant and continued signing of experienced players coming to the club on overs and not performing; the inability to work together as a cohesive unit; recruitment and retention and the overall everything of the club has been miserable for many years now, but at its worst in 2022.

The club began the year promoting its slogan "New Era" before going on to do everything they've always done - sack a coach, lose too many games, being defensively woeful, defending and hanging onto players they need to part ways with, bringing Tim Sheens back into the fold, making crazy decisions which are a bigger chance of failing than succeeding, a complete lack of direction or future planning and the continued practice of buying players that are available as opposed to buying players they need.

Yet too many people involved with the club, including many fans, are remarkably still basking in the dim flicker of the 2005 Premiership and/or the Tigers finals campaigns of 2010/11. But they are now over a decade ago. The Tigers are the only NRL side not to have played a single finals game in the last ten years. It is nothing short of remarkable that they have managed to avoid finishing last for this long.

Usually when teams hit rock bottom, a raft of immense and overdue changes take place, or are taking place which sees the club make a completely expected about turn and rise up the table. For the Tigers though this doesn't seem to be the case. They've sacked premiership winning coach and New Zealand national coach Michael Maguire because, reasons, and will have Tim Sheens doing something he's never done before (which isn't helpful for the worst team in the competition) - being the head coach in 2023, turn the club around AND teach someone who has never performed any senior coaching duties on how to be a successful NRL coach in 12 months.

Turning Point

June 5, 2021 (yes - the 2022 turning point happened the year before.)

It was the day the Tigers announced Tim Sheens had been appointed as Head of Football Performance. The Tigers had 5 wins and 8 losses in the 2021 season when this news was made. They won just 7 of 35 games after, sacked their world class coach, and won their first ever wooden spoon. The sacking of Maguire in Round 12 this year resulted in the Tigers losing 10 of their remaining 11 games for the year, the worst of which was a humiliating 72-6 loss to the Roosters. Two weeks later the Raiders scored 56 against them.

What Worked

Nothing. Their attack was the worst in the NRL. Their defence was the second worst. They won 2 games less than the 15th placed Warriors. They suffered their worst ever defeat.

What didn't work

Luke Brooks: Coach Michael Maguire moved Brooks to five-eighth and found immediate success as the Tigers scored their first win of the year over Parramatta. The following week, Brooks at five-eighth kicked the match-winning field goal against Souths, to get the Tigers back-to-back one-point victories. That was it though. Brooks missed 7 games in the back half of the season.

Sacking Maguire: The Tigers coach may have been in his 4th season at the club, but the majority of his tenure he had several players locked in on big coin on multi-year deals prior to his arrival. 2022 was to be the year that he cleaned out the roster and began building what he wanted. The side went from bad to vastly worse after his departure, while huge sections of the fanbase were furious at the decision.

Best Player

Hard to go past Jackson Hastings for the maturity, selflessness, experience and leadership he produced in spades.

Starford To'a was also very impressive at the back, so too was Luke Garner, who played out of position for most of the year and was brilliant every week doing so.

Rookies

Fonua Pole played 10 games in 2022 in the middle and proved to be more than ready to play at the NRL level. He covered front row and lock and ran strong every time he played. Another rookie big man was teenager Justin Matamua, who has good leg drive and endurance, capable of playing in the front and back row. Winger Junior Tupou had a reasonable start to his NRL career, starting on the wing in four games, scoring a try on debut.

Looking Ahead

The Tigers were rumoured to be offloading halfback Luke Brooks all year, talk that grew louder after the signing of Jackson Hastings. Hastings proved to be one of the positive things the Tigers did, as he showed that he wasn't just a ball player, but a general in attack and a leader on the field.

So it was completely on brand when the Tigers released him in a swap deal for Knights prop David Klemmer in November.

Another bright prospect in 2022 was back rower Luke Garner who spent much of the season performing admirably in the centres and was arguably the best outside back at the club in 2022. He and damaging back rower Luciano Leilua - who left for new club the Cowboys six months early - will also both be at new homes in 2023. The acquisition of Isaiah Papali'i is a very good pick up and replaces one of those 2 departures.

Premiership winning hooker Api Koroisau will also be joining the club, providing some much needed direction and spark from dummy half.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Daine Laurie
2. David Nofaaluma
3. Brent Naden
4. Starford Toa
5. Ken Maumalo
6. Luke Brooks
7. Adam Doueih
8. Stefano Utoikamanu
9. Api Koroisau
10. Alex Twal
11. Isaiah Papali'i
12. Shawn Blore
13. Joe Ofahengaue
14. David Klemmer
15. Fonua Pole
16. Alex Seyfarth
17. Fa'amanu Brown

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

POSITION: 16TH | PLAYED 24, WON 4, LOST 20 | FOR 352, AGAINST 679 | COACH: MICHAEL MAGUIRE (12 MATCHES), BRETT KIMMORLEY (12 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: ADAM DOUEIHI (52) | MOST TRIES: KEN MAUMALO (12)

Round	Opponent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Season Stats					
		MEL	NEW	WAR	GCT	CRO	PAR	SOU	SGI	MAN	NQL	CBY	SOU	MAN	CBY	WAR	PAR	PEN	NQL	BRI	NEW	CRO	SYD	SGI	CAN	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts
BROOKS, Luke		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB								17	-	2	13	1	35
BROWN, Fa'amanu												B	B		B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	L	L		10	3	6	-	-	24
DIAS, Austin															B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B		-	8	-	-	-	-
DOUEIHI, Adam															B	B	C	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		9	2	2	22	-	52
FREEBAIRN, Tom																				B	B	B	2R	2R		2	3	2	-	-	8
GARNER, Luke		B		C	B	C	B	C	C	C	C	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R		C	17	3	5	-	-	20
GILDART, Oliver		C	C	C	C	C		B	C	C																7	1	1	-	-	4
HASTINGS, Jackson		FE	FE				HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	L	L	L						16	-	-	10	1	21
KAUTOGA, Kitione																								B		-	1	-	-	-	-
KEPAQA, Asu								W	W			W		C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		11	-	3	-	-	12
LAURIE, Daine		FB	FB	FB	FB		FB	FB				FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	19	-	2	-	-	8
LEILUA, Luciano		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R												12	-	1	-	-	4
LIDDLE, Jacob				H	H	H		H	H			H		H	H		B							B		8	2	-	-	-	-
MADDEN, Jock				FE	FE	FE	B	B	B			FE		B						HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	10	4	3	4	-	20
MATAMUA, Justin																B	B									-	2	-	-	-	-
MAUMALO, Ken		W	W		W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W		W	19	-	12	-	-	48
MIKAELE, Thomas			B			B	B	B	B	B																-	6	-	-	-	-
MUSGROVE, Zane		B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	17	7	2	-	-	8
NADEN, Brent												C	C	C					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	10	-	5	-	-	20
NOFOALUMA, David		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W				W	W	W	W										12	-	8	-	-	32
OFAHENGAE, Joe		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	L	L	FR	FR	24	-	1	-	-	4
PAUGA, Junior											B													W		1	1	-	-	-	-
PEACHEY, Tyrone		B	B	B	B	B				B	C	C							B	B	B	B		B		2	11	1	-	-	4
POLE, Fonua																B	FR	B	B	B	L	B	B	B	B	2	8	-	-	-	-
ROBERTS, James		C	C		C		C									C						C				6	-	-	-	-	-
SEYFARTH, Alex		B	B	2R	B	B		2R	B	2R	B		B	B	B	FR			B	2R	2R		B			6	11	-	-	-	-
SIMPKIN, Jake		H	H	B			H			H	H		H						B					H	H	8	2	-	-	-	-
TAMOU, James				FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B			B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	17	2	2	-	-	8
TO'A, Starford				W		FB	C	C	FB	FB	FB	FB	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	C	C	C	21	-	3	-	-	12
TUILAGI, Kelma		2R	2R		2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	19	3	-	-	-	-
TUPOU, Junior											W	W						W	W							4	-	2	-	-	8
TWAL, Alex		FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	FR											3	10	-	-	-	-
UTOIKAMANU, Stefano		FR	FR	FR						B	B	B	B			B	B									3	6	-	-	-	-

WESTS TIGERS

Established 2000
 Home Grounds Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield NSW
 Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah NSW
 Western Sydney Stadium, Parramatta NSW
 (current name: CommBank Stadium)
 Premierships 2005
 Runners Up None
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Appearances (all time) Robbie Farah: 280
 Most Points (all time) Benji Marshall: 1181
 Most Tries (all time) David Nofoaluma: 95
 Matches Played 561: Won 234 Lost 324 Drawn 3
 Points For 11402 Points Against 13422
 Biggest win 54-2 (52 pts) - Aug 19th, 2005 - vs. Canterbury
 56-4 (52 pts) - Aug 3rd, 2008 - vs. Canterbury
 6-72 (66 pts) - Aug 20th, 2022 - vs. Sydney
 Biggest loss 56-6 (56 pts) - Aug 8th, 2004 - vs. South Sydney
 56-4 (56 pts) - Aug 3rd, 2008 - vs. Canterbury
 56-10 (56 pts) - Aug 16th, 2009 - vs. Cronulla
 Most points scored
 Most points conceded 6-72 (66 pts) - Aug 20th, 2022 - vs. Sydney

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Date	H/A	Opp.	Resut	Venue	Crowd
1	Mar 12th	H	Melbourne	L 16 - 26	CommBank	10,025
2	Mar 20th	A	Newcastle	L 4 - 26	McD. Jones	23,214
3	Mar 25th	H	Warriors	L 12 - 16	C'town	7,182
4	Mar 31st	A	Gold Coast	L 6 - 8	CBUS	8,774
5	Apr 10th	A	Cronulla	L 4 - 30	Pointsbet	11,500
6	Apr 18th	A	Parramatta	W 21 - 20	CommBank	28,336
7	Apr 23rd	H	Souths	W 23 - 22	CommBank	14,251
8	May 1st	A	St Geo Illa	L 6 - 12	WIN	16,110
9	May 7th	A	Manly	L 22 - 36	4 Pines	17,385
10	May 15th	H N	North Old	L 12 - 36	Suncorp	43,401
11	May 20th	H	Canterbury	W 36 - 22	Leichhardt	15,124
12	May 28th	A	Souths	L 18 - 44	Accor	13,585
14	Jun 12th	H	Manly	L 4 - 30	C'town	10,231
15	Jun 19th	A	Canterbury	L 12 - 36	CommBank	14,806
16	Jul 3rd	A	Warriors	L 2 - 22	Mt Smart	26,009
17	Jul 9th	H	Parramatta	L 20 - 28	Leichhardt	13,214
18	Jul 17th	H	Penrith	L 16 - 18	CommBank	11,464
19	Jul 24th	A	North Old	L 26 - 27	QLD C.B.	14,910
20	Jul 30th	A	Brisbane	W 32 - 18	Suncorp	32,909
21	Aug 7th	H	Newcastle	L 10 - 14	C'town	9,621
22	Aug 13th	H N	Cronulla	L 12 - 36	Tamworth	10,048
23	Aug 20th	A	Sydney	L 6 - 72	SCG	14,939
24	Aug 28th	H	St Geo Illa	L 22 - 24	CommBank	9,789
25	Sep 4th	H	Canberra	L 10 - 56	Leichhardt	10,041

NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE WOMEN'S 2021

ROUND 1

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 20 GOLD COAST 12

The St George Illawarra Dragons have claimed victory in the opening match of the 2021/22 NRLW season by downing the Gold Coast Titans 20-12 at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Outscoring the NRLW newcomers four tries to two, debutant halfback Rachael Pearson was a standout with an impressive kicking game, while Olympic Gold Medallist Emma Tonegato proved a constant threat from the back of the field.

In an opening high on passion but riddled with poor ball control from both teams, the Dragons crossed for first points through winger Teagan Berry (20th minute), who used her pace to finish off a superb cut-out pass from Tonegato.

Extending the lead after Pearson forced an error with a well-placed grubber kick, Madison Bartlett (26th minute) made the most of a left side shift to give the Red V an 8-0 advantage.

Unable to capitalise on a huge run from Tonegato in the ensuing set, the Titans appeared to hit back seconds before the change of ends only for Tazmin Gray to lose possession over the line.

Dominating possession early in the second half after Pearson produced the play of the match to trap the Titans in-goal with a kick reminiscent of Dragons NRLW coach Jamie Soward, Berry (44th minute) pounced from dummy half after Jamie Chapman was denied one play earlier.

Taking advantage of a rare opportunity inside the Dragons half, Kimiora Breayley-Nati delivered a superb pass to send Tiana Raftstrand-Smith (57th minute) over for the Titans maiden NRLW try.

Buoyed by a greater share of possession late in the match, Destiny Brill offloaded to send Shannon Mato (65th minute) over to narrow the margin to 14-12 heading into the dying stages.

The Dragons secured the result with a try on fulltime to Quincy Dodd (70th minute) following a terrific offload from Elsie Albert to run out 20-12 victors.

Next Sunday, the Titans face the Roosters (1.50pm) and the Dragons take on the Eels (3.40pm) in the WIN Stadium triple header. **ROB CROSBY**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 20 (T. Berry 2, M. Bartlett, Q. Dodd tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST (W) 12** (S. Mato, T. Raftstrand-Smith tries; B. Clark 2 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th February. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 8-0. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 2,615. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Chapman, McGregor, Bartlett; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Davis, Apps (C), Holmes, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, House, Dymock, Williams. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Pelite, Brown, Raftstrand-Smith, Dam, Faifua; Griffin, Breayley-Nati; Mato, Breayley-Nati (C), Clark, Canfield, Gray, Hale. Int: Brill, Elliston, Hancock, Power.

BRISBANE 20 SYDNEY 4

The Brisbane Broncos were looking to continue their dominance over the Sydney Roosters and they did just that in Newcastle following their 20-4 victory over the Tricolours.

Things looked good for the Broncos early when rookie Emily Bass was able to keep herself inside the sideline and get over to score after just three minutes.

The Roosters looked to have crossed moments later when off the back of a penalty, Tayla Predebon fought her way to the line and looked to have got the ball to the ground. Despite looking good and being awarded by referee Belinda Sharpe, the bunker stepped in and overturned the decision for a knock on.

Chances were thin for the Roosters who spent more time defending on their own line after consistent errors were able to give the Broncos plenty of field position. The Roosters defence had plenty to be proud of even though they did concede a second try when Roxy Murdoch was able to fight and twist her way to the line and got the ball down under the crossbar.

The second half started as a disaster for the Roosters who continued their error-prone ways and the Broncos took advantage as Emily Bass got her way over for her second try on debut after Sheneae Ciesielka put her over.

It was only a matter of minutes later when the Broncos were able to take advantage again through the footwork of Tamika Upton who went through three defenders before linking up with Millie Boyle to score under the posts.

The Roosters were able to get on the board with just over ten minutes to go after Olivia Kernick ran a perfect line to slice through the Broncos defence to score right next to the posts. The conversion missed from close range and the Roosters trailed 20-4.

Although neither side was able to trouble the scorers, both sides had chances to add to their scores only for errors to nullify their chances.

The Broncos march to a fourth successful NRLW title sees them take on the Knights whilst the Roosters have to contend with the Gold Coast Titans. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE (W) 20 (E. Bass 2, M. Boyle, R. Murdoch-Masila tries; L. Brown 2 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY (W) 4** (O. Kernick try) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th February. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 10-0. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 3,847. **SYDNEY (W)**: Parker, Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly, Mapusua; Temara, Kelleher; Togatuki, Higgins, Predebon, Meakes, Kernick, Southwell (C). Int: Burton, Joseph, Karpani, McGregor. **BRISBANE (W)**: Upton, Robinson, Turner, Ciesielka, Bass; Aiken, Briginshaw (C); Boyle, Brown, Lenarduzzi, Harden, Paris-Hall, Sao. Int: Ferguson, Phillips, Murdoch-Masila, Sautia.

PARRAMATTA 13 NEWCASTLE 12

Parramatta have fought back from a six-point deficit on two occasions to down Newcastle with a late Maddie Studdon field goal in the third match of a McDonald Jones Stadium NRLW triple header on Sunday.

The Knights shot out of the blocks in front of their home faithful - fullback Romy Teitzel bagged the side's first four-pointer in their inaugural game after just three minutes.

Newcastle held the lead for some time, the Bunker denying the Eels twice before they eventually fought back to score a few minutes before halftime, Tiana Penitani's 31st minute try converted by Maddie Studdon and the score remained 6-all til halftime.

Phoebe Desmond put the home team back in the lead with a 43rd minute try some 8 minutes after halftime, Kirra Dibb taking the kicking duties to convert for a 12-6 lead.

Simaima Taufa was on the spot to barge over for the Eels' second try at the 52 minute mark, and Studdon's conversion had things all square with more than 15 minutes left on the clock.

Both sides traded blows for much of the remainder of the contest, Shirley Mailangi coming closest with the tryline mere centimetres away but no try in the final minutes.

But it would be Studdon who proved the difference in the end - potting a wobbly field goal with less than 20 seconds on the clock. Parramatta held on to a 13-12 victory for the handful of seconds the resumption of play allowed.

The Knights' task gets no easier in Round 2, they face Brisbane in the first clash of next Sunday's Wollongong triple-header, while Parramatta will again try to spoil the party for the hosts, this time the 3:40pm game against home side St George Illawarra later the same afternoon. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PARRAMATTA (W) 13 (T. Penitani, S. Taufa-Kautai tries; M. Studdon 2 goals; M. Studdon field goal) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE (W) 12** (P. Desmond, R. Teitzel tries; K. Dibb, C. Poko goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th February. Kickoff: 3:40 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 5,019. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Teitzel (C), Vaha'akolo, Fressard, Law, Green; Stephens-Daly, Tillett; Johnston, Rota, Nu'uausala, Edwards-Bruce, Page, Poko. Int: Manzelmann, Scanlan, Desmond, Dibb. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Vette-Welsh, Naividi, Penitani, Daniels, Horne; Naitokatoka, Studdon; Cherrington, Maynard, Kelly-Sines, Etherden, Johnston, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Mailangi, Church, Aiton, Hanisi.

ROUND 2

BRISBANE 28 NEWCASTLE 10

The Brisbane Broncos have continued their dominance in the NRLW with a 28-10 victory over the Newcastle Knights at a wet and windy WIN Stadium in Wollongong.

Momentum was with Newcastle early on although the Broncos were the first team to cross the stripe with Emily Bass going over in the corner though the officials both onfield and in the bunker were forced to knock back Bass' efforts with the Broncos winger clearly going into touch.

The Knights then were able to go over for what everybody thought was the first four pointer through Katelyn Vaha'akolo who was able to go over in the corner after some good work from the Knights drawing defenders in. However, despite what looked to be some good attack was ruled to have been caused by an obstruction in the middle of the park. Momentum then began to flow for the Broncos and they opened the scoring just a matter of minutes later when Millie Boyle charged through the middle of the park and scored under the posts. The Broncos added a second in quick succession when Tamika Upton combined with Shenae Ciesiolka to put the centre into space before Upton got the ball back to score.

The Knights second half started as their first half went with errors and the Broncos were able to add a third try early in the half when Upton and Ciesiolka combined yet again this time with Ciesiolka creating the space and linking with Upton who linked with Ciesiolka to score.

Errors continued to hurt the Knights and the Broncos took advantage with Hagiga Mosby scoring on her NRLW debut as the Broncos created the opportunity off the back of a scrum. The Knights got their first of the afternoon when after building some good pressure, Maitua Feterika was able to charge her way to the line off a great run to get over and give the Knights a fleeting hope.

An amazing solo effort from the Jayme Fressard gave the Knights some momentum as she was able to run 85m solo beating some covering defence as well as some of the quickest players in the NRLW to get over to score. The much-needed conversion from Chantay Poko from close range was waved away. The last laugh went with the Broncos who took advantage of another error from the Knights when Amy Turner was able to go through off yet another scrum play and following Brown's conversion, the Broncos took victory 28-10.

Next weekend, the Knights take on the Roosters at the SCG on Saturday afternoon as part of an NRL double header involving the same two sides in the Men's; Whilst the Broncos take on the Dragons at CommBank Stadium on Sunday. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE (W) 28 (M. Boyle, S. Ciesiolka, H. Mosby, A. Turner, T. Upton tries; L. Brown 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE (W) 10** (M. Feterika, J. Fressard tries; C. Poko goal) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 12-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 1,036. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Teitzel (C), Vaha'akolo, Fressard, Law, Green; Stephens-Daly, Tillett; Feterika, Rota, Nu'uausala, Edwards-Bruce, Page, Poko. Int: Manzelmann, Scanlan, Dibb, Arakua. **BRISBANE (W)**: Upton, Mosby, Turner, Ciesiolka, Bass; Aiken, Briggins (C); Boyle, Brown, Lenarduzzi, Harden, Paris-Hall, Phillips. Int: Sautia, Maddick, Murdoch-Masila, Gould.

GOLD COAST 26 SYDNEY 16

A classy performance from the Gold Coast Titans has seen them notch their maiden victory today, holding out a late comeback from the Roosters to win 26-16 in Wollongong.

It was a fast start from the Titans - Jasmine Peters fighting her way to the line after six minutes, the experienced Karina Brown following suit after 12 minutes. Zara Canfield converted the first - but not the second - for a 10-0 lead inside fifteen minutes.

Not to be counted out, the Roosters hit back after 22 minutes with Leianne Tufuga crossing after Jess Sergis helped create an overlap. Southwell kicked a superb touchline conversion to narrow the gap to four, but only two minutes later the Gold Coast pushed the margin back out to ten with Tazmin Gray pushing her way over.

Neither side troubled the scorers again until 15 minutes after halftime, when player of the match Brittany Breayley-Nati ducked through some poor Roosters defence to get out to a game-high 16-point lead with 20 minutes on the clock after her wife Kimiora converted the try.

From there, the Roosters slowly clawed their way back into the contest. Sarah Togatuki used her strength to get the Tricolours' second try not long after Breayley-Nati's effort, and then inside the final five minutes Olivia Kernick scoring after a good line run.

It would be Brittany Breayley-Nati who would snuff out any hopes for the two-time Grand Finalists however, scoring on fulltime to bring the final scoreline to 26-16.

The Titans are off to CommBank Stadium next Sunday afternoon as part of a triple header which sees them face the Eels in both NRLW and NRLM, with the Dragons-Broncos match being played before both. For the Roosters it's a home game, being played against Newcastle as an NRLW-NRLM double header. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

GOLD COAST (W) 26 (B. Breayley-Nati 2, K. Brown, T. Gray, J. Peters tries; Z. Canfield 2, K. Breayley-Nati goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY (W) 16** (O. Kernick, S. Togatuki, L. Tufuga tries; H. Southwell 2 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 16-6. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 8-4. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 1,278. **SYDNEY (W)**: Parker, Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly, Meakes; Kelleher, McGregor; Hill-Moana, Higgins, Predebon, Togatuki, Kernick, Southwell (C). Int: Burton, Joseph, Temara, Karpani. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Pelite, Brown, Peters, Raftstrand-Smith, Dam; Griffin, Breayley-Nati; Mato, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Canfield, Gray, Brill. Int: Hale, Elliston, Power, Ngatupuna.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 10 PARRAMATTA 0

In a match where both sides and match officials deserve a medal for playing through almost cyclonic conditions, the St George Illawarra Dragons have continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 10-0 victory over the Parramatta Eels.

The game started in pretty good conditions and the Dragons were able to dominate possession and field position although they were only able to cross for the one try, and even then despite all the ball that the Red 'V' had, it came through luck when a poor pass from Eels hooker Quincy Dodd should've been intercepted by Botille Vette-Welsh, but was knocked on and Pearson picked it up to score. She then converted her own try.

Words cannot do justice to the conditions of the second half, as conditions deteriorated significantly with torrential rain and gale force winds coming in off the coast, with almost 40mm of rain being dumped on WIN Stadium during the second half. The conditions didn't lend themselves to attacking Rugby League and despite some strong opportunities the conditions in Wollongong didn't lend themselves to attack.

The only points in the second half came off the boot of Rachael Pearson, who kicked two penalty goals late in the half when the conditions were at their worst extending the lead to 8-0 after the Eels were called offside by Belinda Sharpe and then after a slow ruck to make it 10-0. The Dragons did look as if they had crossed once more though it was knocked back by the officials for a knock-on.

Next weekend both sides head to Parramatta, with the Dragons taking on the Broncos on Sunday morning whilst it will be a historic moment for the Eels as they take on the Gold Coast Titans in their first game - on the same day as the two men's sides play in front of what will be a big crowd at CommBank. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 10 (R. Pearson try; R. Pearson 3 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 0 AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 3:40 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 6-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 2,079. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Browne, McGregor, Bartlett; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Dodd, Namoce-Sagano, Wheeler, Bent, Davis (C). Int: House, Dymock, Williams, Targett. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Vette-Welsh, Naividi, Penitani, Daniels, Horne; Naitokatoka, Studdon; Cherrington, Maynard, Kelly-Sines, Pio, Wright, Taufakautai (C). Int: Mailangi, Church, Hanisi, Johnston.

ROUND 3

SYDNEY 28 NEWCASTLE 12

In a match that went largely as predicted, the Sydney Roosters have accounted for Newcastle to keep their NRLW finals hopes alive, with a 28-12 victory at the SCG.

The result leaves the Knights winless from three games and depending on results tomorrow, possibly even out of finals contention with two rounds remaining.

For the Roosters, it was a welcome reprieve from a tough opening fortnight which saw them fall to losses against both Queensland club and running the risk of not featuring in the top four come the end of Round 5.

It started brightly for the Tricolours, opening up a 10-0 lead after just 15 minutes, with Isabelle Kelly and Brydie Parker providing tries for one another.

Despite looking fairly listless in the first part of the match, Newcastle turned it around with Romy Teitzel reaching out through multiple defenders to score in the 24th minute, narrowing the margin to four.

The Roosters would take the 10-6 lead to halftime, but not before two brain explosions from Ngatokotoru Arakua saw Newcastle short one player going into the break, sin-binned for a spear tackle just one minute after being placed on report for high contact.

Just after the break, the Roosters took advantage of the extra player advantage, with Parker securing her second and shortly after Olivia Kernick pushing the score out to 18-6.

Once the squad numbers were back at parity, Newcastle clung to the contest with Annetta Nuuausala surging over and the gap was narrowed to 18-12.

Newcastle stayed right in the contest until the 61st minute when Keilee Joseph scored the Roosters fifth try, soon followed by Jess Sergis claiming one for herself four minutes from fulltime.

The win sets up the Roosters nicely with a clash against Parramatta looming at Newcastle next Sunday, while the Knights are hosting the Dragons later the same day in a match will likely confirm whether they can make the top four or not. **TIM COSTELLO**

SYDNEY (W) 28 (B. Parker 2, K. Joseph, I. Kelly, O. Kernick, J. Sergis tries; H. Southwell, Z. Temara goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE (W) 12** (A. Nu'uausala, R. Teitzel tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND**. Date: Sat, 12th March. Kickoff: 12:50 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 10-6. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 8-7. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. **SYDNEY (W)**: Baxter (C), Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly, Parker; Kelleher, McGregor; Togatuki, Higgins, Predebon, Meakes, Kernick, Southwell. Int: Temara, Joseph, Hill-Moana, Karpani. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Teitzel (C), Vaha'akolo, Fressard, Law, Stephens-Daly; Dibb, Poko; Feterika, Rota, Nu'uausala, Edwards-Bruce, Page, Desmond. Int: Tillett, Manzelmann, Scanlan, Arakua.

BRISBANE 22 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18

The Brisbane Broncos have held onto top spot of the NRLW ladder following their 22-18 victory over a spirited St George Illawarra Dragons side at Parramatta.

Both sides came into the contest sitting at 2/2 although the Dragons were missing three key players through injury which was expected to hamper their performance. The Broncos were able to cross for the first try of the afternoon when Tallisha Harden was on the spot to collect a deflected grubber from Lauren Brown at dummy half to score.

The Broncos went close a number of times again but it was the Dragons who scored as Keele Browne was able to get over as the Red 'V' went left and found the gap in the line to score and level the scores after Rachael Pearson's conversion.

Neither side were able to get a sense of dominance over the other and it was the Broncos who hit back soon after with some more luck off the boot. Tarryn Aiken was in the right stop after an awkward bouncing ball caused all sorts of issues at the back for the Dragons and Aiken plucked the ball from Emma Tonegato's hands to score.

Trailing 12-6 at the break, the Dragons were able to level the scores with some beautiful play set up by Page McGregor who drew defenders in with her dummy and then the long pass gave Shaylee Bent space on the outside and the second rower raced away to score.

Repeat sets put pressure on the Dragons defence and they took their toll when the Broncos were able to create space out wide and it was Emily Bass who was able to get over in the corner. A beautifully struck conversion from Lauren Brown pushed the lead back out to six.

The Dragons weren't giving up without a fight and it was Elsie Albert who charged onto an inside ball from Quincy Dodd to score the third for the Red 'V' when the PNG Orchids captain scored.

Strength and class ended up prevailing for the Broncos when they were able to score inside the final five minutes as repeat set pressure again mounted on the Dragons and it told when Hagiga Mosby was on the outside of her defender and crossed in the corner. Lauren Brown pushed the conversion wide but it didn't matter.

The Broncos next week have their first Queensland Derby against the Gold Coast at Cbus Stadium whilst the Dragons head up to Newcastle to take on the Knights. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE (W) 22 (T. Aiken, E. Bass, T. Harden, H. Mosby tries; L. Brown 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 18** (E. Albert, S. Bent, K. Browne tries; R. Pearson 3 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 13th March. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 12-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 8-7. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Chapman, McGregor, Browne; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Dodd, Nameo-Sagano, Wheeler, Bent, Davis (C). Int: Targett, Dymock, Williams, Tugaga. **BRISBANE (W)**: Upton, Mosby, Turner, Ciesiolka, Bass; Aiken, Briggins (C); Boyle, Brown, Lenarduzzi, Harden, Paris-Hall, Maddick. Int: Sautia, Murdoch-Masila, Hunt, Ferguson.

PARRAMATTA 24 GOLD COAST 14

The Parramatta Eels have taken their second victory of the NRLW season with their 24-14 win over the Gold Coast Titans in front of a home crowd at Commbank Stadium.

Strange is the only description for the first half that was essentially two halves in one with the Eels dominating one half and the Titans dominating the other. The Eels started quickly and Maddie Studdon was able to get on the board first when the Parramatta attack wasn't conventional but was effective when a low pass was kicked forward and regathered by Tiana Penitani who found Maddie Studdon who scored for the Blue & Gold. Parramatta were able to add another try inside the first ten minutes when rookie Abbi Church was able to fight her way over the line in the corner after being set up by Tiana Penitani who had her second try assist of the game. Both conversion attempts from Maddie Studdon were waved away after coming off the posts. Things continued to go against the Titans when Tazmin Gray was put on report and given ten minutes in the sin bin by referee Kasey Badger for a crusher tackle. Strangely though, things actually fell nicely for the Titans who actually were able to dominate during the ten-minute period Gray was off the field. Celebrating her 40th birthday during the week, Steph Hancock kept the celebrations going with the veteran scoring her first NRLW try for the Titans and the Titans were back within just four points. If 12 players was meant to be a disadvantage, the Titans didn't show it as they levelled the scores when rookie Hailey-Jay Maunsell scored out wide as they managed to build an overlap and score out wide. The conversion was waved away and the scores were level. At the half-hour mark, the true strangeness really hit when the Eels were disallowed a try for an obstruction that was originally awarded but after bunker review it was knocked back. The strangeness continued when despite having more than five minutes remaining the siren went around the stadium. Thinking it was half time, Kimiora Breayley-Nati tapped the ball and kicked it out on the full, only for it to not be half time and the Eels had the ball inside the Titans 10m zone. A penalty in front of the posts meant that the Eels were able to level the scores at 10-10 which left Titans fans a bit frustrated.

The Titans were able to take the lead early in the second half when Destiny Brill continued her starring season when she was able to fight her way over the line and the Gold Coast lead 16-10. Things changed for the Eels when they were able to dominate thanks to Botille Vette-Welsh and ran in three unanswered tries started by an effort from Emily Curtain to fight her way to the line and get the ball down. The Eels continued their dominance when Botille Vette-Welsh was able to get her way over the line. The Eels sealed the victory with a beautiful angled run from Christian Pio to score and seal the victory for the Blue & Gold. Next weekend, the Eels take on the Roosters in Newcastle whilst the Gold Coast get their first home game when they host the Broncos in the first NRLW Queensland Derby. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA (W) 24 (A. Church, E. Curtain, C. Pio, M. Studdon, B. Vette-Welsh tries; M. Studdon 2 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST (W) 14** (D. Brill, S. Hancock, H. Maunsell tries; K. Breayley-Nati goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 13th March. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Kasey Badger. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Vette-Welsh, Naividi, Penitani, Daniels, Church; Curtain, Studdon; Cherrington, Mailangi, Hanisi, Pio, Wright, Taufakautai (C). Int: Kelly-Sines, Aiton, Etherden, Johnston. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Pelite, Brown, Peters, Raftstrand-Smith, Maunsell; Griffin, Breayley-Nati; Ngatupuna, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Canfield, Gray, Brill. Int: Elliston, Hale, Clarke, Power.

ROUND 4

GOLD COAST 28 BRISBANE 26

A brilliant see-sawing game produced the highest-scoring NRLW game yet but more importantly, a loss to the Broncos as the Titans took out the first women's SEQ derby 28-26.

The Titans got off to a brilliant start, off the back of a 40/30 kick by Cobie-Jane Morgan. In the ensuing set, Stephanie Hancock just strolled through human bodies to score a powerful try Brianna Clark converted from in front. The Titans scored again from their next set when Shaniah Power produced a great draw and pass, creating space for Hailee-Jay Maunsell who made a break down the left touchline, before she executed a perfect pass after drawing Hayley Maddick, finding Evania Pelite inside, who raced away for a great try. Clark added the extras again and after 8 minutes, the Titans lead 12-0. The next five minutes saw the Broncos work their way back into the game and in the 14th minute, a nice passing movement started by Ali Briggingshaw eventually saw Amy Turner get a good ball to her winger and Hagiga Mosby who crashed over in the corner for a good try. Lauren Brown failed to convert. The Broncos fightback continued when Brown, at dummy half and 5 metres from the Titans line, ran left towards the posts then dumped the ball right to Chelsea Lenarduzzi who ran into a massive gap to score to the right of the posts. Brown converted. The Titans hit back in the 30th minute after Tiana Raftstrand-Smith and Georgia Hale were both held up over the line by the Broncos defence, before Shaniah Power bashed and barged her way through 5 defenders and a goalpost to score a strong try. Kimiora Breayley-Nati converted from in front. The Broncos then scored 2 tries in the final 3 minutes to take the lead at halftime. Tarryn Aiken put Kaitlyn Phillips over for a clever try on the left side, which Brown converted and then right on halftime, off the back of a scrum, Briggingshaw sent Shenae Ciesiolka through a gap to score on the right side. Brown was unable to convert from out wide. At halftime, the Broncos remarkably lead 20-18.

The Titans opened the scoring 4 minutes into the second half when Jasmine Peters received the ball wide on the right, where she passes to Karina Brown, who recognised she had run out of space, so she ran back infield, looked around for support before passing to Peters on the wing who dived over in the corner to score. Breayley-Nati failed to convert from touch. In the 48th minute Aiken dived over from dummy half to score a very soft try. Brown converted to give the Broncos a 4 point lead. With 10 mins remaining in the game, the Titans scored a brilliant try to level the scores when Karina Brown sent a no-look pass back infield as she was going into touch and surrounded by Broncos defenders. The ball landed perfectly into the waiting hands of Peters who scored. Clark was unable to convert from out wide. With just 3 minutes left, the Titans received a penalty 32 metres from the Broncos line and Brianna Clark kicked the penalty goal to give the Titans the lead and then win in a highly entertaining contest. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

GOLD COAST (W) 28 (J. Peters 2, S. Hancock, E. Pelite, S. Power tries; B. Clark 3, K. Breayley-Nati goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE (W) 26** (T. Aiken, S. Ciesiolka, C. Lenarduzzi, H. Mosby, K. Phillips tries; L. Brown 3 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 19th March. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 20-18. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 7-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Faifua, Brown, Peters, Pelite, Maunsell; Morgan, Breayley-Nati; Clark, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Raftstrand-Smith, Power, Brill. Int: Hale, Elliston, Ngatupuna. **BRISBANE (W)**: Upton, Mosby, Turner, Ciesiolka, Polata; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Paris-Hall, Brown, Murdoch-Masila, Harden, Phillips, Sautia. Int: Lenarduzzi, Ferguson, Gould, Mata'afa.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 40 NEWCASTLE 4

A record-breaking afternoon has seen the St George Illawarra Dragons go to the top spot on the NRLW ladder with a 40-4 victory at McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle.

The Knights put a dent in the hopes of the Dragons going to the top of the NRLW ladder early on when Newcastle were able to cross inside the first eight minutes when Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly was able to cross out wide after the Dragons defence was caught napping. It was only a short-lived blip on the radar for the Red 'V' who began their scoring routine a few minutes later when the Knights edge defence was caught out for the first of many times when a beautiful pass from Taliah Fuimaono landed straight on the chest of Page McGregor that gave the centre a clear run to score.

Off the back of a penalty and a repeat set, the Dragons took advantage of the poor edge defence from the Knights again this time on the right when Teagan Berry was able to get the first of her double. The goal-kicking woes of the Dragons started early when Rachael Pearson missed her second. The edge defence continued to cause issues for the Knights and yet again the Dragons took advantage when Madison Bartlett was able to score after another beautiful pass from Taliah Fuimaono out-wide. A second try to Bartlett came not long after the Knights edge defence was caught in all sorts yet again. Goal kicking woes really hurt the Red 'V' who only lead 16-4 at the break when it could've been more.

The second half was another demolition by the Red 'V' although goal kicking continued to be a very big worry. The Dragons extended their lead to 14 with a rare successful goal when Holli Wheeler slotted a penalty goal from in front. It was defensive lapses in the middle that became the concern for the Knights when Emma Tonegato went straight through the middle after the Knights had a scrum centre-field and Tonegato just sliced through straight on play one.

The Dragons continued their momentum when Holli Wheeler put the Dragons into a good position and then Teagan Berry on the next play was able to get over in the corner to score. The conversion attempt was missed again. A quickfire double for Jaime Chapman were the next tries for the Dragons who again took advantage of holes in the middle of the Knights defence. The first came after Chapman swooped on an error and combined with Quincy Dodd who gave the ball back to Chapman to score. The second came when Dodd and Chapman combined again when Dodd put Chapman through a hole to score. The final Dragons try came when Emma Tonegato chased through a Knights error to score near to the posts.

Next weekend, the Dragons will look to cement the minor premiership when they take on the Roosters, meanwhile for the Knights, they will look for their first victory up against the Titans. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 40 (M. Bartlett 2, T. Berry 2, J. Chapman 2, E. Tonegato 2, P. McGregor tries; H. Wheeler 2 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE (W) 4** (A. Stephens-Daly try) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 20th March. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 16-4. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 10-3. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Teitzel (C), Vaha'akolo, Fressard, Law, Stephens-Daly; Dibb, Tillett; Desmond, Rota, Nu'uausala, Edwards-Bruce, Feterika, Poko. Int: Manzelmann, Scanlan, Simon, Wira-Kohu. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Chapman, McGregor, Bartlett; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Davis, Apps (C), House, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, Targett, Nameo-Sagano, Sulusi.

SYDNEY 19 PARRAMATTA 18

The Sydney Roosters have kept their NRLW finals hopes alive thanks to Zahara Temara's match-winning field goal helping them to a 19-18 victory over the Parramatta Eels in Newcastle.

A quick start for the Roosters got the game underway when Brydie Parker was able to cross after Raecene McGregor's kick couldn't have bounced any more perfect for the Roosters and Parker was able to score untouched. A second try inside ten minutes stunned the Eels when Mya Hill-Moana had too much strength from close range to get over under the posts and after Temara's second conversion of the afternoon, the Roosters lead 12-0. Botille Vette-Welsh starred last week and the danger that she brings was on show again as the Roosters were forced to put extra defenders on the Eels fullback and this meant that there was an overlap for the Eels and Vette-Welsh was able to find Abbi Church who scored out wide.

The Roosters went into half-time leading 12-6 after Maddie Studdon looked to narrow the margin to 4 points after taking a penalty goal attempt that fell short and the scores didn't change.

Isabelle Kelly was denied twice inside the first ten minutes of the second half with once the officials ruling that Kelly had lost the ball and then on the second attempt was held up over the line. The luck was with the Roosters early, but this time around it was the Eels who got the luck when a pass from Maddie Studdon went to nobody but bounced perfectly for intended target Christian Pio who was able to get her way over the line. Studdon converted from close range to level the scores. A beautiful run from Tiana Penitani put the Eels in front just a matter of minutes later after coming back in on the angle and a beautifully timed Maddie Studdon found Penitani to score and after the conversion, the Eels lead 18-12.

It was a short-lived lead though as the Roosters who only a matter of minutes before had a third Isabelle Kelly effort denied by the bunker, were able to score again under the posts when Sarah Togatuki got over the line fighting her way to get the ball down. Zahara Temara levelled the scores following the conversion. Both Temara and Studdon had attempts to put their side in front, Temara hit the post with a penalty goal attempt from 30m out and in front, whilst Studdon took two field-goal attempts that both fell short of the posts. The decider though came from Temara who was able to use the breeze behind her back to strike her field goal attempt perfectly and put the Roosters up by 1 point which sealed the victory.

Next weekend, the Roosters have a tough task up against potential competition leaders the St George Illawarra Dragons, whilst the Eels also don't have things easy as they head to Brisbane to take on the Broncos. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SYDNEY (W) 19 (M. Hill-Moana, B. Parker, S. Togatuki tries; Z. Temara 3 goals; Z. Temara field goal) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 18** (A. Church, T. Penitani, C. Pio tries; M. Studdon 3 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 20th March. Halftime: Sydney (W) 12-6. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 7-3. Referee: Kasey Badger. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Vette-Welsh, Naividi, Penitani, Church, Horne, Curtain, Studdon; Hanisi, Maynard, Cherrington, Pio, Wright, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Mailangi, Naitokatoka, Johnston, Pauli. **SYDNEY (W)**: Baxter (C), Tufuga, Parker, Kelly, Mapusua; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Higgins, Hill-Moana, Meakes, Kernick, Southwell. Int: Kelleher, Predebon, Economos, Karpani.

ROUND 5

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16 SYDNEY 10

Two brilliant try saving tackles by the Dragons fullback played a huge role in ensuring the hosts a 16-10 victory - and a keeping them in the box seat for the minor premiership.

The Dragons opened the scoring in the 9th minute when Elsie Albert received a crash ball and she smashed through the marker defence to score on the right side. Keeley Davis failed to convert. In the 17th minute the Roosters looked to score when Isabelle Kelly got a great ball away despite being held in a group tackle, to Brydie Parker who scored in the left corner, but after the try was awarded the Bunker over-ruled the decision after finding a small obstruction in the leadup.

10 minutes later the Roosters had a second try disallowed when Olivia Kernick crashed over the line but planted the ball on Holli Wheelers foot. Jessica Sergis made a break 3 minutes before halftime and looked set to score but Emma Tonegato made a superb tackle around the legs that not only denied the Roosters a try, but also put Sergis into touch. At halftime the Dragons lead 4-0.

In the first minute after play resumed, Leianne Tufuga took a clean intercept and raced 25 metres before Tonegato made another great try saving tackle. The Dragons extended their lead in the 39th minute when Kody House ran a strong line back towards the posts, received an inside ball from Taliah Fuimaono and scored a good try. Davis failed to convert again.

Just three minutes later the Dragons scored again when Fuimaono found Tonegato on the inside and the Dragons fullback scored a clever try. Wheeler had the shot at goal this time but she too was unable to add the extras.

The Roosters finally got on the board in the 48th minute when Olivia Higgins at dummy half shifted left, dummied and then dropped a crash ball underneath to Sarah Togatuki who plowed through the markers to score a powerful try. Zahara Temara converted. Four minutes later, the Roosters very nearly scored again when a Temara grubber was contested for and ultimately knocked on by Baxter under the posts. In the 63rd minute Madison Bartlett took a clean intercept and raced 65 metres to score untouched. Davis failed to convert.

Davis very nearly scored from dummy half with 3 minutes left in the game. It was the Roosters though who would score last, when Racene McGregor got a good ball to Kelly who sliced through the Dragons edge defence and ran 30 metres to score. Hannah Southwell failed to convert from the right sideline. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 16 (E. Albert, M. Bartlett, K. House, E. Tonegato tries) **DEFEATED SYDNEY (W) 10** (I. Kelly, S. Togatuki tries; Z. Temara goal) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 26th March. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 4-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,023. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Chapman, McGregor, Bartlett; Fuimaono, Dodd; Albert, Davis, Apps (C), House, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Holmes, Williams, Targett, Nameo-Sagano. **SYDNEY (W)**: Baxter (C), Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly, Parker; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Higgins, Hill-Moana, Meakes, Kernick, Southwell. Int: Kelleher, Joseph, Predebon, Karpani.

GOLD COAST 14 NEWCASTLE 10

The winless Knights closed out their maiden season in the NRLW with a very committed and determined outing against a confident Titans outfit, but came up short with the Gold Coast finishing 14-10 victors at Suncorp.

It wasn't until there was just 2 minutes left in the game before the Titans took a lead which they did not relinquish.

The scoring opened in the 4th minute when Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly put in a kick from dummy half which was allowed to bounce. The ball bounced over the head of Karina Brown and Paige Parker came through, collected the loose ball and scored. Kirra Dibb added the extras to get the Knights off to a perfect start.

The remainder of the first half saw both teams struggle with their last tackle options and regularly putting in attacking grubbers that went dead in-goal. Both sides forwards were very strong through the middle, as was the defences of both outfits.

At halftime the Knights were leading 6-0.

The Titans didn't get on the scoreboard until the 52nd minute when Brittany Breayley-Nahi from dummy half, threw a dummy and then grubbered into the Knights in-goal where Jessica Elliston bumped through the defensive line to collect the ball and score to the left of the uprights. Brianna Clark converted the try to level the scores.

Just six minutes later the Titans took the lead for the first time when they spread the ball quick to the left, helped along by a brilliant tap pass under pressure from Kimiora Breayley-Nahi, eventually finding Hailee-Jay Maunsell who dived over to score in the corner. Zara Canfield took over the goalkicking duties, but was unable to add the extras from the sideline.

The Knights refused to surrender though and in the 64th minute Annetta Nuuausala made a brilliant powerful charge through the middle before she was tackled. From the play the ball, the Knights sent the ball right to Parker who produced a neat draw and pass to send Katelyn Vaha'akolo over for a try to level the scores. Dibb narrowly failed to convert from the sideline.

With just 2 minutes remaining in the game, Brittany Breayley-Nahi very nearly crossed from a try, but was kept just short. From the play the ball, the Titans moved the ball right to Cobie-Jane Morgan who delivered a brilliant long ball to the unmarked Brown who scored in the corner. Canfield was unable to convert, but it didn't matter as the Titans had got the job done and scored a 14-10 victory.

The Titans' opponent in next week's semi finals will be confirmed later today after the Broncos and Eels match. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

GOLD COAST (W) 14 (K. Brown, J. Elliston, H. Maunsell tries; B. Clark goal) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE (W) 10** (P. Parker, K. Vaha'akolo tries; K. Dibb goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th March. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 6-0. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-5. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Faifua, Brown, Peters, Power, Maunsell; Griffin, Breayley-Nati; Clark, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Canfield, Raftstrand-Smith, Brill. Int: Elliston, Clarke, Morgan, Ngatupuna. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Teitzel (C), Vaha'akolo, Parker, Law, Green; Stephens-Daly, Dibb; Scanlan, Manzelmann, Nu'uausala, Edwards-Bruce, Page, Poko. Int: Desmond, Simon, Graham, Evans.

BRISBANE 38 PARRAMATTA 4

Needing a 21-or-more point victory against Parramatta at Suncorp Stadium today, Brisbane delivered what was needed - and then some - with a 38-4 drubbing of Parramatta, who now miss the NRLW 2021 finals.

It didn't take long for the home team to impact the scoreboard, with prolific tryscorer Emily Bass adding to her impressive season tally after just four minutes. Lauren Brown missed the conversion but that wasn't a harbinger of what was to come - it being her only miss of the day.

Not long after Brisbane had extended their advantage to 10-0 with Amy Turner benefiting from a Hagiga Mosby break down the left side. Brown's conversion had the hosts well-placed inside the first ten minutes.

Parramatta didn't drop heads despite the Broncos' fast start - Ellie Johnston got her side on the board with a strong run to the right edge, although halfback Studdon couldn't convert and the visitors trailed 10-4.

The Broncos hit back not long after, Shanae Ciesiolka with a good run on the right side exposing the Eels' defence and it went to 16-4, a lead the home team retained til the break.

Once the second half began, it was one-way traffic. Mosby scored one of her own, then Ali Briggingshaw capped a superb performance with a solo try up the middle and after 55 minutes it was 26-4 and Brisbane had the margin required - and had pushed the Eels out of the top four.

In the final ten minutes there was plenty of icing for the Broncos' minor premiership cake, with Amber Hall barnstorming her way over from close range before Ciesiolka grabbed a double near fulltime.

Next week in the Semi Finals at Leichhardt, Brisbane play the Roosters. Parramatta are left to rue what might have been. The other semi final pits the Dragons against the Titans. **TIM COSTELLO**

BRISBANE (W) 38 (S. Ciesiolka 2, E. Bass, A. Briggingshaw, H. Mosby, A. Paris-Hall, A. Turner tries; L. Brown 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 4** (E. Johnston try) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 27th March. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 16-4. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 8-4. Referee: Kasey Badger. **BRISBANE (W)**: Maddick, Mosby, Turner, Ciesiolka, Bass; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Boyle, Brown, Lenarduzzi, Phillips, Paris-Hall, Gould. Int: Harden, Murdoch-Masila, Sautia, Ferguson. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Vette-Welsh, Naividi, Penitani, Church, Horne; Curtain, Studdon; Hanisi, Maynard, Cherrington, Pio, Johnston, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Kelly-Sines, Mailangi, Naitokatoka, Pauli.

SEMI FINALS

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ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24 GOLD COAST 18

The St George Illawarra Dragons have survived a late scare to make their second NRLW grand final following their 24-18 victory over the Gold Coast Titans at Leichhardt Oval.

Things started brightly for the Gold Coast when the veteran Steph Hancock was able to wrong foot the Dragons defence to get through and score close to the uprights. The conversion from close range gave the Titans a 6-0 lead.

Ill-discipline saw any dominance that the Titans were able to develop disappeared and the Dragons who themselves had some very questionable moments in attack, started to take control. The Red 'V' opened their scoring through Madison Bartlett after some good work put over in open space in the corner.

They may have trailed by 2, but momentum stayed with the Dragons as Emma Tonegato scored after the Dragons surprisingly (for this game) kicked the ball on the last and the Dragons flyer was able to get the ball down.

Discipline didn't improve for the Titans early in the second half and it continued to cost them when the pressure continued to mount and Jaime Chapman took advantage to hurdle defenders and get over the line. The Dragons soon after extended their lead through a penalty goal off the boot of Rachael Pearson.

The Dragons then put the game to what everybody thought was beyond doubt when Keeley Davis was able to get a short grubber kick away for the second time in the match but this time, she was able to chase through and ground the ball first.

If the game was beyond doubt, then nobody told the Titans as they created a remarkable final five minutes when Jasmine Peters got the green lights from the bunker after the Titans effort was initially ruled no try live on field.

Steph Hancock got the Titans their grandstand finish as she somehow got inspector gadget arms out to reach for a kick that was bouncing awkwardly for everybody. The conversion was successful and the Titans closed the gap to 22-16.

The Dragons move to their second NRLW grand final, whilst the Titans will reflect on a successful debut season. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 24 (M. Bartlett, J. Chapman, K. Davis, E. Tonegato tries; R. Pearson 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST (W) 18** (S. Hancock 2, J. Peters tries; K. Breayley-Nati, B. Clark, T. Raftstrand-Smith goals) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL**. Date: Sun, 3rd April. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 10-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 12-4. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 1,734. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Chapman, McGregor, Bartlett; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Davis, Apps (C), House, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Holmes, Dodd, Targett. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Faiua, Brown, Peters, Pelite, Maunsell; Hale, Breayley-Nati; Clark, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Raftstrand-Smith, Gray, Brill. Int: Power, Elliston, Morgan, Ngatupuna.

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SYDNEY 22 BRISBANE 16

The Sydney Roosters have pulled off one of the biggest Rugby League upsets in recent times as they came from 16-0 down to snatch a 22-16 victory over the Brisbane Broncos to book their spot at the NRLW Grand Final.

Things didn't start well for the tricolours as an early error put the Broncos into good attacking position and even though it took a couple of minutes, the Broncos put their dominance onto the scoreboard as Amber Hall was able to get her way over the line. It was a rolling disaster for the Roosters as Julia Robinson scored a try on her return after the Broncos took advantage of an overlap on the left and scored out wide. Lauren Brown's conversion from out wide was a beauty and she pushed the lead to 10-0. Things were getting bleaker for the Roosters as Olivia Kernick was given 10 minutes in the sin bin by referee Belinda Sharpe for a professional foul and the Broncos took advantage of the overlap when Millie Boyle was impossible to stop from close range after Chelsea Lenarduzzi created the space with a good run and offload.

Finally getting some possession, the Roosters started to create some momentum and despite their first attacking ending with an error, the Tricolours found space out on the left when Raecene McGregor got a good offload out to Isabelle Kelly who scored. The Roosters well and truly got the momentum turned in their favour and they added a second try shortly before halftime when Corban Baxter was able to get Leianne Tufuga space on the outside after a beautiful cut out pass. Temara's conversion pushed the scores back to a converted try at the break.

Things didn't start perfectly for the Roosters in the second half with poor kicking decisions and errors costing the Roosters good field position but thankfully it didn't hurt them too much. The Roosters were able to score with fifteen minutes remaining although it came with a touch of confusion when Keilee Joseph was awarded a try on field and it seemed to have been confirmed by the bunker until referee Belinda Sharpe was asked to refer it up. The bunker ended up confirming the try after a few more replays leaving everybody confused but the subsequent conversion was good and scores were level. Momentum was well and truly with the Roosters and Jocelyn Kelleher took advantage as she saw space out of dummy half and she got over to score and following the conversion the Roosters held an unlikely 22-16 lead. The Roosters had ten minutes left to defend solidly and although they weren't perfect in their gameplay, they did enough to hold off a Broncos side who seemed to struggle and were devoid of ideas in the final 10-minute period and the Roosters held on.

After sneaking into the finals miraculously, the Roosters will be confident they can go onto win the big one following their win over the Broncos as they take on the Dragons. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SYDNEY (W) 22 (K. Joseph, J. Kelleher, I. Kelly, L. Tufuga tries; Z. Temara 3 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE (W) 16** (M. Boyle, A. Paris-Hall, J. Robinson tries; L. Brown 2 goals) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL**. Date: Sun, 3rd April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 10-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,734. **BRISBANE (W)**: Upton, Robinson, Turner, Ciesiolka, Bass; Aiken, Briggins (C); Boyle, Brown, Lenarduzzi, Phillips, Paris-Hall, Gould. Int: Maddick, Harden, Murdoch-Masila, Sautia. **SYDNEY (W)**: Baxter (C), Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly, Parker; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Higgins, Hill-Moana, Meakes, Kernick, Southwell. Int: Kelleher, Joseph, Predebon.

2021 NRLW GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY 16 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 4

The Sydney Roosters have won their first NRLW title defeating the St George Illawarra Dragons 16-4 in an entertaining grand final before 7,855 fans at Moreton Daily Stadium.

It was a nightmare start for the Roosters with Yasmine Meakes losing the ball in the opening set of the game. From the ensuing scrum, St George Illawarra sent the ball wide and Dally M player of the year Emma Tonegato linked up with Maddison Bartlett to score the opening try of the game and break the record for most tries scored by a woman in the NRLW's short history. However, that would be the only time the Dragons found the stripe in a game that was dominated by defence.

The Roosters would go close with Brydie Parker stepping on the sideline. However, her grand final ended tragically as her knee gave out. The bunker found a high shot from Dragons 5/8 Taliah Fuimaono and she was placed in the sin bin by referee Belinda Sharpe. The Roosters couldn't convert the extra player advantage and failed to capitalise with St George's defence being the stand out feature.

St George Illawarra though they had a second on the stroke of the break as Keeley Davis got to the ball first and grounded the ball first, the Bunker however found a little knock-on as the Tricolours breathed a huge sigh of relief as the Dragons held a narrow 4-0 lead at half-time.

The Roosters had the better of the action in the second 35 minutes frustrating the Dragons with strong defence. Yasin Meakes made a half-break before the tackle from Rachael Pearson saves the day, later in the set, however, St George cracked when Jocelyn Kelleher took a risk down the blindside and Meakes charged onto the ball and the tri-colours had their first of the afternoon, but just like the men's side, they couldn't buy a conversion.

Ten minutes later, a great set play saw Corban Baxter flicks it out the back and was expertly picked up from Zahara Temara who linked up with Isabelle Kelly who raced away to score and with the conversion from Temara, the tri-colours held a 6 point lead. Sarah Togatuki sealed the game with a strong run-up field, off the ensuing tackle, Olivia Higgins shrugs off some Dragons defenders to score the game-sealing try and another conversion from Temara gave them the final margin of 12 points.

The Roosters win their inaugural NRLW premiership, which is a remarkable achievement considering they limped into the finals on for and against, but showed who they really were when the big moments counted in the finals. Togatuki was awarded the Karyn Murphy Medal for being the best player on the ground. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SYDNEY (W) 16 (O. Higgins, I. Kelly, Y. Meakes tries; Z. Temara 2 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 4** (M. Bartlett try) **AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 10th April. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 4-0. Penalties: Sydney (W) 7-6. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 7,855. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Chapman, McGregor, Bartlett; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Davis, Apps (C), Holmes, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, House, Targett, Browne. **SYDNEY (W)**: Baxter (C), Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly, Parker; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Higgins, Hill-Moana, Meakes, Kernick, Southwell. Int: Kelleher, Joseph, Predebon, Karpani, Morris.

NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE WOMEN'S 2022

ROUND 1

SYDNEY 38 PARRAMATTA 16

The Sydney Roosters have started their NRLW title defence in perfect fashion with a 38-16 victory over the Parramatta Eels at CommBank Stadium.

Starting fast, the Roosters ran in three tries in the space of four minutes when Jaymie Fressard was put over in the corner after some strong work from Isabelle Kelly who set it up. The next two tries for the Roosters both came through Isabelle Kelly one through pure brute strength and one through skill. The first of Kelly's double came with a hard running effort that saw Kelly pull out one of the greatest fends that you will ever see as she sent the Eels defence backwards to score. The second of her double came when she was able to keep her momentum going towards the line and could've got an offload away but just went for the line to score. The three tries were all unconverted by Zahara Temara which meant that the Eels were still within touching distance of the Roosters. This proved to be the case when Parramatta was able to score when Seli Mailangi showed a dummy and the Roosters defence just opened the door for the Eels number 9 to score one of the easiest tries of her career. The Eels then were able to level the scores when captain Simaima Taufa scored after a kick from Brooke Walker was played at by the Roosters and the Eels captain was on the spot to take the kick and fight her way to the line and get the ball down. Both tries were converted to level the scores. Approaching halftime and off the back of a successful captain's challenge, the Roosters took back the lead when Jess Sergis was able to score after some amazing work by veteran Sam Bremner to keep the ball alive and find the star centre to score, Temara converted and the Roosters held a 6-point lead in the break.

Parramatta hit back straight after the resumption of play when Vanessa Foliaki found a gap in the Roosters defensive line to score in her return to the NRLW. The missed conversion hurt the Eels as they trailed by 2 points. Leading by just 2, the Roosters then stepped up a gear and just took control of the game starting with Olivia Kernick who continued her try-scoring form from last season when the second rower posed a threat and was too big for the Eels defence to stop as she scored. The Roosters then bombed another try when Keilee Joseph lost the ball short of the line but it didn't sting for too long when new recruit Shaniah Power ran a strong line on the last tackle after the Eels defence stood back expecting a kick that didn't come. An offside Jess Sergis then cost the Roosters, but a Parramatta knock-on gave the tricolours a scrum in attacking position and absolute perfection in attack saw Sam Bremner who could've scored herself finding Jaymie Fressard to score in the corner. The Roosters put the icing on the cake when Sam Bremner had a hand in another try when Leianne Tufuga scored after some good work from Olivia Kernick and Sam Bremner which gave Tufuga a try after she was denied earlier. Parramatta had a try inside the final denied after Rikeya Horne went into touch and that sealed the defeat for the Blue and Gold. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SYDNEY (W) 38 (J. Fressard 2, I. Kelly 2, O. Kernick, S. Power, J. Sergis, L. Tufuga tries; Z. Temara 3 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 16** (V. Foliaki, S. Mailangi, S. Taufa-Kautai tries; B. Walker 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 20th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 18-12. Penalties: Sydney (W) 4-2. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 26,451. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Broughton, Staines, Penitani (C), Church, Horne, Walker, Lutu, Hanisi, Mailangi, Johnston, Pio, Foliaki, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Cherrington, Anderson, George, Butler. **SYDNEY (W)**: Bremner, Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Brill, Hill-Moana, Power, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Kelleher, Burton, Hopoate, Pule.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 26 GOLD COAST 12

The St George Illawarra Dragons have started the NRLW season in perfect fashion with a 26-12 victory over the Gold Coast Titans who struggled with their ball control at WIN Stadium.

The early dominance was with the Dragons early on as poor ball control and ill-discipline saw the Titans put themselves under pressure and the Red 'V' opened the scoring after ten minutes via a Rachael Pearson penalty goal. It was only a matter of minutes later when the Dragons were able to score when Emma Tonegato picked up from where she left off as Kezie Apps showed her class when she opened space up for the Dragons to shift left and Talei Holmes put Emma Tonegato through.

Pressure continued to build on the Titans as more errors put the pressure on and this time they looked to shift right and it was Emma Tonegato again who had her hand in the pie when her pass found Andie Robinson on the outside who scored in the corner.

Play wasn't fluid for the Dragons try but footwork in just about every direction from Taliah Fuimaono put the Titans defence in all sorts as she was able to go through a gap before finding Teagan Berry to score.

Veteran Steph Hancock made sure that the Titans had something on the board when she was able to charge into the line and get the ball to ground. Lauren Brown's conversion was good from close range to close the score at 18-6.

The discipline of the Titans didn't improve at all and they continued put themselves under the pressure but they were saved twice by the Bunker who overturned two tries given on the field with one disallowed for an obstruction and one for a knock-on.

Eventually the Dragons were able to cross in the second half when Teagan Berry was sweating on an intercept and it came with the Dragons speedster running 95m to score.

The Titans will need to work on their right-hand defence as the Dragons continued their field day down that side when Page McGregor was able to score after a beautiful pass from Keeley Davis put the centre into space to score.

Just as she did in the first half, Steph Hancock finished off the half with a try when she was able to use her strength and experience to fight her way to the line and slam the ball down. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 26 (T. Berry 2, P. McGregor, A. Robinson, E. Tonegato tries; R. Pearson 3 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST (W) 12** (S. Hancock 2 tries; L. Brown 2 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 18-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 9-5. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 5,135. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Browne, McGregor, Robinson; Fuimaono, Pearson; Apps (C), Davis, Dymock, Holmes, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, Soliola, McGrath-West, Targett. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Nicholls, Brown, Pelite, Peters, Bartlett; Breayley-Nati, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati (C), Peters, Canfield, Raftstrand-Smith, Hale. Int: Hancock, Elliston, Clarke, Murdoch-Masila.

NEWCASTLE 32 BRISBANE 14

History has been made in the Hunter as the Newcastle Knights have not only won their first ever NRLW but they've done it in style with a 32-14 victory over the Brisbane Broncos.

The Knights started fast and it was the rookie Jesse Southwell who showed that all the praise is well and truly justified as she just set the game alight when she put on the footwork to go through a gap after a step that left the defence grasping at air.

Brisbane were able to hit back soon after when Julia Robinson got her first as she had to fight her way to the line and got the ball just to the ground to score. A missed conversion meant the Broncos still trailed by 2.

Extending their lead, the Knights used the experience of Tamika Upton to draw in the defence and put Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly in the corner. The Knights were able to score again and it was Jesse Southwell who set it up again when she burst through the middle out of nowhere to put the Knights into attacking position before the next tackle, Romy Teitzel used her strength to get over to score.

Right on the stroke of half time, the Broncos got themselves back into the contest when Tarryn Aiken was able to get through desperate defence to score.

The second half started strongly for the home side again when Tayla Predebon was able to charge at the line from close range and get the ball down for her first NRLW try, Kirra Dibb converted to push the margin out to 12.

Ali Briginshaw showed why she is still a master of the women's game when she was able to spot an overlap out wide and took advantage of it via the boot finding Julia Robinson for her second. The conversion was missed and kept the margin beyond a converted try.

It didn't matter for the Broncos because the Knights took control of the finish as Caitlan Moran charged over from close range to get the ball down for her first NRLW try before just shy of full time Bobbi Law put the icing on the cake. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE (W) 32 (C. Johnston, B. Law, T. Predebon, J. Southwell, A. Stephens-Daly, R. Teitzel tries; K. Dibb 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE (W) 14** (J. Robinson 2, T. Aiken tries; A. Briginshaw goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 16-10. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 8,323. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Upton, Takairangi, Parker, Law, Stephens-Daly; Dibb, Southwell; Johnston, Higgins, Boyle (C), Teitzel, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Manzelmann, Predebon, Simon, Karpani. **BRISBANE (W)**: Chapman, Robinson, Turner, Ciesiolka, Bass; Aiken, Briginshaw (C); Holyman, Maynard, Lenarduzzi, Sautia, Paris-Hall, Harden. Int: Ferguson, Phillips, Tamarua, Fogavini.

ROUND 2

SYDNEY 28 BRISBANE 8

The Sydney Roosters have put themselves into a strong position to defend their NRLW title and put the Broncos campaign potentially on life support following an impressive 28-8 win at Suncorp Stadium.

Another error-riddled half of football from the Broncos put themselves on the backfoot and the Roosters scored first through Destiny Brill who used her skills out of dummy half to get down low to score.

The Broncos could've had a say on the scoreboard but were denied twice with both Ali Briginshaw and Tarryn Aiken losing the ball. The first-half contest was a tight affair until a barnstorming finish from the Roosters with Olivia Kernick and Sam Bremner scoring.

The play to set up the Kernick play was just perfect from Raecene McGregor who didn't rush when the service from dummy half wasn't perfect before kicking across field initially for Jess Sergis who was unmarked, but the bounce instead favoured Kernick who scored. McGregor then had her fingerprints over the next try when her footwork put her through space before eventually finding Sam Bremner who had her first try in almost four years.

Starting the second half much better than they did the first half, the Broncos had turned the momentum in their favour and it was Tarryn Aiken who scored first for the homeside after Julia Robinson found space to put on the speed and finally got the ball out to Aiken to score.

Momentum was truly with the Broncos as Aiken got her second when she spotted a gap in the Roosters defensive line and went through to score.

The Roosters were able to swing the momentum back in their favour when Olivia Kernick got her second of the afternoon after some good work from Destiny Brill and Raecene McGregor to get the tricolours into attacking position. A try not long after put the game beyond doubt for the Roosters when a beautiful ball from Zahara Temara out to Jayme Fressard put the ex-Bronco over.

It wasn't all good news for the Roosters with three players failing to finish the match due to injury with a nervous wait ahead of their historic clash with the Dragons at the new Allianz Stadium on Friday night whilst the Broncos will look to get their season back on track against QLD rivals the Gold Coast Titans. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SYDNEY (W) 28 (O. Kernick 2, S. Bremner, D. Brill, J. Fressard tries; Z. Temara 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE (W) 8** (T. Aiken 2 tries) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 27th August. Kickoff: 1:10 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 16-0. Penalties: Sydney (W) 8-6. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 11,816. **BRISBANE (W)**: Maddick, Robinson, Turner, Ciesiolka, Chapman; Aiken, Briginshaw (C); Holyman, Maynard, Lenarduzzi, Phillips, Paris-Hall, Harden. Int: Sautia, Ferguson, Tamarua, Clark. **SYDNEY (W)**: Bremner, Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Brill, Hill-Moana, Power, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Kelleher, Burton, Hopoate, Pule.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16 PARRAMATTA 10

The St George Illawarra Dragons have survived a scare to go two from two to start the NRLW season with a 16-10 victory over the Parramatta Eels at CommBank Stadium.

It was an end-to-end affair in the contest and it took almost 20 minutes for the Dragons to open the scoring when off the back of a scrum the Dragons went right finding Keele Browne who was able to fight her way over.

Back-to-back penalties hurt the Eels as the Red 'V' started to mount repeated pressure on the Parramatta line and they took advantage when they shifted left and found Page McGregor to score out wide. Goal kicking became an issue for the Dragons as they could only lead 8-0.

The Eels took advantage when Tiana Penitani was able to get through space and a footrace between the former Aussie 7 teammates saw the Eels captain get past Emma Tonegato to score.

The goal-kicking woes of the Dragons proved to be an issue when Gayle Broughton was able to score for the Eels after she put Tiana Penitani through into space again before the ball ended back up with Broughton to finish things off. The conversion from Tayla Preston from in front was successful giving the Eels a 10-8 lead at the break.

Neither side could have pure dominance in the second half though the Dragons were able to take advantage again on their left-hand side when again off the back of a scrum, the Red V looked to go left as Teagan Berry was able to get her way over the line. The conversion was again missed and despite having an extra try, the Dragons could only manage to lead by 2.

Sustained pressure on the Eels defence became an issue when they couldn't wrap the ball up on last tackle as Taliah Fuimaono was able to keep the ball alive and an overlap saw the ball end up with Page McGeogr who scored her second of the afternoon. Another missed conversion saw the Eels with a chance to level.

Despite some late chances, the Eels couldn't get across the line and eventually fell to the 16-10 defeat. Next weekend, the Dragons have a grand final rematch against the Roosters to open Allianz Stadium whilst the Eels take on the Knights in a must win match in Newcastle next Sunday night. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 16 (P. McGregor 2, T. Berry, K. Browne tries) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 10** (G. Broughton, T. Penitani tries; T. Preston goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 10-8. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Broughton, Fay, Penitani (C), Horne, Staines; Preston, Quinlan; Hanisi, Mailangi, Johnston, Pio, Foliaki, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Cherrington, Anderson, George, Kennard. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Browne, McGregor, Robinson; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Davis, Dymock, Apps (C), Bent, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, Holmes, Soliola, McGrath-West.

NEWCASTLE 16 GOLD COAST 12

The Newcastle Knights have kept their unbeaten start to the NRLW season going with a scrappy 16-12 victory over the Gold Coast Titans at Robina.

Both sides will hope to wipe the opening five minutes from their mind as both sides struggled to complete a set of six and as a result of the scrappy play, the Knights opened the scoring after six minutes via a Titans error. The Knights were able to spread the ball right with Autumn-Rain Stephens Daily getting over in the corner.

The Titans pretty quickly hit back though it wasn't pretty as their last tackle option wasn't necessarily the prettiest but a double kick paid off as Zara Canfield got to the ball first to score.

Two pieces of dummy half magic turned the game back in the Knights favour when Emma Manzelmann went from dummy half finding space where the Gold Coast defence was split and the backup dummy half took advantage. Manzelmann then took advantage again when she was able to go through the middle before finding Tamika Upton to score.

The second half never reached any great heights with both sides not really finding any crisp attacking form though it was a strong piece of play from Georgia Hale who looked behind the lead runner sending the defence into a two minds before finding Steph Hancock who charged over.

Both sides had chances to score again although errors hurt both sides and the Knights were able to hold on for the victory.

Next weekend, the Titans will look to get their first win in a season defining match against QLD rivals the Brisbane Broncos in a battle of the winless sides, whilst the Knights will be brimming with confidence as they look to continue their unbeaten start against the Eels. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE (W) 16 (E. Manzelmann, A. Stephens-Daly, T. Upton tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST (W) 12** (Z. Canfield, S. Hancock tries; L. Brown 2 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 16-6. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 6-4. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Nicholls, Brown, Pelite, Mosby, Bartlett; Breayley-Nati, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Canfield, Raftstrand-Smith, Hale. Int: Peters, Elliston, Maunsell, Clarke. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Upton, Takairangi, Parker, Law, Stephens-Daly; Dibb, Southwell; Johnston, Higgins, Boyle (C), Teitzel, Clydsdale, Karpani. Int: Manzelmann, Predebon, Simon, Weale.

ROUND 3

SYDNEY 34 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 6

The Sydney Roosters have put on a show to open Allianz Stadium with a 34-6 victory which saw the home side run in 5 unanswered second half tries.

The opening half was an even contest with both sides having plenty of chances to score and it was Monalisa Soliola who will go down in history as the first ever try scorer at the new Allianz Stadium when she was able to get over in the corner. A pinpoint sideline conversion from Rachael Pearson gave the Dragons a 6-0 lead.

A pinpoint kick from Raecene McGregor got the Roosters over for their first when a cross-field kick found Leianne Tufuga perfectly after putting Tegan Berry into two minds about contesting it. Temara had her own perfect conversion to level the scores at 6-6.

Both sides had multiple chances to score in the first half but couldn't take advantage unlike the second half where the Roosters hit top gear. Despite having most of the possession, the Dragons attack struggled to find any fluidity and it was Jocelyn Kelleher who gave the Roosters the lead when she was able to spot a gap in the tiring Dragons defence to score.

The momentum had well and truly turned in favour of the Tricolours when Destiny Brill got over but had her claims denied losing the ball, but a penalty to the Roosters gave them more attacking opportunity which was taken when Zahara Temara chased through a kick from Raecene McGregor to score.

The Roosters continued their dominance when Sam Bremner used her experience to lurk out the back when Olivia Kernick ran a decoy that attracted the Dragons defence and Bremner went through to score. The tricolours again added points in quick succession when Otesa Pule was able to get her first NRLW try when Raecene McGregor went short with a no look pass to score.

Sam Bremner played a big part in the Roosters last try when she made a break on the play before the Roosters were able to create a massive overlap to score out wide when Jocelyn Kelleher scored in the corner for her second.

Next weekend, the Roosters have a tough battle when they have to take on the Knights meanwhile the Dragons have a tough task as well when they take on the Broncos. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SYDNEY (W) 34 (J. Kelleher 2, S. Bremner, O. Pule, Z. Temara, L. Tufuga tries; Z. Temara 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 6** (M. Soliola try; R. Pearson goal) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 2nd September. Kickoff: 5:40 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Sydney (W) 6-4. Referee: Kasey Badger. **SYDNEY (W)**: Bremner, Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Brill, Hill-Moana, Power, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Kelleher, Burton, Hopoate, Pule. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Browne, McGregor, Staples; Fuimaono, Pearson; Albert, Davis (C), Soliola, Apps, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Dymock, Dodd, McGrath-West, Tugaga.

BRISBANE 22 GOLD COAST 4

Brisbane Broncos are on the board for the NRLW season after their 22-4 win over Gold Coast Titans on Saturday afternoon at Moreton Daily Stadium.

The Broncos are a much-changed side after their three Premierships but they have broken their duck with a win against local rivals Titans off the back of a superb hat-trick from Jaime Chapman and a Chelsea Lenarduzzi four-pointer.

Both sides were winless for their 2022 second campaign and wanted to take bragging rights in the derby. Brisbane Broncos started well with some solid work while the Titans just couldn't get out of their own way with errors and penalties.

The Broncos were first to score points when Chapman showed some fantastic skill to beat her defenders and dive over in the corner for 4-0 before front rower Chelsea Lenarduzzi doubled their delight when she powered over to make it eight.

The three time Premiership winners were in complete control. Tarryn Aitken was driving the team across the park and they added a third just before the break, again through Chapman, who once again beat defenders with ease for 12-0.

Pre-match Titans coach Karyn Murphy talked about her side needing to be disciplined with the ball. They were anything but that in the first half, as they spilled the ball in good areas several times and were unable to sustain any pressure.

Titans needed a response after the break and got on the board. Some good slick hands ended up with Madison Bartlett diving across on the right hand side and giving them some hope at 12-4.

The Broncos pushed their advantage to 16 with another well worked move. This time it was a slick backline movement to Shanae Ciesiolka who had the simple walk in four-pointer to make it 18-4 after Brianna Clark's fabulous conversion.

Broncos capped off the maiden win with Chapman's hat-trick. The centre was dazzling with her footwork once more on a slick surface in Redcliffe and crossed in the corner to make it 22-4.

It will be relief for Broncos coach Kelvin Wright after back-to-back losses to start the season but it gives them a chance at finals football still. For the Titans, they face a long road back if they are to do anything this season and need to fix up their handling. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

BRISBANE (W) 22 (J. Chapman 3, S. Ciesiolka, C. Lenarduzzi tries; B. Clark goal) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST (W) 4** (M. Bartlett try) **AT MORETON DAILY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 1:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 12-0. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 9-6. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. **BRISBANE (W)**: Maddick, Robinson, Chapman, Ciesiolka, Tungai; Aiken, Briggshaw (C); Holyman, Gould, Lenarduzzi, Fogavini, Paris-Hall, Harden. Int: Ferguson, Larsson, Sautia, Clark. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Nicholls, Brown, Pelite, Mosby, Bartlett; Breayley-Nati, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati (C), Clarke, Brander, Raftstrand-Smith, Hale. Int: Hancock, Elliston, Maunsell, Faifua.

NEWCASTLE 18 PARRAMATTA 16

The Newcastle Knights have stolen victory from the jaws of defeat and kept their unbeaten start to the season going following their 18-16 victory over the Parramatta Eels at McDonald Jones Stadium.

It was the Eels who were able to open the scoring first when Rikeya Horne was able to get her first try since 2018 when the Knights defence aimed up on Gayle Broughton who was lurking out the back but instead when short for Rikeya Horne to push through.

The Knights hit back soon after when it was the traditional Tamika Upton magic that took place when she was able break through the defence and get over in the corner. Kirra Dibb's conversion was waved away just not having the legs to get to the posts in the gusty conditions.

Neither side could fully get any momentum for the remainder of the half as the Eels were able to hold on a 6-4 lead.

Not long after the half time break the Knights were able to get across in controversial circumstances when the Bunker overruled a live decision of no try when Tayla Predebon got her way to the line and despite looking like she had lost it, the try was awarded by the bunker.

The Eels then hit back soon after to regain the lead when Tayla Preston was able to get a perfect cross-field kick out to the wing where Tess Staines was on the spot to pounce on the bouncing ball to score out wide and get the ball down. Tayla Preston converted and the Eels held a two-point lead once again.

A Kirra Dibb penalty goal levelled the scores for the Knights but it was only momentary because a collision between Tamika Upton and Jakiya Whitfeld at the back whilst contesting the ball saw Rikeya Horne pick up her second when she was able to clean up the loose ball and score her second try of the afternoon.

Olivia Higgins became the hero of Newcastle inside the final two minutes when she was able to burrow over from dummy half and steal the victory for the home side when she attracted defenders with a dummy before going over. Kirra Dibb converted to give the Knights an 18-16 lead.

The Eels had one last chance after they pulled off a 1-on-1 strip but they couldn't get anything going and the Knights held on. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE (W) 18 (O. Higgins, T. Predebon, T. Upton tries; K. Dibb 3 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 16** (R. Horne 2, T. Staines tries; T. Preston 2 goals) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 6-4. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 8-4. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Upton, Whitfeld, Parker, Law, Stephens-Daly; Dibb, Southwell; Johnston, Higgins, Boyle (C), Teitzel, Clydsdale, Weale. Int: Manzelmann, Predebon, Moran, Davison. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Broughton, Fay, Penitani (C), Horne, Staines; Quinlan, Preston; Cherrington, Mailangi, Johnston, Pio, Foliaki, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Hanisi, George, Kennard, Cherrington.

ROUND 4

GOLD COAST 18 PARRAMATTA 16

The Gold Coast Titans have broken their duck by downing the Parramatta Eels 18-16 in a nail-biting clash to kick-off Round 4 of the NRLW season from AAMI Park.

It was a must-win clash for both sides as they were trying to keep their NRLW finals chances alive.

Gold Coast had all of the early possession and they were rewarded after seven minutes. The clever second-phase play saw Steph Hancock crash over to score her eighth try in the NRLW's history. This made her the leading try scorer in the competition's history, an extraordinary achievement for the oldest player in the competition, once again showing age isn't a barrier. The Titans had another try just six minutes later and once again it was their forwards that were leading the way. Brittany Breayley-Nati found Shannon Mato who wrestled the ball to the ground. Referee Karra-Lee Nolan pointed to the spot and despite the Titans being the worst attacking side in the NRLW this season, the Titans led by 12.

Parramatta worked their way back into the game and off the back of some poor discipline by their opposition, they were able to hit back. It took a good pass from Ash Quinlan who found Tiana Penitani who in turn found Zali Fay. Fay hit and spun her way out of the tackle of Evania Pelite and the Eels reduced the margin to eight. After hanging on for dear life, the Eels let their grip slip just on half-time. The Eels were scrambling well in defence, it took good work from Georgia Hale who found Kimiora Breayley-Nati who found the short ball to Jessika Elliston and she crosses right on half-time. The conversion gave the home side a 14 point half-time lead.

Parramatta started the second half strongly and their efforts were rewarded when Simaima Taufa caught the Titans napping with a dummy and go. She took on Evania Pelite and beats the fullback and crashed over for a vital try to reduce the margin to eight.

With their season on the line, the Eels hung in there and were able to keep the Titans at bay. Elliston was denied a try when she dropped the ball over the line. That knock-on proved decisive as the Eels were able to march down the field. Rima Butler was able to charge over the top of Brittany Breayley-Nati and two other defenders to score a vital try, but the margin was at two points. Parramatta were unable to cross for the final blow and remain winless in the 2022 NRLW season. Unless results dramatically go their way, their finals chances appear slim. For the Titans, they're in a win-and-in situation against the Roosters next weekend in Gosford. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

GOLD COAST (W) 18 (J. Elliston, S. Hancock, S. Mato tries; L. Brown 3 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 16** (R. Butler, Z. Fay, S. Taufa-Kautai tries; T. Preston 2 goals) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sat, 10th September. Kickoff: 1:05 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 18-4. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 10-8. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 505. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Pelite, Brown, Nicholls, Peters, Bartlett; Breayley-Nati, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Canfield, Raftstrand-Smith, Hale. Int: Faifua, Elliston, Ngatupuna, Clarke. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Broughton, Fay, Penitani (C), Horne, Tohi-Hiku; Quinlan, Preston; Cherrington, Mailangi, Johnston, Pio, Foliaki, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Hanisi, Cherrington, Kennard, Butler.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 19 BRISBANE 18

The St George Illawarra Dragons have cemented their place in the top 4 of the NRLW, holding on to beat an inconsistent Broncos side 19-18 in golden point at AAMI Park on Saturday.

It wasn't a good start for the Broncos, who lost Lavinia Gould and Jaime Chapman early due to a leg injury and head knock respectively. Despite those setbacks, they were able to get on the scoreboard first in the 8th minute. They received a penalty and took full advantage, marching up the field and gaining momentum. Before long they were inside the Dragons' 20, and they executed a right-side shift to perfection to score their first through Julia Robinson. From there, a mistake-riddled arm wrestle would ensue, with both teams combining for 20 errors through the first half alone. Neither were able to capitalise on an opposition mistake until the 31st minute, when Broncos fullback Hayley Maddick's knock on gifted the Dragons good attacking field position. They would finally get over the line shortly after Kezie Apps was too strong for the defence.

After doing all the hard work defensively, the Broncos would head into the break down by 8-points after the Dragons turned one try into two just before the break. Quincy Dodd threw a dummy that was fallen for by everyone and she then got herself over the line under the posts, making it 12-4 to St George Illawarra.

The Broncos had success all game attacking the left side of the Dragons defence, and turned it into a try in the 46th minute, with Briggingshaw flicking it out to Ciesiolka, who grubbered past the Dragons fullback Pearson to regather and score a great try. Brisbane had all the momentum and an equalising try seemed imminent, but Chelsea Lenarduzzi collected Keeley Davis high and went to the sin bin, handing the Dragons an opportunity to ice the game. They did so immediately, with Elsie Albert running as hard as anyone to slam the ball down over the line. The successful conversion meant that the Dragons lead 18-8 with just 13 minutes remaining.

The Broncos were out of gas, and it took an extraordinary individual effort from Jaime Chapman to get them back into it. She broke a tackle and made a clean line break inside her own 30 metre line, before burning the Dragons fullback on her way to the line. The conversion was again unsuccessful, making it 18-12 to the Red V. It looked as though the Dragons would grind out the win after forcing consecutive dropout, but the third kick went dead and the Broncos were armed with 130 seconds, 7 tackles and a dream. The dream became reality as Ali Briggingshaw spotted a gap and pinned the ears back, scoring under the posts to send the game to extra time. On the first play, the Dragons knocked on, but a challenge revealed it was actually a strip by the Broncos, giving the Dragons a penalty and putting them in the box seat. Rachel Pearson was cool, calm and collected under pressure, nailing the field goal on her first attempt to make it a 19-18 win for the Dragons. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 19 (E. Albert, K. Apps, Q. Dodd tries; R. Pearson 3 goals; R. Pearson field goal) **DEFEATED BRISBANE (W) 18** (A. Briggingshaw, J. Chapman, S. Ciesiolka, J. Robinson tries; T. Aiken goal) **AT AAMI PARK**. Date: Sat, 10th September. Kickoff: 2:50 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 12-4. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 6-2. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 1,229. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Toneyato, Berry, Browne, McGregor, Robinson; Hopkins, Pearson; Albert, Davis, Wheeler, Apps (C), Bent, Fuimaono. Int: Dodd, Soliola, McGrath-West, Targett. **BRISBANE (W)**: Maddick, Robinson, Chapman, Ciesiolka, Tungai; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Clark, Gould, Lenarduzzi, Fogavini, Paris-Hall, Harden. Int: Nu'uausala, Ferguson, Larsson, Holyman.

SYDNEY 18 NEWCASTLE 16

The Sydney Roosters have sealed their first minor premiership with an 18-16 victory over the Newcastle Knights in a see-sawing affair that saw both sides having to come from behind.

It was a fast start for the Roosters who scored in the opening three minutes when Jasmine Strange scored on debut down the left after a break through the middle two plays prior. The Roosters put on their second try just four minutes later when Raecene McGregor split the Knights defence and put Kalosipani Hopoate through for her maiden try. Zahara Temara's conversion put the Roosters up 10-0.

A penalty goal on the stroke of half time extended the Roosters lead out to 12-0 at the break.

Errors came back to bite the Roosters in the second half when Romy Teitzel was able to pluck a Jesse Southwell kick out of the air and get her way to the line and putting the ball on the line. The conversion was missed and the Knights still trailed by 8.

Only a matter of minutes later, Yasmin Clydsdale was able to get one back on her old side after a good ball put her into space after the Roosters defence were caught in two minds on what to do. Jesse Southwell closed the gap to two points with the conversion.

Newcastle had all the momentum and then looked to have what was going to be a match winner when the Knights took advantage of the Roosters defence being unable to shut down Southwell who found Caitlan Johnston to stroll through to score. The conversion put the Knights into the lead by four points.

It was a lost ball from the Knights that ended their afternoon when looking to spread the ball, Romy Teitzel dropped the ball right in front of Isabelle Kelly who swooped and raced away 70m untouched to score the match winning try. The Roosters lead by 2 after Zahara Temara's conversion.

A missed penalty goal gave the Knights one play after the siren to try and go 100m but it wasn't to be and the Roosters held onto the 18-16 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SYDNEY (W) 18 (K. Hopoate, I. Kelly, J. Strange tries; Z. Temara 3 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE (W) 16** (Y. Clydsdale, C. Johnston, R. Teitzel tries; J. Southwell 2 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 11th September. Kickoff: 1:10 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 12-0. Penalties: Sydney (W) 5-2. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. **SYDNEY (W)**: Bremner, Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly (C), Strange; Temara, McGregor; Hopoate, Brill, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Kelleher, Temara, Morris, Economos. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Whitfield, Takairangi, Parker, Teitzel, Paki; Dibb, Southwell; Johnston, Higgins, Boyle (C), Weale, Clydsdale, Predebon. Int: Karpani, Manzelmann, Moran, Davison.

ROUND 5

PARRAMATTA 28 BRISBANE 16

The Parramatta Eels have done what no other side in the NRLW has been able to and end the Brisbane Broncos season before the finals following their 28-16 victory at Gosford.

Starting fast, the Blue and Gold looked switched on as Tiana Penitani was able to get over in the corner after a strong run through the middle set up the Eels in attack. The Eels then pushed their way over again inside ten minutes when Ellie Johnston was able to get over the line with a charging run.

Off the back of errors and ill-discipline from the Eels, the Broncos were able to score through Shenae Ciesiolka after a good long pass from Ali Briggingshaw was able to put the centre through.

Just shy of half time, the Eels were able to get their lead to beyond the required six when not long after just being denied, Ash Quinlan threw a beautiful long pass out to Zali Fay who scored in the corner. Tayla Preston couldn't convert and the Eels held a 14-6 lead at the half-time break.

Despite dominating possession, the Eels couldn't take advantage but were able to extend their lead out to 10 when slotting a penalty goal after the Broncos were penalised for ruck interference.

The Broncos were able to hit back not long after the penalty goal when the Broncos took advantage of some loose Eels defence and Hayley Maddick put the speed on to score for Brisbane to keep the gap close.

A controversial non-call from Kasey Badger came back to hurt the Eels when a short dropout from Ali Briggingshaw was taken by Jaime Chapman despite it looking like it hadn't gone ten metres. The ensuing set saw Briggingshaw score after a deflected kick bounced nicely for her to pick it up and score. A shank from close range saw the scores stay locked up at 16-16.

It might've been the football gods smiling on the Eels as they were able to hit back when Simaima Taufa charged at the line and with a gap closing, she was able to score next to the uprights and after the conversion the Eels lead by six. The Eels then confirmed their top 4 spot with Kennedy Cherrington fighting her way to the line after an important offload from Vanessa Foliaki gave Parramatta some attacking space and a ball to score close to the posts.

The twelve point victory gives Parramatta one hand on the top 4 spot depending on results, meanwhile the Broncos will miss the finals for the first time and look to see what went wrong in 2022. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA (W) 28 (K. Cherrington, Z. Fay, E. Johnston, T. Penitani, S. Taufa-Kautai tries; T. Preston 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE (W) 16** (A. Briggingshaw, S. Ciesiolka, H. Maddick tries; A. Briggingshaw 2 goals) **AT CENTRAL COAST STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 18th September. Kickoff: 12:05 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 14-6. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 7-5. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 3,066. **BRISBANE (W)**: Maddick, Robinson, Chapman, Ciesiolka, Bass; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Nu'uauasala, Ferguson, Paris-Hall, Fogavini, Larsson, Holyman. Int: Lenarduzzi, Turner, Clark, Maynard. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Broughton, Fay, Penitani (C), Horne, Tohi-Hiku; Quinlan, Preston; Cherrington, Anderson, Johnston, Pio, Foliaki, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Hanisi, Mailangi, George, Butler.

SYDNEY 38 GOLD COAST 12

The Sydney Roosters are minor premiers in the 2022 NRLW season with a commanding 38-12 victory over the Gold Coast Titans at Central Coast Stadium.

It was a simple equation for the Titans today, win and the Titans were qualifying for the finals. They thought they were off to a good start when Kimiora Breayley-Nati crossed for the first try. But, the bunker was bizarrely unable to overturn the decision when the camera angles couldn't determine if she was on or offside.

The Roosters wasted no time getting up the other end and it was a former Titan who crossed for the first try. Destiny Brill ran out of the dummy half and scored the first try against her former club. Similar issues that plagued the Titans this season were their undoing early. Another cheap penalty for a high tackle on former teammate Brill gave the Roosters prime field position. A brilliant pass from Olivia Kernick saw Jada Taylor score on her debut.

Off the ensuing kickoff, the Roosters couldn't handle it and it allowed the Titans to hit back with immediate effect. It was a brilliant ball from Evania Pelite which allowed Madison Bartlett to cross in the left corner and reduce the margin to eight. Unfortunately, the Titans also failed to handle the kickoff and the Roosters restored their order when Jocelyn Kelleher provided a lovely pass to the backrower Shaniah Power who crashed over against her old club.

Five minutes later, Power turned provider when she found Isabelle Kelly who unselfishly found Jayme Fressard who crossed in the right-hand corner and the Roosters had a 22-4 lead. After stemming the run of points for a short period, the Titans' poor completions saw the Roosters strike when Kelleher provided another wonder ball to Jess Sergis to race 50 metres to score and give the Roosters a 24-point lead at half-time.

The second half was filled with errors from both sides with either team failing to gain the ascendancy after coming out of the dressing sheds. Gold Coast had their chances but once again, their poor completions were their undoing. Eventually, the weight of possession for the Titans saw them cross when Bartlett crossed for her second. Gold Coast grabbed their second of the second half when Lauren Brown created the overlap and youngster Jetaya Faifua crossed to reduce the gap to 16. Brill and Fressard crossed for their doubles respectively to increase the margin, which gave the Roosters a comprehensive 38-12 victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SYDNEY (W) 38 (D. Brill 2, J. Fressard 2, S. Power, J. Sergis, J. Taylor tries; Z. Temara 5 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST (W) 12** (M. Bartlett 2, J. Faifua tries) **AT CENTRAL COAST STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 18th September. Kickoff: 1:55 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 28-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 4,776. **GOLD COAST (W)**: Pelite, Brown, Nicholls, Peters, Bartlett; Breayley-Nati, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati (C), Hancock, Canfield, Raftstrand-Smith, Hale. Int: Faifua, Elliston, Clarke, Murdoch-Masila. **SYDNEY (W)**: Taylor, Rose, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Temara, Kelleher; Hopoate, Brill, Togatuki, Power, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Pule, Teakaraanga Katoa, Economos.

NEWCASTLE 30 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 8

Both sides made plenty of changes before the contest with both sides just feeling each other out and testing depth ahead of their finals clash next weekend against each other.

The Dragons were able to score in the right hand corner when some good work from the Red 'V' saw Taliah Fuimaono score the opener. A tough conversion attempt from Rachael Pearson was waved away.

Some ill-discipline from Holli Wheeler helped Newcastle into good attacking position which the Novocastrians were able to take advantage of when Olivia Higgins got over from dummy half after the Dragons defence went in two directions.

An error at the back from the Knights gave the Dragons strong attacking position which they took advantage of straight from the scrum when Teagan Berry was able to get on the outside of the defence and scored in the corner. Another tough conversion was missed from Rachael Pearson.

The tit-for-tat nature of the game continued as Kiana Takairangi was able to show that she had plenty of strength as she was able to keep her arm off the ground from close range to the line and score. Southwell missed the conversion which kept the scores level at 8-8.

On the stroke of half-time it was an amazing pass from Jesse Southwell and then some strong footwork from debutant Jessica Gentle to combine for the Knights third try when a harbour bridge pass from Southwell found Gentle. Gentle's footwork then was able to beat the defence and score. Southwell converted to give the Knights a 14-8 lead on the break.

The momentum was all with Newcastle at the end of the first half and then they took advantage to start the second half when Emma Paki was able to score out wide when the Knights were able to create an overlap for the centre to get her first NRLW try. Southwell's conversion was waved away and the Knights held an 18-8 lead.

Mounting possession for the Knights became too much for the Dragons as their energy levels dropped and Emma Manzelmann was able to take advantage when she sprinted out of dummy half and got over. Jesse Southwell was able to convert to push the lead out to 24-8.

The Knights sealed the deal late in the contest when the Dragons defence were on different pages as Makenzie Weale took advantage and the tired defence couldn't stop her from getting over next to the posts. Jesse Southwell converted from close range to seal the 30-8 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE (W) 30 (J. Gentle, O. Higgins, E. Manzelmann, E. Paki, K. Takairangi, M. Weale tries; J. Southwell 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 8** (T. Berry, T. Fuimaono tries) **AT CENTRAL COAST STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 18th September. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 14-8. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 6,214. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Tonegato, Berry, Fuimaono, Stowers, Robinson; Hopkins, Pearson; Albert, Dodd, McGrath-West, Tugaga, Bent, Wheeler (C). Int: Browne, Davis, Targett, Namoce. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Parker, Paki, Law, Takairangi, Gentle; Dibb, Southwell; Johnston, Higgins, Boyle (C), Teitzel, Clydsdale, Romaniuk. Int: Karpani, Manzelmann, Predebon, Weale.

SEMI FINALS

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PARRAMATTA 24 SYDNEY 10

The Parramatta Eels have advanced to their first NRLW grand final by downing a complacent Sydney Roosters side by 14 points in an entertaining NRLW semi final at Suncorp Stadium.

Both sides fought for the right to challenge Newcastle on Grand Final day next Sunday at Accor Stadium. Parramatta came in with a point to prove, to show that they were not making up the numbers by finishing in fourth position. The Eels persistence was rewarded when Ash Quinlan threw the dummy and it caught the Roosters napping and Parramatta hit the scoreboard first to have the early lead.

Four minutes later, Raecene McGregor put in a great kick which Gayle Broughton couldn't get to on the full. That allowed a flying Shaniah Power to pounce on the loose ball to cross for her 6th try in NRLW.

The Roosters were complacent in the first half, with many errors, (with Leianne Tufuga bombing two certain tries) and lapses in defence which gave Parramatta a massive amount of possession and eventually the pressure told. Abbi Church was able to get on the outside of Jess Sergis and slam the football down. Parramatta would hold the Roosters out for the remainder of the first half to have a 12-4 half-time lead.

Sydney left their worst performance of the season for this clash, they simply failed the fundamentals of rugby league, with poor completions and letting every kick bounce. This came back to bite them in spectacular fashion when Tayla Preston won the race to a grubber when Temara was caught ball-watching. The Roosters tried their best, but no matter what they did, nothing was working.

The game was sealed on the hour mark when the Roosters again failed to complete the fundamentals of rugby league. A great kick from Tayla Preston was allowed to bounce by Leianne Tufuga and centre Rikeya Horne was there to pick it up and seal Parramatta's place in the grand final. Sydney managed to get a late try when Sarah Togatuki charged through the Eels middle to give the Roosters late hope, but it was all in vain. Parramatta advance to their first grand final, while the Roosters bow out at the final hurdle. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PARRAMATTA (W) 24 (A. Church, R. Horne, T. Preston, A. Quinlan tries; T. Preston 4 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY (W) 10** (S. Power, S. Togatuki tries; Z. Temara goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 25th September. Kickoff: 3:50 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 12-4. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 7-5. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. **SYDNEY (W)**: Bremner, Tufuga, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Temara, McGregor; Togatuki, Brill, Hill-Moana, Power, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Kelleher, Burton, Hopoate, Pule. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Broughton, Fay, Church, Horne, Tohi-Hiku; Quinlan, Preston; Cherrington, Anderson, Johnston, Pio, Foliaki, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Hanisi, Mailangi, George, Butler.

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NEWCASTLE 30 ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 6

The Newcastle Knights have produced a defensive display for the ages against the Dragons to advance to their first ever NRLW Grand Final next Sunday.

The Knights were the first to get on a roll, receiving a penalty in the fourth minute due to high contact from Elsie Albert. Soon after, they were on the board, with Tamika Upton going right down main street to touch down for the first points of the afternoon.

The next time the Dragons touched the ball, they made an error, and the way the Knights were playing you could tell that they were going to take advantage. They did exactly that, with Millie Boyle beating 5 defenders to crash over and extend the lead to two converted tries.

The first 10 or so minutes was undoubtedly all the Knights, however Teagan Berry turned the momentum herself by intercepting Upton's pass and taking it to the house for a four pointer.

7 minutes later it looked as though the Knights early advantage would be wiped off the board when Emma Toney crossed over, but the bunker deemed she knocked on before grounding the ball. Still, it very much felt as though the Dragons were in the contest.

In spite of their efforts to keep it close, the Dragons conceded a deflating try right on half time. After defending several consecutive sets close to their line, it all became too much as Kirra Dibb ended up scoring with ease. She converted her own try to make it 18-6 to the Knights at the break.

The Dragons had a mountain of both possession and field position to start the second half and on numerous occasions it looked as if they were guaranteed to go over for a try. However, the Knights defence was elite, and in hindsight it was that 10-15 minute period that won them the match.

If the Dragons spirit hadn't already been crushed by the Knights defence, it would've been after the Knights got a penalty and went upfield to score with their first attacking opportunity of the half, Tamika Upton scoring her second that looked very similar to her first. For good measure, the Knights scored off their next set through a shift to the right, with Kiana Takairangi finishing it off. They were in good ball due to a failed short kickoff attempt from the Dragons.

That was all she wrote, with the final score a blowout; 30-6 in favour of the Knights, who will take on the Parramatta Eels in next week's NRLW Grand Final. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

NEWCASTLE (W) 30 (T. Upton 2, M. Boyle, K. Dibb, K. Takairangi tries; K. Dibb 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLA (W) 6** (T. Berry try; R. Pearson goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 25th September. Kickoff: 2:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 18-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 9-5. Referee: Kasey Badger. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Upton, Takairangi, Parker, Law, Paki; Dibb, Southwell; Johnston, Higgins, Boyle (C), Teitzel, Clydsdale, Romaniuk. Int: Manzelmann, Predebon, Karpani, Moran. **ST GEORGE ILLA (W)**: Toney, Berry, Fuimaono, McGregor, Robinson; Hopkins, Pearson; Albert, Davis, Apps (C), Soliola, Bent, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, Holmes, McGrath-West, Stowers.

2022 NRLW GRAND FINAL

NEWCASTLE 32 PARRAMATTA 12

The Newcastle Knights have completed a stunning NRLW reversal to take their first NRLW title with a comprehensive 32-12 verdict over a brave Parramatta Eels side at Accor Stadium.

It was a momentous occasion as both sides were playing in their first grand finals at the NRLW level, but both sides had plenty of big game experience which was on display for the whole 70 minutes of play. Newcastle had to do a bulk of the early defending, defending consecutive sets off the back of their own inability to hold the football. Eventually, the pressure took its toll and the Eels were rewarded in the twelfth minute of play. Brooke Anderson was able to crash over out of dummy half as she caught the Knights asleep on the goal-line which allowed the Eels to get an early lead. The Eels committed the cardinal sin and failed to complete their set after points and after showing some defensive resistance. They took their eyes off Tamika Upton and were rightly made to pay for it. A good offload from Olivia Higgins to Upton who got a magical offload to Romy Teitzel who got it away to Kiana Takairangi to get the Knights back into it, Kirra Dibb's missed conversion kept the Eels in front. Three minutes later, the Knights were putting the Eels to the sword when Parramatta's ill-discipline gave the Knights some more field position and the weight of possession told the story. A long ball from Jesse Southwell found Yasmin Clydsdale who found Bobbi Law who in turn found Emmanita Paki who burrowed her way to the line to give the Knights their first lead of the day. That lead was extended on the stroke of half-time when Southwell again turned provider with a lovely short ball which got Romy Teitzel running a terrific line to extend the lead for the Novocastrians. The score wouldn't change going into the change of ends despite a few more nervous moments for Dean Widders' Parramatta outfit.

Parramatta got off to the worst possible start after half-time, going the opening seven minutes without touching the football. Newcastle was able to suffocate their opposition and eventually, the star of the show Upton threw the dummy and caught the Eels napping once more and dived over for a well-deserved try. Dibb had another un-timely miss which kept the Eels in the game. Off the back of some strong runs through the middle, the Eels received a penalty and the game smarts of captain Simaima Taufa proved decisive. A quick tap was allowed as she was outside the ten metres and she was able to catch the Knights asleep at the line to reduce the gap to six points. Parramatta was starting to gain the ascendancy, but they were unable to get the right play off. Gayle Broughton was denied a try when she pushed Clydsdale off the ball. Newcastle sealed the game inside the final five minutes of play when their key players combined brilliantly. Caitlin Moran and Southwell combined with Upton who got a lovely pass onto Takairangi who crosses for her second to lead by ten. Off the ensuing set, a penalty conceded by the Eels allowed Southwell to show and go to cross for the Knights. The party kept on continuing in the final five minutes, a clever kick from Moran was allowed to bounce and Clydsdale crosses to clinch the 2022 NRLW crown. Tamika Upton was judged to have been the Karyn Murphy Medal winner for being the best on the ground. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NEWCASTLE (W) 32 (K. Takairangi 2, Y. Clydsdale, E. Paki, J. Southwell, R. Teitzel, T. Upton tries; K. Dibb, J. Southwell goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA (W) 12** (B. Anderson, S. Taufa-Kautai tries; T. Preston 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 2nd October. Kickoff: 3:55 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 14-6. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 9-5. Referee: Kasey Badger. **NEWCASTLE (W)**: Upton, Takairangi, Parker, Law, Paki; Dibb, Southwell; Johnston, Higgins, Boyle (C), Teitzel, Clydsdale, Romaniuk. Int: Manzelmann, Predebon, Karpani, Moran. **PARRAMATTA (W)**: Broughton, Fay, Church, Horne, Tohi-Hiku; Quinlan, Preston; Cherrington, Anderson, Johnston, Pio, Foliaki, Taufa-Kautai (C). Int: Hanisi, Mailangi, George, Butler.

STATE OF ORIGIN 2022

MEN'S GAME 1 JUNE 8, SYDNEY

QUEENSLAND 16 NEW SOUTH WALES 10

Queensland spirits their way to Game 1 win against New South Wales

Queensland has taken Game 1 of the 2022 State of Origin series with a passionate 16-10 win against New South Wales tonight at Stadium Australia.

The Maroons got only their tenth win at Stadium Australia with a gusty win against a misjointed Blues side in front of 80,512 fans on Wednesday night with a powerhouse performance from five-eighth Cameron Munster.

From the opening exchanges, it was set up for an absorbing game of Origin football. Blues created the first chance through the Panthers connection of Jarome Luai and Liam Martin but the pass went to ground, which was a symptom of the Blues night. Blues were the first side to hit the scoreboard through Jack Wighton. The Raiders centre finished off a nice backline movement from the scrum to make it 4-0 after Nathan Cleary's kick thudded off the post. Just before the break, Queensland counter punched after being a few false starts earlier in the half. A wonderful pick-up from debutant Selwyn Cobbo before he toed it ahead for Dane Gagai to stroll over to make it 6-4 at the break.

Coming out of the break, Queensland were the side more likely. Munster broke open the Blues defence which was a warning sign for the home side. Minutes later, Daly Cherry-Evans sliced through from a scrum play to make it 12-4. It was another one of Queensland's best on the night which put their advantage out to twelve. Kalyn Ponga provided the pass for Valentine Holmes to dive over untouched in the left corner for a 16-4 lead.

The key component of Queensland's win was their scramble defence. Several times the Blues made breaks down the field but they were denied by desperate efforts from both Holmes and Munster particularly. The home side decided in the final twenty to lift their effort and get back into the contest. James Tedesco was involved in much of the action and almost created a four-pointer for Nathan Cleary but was scuppered. A nice short ball from Luai found a charging Cameron Murray who broke through the line to bring the scoreline back to 16-10. NSW had several half chances through Wighton and Issah Yeo, but the latter was grassed inches from the line for a massive Queensland win.

Now attention turns to Perth for Game 2! How will the Blues adjust their side to level the series or will it be another superb effort from Queensland under debutant coach Billy Slater to capture the Origin Shield. Find out in a few weeks! **JUSTIN DAVIES**

QUEENSLAND (16) Dane Gagai, Valentine Holmes, Daly Cherry-Evans; Valentine Holmes (2/3) goals **DEFEATED NEW SOUTH WALES (10)** Jack Wighton, Cameron Murray tries; Nathan Cleary (1/2)

Venue: Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park, Crowd: 80512, Halftime Score: QLD 6-4, Referee: Ashley Klein, LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Cameron Munster, 2 points - Valentine Holmes, 1 points - Jack Wighton

NSW: 1. James Tedesco 2. Brian To'o 3. Koton Stagg 4. Jack Wighton 5. Daniel Tupou 6. Jarome Luai 7. Nathan Cleary 8. Payne Haas 9. Damien Cook 16. Reagan Campbell-Gillard 15. Liam Martin 12. Tariq Sims 13. Issah Yeo

Interchange: 10. Junior Paulo 11. Cameron Murray 14. Stephen Crichton 17. Ryan Matterson

QLD: 1. Kalyn Ponga 2. Selwyn Cobbo 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Dane Gagai 5. Xavier Coates 6. Cameron Munster 7. Daly Cherry-Evans 8. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui 9. Ben Hunt 10. Josh Papali'i 11. Kurt Capewell 12. Felise Kaufusi 13. Reuben Cotter

Interchange: 14. Harry Grant 15. Lindsay Collins 16. Patrick Carrigan 17. Jeremiah Nanai

WOMEN'S GAME JUNE 24, CANBERRA

NEW SOUTH WALES 20 QUEENSLAND 14

Kelly shines as Blues regain Origin dominance

New South Wales have regained the Women's State of Origin shield with a physical 20-14 victory in front of a record crowd of 11,321 in Canberra.

The game was a true origin effort from start to finish when the Blues looked to get over the line when Emma Tonegato was able to get through but she was unable to score when Tamika Upton got underneath her to hold her up. Discipline hurt NSW as a penalty gave Queensland strong field position and Destiny Brill got her way through when Brittany Breayley-Nati went out of dummy half before turning the ball back inside to Brill who scored. Ali Brigginsshaw's conversion came off the upright at close range. The first New South Wales try was all-round brilliance both from NSW and referee Belinda Sharpe in awarding the try. Coming out of nothing, Keeley Davis put a grubber kick through that looked to be too deep however Emma Tonegato was able to get there within inches of the line and was awarded the try.

Coming almost immediately after the first try, Kirra Dibb put on some individual brilliance after stepping through the defence off her left foot to score. Rachael Pearson added a second conversion to push the lead out to 12-4. A successful captains challenge put the Maroons into good attacking position and straight off the back of a scrum, Tarryn Aiken was able to go through some poor defence to score. The conversion was good and closed the gap to two points. New South Wales added a penalty goal just shy of the half-hour mark to push the lead out to 14-10 which they took into the half time break.

A second penalty goal pushed the lead for NSW out to six when the Maroons were penalised for a strip, The Maroons then closed the gap to two points when Evania Pelite took the ball out of Aiken's hands to get over in the corner. The missed conversion from Brown kept the margin at two points. The Bunker stamped it's influence on the game when New South Wales looked to put the game to bed after a ball that looked like a pass went out to Tiana Penitani who scored in the corner. The bunker however ruled that it wasn't a pass but a knock-on to stun many.

New South Wales fans had their hearts in all sorts of issues when Julia Robinson chased through an Ali Brigginsshaw bomb before finding Shenae Ciesiolka who scored next to the post. For the Blues though, the bunker intervention was a relief when it showed Robinson to be a long way offside on the kick chase. The victory was sealed for New South Wales when Isabelle Kelly was able to beat two defenders and get her way over to score in the corner. The conversion attempt from out wide was missed giving Queensland an outside chance of forcing a draw but they couldn't do it.

The victory for New South Wales gives them a 3-2 lead in the overall Origin head-to-head record before the contest goes to a two game series next year. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEW SOUTH WALES (20) Emma Tonegato, Kirra Dibb, Isabelle Kelly tries; Rachael Pearson (4/5) goals **DEFEATED QUEENSLAND (14)** Destiny Brill, Tarryn Aiken, Evania Pelite tries; Ali Brigginsshaw (1/2), Lauren Brown (0/1) goals

Venue: GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce, Crowd: 11321, Referee: Belinda Sharpe, Halftime Score: NSW 14-10, LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Isabelle Kelly, 2 points - Caitlan Johnston, 1 points - Emma Tonegato

NSW: 1. Emma Tonegato 2. Yasmin Clydsdale 3. Jessica Sergis 4. Isabelle Kelly 5. Tiana Penitani 6. Kirra Dibb 7. Rachael Pearson 8. Simaima Taufua 9. Keeley Davis 10. Millie Boyle 11. Kezie Apps 12. Shaylee Bent 13. Hannah Southwell

Interchange: 14. Quincy Dodd 15. Sarah Togatuki 16. Caitlan Johnston 17. Olivia Kernick

QLD: 1. Tamika Upton 2. Emily Bass 3. Evania Pelite 4. Shenae Ciesiolka 5. Julia Robinson 6. Tarryn Aiken 7. Ali Brigginsshaw 8. Chelsea Lenarduzzi 9. Brittany Breayley-Nati 10. Shannon Mato 11. Tallisha Harden 12. Tazmin Gray 13. Destiny Brill

Interchange: 14. Lauren Brown 15. Jessika Elliston 16. Steph Hancock 17. Tiana Raftstrand-Smith

MEN'S GAME II JUNE 26, PERTH

NEW SOUTH WALES 44 QUEENSLAND 12

Blues batter Maroons to set up a decider

New South Wales have sent the 2022 series to a decider after their 44-12 win against Queensland on Sunday night at Perth Stadium.

The Blues turned up and put on a second half blitz in their romp in the west with Nathan Cleary having a personal tally of 24 points to lead the side alongside starring performances from Panthers team mate Jarome Luai and Bulldog Matt Burton. After a downbeat game one, the Blues attack was on fire tonight in Perth. The Blues dominated possession and the points flowed in the second half with five tries to continue their winning streak in the west.

Nathan Cleary was perfect from the boot tonight and got the scoring going with a penalty goal in the 10th minute. The Panthers halfback put in a deft kick for Matt Burton which put the Blues back ahead at 8-6. Queensland were the first over the tryline tonight when Felise Kaufusi strode through some flimsy defence to make it 6-2 then Kalyn Ponga helped set up Cameron Munster down the left side which gave them the lead for the second and final time for the night.

Blues were handed a lifeline late in the first half when Kaufusi was binned for repeated infringements. That gave the Blues backline enough space to send Panthers flyer Brian To'o across the tryline for a 14-12 half-time lead.

The second half was one sided and the Blues were in fine fettle. Daniel Tupou got the scoring underway when Cleary's cut-out pass gave the Roosters winger ample room to stroll over and stretch the advantage to eight. Cleary was the provider for much of the contest but he had a Man of the Match performance to keep the Blues in the series. He scored two quick back-to-back tries which broke the game wide open and sent us to a decider.

His Panthers team mate Jarome Luai was another superb contributor and got over the line himself. He stepped outside a tackle and sliced through the line to plant the ball down and keep the Blues machine humming. The other four pointer was for Angus Crichton who was given a saloon passage to the line when he rolled through the gap and gave us the final scoreline of 44-12. Blues coach Brad Fittler vindicated for his changes and redemption for the team that lost in Game 1.

Now for Queensland, it is back to the drawing board. The decider is at their home ground, Suncorp Stadium, which will be rocking for the game. Coach Billy Slater might have some tweaks to his team but knows the side can get the job done back at home. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

NEW SOUTH WALES (44) Nathan Cleary (2), Matt Burton, Brian To'o, Daniel Tupou, Jarome Luai, Angus Crichton tries; Nathan Cleary (8/8) goals **DEFEATED QUEENSLAND (12)** Felise Kaufusi, Cameron Munster tries; Valentine Holmes (2/2) goals

Venue: Optus Stadium, Burswood, Crowd: 59358, Referee: Ashley Klein, Halftime Score: NSW 14-12, LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Nathan Cleary, 2 points - Matt Burton, 1 points - Jarome Luai

NSW: 1. James Tedesco 2. Brian To'o 3. Matt Burton 4. Stephen Crichton 5. Daniel Tupou 6. Jarome Luai 7. Nathan Cleary 8. Payne Haas 9. Apisai Koroisau 10. Jake Trbojevic 11. Cameron Murray 12. Liam Martin 13. Isiah Yeo 14. Damien Cook 15. Angus Crichton 16. Junior Paulo 17. Siosifa Talakai 18. Nicho Hynes

QLD: 1. Kalyn Ponga 2. Selwyn Cobbo 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Dane Gagai 5. Murray Taulagi 6. Cameron Munster 7. Daly Cherry-Evans 8. Lindsay Collins 9. Ben Hunt 10. Josh Papali'i 11. Kurt Capewell 12. Felise Kaufusi 13. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui 14. Harry Grant 15. Jai Arrow 16. Patrick Carrigan 17. Jeremiah Nanai 18. Thomas Dearden

MEN'S GAME III JULY 13, BRISBANE

QUEENSLAND 22 NEW SOUTH WALES 12

Where's the Origin Shield? That's in Queensland!!

The Queensland Maroons have pulled off a memorable and brave victory to seal the 2022 State of Origin series defeating the New South Wales Blues 22-12 in front of 52,000 spectators at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

It was a return to the classic State of Origin that our parents loved and knew in the opening stages with vicious clashes bringing the two sides together for some push and shove. Firstly, a Corey Oates hit-up saw Cameron Murray concussed and he would fail to return. Off the following set, Selwyn Cobbo was concussed when he hit the knee of his Broncos teammate Pat Carrigan. If you thought the carnage was terrible enough, Queensland would suffer a further blow when Roosters forward Lindsay Collins was concussed after another heavy knock. All three players would be ruled out with category 1 concussion symptoms. When the action got underway again, it was Queensland who got on the board first when Cowboys debutant Tom Dearden delivered an excellent pass to Valentine Holmes. He beat Stephen Crichton and Daniel Tupou to cross for the opening try of the evening and with Holmes' conversion, QLD took the early six-point advantage. New South Wales responded with immediate effect off the back of a lovely kick from Nathan Cleary and Luai stumbles his way into the in-goal and grounds it in the in-goal to put the Blues back on level pecking. The big impact that was coming on the bench came from Jacob Saifiti and he made a lot of NRL fans eat their words with a sensational opening stint which culminated with a well-deserved try and gave NSW a six-point advantage. The big turning point came just before half-time when a Daly Cherry-Evans bomb was played at by Daniel Tupou and off the back of set restarts, a clever 360 no-scope grubber kick from Harry Grant was chased hard by Kurt Capewell and he beat Matt Burton and Brian To'o to the ball and give QLD a much-needed boost going into half-time, although Val Holmes missed the conversion and NSW had a narrow two-point lead.

The start of the second half was volatile and explosive, a break from Ponga saw the Maroons break the game open, but Dane Gagai and Burton engaged in a friendly but poor boxing match with both players throwing haymakers and were dispatched to the sin-bin by Ash Klein. Both sides hung on with the lack of numbers and QLD looked to have struck first but Jeremiah Nanai was ruled to have knocked it into Brian To'o. A big turning point was Siosifa Talakai playing the ball the wrong way (facing Caxton St to play it) this set QLD up down the NSW end. Ben Hunt changed the game just on the hour mark with an excellent early tackle 40/20 kick. From there, QLD suffocated the NSW side and the fatigue was obvious when Talakai ran sideways and lost the ball. After a few close calls, Ponga (after looking potent all night) stepped his way past four defenders and crossed to give QLD the four-point lead. NSW eventually got out of their own end, but the desperation chip from Nathan Cleary failed spectacularly and Ben Hunt ran the best part of 70 metres to seal a famous victory for QLD! Pat Carrigan was awarded the Wally Lewis Medal as the player of the series. Queensland were deserving winners of this series, showcasing the resilience required to pull off the Origin victory and Billy Slater has entered origin folklore for a second time, this time as an Origin coach! **AJ LUCANTONIO**

QUEENSLAND (22) Valentine Holmes, Kurt Capewell, Ben Hunt, Kalyn Ponga tries; Valentine Holmes (3/4) goals **DEFEATED NEW SOUTH WALES (12)** Jarome Luai, Jacob Saifiti tries; Nathan Cleary (2/2) goals

Venue: Suncorp Stadium, Milton, Crowd: 52385, Referee: Ashley Klein, Halftime Score: NSW 12-10, LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match: 3 points - Kalyn Ponga, 2 points - James Tedesco, 1 points - Ben Hunt

QLD: 1. Kalyn Ponga 2. Selwyn Cobbo 3. Valentine Holmes 4. Dane Gagai 5. Corey Oates 6. Thomas Dearden 7. Daly Cherry-Evans 8. Lindsay Collins 9. Ben Hunt 10. Josh Papali'i 11. Kurt Capewell 12. Jeremiah Nanai 16. Patrick Carrigan 13. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui 14. Harry Grant 15. Jai Arrow 17. Tom Gilbert 18. Thomas Flegler

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STATE COMPETITIONS 2022

NSWRL: KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP

ROUND 1

St George Illawarra Dragons (6) v Parramatta Eels (34)
Sat 12 Mar 1:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Newtown Jets (36) v Canberra Raiders (22)
Sat 12 Mar 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
South Sydney Rabbitohs (16) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24)
Sat 12 Mar 3:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (4) v Penrith Panthers (24)
Sat 12 Mar 3:15PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Western Suburbs Magpies (16) v Mounties RLFC (20)
Sun 13 Mar 10:30AM at Kirkham Oval, Camden
Newcastle Knights (24) v North Sydney Bears (36)
Sun 13 Mar 2:00PM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock

ROUND 2

St George Illawarra Dragons (6) v Penrith Panthers (52)
Sat 19 Mar 1:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
Newtown Jets (28) v Parramatta Eels (24)
Sun 20 Mar 12:45PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Mounties RLFC (18) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (32)
Sun 20 Mar 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (48) v Canberra Raiders (12)
Sun 20 Mar 4:00PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
Newcastle Knights (30) v Western Suburbs Magpies (4)
Mon 21 Mar 5:30PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal
BYES: Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles, North Sydney Bears

ROUND 3

South Sydney Rabbitohs (16) v North Sydney Bears (24)
Fri 25 Mar 5:40PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
St George Illawarra Dragons (10) v Newtown Jets (50)
Sat 26 Mar 2:15PM at Kirkham Oval, Camden
Canberra Raiders (47) v Western Suburbs Magpies (24)
Sat 26 Mar 5:15PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
Penrith Panthers (40) v Newcastle Knights (10)
Sun 27 Mar 2:45PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Mounties RLFC (12) v Parramatta Eels (18)
Sun 27 Mar 5:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (0) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30)
Mon 28 Mar 7:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

ROUND 4

Penrith Panthers (18) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)
Fri 1 Apr 5:50PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Mounties RLFC (18) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (28)
Sat 2 Apr 12:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
Newtown Jets (18) v Newcastle Knights (16)
Sat 2 Apr 12:40PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (18) v Canberra Raiders (26)
Sun 3 Apr 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown
Parramatta Eels (44) v St George Illawarra Dragons (12)
Sun 3 Apr 3:50PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
Western Suburbs Magpies (18) v North Sydney Bears (28)
Sun 3 Apr 8:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

ROUND 5

Canberra Raiders (30) v Mounties RLFC (16)
Sat 9 Apr 12:40PM at McDonalds Park, Wagga Wagga
Newtown Jets (40) v Western Suburbs Magpies (10)
Sat 9 Apr 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
South Sydney Rabbitohs (26) v St George Illawarra Dragons (30)
Sat 9 Apr 3:05PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
North Sydney Bears (30) v Parramatta Eels (16)
Sat 9 Apr 5:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v Penrith Panthers (30)
Sun 10 Apr 12:30PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Newcastle Knights (14) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (24)
Sun 10 Apr 1:30PM at No. 2 Sports Ground, Newcastle West

ROUND 6

South Sydney Rabbitohs (32) v Newtown Jets (10)
Fri 15 Apr 1:40PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24) v Newcastle Knights (34)
Sat 16 Apr 1:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Mounties RLFC (16) v Penrith Panthers (42)
Sat 16 Apr 3:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
North Sydney Bears (28) v Canberra Raiders (20)
Sat 16 Apr 4:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
St George Illawarra Dragons (42) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (4)
Sun 17 Apr 1:40PM at WIN Stadium, Wollongong
Parramatta Eels (40) v Western Suburbs Magpies (10)
Sun 17 Apr 2:00PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta

ROUND 7

Newtown Jets (34) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (16)
Sat 23 Apr 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
Newcastle Knights (8) v Parramatta Eels (26)
Sun 24 Apr 11:30AM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Mounties RLFC (10)
Sun 24 Apr 1:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Penrith Panthers (44) v Canberra Raiders (12)
Sun 24 Apr 1:50PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
North Sydney Bears (14) v St George Illawarra Dragons (30)
Sun 24 Apr 2:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
Western Suburbs Magpies (4) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (34)
Sun 24 Apr 3:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

ROUND 8

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (12) v North Sydney Bears (18)
Sat 30 Apr 12:40PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
South Sydney Rabbitohs (26) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12)
Sat 30 Apr 3:00PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
Penrith Panthers (26) v Newtown Jets (12)
Sat 30 Apr 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Newcastle Knights (34) v Mounties RLFC (22)
Sun 1 May 11:30AM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton
St George Illawarra Dragons (46) v Western Suburbs Magpies (16)
Sun 1 May 1:40PM at WIN Stadium, Wollongong
Parramatta Eels (4) v Canberra Raiders (28)
Sun 1 May 3:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville

ROUND 9

Penrith Panthers (25) v Parramatta Eels (8)
Fri 6 May 5:40PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (26) v Western Suburbs Magpies (30)
Sat 7 May 12:40PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
St George Illawarra Dragons (6) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (26)
Sat 7 May 1:45PM at Centenary Field, Croom
South Sydney Rabbitohs (37) v Newcastle Knights (14)
Sat 7 May 3:00PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
North Sydney Bears (28) v Newtown Jets (40)
Sun 8 May 3:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
BYES: Canberra Raiders, Mounties RLFC

ROUND 10

North Sydney Bears (56) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (18)
Sat 14 May 12:10PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
BYES: Canberra Raiders, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs,
Mounties RLFC, Newcastle Knights, Newtown Jets, Parramatta
Eels, Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs, St George
Illawarra Dragons, Western Suburbs Magpies

ROUND 11

Parramatta Eels (24) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (6)
Fri 20 May 5:30PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
North Sydney Bears (12) v Penrith Panthers (17)
Fri 20 May 7:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
St George Illawarra Dragons (20) v Newcastle Knights (27)
Sat 21 May 12:40PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton
South Sydney Rabbitohs (10) v Canberra Raiders (41)
Sat 21 May 2:00PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
Western Suburbs Magpies (0) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (42)
Sat 21 May 3:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe
Newtown Jets (26) v Mounties RLFC (12)
Sat 21 May 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

ROUND 12

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) v St George Illawarra Dragons (40)
Sun 29 May 11:30AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Western Suburbs Magpies (21) v Newtown Jets (21)
Sun 29 May 1:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe
Canberra Raiders (28) v Parramatta Eels (30)
Sun 29 May 1:45PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
North Sydney Bears (32) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (24)
Sun 29 May 2:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
Newcastle Knights (36) v Penrith Panthers (26)
Sun 29 May 2:00PM at Maitland Regional Sportsground, Maitland
Mounties RLFC (40) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (10)
Sun 29 May 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

ROUND 13

Penrith Panthers (22) v St George Illawarra Dragons (26)
Fri 3 Jun 5:20PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Parramatta Eels (38) v Mounties RLFC (0)
Fri 3 Jun 7:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Newcastle Knights (16) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20)
Sat 4 Jun 2:15PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
South Sydney Rabbitohs (36) v Western Suburbs Magpies (32)
Sat 4 Jun 3:00PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (22) v North Sydney Bears (16)
Sat 4 Jun 5:05PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
Canberra Raiders (30) v Newtown Jets (22)
Sun 5 Jun 1:45PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce

ROUND 14

St George Illawarra Dragons (10) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (26)
 Sat 11 Jun 1:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
 Mounties RLFC (18) v North Sydney Bears (26)
 Sat 11 Jun 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Canberra Raiders (34) v Penrith Panthers (12)
 Sat 11 Jun 3:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Western Suburbs Magpies (40) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (30)
 Sun 12 Jun 11:30AM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah
 Newcastle Knights (12) v Newtown Jets (38)
 Sun 12 Jun 1:05PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30) v Parramatta Eels (20)
 Mon 13 Jun 1:40PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

ROUND 15

Newtown Jets (6) v Penrith Panthers (26)
 Sat 18 Jun 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
 Parramatta Eels (20) v North Sydney Bears (31)
 Sat 18 Jun 5:10PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
 Canberra Raiders (30) v Newcastle Knights (26)
 Sun 19 Jun 11:30AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (48) v Western Suburbs Magpies (12)
 Sun 19 Jun 1:30PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
 Mounties RLFC (41) v St George Illawarra Dragons (40)
 Sun 19 Jun 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (38)
 Sun 19 Jun 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

ROUND 16

Penrith Panthers (24) v North Sydney Bears (20)
 Fri 1 Jul 5:20PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v Newtown Jets (28)
 Sat 2 Jul 12:40PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
 Western Suburbs Magpies (18) v Newcastle Knights (12)
 Sat 2 Jul 3:00PM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (14) v Parramatta Eels (16)
 Sat 2 Jul 5:10PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
 St George Illawarra Dragons v Canberra Raiders
 Sun 3 Jul 12:00AM at WIN Stadium, Wollongong
 Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (10) v Mounties RLFC (20)
 Sun 3 Jul 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

ROUND 17

Newcastle Knights (26) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (14)
 Fri 8 Jul 5:15PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton
 Penrith Panthers (22) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (12)
 Sat 9 Jul 3:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Canberra Raiders (30) v North Sydney Bears (16)
 Sat 9 Jul 3:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Mounties RLFC (14) v Newtown Jets (46)
 Sat 9 Jul 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Western Suburbs Magpies (20) v Parramatta Eels (38)
 Sat 9 Jul 5:05PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (16) v St George Illawarra Dragons (34)
 Sun 10 Jul 3:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale

ROUND 18

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12) v Newcastle Knights (32)
 Sat 16 Jul 12:40PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
 Western Suburbs Magpies (32) v Penrith Panthers (20)
 Sat 16 Jul 1:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 St George Illawarra Dragons (28) v North Sydney Bears (28)

Sun 17 Jul 1:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
 Newtown Jets (30) v Parramatta Eels (10)
 Sun 17 Jul 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
 Mounties RLFC (20) v Canberra Raiders (18)
 Sun 17 Jul 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (10)
 Sun 17 Jul 4:00PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

ROUND 19

Canberra Raiders (26) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (39)
 Sat 23 Jul 12:40PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
 Newcastle Knights (22) v St George Illawarra Dragons (24)
 Sat 23 Jul 2:00PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
 Newtown Jets (20) v North Sydney Bears (14)
 Sat 23 Jul 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (30) v Mounties RLFC (0)
 Sat 23 Jul 5:10PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
 Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (6) v Penrith Panthers (48)
 Sun 24 Jul 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown
 BYES: Parramatta Eels, Western Suburbs Magpies

ROUND 20

Parramatta Eels (24) v Penrith Panthers (25)
 Fri 29 Jul 5:30PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
 Mounties RLFC (36) v Western Suburbs Magpies (24)
 Sat 30 Jul 12:40PM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah
 Canberra Raiders (18) v St George Illawarra Dragons (30)
 Sat 30 Jul 3:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Newtown Jets (42) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
 Sat 30 Jul 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
 BYES: Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles, Canterbury-Bankstown
 Bulldogs, Newcastle Knights, North Sydney Bears

ROUND 21

Canberra Raiders (12) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)
 Sat 6 Aug 12:40PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
 Penrith Panthers (56) v Western Suburbs Magpies (6)
 Sat 6 Aug 1:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Newtown Jets (32) v St George Illawarra Dragons (10)
 Sat 6 Aug 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
 North Sydney Bears (30) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20)
 Sun 7 Aug 2:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
 Mounties RLFC (28) v Newcastle Knights (26)
 Sun 7 Aug 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12) v Parramatta Eels (30)
 Sun 7 Aug 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

ROUND 22

Parramatta Eels (32) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (10)
 Fri 12 Aug 5:30PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
 Penrith Panthers (42) v Mounties RLFC (10)
 Sat 13 Aug 12:40PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (38) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12)
 Sun 14 Aug 2:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
 Western Suburbs Magpies (22) v Canberra Raiders (26)
 Sun 14 Aug 2:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 North Sydney Bears (60) v Newcastle Knights (4)
 Sun 14 Aug 2:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
 BYES: Newtown Jets, St George Illawarra Dragons

ROUND 23

South Sydney Rabbitohs (24) v Penrith Panthers (24)
 Thu 18 Aug 5:25PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
 Parramatta Eels (16) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (19)
 Sat 20 Aug 11:00AM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
 Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (8) v Newtown Jets (50)
 Sat 20 Aug 3:15PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
 St George Illawarra Dragons (34) v Mounties RLFC (35)
 Sun 21 Aug 11:00AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
 Newcastle Knights (12) v Canberra Raiders (26)
 Sun 21 Aug 1:30PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton
 North Sydney Bears (24) v Western Suburbs Magpies (20)
 Sun 21 Aug 2:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney

ROUND 24

BYES: Penrith Panthers, South Sydney Rabbitohs
 Parramatta Eels (24) v Newcastle Knights (4)
 Fri 26 Aug 7:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
 Canberra Raiders (24) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12)
 Sat 27 Aug 11:00AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
 Newtown Jets (22) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)
 Sat 27 Aug 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
 North Sydney Bears (60) v Mounties RLFC (6)
 Sun 28 Aug 2:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
 Western Suburbs Magpies (38) v St George Illawarra Dragons (22)
 Sun 28 Aug 7:30PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Newtown	16 - 2 - 4	254	38
2	Penrith	16 - 1 - 5	313	37
3	Norths	14 - 1 - 7	184	33
4	Canterbury	14 - 1 - 7	176	33
5	Parramatta	13 - 0 - 9	148	30
6	Canberra	12 - 1 - 9	51	29
7	Souths	11 - 1 - 10	60	27
8	St Geo Illa	9 - 2 - 11	-87	24
9	Mounties	8 - 0 - 14	-236	20
10	Newcastle	7 - 0 - 15	-132	18
11	Wests	5 - 1 - 16	-305	15
12	BWSE	2 - 0 - 20	-426	8

PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS

Penrith Panthers (22) v North Sydney Bears (14)
 Sat 3 Sep 3:10PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Parramatta Eels (6)
 Sat 3 Sep 5:15PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

SEMI FINALS

Newtown Jets (18) v Penrith Panthers (28)
 Sat 10 Sep 1:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton
 North Sydney Bears (10) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)
 Sat 10 Sep 5:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Newtown Jets (26) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (28)
 Sat 17 Sep 3:10PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

GRAND FINAL

Penrith Panthers (29) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)
 Sun 25 Sep 3:00PM
 at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta (Crowd: 6210)

QRL: HOSTPLUS CUP

ROUND 1

Tweed Seagulls (16) v Brisbane Tigers (20)
Sat 19 Mar 4:30PM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Mackay Cutters (10) v PNG Hunters (16)
Sat 19 Mar 5:30PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Ipswich Jets (6) v Northern Pride (26)
Sat 19 Mar 6:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Redcliffe Dolphins (4) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (24)
Sat 19 Mar 7:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18) v Burleigh Bears (26)
Sun 20 Mar 3:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Souths Logan Magpies (22) v Central Qld Capras (24)
Sun 20 Mar 4:00PM at Davies Park, West End
Townsville Blackhawks (14) v Norths Devils (38)
Sun 20 Mar 4:30PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan

ROUND 2

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (26) v Northern Pride (8)
Sat 26 Mar 4:00PM at Iona College, Lindum
Central Qld Capras (26) v PNG Hunters (16)
Sat 26 Mar 4:50PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Townsville Blackhawks (22) v Burleigh Bears (26)
Sat 26 Mar 5:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Ipswich Jets (12) v Mackay Cutters (52)
Sat 26 Mar 6:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Souths Logan Magpies (22) v Brisbane Tigers (22)
Sat 26 Mar 8:00PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West
Norths Devils (12) v Redcliffe Dolphins (13)
Sun 27 Mar 3:10PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Tweed Seagulls (28) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (6)
Sun 27 Mar 4:00PM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads

ROUND 3

Townsville Blackhawks (28) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (12)
Fri 1 Apr 8:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Burleigh Bears (18) v Redcliffe Dolphins (6)
Sat 2 Apr 5:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Sunshine Coast Falcons (28) v Souths Logan Magpies (16)
Sat 2 Apr 5:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Ipswich Jets (12) v Central Qld Capras (32)
Sat 2 Apr 6:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Tweed Seagulls (4) v Norths Devils (13)
Sun 3 Apr 12:10PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
PNG Hunters (12) v Brisbane Tigers (22)
Sun 3 Apr 2:10PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
Mackay Cutters (24) v Northern Pride (22)
Sun 3 Apr 3:00PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay

ROUND 4

PNG Hunters (8) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (22)
Sat 9 Apr 3:00PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
Northern Pride (12) v Townsville Blackhawks (22)
Sat 9 Apr 5:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Central Qld Capras (26) v Mackay Cutters (18)
Sat 9 Apr 6:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Burleigh Bears (18) v Tweed Seagulls (30)
Sun 10 Apr 2:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (42) v Redcliffe Dolphins (14)
Sun 10 Apr 2:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Brisbane Tigers (42) v Ipswich Jets (8)
Sun 10 Apr 3:00PM at Villanova Park, Tingalpa
Norths Devils (34) v Souths Logan Magpies (26)
Sun 10 Apr 3:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah

ROUND 5

Sunshine Coast Falcons (30) v Mackay Cutters (10)
Sat 23 Apr 4:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Ipswich Jets (32) v Norths Devils (36)
Sat 23 Apr 5:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Northern Pride (30) v Redcliffe Dolphins (18)
Sat 23 Apr 5:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Townsville Blackhawks (17) v Tweed Seagulls (4)
Sun 24 Apr 2:10PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Brisbane Tigers (28) v Central Qld Capras (14)
Sun 24 Apr 3:00PM at Villanova Park, Tingalpa
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18) v Souths Logan Magpies (24)
Sun 24 Apr 3:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Burleigh Bears (34) v PNG Hunters (0)
Mon 25 Apr 3:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami

ROUND 6

Redcliffe Dolphins (28) v Townsville Blackhawks (29)
Sat 30 Apr 12:15PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Tweed Seagulls (34) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (38)
Sat 30 Apr 3:00PM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Mackay Cutters (24) v Brisbane Tigers (12)
Sat 30 Apr 6:30PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Sunshine Coast Falcons (48) v Ipswich Jets (18)
Sun 1 May 2:10PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
BYES: Burleigh Bears, Central Qld Capras, Norths Devils, PNG
Hunters, Souths Logan Magpies, Northern Pride

ROUND 7

PNG Hunters (24) v Norths Devils (28)
Sat 7 May 3:00PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba
Central Qld Capras (34) v Northern Pride (10)
Sat 7 May 6:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Souths Logan Magpies (16) v Burleigh Bears (38)
Sun 8 May 2:10PM at Davies Park, West End
BYES: Brisbane Tigers, Ipswich Jets, Mackay Cutters, Redcliffe
Dolphins, Sunshine Coast Falcons, Townsville Blackhawks,
Tweed Seagulls, Wynnum Manly Seagulls

ROUND 8

Townsville Blackhawks (20) v PNG Hunters (42)
Fri 13 May 7:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Tweed Seagulls (28) v Northern Pride (0)
Sat 14 May 3:00PM at Tugun RLFC, Bilinga
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (56) v Ipswich Jets (4)
Sat 14 May 3:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Norths Devils (17) v Central Qld Capras (12)
Sat 14 May 5:30PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Redcliffe Dolphins (32) v Souths Logan Magpies (0)
Sat 14 May 6:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Burleigh Bears (28) v Mackay Cutters (8)
Sat 14 May 7:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Sunshine Coast Falcons (22) v Brisbane Tigers (14)
Sun 15 May 2:10PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

ROUND 9

Mackay Cutters (10) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (28)
Fri 20 May 6:00PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
PNG Hunters (16) v Redcliffe Dolphins (30)
Sat 21 May 3:00PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
Ipswich Jets (10) v Townsville Blackhawks (40)
Sat 21 May 3:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Central Qld Capras (22) v Burleigh Bears (28)
Sat 21 May 6:00PM at Alan McIndoe Park
Northern Pride (22) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (22)
Sat 21 May 6:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Norths Devils (16) v Brisbane Tigers (28)
Sun 22 May 2:10PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Souths Logan Magpies (24) v Tweed Seagulls (42)
Sat 25 Jun 3:00PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West

ROUND 10

Souths Logan Magpies (16) v Northern Pride (24)
Sat 28 May 8:00PM at Tully Showgrounds
Burleigh Bears (64) v Brisbane Tigers (16)
Sat 4 Jun 4:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Townsville Blackhawks (18) v Mackay Cutters (28)
Sat 4 Jun 4:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Norths Devils (18) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (26)
Sat 4 Jun 5:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Redcliffe Dolphins (54) v Ipswich Jets (0)
Sat 4 Jun 6:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (22) v Central Qld Capras (24)
Sun 5 Jun 2:10PM at Ron Stark Oval
Tweed Seagulls (24) v PNG Hunters (22)
Sun 5 Jun 3:00PM at Tugun RLFC, Bilinga

ROUND 11

PNG Hunters (26) v Souths Logan Magpies (22)
Sat 11 Jun 3:00PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
Ipswich Jets (30) v Tweed Seagulls (40)
Sat 11 Jun 3:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Sunshine Coast Falcons (22) v Burleigh Bears (32)
Sat 11 Jun 4:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Northern Pride (22) v Norths Devils (26)
Sat 11 Jun 5:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Central Qld Capras (22) v Townsville Blackhawks (16)
Sat 11 Jun 6:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Mackay Cutters (32) v Redcliffe Dolphins (34)
Sat 11 Jun 6:00PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Brisbane Tigers (22) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (32)
Sun 12 Jun 2:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West

ROUND 12

Redcliffe Dolphins (24) v Central Qld Capras (24)
Sat 18 Jun 2:30PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Tweed Seagulls (22) v Mackay Cutters (24)
Sat 18 Jun 3:00PM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (12)
Sat 18 Jun 3:00PM at Stafford Park, Hervey Bay
Townsville Blackhawks (30) v Brisbane Tigers (18)
Sat 18 Jun 4:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Souths Logan Magpies (18) v Ipswich Jets (26)
Sat 18 Jun 6:00PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West
Burleigh Bears (54) v Norths Devils (18)
Sun 19 Jun 2:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Northern Pride (30) v PNG Hunters (6)
Sun 19 Jun 2:10PM at Barlow Park, Cairns

ROUND 13

Ipswich Jets (36) v PNG Hunters (18)
 Sat 2 Jul 3:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
 Central Qld Capras (12) v Tweed Seagulls (18)
 Sat 2 Jul 4:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (28) v Townsville Blackhawks (18)
 Sat 2 Jul 4:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
 Northern Pride (26) v Burleigh Bears (22)
 Sat 2 Jul 5:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
 Souths Logan Magpies (24) v Mackay Cutters (30)
 Sun 3 Jul 2:00PM at Davies Park, West End
 Brisbane Tigers (20) v Redcliffe Dolphins (26)
 Sun 3 Jul 2:10PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo
 Norths Devils (14) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (28)
 Sun 3 Jul 2:30PM at Bishop Park, Nundah

ROUND 14

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (22) v PNG Hunters (36)
 Sat 9 Jul 3:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
 Central Qld Capras (22) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (20)
 Sat 9 Jul 4:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
 Townsville Blackhawks (72) v Souths Logan Magpies (0)
 Sat 9 Jul 4:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
 Burleigh Bears (52) v Ipswich Jets (10)
 Sat 9 Jul 5:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
 Redcliffe Dolphins (30) v Tweed Seagulls (4)
 Sat 9 Jul 6:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
 Norths Devils (38) v Mackay Cutters (20)
 Sun 10 Jul 2:10PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
 Brisbane Tigers (14) v Northern Pride (12)
 Sun 10 Jul 3:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo

ROUND 15

Burleigh Bears (30) v Townsville Blackhawks (16)
 Sat 16 Jul 2:15PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (26) v Tweed Seagulls (18)
 Sat 16 Jul 4:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
 Northern Pride (20) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (16)
 Sat 16 Jul 5:30PM at Billy Slater Oval, Innisfail
 Mackay Cutters (18) v Ipswich Jets (24)
 Sat 16 Jul 6:00PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
 Redcliffe Dolphins (54) v Norths Devils (16)
 Sat 16 Jul 6:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
 PNG Hunters (28) v Central Qld Capras (62)
 Sun 17 Jul 2:10PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
 Brisbane Tigers (22) v Souths Logan Magpies (18)
 Sun 17 Jul 3:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo

ROUND 16

Brisbane Tigers (24) v PNG Hunters (32)
 Sat 23 Jul 3:00PM at John Kerr Park, Cunnamulla
 Townsville Blackhawks (22) v Redcliffe Dolphins (22)
 Sat 23 Jul 3:00PM at Burdekin Rugby League Grounds, Ayr
 Central Qld Capras (16) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (10)
 Sat 23 Jul 3:30PM at Monto Combined Sports Complex, Monto
 Tweed Seagulls (38) v Ipswich Jets (26)
 Sat 23 Jul 3:30PM at Bauhinia Park, Springsure
 Northern Pride (16) v Souths Logan Magpies (10)
 Sat 23 Jul 5:00PM at Ken Brown Oval, Thursday Island
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (34) v Mackay Cutters (18)
 Sat 23 Jul 6:30PM at Ray Edwards Oval, Sarina
 Norths Devils (10) v Burleigh Bears (38)
 Sun 24 Jul 2:10PM at Arthur Beetson Oval, Roma

ROUND 17

Ipswich Jets (18) v Brisbane Tigers (32)
 Sun 31 Jul 2:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
 Townsville Blackhawks (10) v Northern Pride (22)
 Sat 6 Aug 4:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
 Mackay Cutters (34) v Central Qld Capras (16)
 Sat 6 Aug 6:00PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
 Souths Logan Magpies (14) v Norths Devils (30)
 Sat 6 Aug 6:00PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West
 Redcliffe Dolphins (28) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18)
 Sun 7 Aug 2:10PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
 Tweed Seagulls (26) v Burleigh Bears (26)
 Sun 7 Aug 3:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (44) v PNG Hunters (6)
 Sun 7 Aug 3:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

ROUND 18

PNG Hunters (23) v Townsville Blackhawks (23)
 Sat 13 Aug 3:00PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
 Brisbane Tigers (20) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (24)
 Sat 13 Aug 3:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo
 Ipswich Jets (26) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18)
 Sat 13 Aug 5:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
 Northern Pride (18) v Tweed Seagulls (24)
 Sat 13 Aug 5:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
 Mackay Cutters (38) v Burleigh Bears (34)
 Sun 14 Aug 1:00PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
 Central Qld Capras (10) v Norths Devils (17)
 Sun 14 Aug 2:10PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
 Souths Logan Magpies (22) v Redcliffe Dolphins (34)
 Sun 14 Aug 3:00PM at Davies Park, West End

ROUND 19

PNG Hunters (32) v Burleigh Bears (24)
 Sat 20 Aug 3:00PM at Bycroft Oval, Runaway Bay
 Tweed Seagulls (42) v Townsville Blackhawks (0)
 Sat 20 Aug 3:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
 Mackay Cutters (18) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (36)
 Sat 20 Aug 4:15PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
 Norths Devils (52) v Ipswich Jets (12)
 Sat 20 Aug 5:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
 Redcliffe Dolphins (49) v Northern Pride (10)
 Sat 20 Aug 6:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (28) v Souths Logan Magpies (32)
 Sun 21 Aug 2:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
 Central Qld Capras (34) v Brisbane Tigers (38)
 Sun 21 Aug 3:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton

ROUND 20

PNG Hunters (30) v Mackay Cutters (28)
 Sat 27 Aug 3:00PM at National Football Stadium, Port Moresby
 Norths Devils (36) v Townsville Blackhawks (28)
 Sat 27 Aug 5:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
 Northern Pride (40) v Ipswich Jets (18)
 Sat 27 Aug 5:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
 Central Qld Capras (40) v Souths Logan Magpies (20)
 Sat 27 Aug 6:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
 Burleigh Bears (42) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18)
 Sun 28 Aug 2:10PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
 Brisbane Tigers (38) v Tweed Seagulls (30)
 Sun 28 Aug 3:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (20) v Redcliffe Dolphins (18)
 Sun 28 Aug 3:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Burleigh	14 - 1 - 4	280	31
2	Falcons	13 - 1 - 5	144	29
3	Redcliffe	11 - 2 - 6	159	26
4	Norths	12 - 0 - 7	10	26
5	Capras	11 - 1 - 7	74	25
6	Tweed	10 - 1 - 8	84	23
7	Brisbane	10 - 1 - 8	-2	23
8	Pride	9 - 1 - 9	-21	21
9	Wynnum	9 - 0 - 10	72	20
10	Townsville	7 - 2 - 10	2	18
11	Mackay	8 - 0 - 11	-40	18
12	PNG	7 - 1 - 11	-138	17
13	Ipswich	4 - 0 - 15	-384	10
14	S. Logan	2 - 1 - 16	-240	7

QUALIFYING & ELIMINATION FINALS

Tweed Seagulls (24) v Brisbane Tigers (18)
 Sat 3 Sep 3:10PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (16) v Redcliffe Dolphins (22)
 Sat 3 Sep 6:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
 Central Qld Capras (30) v Northern Pride (22)
 Sun 4 Sep 2:15PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
 Burleigh Bears (19) v Norths Devils (20)
 Sun 4 Sep 4:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami

SEMI FINALS

Burleigh Bears (32) v Central Qld Capras (16)
 Sat 10 Sep 4:10PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (26) v Tweed Seagulls (24)
 Sun 11 Sep 11:00AM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

PRELIMINARY FINALS

Norths Devils (20) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (13)
 Sat 17 Sep 1:05PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
 Redcliffe Dolphins (28) v Burleigh Bears (16)
 Sat 17 Sep 3:10PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe

GRAND FINAL

Redcliffe Dolphins (10) v Norths Devils (16)
 Sat 24 Sep 3:15PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe

NRL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

NSW CUP PREMIERS V QLD CUP PREMIERS

PENRITH PANTHERS (44)

Tries: Sunia Turuva, J' maine Hopgood (2), Soni Luke, Eddie Blacker, John Faiumu, Robert Jennings, Luke Sommerton
 Conversions: Kurt Falls (5/7), John Faiumu (1/1)

def NORTHS DEVILS (10)

Tries: Tony Tumusa, Rashaun Denny
 Conversions: Connor Broadhurst (1/2)

Sun 2 Oct 1:15PM

Referee: D. Furner

Venue: Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Crowd: 11115

NSWRL: HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

ROUND 1 BYE: Central Coast Roosters

Newcastle Knights (18) v Wentworthville Magpies (12)
 Sat 23 Apr 12:00PM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock
 Mounties RLFC (4) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (10)
 Sat 23 Apr 4:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Wests Tigers (16) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (10)
 Sat 23 Apr 5:15PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
 North Sydney Bears (38) v St Marys (0)
 Sun 24 Apr 12:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney

ROUND 2 BYE: North Sydney Bears

South Sydney Rabbitohs (0) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (36)
 Fri 29 Apr 5:35PM at Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
 Newcastle Knights (12) v Mounties RLFC (14)
 Sat 30 Apr 7:00PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
 St Marys (24) v Wentworthville Magpies (14)
 Sun 1 May 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
 Central Coast Roosters (4) v Wests Tigers (16)
 Sun 1 May 1:00PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal

ROUND 3 BYE: Wentworthville Magpies

South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v Newcastle Knights (34)
 Sat 7 May 11:30AM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
 Central Coast Roosters (10) v Mounties RLFC (10)
 Sat 7 May 1:00PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal
 North Sydney Bears (34) v Wests Tigers (6)
 Sun 8 May 1:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (10) v St Marys (12)
 Mon 9 May 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park

ROUND 4 BYE: South Sydney Rabbitohs

Wests Tigers (4) v Mounties RLFC (22)
 Fri 20 May 8:15PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 St Marys (12) v Newcastle Knights (34)
 Sat 21 May 2:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (26) v Wentworthville Magpies (0)
 Sat 21 May 3:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woollooware
 North Sydney Bears (14) v Central Coast Roosters (10)
 Mon 23 May 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park

ROUND 5 BYE: Newcastle Knights

North Sydney Bears (28) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (14)
 Sun 29 May 12:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
 Central Coast Roosters (28) v Wentworthville Magpies (4)
 Sun 29 May 1:00PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal
 Mounties RLFC (40) v St Marys (6)
 Sun 29 May 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Wests Tigers (16) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20)
 Mon 30 May 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park

ROUND 6 BYE: Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks

South Sydney Rabbitohs (8) v Central Coast Roosters (16)
 Sat 4 Jun 11:30AM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
 Newcastle Knights (6) v North Sydney Bears (18)
 Sat 4 Jun 4:00PM at St John Oval, Charlestown

Wentworthville Magpies (10) v Mounties RLFC (36)
 Sun 5 Jun 11:30AM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
 St Marys (4) v Wests Tigers (22)
 Mon 6 Jun 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park

ROUND 7 BYE: Wests Tigers

Mounties RLFC (24) v North Sydney Bears (12)
 Sat 11 Jun 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Newcastle Knights (16) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6)
 Sat 11 Jun 2:00PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
 Wentworthville Magpies (12) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
 Mon 13 Jun 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park
 St Marys (6) v Central Coast Roosters (10)
 Tue 28 Jun 7:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

ROUND 8 BYE: St Marys

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (4) v North Sydney Bears (10)
 Sat 18 Jun 3:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woollooware
 Wentworthville Magpies (22) v Wests Tigers (48)
 Sat 18 Jun 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
 Mounties RLFC (20) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)
 Sun 19 Jun 11:00AM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
 Central Coast Roosters (10) v Newcastle Knights (10)
 Mon 20 Jun 7:00PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal

ROUND 9 BYE: Mounties RLFC

Wests Tigers (12) v Newcastle Knights (0)
 Sat 2 Jul 11:00AM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (11) v Central Coast Roosters (10)
 Sat 2 Jul 1:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woollooware
 Wentworthville Magpies (0) v North Sydney Bears (30)
 Sat 2 Jul 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (16) v St Marys (16)
 Mon 4 Jul 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Norths	7 - 0 - 1	120	16
2	Mounties	5 - 2 - 1	86	14
3	Cronulla	5 - 0 - 3	55	12
4	Wests Tigers	5 - 0 - 3	24	12
5	Newcastle	4 - 1 - 3	26	11
6	Central Coast	3 - 2 - 3	19	10
7	St Marys	2 - 1 - 5	-104	7
8	South Sydney	1 - 2 - 5	-72	6
9	Wentworthville	0 - 0 - 8	-154	2

SEMI FINALS

Mounties RLFC (4) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22)
 Sat 9 Jul 12:15PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton
 North Sydney Bears (10) v Wests Tigers (24)
 Sat 9 Jul 2:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton

GRAND FINAL

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20) v Wests Tigers (21)
 Sat 16 Jul 2:00PM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah

QRL: QLD WOMEN'S BMD PREMIERSHIP

ROUND 1

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (10) v Burleigh Bears (6)
Sat 26 Mar 2:20PM at Iona College, Lindum
Souths Logan Magpies (0) v Brisbane Tigers (26)
Sat 26 Mar 6:30PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West
Central Qld Capras (18) v West Brisbane Panthers (14)
Sat 26 Mar 6:50PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Tweed Seagulls (24) v North Queensland Gold Stars (16)
Sun 27 Mar 2:00PM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads

ROUND 2

Tweed Seagulls (0) v Brisbane Tigers (32)
Sat 2 Apr 1:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Burleigh Bears (31) v West Brisbane Panthers (10)
Sat 2 Apr 1:45PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (4) v Central Qld Capras (8)
Sat 2 Apr 4:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
North Queensland Gold Stars (38) v Souths Logan Magpies (4)
Sat 2 Apr 5:10PM at Queensland Country Bank Stadium, Townsville

ROUND 3

Burleigh Bears (26) v Tweed Seagulls (8)
Sat 9 Apr 12:45PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
North Queensland Gold Stars (22) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18)
Sat 9 Apr 2:00PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Central Qld Capras (26) v Souths Logan Magpies (16)
Sat 9 Apr 4:10PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
West Brisbane Panthers (18) v Brisbane Tigers (0)
Sat 9 Apr 4:30PM at Frank Lind Oval, Mitchelton

ROUND 4

Brisbane Tigers (0) v Central Qld Capras (20)
Sat 23 Apr 3:00PM at Ian Clarkson Field, Rochedale
West Brisbane Panthers (20) v Tweed Seagulls (8)
Sat 23 Apr 3:00PM at Frank Lind Oval, Mitchelton
North Queensland Gold Stars (40) v Burleigh Bears (24)
Sat 23 Apr 3:05PM at Queensland Country Bank Stadium, Townsville
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20) v Souths Logan Magpies (24)
Sun 24 Apr 1:20PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West

ROUND 5

Tweed Seagulls (16) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20)
Sat 30 Apr 11:30AM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Burleigh Bears (26) v Brisbane Tigers (4)

Sat 30 Apr 12:45PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Souths Logan Magpies (28) v West Brisbane Panthers (18)
Sat 30 Apr 3:00PM at Noffke Farm Park
North Queensland Gold Stars (8) v Central Qld Capras (16)
Sat 30 Apr 4:15PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay

ROUND 6

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (12) v Brisbane Tigers (6)
Sat 7 May 2:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Central Qld Capras (22) v Tweed Seagulls (10)
Sat 7 May 4:10PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
West Brisbane Panthers (4) v North Queensland Gold Stars (24)
Sat 7 May 4:30PM at Frank Lind Oval, Mitchelton
Souths Logan Magpies (12) v Burleigh Bears (44)
Sun 8 May 12:30PM at Davies Park, West End

ROUND 7

Brisbane Tigers (0) v North Queensland Gold Stars (28)
Sat 21 May 3:00PM at Ian Clarkson Field, Rochedale
Central Qld Capras (16) v Burleigh Bears (26)
Sat 21 May 4:00PM at Alan McIndoe Park
Souths Logan Magpies (24) v Tweed Seagulls (22)
Sun 22 May 1:45PM at Cbus Super Stadium, Robina
West Brisbane Panthers (10) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (16)
Sun 22 May 3:00PM at Emerson Park

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Capras	6 - 0 - 1	48	12
2	NQ Gold Stars	5 - 0 - 2	86	10
3	Burleigh	5 - 0 - 2	83	10
4	Wynnum	4 - 0 - 3	8	8
5	Souths Logan	3 - 0 - 4	-86	6
6	Wests	2 - 0 - 5	-31	4
7	Brisbane	2 - 0 - 5	-36	4
8	Tweed	1 - 0 - 6	-72	2

SEMI FINALS

Central Qld Capras (32) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (14)
Sat 28 May 3:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Burleigh Bears (16) v North Queensland Gold Stars (30)
Sun 29 May 1:30PM at Pizzey Park, Miami

GRAND FINAL

Central Qld Capras (12) v North Queensland Gold Stars (14)
Sat 4 Jun 2:00PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe

NSWL: RON MASSEY CUP

ROUND 1 BYE: Hills Bulls

Mounties (20) v St Marys (48)

Sun 20 Mar 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (38) v Western Suburbs Magpies (6)

Sun 20 Mar 1:00PM at TG Millner Field

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (36) v Kaiviti Silktails (28)

Sun 20 Mar 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

Wentworthville Magpies (24) v Glebe Dirty Reds (30)

Sun 20 Mar 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

ROUND 2 BYE: Western Suburbs Magpies

St Marys (4) v Hills Bulls (20)

Sat 26 Mar 4:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Kaiviti Silktails (6) v Glebe Dirty Reds (16)

Sat 26 Mar 4:15PM at Kirkham Oval, Camden

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (30)

Sun 27 Mar 3:00PM at TG Millner Field

Mounties (28) v Wentworthville Magpies (18)

Fri 24 Jun 7:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

ROUND 3 BYE: Glebe Dirty Reds

Mounties (18) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (20)

Sat 2 Apr 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (16) v St Marys (36)

Sun 3 Apr 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

Hills Bulls (20) v Wentworthville Magpies (6)

Sun 3 Apr 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

Western Suburbs Magpies (12) v Kaiviti Silktails (34)

Sat 14 May 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

ROUND 4 BYE: St Marys

Glebe Dirty Reds (36) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (24)

Sat 9 Apr 12:30PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

Western Suburbs Magpies (6) v Hills Bulls (24)

Sat 25 Jun 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

Kaiviti Silktails (26) v Mounties (26)

Sat 6 Aug 3:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot

Wentworthville Magpies (22) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (17)

ROUND 5 BYE: Wentworthville Magpies

St Marys (30) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (22)

Fri 15 Apr 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Mounties (30) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12)

Fri 15 Apr 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

Kaiviti Silktails (20) v Hills Bulls (27)

Sat 16 Apr 2:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney

Glebe Dirty Reds (44) v Western Suburbs Magpies (4)

Sat 16 Apr 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

ROUND 6 BYE: Kaiviti Silktails

Glebe Dirty Reds (58) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (18)

Sat 23 Apr 12:30PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

Western Suburbs Magpies (10) v St Marys (32)

Sun 24 Apr 1:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

Wentworthville Magpies (38) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (14)

Sun 24 Apr 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

Hills Bulls (32) v Mounties (10)

Sun 24 Apr 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

ROUND 7 BYE: Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles

Western Suburbs Magpies (18) v Mounties (20)

Sat 30 Apr 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

St Marys (28) v Wentworthville Magpies (16)

Sun 1 May 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Kaiviti Silktails (30)

Sun 1 May 3:00PM at TG Millner Field

Hills Bulls (38) v Glebe Dirty Reds (22)

Sun 1 May 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

ROUND 8 BYE: Mounties

St Marys (20) v Glebe Dirty Reds (18)

Sat 7 May 4:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Hills Bulls (30) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (10)

Sun 8 May 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

Wentworthville Magpies (22) v Kaiviti Silktails (28)

Sun 8 May 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (18) v Western Suburbs Magpies (16)

Sun 8 May 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex,

Blacktown

ROUND 9 BYE: Ryde-Eastwood Hawks

Glebe Dirty Reds (20) v Mounties (34)

Sat 21 May 12:30PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

Western Suburbs Magpies (28) v Wentworthville Magpies (24)

Sat 21 May 1:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

St Marys (18) v Kaiviti Silktails (16)

Sat 21 May 4:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (10) v Hills Bulls (37)

Sun 22 May 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

ROUND 10 BYE: Hills Bulls

Glebe Dirty Reds (16) v Wentworthville Magpies (26)

Sat 28 May 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

St Marys (32) v Mounties (12)

Sat 28 May 4:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Kaiviti Silktails (36) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (34)

Sun 29 May 2:00PM at Windsor Sporting Complex, Windsor

Western Suburbs Magpies (18) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (28)

Sun 29 May 3:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

ROUND 11 BYE: Western Suburbs Magpies

Glebe Dirty Reds (28) v Kaiviti Silktails (24)

Sat 4 Jun 3:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

Wentworthville Magpies (20) v Mounties (10)

Sun 5 Jun 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (18) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (18)

Sun 5 Jun 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

Hills Bulls (4) v St Marys (22)

Sun 5 Jun 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

ROUND 12 BYE: Glebe Dirty Reds

Kaiviti Silktails (26) v Western Suburbs Magpies (30)

Sat 11 Jun 2:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot

Wentworthville Magpies (16) v Hills Bulls (36)

Sun 12 Jun 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

St Marys (30) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (10)

Sun 12 Jun 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (30) v Mounties (12)

Sun 12 Jun 3:00PM at TG Millner Field

ROUND 13 BYE: St Marys

Mounties (24) v Kaiviti Silktails (16)

Sun 19 Jun 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (12) v Wentworthville Magpies (30)

Sun 19 Jun 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Glebe Dirty Reds (54)

Sun 19 Jun 3:00PM at TG Millner Field

Hills Bulls (42) v Western Suburbs Magpies (0)

Sun 19 Jun 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

ROUND 14 BYE: Wentworthville Magpies

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (4) v Mounties (30)

Sun 3 Jul 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

Western Suburbs Magpies (0) v Glebe Dirty Reds (38)

Sun 3 Jul 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (28) v St Marys (66)

Sun 7 Aug 3:00PM at TG Millner Field

Hills Bulls (30) v Kaiviti Silktails (25)

ROUND 15 BYE: Kaiviti Silktails

Mounties (6) v Hills Bulls (36)

Sat 9 Jul 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (6) v Glebe Dirty Reds (20)

Sun 10 Jul 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

St Marys (32) v Western Suburbs Magpies (6)

Sun 10 Jul 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (0) v Wentworthville Magpies (10)

Sun 10 Jul 3:00PM at TG Millner Field

ROUND 16 BYE: Ryde-Eastwood Hawks

Kaiviti Silktails (28) v St Marys (18)

Sat 16 Jul 3:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot

Mounties (6) v Glebe Dirty Reds (36)

Sun 17 Jul 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook

Hills Bulls (45) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (10)

Sun 17 Jul 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

Wentworthville Magpies (30) v Western Suburbs Magpies (12)

ROUND 17 BYE: Mounties

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (4) v Hills Bulls (32)

Sat 23 Jul 1:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

Western Suburbs Magpies (16) v Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles (16)

Sat 23 Jul 3:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

Kaiviti Silktails (12) v Wentworthville Magpies (22)

Sat 23 Jul 3:30PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

Glebe Dirty Reds (28) v St Marys (0)

Sun 24 Jul 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

ROUND 18 BYE: Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles

Mounties (36) v Western Suburbs Magpies (18)

Sat 30 Jul 10:40AM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah

Glebe Dirty Reds (16) v Hills Bulls (20)

Sat 30 Jul 12:30PM at Henson Park, Marrickville

Kaiviti Silktails (52) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (12)

Sat 30 Jul 3:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot

Wentworthville Magpies (24) v St Marys (22)

Sat 30 Jul 5:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

FINAL LADDER Hills 34, St Marys 28, Glebe 26, Wenty 22,

Mounties 19 // Silktails 17, Ryde-Eastwood 13, BWSE 12, Wests 9

PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS

St Marys (18) v Glebe Dirty Reds (28)

Sat 13 Aug 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

Wentworthville Magpies (24) v Mounties (14)

Sat 13 Aug 5:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

SEMI FINALS

Hills Bulls (10) v Glebe Dirty Reds (38)

Sat 20 Aug 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

Wentworthville Magpies (23) v St Marys (12)

Sat 20 Aug 5:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Wentworthville Magpies (12) v Hills Bulls (22)
Sun 28 Aug 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

GRAND FINAL

Glebe Dirty Reds (12) v Hills Bulls (18)
Sun 4 Sep 3:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton

PRESIDENT'S CUP SEMI FINALS

Forbes Magpies (6) v Maitland Pickers (52)
Sat 17 Sep at Jock Longfield Oval, Quirindi
Collegians (16) v Hills Bulls (26)
Sat 17 Sep at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree

PRESIDENT'S CUP SEMI FINALS

Maitland Pickers (36) v Hills Bulls (12)
Sun 25 Sep 11:00am at Commbank Stadium, Parramatta

NSWL: SYDNEY SHIELD

ROUND 1 BYE: Hills Bulls

Moorebank Rams (6) v St Marys (36)
Sat 19 Mar 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank
Wentworthville United (20) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (28)
Sun 20 Mar 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
Sydney Roosters (32) v Penrith Brothers (16)
Sun 20 Mar 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

ROUND 2 BYE: Sydney Roosters

St Marys (22) v Hills Bulls (6)
Sat 26 Mar 2:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Moorebank Rams (32) v Wentworthville United (0)
Sat 26 Mar 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank
Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (24) v Penrith Brothers (16)
Sun 27 Mar 1:00PM at TG Millner Field

ROUND 3 BYE: Penrith Brothers

Sydney Roosters (10) v St Marys (32)
Sat 2 Apr 11:00AM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe
Moorebank Rams (18) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (32)
Sat 14 May 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank
Hills Bulls (58) v Wentworthville United (18)
Sat 25 Jun 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe

ROUND 4 BYE: St Marys

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (18) v Hills Bulls (16)
Sun 10 Apr 3:00PM at TG Millner Field
Sydney Roosters (22) v Moorebank Rams (48)
Sat 25 Jun 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank
Wentworthville United (18) v Penrith Brothers (19)
Wed 3 Aug 6:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

ROUND 5 BYE: Wentworthville United

St Marys (50) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (6)
Fri 15 Apr 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Penrith Brothers (10) v Moorebank Rams (24)
Fri 15 Apr 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook
Sydney Roosters (34) v Hills Bulls (46)
Sat 16 Apr 10:00AM at Bon Andrews Oval, North Sydney

ROUND 6 BYE: Sydney Roosters

Wentworthville United (24) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (36)
Sun 24 Apr 12:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

Hills Bulls (34) v Moorebank Rams (12)
Sun 24 Apr 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills
Penrith Brothers (6) v St Marys (58)
Sun 24 Apr 2:00PM at Hickeys Lane Reserve, Penrith

ROUND 7 BYE: Moorebank Rams

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (48) v Sydney Roosters (22)
Sun 1 May 1:00PM at TG Millner Field
St Marys (54) v Wentworthville United (10)
Sun 1 May 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Hills Bulls (24) v Penrith Brothers (18)
Sun 1 May 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

ROUND 8 BYE: Penrith Brothers

St Marys (52) v Moorebank Rams (0)
Sat 7 May 2:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Wentworthville United (30) v Sydney Roosters (50)
Sun 8 May 12:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
Hills Bulls (24) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (28)
Sun 8 May 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

ROUND 9 BYE: St Marys

Sydney Roosters (18) v Wentworthville United (24)
Sat 21 May 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
Penrith Brothers (18) v Hills Bulls (30)
Sat 21 May 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith
Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (14) v Moorebank Rams (20)
Sun 22 May 3:00PM at TG Millner Field

ROUND 10 BYE: Ryde-Eastwood Hawks

St Marys (62) v Moorebank Rams (18)
Sat 28 May 2:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Penrith Brothers (24) v Sydney Roosters (30)
Sat 28 May 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown
Wentworthville United (0) v Hills Bulls (40)
Sat 28 May 3:45PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

ROUND 11 BYE: Sydney Roosters

Wentworthville United (22) v Moorebank Rams (28)
Sun 5 Jun 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
Penrith Brothers (30) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16)
Sun 5 Jun 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown
Hills Bulls (16) v St Marys (36)
Sun 5 Jun 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

ROUND 12 BYE: Moorebank Rams

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (14) v Sydney Roosters (22)
Sun 12 Jun 1:00PM at TG Millner Field
St Marys (44) v Penrith Brothers (28)
Sun 12 Jun 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Wentworthville United (6) v Hills Bulls (24)
Sun 12 Jun 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

ROUND 13 BYE: Ryde-Eastwood Hawks

Moorebank Rams (18) v Sydney Roosters (28)
Sat 18 Jun 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank
Hills Bulls (20) v St Marys (30)
Sun 19 Jun 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills
Penrith Brothers (22) v Wentworthville United (22)
Sun 19 Jun 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith

ROUND 14 BYE: Wentworthville United

Hills Bulls (34) v Sydney Roosters (29)
Sun 3 Jul 12:00AM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills

Moorebank Rams (20) v Penrith Brothers (36)
Sun 3 Jul 11:00AM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown
Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (34) v St Marys (8)
Wed 3 Aug 7:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

ROUND 15 BYE: Penrith Brothers

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Wentworthville United (10)
Sun 10 Jul 1:00PM at TG Millner Field
St Marys (18) v Sydney Roosters (6)
Sun 10 Jul 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Moorebank Rams (14) v Hills Bulls (38)
Wed 3 Aug 7:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank

ROUND 16 BYE: Ryde-Eastwood Hawks

Sydney Roosters (24) v St Marys (26)
Sat 16 Jul 1:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot
Hills Bulls (40) v Penrith Brothers (16)
Sun 17 Jul 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills
Wentworthville United (16) v Moorebank Rams (8)
Sun 17 Jul 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

ROUND 17 BYE: Moorebank Rams

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Hills Bulls (22)
Sat 23 Jul 11:00AM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe
Sydney Roosters (22) v Wentworthville United (32)
Sat 23 Jul 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
Penrith Brothers (0) v St Marys (44)
Sun 24 Jul 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

ROUND 18 BYE: Hills Bulls

Sydney Roosters (56) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16)
Sat 30 Jul 1:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot
Wentworthville United (12) v St Marys (42)
Sat 30 Jul 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
Moorebank Rams (12) v Penrith Brothers (40)
Sat 30 Jul 6:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank

ROUND 19 BYES: Hills Bulls, St Marys, Wentworthville United

Moorebank Rams (24) v Sydney Roosters (38)
Sat 6 Aug 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank
Penrith Brothers (62) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (10)
Sun 7 Aug 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith

FINAL LADDER St Marys 36, Hills 28, Ryde-Eastwood 24, Sydney 20, Brothers 17 // Moorebank 16, Wentworthville 13

PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS

Sydney Roosters (17) v Penrith Brothers (20)
Sat 13 Aug 11:00AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
Hills Bulls (38) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (8)
Sat 13 Aug 1:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

SEMI FINALS

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (14) v Penrith Brothers (36)
Sat 20 Aug 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
Hills Bulls (16) v St Marys (26)
Sat 20 Aug 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Hills Bulls (12) v Penrith Brothers (14)
Sun 28 Aug 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville

GRAND FINAL

St Marys (36) v Penrith Brothers (12)
Sun 4 Sep 1:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton

NSWL: U21 JERSEY FLEGG CUP

ROUND 1

St George Illawarra Dragons (30) v Parramatta Eels (22)
Sat 12 Mar 11:15AM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (42) v Canberra Raiders (24)
Sat 12 Mar 12:30PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
South Sydney Rabbitohs (16) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30)
Sat 12 Mar 1:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20) v Penrith Panthers (30)
Sat 12 Mar 1:30PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Wests Tigers (20) v Victoria Thunderbolts (30)
Sun 13 Mar 12:15PM at Kirkham Oval, Camden
Newcastle Knights (10) v Sydney Roosters (36)
Sun 13 Mar 12:30PM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock

ROUND 2

Victoria Thunderbolts (36) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (32)
Thu 17 Mar 5:30PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne
St George Illawarra Dragons (18) v Penrith Panthers (28)
Sat 19 Mar 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (12) v Parramatta Eels (22)
Sat 19 Mar 3:45PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Canberra Raiders (15)
Sat 19 Mar 6:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Sydney Roosters (40) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
Sun 20 Mar 1:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
Newcastle Knights (22) v Wests Tigers (10)
Mon 21 Mar 7:15PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal

ROUND 3

St George Illawarra Dragons (22) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22)
Sat 26 Mar 1:00PM at Kirkham Oval, Camden
South Sydney Rabbitohs (18) v Sydney Roosters (42)
Sat 26 Mar 3:00PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
Victoria Thunderbolts (18) v Parramatta Eels (24)
Sat 26 Mar 3:00PM at Goschs Paddock, Melbourne
Canberra Raiders (18) v Wests Tigers (26)
Sat 26 Mar 3:35PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
Penrith Panthers (6) v Newcastle Knights (24)
Sun 27 Mar 1:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (26) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (12)
Sun 27 Mar 4:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale

ROUND 4

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (34) v Newcastle Knights (12)
Fri 1 Apr 3:45PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
Penrith Panthers (16) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
Fri 1 Apr 4:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24) v Canberra Raiders (28)
Sat 2 Apr 1:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
Parramatta Eels (16) v St George Illawarra Dragons (18)
Sat 2 Apr 2:45PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Victoria Thunderbolts (18) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (14)
Sun 3 Apr 2:00PM at Goschs Paddock, Melbourne
Wests Tigers (28) v Sydney Roosters (26)
Sun 3 Apr 6:30PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

ROUND 5

Newcastle Knights (20) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (0)
Thu 7 Apr 5:30PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton
Canberra Raiders (40) v Victoria Thunderbolts (30)
Sat 9 Apr 11:00AM at McDonalds Park, Wagga Wagga
Sydney Roosters (36) v Parramatta Eels (14)

Sat 9 Apr 1:00PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (38) v Wests Tigers (4)
Sun 10 Apr 1:45PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (32) v Penrith Panthers (28)
Sun 10 Apr 2:45PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
South Sydney Rabbitohs (32) v St George Illawarra Dragons (20)
Sat 14 May 11:00AM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern

ROUND 6 EASTER

Parramatta Eels (30) v Wests Tigers (28)
Fri 15 Apr 2:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20) v Newcastle Knights (28)
Sat 16 Apr 11:00AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Sydney Roosters (40) v Canberra Raiders (10)
Sat 16 Apr 12:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney
South Sydney Rabbitohs (22) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (34)
Sat 16 Apr 1:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville
Victoria Thunderbolts (20) v Penrith Panthers (46)
Sat 16 Apr 3:00PM at Goschs Paddock, Melbourne
St George Illawarra Dragons (48) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (28)
Sun 17 Apr 11:30AM at Ziems Park, Corrimal

ROUND 7

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
Thu 21 Apr 5:25PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
Sydney Roosters (12) v St George Illawarra Dragons (24)
Sat 23 Apr 11:30AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
Newcastle Knights (27) v Parramatta Eels (20)
Sat 23 Apr 1:30PM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock
Penrith Panthers (64) v Canberra Raiders (16)
Sun 24 Apr 12:15PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Wests Tigers (22) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (12)
Sun 24 Apr 5:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30) v Victoria Thunderbolts (22)
Sat 14 May 1:30PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore

ROUND 8

Newcastle Knights (12) v Victoria Thunderbolts (0)
Sat 30 Apr 12:30PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
Penrith Panthers (36) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (16)
Sat 30 Apr 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
South Sydney Rabbitohs (12) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20)
Sat 30 Apr 1:15PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (4) v Sydney Roosters (36)
Sat 30 Apr 3:15PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
St George Illawarra Dragons (10) v Wests Tigers (24)
Sun 1 May 11:00AM at University Oval, Wollongong
Parramatta Eels (6) v Canberra Raiders (30)
Sun 1 May 1:15PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville

ROUND 9 BYES: Canberra, Victoria

Penrith Panthers (40) v Parramatta Eels (32)
Fri 6 May 4:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24) v Wests Tigers (30)
Sat 7 May 11:00AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
St George Illawarra Dragons (16) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16)
Sat 7 May 12:00PM at Centenary Field, Croom
South Sydney Rabbitohs (10) v Newcastle Knights (36)
Sat 7 May 1:00PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (14) v Sydney Roosters (26)
Sun 8 May 1:40PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware

ROUND 10 All clubs BYE

ROUND 11

South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v Canberra Raiders (24)
Sat 21 May 12:00PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
St George Illawarra Dragons (8) v Newcastle Knights (6)
Sat 21 May 12:30PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
Sydney Roosters (34) v Penrith Panthers (10)
Sat 21 May 1:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
Parramatta Eels (18) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (25)
Sat 21 May 5:30PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
Victoria Thunderbolts (20) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22)
Sun 22 May 2:00PM at Casey Fields, Cranbourne East
Wests Tigers (12) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24)
Fri 24 Jun 7:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

ROUND 12

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (6) v St George Illawarra Dragons (36)
Fri 27 May 7:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Victoria Thunderbolts (32) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (18)
Sat 28 May 12:00PM at Casey Fields, Cranbourne East
Wests Tigers (40) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (0)
Sun 29 May 11:00AM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe
Canberra Raiders (0) v Parramatta Eels (40)
Sun 29 May 12:05PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
Newcastle Knights (26) v Penrith Panthers (12)
Sun 29 May 12:30PM at Maitland Regional Sportsground, Maitland
Sydney Roosters (34) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (14)
Sun 29 May 4:00PM at Windsor Sporting Complex, Windsor

ROUND 13

Penrith Panthers (4) v St George Illawarra Dragons (22)
Fri 3 Jun 3:50PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
Newcastle Knights (28) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)
Sat 4 Jun 12:45PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
South Sydney Rabbitohs (24) v Wests Tigers (20)
Sat 4 Jun 1:15PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
Parramatta Eels (20) v Victoria Thunderbolts (26)
Sat 4 Jun 1:30PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (22) v Sydney Roosters (40)
Sun 5 Jun 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
Canberra Raiders (8) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (42)
Sun 5 Jun 12:05PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce

ROUND 14

St George Illawarra Dragons (32) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (12)
Sat 11 Jun 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (14) v Parramatta Eels (24)
Sat 11 Jun 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
Newcastle Knights (12) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (16)
Sat 11 Jun 12:30PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
Canberra Raiders (28) v Penrith Panthers (18)
Sat 11 Jun 1:20PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
Sydney Roosters (38) v Victoria Thunderbolts (10)
Sat 11 Jun 3:00PM at Waverley Oval, Bondi Junction
Wests Tigers (22) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20)
Sun 12 Jun 9:45AM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah

ROUND 15

Canberra Raiders (32) v Newcastle Knights (20)
 Sat 18 Jun 11:30AM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v Wests Tigers (30)
 Sat 18 Jun 12:30PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (18) v Penrith Panthers (28)
 Sat 18 Jun 1:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
 Parramatta Eels (6) v Sydney Roosters (40)
 Sat 18 Jun 3:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (30) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (26)
 Sun 19 Jun 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
 Victoria Thunderbolts (12) v St George Illawarra Dragons (38)
 Sun 19 Jun 2:00PM at Casey Fields, Cranbourne East

ROUND 16

Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (44) v Victoria Thunderbolts (24)
 Thu 30 Jun 5:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
 Penrith Panthers (0) v Sydney Roosters (14)
 Fri 1 Jul 3:50PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (26)
 Fri 1 Jul 7:30PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (6) v Parramatta Eels (16)
 Sat 2 Jul 10:30AM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
 Wests Tigers (0) v Newcastle Knights (20)
 Sat 2 Jul 1:15PM at Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah
 St George Illawarra Dragons (4) v Canberra Raiders (16)
 Sun 3 Jul 12:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt

ROUND 17

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (50) v Victoria Thunderbolts (16)
 Thu 7 Jul 5:25PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
 Penrith Panthers (36) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (12)
 Sat 9 Jul 1:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Canberra Raiders (14) v Sydney Roosters (40)
 Sat 9 Jul 1:20PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Newcastle Knights (30) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (16)
 Sat 9 Jul 2:00PM at St John Oval, Charlestown
 Wests Tigers (18) v Parramatta Eels (12)
 Sat 9 Jul 3:30PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (26) v St George Illawarra Dragons (16)
 Sun 10 Jul 1:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale

ROUND 18

Wests Tigers (16) v Penrith Panthers (26)
 Sat 16 Jul 11:00AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (38) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (12)
 Sat 16 Jul 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
 Sydney Roosters (18) v St George Illawarra Dragons (20)
 Sat 16 Jul 12:45PM at Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
 Parramatta Eels (40) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6)
 Sat 16 Jul 1:15PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (30) v Newcastle Knights (12)
 Sat 16 Jul 3:15PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
 Victoria Thunderbolts (12) v Canberra Raiders (24)
 Sun 17 Jul 1:45PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne

ROUND 19 BYES: Parramatta Eels, Wests Tigers
 Newcastle Knights (24) v St George Illawarra Dragons (16)
 Fri 22 Jul 5:30PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton
 Canberra Raiders (22) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (42)
 Sat 23 Jul 11:00AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
 Sydney Roosters (26) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6)
 Sat 23 Jul 11:00AM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v Victoria Thunderbolts (24)
 Sat 23 Jul 3:00PM at Snape Park, Maroubra
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (10) v Penrith Panthers (44)
 Sun 24 Jul 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown

ROUND 20 BYES: Canterbury, Manly, Newcastle, Sydney

Parramatta Eels (12) v Penrith Panthers (28)
 Sat 30 Jul 1:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
 Canberra Raiders (28) v St George Illawarra Dragons (16)
 Sat 30 Jul 1:20PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Victoria Thunderbolts (8) v Wests Tigers (44)
 Sat 30 Jul 2:00PM at Casey Fields, Cranbourne East
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (40) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (16)
 Sat 30 Jul 3:15PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware

ROUND 21

Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (8) v Parramatta Eels (38)
 Fri 5 Aug 5:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
 Penrith Panthers (12) v Wests Tigers (24)
 Sat 6 Aug 11:00AM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Victoria Thunderbolts (10) v Newcastle Knights (40)
 Sat 6 Aug 2:00PM at Casey Fields, Cranbourne East
 Canberra Raiders (28) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (22)
 Sat 6 Aug 3:00PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (38) v St George Illawarra Dragons (4)
 Sat 6 Aug 5:20PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
 Sydney Roosters (14) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)
 Sun 7 Aug 3:00PM at Waverley Oval, Bondi Junction

ROUND 22 BYES: Cronulla, St George Illawarra
 Penrith Panthers (44) v Victoria Thunderbolts (10)
 Sat 13 Aug 3:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith
 Parramatta Eels (32) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (26)
 Sat 13 Aug 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (44) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
 Sun 14 Aug 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore
 Wests Tigers (32) v Canberra Raiders (24)
 Sun 14 Aug 12:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 Sydney Roosters (14) v Newcastle Knights (20)
 Sun 14 Aug 3:00PM at Waverley Oval, Bondi Junction

ROUND 23

Parramatta Eels (10) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18)
 Sat 20 Aug 11:00AM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville
 Newcastle Knights (32) v Canberra Raiders (30)
 Sat 20 Aug 11:30AM at No. 2 Sports Ground, Newcastle West
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (50) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22)
 Sat 20 Aug 1:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale
 St George Illawarra Dragons (50) v Victoria Thunderbolts (10)
 Sat 20 Aug 2:00PM at Ziems Park, Corrmal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (10) v Penrith Panthers (42)
 Sun 21 Aug 2:30PM at Ironmark High Performance Centre, Redfern
 Sydney Roosters (22) v Wests Tigers (24)
 Sun 21 Aug 3:00PM at Waverley Oval, Bondi Junction

ROUND 24 BYES: Penrith, South Sydney
 Canberra Raiders (56) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16)
 Sat 27 Aug 12:50PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce
 Parramatta Eels (34) v Newcastle Knights (22)
 Sat 27 Aug 1:15PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (35) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)
 Sat 27 Aug 3:15PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware
 Wests Tigers (12) v St George Illawarra Dragons (32)
 Sat 27 Aug 7:30PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield
 Victoria Thunderbolts (0) v Sydney Roosters (66)
 Sun 28 Aug 2:00PM at Casey Fields, Cranbourne East

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Sydney	16 - 0 - 6	380	36
2	Newcastle	15 - 0 - 7	107	34
3	Penrith	13 - 0 - 9	166	30
4	St Geo Illa	12 - 2 - 8	88	30
5	W. Tigers	13 - 0 - 9	36	30
6	Cronulla	12 - 1 - 9	57	29
7	Canberra	11 - 0 - 11	-91	26
8	Canterbury	10 - 1 - 11	-34	25
9	Parramatta	10 - 0 - 12	12	24
10	Manly	9 - 0 - 13	-123	22
11	Victoria	6 - 0 - 16	-348	16
12	Souths	3 - 0 - 19	-250	10

PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS

Newcastle Knights (22) v Penrith Panthers (16)
 Sat 3 Sep 12:45PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys
 St George Illawarra Dragons (26) v Wests Tigers (22)
 Sun 4 Sep 10:30AM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton

SEMI FINALS

Penrith Panthers (36) v St George Illawarra Dragons (26)
 Sat 10 Sep 11:00AM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton
 Sydney Roosters (22) v Newcastle Knights (24)
 Sat 10 Sep 3:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Sydney Roosters (22) v Penrith Panthers (27)
 Sat 17 Sep 1:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield

GRAND FINAL

Newcastle Knights (18) v Penrith Panthers (19)
 Sun 25 Sep 1:00PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta

QRL: U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS

ROUND 1

Townsville Blackhawks (38) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (24)
Sat 2 Apr 3:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Burleigh Bears (10) v Redcliffe Dolphins (44)
Sat 2 Apr 3:15PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Sunshine Coast Falcons (24) v Souths Logan Magpies (14)
Sat 2 Apr 3:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Ipswich Jets (12) v Central Qld Capras (40)
Sat 2 Apr 4:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Western Clydesdales (16) v Brisbane Tigers (32)
Sat 2 Apr 4:00PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba
Mackay Cutters (20) v Northern Pride (18)
Sun 3 Apr 12:45PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Tweed Seagulls (28) v Norths Devils (6)
Sat 28 May 1:00PM at Tugun RLFC, Billingah

ROUND 2

Central Qld Capras (26) v Mackay Cutters (12)
Sat 9 Apr 2:10PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Western Clydesdales (8) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (88)
Sat 9 Apr 3:00PM at Venue TBC
Northern Pride (12) v Townsville Blackhawks (58)
Sat 9 Apr 3:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Burleigh Bears (16) v Tweed Seagulls (40)
Sun 10 Apr 12:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (22) v Redcliffe Dolphins (28)
Sun 10 Apr 12:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Brisbane Tigers (58) v Ipswich Jets (10)
Sun 10 Apr 1:10PM at Villanova Park, Tingalpa
Norths Devils (10) v Souths Logan Magpies (22)
Sun 10 Apr 1:10PM at Bishop Park, Nundah

ROUND 3

Sunshine Coast Falcons (24) v Mackay Cutters (4)
Sat 23 Apr 2:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Ipswich Jets (22) v Norths Devils (44)
Sat 23 Apr 3:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Northern Pride (12) v Redcliffe Dolphins (60)
Sat 23 Apr 3:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (34) v Souths Logan Magpies (12)
Sun 24 Apr 11:30AM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Townsville Blackhawks (20) v Tweed Seagulls (10)
Sun 24 Apr 12:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Brisbane Tigers (22) v Central Qld Capras (40)
Sun 24 Apr 1:00PM at Villanova Park, Tingalpa
Burleigh Bears (48) v Western Clydesdales (20)
Mon 25 Apr 1:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami

ROUND 4 BYES: Burleigh, Capras, Pride, Norths, Souths Logan, Western
Tweed Seagulls (20) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (42)
Sat 30 Apr 1:00PM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Mackay Cutters (14) v Brisbane Tigers (36)
Sat 30 Apr 2:15PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Redcliffe Dolphins (12) v Townsville Blackhawks (13)
Sat 30 Apr 6:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Sunshine Coast Falcons (6) v Ipswich Jets (30)
Sun 1 May 10:50AM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

ROUND 5 BYES: Brisbane, Ipswich, Mackay, Redcliffe,
Falcons, Townsville, Tweed, Wynnum Manly
Western Clydesdales (12) v Norths Devils (58)
Sat 7 May 12:45PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba
Central Qld Capras (80) v Northern Pride (10)
Sat 7 May 2:10PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Souths Logan Magpies (48) v Burleigh Bears (20)
Sun 8 May 10:40AM at Davies Park, West End

ROUND 6

Tweed Seagulls (66) v Northern Pride (0)
Sat 14 May 1:00PM at Tugun RLFC, Billingah
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (38) v Ipswich Jets (4)
Sat 14 May 1:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Norths Devils (10) v Central Qld Capras (42)
Sat 14 May 2:40PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Redcliffe Dolphins (0) v Souths Logan Magpies (24)
Sat 14 May 4:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Burleigh Bears (18) v Mackay Cutters (20)
Sat 14 May 5:15PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Sunshine Coast Falcons (28) v Brisbane Tigers (32)
Sun 15 May 12:20PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Townsville Blackhawks (88) v Western Clydesdales (12)
Sat 28 May 2:30PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan

ROUND 7

Mackay Cutters (6) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (16)
Fri 20 May 3:45PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Ipswich Jets (18) v Townsville Blackhawks (24)
Sat 21 May 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Central Qld Capras (34) v Burleigh Bears (32)
Sat 21 May 2:00PM at Alan McIndoe Park
Northern Pride (42) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (50)
Sat 21 May 4:45PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Western Clydesdales (10) v Redcliffe Dolphins (20)
Sun 22 May 1:45PM at Pittsworth
Souths Logan Magpies (60) v Tweed Seagulls (12)
Sat 25 Jun 1:00PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West
Norths Devils (24) v Brisbane Tigers (26)
Fri 22 Jul 7:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah

ROUND 8

Souths Logan Magpies (58) v Northern Pride (12)
Sat 28 May 4:40PM at Tully Showgrounds
Townsville Blackhawks (26) v Mackay Cutters (22)
Sat 4 Jun 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Burleigh Bears (8) v Brisbane Tigers (62)
Sat 4 Jun 2:15PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Norths Devils (12) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (28)
Sat 4 Jun 3:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Redcliffe Dolphins (52) v Ipswich Jets (10)
Sat 4 Jun 4:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (26) v Central Qld Capras (4)
Sun 5 Jun 11:20AM at Ron Stark Oval
Tweed Seagulls (65) v Western Clydesdales (12)
Sun 5 Jun 1:00PM at Tugun RLFC, Billingah

ROUND 9

Ipswich Jets (26) v Tweed Seagulls (34)
Sat 11 Jun 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Western Clydesdales (8) v Souths Logan Magpies (64)
Sat 11 Jun 2:00PM at Trevor Micklebrough Oval
Sunshine Coast Falcons (22) v Burleigh Bears (34)
Sat 11 Jun 2:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Northern Pride (22) v Norths Devils (50)
Sat 11 Jun 3:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Mackay Cutters (8) v Redcliffe Dolphins (20)
Sat 11 Jun 3:45PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Central Qld Capras (36) v Townsville Blackhawks (26)
Sat 11 Jun 4:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Brisbane Tigers (14) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (22)
Sun 12 Jun 12:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West

ROUND 10

Redcliffe Dolphins (28) v Central Qld Capras (16)
Sat 18 Jun 12:30PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Wynnum Manly Seagulls v Sunshine Coast Falcons
Sat 18 Jun 12:30PM at Stafford Park, Hervey Bay
Tweed Seagulls (10) v Mackay Cutters (22)
Sat 18 Jun 12:30PM at Piggabean Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Townsville Blackhawks (23) v Brisbane Tigers (10)
Sat 18 Jun 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Souths Logan Magpies (24) v Ipswich Jets (46)
Sat 18 Jun 4:00PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West
Burleigh Bears (30) v Norths Devils (16)
Sun 19 Jun 10:15AM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Northern Pride (62) v Western Clydesdales (8)
Sun 19 Jun 12:10PM at Barlow Park, Cairns

ROUND 11

Ipswich Jets (42) v Western Clydesdales (6)
Sat 2 Jul 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Central Qld Capras (28) v Tweed Seagulls (26)
Sat 2 Jul 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Sunshine Coast Falcons (20) v Townsville Blackhawks (16)
Sat 2 Jul 2:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Northern Pride (12) v Burleigh Bears (78)
Sat 2 Jul 3:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Souths Logan Magpies v Mackay Cutters
Sun 3 Jul 12:00PM at Davies Park, West End
Brisbane Tigers (20) v Redcliffe Dolphins (36)
Sun 3 Jul 12:10PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo
Norths Devils (0) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (22)
Sun 3 Jul 12:40PM at Bishop Park, Nundah

ROUND 12

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (64) v Western Clydesdales (0)
Sat 9 Jul 1:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Townsville Blackhawks (48) v Souths Logan Magpies (6)
Sat 9 Jul 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Central Qld Capras (21) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (22)
Sat 9 Jul 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Redcliffe Dolphins v Tweed Seagulls
Sat 9 Jul 3:30PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Burleigh Bears (40) v Ipswich Jets (18)
Sat 9 Jul 6:45PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Norths Devils (18) v Mackay Cutters (32)
Sun 10 Jul 12:10PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Brisbane Tigers (72) v Northern Pride (12)
Sun 10 Jul 1:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo

ROUND 13

Western Clydesdales (0) v Central Qld Capras (40)
Sat 16 Jul 2:00PM at Platz Oval, Clifton
Sunshine Coast Falcons (30) v Tweed Seagulls (26)
Sat 16 Jul 2:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Northern Pride (0) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (100)
Sat 16 Jul 3:30PM at Billy Slater Oval, Innisfail
Mackay Cutters (26) v Ipswich Jets (30)
Sat 16 Jul 3:45PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Redcliffe Dolphins (54) v Norths Devils (10)
Sat 16 Jul 4:00PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Burleigh Bears (18) v Townsville Blackhawks (52)
Sat 16 Jul 4:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Brisbane Tigers (54) v Souths Logan Magpies (16)
Sun 17 Jul 1:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo

ROUND 14

Ipswich Jets (10) v Brisbane Tigers (72)
Sun 31 Jul 12:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Townsville Blackhawks (76) v Northern Pride (6)
Sat 6 Aug 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Mackay Cutters (30) v Central Qld Capras (44)
Sat 6 Aug 3:45PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Souths Logan Magpies (10) v Norths Devils (52)
Sat 6 Aug 4:00PM at Marsden State High School, Waterford West
Redcliffe Dolphins (28) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (36)
Sun 7 Aug 12:10PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe
Tweed Seagulls (32) v Burleigh Bears (26)
Sun 7 Aug 1:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Sunshine Coast Falcons (50) v Western Clydesdales (12)
Sun 7 Aug 1:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

ROUND 15

Western Clydesdales (4) v Townsville Blackhawks (58)
Sat 13 Aug 12:30PM at Glenholme Park
Brisbane Tigers (16) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (26)
Sat 13 Aug 1:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo
Ipswich Jets (22) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (44)
Sat 13 Aug 3:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich
Northern Pride (22) v Tweed Seagulls (72)
Sat 13 Aug 3:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Mackay Cutters (42) v Burleigh Bears (22)
Sun 14 Aug 10:45AM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Central Qld Capras (44) v Norths Devils (22)
Sun 14 Aug 12:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Souths Logan Magpies (18) v Redcliffe Dolphins (48)
Sun 14 Aug 1:30PM at Davies Park, West End

ROUND 16

Western Clydesdales (37) v Burleigh Bears (34)
Sat 20 Aug 12:30PM at Glenholme Park
Tweed Seagulls (16) v Townsville Blackhawks (40)
Sat 20 Aug 1:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Mackay Cutters (24) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (20)
Sat 20 Aug 2:00PM at BB Print Stadium Mackay
Norths Devils (20) v Ipswich Jets (28)
Sat 20 Aug 3:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (64) v Souths Logan Magpies (6)
Sun 21 Aug 12:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Central Qld Capras (18) v Brisbane Tigers (38)
Sun 21 Aug 1:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Redcliffe Dolphins (40) v Northern Pride (0)

ROUND 17

Northern Pride (10) v Ipswich Jets (58)
Sat 27 Aug 3:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns
Western Clydesdales v Mackay Cutters
Sat 27 Aug 4:00PM at Gold Park
Central Qld Capras (46) v Souths Logan Magpies (24)
Sat 27 Aug 4:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton
Norths Devils (16) v Townsville Blackhawks (36)
Sat 27 Aug 6:50PM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Burleigh Bears (26) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (28)
Sun 28 Aug 12:00PM at Pizzey Park, Miami
Brisbane Tigers (42) v Tweed Seagulls (12)
Sun 28 Aug 1:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo
Sunshine Coast Falcons (12) v Redcliffe Dolphins (42)
Sun 28 Aug 1:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	W - D - L	+/-	Pts
1	Wynnum	14 - 0 - 2	426	30
2	Townsville	14 - 0 - 2	400	30
3	Redcliffe	13 - 0 - 3	319	28
4	Capras	12 - 0 - 4	219	26
5	Brisbane	11 - 0 - 5	291	24
6	Falcons	10 - 0 - 6	65	22
7	Mackay	8 - 0 - 8	54	18
8	Tweed	7 - 0 - 9	49	16
9	Sths Logan	6 - 0 - 10	-88	14
10	Ipswich	6 - 0 - 10	-152	14
11	Burleigh	5 - 0 - 11	-67	12
12	Norths	4 - 0 - 12	-90	10
13	Pride	1 - 0 - 15	-694	4
14	Western	1 - 0 - 15	-732	4

QUALIFYING & ELIMINATION FINALS

Brisbane Tigers (24) v Tweed Seagulls (28)
Sat 3 Sep 1:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads
Townsville Blackhawks (36) v Redcliffe Dolphins (20)
Sat 3 Sep 2:30PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan
Sunshine Coast Falcons (40) v Mackay Cutters (20)
Sat 3 Sep 4:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20) v Central Qld Capras (24)
Sun 4 Sep 12:10PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton

SEMI FINALS

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (34) v Tweed Seagulls (12)
Sat 10 Sep 2:10PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West
Redcliffe Dolphins (16) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (30)
Sun 11 Sep 1:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina

PRELIMINARY FINALS

Townsville Blackhawks (42) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (22)
Sat 17 Sep 11:00AM at Bishop Park, Nundah
Central Qld Capras (30) v Redcliffe Dolphins (50)
Sat 17 Sep 5:05PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe

GRAND FINAL

Townsville Blackhawks (46) v Redcliffe Dolphins (32)
Sat 24 Sep 1:15PM at Moreton Daily Stadium, Redcliffe

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES PREMIERS

NSWRL

SG Ball Cup U19

PENRITH PANTHERS

def Sydney Roosters 22-20

Tarsha Gale Cup U19

SYDNEY ROOSTERS INDIGENOUS ACADEMY

def Newcastle Knights 12-10

Harold Matthews Cup U17

WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES

def Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 42-16

QRL

Mal Meninga Cup U18

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES def Townsville Blackhawks 38-26

No finals were held in the Harvey Norman U19 or Cyril Connell Cup U16 competitions

SUPER LEAGUE 2022

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ROUND 1

ST HELENS 28 CATALANS DRAGONS 8

A pair of yellow cards and a red card dominated the post match discussion of this Grand Final rematch. Gil Dudson was sin binned in the opening tackle of the season which resulted in a brawl, yet despite being down a player, the Catalans Dragons were the first team to score when Fouad Yaha crossed shortly after Dudson returned to the field, courtesy of a well placed crossfield kick by Josh Drinkwater. Sam Tomkins converted.

St Helens equalised in the 22nd minute when Tommy Makinson was on the receiving end of a lovely cut-out pass from Sione Mata'utia. Lewis Dodd failed to convert. Saints crossed again just four minutes later when Konrad Hurrell made one of his trademark bustling runs before getting an offload away to James Roby who scored to give St Helens the lead. Dodd again failed to convert.

Dodd though did post points just shortly after when he executed a wonderful chip and chase to score, however he again failed to convert. With three minutes remaining in the half, Saints extended their lead even further when Makinson bagged his second try of the match courtesy of a lovely cut-out pass from Jonny Lomax. Dodd again failed to convert, however just before halftime, he and Tomkins both landed a penalty goal apiece to give the Saints an 18-8 lead at halftime.

Both sides were defensively strong in the second half, with another Dodd penalty goal the only scoring play up until Dylan Napa got sent off for a high tackle in the 71st minute. Morgan Knowles was also sent to the sin bin for his reaction and despite it still being 12 v 12, Saints lifted another gear, running in tries to Joey Lussick, who dived over from dummy half, and Hurrell, who performed a strip on Yaha before scoring to come home with a 28-8 win.

ST HELENS 28 (T. Makinson 2, L. Dodd, K. Hurrell, J. Lussick, J. Roby tries; L. Dodd 2 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 8** (F. Yaha try; S. Tomkins 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 10th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 16-8. Penalties: St Helens 8-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 13,178. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Hopoate, Hurrell, Percival, Makinson; Dodd, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Sironen, Paasi. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Drinkwater, Pearce; Dudson, McIlorum, Whitley, McMeeken, Garcia (C), Bousquet. Int: May, Dezaria, Kasiano, Napa.

SALFORD 26 CASTLEFORD 16

Salford halfback Marc Sneyd produced a perfect goalkicking display, landing 7 goals from as many attempts to help lead his side to a 10 point win over the Tigers. Both sides bagged 3 tries each, but while Sneyd landed 7 goals, Castleford's goalkicker Danny Richardson only managed to land 2 goals.

Salford opened the scoring courtesy of a penalty goal to Sneyd, before Castleford snared the opening try of the game, when Paul McShane's deft grubber was collected by prop George Griffin who scored. Richardson converted. A Joe Burgess break five minutes laid the perfect platform for Tim Lafai to send Ken Sio over for a try, which Sneyd converted. Just 6 minutes later and the Tigers regained the lead when Mahe Fonua got a good ball to Derrell Olpherts who scored. Richardson failed to add the extras.

In the 36th minute bench forward King Vuniyayawa barged over for a powerful try which Sneyd converted and just before the halftime siren sounded, and with Castleford down to 12 men after Bureta Faraimo was sent to the sin bin, Deon Cross scored a spectacular length of the field try, which started by another great run by Burgess from the restart. Sneyd again converted and at halftime Salford led 20-10.

Scoring was much tougher in the second half and just before Faraimo returned to the field, Olpherts powered over the line to score his second try for the game. Richardson landed the sideline conversion brilliantly, reducing the deficit to 4 points. But Sneyd landed 3 successive penalty goals in the 56th, 58th and 72nd minute to help the Reds skip away to a comfortable first up victory.

SALFORD 26 (D. Cross, K. Sio, K. Vuniyayawa tries; M. Sneyd 7 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 16** (D. Olpherts 2, G. Griffin tries; D. Richardson 2 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Fri, 11th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 20-10. Penalties: Salford 7-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 10,050. **CASTLEFORD:** Evalds, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Faraimo; Trueman, Richardson; Griffin, McShane (C), Smith, Edwards, Sutcliffe, Westerman. Int: Watts, Lawler, Matagi, Turner. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Lafai, Cross, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Akauola, Ackers, Burke, Wright, Greenwood, Taylor (C). Int: Addy, Luckley, Vuniyayawa.

WIGAN 24 HULL KR 10

Wigan got their campaign underway with a solid first up victory against a disappointing Hull KR side. The Warriors were up 18-4 at halftime despite gifting their opponents plenty of opportunities.

Wigan scored first in just the ninth minute when Sam Wood dropped a bomb and Jake Bibby was on the spot to clean up the loose ball and score. Jai Field converted. Hull KR hit back in the 18th minute when Mikey Lewis threw a good dummy, which opened up the Wigan defence, which he shot through before racing away to score a very good try. Jordan Abdull failed to convert. Wigan extended their lead in the 26th minute when a clever early kick by Cade Cust, off the back of a scrum, caught the Rovers defence out, as they were all up in the defensive line. Jai Field raced downfield, collected the ball uncontested and raced away to score a good try. Field failed to convert.

Liam Marshall scored a length of the field try in the 34th minute when a Jordan Abdull kick to Wigan's left corner was taken cleanly by Bibby, who then linked with Marshall and the winger went the full distance to score a scintillating try. Field again unable to add the extras. Just two minutes shy of halftime the Warriors, Wood, who had been peppered with kicks all night and struggled, dropped another which Bibby cleaned up near the Rovers line and he scored. Field was once again unsuccessful with the shot at goal.

The second half saw both sides struggle with both discipline and ball control, highlighted by the fact that both sides could only manage a try each. Wigan's defence denied Hull KR of two tries after the break before Marshall snared his second try of the game in the corner which was converted by Zak Hardaker in the 61st minute. Hull KR needed a fightback but it didn't start early enough when Matt Parcell dived over to score in the 74th minute, which Abdull converted.

WIGAN 24 (J. Bibby 2, L. Marshall 2, J. Field tries; J. Field, Z. Hardaker goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 10** (M. Lewis, M. Parcell tries; J. Abdull goal) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Fri, 11th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-4. Penalties: Hull KR 9-5. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 9,044. **HULL KR:** Coote, Wood, Takairangi, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Vete, Litten, King, Linnett, Storton, Sims. Int: Parcell, Keinhorst, Richards, Halton. **WIGAN:** Field, Marshall, Pearce-Paul, Thornley, Bibby; Cust, Leuluai (C); Singleton, Powell, Ellis, Farrell, Bateman, Isa. Int: Hardaker, Mago, Smithies, Byrne.

WARRINGTON 22 LEEDS 20

The Warrington Wolves escaped with a narrow 2 point victory over a Leeds Rhinos side who played for 55 minutes with 12 men and 10 minutes with just 11.

Leeds were in command from the outset but it was Warrington who scored first in the 11th minute courtesy of a great ball from Connor Wrench to winger Matty Ashton, who found space before linking with Gareth Widdop who scored a good try. Stefan Ratchford failed to convert. Leeds then lost halfback Richie Myler to injury before James Bentley was sent off for an ugly high shot on Widdop in the 15th minute. However it didn't deter the Rhinos, who scored next when Brad Dwyer, close to the line, put Zane Tetavno over for a strong try with a nice short ball. Rhys Martin converted to give the Rhinos the lead. Just 4 minutes later Matt Prior, playing in his 300th club game across the NRL and Superleague, barged over off a crash ball to score. Martin again added the extras to give Leeds a 12-4 lead.

In the 33rd minute, Dwyer was sent to the sin bin for pushing Widdop after he had passed the ball, reducing the Rhinos to just 11. Five minutes later, George Williams sent the ball right to Matt

Davies who recognised that Leeds were short on numbers. Davies passed to Holmes who then got a ball to Josh Charnley which resulted in an easy try for the winger. Stefan Ratchford converted, reducing the Wolves deficit to just 2 points at halftime.

Three minutes after play resumed, Kruiise Leeming put in a crafty kick which found Ash Handley who scored a good try. Martin converted from touch. 10 minutes into the second half Olly Holmes was given ten in the bin for a high tackle on James Donaldson. Martin kicked a penalty goal to give Leeds a 10 point lead.

Despite both sides being down to 12 men, neither could trouble the scoreboard. It wasn't until Holmes returned and the Wolves had the extra man, were they able to take control of the game. The Wolves fightback began in the 66th minute when Ratchford delivered a brilliant cut-out ball to Charnley who scored his second try of the game. Ratchford converted to reduce the deficit to just 4 points. Ratchford then got a good ball to Connor Wrench, who hit a gap and dived over to score in the 73rd minute. Ratchford converted to give Warrington the lead and ultimately the win.

WARRINGTON 22 (J. Charnley 2, G. Widdop, C. Wrench tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 20** (A. Handley, M. Prior, Z. Tetevano tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 12th February. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-10. Penalties: Leeds 5-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 14,135. **LEEDS:** Walker, Fusitu'a, Briscoe, Sutcliffe, Handley; Sezer, Myler; Tetevano, Leeming (C), Prior, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Oledzki, Dwyer, Gannon, Donaldson. **WARRINGTON:** Ratchford (C), Charnley, Mata'utia, Wrench, Ashton; Widdop, Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper, Currie, Holmes, Davis. Int: Philbin, Clark, Bullock, Walker.

HUDDERSFIELD 42 TOULOUSE 14

Toulouse made the perfect start to their first ever appearance in Super League, jumping out to a 10 nil lead, but Huddersfield piled on 42 points in 55 minutes to swamp the newcomers.

The game was just 2 minutes old when the scoreboard attendant was sparked into action when Matty Russell scooped up a brilliant Junior Vaivai offload to score in the left corner. Chris Hankinson failed to convert from touch in the trying conditions. A Tui Lolohea handling error in the 17th minute put Toulouse on the attack and at the end of the ensuing set, Tony Gigot put up a bomb which Ilias Bergal caught before scoring in the right corner. Hankinson nailed the sideline conversion with a great kick.

Then the points started to roll in for the Giants. Luke Yates barged over for a try in the 25th minute to open their account, which was converted by Oliver Russell. Ten minutes later and Yates was again involved, this time linking with Innes Senior, who scored out wide to level the scores 5 minutes shy of halftime. Jake Wardle had a try disallowed shortly after but Louis Senior wasn't to be denied when he crossed for a try right on halftime, which Russell converted.

Wardle wasn't to be denied a second time around when he broke through the Toulouse defensive line in the 47th minute to score a good try, which Russell converted. The Huddersfield attack was unrelenting and shortly after, Josh Jones very nearly extended the scores further, but he was ruled to have been held up over the line.

Russell landed a penalty goal in the 57th minute and then camped themselves in the Toulouse half as they earned a bunch of repeat sets. The defensive workload took its toll on the rookie French side and Huddersfield ran in three more tries to Wardle in the 65th minute, Chris McQueen in the 69th and Olly Ashall-Bott 3 minutes before fulltime, all of which were converted by Russell. Toulouse centre Guy Armitage scored a consolation try in the final minute of the game which Hankinson failed to convert.

HUDDERSFIELD 42 (J. Wardle 2, O. Ashall-Bott, C. McQueen, I. Senior, L. Senior, L. Yates tries; O. Russell 7 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 14** (G. Armitage, I. Bergal, M. Russell tries; C. Hankinson goal) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON.** Date: Sat, 12th February. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 16-10. Penalties: Huddersfield 8-4. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 5,238. **TOULOUSE:** Gigot (C), Bergal, Armitage, Vaivai, Russell; Albert, Hankinson; Bretherton, White, Navarrete, Peyroux, Dixon, Cunningham. Int: Pélissier, Puech, Sangaré, Paulo. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Senior, Wardle, Cudjoe, Senior; Fages, Russell; Hill, Levi, English, McQueen, Jones, Yates (C). Int: Ashall-Bott, Trout, Greenwood, Ikahihifo.

HULL FC 16 WAKEFIELD 12

The black and whites looked to be in complete control of their opening round clash with Trinity up until Jake Connor was sent off for a high tackle which gave the home side an opportunity to stage a comeback.

Despite showing stubborn defence to start the game, Wakefield eventually cracked in the 12th minute when Connor Wynne made a break down the left sideline before passing back inside to half Luke Gale who raced away to score a good try. Gale then converted his own try.

A Jake Connor handling error in the 37th minute saw Tom Johnstone swoop on the loose ball and then race 50 metres before he was tackled. From the next play, Trinity went left and Corey Hall scored. Max Jowitt nailed the conversion to level the scores at 6 all at halftime.

Hull regained the lead just 2 minutes after halftime when Joe Lovodua dummied and then exploded through a huge gap, to skip away and score a brilliant solo try. Gale added the extras.

In the 50th minute Hull crossed again and it looked like they were about to run away with the game, when Darnell McIntosh barged over out wide for a strong try. Gale was unable to convert from out wide, keeping Hull's lead to 10 points.

With 14 minutes remaining in the game, Jake Connor was sent off by referee Marcus Griffiths for a high tackle on Lee Gaskell. Just three minutes later, Wakefield scored courtesy of a try to Tom Johnstone who dived over in the corner. Jowitt nailed the tricky conversion to reduce the margin to just 4 points.

The final 10 minutes were gripping, however Hull managed to bravely hold on to get the victory.

HULL FC 16 (L. Gale, J. Lovodua, D. McIntosh tries; L. Gale 2 goals) DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 12 (C. Hall, T. Johnstone tries; M. Jowitt 2 goals) AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.

Date: Sun, 13th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 10-7. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,148. **WAKEFIELD:** Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Hall, Johnstone; Gaskell, Miller (C); Fifita, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Crowther. Int: Kay, Battye, Batchelor, Tanginoa. **HULL FC:** Connor, McIntosh, Scott, Griffin, Swift; Gale, Reynolds; Sao, Houghton (C), Fash, Savelio, Lane, Johnstone. Int: Lovodua, Wynne, Brown, Satae.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 1

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	Huddersfield	1	0	0	28	2
2	St Helens	1	0	0	20	2
3	Wigan	1	0	0	14	2
4	Salford	1	0	0	10	2
5	Hull FC	1	0	0	4	2
6	Warrington	1	0	0	2	2
7	Leeds	0	0	1	-2	0
8	Wakefield	0	0	1	-4	0
9	Castleford	0	0	1	-10	0
10	Hull KR	0	0	1	-14	0
11	Catalans	0	0	1	-20	0
12	Toulouse	0	0	1	-28	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Dylan Napa (Catalans): Grade D Strikes with Shoulder - 4 matches, £500
 Gill Dudson (Catalans): Grade D Strikes Punching - 3 matches, £500
 James Bentley (Leeds): Grade C High Tackle - 4 matches
 Albert Vete (Hull KR): Grade C Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
 Brad Dwyer (Leeds): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match
 Oliver Holmes (Warrington): Grade B High Tackle - 1 match
 Reece Lyne (Wakefield): Grade C Dangerous Contact - 3 matches
 Jake Connor (Hull FC): Grade B High Tackle - 1 match
 Andre Savelio (Hull FC): Grade B Use of Knees - 2 matches

ROUND 2

WARRINGTON 34 CASTLEFORD 10

The Warrington Wolves have maintained their perfect start to the new Super League season trouncing the Castleford Tigers 34-10.

It was an ominous start from the visitors who had the first attacking opportunity, but the final pass was intercepted by Matty Ashton who raced the best part of 95 metres to score the opening points for the home side. Ten minutes later, the halves combination of George Williams and Gareth Widdop combined to place the former Raiders halfback over the line and extend the scoreline out to two converted tries. Moments later, Castleford thought they cut the deficit in half, but Kenny Edwards was guilty of a double movement according to the referee. Widdop tried a field goal at half-time but the shot found the upright and the Tigers went into the sheds down 12-0. Castleford started the second half with all the early running and were quickly rewarded when a well worked set play between Jacob Trueman and Niall Ewalds saw Derrell Olfherts cross the stripe in the corner. Warrington bounced back almost immediately when Josh Charnley stepped inside multiple Tigers defenders to crash over the line for his 250th career try and extend the margin to 16-4. George Williams put prop forward Robbie Mulhern through a yawning gap to extend the margin out to 22-4. Any chance of a comeback was quickly extinguished when Castleford went for an adventurous play inside their own end which saw Peter Mata'utia kick the loose ball ahead and put the margin out to four converted tries. Castleford grabbed a consolation try through halfback Jacob Trueman to install scoreboard credibility, but Josh Charnley grabbed his double in the closing stages to allow Warrington to come out convincing winners 34-10.

WARRINGTON 34 (J. Charnley 2, M. Ashton, P. Mata'utia, R. Mulhern, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 10** (D. Olfherts, J. Trueman tries; G. O'Brien goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 17th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-0. Penalties: Warrington 9-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 8,468. **WARRINGTON:** Ratchford, Charnley, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Widdop, Williams; Philbin, Walker, Mulhern, Currie, Longstaff, Clark. Int: Hughes (C), Bullock, Davis, Thewlis. **CASTLEFORD:** Ewalds, Olfherts, Fonua, Mamo, Faraimo; Trueman, O'Brien; Smith, McShane (C), Lawler, Edwards, Sutcliffe, Westerman. Int: Turner, Watts, Griffin, Blair.

WIGAN 34 LEEDS 12

Jai Field has continued his flawless start to the new season nabbing a hat-trick in his side's 34-12 win over the Leeds Rhinos.

It was the visitors who scored the game's opening points when Blake Austin fooled the Wigan defence to stroll over the line inside the opening 15 minutes for an early 6-0 lead. Jai Field saved the Warriors from going further behind, performing a perfect cover tackle on winger Liam Tindall. Off the ensuing weight of possession and controversial circumstances, Cade Cust tried to find Jake Bibby with a short ball, and it looked like the centre had knocked on before Field picked up the loose ball to score, with video referee Ben Thaler adjudicating the ball had come off Jake Bibby's foot and the game was back at 6-6. Field blitzed the Rhinos' defence right on half-time to give the Warriors a well-deserved 12-6 advantage. Wigan went on an early scoring frenzy straight after the break. It began with a frantic final tackle play which went through 7 pairs of hands before being grubber kicked, Sam Powell won the race to the ball and Wigan extended their margin. It proved to be the turning point, as off the ensuing set, Jai Field took a lovely ball from Patrick Mago and Field raced 80 metres to seal his hat-trick. Wigan then made it three tries in 10 second-half minutes in a very bizarre incident. It looked like Jack Walker had grounded the ball in-goal to concede a goal-line drop-out, but the decision was sent upstairs, and Ben Thaler ruled that Walker lost the ball and Powell grounded it for his second of the night. Leeds managed to pull one back through Matt Prior, but Wigan had the last laugh as Liam Farrell secured his double following great work from Cust. Wigan secures their second win early in the season as they look to match St Helens and Catalans as the bench-marks this season.

WIGAN 34 (J. Field 3, S. Powell 2, L. Farrell tries; Z. Hardaker 3, J. Field 2 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 12** (B. Austin, M. Prior tries; A. Sezer 2 goals) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 18th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 12-6. Penalties: Leeds 6-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,575. **WIGAN:** Field, Hardaker, Pearce-Paul, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Leuluai (C); Singleton, Powell, Ellis, Farrell, Bateman, Isa. Int: Mago, Smithies, Partington, Byrne. **LEEDS:** Walker, Tindall, Briscoe, Sutcliffe, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Tetevano, Leeming (C), Prior, Mellor, Gannon, Smith. Int: Oledzki, Thompson, Donaldson, Johnson.

ST HELENS 38 HULL FC 6

Luke Gale is in for a long stint on the sidelines after being shown a red card in the first half for leading with his boot on Saints halfback Johnny Lomax. This ugly incident overshadowed another convincing performance from St Helens who are off to yet another flawless start to the new campaign thrashing Hull 38-6 in trying conditions at the KC Stadium.

After a tense opening to the game in which both sides went end to end to overpower each other, it was St Helens who took first blood. A well-worked set play down the left-hand side saw Mark Percival breakthrough a few would-be tacklers to cross for the game's opening try and his 100th for St Helens. A foul play crackdown has been the talk of the Super League over the opening rounds. Hull's Connor Wynne was the first to cry foul of referee Chris Kendall who was given a yellow card for an incurious spear tackle on Saints' Jack Welsby, which saw the Saints pot over a penalty goal to lead 8-0. Wynne's absence was the game's first turning point, which allowed St Helens to cross moments later off a well-timed scrum play through Josh Simm. Tommy Makinson converted from touch to put the scoreboard out to 14-0. Off the next set, Luke Gale came up with arguably the dumbest play of the season, as he lifted his boot to make direct contact with the kicking leg of Johnny Lomax and was subsequently sent from the field by referee Kendall. The dagger came moments before half-time as Simm crossed over for his second try and the visitors had a commanding 20 point advantage. After a tight opening to the second 40 minutes, Jack Welsby put in a lovely grubber which he chased and regathered to collect his first of the afternoon and a handy 26 point advantage. St Helens let a midfield bomb bounce which saw Josh Griffin fly through and collect a well-deserved try for Hull. Lewis Dodd and Sione Mata'utia crossed for late tries to rub salt in the wound for Hull who were gallant in defeat after the early dismissal of Gale.

ST HELENS 38 (J. Simm 2, L. Dodd, S. Mata'utia, M. Percival, J. Welsby tries; T. Makinson 7 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 6** (J. Griffin try; D. McIntosh goal) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 19th February. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 20-0. Penalties: Hull FC 8-7. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 12,673. **HULL FC:** Shaul, Swift, Scott, Wynne, McIntosh; Reynolds, Gale (C); Sao, Houghton, Fash, Griffin, Lane, Johnstone. Int: Sataa, Lovodua, Brown, Vulikijapani. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Simm; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Sironen, Paasi.

HUDDERSFIELD 26 HULL KR 12

The Huddersfield Giants continue their flying start to the season downing Hull Kingston Rovers 26-12 at John Smith Stadium. Storm Eunice meant attacking, free-flowing football was off the menu, but both sides played a committed style of football that both sets of fans should appreciate.

After a tight opening 15 minutes, it was a Theo Fages bomb that Ryan Hall failed to come down with, tuning it over before a great ball from Leroy Cudjoe saw Chris McQueen score the opening points. 15 minutes later, Danny Levi teamed up with former team-mate Luke Yates to cross the stripe for the Giants' second try of the contest and with Oliver Russell's conversion, they led by two converted tries. Off the ensuing set, a well-worked set play saw Josh Jones fool the Rovers' defence and the Giants were thinking of putting a cricket score on the sorry Rovers. Huddersfield had a commanding 16-0 half-time advantage. Huddersfield continued their rampage right after half-time when Jermaine McGillvary dived on a loose ball after a well-weighted grubber kick from Fages. Rovers were able to work themselves back into the game thanks to a perfect grubber kick from Jordan Abdull and Brad Takarangi was on the spot to cross and with Abdull's conversion, the Rovers' comeback began. A poor Danny Levi pass was toed ahead by Mikey Lewis who won the race to the ball and brought the score to within two possessions. Chris Hill was sin-binned for deliberately delaying the conversion from Abdull.

A brave Rovers comeback was all but wiped out when Chris McQueen burrowed his way over the line for his second try after a good ball from Tui Lolohea to make the score-line 26-12 and seal back to back wins to kick off the new season.

HUDDERSFIELD 26 (C. McQueen 2, J. Jones, J. McGillvary, L. Yates tries; O. Russell 2, T. Lolohea goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 12** (M. Lewis, B. Takairangi tries; J. Abdull 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 16-0. Penalties: Hull KR 7-4. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 5,724. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Fages; Hill, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: English, Greenwood, Ikahihifo, O'Brien. **HULL KR:** Dagger, Wood, Takairangi, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Sims, Litten, King, Hadley, Linnett, Halton. Int: Parcell, Keinhorst, Richards, Garratt.

CATALANS 24 WAKEFIELD 22

Catalans have survived a late scare from Wakefield Trinity to hang on for a tough 24-22 victory.

Last season's minor premiers were keen to turn around a poor performance on opening night and they started this match breathing fire. After Sam Tomkins was denied in the opening two minutes, Catalans struck first blood through winger Mathieu Laguerre who finished off a lovely backline play.

Five minutes later, a lovely cut out ball from Josh Drinkwater found his other winger Fouad Yaha to cross for his side's second of the afternoon and put the Dragons up 10-0. Wakefield worked their way into the contest and just over 10 minutes later, they were rewarded thanks to a lovely cross-field chip kick from Harry Bowes which landed in the arms of Tom Johnstone to cross for the first of his two tries.

Samisoni Langi responded moments later for the Dragons to give them a 16-6 lead. But Wakefield shocked everyone at Stade Gilbert Brutus with a late try at half-time through fullback Max Jowitt and the Wildcats were only within a converted try.

Catalans responded immediately after the break after a lovely Sam Kasiano offload found Ben Garcia to give the home side a 22-10 advantage. Tomkins potted over a penalty goal just past the hour mark to give the home side a three-possession lead. That penalty goal proved decisive in the final analysis. With under five minutes to go, the Wildcats crossed twice and kicked their two conversions, but were still two points short. Wakefield can take a lot from this game and if they play for the full 80 minutes, the wins will keep on coming.

CATALANS 24 (B. Garcia, M. Laguerre, S. Langi, F. Yaha tries; S. Tomkins 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 22** (T. Johnstone 2, M. Jowitt, T. Lineham tries; M. Jowitt 3 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 19th February. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 16-10. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 7-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 7,623. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Laguerre, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Goudemand, McIlorum, Dezaria, Whitley, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Da Costa, May, Chan, Kasiano. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Johnstone, Hall, Batchelor, Lineham; Walker, Bowes; Battye, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts (C), Crowther. Int: Whitbread, Kay, Aydin, Shaw.

SALFORD 38 TOULOUSE 12

Toulouse Olympique continues their tough initiation into first division rugby league going down 38-12 against the Salford Red Devils.

It was a rough start for the new boys, Ken Sio crossed for the first of his four tries inside the first two minutes after winning the race to a Marc Sneyd grubber kick. Barely ten minutes later, Sio grabbed his second after a line break from new buy Brodie Croft, he was ruled to have kicked ahead and Sio was there on the spot to score and an early 8-0 lead.

Seven minutes later, a shift to the left saw Joe Burgess find space before linking up with Ryan Brierley and the Red Devils had a 14-0 lead. Six minutes later, the onslaught continued when Sneyd threw a dummy and went straight past some poor defence and the margin was quickly 20-0.

Toulouse did grab a try right on half-time when Joesph Paulo kicked through and Chris Hankinson won the race for the ball and cut the margin to 14 points. Paulo was rewarded right after the break chasing a grubber kick and Toulouse got the game back to 20-12. Unfortunately, that would be the last of Olympique's scoring.

After a bomb that went sixes and sevens, Tim Lafai was in the right place at the right time to secure the ball and run the remaining ten metres to score. Sio secured his hatrick after he soccered the initial Sneyd grubber and won the race to the football. The fourth try for Sio came inside the final five minutes when he caught a mistimed cross-field kick and ran 90 metres to score and finalise the score-line at 38-12.

SALFORD 38 (K. Sio 4, R. Brierley, T. Lafai, M. Sneyd tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 12** (J. Bretherton, C. Hankinson tries; C. Hankinson 2 goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 20th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 20-6. Penalties: Toulouse 9-7. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,003. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Vuniyayawa, Ackers, Burke, Wright, Greenwood, Taylor (C). Int: Sarginson, Akauola, Addy, Gerrard. **TOULOUSE:** Gigot (C), Russell, Vaivai, Hankinson, Armitage; Paulo, Albert; Navarrete, White, Garbutt, Dixon, Bretherton, Cunningham. Int: Pélissier, Sangaré, Puech, Marion.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 2

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	2	0	0	52	4
2	Huddersfield	2	0	0	42	4
3	Wigan	2	0	0	36	4
4	Salford	2	0	0	36	4
5	Warrington	2	0	0	26	4
6	Catalans	1	0	1	-18	2
7	Hull FC	1	0	1	-28	2
8	Wakefield	0	0	2	-6	0
9	Leeds	0	0	2	-24	0
10	Hull KR	0	0	2	-28	0
11	Castleford	0	0	2	-34	0
12	Toulouse	0	0	2	-54	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

George Lawler (Castleford): Grade B Shoulder Charge - 1 match
Joseph Paulo (Toulouse): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Luke Gale (Hull FC): 2 x Grade C Other Contrary Behaviour - 5 matches
Theo Fages (Huddersfield): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Danny Levi (Huddersfield): Grade C Other Contrary Behaviour - 2 matches

ROUND 3

CATALANS 10 LEEDS 4

Well, it appears absolutely nothing can knock the Catalans Dragons down in 2022. Down on troops in both the forwards and the backs, Steve Macnamara's men have put on one of the most inspired performances in their Super League history tonight downing Leeds 10-4.

But it was the Rhinos who got onto the scoreboard first, when Blake Austin continued his good start to the season, outmuscling the defence to score. After a long verdict from video referee Chris Kendall, the man upstairs gave the Aussie pivot the first try of the evening.

Minutes later, Catalans hit back when Fouad Yaha finished off a set play involving his sides entire spine who outran the cover and crossed for the equalising try. Drinkwater was unable to convert from wide out, leaving the scores level at 4-4. The rest of the first half can be described as a slugfest as both forwards did their best to smash each other and give their sides the edge to get over the top.

After the break, Catalans crossed for what would ultimately be the match-winning try. Off a good short ball from Sam Kasiano, Joe Chan found his way to the line to cross for the Dragons' second of the evening and with Drinkwater's conversion, Catalans had a 10-4 lead.

With the game in the balance, Leeds ultimately couldn't finish off many opportunities, including a stint where Catalans were down to 12 when Mitchell Pearce was shown a yellow card. Leeds couldn't break down the Catalans' defence and remain winless in 2022.

CATALANS 10 (J. Chan, F. Yaha tries; J. Drinkwater goal) DEFEATED LEEDS 4 (B. Austin try) AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM. Date: Thu, 24th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 4-4. Penalties: Leeds 7-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 10,655. **LEEDS:** Walker, Tindall, Briscoe, Sutcliffe, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Prior, Mellor, Gannon, Tetevano. Int: Dwyer, Smith, Thompson, O'Connor. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; McMeeken, McLorum, Dezaria, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, May, Chan, Kasiano.

WIGAN 22 HUDDERSFIELD 12

The Wigan Warriors have maintained their undefeated start to the new Super League season downing Huddersfield 22-12, in the first of a Thursday night doubleheader to kick off Round 3.

Wigan opened the scoring in the seventh minute when Thomas Leuluai broke the line and lined up with Liam Farrell to cross the line and Wigan led 6-0. Huddersfield hit back seven minutes later when Chris McQueen ran onto a flat pass and brought the game back to a level score-line.

Off the ensuing set in attack, Cade Cust provided a lovely ball to Farrell to cross for his second try and Wigan had a six-point advantage. Wigan hit the Giants with a double whammy before the break when Jack Bibby wrestled his way to the line and ground the ball on the stripe to give Wigan a handy 16-6 half-time lead.

Huddersfield began the second 40 stronger and their efforts were rewarded when Tui Lolohea was on the receiving end of the great lead up work from Innes Senior and the Giants were within four points. John Bateman finished off a lovely set play which saw Leuluai link up with Sam Powell before finding the Wigan captain to cross for the game-defining try and seal a fairly unconvincing 10 point advantage.

WIGAN 22 (L. Farrell 2, J. Bateman, J. Bibby tries; Z. Hardaker 3 goals) DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 12 (T. Lolohea, C. McQueen tries; W. Pryce 2 goals) AT DW STADIUM. Date: Thu, 24th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 16-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 7-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 10,291. **WIGAN:** Field, Hardaker, Pearce-Paul, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Leuluai (C); Singleton, Powell, Ellis, Farrell, Bateman, Isa. Int: Mago, Smithies, Partington, Byrne. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Pryce, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Lolohea, Russell; Hill, O'Brien, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, English, Greenwood, Ikahihifo.

HULL KR 26 CASTLEFORD 10

Hull KR recorded their first win of the season as they got the better of a mistake-riddled Super League encounter with Castleford by a 26-10 score at Craven Park.

A sloppy opening 10 minutes saw both sides make several mistakes as neither could get a hold of the game. The contest came to life when Castleford's Bureta Faraimo was shown a yellow card for colliding illegally with Will Dagger. Immediately, Hull KR shifted to the left and Shaun Kenny-Dowall crossed for the Rovers to give them an early lead. Castleford would be reduced to 11 when Liam Watts was also shown a yellow card for a late hit on Hull KR's Mikey Lewis.

Castleford hit back against the script when Jordan Turner ran the perfect line to cross for the Tigers, it took James Child several replays to confirm Liam Moore's on-field decision of try and the Tigers had a shock 6-4 advantage.

Right on half-time, Castleford conceded a late try when Sam Wood crossed in the right corner and Hull KR held a slender 8-6 advantage. Wood claimed an all-important third try for the home side 12 minutes into the second half as he burrowed his way over in the right corner after good work by Abdull who finally converted a Hull KR try to make it 14-6.

A double whammy all but put the game out of reach for the Tigers when Matt Parcell and Brad Takarangi crossed for tries within 5 minutes of each other to put the score out to an unassailable margin of 20 points. Castleford grabbed a late try courtesy of Faraimo but it was too late. Hull KR ran out of convincing 16 point winners.

HULL KR 26 (S. Wood 2, S. Kenny-Dowall, M. Parcell, B. Takairangi tries; J. Abdull 3 goals) DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 10 (B. Faraimo, J. Turner tries; G. O'Brien goal) AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK. Date: Fri, 25th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 8-6. Penalties: Hull KR 8-5. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 7,119. **HULL KR:** Dagger, Wood, Takairangi, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Storton, Parcell, King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Litten, Richards, Garratt, Laulu-Togaga'e. **CASTLEFORD:** Evalds, Olpherts, Turner, Fonua, Faraimo; Trueman, O'Brien; Massey, McShane (C), Griffin, Sutcliffe, Blair, Westerman. Int: Watts, Smith, Matagi, Robb.

ST HELENS 20 WAKEFIELD 4

St Helens continued their undefeated start with a scrappy and at times ill-disciplined performance winning 20-4 over Wakefield Trinity.

After a scrappy opening to the match, St Helens finally settled and got into the groove of the game and were rewarded when Mark Percival crossed for the first of his two tries in the fifteenth minute. Lewis Dodd thought he had a try minutes later, but it was taken off the board by the referee after the obstruction was spotted by his sideline official.

James Roby burrowed over out of dummy half just on the half-hour mark and the Saints had a 10-0 lead. St Helens would cross for another try in the final ten minutes before the break when Percival completed his double after being on the end of a lovely in-field grubber kick and Saints had a 16-0 advantage.

Wakefield had the final say going into half-time with a lovely cross-field kick from Brad Walker ending in the lap of Tom Johnstone who crossed to cut the margin to just 12 at half-time. St Helens sealed the game in the 64th minute when Josh Simm crossed in the corner to complete our final score of 20-4. Wakefield was far from disgraced but is still chasing their first win in the new season.

ST HELENS 20 (M. Percival 2, J. Roby, J. Simm tries; T. Makinson 2 goals) DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 4 (T. Johnstone try) AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM. Date: Fri, 25th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 16-4. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 10,361. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Simm; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Sironen, Paasi. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Johnstone, Hall, Minns, Lineham; Walker, Miller (C); Fifita, Bowes, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Crowther. Int: Battye, Whitbread, Batchelor, Kay.

HULL FC 48 SALFORD 16

Hull has responded resoundingly after last week's poor home performance, thumping Salford 48-16 in the first of two Super League matches this afternoon.

It was set to be a high scoring afternoon when replacement halfback Brad McNamara put a grubber kick in which found Darnell McIntosh to cross for the first try and lead 4-0 after 13 minutes. Minutes later, Hull scored again through a wonder ball from returning fullback Jake Connor who found Cameron Scott to cross and with Connor's conversion, Hull led 10-0.

Six minutes later, Scott crossed for try number two when he put a chip over the top of the Salford full-back and won the race to the ball to lead 14-0. Moments later, hooker Joe Lovodua crossed from point-blank range and it was becoming ugly for the visitors as they trailed 20-0. Salford would get the last laugh at half-time when Tim Lafai caught a mid-field bomb before scoring to give the Red Devils confidence going into half-time.

However, the second 40 was a direct replication of the first. Connor crossed for a vital Hull try and from there the flood gates opened. Second rower Jordan Lane crossed for a brace of tries in quick succession to put the game out of reach for the visitors. Josh Reynolds crossed as well with just over fifteen minutes to play to lead 42-6.

Salford grabbed a consolation try through Ken Sio to reduce the gap to 32 points before bench forward Tevita Satae crashed over for the easiest try in his rugby league career. Salford's Tim Lafai completed his double in 'junk time' to make the score-line 48-16 and revive their season.

HULL FC 48 (J. Lane 2, C. Scott 2, J. Connor, J. Lovodua, D. McIntosh, J. Reynolds, T. Satae tries; D. McIntosh 4, J. Connor 2 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 16** (T. Lafai 2, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 26th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 20-6. Penalties: Salford 7-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 10,081. **HULL FC:** Connor, Swift, Scott, Griffin (C), McIntosh; Reynolds, McNamara; Sao, Houghton, Satae, Lovodua, Lane, Fash. Int: Brown, Johnstone, Bowden, Shaul. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Sarginson, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Vuniyayawa, Ackers, Burke, Wright, Lannon, Taylor (C). Int: Akauola, Addy, Cross, Gerrard.

WARRINGTON 32 TOULOUSE 18

Warrington continue to pile misery on Toulouse Olympique's debut season, keeping them without a win defeating the newcomers 32-18.

It was a promising start for Warrington when Toby King grounded a George Williams chip kick and the Wolves had an early 4-0 lead. Toulouse kicked a penalty goal to halve the margin in the opening quarter-hour.

Josh Charnley soon widened the margin finishing off a lovely set play and with Stefan Ratchford's conversion, Wolves led 10-2. King nabbed his double right before half-time as the centre reached out and grounded the ball to the satisfactory standards of the in-goal judge and the score was now 16-2 at half-time.

Things got worse for Toulouse after the break when George Williams raced the best part of 70 metres untouched to make the score 22-2. Olympique had to be next to score, and they got some luck when debutant Ollly Ashall-Bott provided a moment he would never forget when he broke the line and outpaced the fullback to reduce the margin to just 14 points.

Their hope and optimism was short-lived when two quick Wolves tries by Charnley (securing his double) and Jason Clark crossing to give the Wolves an unassailable lead of 32-8. Toulouse grabbed themselves two consolation tries to Romain Navarrete and Maxime Stefani to make the score-line respectable for Olympique going down 32-18.

WARRINGTON 32 (J. Charnley 2, T. King 2, D. Clark, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 18** (O. Ashall-Bott, R. Navarrete, M. Stefani tries; C. Hankinson 3 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sat, 26th February. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 16-2. Penalties: Warrington 7-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 4,887. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Armitage, Hankinson, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Navarrete, White, Garbutt, Dixon, Stefani, Bretherton. Int: Pélissier, Sangaré, Puech, Marion. **WARRINGTON:** Ratchford (C), Charnley, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Dean, Williams; Philbin, Walker, Mulhern, Hughes, Longstaff, Clark. Int: Cooper, Clark, Bullock, Davis.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 3

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	3	0	0	68	6
2	Wigan	3	0	0	46	6
3	Warrington	3	0	0	40	6
4	Huddersfield	2	0	1	32	4
5	Hull FC	2	0	1	4	4
6	Salford	2	0	1	4	4
7	Catalans	2	0	1	-12	4
8	Hull KR	1	0	2	-12	2
9	Wakefield	0	0	3	-22	0
10	Leeds	0	0	3	-30	0
11	Castleford	0	0	3	-50	0
12	Toulouse	0	0	3	-68	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Michael McIlorum (Catalans): Grade A Careless High Tackle - 1 match
Curtis Sironen (St Helens): Grade B Late hit on passer - 1 match
Bureta Faraimo (Castleford): Grade B Reckless High Tackle - 2 matches
Liam Watts (Castleford): Grade A Careless High Tackle - 1 match
Ryan Brierley (Salford): Grade B Dangerous Contact
[other contrary behaviour - leads with feet] - 1 match
Dan Sarginson (Salford): Grade A Late hit on passer - 1 match

ROUND 4

LEEDS 34 WAKEFIELD 18

The Leeds Rhinos have won the battle of Super League's cellar-dwellers downing Wakefield Trinity 34-18.

David Fusitu'a began the scoring for the visitors in just the third minute charging over the top of the Wakefield defence. Four minutes later, Morgan Gannon crossed when he finished off a lovely set play in what would be a long night for Willie Poching's side. The onslaught continued moments later when Harry Newman crossed in the right corner and it was soon turning into a cricket score.

A dropped ball from a clearing kick saw Ash Handley grab the first of his three tries and with Rhyse Martin's conversion, Leeds had a 24-0 lead. Handley grabbed his second try moments later off another soft error and even worse defence which gave the visitors a commanding 30-0 half-time buffer.

Wakefield responded first after half-time when Matty Ashurst crossed after a successful bomb defusal. Handley completed his hat-trick in the 62nd minute with a spectacular put down in the right-hand corner giving the visitors a 28 point lead. Wakefield grabbed two consolation tries in the last five minutes through Max Jowitt and Tom Johnstone, but by then the damage had already been done. Leeds ran out convincing 34-18 winners with the scoreline not reflecting the Rhinos' dominance.

LEEDS 34 (A. Handley 3, D. Fusitu'a, M. Gannon, H. Newman tries; R. Martin 5 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 18** (M. Ashurst, T. Johnstone, M. Jowitt tries; M. Jowitt 3 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 3rd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 30-0. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 7-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 5,040. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Johnstone, Pitts, Batchelor, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Bowes, Arona, Ashurst, Tanginoa, Crowther. Int: Battye, Kay, Aydin, Fifita. **LEEDS:** Walker, Fusitu'a, Newman, Sutcliffe, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Prior, Gannon, Martin, Tetevano. Int: Dwyer, Smith, Thompson, Briscoe.

ST HELENS 42 HULL KR 8

St Helens have maintained their undefeated start downing Hull-Kingston Rovers 42-8 in a comprehensive, one-sided performance.

It was destined to be a long night for the home fans when Sione Mata'utia crossed after just four minutes for an early 6-0 advantage. Despite the possession count favouring the visitors. Hull KR was the next to score when Ryan Hall crossed in the left corner doing well to stay in play and reduce the margin to just two points. From there it was one-way traffic, the carnage began with under ten minutes to go before half-time when Tommy Makinson scored off a questionable pass from Jack Welsby. The conversion from the sideline extended the margin to eight points. Lewis Dodd grabbed a quickfire double, on both occasions showcasing his magnificent running game and in the space of ten minutes, what was a competitive score-line, turned into a blowout with Saints leading by 20.

Straight after the break, it was much of the same, Mata'utia grabbed his second when he barged over the top of some would-be defence. Seven minutes later, Makinson grabbed his second when the Robins defence jammed in which gave him an open run to the line. Alex Walmsley grabbed the next try in the sixty-fourth minute when he won the race to a clever chip from Dodd. Hull grabbed a consolation try in the latter stages of the match when Frankie Halton outmuscled the defenders to slam the football down. Saints had the last laugh when Makinson completed his hat-trick when a grubber kick in the in-goal couldn't be cleaned up by Hull and Makinson slammed it down finishing the 42-8 romp in style.

ST HELENS 42 (T. Makinson 3, L. Dodd 2, S. Mata'utia 2, A. Walmsley tries; T. Makinson 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 8** (R. Hall, F. Halton tries) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Fri, 4th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 24-4. Penalties: Hull KR 8-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 7,256. **HULL KR:** Coote, Wood, Takairangi, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Vete, Parcell, King, Hadley, Halton, Minchella. Int: Storton, Litten, Sims, Dagger. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Hopoate; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Amor.

CATALANS 24 WARRINGTON 18

Catalans have overcome a furious finish to defeat the Warrington Wolves 24-18.

It was the Dragons that got off to the best start when Matt Whitley crossed after a furious opening for fourteen minutes. Whitley scored off a brilliant short ball from Josh Drinkwater and the Dragons had an early 6-0 advantage. Warrington provided the swift reply with a touch over ten minutes later when Matty Ashton crossed off a break down the field from Tobey King. The scores remained at 6 all at half-time.

Straight after the break, Catalans took control when Arthur Romano crossed six minutes after the resumption in a bizarre incident, Warrington dropped the bomb, and Romano kicked ahead and won the race to ground the football first. Mitchell Pearce crossed for the Dragons just under ten minutes later winning the race to Drinkwater's grubber as the Aussie combo continues to build.

Mickael Goudemand sealed the game with a bizarre grubber kick which Warrington left to him to pick up and score. With the game at 24-6, Warrington made too many mistakes and left their running way too late. Josh Charnley scored twice in the final two minutes, but they left their run extremely late as Catalans held on for a six point victory.

CATALANS 24 (M. Goudemand, M. Pearce, A. Romano, M. Whitley tries; J. Drinkwater 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 18** (J. Charnley 2, M. Ashton tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 4th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Warrington 5-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,295. **WARRINGTON:** Ratchford, Charnley, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Widdop, Williams; Bullock, Walker, Cooper, Currie, Holmes, Hughes (C). Int: Philbin, Clark, Davis, Mulhern. **CATALANS:** May, Davies, Langi, Romano, Franco; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dezaria, Da Costa, McMeeken, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Goudemand, Kasiano.

WIGAN 29 TOULOUSE 28

A late field goal from Wigan halfback Harry Smith was enough to seal a comeback over a brave Toulouse outfit 29-28.

Wigan got off to a flying start, scoring two tries in the opening 10 minutes of the contest. Jai Field opened the scoring when he received a lovely offload and ran 40 metres to score under the sticks. Minutes later, Wigan were in again when Zak Hardaker finished off a lovely set play and Toulouse was in a mad dash of panic. To the home side's credit, they fought back incredibly well and grabbed a try off a cross-field kick when Guy Armitage snagged up the loose ball to score. Then another Tony Gigot kick saw Hardaker lose the ball and Maxine Stefani forced his way over the line with Chris Hankinson converting to level the scores at 10-10 on the half-hour. Toulouse took the lead shortly after when Gigot pounced on a loose ball and grounded it just inside the dead-ball line and an upset appeared on the cards. Gigot and hooker Eloi Pelissier each slotted field goals just before half-time to make it 18-10 at the break.

Wigan was quick to score after the break when Cade Cust chased his own grubber kick and dived on the ball to score and reduce the margin to just two points. Toulouse grabbed two tries in the space of four minutes, first Matty Russell finished off a lovely set play in the corner to give Olympique a 22-16 lead before Armitage grabbed his second outmuscling several Wigan defenders to extend the margin by 12 points. Liam Marshall kept Wigan in touch when he just scraped in at the right corner for a try on his 100th appearance for the Warriors. Before the wizardry of Jai Field crossed in the opposite corner. With both conversions successful, it was 28 all. Toulouse had a field goal charged down, and off the ensuing set, Harry Smith slotted the field goal to secure the comeback win.

WIGAN 29 (J. Field 2, C. Cust, Z. Hardaker, L. Marshall tries; Z. Hardaker 4 goals; H. Smith field goal) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 28** (G. Armitage 2, T. Gigot, M. Russell, M. Stefani tries; C. Hankinson 3 goals; T. Gigot, É. Pelissier field goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sat, 5th March. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-10. Penalties: Toulouse 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,466. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Armitage, Hankinson, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Navarrete, Pelissier, Garbutt, Stefani, Bretherton, Marion. Int: Springer, Sangaré, Robson. **WIGAN:** Field, Miski, Hardaker, Pearce-Paul, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, Powell (C), Ellis, Farrell, Bateman, Smithies. Int: Mago, Partington, Byrne, Shorrocks.

HUDDERSFIELD 34 SALFORD 2

Huddersfield has run away with the points downing Salford Red Devils 34-2.

Salford opened the scoring with a Marc Sneyd penalty goal, but unfortunately, that would be the end of their scoring for the afternoon. Will Pryce continued his great start to his Super League career scoring a great try in the ninth minute.

A dour struggle ensued for the remainder of the half until Chris McQueen scored seven minutes from half-time off a lovely grubber kick from Tui Lolohea, a yellow card for Ryan Lannon on half-time gave Pryce a gift of two points and the Giants led by 12 at the break.

Huddersfield ran away with the game in the second 40 which began in the forty-seventh minute when Innes Senior crossed in the corner, stepping up the winger Joe Burgess to finish in the corner. Chris Hill barged over ten minutes later continuing a promising day for the home side.

Five minutes later, Brodie Croft had his pass intercepted by Jermaine McGillvary and the winger raced away to score under the posts. Senior grabbed his second inside the final ten minutes to put an exclamation point on a Gigantic victory for Huddersfield early in the new season.

HUDDERSFIELD 34 (I. Senior 2, C. Hill, J. McGillvary, C. McQueen, W. Pryce tries; W. Pryce 5 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 2** (M. Sneyd goal) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 14-2. Penalties: Huddersfield 9-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 5,702. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Pryce; Hill, O'Brien, Trout, Roberts, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, English, Ikahihifo, Wilson. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Costello, Cross, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Vuniyayawa, Ackers, Burke, Wright, Lannon, Taylor (C). Int: Akauola, Addy, Atkin, Ormondroyd.

CASTLEFORD 33 HULL FC 26

Castleford has had a great performance holding off a fast-finishing Hull FC 33-26 before a big crowd at the Jungle.

Hull had the worst possible start when they failed to catch the kick-off which fell into the arms of Daniel Smith and the Tigers scored without a doubt the fastest try of the season thus far and shot to an early 6-0 advantage. The Tigers potted over a penalty goal when Danny Houghton was given a yellow card in the eighth minute.

Hull was next to score in the twenty-ninth minute when Houghton scored upon his return from the sin bin and crossed to reduce the margin to just two points. Greg Eden soon restored the Tigers' six-point advantage. Castleford hit Hull with the double blow when Cheyse Blair charged over to extend the margin back out to two converted tries.

But Castleford did what Hull did to start the first half off the ensuing kick-off and Josh Griffen scored for the black and whites to cut the half-time margin to 6. After the break, Castleford was first to score when Gareth O'Brien crossed when he sliced through Hull's defence. Eden had his second try just six minutes later when he finished off a lovely set play.

Hull wouldn't go away despite being down by 14 points. Adam Swift crossed in the fifty-fifth minute when he produced a lovely finish in the left corner. Hull would score again minutes later when Conner Wynne won the race to a neat grubber kick and the margin was cut to within a try.

Eden capped his hatrick in bizarre circumstances when he appeared to go into touch after a great tackle by Jake Connor, but the officials cleared and gave Eden his hatrick. Jamie Shaul crossed late to give Hull hope, but an O'Brien field goal with under two minutes to play sealed the game for the Tigers.

CASTLEFORD 33 (G. Eden 3, C. Blair, G. O'Brien, D. Smith tries; G. O'Brien 4 goals; G. O'Brien field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 26** (J. Griffin, D. Houghton, J. Shaul, A. Swift, C. Wynne tries; B. McNamara 3 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Castleford 18-12. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 10,072. **CASTLEFORD:** O'Brien, Olpherts, Fonua, Turner, Eden; Trueman, McShane (C); Matagi, Lawler, Smith, Blair, Sutcliffe, Westerman. Int: Hepi, Hall, Robb. **HULL FC:** Connor, Swift, Wynne, Griffin (C), Shaul; Reynolds, McNamara; Sao, Houghton, Satae, Savelio, Lane, Fash. Int: Lovodua, Evans, Brown, Johnstone.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 4

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	4	0	0	102	8
2	Wigan	4	0	0	47	8
3	Huddersfield	3	0	1	64	6
4	Warrington	3	0	1	34	6
5	Catalans	3	0	1	-6	6
6	Hull FC	2	0	2	-3	4
7	Salford	2	0	2	-28	4
8	Leeds	1	0	3	-14	2
9	Castleford	1	0	3	-43	2
10	Hull KR	1	0	3	-46	2
11	Wakefield	0	0	4	-38	0
12	Toulouse	0	0	4	-69	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Max Jowitt (Wakefield): Grade C Other Contrary Behaviour - 2 match
Cameron Smith (Leeds): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Kruise Leeming (Leeds): Grade B High Tackle - 1 match
Konrad Hurrell (St Helens): Grade A Late Hit - 1 match
Matt Davis (Warrington): Grade B Dangerous Tackle - 1 match
Josh Charnley (Warrington): Grade C Strikes - 2 match

ROUND 5

HULL FC 31 LEEDS 8

Hull FC continue to defy the form guide crushing the Leeds Rhinos 31-8 to open Round 5 of the Super League season.

Jake Connor had a point to prove after being left out of Shaun Wane's England squad last week and opened the scoring after a scrappy opening quarter to the game which saw opposing front-rowers Kane Evans and Matt Prior sent to the sin bin. Connor's show and go proved too much for the Leeds defence as Hull had an early 6-0 lead.

Ten minutes later, Hull crossed again when Adam Swift scored off a lovely cut out pass from Jake Connor and the black and whites had a 12-0 cushion. That margin extended almost immediately when Connor crossed for his double just before the break showcasing the same skills as his first try and Hull had an imposing 18-0 half-time lead.

After the break, the Hull rampage continued when Joe Lovodua provided a lovely short ball to Andre Savelio who charged over to score and make the scoreline 24-0. Just past the hour mark, Lovodua scored to put the game out of reach for Leeds at 30-0. Connor capped off a man of the match performance with a go-ahead field goal to put his side up by 31. Leeds got two late tries in the final ten minutes through Tom Briscoe and Liam Sutcliffe, but all it will do is help out in the for and against category.

HULL FC 31 (J. Connor 2, J. Lovodua, A. Savelio, A. Swift tries; B. McNamara 5 goals; J. Connor field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 8** (T. Briscoe, L. Sutcliffe tries) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 10th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 18-0. Penalties: Leeds 6-5. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 11,552. **LEEDS:** Walker, Fusitu'a, Briscoe, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Johnson, Prior, Gannon, Martin, Tetevano. Int: Dwyer, Mellor, Thompson, Donaldson. **HULL FC:** Connor, Swift, Vulkijapani, Griffin (C), Shaul; Lovodua, McNamara; Evans, Houghton, Satae, Savelio, Sao, Brown. Int: Cator, Fash, Johnstone, Bowden.

WAKEFIELD 18 TOULOUSE 6

Wakefield Trinity has won their first match of the season downing Toulouse Olympique in a dour struggle by 12 points.

Liam Hood ducked out of acting half to cross for the home side just inside the game's opening stages for an early 6-0 advantage. Minutes later, the visitors hit back when Guy Armitage crossed after a well-worked set play from Toulouse and the game looked set to be a back and forth encounter.

The rest of the first 40 saw just a solitary penalty goal from Wakefield's Brad Walker and the game was evenly poised at 8-6 at half-time. Straight after the resumption, Wakefield made their intentions known and it was Kelepi Tanginoa who crossed for the home side when he barged over off a simple crash play and the Wildcats had an 8 point cushion.

Toulouse came close on several occasions, but as has often been the case this season, they lacked the necessary details when they needed to convert. The match wasn't sealed until seven minutes from time when Liam Kay did well to keep the ball in play and Walker scooped on the loose ball to score the game-sealing try.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 18 (C. Hall, L. Hood, K. Tanginoa tries; B. Walker 3 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 6** (G. Armitage try; C. Hankinson goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 11th March. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 8-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,351. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Escaré, Johnstone, Hall, Lyne, Kay; Walker, Lino; Fifita, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts (C), Batchelor. Int: Battye, Tanginoa, Whitbread, Bowes. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Armitage, Hankinson, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Bretherton, Pélissier, Hansen, Stefani, Dixon, Marion. Int: Peyroux, Puech, Sangaré, Robson.

HULL KR 26 SALFORD 16

A double from Hull KR's Mikey Lewis helped Hull KR secure a good victory over the Salford Red Devils in Round 5 of the Super League season.

It was once again another slow start from Salford and the points began to flow in the fifteenth minute when Elliot Minchella crossed off a crash play and Rovers had an early 6-0 advantage. Salford had plenty of chances but couldn't break through the Rovers' defence.

Interchange forward Matthew Storton crossed for Rovers with under ten minutes to go before the break after another crash play and the score was 12-0. Salford's Ryan Lannon was sent to the sin bin with five minutes to go and Mikey Lewis crossed making Salford pay for going down a man and they trailed 18-0 at half-time.

Salford turned it around after half-time when ever-reliable winger Ken Sio crossed four minutes after the resumption of play and the Red Devils only trailed by 12. The home side thought a comeback was on when Shane Wright crossed to reduce the margin to 8.

Then they were partying in the stands when Marc Sneyd intercepted a goal-line pass before linking up with Joe Burgess who raced away to score. Unfortunately, any hope of a comeback was short-lived when Lewis completed his double in the last ten minutes sealing an impressive victory for Hull KR. A penalty goal on full-time extended the final margin to 10 points.

HULL KR 26 (M. Lewis 2, E. Minchella, M. Storton tries; J. Abdull 5 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 16** (J. Burgess, K. Sio, S. Wright tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 11th March. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 18-0. Penalties: Hull KR 9-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 3,950. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd (C); Akauola, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Wright, Greenwood, Addy. Int: Taylor, Lannon, Ormondroyd, Gerrard. **HULL KR:** Dagger, Wood, Keinhorst, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Garratt, Parcell, King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Vete, Hadley, Storton, Litten.

ST HELENS 28 WARRINGTON 2

St Helens continue their undefeated start downing Warrington 28-2.

Warrington opened the scoring in the fifteenth minute when Stefan Ratchford chipped over a penalty goal, unfortunately for the visitors that would be the last of their scoring this afternoon. Sione Mata'utia was sin-binned for a late hit on George Williams although replays suggested it was only a fraction of a second late. Williams followed him minutes later for a professional foul.

Jack Welsby crossed for the game's opening try in the twenty-third minute after winning the race to the ball off a grubber kick. Tommy Makinson struck for the first of his two tries nailing the hammer blow on the visitors just before half-time.

There was no way back for the visitors when Makinson gathered in Welsby's cut-out pass to score his second try at the 53-minute mark. St Helens were in cruise control by then and added further tries through Mark Percival, who scored from a scrum play, and Johnny Lomax, who pounced on an error from Warrington with Lewis Dodd adding both conversions.

ST HELENS 28 (T. Makinson 2, J. Lomax, M. Percival, J. Welsby tries; L. Dodd 2, T. Makinson 2 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 2** (S. Ratchford goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 11th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-2. Penalties: Warrington 8-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 16,118. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hopoate, Percival, Simm; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Sironen, Paasi. **WARRINGTON:** Ratchford, Thewlis, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Widdop, Williams; Bullock, Clark, Cooper, Currie, Holmes, Hughes (C). Int: Philbin, Clark, Walker, Mulhern.

HUDDERSFIELD 36 CASTLEFORD 24

The Huddersfield Giants have overcome a fierce Castleford comeback, due in large parts to a Ricky Leutele hat-trick in the final quarter-hour to win 36-24.

Huddersfield got off to the better start and crossed inside the opening ten minutes when Owen Trout charged over a Danny Levi short ball for the early six-point advantage. Seven minutes later, the Giants went to the skies. Chris McQueen came down with the ball before unloading to Luke Yates who crossed to extend the lead to two converted tries. Huddersfield nailed a seismic blow on the stroke of half-time when Jermaine McGillvary crossed in the corner for a hefty 18 point half-time lead whilst Jacob Trueman was sin-binned for the visitors.

Danny Levi was sin-binned just before the break, and the Tigers capitalised on their one-man advantage when Joe Westerman broke the line and linked up with Trueman to cross and the Tigers were back in the contest. Minutes later and back on even numbers, Mahe Fonua charged over from dummy half and the Tigers were within a converted try.

When McGillvary was sin-binned, Greg Eden crossed down his side and the game was locked up at 18-18. Castleford completed the comeback off the ensuing set when Trueman crossed for his second try after an Eden linebreak and the Tigers led by 6. George Lawler's sin bin for the Tigers would be a turning point, which allowed Rick Leutele to cross for a hat-trick in the space of fifteen minutes crossing in the 64th, 72nd and 78th minutes to complete the Huddersfield comeback. Each tries capitalising on the space left by Lawler's absence, the last showcasing magnificent strength to get the ball down inside the field of play.

HUDDERSFIELD 36 (R. Leutele 3, J. McGillvary, O. Trout, L. Yates tries; W. Pryce 6 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 24** (J. Trueman 2, G. Eden, M. Fonua tries; G. O'Brien 4 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 12th March. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 18-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-5. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 5,717. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Pryce, Russell; Hill, Levi, Trout, Roberts, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: English, Greenwood, Ikaiahifo, O'Brien. **CASTLEFORD:** O'Brien, Olpherts, Turner, Fonua, Eden; Trueman, McShane (C); Matagi, Lawler, Smith, Blair, Sutcliffe, Westerman. Int: Watts, Edwards, Hepi, Robb.v

CATALANS 28 WIGAN 0

The extra week spent in France by Wigan proved to be misjudged as the Warriors were kept scoreless for the first time this season going down 28-0 to a more determined Catalans Dragons side.

Catalans scored off a scrum play when Mitchell Pearce stepped past some sloppy Wigan defence for the game's opening try and the Dragons had an early 6-0 lead. Sloppy was the name of the game for Wigan in the opening stages when two gift penalties allowed Sam Tomkins to pot over two penalty goals and extend the margin to 10 points.

Catalans nailed the big blow right on half-time when Michael McIlorum put a grubber kick to the Wigan line, Mickael Goudemand was first to dive on it and plant the ball down for a try, with Tomkins nailing the conversion making it 16-0 at half-time.

Catalans extended their lead to 22-0 when Pearce pounced for his second try as Wigan fumbled once more in their in-goal area showcasing the NRL champion's years of experience. Tomkins added his fifth conversion of the night to start making the scoreline ugly for the visitors. Samisoni Langi needed the video referee's inspection to prove he had slid over the line in the 62nd minute to make it 28-0 with Tomkins' conversion.

The aggression got the better of both sides in the final minutes when an all-in melee was instigated by Bateman and Jordan Dezaria in the final minutes, with referee Robert Hicks issuing red cards to Dezaria and Wigan's Kaide Ellis.

CATALANS 28 (M. Pearce 2, M. Goudemand, S. Langi tries; S. Tomkins 6 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 0 AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 12th March. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 16-0. Penalties: Wigan 7-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 7,481. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Whare, Romano; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dezaria, McIlorum, McMeeken, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Dudson, Goudemand, May, Chan. **WIGAN:** Field, Hardaker, Bibby, Pearce-Paul, Marshall; Cust, Leuluai (C); Singleton, Powell, Ellis, Farrell, Bateman, Isa. Int: Mago, Smithies, Byrne, Shorrocks.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 5

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	5	0	0	128	10
2	Huddersfield	4	0	1	76	8
3	Catalans	4	0	1	22	8
4	Wigan	4	0	1	19	8
5	Hull FC	3	0	2	20	6
6	Warrington	3	0	2	8	6
7	Hull KR	2	0	3	-36	4
8	Salford	2	0	3	-38	4
9	Wakefield	1	0	4	-26	2
10	Leeds	1	0	4	-37	2
11	Castleford	1	0	4	-55	2
12	Toulouse	0	0	5	-81	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Ellis Robson (Toulouse): Grade B Dangerous Contact, Crusher - 1 match
Kane Evans (Hull FC): Grade B High Tackle, Reckless - 2 match
Matt Prior (Leeds): Grade B High Tackle, Reckless - 1 match
Sione Mata'utia (St Helens): Grade B High Tackle, Reckless - 2 matches
Brad Singleton (Wigan): Grade B Late Hit on Passer - 2 matches
Jordan Dezaria (Catalans): Grade E Strikes, Punching - 3 matches, £500
Kaide Ellis (Wigan): Grade E Strikes, Punching - 5 matches, £500

ROUND 6

WIGAN 32 CASTLEFORD 22

Wigan Warriors piled on some points either side of half-time to repel a gallant late fightback from the Castleford Tigers.

It was the visitors who struck first through the boot of Gareth O'Brien before the Wigan side responded with a four-pointer to Zac Hardaker to make it 4-2.

From there, Wigan Warriors extended their lead with a double to winger Liam Marshall which gave them a healthy buffer heading into the break. Castleford did pull one back through Greg Eden for a 10-6 score line.

The Warriors were the smarter of the teams after the break with Ethan Havard and former NRL star Jai Field scoring alongside three Hardaker goals, extending their lead to 28-6.

Castleford Tigers gave the Warriors a fright in the finishing stages with tries to prop Greg Griffin, five-eighth Jake Trueman and centre Jake Mamo brought it back to 28-22.

Two late penalty goals from the assured Hardaker ensured the Warriors took home the two points. The winger had a solid night with the boot kicking six out of seven goals.

WIGAN 32 (L. Farrell 2, J. Field, Z. Hardaker, E. Havard tries; Z. Hardaker 6 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 22** (G. Eden, G. Griffin, J. Mamo, J. Trueman tries; G. O'Brien 3 goals) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 17th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-6. Penalties: Wigan 6-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,042. **WIGAN:** Field, Hardaker, Pearce-Paul, Halsall, Marshall; Cust, Leuluai (C); Smithies, Powell, Byrne, Bateman, Farrell, Isa. Int: Mago, Smith, Partington, Havard. **CASTLEFORD:** O'Brien, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Eden; Trueman, McShane (C); Griffin, Lawler, Smith, Edwards, Blair, Westerman. Int: Faraimo, Hepi, Matagi, Martin.

CATALANS 18 HULL KR 10

Hull KR led at the break against Grand Finalists Catalan Tigers before a Joe Chan four-pointer sent the home fans away happy.

The Dragons were the first to hit the scoreboard through the boot of Sam Tomkins, who kicked a penalty goal to make it 2-0 before winger Foud Yaha dived over to make it 8-0.

Tomkins continued to have a love affair with the kicking tee. He kicked another penalty goal to stretch the Dragons advantage to double digits.

Hull KR got into their groove in the 24th minute through Ryan Hall's score then another to Shaun Kenny-Dowall before the break which made it 10-all at halftime.

In a second half where chances were at a premium, the Dragons were the only side to cross the whitewash through prop Joe Chan. A late Tomkins penalty goal gave us the final score line of 18-10.

CATALANS 18 (J. Chan, F. Yaha tries; S. Tomkins 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 10** (R. Hall, S. Kenny-Dowall tries; J. Abdull goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Fri, 18th March. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Catalans 10-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 6,782. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Napa, McLorum, McMeeken, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, May, Chan, Kasiano. **HULL KR:** Dagger, Wood, Keinhorst, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Garratt, Litten, King, Halton, Storton, Minchella. Int: Vete, Sims, Ryan, Richards.

SALFORD 26 LEEDS 12

A flurry of late points from Salford Red Devils secured them two points against a plucky Leeds Rhinos side on Friday night.

The visitors were the first to find the try line through forward Mikolaj Oledzki before Salford responded through winger Ken Sio to lock it up at 6-6.

Leeds nudged their nose ahead on the half hour mark when winger Ash Handley dived over to make it 10-8. The Rhinos were reduced to 12 just before the break due to a Bodene Thompson sin-bin.

It was another Rhinos sin-bin this time to Zane Tetevano which gave the Red Devils a route back into the contest. Chris Aitken breached the Rhinos diminished defence then a Marc Sneyd goal gave Salford the lead at 12-10.

Scores from Elijah Taylor and Sneyd helped balloon the score line out for the 5,766 fans inside the AJ Bell Stadium and sent the Red Devils fans into their weekend the happier of the two fan groups.

SALFORD 26 (C. Atkin, R. Brierley, K. Sio, E. Taylor tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 12** (A. Handley, M. Oledzki tries; R. Martin 2 goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 18th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 10-8. Penalties: Salford 8-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 5,756. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Gerrard, Lannon, Wright, Taylor (C). Int: Burke, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Wells. **LEEDS:** Walker, Briscoe, Broadbent, Sutcliffe, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Tetevano, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Dwyer, Mellor, Thompson, Donaldson.

WAKEFIELD 38 WARRINGTON 22

Wakefield Trinity took home the points in a 16-point success against a spirited Warrington Wolves side in a Super League afternoon delight.

Despite the early kick-off, it wasn't a sleepy opening in Warrington as Wolves lead 12-6. Three tries were scored in the first 20 minutes of the contest.

Wolves scored through backs Matthew Ashton and Toby King while hooker Liam Hood crossed for the visitors. Trinity silenced the crowd with quickfire scores to Jordan Crowther and Corey Hall to snatch the lead.

In a game which was tightly contested, it was fitting the teams went into the break at 18-all when Wolves hooker Danny Walker went in for a four-pointer.

Both sides traded tries once more in the second half with Josh Thewlis diving over for the Wolves before former Warriors half Mason Lino levelled for Trinity at 24-all.

From there, Trinity finally put the contest to bed with Morgan Escare's late try after Lino had booted a penalty goal to give us the final score line of 38-22 for the visitors.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 38 (M. Ashurst, J. Crowther, M. Escaré, C. Hall, L. Hood, M. Lino tries; M. Lino 7 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 22** (M. Ashton, T. King, J. Thewlis, D. Walker tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 19th March. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: 18-all. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 8-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 8,164. **WARRINGTON:** Ratchford, Thewlis, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Widdop, Williams; Hughes (C), Walker, Cooper, Currie, Holmes, Davis. Int: Clark, Philbin, Longstaff, Butler. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Escaré, Johnstone, Hall, Lyne, Kay; Miller (C), Lino; Fifita, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Crowther. Int: Battye, Tanginoa, Whitbread, Batchelor.

TOULOUSE 22 ST HELENS 20

Paul Marcon's late try saw Toulouse register their first-ever win in Super League against three-times champions St Helens in France.

Toulouse got off to the perfect start when Matthew Russell scored the first try of the contest within the opening two minutes of the game getting underway.

The Saints responded in ruthless fashion with back-to-back tries to Tommy Makinson and Josh Simm helping the Champions to a narrow 8-6 lead.

Dominique Peyroux put the hosts back ahead at the 20 minute mark but Saints reclaimed the lead when fullback Jack Welsby scored for a 14-12 advantage at the break.

It looked like the Saints would march back across the channel with the two points when interchange player Dan Norman crossed combined with Lewis Dodd's conversion made it 20-12.

Toulouse didn't read the script, crossing twice in the final fifteen minutes to snatch the two points and open their account for 2022.

Chris Hankinson and Paul Marcon were the try scorers in the historic win for the promoted side in a game where Hankinson's three goals were the difference.

TOULOUSE 22 (C. Hankinson, P. Marcon, D. Peyroux, M. Russell tries; C. Hankinson 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 20** (T. Makinson, D. Norman, J. Simm, J. Welsby tries; L. Dodd 2 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sat, 19th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 14-12. Penalties: Toulouse 8-7. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 5,568. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Armitage, Hankinson, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Bretherton, Marion, Sangaré, Dixon, Peyroux, Puech. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Paulo, Garbutt. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Simm; Lomax, Dodd; Paasi, Lussick, Lees, Sironen, Knowles, McCarthy-Scarsbrook. Int: Roby (C), Amor, Wingfield, Norman.

HULL FC 14 HUDDERSFIELD 6

Hull FC did all their work before the hour mark to secure the points in a 14-6 success against Huddersfield Giants at Hull Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The hosts scored the only points of the first half through centre Miteli Vulikijapani quickly followed by a Ben McNamara conversion for the 6-0 lead.

Hull FC extended their lead to eight from the boot of McNamara again in the 48th minute before Andre Savelio put the side beyond two scores with his four-pointer.

The visitors who had a chance to draw level with St Helens had their task made harder when fullback Will Pryce was sent off for a dangerous tackle.

Huddersfield Giants gave them a slight scare in the final ten minutes when former Rabbitoh Chris McQueen broke their duck. Tui Lolohea converted for the 14-6 final score.

HULL FC 14 (A. Savelio, M. Vulikijapani tries; B. McNamara 3 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 6** (C. McQueen try; T. Lolohea goal) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 6-0. Penalties: Hull FC 8-5. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,682. **HULL FC:** Connor, Swift, Vulikijapani, Griffin (C), Wynne; McNamara, Lovodua; Sao, Houghton, Satae, Savelio, Ma'u, Brown. Int: Lane, Fash, Johnstone, Bowden. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Pryce, Russell; Hill, Levi, Trout, Roberts, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, English, Greenwood, Wilson.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 6

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	5	0	1	126	10
2	Catalans	5	0	1	30	10
3	Wigan	5	0	1	29	10
4	Huddersfield	4	0	2	68	8
5	Hull FC	4	0	2	28	8
6	Warrington	3	0	3	-8	6
7	Salford	3	0	3	-24	6
8	Wakefield	2	0	4	-10	4
9	Hull KR	2	0	4	-44	4
10	Leeds	1	0	5	-51	2
11	Castleford	1	0	5	-65	2
12	Toulouse	1	0	5	-79	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jack Hughes (Warrington): Grade A late hit on passer - 1 match
Brad Martin (Castleford): Grade C high tackle - 2 matches
Mitchell Pearce (Catalans): Grade C dangerous throw - 2 matches
Zane Tetevano (Leeds): Grade B reckless high tackle - 2 matches
Will Pryce (Huddersfield): Grade F Dangerous throw - 10 matches

ROUND 7

WIGAN 19 HULL FC 18

Harry Smith's drop goal continued Wigan Warriors' strong start to the Super League season against a dogged Hull FC side.

Livewire Warriors fullback Jai Field electrified the opening with the first four-pointer of the contest to give the hosts the lead within four minutes.

Hull FC responded in style with back-to-back tries to winger Adam Swift and hooker Danny Houghton with both converted giving the black-and-whites a 12-6 lead at the break.

Ethan Havard made it tries in back-to-back weeks to draw the Warriors level with his effort in a contest which swung like a pendulum to kick off Round 7.

The visitors once again had the advantage when Tevita Satae barged over to make it 18-12 as they eyed the chance to lower the colours of the Warriors.

In the end, Warriors had enough firepower to take the points. Field popped up again to make it a double and leave the game in the balance at 18-all headed into the final fifteen minutes.

The dagger came in the final two minutes from young Warriors halfback Harry Smith who drilled his second field goal of the season for a priceless 19-18 win for the Cherry-and-Whites.

WIGAN 19 (J. Field 2, E. Havard tries; Z. Hardaker 3 goals; H. Smith field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 18** (D. Houghton, T. Satae, A. Swift tries; L. Gale 3 goals) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 31st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 12-6. Penalties: Wigan 6-4. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 9,581. **WIGAN:** Field, Hardaker, Bateman, Bibby, Marshall; Smith, Cust; Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: French, Mago, Partington, Havard. **HULL FC:** Connor, Swift, Vulikijapani, Griffin, McIntosh; Lovodua, Gale (C); Sao, Houghton, Satae, Savelio, Ma'u, Lane. Int: Fash, Brown, Johnstone.

CASTLEFORD 32 TOULOUSE 6

Castleford Tigers were dominant winners 32-6 against promoted Toulouse Olympique in the April Fools Day football fest.

After their loss last weekend, Castleford roared towards their second win of the season against bottom Toulouse running in five tries for the win.

The scoring was started by prolific winger Greg Eden in the 14th minute while fullback Niall Evalds and interchange player Adam Milner both found the line to put the Tigers ahead 20-0 at the break.

Castleford kept their foot on the throat after the break with Jake Mamo and Liam Watts the next to find themselves on the scorer's sheet. Tigers posting 32 straight points for 7,067 fans inside the stadium on Friday night.

There was some consolation for Toulouse Olympique right near the end of the contest. Halfback Tony Gigot dived over while Chris Hankinson converted his only effort for the 32-6 final score.

CASTLEFORD 32 (G. Eden, N. Evalds, J. Mamo, A. Milner, L. Watts tries; G. O'Brien 6 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 6** (T. Gigot try; C. Hankinson goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Fri, 1st April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 20-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 7,067. **CASTLEFORD:** Evalds, Eden, Turner, Mamo, Faraimo; Trueman, O'Brien; Griffin, McShane (C), Massey, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Watts, Milner, Fonua, Matagi. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Armitage, Hankinson, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Navarrete, Marion, Sangaré, Dixon, Peyroux, Paulo. Int: Pélissier, Puech, Garbutt, Cunningham.

HULL KR 34 WARRINGTON 18

Hull KR's first half blitz was enough for them to down Warrington Wolves 34-18 at a sold-out Craven Park on Friday night.

The whistle sounded like an alarm for Hull KR as the Robins piled on the points in the opening twenty minutes to lead 20-0 headed into halftime and stun the Wolves.

Frankie Halton, Ryan Hall, Lachlan Coote and Jimmy Keinhorst were the four players to cross the whitewash in the rampant rampage as Hull KR flexed their muscles.

It felt like Groundhog Day for Warrington just after half-time with Hull KR scoring twice through five-eighth Mikey Lewis and interchange player Jez Litten to heap further pain on the visitors.

Wolves crossed the stripe once in the first half through Peter Mata'utia then added some respectability to the scoreline in the second through George Williams and fullback Josh Thewlis.

Ryan Hall rounded off the dominant Robins performance with his second four-pointer after the hour mark. Lachlan Coote booted three conversions for a personal haul of 10 points.

HULL KR 34 (R. Hall 2, L. Coote, F. Halton, J. Keinhorst, M. Lewis, J. Litten tries; L. Coote 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 18** (P. Mata'utia, J. Thewlis, G. Williams tries; G. Widdop 3 goals) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Fri, 1st April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 20-6. Penalties: Hull KR 6-5. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,069. **HULL KR:** Coote, Keinhorst, Wood, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Milnes; Garratt, Parcell, King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Storton, Litten, Sims, Maher. **WARRINGTON:** Thewlis, Charnley, Mata'utia, King, Wrench; Widdop, Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper, Currie, Holmes, Hughes (C). Int: Philbin, Bullock, Walker, Magoulias.

ST HELENS 26 LEEDS 0

St Helens responded to their shock loss to Toulouse with a thumping 26-nil victory over Leeds Rhinos on Friday night at a stunned Headingley Stadium.

Fittingly it was a former Rhino that opened the scoring for St Helens with powerhouse centre Konrad Hurrell returning to haunt his former side.

Tommy Makinson kept up his superb try-scoring form with a brace in the demolition of the Rhinos which took him into double digits for four-pointers in 2022.

The Saints halves rounded off the scoring. Lewis Dodds and Jonny Lomax got themselves tries in an emphatic win for the reigning champions which sent a signal to the rest of the Super League competition.

For the Rhinos it was a similar sight being in the loser's column against St Helens and continues their terrible start to the 2022 season which has them near the relegation zone.

ST HELENS 26 (T. Makinson 2, L. Dodd, K. Hurrell, J. Lomax tries; M. Percival 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 0 AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 1st April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 8-0. Penalties: Leeds 9-6. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 14,083. **LEEDS:** Walker, Tindall, Briscoe, Broadbent, Handley (C); Austin, Sutcliffe; Oledzki, Leeming, Prior, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Gannon, O'Connor, Donaldson, Mustapha. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Paasi, Roby (C), McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Wingfield, Norman, Lussick, Royle.

HUDDERSFIELD 28 CATALANS 12

Huddersfield Giants registered a comfortable win 28-12 against last year's Grand Finalists Catalans Dragons on April Fool's Day Friday.

The Dragons started bright with the first four-pointer of the game with centre Samisoni Langi the try scorer as they aimed to build on their win last week.

That try stung the hosts into action with them finding the whitewash twice to snatch the lead headed into half-time. Owen Trout and hooker Danny Levi were the scorers for the Giants.

Catalans reduced the deficit to four right on the half-time buzzer. Dragons winger Tom Davies dived over in the corner to make it 12-8 and breathe life into the contest.

Most of the points scored in the second half were for the home side. Theo Fages extended their lead with his try before second rower Josh Jones put icing on the result in the final ten minutes to get the Giants back in the winner's circle.

The only points in the second half for Catalans was for try-scoring prop forward Joe Chan who made it tries in back-to-back weeks on the hour mark.

HUDDERSFIELD 28 (T. Fages, J. Jones, D. Levi, O. Trout tries; T. Lolohea 5, O. Russell goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 12** (J. Chan, T. Davies, S. Langi tries) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 1st April. Kickoff: 8:20 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 12-8. Penalties: Huddersfield 7-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,845. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior, Cogger, Russell; Hill, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Fages, Lawrence, Greenwood, Ikaiahifo. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Romano, Yaha; May, Drinkwater; Dudson, Garcia (C), Napa, Séguier, Chan, McMeeken. Int: Da Costa, Goudemand, Le Cam, Cozza.

WAKEFIELD 30 SALFORD 24

Wakefield Trinity won 30-24 off their impressive first half display against a resilient Salford Red Devils side on Sunday afternoon.

The hosts were in scintillating form in the first half and started with a bang when halfback Jacob Miller crossed the try line in the opening ten minutes.

That started to open the floodgates for Wakefield, with an impressive first half double from Tom Johnstone the highlight who showed all his full range of skills in both scores.

Johnstone started the movement which saw Reece Lyne dive over just over the half hour mark and had Wakefield leading 24-4 at the break.

Salford Red Devils did briefly make it 6-4 in the first half when veteran centre Tim Lafai broke free and set up Welsh winger Rhys Williams for a score.

The visitors did turn the tide of the contest after half-time with Deon Cross giving them the perfect start with a four-pointer quickly followed by Ken Sio to make it 24-14.

When Williams crossed for his double, there was belief for the Red Devils that they could stage a huge comeback win but wayward goal kicking from Marc Sneyd curtailed their comeback.

There was relief for Wakefield when second rower Jay Pitts crashed over to stretch their lead back out to 12 points and secure the win despite Sio's late score for the Red Devils.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 30 (T. Johnstone 2, R. Lyne, J. Miller, J. Pitts tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 24** (K. Sio 2, R. Williams 2, D. Cross tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 3rd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 24-4. Penalties: Salford 9-7. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 4,371. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Johnstone, Hall, Lyne, Kay; Miller (C), Lino; Tanginoa, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Battye, Crowther, Whitbread, Aydin. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Vuniyayawa, Ackers, Gerrard, Lannon, Taylor (C), Ormondroyd. Int: Akauola, Burke, Luckley.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 7

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	6	0	1	152	12
2	Wigan	6	0	1	30	12
3	Huddersfield	5	0	2	84	10
4	Catalans	5	0	2	14	10
5	Hull FC	4	0	3	27	8
6	Wakefield	3	0	4	-4	6
7	Warrington	3	0	4	-24	6
8	Hull KR	3	0	4	-28	6
9	Salford	3	0	4	-30	6
10	Castleford	2	0	5	-39	4
11	Leeds	1	0	6	-77	2
12	Toulouse	1	0	6	-105	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

George Lawler (Castleford): Grade C Dangerous Throw - 3 Matches

ROUND 8

CATALANS 18 TOULOUSE 10

Catalans Dragons won the first all-French Super League derby 18-10 in a fiery encounter which saw Joe Chan sent off and two others binned.

Emotions were running high for the derby but Catalans were the first to settle and strode out to a 14-nil lead over their neighbours in a fine first half display.

Dragons winger Foud Yaha opened the scoring as he finished a wonderful break from the hosts which started from their own half to make it 4-0.

Both sides had chances but Catalans took their advantage to double digits through Joe Chan. The forward has made a habit of finding the whitewash before he was dismissed in the second half for a dangerous tackle.

Toulouse were reduced to twelve when Matthew Russell was binned for a tactical foul as they were defending their line. Yaha took advantage and completed his double, making it a one-sided affair for the hosts.

The visitors did get some joy just before the break when superbly named centre Guy Armitage crossed to bring the margin back down to 10 points in a breathless first half.

Matt Whitley restored Catalans 14-point advantage following another sin bin, this time to Toulouse interchange utility Eloi Pelissier which created the space for the back to score.

Toulouse took advantage of the 12-man Catalans defensive line following Chan's dismissal which opened up space for Matthew Russell to send Chris Hankinson over to give the visitors some hope.

CATALANS 18 (F. Yaha 2, J. Chan, M. Whitley tries; J. Drinkwater goal) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 10** (G. Armitage, M. Russell tries; C. Hankinson goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Thu, 14th April. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 14-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 8,922. **CATALANS:** May, Davies, Romano, Whitley, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dezaria, McIlorum, Napa, Jullien, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Mourgue, Goudemand, Chan, Kasiano. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Armitage, Hankinson, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Navarrete, Marion, Sangaré, Stefani, Pezet, Puech. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Garbutt, Springer.

CASTLEFORD 34 WAKEFIELD 4

Castleford Tigers kept up their pointscoring prowess with a 34-4 win over Wakefield Trinity in Super League's Rivals Round.

Coming off their thumping win last week, Castleford Tigers picked up right where they left off with a five try performance and passed 30 points for the second straight week.

Fan favourite Mahe Fonua got the game going for Castleford with his four-pointer in the 11th minute while hooker Kenny Edwards was the other Tiger to score in the first half. A pivotal part of the Tigers mauling was the boot of Gareth O'Brien. The five-eighth kicked seven goals in the win which included three penalty goals.

Edwards made it a double in the 47th minute as the away fans were delirious in delight which was only furthered when Paul McShane and try-scoring maestro Greg Eden both touched down.

Wakefield Trinity did find some late consolation through Mason Lino. The halfback dived over to score with ten minutes left in a night the home fans will want to forget quickly.

CASTLEFORD 34 (G. Eden, K. Edwards, M. Fonua, P. McShane, S. Matagi tries; G. O'Brien 7 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 4** (L. Kay try) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 14th April. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Castleford 14-0. Penalties: Castleford 7-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 5,557. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Johnstone, Hall, Lyne, Kay; Gaskell, Lino; Tanginoa, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts (C), Crowther. Int: Bowes, Whitbread, Battye, Adebiji. **CASTLEFORD:** Evalds, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Eden; Trueman, O'Brien; Watts, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Milner, Westerman. Int: Massey, Sutcliffe, Smith, Matagi.

LEEDS 20 HUDDERSFIELD 20

A dramatic comeback from Huddersfield Giants has helped them to a 20-all draw against Leeds Rhinos on Thursday night.

Leeds Rhinos will wonder how they let the extra point slip when they led by double digits with under two minutes left on the clock after an impressive performance. Jermaine McGillvary gave the visiting Giants a perfect start with his score within the first ten minutes before the Rhinos responded through five-eighth Liam Sutcliffe to lead 6-4.

Papua New Guinea international Rhysie Martin was the busiest man in Leeds tonight. The forward picked up a four-pointer alongside four goals which included penalty goals either side of half-time. When interchange player Morgan Gannon crossed right on the hour mark, it looked like Leeds were going to take home the two points when they led 20-10.

No one told Huddersfield, though. Former Shark Ricky Leutele kept them in the contest with his score before the hour mark and set up the famous finale. Trailing ten points with two minutes is a tough task but when lock Luke Yates crossed and Tui Lolohea's conversion put them within four points there was a chance.

Next, it was time for Innes Senior to become a hero. He was on the end of the manic final minute to level the game at 20-all. Lolohea's missed conversion meant the game was headed into the drama of Golden Point. Neither side were able to find the required points to take home the extra point, so Leeds and Huddersfield were forced to share the spoils in Super League's first draw of the year.

LEEDS 20 (M. Gannon, R. Martin, L. Sutcliffe tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DREW WITH HUDDERSFIELD 20** (R. Leutele, J. McGillvary, I. Senior, L. Yates tries; T. Lolohea 2 goals) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 14th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-4. Penalties: Leeds 10-8. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 11,286. **LEEDS:** Walker, Tindall, Briscoe, Mellor, Handley; Austin, Sutcliffe; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Prior, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Tetevano, Dwyer, Gannon, Donaldson. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Cogger, Fages; Hill, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, English, Greenwood, Wilson.

WARRINGTON 32 SALFORD 18

Warrington Wolves broke their losing streak in fine form with a 32-18 win against Salford Red Devils on Thursday evening.

The Wolves were hungry for tries as the hosts scored in bunches with Toby King's hat-trick and Matty Ashton's double helped them to the victory.

King was crowned the king of the Wolves with the opening two tries of the contest which put Warrington ahead by a dozen. Next it was Ashton that helped extend the Wolves advantage to 16-nil at the break. The Wolves help was caused by the sin binning of Red Devils fullback Ryan Brierley on the half hour mark.

The fun continued for Warrington after the restart. Joe Philbin pushed the score line to 22-6 with his score then Ashton completed his double to confirm the Wolves win. The Red Devils were left to score a pair of consolation tries through hooker Andy Ackers and returned fullback Brierley adding to Ken Sio's first half four-pointer.

There was icing on the victory cake for Warrington as King completed in his hat-trick in the final ten minutes of the contest. The Wolves finally got to sing the team song after a drought of several weeks and move forward.

WARRINGTON 32 (T. King 3, M. Ashton 2, J. Philbin tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 18** (A. Ackers, R. Brierley, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 14th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 16-0. Penalties: Warrington 7-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,486. **WARRINGTON:** Thewlis, Charnley, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Widdop, Ratchford; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper, Currie, Hughes (C), Magoulias. Int: Philbin, Bullock, Walker, Longstaff. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Lannon, Taylor (C), Wells. Int: Akaoula, Addy, Atkin, Gerrard.

HULL KR 16 HULL FC 4

Star signing Lachlan Coote delivered derby bragging rights for Hull KR in their 16-4 win against Hull FC on Easter Friday in Rival's Round.

A sold out crowd greeted the two halves of Hull as they entered Craven Park and the game was tight and absorbing in the first half as the two sides went into the break level at 4-all.

The two tries came in close proximity to each other either side of the half hour mark. Ryan Hall produced a wonderful finish in the corner for Hull KR while dynamo Josh Reynolds responded for Hull FC.

In the second half, it was the Lachlan Coote show. The former Saints and Panthers fullback scored a quickfire double in the 49th and 54th minute to extend the Robins advantage to a perfect dozen and earn them bragging rights.

The Easter Friday success breaks a streak of three straight losses for the Robins against their neighbours and will feel sweet. It also builds on their strong win against Warrington Wolves last weekend.

HULL KR 16 (L. Coote 2, R. Hall tries; L. Coote 2 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 4** (J. Reynolds try) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: Hull KR 7-2. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 10,300. **HULL KR**: Coote, Ryan, Wood, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Milnes, Abdull; Maher, Parcell, King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Storton, Litten, Keinhorst, Richards. **HULL FC**: Connor, Swift, Tuimavave, Griffin, McIntosh; Reynolds, Gale (C); Sao, Houghton, Fash, Savelio, Ma'u, Lovodua. Int: Satae, Lane, Evans, Brown.

ST HELENS 22 WIGAN 4

St Helens continue their strong form over historic rivals Wigan Warriors in their 22-4 success to close out Super League's Rivals Round.

It was a fabulous end to another successful Rivals Round as a packed out Totally Wicked Stadium saw two of the most prolific clubs in Super League renew their hostilities.

Wigan were the first side to get across the stripe through Jai Field who has lit up Super League since his move from the NRL. The visitors held a 4-0 lead and looked to keep their hold at the top the table over them.

From there, the Saints machine roared into action. Tommy Makinson and Jonny Lomax scored tries before the break to give St Helens a 12-4 advantage at halftime.

Joe Batchelor helped further the Saints advantage with his score after half-time which put them ahead by a dozen. It also meant they were on course to take the top spot on the Super League ladder.

That was confirmed when Marc Percival put the icing on the Saints winning cake fifteen minutes from time. The centre crossed for St Helens fourth try to the delight of the 17,980 fans crammed into the Totally Wicked Stadium.

ST HELENS 22 (J. Batchelor, J. Lomax, T. Makinson, M. Percival tries; T. Makinson 3 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 4** (J. Field try) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-4. Penalties: St Helens 5-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 17,980. **ST HELENS**: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Bell, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Wingfield. **WIGAN**: Field, Miski, Bateman, Bibby, French; Cust, Leuluai (C); Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Mago, Partington, Havard, Shorrocks.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 8

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	7	0	1	170	14
2	Catalans	6	0	2	22	12
3	Wigan	6	0	2	12	12
4	Huddersfield	5	1	2	84	11
5	Hull FC	4	0	4	15	8
6	Warrington	4	0	4	-10	8
7	Hull KR	4	0	4	-16	8
8	Castleford	3	0	5	-9	6
9	Wakefield	3	0	5	-34	6
10	Salford	3	0	5	-44	6
11	Leeds	1	1	6	-77	3
12	Toulouse	1	0	7	-113	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Zane Tetevano (Leeds): Grade B Late Hit on Passer - 2 matches
Lucas Albert (Toulouse): Grade C Dangerous Contact "Crocodile" - 2 matches
Joe Chan (Catalans): Grade C Dangerous Throw - 2 matches
Konrad Hurrell (St Helens): Grade B Dangerous Contact "Crusher" - 2 matches
Sam Powell (Wigan): Grade E Dangerous Contact "Crusher" - 6 matches, £500

ROUND 9

HULL KR 28 TOULOUSE 24

After a scoreless first half that would've sent their fans back from France before full-time, Hull KR sprung to life to score 28 second half points to come from behind to beat Toulouse Olympique.

It was a flawless start from the home side when they scored first inside the opening 20 minutes. Lucas Albert backed up in support after a great break down their left edge to cross for the opening try of the contest. Toulouse's goal line attack was rewarded with their second try when Mitch Garbutt crashed over from point-blank range and the home side had a deserving 12-0 advantage.

Rovers soon realised they had a game to play and wasted little time, when Ryan Hall crossed barely 60 seconds into the second half finishing off a crisp movement which included a lovely ball from Shaun Kenny-Dowall. Toulouse were next to score when Paul Marcon finished a lovely movement that started in their own end to lead 18-4.

Rovers quickly put together three tries in the space of eleven minutes to take the lead. Hall completed his double finishing off a great pass from Jordan Abdull. George King reduced the gap to just two points before the hour mark, crashing over from short-range. Toulouse's defence crumbled conceding quick tries to Abdull and Matty Storton to put the game beyond doubt. A late second try to Marcon brought some hope, but it wasn't to be for the struggling newcomers.

HULL KR 28 (R. Hall 2, J. Abdull, G. King, M. Storton tries; W. Dagger 4 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 24** (P. Marcon 2, L. Albert, M. Garbutt tries; C. Hankinson 4 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Mon, 18th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-0. Penalties: Hull KR 7-2. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 6,180. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Bergal, Vaivai, Hankinson, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Navarrete, Marion, Sangaré, Dixon, Stefani, Puech. Int: Pélissier, Springer; Garbutt, Hansen. **HULL KR:** Dagger, Ryan, Crooks, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Milnes, Abdull; Storton, Litten, King, Hadley, Wood, Minchella. Int: Parcell, Sims, Keinhorst, Richards.

CASTLEFORD 16 LEEDS 14

Castleford Tigers held on during a dramatic final 10 minutes to secure a 16-14 Super League victory over the Leeds Rhinos at home.

All attention was on the debut of Jack Sinfield, carrying the famous surname of his father Kevin. But it was clear that the Tigers were going to rain on Jack's parade when James Clare crossed in the opening ten minutes carrying defenders over the line.

Nine minutes later, Derrel Olpherts crossed finishing off a wonderful play that started in their own end to lead 8-0. Their margin could've been better, but the video referee took it off them for a knock-on.

Leeds grabbed a try before half-time when Sinfield landed a pin-point grubber which was spilled in the in-goal. This allowed Rhyse Martin to dive on the loose ball and reduce the margin to two.

Martin potted over a penalty goal to tie the ball game up. Gareth O'Brien potted the first goal of the afternoon of the Tigers to give them a two point lead.

Liam Watts charged over inside the final ten minutes following a great bust through the middle of the park. More importantly, he crossed under the posts to give them a two converted try lead. Martin crossed for a second try inside the final two minutes, which he converted to reduce the deficit to two points. But the final play was unsuccessful for Leeds and the Tigers hung on for victory.

CASTLEFORD 16 (J. Clare, D. Olpherts, L. Watts tries; G. O'Brien 2 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 14** (R. Martin 2 tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Mon, 18th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 8-6. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,372.

CASTLEFORD: Evalds, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Clare; Trueman, O'Brien; Watts, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Milner, Westerman. Int: Massey, Hepi, Smith, Qareqare. **LEEDS:** Sutcliffe, Briscoe, Simpson, Mellor, Handley; Austin, Sinfield; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Thompson, Bentley, Martin, O'Connor. Int: Tetevano, Dwyer, Gannon, Donaldson.

ST HELENS 24 HUDDERSFIELD 12

St Helens are continuing their strong-hold on the Super League season downing the Huddersfield Giants 24-12.

It was the premiers that scored the first try when Jon Bennison crossed virtually untouched to give them a six point lead. Huddersfield hung in there and didn't let the premiers get across their line for the remainder of the first half. The Giants' defensive efforts were rewarded when Ashton Golding crossed in the right corner to tie the game up.

Both sides exchanged penalty goals in the run up to half-time and the game was evenly poised at 8-8 at the change of ends. St Helens crossed straight after half-time when Mark Percival charged over against some paper thin Giants defence to give them a six point lead.

Huddersfield hit back almost immediately when Tui Lolohea crossed off an intercept which saw him race 100 metres to score. Joe Batchelor restored the order straight after the hour mark when Batchelor raced past more sloppy defence to give Saints an eight point advantage. Johnny Lomax crossed inside the final five minutes beating three Giants defenders to cross and seal the match with a handy 12 point advantage.

ST HELENS 24 (J. Batchelor, J. Bennison, J. Lomax, M. Percival tries; T. Makinson 4 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 12** (A. Golding, T. Lolohea tries; O. Russell 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 18th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: St Helens 4-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 6,519. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Senior, Cudjoe, Senior, Golding; Cogger, Russell; Greenwood, O'Brien, Wilson, Jones, Ashworth, Lawrence. Int: Levi, Mason, Yates (C), Hewitt. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Roby (C); Walmsley, Lussick, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Wingfield. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Bell, Norman.

CATALANS 36 SALFORD 10

It appears the early slow start to Catalans season has well and truly ended with a dominating performance over the Salford Red Devils.

It was a promising start for Salford when Deon Lewis Cross scored inside the opening five minutes to give the Red Devils an early 6-0 advantage, but it would be the end of their scoring for just a touch over an hour. Three minutes later, the Dragons hit back when Mathieu Laguerre crossed out-wide running the perfect line to lock the game at 6-6.

Just before the half-way point in the opening half, Tom Davies finished a good Catalans set play to put the visitors up by six. Mitchell Pearce continued his recent run of good form, when he crossed just before the break to give the visitors a handy two converted try lead.

The second 40 was dominated by the visitors. Matt Whitley crossed after the break, finishing off a poor pass deep inside Salford's end which was caught by Whitley and he ran over untouched. Sam Kasiano barged over to seal the game just shy of the hour mark. Ken Sio bagged a consolation for the home side before Pearce re-established the twenty six point margin just on full-time.

CATALANS 36 (M. Pearce 2, T. Davies, S. Kasiano, M. Laguerre, M. Whitley tries; A. Mourgue 6 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 10** (D. Cross, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd goal) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 18th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 18-6. Penalties: 9-all. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 3,221. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Costello, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Akauola, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Addy, Taylor (C), Luckley. Int: Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Johnson, Watkins.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, May, Laguerre, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Goudemand, McIlorum, Napa, Whitley, Chan, Garcia (C). Int: Da Costa, Séguier, Dezaria, Kasiano.

WIGAN 54 WAKEFIELD 10

The Wigan Warriors raced back to form thumping Wakefield Trinity by 44 points in a convincing and dominating display.

Wakefield surprised everyone at DW Stadium by scoring the first try in the eleventh minute of play when Tom Minns finished off a great backline play which gave his side a shock early advantage. However, the Wildcats lead didn't last long, Bevan French fooled the Wakefield defence when he sprinted 60 metres to cross untouched to give the home side a two point lead.

Three minutes later, Wigan grabbed a second when Brad Singleton crashed over virtually untouched for the first of his two tries and extended the margin out to two converted tries. Some more soft defence saw Wigan break the line once more and French was there to cross for his second as Wakefield were slowly losing touch. Former Manly winger Abbas Miski crossed in one of his rare appearances this season to give Wigan a 20 point half-time advantage.

Wigan applied the blow torch to start the second 40 with four tries in the opening fifteen minutes of the second half. Matty Smith stepped his way through some sloppy defence to get over for the first of the half, before Jai Field bagged a quickfire-double in the space of three minutes before Cade Cust crossed off enterprising play and Wigan had a 44 point advantage. Jacob Miller crossed for some scoreboard credibility for the visitors before Singleton scored to put Wigan beyond the half-century in what was a fairly one sided encounter.

WIGAN 54 (J. Field 2, B. French 2, B. Singleton 2, C. Cust, A. Miski, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 9 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 10** (J. Miller, T. Minns tries; M. Lino goal) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 18th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 24-4. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 11,621. **WIGAN:** Field, Miski, Halsall, Bibby, French; Cust, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Bateman, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, Ellis, Havard, Shorrocks. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Gaskell, Murphy, Hall, Lyne, Minns; Miller (C), Lino; Battye, Kay, Aydin, Adebisi, Tanginoa, Batchelor. Int: Ashurst, Pitts, Walker, Shaw.

HULL FC 18 WARRINGTON 16

A late try by Manu Ma'u was the difference in an enthralling Super League clash between Hull FC and the Warrington Wolves.

After both sides traded early field position, Hull scored first off the back of Ben Currie receiving a yellow card for pulling back Jordan Lane in a try-scoring position. Jamie Shaul was rewarded by finishing off a flowing move from right to left to give the home side an early lead. Five minutes later, lively hooker Daryl Clark capitalised on some tired Hull defence when he took a quick tap and raced away to score locking us level again.

Brad Fash crashed over for Hull with fifteen to go before the break when he took a lovely short pass from Luke Gale to touch down. But not to be outdone, the Wolves crossed with a decisive blow before half-time when Matty Ashton crossed for the first of his two tries and with Widdop's conversion, the scores were locked at half-time.

In a tense second half, both sides blew golden opportunities to score minutes into the second half, with Toby King intercepting a vital last pass from Jamie Shaul to stop Hull before the big centre's final pass in space was knocked on at the other end. Ashton completed his double in the final ten minutes and we were set for a grandstand finish. But, former NRL player Manu Ma'u silenced the Wolves with a late try, crashing his way over and with Gale's kick Hull FC were home and hosed.

HULL FC 18 (B. Fash, M. Ma'u, J. Shaul tries; L. Gale 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 16** (M. Ashton 2, D. Clark tries; S. Ratchford, G. Widdop goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 18th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Hull FC 5-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 9,726. **HULL FC:** Connor, Shaul, Tuimavave, Wynne, McIntosh; Lovodua, Gale (C); Sao, Johnstone, Bowden, Lane, Ma'u, Fash. Int: Satae, Evans, Brown, Vulikijapani. **WARRINGTON:** Thewlis, Charnley, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Widdop, Ratchford; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper, Currie, Hughes (C), Clark. Int: Philbin, Bullock, Walker, Longstaff.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 9

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	8	0	1	182	16
2	Wigan	7	0	2	56	14
3	Catalans	7	0	2	48	14
4	Huddersfield	5	1	3	72	11
5	Hull FC	5	0	4	17	10
6	Hull KR	5	0	4	-12	10
7	Castleford	4	0	5	-7	8
8	Warrington	4	0	5	-12	8
9	Salford	3	0	6	-70	6
10	Wakefield	3	0	6	-78	6
11	Leeds	1	1	7	-79	3
12	Toulouse	1	0	8	-117	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

James Bentley (Leeds): Grade B High Tackle, Reckless - 2 matches
Curtis Sironen (St Helens): Grade B Late Hit on Passer - 2 matches
Luke Gale (Hull FC): Grade B Trip, reactionary or reckless - 2 matches

ROUND 10

CASTLEFORD 30 ST HELENS 10

Castleford has pulled off a massive upset downing league leaders St Helens 30-10 in a comprehensive home display before a boisterous crowd at the Jungle.

Saints played seven debutants and the lack of experience showed in the opening stages as they conceded in the very first minute of play when Jason Qareqare burst down the left touchline from inside his own half to score a sensational individual try.

For much of the first half, the rookie Saints held their own, but the resistance began to crack just before half-time when the Saints conceded two tries in the space of fifteen minutes when Derrell Olpherts and Jake Trueman crossed to put Castleford up 14-0 at the break.

After the break, Olpherts crossed for his double and it was beginning to look ominous for the Saints. But credit to their young brigade of rookies for staying in the fight, they were rewarded just before the hour mark when Jumah Sambou crossed on debut for the Saints. They even sniffed an upset when James Bell crossed just four minutes later to reduce the gap to eight points. But that would be the last time St Helens made an imprint on the scorecard. Two late tries to Joe Westerman and Mahe Fonua in the sixty-seventh and seventy-second minute respectively sealed the deal for the home side.

CASTLEFORD 30 (D. Olpherts 2, M. Fonua, J. Mamo, J. Qareqare, J. Westerman tries; P. McShane 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 10** (J. Bell, J. Sambou tries; S. Martyn goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Fri, 22nd April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 14-0. Penalties: St Helens 4-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 7,649. **CASTLEFORD**: Clare, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Qareqare; Trueman, O'Brien; Watts, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Milner, Massey, Smith, Martin. **ST HELENS**: Bennison, Sambou, Simm, Hill, Martyn; Davies, Moss; Amor, Lussick, Norman, Royle (C), Bell, Wingfield. Int: Baxter, Pemberton, Delaney, Buckley.

LEEDS 25 TOULOUSE 14

Leeds came from behind to pick up their second Betfred Super League win of the season as they ran out 25-14 winners over fellow strugglers Toulouse at Headingley.

Toulouse got off to the perfect start crossing inside the opening twenty minutes when Paul Marcon scored following a well-placed cross-field kick to take the early advantage. Leeds hit back with a double whammy just before half-time.

Firstly through a lovely ball which sent James Donaldson away to level the scores at 6-6. Then Brad Dwyer crossed right on half-time off a dummy and ran it round next to the posts for a 12-6 advantage.

Leeds struck first again after the break when Tom Briscoe crossed with a spectacular finish in the right corner. A Rhyse Martin penalty goal extended the margin out to 12. Kruise Leeming potted over a drop goal to give Leeds a healthy cushion. Toulouse hit back when Matty Russell crossed reducing the margin to nine points, but it was in vain.

Brad Dwyer sealed his double and the result nine minutes from time, Junior VaiVai crossed to reduce the margin, which might be helpful when it comes to for and against. They've got Corey Norman coming soon which will help with their attack.

LEEDS 25 (B. Dwyer 2, T. Briscoe, J. Donaldson tries; R. Martin 4 goals; K. Leeming field goal) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 14** (P. Marcon, M. Russell, J. Vaivai tries; T. Gigot goal) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 22nd April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-6. Penalties: Leeds 8-7. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 11,167. **LEEDS**: Sutcliffe, Briscoe, Simpson, Broadbent, Handley; Sinfield, Leeming (C); Oledzki, Dwyer, Prior, Gannon, Martin, Smith. Int: Thompson, O'Connor, Donaldson, Mustapha. **TOULOUSE**: Ashall-Bott, Bergal, Vaivai, Marcon, Russell; Gigot (C), Marion; Navarrete, Cunningham, Sangaré, Dixon, Stefani, Bretherton. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Springer, Pezet.

HULL KR 32 WAKEFIELD 10

Hull KR have continued Wakefield's woes, smashing their rivals' 32-10 in their head to head encounter in Round 10 of the Super League season. Rovers also extend their winning streak to four.

It was Rovers who got the scoring underway when Kane Linnett crossed for the first of his two tries just after the opening ten minutes, finishing off a line-break from Lachlan Coote. Coote crossed for his own try just eight minutes later, running through a vacant gap in the Wakefield defence and Rovers had a 12-0 lead. Five minutes from time, Shaun Kenny-Dowall crossed when he outmuscled several Wildcats to slam the football down and Rovers took a commanding 16 point advantage into the dressing sheds.

After the break, Rovers continued from where they left off when Ethan Ryan crossed five minutes into the second half. Ryan completed a quickfire double minutes later when he kicked ahead and won the race for the ball, giving Rovers a 24-0 lead.

Wakefield put together a consolation try when Jacob Miller scrambled on a loose ball and ran it around under the posts reducing the margin to 18 points. Lewis Murphy crossed with just a tick under 15 minutes to go to make the score-line competitive at 14 points. Two late Rover tries to Ryan Hall and Kane Linnett extended the margin out to 22 points which allowed Hull KR to continue on their winning ways while Wakefield drop three straight games.

HULL KR 32 (K. Linnett 2, E. Ryan 2, L. Coote, R. Hall, S. Kenny-Dowall tries; L. Coote 2 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 10** (J. Miller, L. Murphy tries; M. Lino goal) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Sat, 23rd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 16-0. Penalties: Hull KR 6-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 7,058. **HULL KR**: Coote, Ryan, Crooks, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Milnes, Abdull; Storton, Litten, King, Hadley, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Vete, Sims, Keinhorst, Richards. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY**: Jowitt, Johnstone, Hall, Lyne, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Tanginoa, Walker, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Battye, Crowther, Kay, Aydin.

WARRINGTON 32 HUDDERSFIELD 10

Warrington Wolves have taken down the Huddersfield Giants in a convincing performance winning by 22 points.

The points flowed for Warrington after a tense opening, fullback Josh Thewlis crossed for the first of his three tries after twelve minutes which saw Oliver Wilson given a yellow card for the Giants. It came off a short charge out of dummy half. Thewlis grabbed a second just on the twentieth minute when he reached out to cross for the Wolves and established a ten-point lead.

Toby King crossed on the half-hour mark which gave Warrington a sixteen point advantage, Warrington would pot over a penalty goal to take it out to a three converted try lead. Innes Senior kept Huddersfield in the match just before the break when he finished off a set play and the margin was 14 at halftime. Connor Wrench crossed out wide finishing off a well-worked set play which stripped the Giants short of numbers on their left-hand side.

A clever grubber saw Thewlis complete his hat-trick just past the hour mark to extend the margin to 24 points before backrower Ben Currie ran the perfect line to extend the margin to 28. Luke Yates bagged a consolation try for the Giants, but it would only help out in the for and against for the visitors.

WARRINGTON 32 (J. Thewlis 3, B. Currie, T. King, C. Wrench tries; R. Dean 4 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 10** (I. Senior, L. Yates tries; O. Russell goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 23rd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 18-4. Penalties: Warrington 7-3. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 8,102. **WARRINGTON**: Thewlis, Charnley, Wrench, King, Ashton; Mata'utia, Dean; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper (C), Currie, Holmes, Davis. Int: Philbin, Bullock, Walker, Magoulias. **HUDDERSFIELD**: Lolohea, McGillvary, Wardle, Leutele, Senior; Cogger, Russell; Hill, Levi, Wilson, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Lawrence, Greenwood, Ashworth.

WIGAN 30 SALFORD 24

A last-minute miracle try from Jai Field saw Wigan record a 30-24 Super League victory over Salford in a thrilling encounter at the DW Stadium.

Field was the man responsible for getting Wigan on the scoreboard after the opening five minutes when he blitzed the Devils defence for the opening try. Smith's conversion gave them an early cushion of six points.

Salford hit back swiftly when they nabbed two quick tries in the space of six minutes. The first came when King Vuniyayawa crashed over the top of three Wigan defenders to tie the game up at six all. Six minutes later, Matt Costello crossed when he finished off a play down the left which saw him take a wonderful Ryan Brierley offload and the Red Devils led by 6.

Then Wigan came into their own scoring three tries in the space of 11 minutes. First Kaide Ellis crossed after Brad O'Neill delivered a wonderful ball for Ellis to race onto and touch down. Smith converted to make it 12 all. Liam Farrell crossed minutes later after supporting his halfback Cade Cust on a long bust downfield. To wrap up the Wigan raid, Smith broke through some interesting attempts at defence to score Wigan's fourth before converting to lead 24-12 at half-time.

Salford started the better team in the second stanza. Their efforts were rewarded when Alex Gerrard grounded a wonderful grubber kick from half-back Brodie Croft which reduced the deficit to just six points. Seven minutes later, Ken Sio tied the game at 24 apiece when he intercepted a Cust pass and ran the best part of 80 metres to score untouched. With just under 5 to play, Jai Field sealed the game with an impressive solo try, when he ran 80 metres untouched to seal the game for the home side.

WIGAN 30 (J. Field 2, K. Ellis, L. Farrell, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 5 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 24** (M. Costello, A. Gerrard, K. Sio, K. Vuniyayawa tries; R. Brierley 4 goals) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 24-12. Penalties: Wigan 5-3. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 10,783. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Bibby, Thornley, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Bateman, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, Ellis, Havard, Shorrocks. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Costello, Williams; Atkin, Croft; Vuniyayawa, Ackers, Burke, Addy, Watkins, Taylor (C). Int: Ormondroyd, Escaré, Luckley, Gerrard.

HULL FC 14 CATALANS 8

Catalans have let a golden opportunity slip as Super League's round of shock results continued when Hull FC shocked Catalans by 14-8 in a Super League thriller. With St Helens' big defeat on Thursday night, it was a chance for the Dragons to potentially leapfrog the Saints, but it wouldn't be an easy task.

In a game dominated by defence, it would be clear that points would be at a premium and it was the home side that pounced on the first points when Jordan Lane crossed in the seventeenth minute to lead 6-0.

Josh Drinkwater went to the grubber kick which found his winger Fouad Yaha who crossed for yet another try off a Drinkwater kick to trail by just two.

Chris Satae landed a crucial blow just before the break when he crashed over against some deplorable Catalans defence who sat back and allowed the big fella to stroll over the try line and extend Hull's lead to 8 points.

A Jake Connor penalty goal extended the lead to just 10 points at half-time.

Catalans would score the only try of the second half. Mitchell Pearce took the ball to the line with just over ten minutes to play and was rewarded by the video ref when he was ruled to have grounded the ball in the in-goal. Unfortunately, Catalans couldn't breach the Hull line again as Hull hung on for the upset victory.

HULL FC 14 (J. Lane, T. Satae tries; J. Connor 3 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 8** (M. Pearce, F. Yaha tries) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 6:45 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 14-4. Penalties: Hull FC 5-2. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 9,101. **HULL FC:** Connor, Shaul, Tuimavave, Vulikijapani, McIntosh; Reynolds, Lovodua; Sao, Houghton, Evans, Lane (C), Ma'u, Fash. Int: Satae, Brown, Johnstone, Taylor. **CATALANS:** Mourgue, Davies, May, Laguerre, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dudson, McIlorum, Napa, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Da Costa, Séguier, Goudemand, Kasiano.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 10

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	8	0	2	162	16
2	Wigan	8	0	2	62	16
3	Catalans	7	0	3	42	14
4	Hull FC	6	0	4	23	12
5	Hull KR	6	0	4	10	12
6	Huddersfield	5	1	4	50	11
7	Castleford	5	0	5	13	10
8	Warrington	5	0	5	10	10
9	Salford	3	0	7	-76	6
10	Wakefield	3	0	7	-100	6
11	Leeds	2	1	7	-68	5
12	Toulouse	1	0	9	-128	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

James Bell (St Helens): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Tui Lolohea (Huddersfield): Grade B Tripping - 1 match
Jack Cogger (Huddersfield): Grade C Other Contrary Behaviour (use of knees) - 2 matches
Chris Hill (Huddersfield): Grade B Dangerous Contact (Crusher tackle) - 1 match
Josh Reynolds (Hull FC): Grade B Other Contrary Behaviour (Intentionally stands on) - 1 match

ROUND 11

HUDDERSFIELD 14 WAKEFIELD 12

A late Ricky Leutele try in the final quarter-hour saw Huddersfield register their first victory in Wakefield since 2015 with a 14-12 win.

It was Wakefield who got off to the flying start when Mason Lino crossed in the sixteenth minute after throwing a dummy and running into a massive gap and the Wildcats had a 6-0 advantage. Nine minutes later, Chris McQueen hit and spun his way to the line to cross for his seventh try of the season reducing the margin to just two points.

Huddersfield conceded a hammer blow just on the half-time siren when Lewis Murphy finished off a great team try with some silky stepping. Lino's conversion was successful and the Wildcats shocked everyone with an 8 point advantage at half-time.

Straight after the break, Luke Yates charged over off a lovely short ball from Theo Fages to reduce the gap to two points. It was a titanic struggle for much of the second half until Ricky Leutele crossed with just over fifteen minutes to play winning the race to a Fages grubber kick. This Giants win sets them up nicely for their Challenge Cup semi-final against Hull KR.

HUDDERSFIELD 14 (R. Leutele, C. McQueen, L. Yates tries; O. Russell goal) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 12** (M. Lino, L. Murphy tries; M. Lino 2 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 28th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 12-4. Penalties: Huddersfield 4-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,166. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Johnstone, Hall, Lyne, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Tanginoa, Bowes, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Crowther, Whitbread, Kay, Fifita. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Golding, Wardle, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Fages; English, Levi, Wilson, Ashworth, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Lawrence, Jones, Trout, Greenwood.

CATALANS 44 CASTLEFORD 12

Catalans have bounced back after their shock upset to Hull FC slaughtering the Castleford Tigers 44-12.

Catalans got off to a fast start when Julien Bosquet charged over from short range. If that wasn't an ominous sign for the Tigers, then the way Mitchell Pearce scored should've sent alarm bells ringing as Tyrone May broke the line with ease.

If that was bad enough, May did it all on his own on the next set down Castleford's end of the ground setting up an early 16-0 lead. Castleford hit back with fifteen to go before the break when Gareth O'Brien ran the best part of 40 metres untouched to get the Tigers back in the game.

The fightback was short-lived when Mathieu Laguerre grabbed the first of his three tries and give Catalans a 22-6 half-time advantage. After the break, it was much of the same when Arthur Mourgue crossed off a lovely ball from May to give them a 22 point lead.

Matt Whitley crossed next running through some shy Tigers defence and it was beginning to look embarrassing. Laguerre crossed for his second after collecting a lovely bounce off a May chip kick. Tigers got one back through Jason Qaraqare who raced away to score off an intercept from May. Before Laguerre completed his hatrick collecting a Mitchell Pearce grubber to give us the final score line of 44-12.

CATALANS 44 (M. Laguerre 3, J. Bousquet, T. May, A. Mourgue, M. Pearce, M. Whitley tries; A. Mourgue 6 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 12** (G. O'Brien, J. Qaraqare tries; G. O'Brien 2 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Fri, 29th April. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 22-6. Penalties: Catalans 7-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,487. **CATALANS:** Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Laguerre, Yaha; Pearce, May; Napa, McIlorum, Bousquet, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Goudemand, Dezaria, Kasiano. **CASTLEFORD:** Clare, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Qaraqare; Trueman, O'Brien; Watts, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Milner, Massey, Smith, Martin.

LEEDS 12 HULL KR 0

It's a game that won't be remembered for it's attack in the classics, but Leeds have held Hull KR to nil in their Super League clash today.

It was Leeds who got off to a fast start, when Blake Austin's grubber wasn't cleaned up by Ethan Ryan.

Matt Prior was 'Johnny on the spot' to cross for the game's opening try. Rhyse Martin converted from in front for a 6-0 lead.

Rovers were denied a four-pointer in the second half when Ryan Hall was brought back for a forward pass.

Almost immediately afterwards, Leeds went back to the kick and when Sam Wood couldn't clean up, hooker Morgan Gannon was in the right place at the right time to score and extend the margin to 10.

Wood would leave the game for Hull with a suspected lower leg injury. Martin added a penalty goal just on the hour mark to give Leeds a well earned 12-0 victory.

LEEDS 12 (M. Gannon, M. Prior tries; R. Martin 2 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 0 AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 29th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 6-0. Penalties: Leeds 10-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 13,333. **LEEDS:** Broadbent, Tindall, Martin, Simpson, Handley; Austin, Leeming (C); Oledzki, Dwyer, Prior, Gannon, Donaldson, Smith. Int: Thompson, O'Connor, Mustapha, Sinfield. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Crooks, Wood, Hall; Milnes, Abdull; Vete, Parcell, King, Hadley, Storton, Minchella (C). Int: Sims, Keinhorst, Maher, Richards.

ST HELENS 14 SALFORD 10

St Helens rebounded off a last-start loss to defeat Salford Red Devils 14-10 in a scrappy Super League encounter. Saints had their minds on next week's Challenge Cup semi-final.

After Saints survived a period in which Jack Welsby found a ticket to the sin bin. Salford pounced when Morgan Escare sold a dummy to the defence and sliced through for the opening try and a 6-0 lead.

St Helens hit back fifteen minutes before the break when Ben Davies crossed after a lovely offload from Welsby, but they still trailed by two points. Welsby had a try of his own just four minutes later, when he dived on a Joey Lussick grubber kick to score and give the home side a slender four-point advantage.

It was a scrappy second half for both sides, who both had numerous scoring opportunities. Salford finally broke the duck for the second half with just over ten minutes to play when Matt Costello crossed finishing off a lovely set play, locking the scoreline at 10 all.

Salford's discipline would be their downfall though. As they conceded two penalties which saw Tommy Makinson pot over the respective penalty goals. Salford had a late chance off an intercept, but they dropped the ball with the line in sight.

ST HELENS 14 (B. Davies, J. Welsby tries; T. Makinson 3 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 10** (M. Costello, M. Escaré tries; C. Atkin goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 29th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 10-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,988. **ST HELENS:** Hopoate, Makinson, Davies, Percival, Simm; Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Royle, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Mata'utia, Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi. **SALFORD:** Escaré, Sio, Cross, Costello, Williams; Croft (C), Atkin; Johnson, Bourouh, Ormondroyd, Addy, Watkins, Lannon. Int: Akauola, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Gerrard.

HULL FC 48 TOULOUSE 12

Hull FC have continued their recent good run of form downing Super League strugglers Toulouse Olympique 48-12.

Toulouse made a fast and furious start and posted the first points through Junior Vaivai, who collected a delicate Anthony Marion kick through to score for the early 6-0 lead.

Hull responded picking up three tries in the space of ten minutes. Darnell McIntosh finished off a lovely set play in the right corner to score the first of his three tries. Before Connor Wynne finished off a lovely move down the opposite edge for a four-point lead. Fill in halfback Joe Lovodua crossed running a great line to extend the margin to ten.

McIntosh grabbed his second just after the half-hour mark finishing off a planned move down the right edge. Right before the break, Hull was running riot when Wynne too also grabbed his second crashing over against some would-be tacklers.

Toulouse grabbed the first of the second half to show some interest when Anthony Marion, who barged his way through defenders from close range to reduce the margin to 14. But from there it was all the black and whites.

Denive Balmforth capped off his Super League debut with a lovely try supporting a well-worked set play before McIntosh and Wynne capped off their hattricks with individual brilliance down each edge of the field. Finally, Kane Evans showed off some skills more suited to the round ball game, when he kicked ahead and won the race to the loose ball capping off a horror afternoon for Toulouse.

HULL FC 48 (D. McIntosh 3, C. Wynne 3, D. Balmforth, K. Evans, J. Lovodua tries; J. Connor 6 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 12** (A. Marion, J. Vaivai tries; A. Marion 2 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 26-6. Penalties: Toulouse 6-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 11,308. **HULL FC:** Connor, Shaul, Tuimavave, Wynne, McIntosh; Johnstone, Lovodua; Sao, Houghton, Evans, Ma'u, Lane (C), Fash. Int: Satae, Brown, Taylor, Balmforth. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Vaivai, Jussaume, Marcon; Cunningham, Marion; Navarrete, White, Puech (C), Dixon, Stefani, Bretherton. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Springer, Sangaré.

WIGAN 40 WARRINGTON 22

Wigan never look troubled against Warrington as they charged to an 18 point victory over their Super League rivals.

Wigan opened the scoring in just the third minute of play when Iain Thornley crossed in the right corner brushing past some poor defence to lead 6-0. Warrington responded four minutes later when Riley Dean crossed breaking through some Wigan defenders to immediately tie the game back up.

Three minutes later, Thornley nabbed his double when he collected a Jai Field pass and scored in the corner for a six-point advantage. After the frantic opening, the defence took over for a period, before Field broke the game open with an electrifying run before linking up with Bevan French for the 18-6 advantage. Warrington wouldn't go away and three minutes later, Matty Ashton crossed to make the margin eight points. But, just at half-time, Liam Farrell crossed after storming onto a Pat Mago offload and Wigan led by 14 at the break.

It was all Wigan in the second half, and the carnage began when Liam Marshall completed a quickfire double in the space of three minutes which opened up a 34-10 lead. Ethan Havard scored try number seven for the Warriors before the Wolves, who had Daryl Clark sin-binned, claimed late consolation tries through Danny Walker and Peter Mata'utia to put some respect on the scoreline.

WIGAN 40 (L. Marshall 2, I. Thornley 2, L. Farrell, B. French, E. Havard tries; H. Smith 6 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 22** (M. Ashton, R. Dean, P. Mata'utia, D. Walker tries; R. Dean, P. Mata'utia, J. Thewlis goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 24-10. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 10,104.

WARRINGTON: Thewlis, Charnley, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Dean, Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper (C), Currie, Holmes, Magoulias. Int: Philbin, Clark, Bullock, Walker. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Bibby, Thornley, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Ellis, Bateman, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, Havard, Byrne, Halsall.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 11

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	9	0	2	166	18
2	Wigan	9	0	2	80	18
3	Catalans	8	0	3	74	16
4	Hull FC	7	0	4	59	14
5	Huddersfield	6	1	4	52	13
6	Hull KR	6	0	5	-2	12
7	Warrington	5	0	6	-8	10
8	Castleford	5	0	6	-19	10
9	Leeds	3	1	7	-56	7
10	Salford	3	0	8	-80	6
11	Wakefield	3	0	8	-102	6
12	Toulouse	1	0	10	-164	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Morgan Gannon (Leeds): Grade C Other Contrary Behaviour - 2 match
Matt Prior (Leeds): Grade B Tripping - 2 match
Albert Vete (Hull KR): Grade B High Tackle - 2 match
Jacob Miller (Wakefield): Grade B Tripping - 1 match
Matty English (Huddersfield): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Kallum Watkins (Salford) - Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match

ROUND 12

HUDDERSFIELD 32 WIGAN 22

Huddersfield have closed the gap on the Super League table with a well-earned victory over Wigan in a Challenge Cup final dress-rehearsal.

It's important to note that both sides were missing a combined 15 players between them from the sides that won their semis so neither coach will read much into this result. It was the home side that scored the first try inside the opening ten minutes, when Innes Senior crossed for the first of his three tries off a well worked scrum play. Huddersfield nabbed a second try fifteen minutes before the break. It came from a good offload from Jack Ashworth and Ricky Leutele crossed to give his side an early twelve point cushion. Wigan would cut the lead in half just before the break, when Sam Halsall crossed after he backed up in support following a long break by fullback Bevan French to allow the Warriors to trail by just six at the half.

The second half started well for the home side with Senior grabbing his second after finishing off a great pass from Tui Lolohea. Huddersfield added a major blow when Joe Wardle finished off a great short-side raid and the Giants had a commanding 16 point lead. Wigan made the game interesting in the final quarter of the contest, when they bagged two tries in the space of three minutes. Their goal line attack was on full display when Halsall grabbed his second when he finished off a classic Wigan set play. Three minutes later, Abbas Miski took a bomb that the Giants let bounce and passed inside to Matty Nicholson to cross on his Wigan debut. The Giants sealed the match nine minutes from time when Sam Hewitt put the match beyond two converted tries. Despite Nicholson completing his debut double, Senior rounded out his hat-trick in the last minute of play to seal a well-earned victory for the Giants.

HUDDERSFIELD 32 (L. Senior 3, S. Hewitt, R. Leutele, J. Wardle tries; O. Russell 4 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 22** (S. Halsall 2, M. Nicholson 2 tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 12th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 12-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,962. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Senior, Wardle, Leutele, Golding; Russell, Fages; Greenwood, O'Brien, Wilson, Hewitt, Ashworth, English. Int: Levi, Lawrence, Trout, Mason. **WIGAN:** French, Halsall, Bibby, Thornley, Miski; Astley, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Ellis, Isa (C), McDonnell, Partington. Int: Mago, Havard, Shorrock, Nicholson.

ST HELENS 24 HULL FC 10

St Helens put their shock Challenge Cup exit behind them to defeat Hull FC by two converted tries in their Round 12 Super League clash.

It was Saints who crossed for the first try inside the opening ten minutes when Tommy Makinson finished off a trick shot from the tap restart from James Roby. Defence dominated the contest and both sides were whacking each other around in the hope of stealing the ascendancy.

Hull put an end to the dominating Saints defence when Darnell McIntosh outpaced Mark Percival to score off full-back Jake Connor's well-placed kick to tie the game up. Saints stunned Hull right on the half-time siren when Jack Welsby outmuscled his way to the goal-line to give Saints a deserved converted try lead at half-time.

In a scrappy second period, where both sides struggled for control and where Saints James Bell was sin binned for a 'dangerous tackle'. Makinson added a penalty goal when Hull gave away a ruck penalty in front. Saints decided to make amends for last weekend's shock CC semi final loss when Johnny Lomax backed up a long break from Konrad Hurrell to extend the margin to 14 points. Makinson sealed the game when he clinched his second try as Saints threatened to cut loose. Hull had the final say when McIntosh went over for his second and Connor added the conversion.

ST HELENS 24 (T. Makinson 2, J. Lomax, J. Welsby tries; T. Makinson 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 10** (D. McIntosh 2 tries; J. Connor goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 13th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 10-4. Penalties: Hull FC 10-9. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 11,268. **ST HELENS:** Lomax, Makinson, Hurrell, Mata'utia, Percival; Davies, Welsby; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Bell. **HULL FC:** Connor, Shaul, Tuimavave, Wynne, McIntosh; Reynolds, Lovodua; Sao, Houghton, Taylor, Ma'u, Lane (C), Fash. Int: Satae, Brown, Griffin, Johnstone.

CATALANS 40 WARRINGTON 8

Catalans welcomed the return of Sam Tomkins from a broken leg as they handed Warrington a thumping this evening by 32 points.

Tomkins opened the scoring with a penalty goal in the opening stages. However, Warrington surprisingly started the game as the better side and were rewarded with the first try inside the opening twenty minutes.

Wolves scrum-half George Williams broke the line which led to winger Connor Wrench scoring the first try. Peter Mata'utia on target from the touchline with the conversion to make it 6-2. Tom Davies rebounded for the home side when he scored in the corner to level the scores at 6-6 and it's where it stayed at the change of ends.

Tomkins started the second stanza much-like the first with a stock standard penalty goal to retake the lead. Mata'utia answered back with a penalty goal to lock the scores up at eight all. Catalans breathed fire on a vulnerable Wolves defence when Mitch Pearce crashed over just shy of the hour mark.

From there, the flood gates opened with further tries from Bosquet before a flurry of tries in the last five minutes to Dudson, Yaha and Mourgue (who was denied earlier in the game). It looks as if the early season slump the Dragons were in has well and truly turned around for the French side.

CATALANS 40 (J. Bousquet, T. Davies, G. Dudson, A. Mourgue, M. Pearce, F. Yaha tries; S. Tomkins 8 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 8** (C. Wrench try; P. Mata'utia 2 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 14th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Catalans 8-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,307. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, May, Laguerre, Yaha; Pearce, Mourgue; Napa, McIlorum, Bousquet, Whitley, Chan, Garcia (C). Int: Dudson, Goudemand, Dezaria, Kasiano. **WARRINGTON:** Thewlis, Wrench, Mata'utia, Currie, Ashton; Ratchford, Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper (C), Longstaff, Holmes, Magoulias. Int: Philbin, Clark, Bullock, Walker.

SALFORD 23 LEEDS 8

With the race to avoid the relegation zone well and truly on, Salford grabbed a vital victory over fellow cellar-dwellers Leeds 23-8.

Salford began this match with a flurry of enthusiasm nabbing the opening two tries of the contest in the space of two minutes. Ken Sio opened the scoring after ten minutes when he finished off a crisp backline movement. Two minutes later, it was on again down the other side of the field when Deon Lewis-Cross broke the line before linking up with Joe Burgess and Salford were up 10-0.

Leeds did well to hang in the contest, and their efforts were rewarded when Ash Handley crossed out-wide following some sloppy edge defence from the Red-Devils. With just a touch under ten minutes to go in the opening half, Andy Ackers was in the right place at the right time to dive on a Brodie Croft grubber.

With Leeds looking more and more dangerous, Marc Sneyd potted over a field goal to seal the game. But, not to be outdone, Salford made doubly sure of the result when Ryan Brierley strolled over to score for the home side. Mikolaj Oledzki nabbed a late consolation try for the visitors, which might be handy when it comes to for and against later in the season as they're only one point ahead of Wakefield and three ahead of Toulouse.

SALFORD 23 (A. Ackers, R. Brierley, J. Burgess, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 8** (A. Handley, M. Oledzki tries) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 16-4. Penalties: Leeds 12-7. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 4,473. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Vuniyayawa, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Livett, Watkins, Taylor (C). Int: Addy, Escaré, Bourouh, Dupree. **LEEDS:** Myler, Fusitu'a, Hardaker, Broadbent, Handley; Austin, Leeming (C); Oledzki, Dwyer, Tetevano, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Thompson, Walters, O'Connor, Donaldson.

CASTLEFORD 32 HULL KR 0

Castleford have capitalised on a dominant first half to shut out fellow semi-final contenders Hull KR 32-0 in a convincing and dominating display.

George Griffin crossed in the fifth minute when he carried three Rovers defenders over the line to cross for the opening try. Liam Watts was yellow carded for the home side in the eighth minute, but that only halted the Tigers for ten minutes.

Upon his return, normal transmission resumed when Paul McShane delivered a wonderful pass to Kenny Edwards who stepped his way past some woeful Hull KR defence to grab the second try. Jake Mamo grabbed the first of his two tries three minutes later when he supported winger Darrel Olpherts and crossed.

Jason Qaraqare wouldn't be denied on the other side of the park when he sprinted the best part of 50 metres to score untouched. Castleford had a convincing 24-0 lead at half-time.

The carnage continued after the break when Mamo grabbed his double following an intercept where he sprinted the length of the field to extend the margin out to 28. Qaraqare completed his double with just over 10 minutes to go when he took a lovely rainbow pass from Gareth O'Brien to conclude their scoring raid for the afternoon.

CASTLEFORD 32 (J. Mamo 2, J. Qaraqare 2, K. Edwards, G. Griffin tries; G. O'Brien 4 goals)

DEFEATED HULL KR 0 AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 3:30 PM.

Halftime: Castleford 24-0. Penalties: Hull KR 8-7. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,175.

CASTLEFORD: Hampshire, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Qaraqare; Trueman, O'Brien; Watts, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Milner, Massey, Smith, Matagi. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Crooks, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Takairangi, Milnes; Maher, Parcell, King, Johnson, Keinhorst, Hadley. Int: Storton, Litten, Sims, Richards.

TOULOUSE 20 WAKEFIELD 14

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	10	0	2	180	20
2	Catalans	9	0	3	106	18
3	Wigan	9	0	3	70	18
4	Huddersfield	7	1	4	62	15
5	Hull FC	7	0	5	45	14
6	Castleford	6	0	6	13	12
7	Hull KR	6	0	6	-34	12
8	Warrington	5	0	7	-40	10
9	Salford	4	0	8	-65	8
10	Leeds	3	1	8	-71	7
11	Wakefield	3	0	9	-108	6
12	Toulouse	2	0	10	-158	4

Well, it's a match at the wrong end of the ladder, but one with more hunger and desperation to avoid relegation. This time, Super League's newcomers Toulouse Olympique defeated Wakefield Trinity 20-14.

After an early penalty goal from Chris Hankinson which gave the home side an early lead, it was the visitors who settled stronger and quickly. It was Lewis Murphy who crossed in the corner to give his side a narrow four point lead.

Toulouse hit back when fullback Olly Ashall-Bott crossed for the first of his two tries when he outmuscled the opposition defence and was ruled by the in-goal judge to ground the ball with downward pressure and re-take the lead. Not to be outdone, Wakefield answered back before the break when Liam Kay crossed capitalising on sloppy defence to give his side a four point advantage.

Toulouse crossed first after the break when Matt Russell finished off a great set play down the left-hand side to cross for the home side and re-take the lead. Hankinson added a further two points to extend the margin to four.

Craig Hall crossed just on the hour mark, but Mason Lino left the kicking boots at home and the match was tied at 14. Ashall-Bott sealed Toulouse's second win just seven minutes from the end with his second try of the contest.

TOULOUSE 20 (O. Ashall-Bott 2, M. Russell tries; C. Hankinson 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD**

TRINITY 14 (C. Hall, L. Kay, L. Murphy tries; M. Lino goal) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON.** Date: Sun,

15th May. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 10-6. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity

7-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,909. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Hankinson,

Jussau, Marcon; Gigot (C), Albert; Navarrete, White, Puech, Dixon, Stefani, Marion. Int: Hansen,

Cunningham, Sangaré, Alvaro. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Kay, Hall, Lyne, Murphy; Gaskell, Lino;

Tanginoa, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts (C), Batchelor. Int: Crowther, Whitbread, Bowes, Fifita.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Liam Watts (Castleford): Grade B Tripping - 2 matches

Kaide Ellis (Wigan): Grade B High Tackle - 1 match

ROUND 13

ST HELENS 12 WARRINGTON 10

St Helens have survived a defensive duel to defeat a determined Warrington Wolves by 12-10 in a tenacious start to Round 13 of Super League.

The game saw Saints captain James Roby make the 550th appearance of his career and move into second place in the Super League appearances record behind Kevin Sinfield on 453. It was the home side that scored the first try of the contest when Gareth Widdop (who was playing fullback) crossed after fifteen minutes following a long break by Connor Wrench, Widdop backed up in support for an early four point lead. A bizarre circumstance from the scrum saw Saints hit back, Warrington attempted to keep the ball in the scrum but a push from the Saints scrum saw the ball pop out. Alex Walmsley kicked ahead and slammed the football down and the Saints had a narrow two point lead.

Saints struck again just before half-time when the Wolves failed to deal with Jonny Lomax's bomb. The loose ball was fed back to Roby and Agnatius Paasi, Lomax and Konrad Hurrell all combined to send Tommy Makinson over in the corner. Makinson converted and Saints had a 12-4 advantage.

The second half had a focus on defence with fullback Widdop saving certain Saints tries keeping his Warrington side in the contest. Warrington's gutsy defence began to pay off when Mata'utia gave Widdop the opportunity to counter-attack after collecting Welsby's high kick and George Williams was in support to finish off with a thrilling try. Warrington's last attacks were in vein as Saints escaped with a narrow two point verdict.

ST HELENS 12 (T. Makinson, A. Walmsley tries; T. Makinson 2 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 10** (G. Widdop, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 19th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-4. Penalties: Warrington 6-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 10,476. **WARRINGTON:** Widdop, Wrench, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Ratchford (C), Williams; Philbin, Clark, Cooper, Currie, Holmes, Magoullas. Int: Clark, Bullock, Davis, Mulhern. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Mata'utia, Percival; Davies, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Bell.

HUDDERSFIELD 17 TOULOUSE 16

Huddersfield survived an almighty scare against last place Toulouse Olympique to escape with a one point victory. This match showcased how far the visitors have come in their inaugural SL season.

The visitors got off to the perfect start when Olly Ashall-Bott won the race to a Corey Norman grubber kick and they had an early 6-0 lead. Their lead didn't last long however, when Sam Hewitt crossed in similar circumstances to the first try. This time, it was an Oliver Russell which gave Hewitt the perfect bounce to get the Giants back into the contest. The scores were only level for two minutes because Toulouse's Romain Navarrete broke through a massive hole and beat five defenders in an impressive individual try and all of a sudden Toulouse had control leading 12-6 at the break.

Toulouse's lead was extended soon after the resumption of play when Matty Russell made the Giants defence look foolish to cross for their third try and a 10 point lead. However, this was when the Giants found their calling.

Innes Senior crossed for the first of his two tries in the fifty-third minute of play finishing off a clever pass from Ricky Leutele. With just under ten to go, Senior bagged a double and we were tied at 16. Jack Cogger nailed a field goal to break the hearts of Toulouse, whose efforts really deserved the two competition points today.

HUDDERSFIELD 17 (I. Senior 2, S. Hewitt tries; T. Lolohea 2 goals; J. Cogger field goal) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 16** (M. Jussaume, R. Navarrete, M. Russell tries; C. Hankinson 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 20th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 9-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 3,926. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Cogger; Hill, Levi, Wilson, Jones, Hewitt, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Trout, Greenwood, Ikahihifo. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Jussaume, Russell; Norman, Albert; Navarrete, Marion, Alvaro, Dixon, Stefani, Puech (C). Int: Hansen, Garbutt, Cunningham, Sangaré.

LEEDS 24 WAKEFIELD 6

The Rohan Smith era at Leeds began in triumphant fashion with a solid win over fellow cell dwellers Wakefield Trinity by 24-16.

It was the home side that secured the opening points of the evening when James Bentley crossed for the first two tries of the contest. His first came off a questionable pass but was cleared by the officials and Leeds had an early cushion. Blake Austin provided a lovely ball for Bentley's second just on the half-hour mark and the Rhinos led 12-0.

Bentley's mixed evening saw him then sent to the sin bin for a high tackle. Wakefield capitalised on the extra man advantage when Jai Whitbread crossed against some tackle-shy Rhinos to cut the margin by half heading into the change of ends.

Leeds asserted their newfound dominance in the second half, punishing the Wildcats with bruising defence. Rhys Martin added a penalty goal to extend the margin to eight.

Their defence was rewarded when Austin crossed just past the hour mark to extend the margin to 14. Before David Fusitu'a finished with a trademark corner try that we're so used to seeing from his days in the NRL.

LEEDS 24 (J. Bentley 2, B. Austin, D. Fusitu'a tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 6** (J. Whitbread try; M. Lino goal) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 20th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-6. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 7-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 14,190. **LEEDS:** Hardaker, Fusitu'a, Martin, Sutcliffe, Handley; Austin, Myler; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Tetevano, Bentley, Donaldson, Smith. Int: Dwyer, Thompson, Gannon, O'Connor. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Gaskell, Minns, Hall, Lyne, Lineham; Miller (C), Lino; Tanginoa, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Crowther, Kay, Butler, Fifita.

SALFORD 30 CASTLEFORD 14

A hatrick from Joe Burgess was enough to guide Salford past Castleford by 16 points in the night-cap of the Saturday slate of Round 13 action.

It was the visitors that opened the scoring inside the opening five minutes when Ryan Hampshire crossed after exploiting Salford's right hand defence for an early four point lead. Thirteen minutes later, Salford answered when Tim Lafai pounced on a Marc Sneyd grubber kick and Salford took the lead for the first time.

Gareth O'Brien potted a penalty goal fifteen minutes before the break and the scores were locked at six apiece. Joe Burgess answered back for Salford when he received a lovely pass from Morgan Escare and stepped inside some wayward Tigers defence for a four point lead. Right on the break, Burgess had his second when Salford capitalised on poor handling from the Tigers and Burgess raced away to give the Red Devils a ten point lead at half-time.

The Tigers answered first after the break when Jason Qaraqare raced down the left touchline to restore the margin down to a converted try. Salford were next to answer when Deon Cross scored after a long break from Escare, off the ensuing play the ball, they shifted right, and Cross slammed it down for a 14 point lead.

Castleford weren't going away and another Qaraqare try off a spectacular finish put the margin back to ten points. Salford sealed the match with ten minutes to play when Burgess crossed for his hatrick and it was enough to secure a valuable set of competition points.

SALFORD 30 (J. Burgess 3, D. Cross, T. Lafai tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 14** (J. Qaraqare 2, R. Hampshire tries; G. O'Brien goal) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 20th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 16-6. Penalties: Salford 5-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 5,355. **SALFORD:** Escaré, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Akaoula, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Livett, Watkins, Taylor (C). Int: Addy, Lannon, Bourouh, Dupree. **CASTLEFORD:** Hampshire, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Qaraqare; Trueman, O'Brien; Smith, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Milner, Massey, Blair, Matagi.

CATALANS 20 HULL KR 8

Catalans Dragons produced a clinical second-half performance to turn around an 8-0 deficit and secure a 20-8 victory over Hull KR.

It was the Rovers that started the match the more dominant team, and their efforts were rewarded inside the opening five minutes when Ben Crooks crossed off a great high kick from Rowan Milnes and the rangy centre crossed for the opening try.

Lachlan Coote would pot over a penalty goal inside the opening ten minutes and Hull KR were sniffing an upset.

Catalans fought back just on the twenty minute mark when Tom Davies crossed spectacularly in the right hand corner and all of a sudden the lead was cut in half.

Hull KR led 8-4 at the break in a spectacular opening half dominated by the home side.

But, Hull's hard work was undone the moment the second half began with an intercept by Mathieu Laguerre who raced 90 metres to score and Catalans took the lead for the first time in the contest.

Eleven minutes later, Fouad Yaha pounced on a Sam Tomkins cut out ball and the Dragons led by six. Arthur Mourgue potted over two penalty goals to extend the margin to two converted tries, despite last ditch efforts from Hull KR to win the match, it was in vein and Catalans held on for a hard fought victory.

CATALANS 20 (T. Davies, M. Laguerre, F. Yaha tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 8** (B. Crooks try; L. Coote 2 goals) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Sat, 21st May. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 8-4. Penalties: Catalans 9-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 7,199. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Crooks, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Milnes, Dagger; Maher, Litten, King, Hadley, Johnson, Minchella. Int: Vete, Storton, Keinhorst, Halton. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, May, Laguerre, Yaha; Mourgue, Pearce; Napa, McIlorum, Bousquet, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Dudson, Goudemand, Dezaria, Kasiano.

HULL FC 31 WIGAN 22

Hull ran in six tries to beat Wigan 31-22 in a thrilling contest and keep the pressure on the Super League top four.

Hull got off to a lightning start scoring three tries in the first fifteen minutes. Adam Swift picked up a double in the opening exchanges. The first coming off a sweeping backline play which saw Swift sprint past the cover defence and open the scoring. Darnell McIntosh was next to score off innovative play from Ligi Sao when a flick pass found an overlap on the right hand side of the field to cross for an early eight point cushion.

Swift found the line again minutes later off another set play and Wigan were down and out early. But, credit to the Warriors as they hung on and crossed for a try of their own via John Bateman. Hull quickly returned to normal transmission when Josh Reynolds raced over to extend Hull's lead to 12 points. Liam Marshall squeezed down the sideline late in the half to leave the hosts with a six-point advantage at the break.

Wigan had warmed into the game despite a slow start, and after an end-to-end opening to the second half they drew level with a converted Bevan French try. However, Hull gave a quick reply with a try to Carlos Tuimavave, who tiptoed down the touchline to score and put his side back in front. Luke Gale added a field goal to stretch the lead to two scores, but Wigan would not go away and cut the deficit to a converted try with a Liam Farrell try out wide before a late Chris Satae try sealed the match for the home side as Hull hung on for a vital two competition points.

HULL FC 31 (A. Swift 2, D. McIntosh, J. Reynolds, T. Satae, C. Tuimavave tries; L. Gale 3 goals; L. Gale field goal) **DEFEATED WIGAN 22** (J. Bateman, L. Farrell, B. French, L. Marshall tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 21st May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 18-12. Penalties: Hull FC 8-7. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 11,396. **HULL FC:** Connor, Swift, Tuimavave, Wynne, McIntosh; Reynolds, Gale (C); Sao, Houghton, Evans, Ma'u, Lane, Brown. Int: Satae, Lovodua, Griffin, Taylor. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Bibby, Thornley, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Byrne, Bateman, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, Partington, Havard, Shorrocks.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 13

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	11	0	2	182	22
2	Catalans	10	0	3	118	20
3	Wigan	9	0	4	61	18
4	Huddersfield	8	1	4	63	17
5	Hull FC	8	0	5	54	16
6	Castleford	6	0	7	-3	12
7	Hull KR	6	0	7	-46	12
8	Warrington	5	0	8	-42	10
9	Salford	5	0	8	-49	10
10	Leeds	4	1	8	-53	9
11	Wakefield	3	0	10	-126	6
12	Toulouse	2	0	11	-159	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

James BENTLEY (Leeds): Grade C high tackle - 3 matches

Jay PITTS (Wakefield): Grade A dangerous contact (late hit on passer) - 1 match

Julien BOUSQUET (Catalans): Grade B dangerous contact - 1 match

ROUND 14

LEEDS 40 WARRINGTON 4

Rohan Smith is finally having the desired impact at Leeds with his side completing a 40-4 slaughter of the Warrington Wolves.

Well, it was Leeds that capitalised on Warrington's inability to convert at the other end when David Fusitu'a crossed after seven minutes for the first of his two tries. A mini revival was staged by the Wolves when Matty Ashton crossed after 25 minutes to give the Wolves some hope at 4-4.

Any hope was blown away by a scintillating attacking display from the Rhinos which saw them place three tries in the space of five minutes. Kruike Leeming crossed first off the back of a break by Zak Hardaker.

Hardaker crossed for one of his own two minutes later as he stepped his way past some paper-thin defence to make the margin 16-4. To cap off the blitzkrieg raid, James Donaldson crossed after fullback Hardaker took a great bomb to lead 22-4 at the break.

The second half assault began after a surprising amount of defensive resilience by Warrington. The points raid began when Ash Handley crossed in the sixty-sixth minute following an easy scrum play. Two minutes later, Bodene Thompson crossed following soft marker defence before Fusitu'a and Handley each completed their doubles and Leeds finished with a 36 point thumping.

LEEDS 40 (D. Fusitu'a 2, A. Handley 2, J. Donaldson, Z. Hardaker, K. Leeming, B. Thompson tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 4** (M. Ashton try) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 3rd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 20-4. Penalties: Leeds 6-2. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,984. **WARRINGTON:** Widdop, Wrench, Mata'utia, King, Ashton; Ratchford, Williams; Philbin, Clark, Cooper (C), Currie, Holmes, Magoulias. Int: Bullock, Davis, Mulhern, Amor. **LEEDS:** Hardaker, Fusitu'a, Martin, Sutcliffe, Handley; Austin, Myler; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Tetevano, Gannon, Thompson, Smith. Int: Prior, Dwyer, O'Connor, Donaldson.

Huddersfield 22 Catalans 14

Huddersfield have put aside their Challenge Cup final heartache by defeating top side Catalans 22-14 in a giant upset.

Huddersfield set the tone for the match with an impressive opening 40 which saw them put three tries by a shell-shocked Dragons side. The ambush started in just the fourth minute of play when Ricky Leutele crossed after breaking through some ordinary edge defence. Will Pryce atoned for the missed conversion by nailing a penalty goal to get out to a converted try lead.

Just past the halfway mark in the opening half, Adam O'Brien raced away through some of the worst defence Catalans have produced this season to put the margin out to twelve. If you thought the defensive resilience couldn't get any worse, then you should've seen the last try before the break, the French side capitulated when Jack Cogger's long break was backed up by Chris McQueen to extend the margin to 18.

To avoid a first half shutout, Sam Tomkins potted over a penalty goal to reduce the margin to 16 at the change of ends. It appeared that the strategy would pay off when Catalans scored first after the break when Arthur Mourgue crossed stepping his way past some wayward defenders to reduce the gap to ten.

The locals thought the comeback was on when Mathieu Laguerre crossed and reduced the margin to four. Unfortunately, Catalans were unable to find the killer instinct and complete the comeback before the French side conceded a late try from McQueen which put the icing on the cake of a solid upset victory from Huddersfield.

Huddersfield 22 (C. McQueen 2, R. Leutele, A. O'Brien tries; W. Pryce 3 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 14** (M. Laguerre, A. Mourgue tries; S. Tomkins 3 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Fri, 3rd June. Kickoff: 8:30 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 18-2. Penalties: Catalans 10-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7,240. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, May, Laguerre, Yaha; Pearce, Mourgue; Dudson, McFlorum, Napa, Whitley, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Dezaria, Chan, Kasiano. **Huddersfield:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Wardle; Cogger, Pryce; Trout, O'Brien, Lawrence (C), Jones, McQueen, English. Int: Levi, Mason, Ashworth, Hewitt.

Wigan 32 Castleford 12

Wigan appeared to have a Challenge Cup hang-over after a slow opening half, but quickly rebounded to defeat Castleford 32-12.

It was a fast start by the home side when Greg Eden crossed inside the opening ten minutes when he was on the receiving end of a lovely cut out pass from Jacob Trueman and the Tigers led 6-0. The home sides' lead was doubled just passed the midway point when Ken Edwards crossed for a great individual try when he broke the line, fended off his old Parramatta teammate Bevan French and raced away to put the Tigers up 12-0.

Wigan would have the final say going into the break when Liam Marshall crossed for the first of his two tries when Mahe Fonua was sin binned for kicking Liam Farrell. Marshall crossed when French provided the lovely pass for his 100th try in his career.

Wigan would utterly dominate the second half. The domination began just three minutes in when French crossed following a Marshall grubber. The visitors would take the lead when Abbas Miski crossed off the back of a sweeping backline play.

Marshall would add his second to put the game out of reach for the Tigers before two late tries to Jake Bibby and Farrell rubbed salt into the wound for the hometown supporters, although Wigan's slow start is a point of concern.

Wigan 32 (L. Marshall 2, J. Bibby, L. Farrell, B. French, A. Miski tries; H. Smith 4 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 12** (G. Eden, K. Edwards tries; G. O'Brien 2 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Sat, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 12-4. Penalties: Castleford 7-2. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 6,497. **CASTLEFORD:** Hampshire, Olpherts, Fonua, Faraimo, Eden; Trueman, O'Brien; Watts, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Milner, Massey, Smith, Matagi. **Wigan:** French, Miski, Bibby, Thornley, Marshall; Field, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Partington, Havard, Shorrocks.

St Helens 28 Toulouse 14

St Helens came to France to conquer a side that defeated them earlier in the season and achieved their mission downing Toulouse 28-14. The performance was nowhere near convincing, but a win is a win to stay at the top of the ladder.

Toulouse opened the scoring through a penalty goal to Chris Hankinson, but it would be their only scoring of the opening half. It was the visitors who crossed for the first try when Morgan Knowles crossed after running through a yawning gap up the middle of Toulouse's defence.

Just before the half-way mark of the opening half, Tommy Makinson crossed off a clever backline raid. Seven minutes from half-time, big Konrad Hurrell who's been the subject of a return to the NRL in recent weeks crossed for the Saints off an intercept to extend the margin to twelve at the break.

Olympique crossed first after the break when Harrison Hansen scored following a great short ball to cross for the home side and they were sniffing a second big upset only down by eight.

Any hope of a comeback was short lived when two quick tries to Jack Welsby and Regan Grace blew away any chance of a second upset by the newcomers to Super League.

A late try to Hankinson provided some score-board credibility, but once again the newcomers were coming agonisingly short but not securing the big victory they need to mount a late season charge.

ST HELENS 28 (R. Grace, K. Hurrell, M. Knowles, T. Makinson, J. Welsby tries; T. Makinson 4 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 14** (C. Hankinson, H. Hansen tries; C. Hankinson 3 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sat, 4th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 14-2. Penalties: Toulouse 14-3. Referee: Geoffrey Poumes. Crowd: 5,225. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Bergal, Hankinson, Jussaume, Russell; Norman, Albert; Navarrete, Marion, Alvaro, Dixon, Peyroux, Puech (C). Int: Hansen, Paulo, Cunningham, Sangaré. **ST HELENS:** Hopoate, Makinson, Hurrell, Mata'utia, Grace; Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Bell.

HULL KR 43 SALFORD 16

An individual masterclass from Rovers fullback Lachlan Coote which saw him score 21 of his sides 43 points has guided Hull KR to a convincing 43-16 victory over Salford.

It was Coote that got the Rovers in a fast and furious mood in the early stages, scoring two tries in the space of two minutes. The first came after outleaping Ken Sio to secure the ball and score, two minutes later it was a bust from Matt Parcell which found Coote to give his side a 12-0 lead.

Ryan Hall crossed on 22 minutes following a well worked set play and the score was already 18-0. Salford did hit back five minutes later when Kallum Watkins crossed in dubious circumstances to give his side some hope. Unfortunately, the comeback was on for about as long as Richie Mathers' stint in the NRL (yep, not long). Coote knocked over a field goal on half-time to put the game seemingly beyond doubt.

We were back to normal transmission not long after the resumption when Hall crossed for his second following a half-break from Shaun Kenny-Dowall and the rangy Kiwi centre found his winger to cross. Ethan Ryan crossed just after the hour mark to put the margin out to 25. That wasn't enough for the Rovers as Ben Crooks added a late double. Consolation tries for Deon Cross and Joe Burgess were only good enough for score-board credibility as Hull KR dominated this match in every facet.

HULL KR 43 (L. Coote 2, B. Crooks 2, R. Hall 2, E. Ryan tries; L. Coote 7 goals; L. Coote field goal) **DEFEATED SALFORD 16** (J. Burgess, D. Cross, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 19-6. Penalties: Salford 8-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 7,023. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Crooks, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Milnes, Lewis; Storton, Parcell, King, Halton, Johnson, Hadley. Int: Vete, Litten, Minchella, Keinhorst. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Gerrard, Watkins, Livett, Taylor (C). Int: Addy, Lannon, Escaré, Dupree.

WAKEFIELD 19 HULL FC 18

They left it late, but Wakefield reversed a six-point deficit to seal a 19-18 victory over Hull FC as they move further away from the threat of relegation.

It was a dynamic start by Hull when Adam Swift crossed inside the opening ten minutes following a lovely rainbow ball from Jake Connor and Hull had an early 6-0 cushion.

Hull doubled their advantage ten minutes before half-time when Darnell McIntosh crossed where Connor again turned provider with a lovely cut-out ball and the game was firmly in their control. Gale added a penalty goal to extend the margin to 14.

Wakefield were on the board just before the break when Matty Ashurst received a lovely short ball from Jacob Miller and the backrower slid over to score and cut the gap to eight. The margin was extended to twelve on half-time when Swift crossed for his double.

It was a tight second half which saw both sides struggle for ascendancy, but it would be Willie Poching's Wildcats that scored the only points in the second half. It began with a try to Corey Hall off the back of a spilt bomb from McIntosh which was scooped up by Hall and the game was well and truly on.

A late try to Lee Gaskell off a sweeping pass from Mason Lino saw the game on the line. Lino's conversion saw the scores tied heading into the final few moments. Enter Jacob Miller, the Aussie halfback nailed the field goal under heavy pressure to seal the upset win for the Wildcats, and more importantly rise to 10 points, which is equal with Salford and Warrington.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 19 (M. Ashurst, L. Gaskell, C. Hall tries; M. Lino 3 goals; J. Miller field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 18** (A. Swift 2, D. McIntosh tries; L. Gale 3 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 18-6. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 5-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,426. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Gaskell, Murphy, Hall, Lyne, Lineham; Miller (C), Lino; Fifita, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Arona, Tanginoa, Crowther, Butler. **HULL FC:** Connor, Swift, Wynne, Scott, McIntosh; Reynolds, Gale (C); Evans, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Ma'u, Brown. Int: Griffin, Satae, Lovodua, Fash.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 14

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	12	0	2	196	24
2	Catalans	10	0	4	110	20
3	Wigan	10	0	4	81	20
4	Huddersfield	9	1	4	71	19
5	Hull FC	8	0	6	53	16
6	Hull KR	7	0	7	-19	14
7	Castleford	6	0	8	-23	12
8	Leeds	5	1	8	-17	11
9	Salford	5	0	9	-76	10
10	Warrington	5	0	9	-78	10
11	Wakefield	4	0	10	-125	8
12	Toulouse	2	0	12	-173	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Luke GALE (Hull FC): Grade A Disputes Decision - 1 match
Sam HALL (Castleford): Grade C Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Suaia MATAGI (Castleford): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Rhys MARTIN (Leeds): Grade A Careless High Tackle - 2 matches

ROUND 15

HUDDERSFIELD 30 LEEDS 16

A four try first half assault by Huddersfield was enough to beat Leeds 30-16 on Friday night at John Smith's Stadium

The Giants blew away their opponents with four tries in 14 minutes which included scores by Ricky Leutele and Jermaine McGillvary alongside a Will Pryce penalty goal to make it 12-0.

Their blitz continued when another back in Jake Wardle dived over in the corner quickly followed by Australian forward Chris McQueen to push their lead to 22.

Leeds Rhinos did pull back a try just before half-time through winger Ash Handley which gave the visitors some hope headed into the second half.

There was further optimism when centre Ryan Sutcliffe dived over to get the Rhinos within two scores and made it 22-10.

Huddersfield put the games to bed with a pair of penalty goals to Pryce in the 63rd and 71st minute alongside a four-pointer to Josh Jones.

Rhinos fullback Zak Hardaker had the last say in the contest with their third try of the night for the visitors and completed the 30-16 final score.

HUDDERSFIELD 30 (J. Jones, R. Leutele, J. McGillvary, C. McQueen, J. Wardle tries; W. Pryce 5 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 16** (A. Handley, Z. Hardaker, L. Sutcliffe tries; R. Martin 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 10th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 22-4. Penalties: Huddersfield 6-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,712. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Wardle; Pryce, Cogger; Wilson, Levi, Lawrence (C), Jones, McQueen, English. Int: Golding, Greenwood, Trout, Mason. **LEEDS:** Hardaker, Fusitu'a, Martin, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Austin, Myler; Oledzki, O'Connor, Tetevano, Donaldson, Thompson, Smith. Int: Newman, Prior, Dwyer, Walters.

WIGAN 30 SALFORD 12

Wigan Warriors moved into second on the Super League table after their 30-12 win against Salford Red Devils on Friday night.

The first half was a tense struggle between the two sides with the only points coming from Harry Smith's wonderful support run after Liam Marshall's break for 6-0.

In the second half, Warriors blew away the Red Devils with five tries in a 17 minute period which included a double to Marshall and a hat-trick to Bevan French.

Marshall kicked off the festivities with an acrobatic finish from a grubber in the 45th minute quickly followed French starting and finishing a long break for 16-0.

French finished off a scrum move for his second four-pointer as the Warriors were in full flow shown in the quick hands that allowed Marshall to also score a double.

Showing that wingers also had skill, the two stars of the game combined for the Warriors final four-pointer of the evening. Marshall kicked inside for French to complete his hat-trick.

Salford Red Devils found a pair of consolation tries from the boot. Deon Cross swooped on a grubber in the 74th minute before Kallum Watkins touched down for the 30-12 final score line.

WIGAN 30 (B. French 3, L. Marshall 2, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 12** (D. Cross, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 10th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 6-0. Penalties: Wigan 5-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 5,944. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Akauola, Ackers, Ormoundroyd, Watkins, Livett, Taylor (C). Int: Luckley, Bourouh, Gerrard, Dupree. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Isa, Bibby, Marshall; Smith, Leuluai (C); Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Bateman, Farrell, Ellis. Int: Mago, Partington, Havard, Shorrocks.

CATALANS 36 HULL FC 8

Catalan Dragons continued their strong season with a comfortable 36-8 success against Hull FC in the only Saturday night game in Super League.

Last year's Grand Finalists are looking to hold their spot in the top two in the Super League after their six tries to two demolition of Hull FC.

Mike McMeekan opened the scoring for the hosts followed by Foud Yaha's score on the half hour mark gave Catalan Dragons a 14-0 lead.

The Dragons kept breathing fire when interchange forward Mickael Goudemand powered over the line for a commanding 26-0 lead at the break.

Hull FC got the perfect start to the second half when Josh Griffin got a four-pointer which wiped the duck egg from the scoreboard for the visitors.

Samisoni Langi restored the Dragons advantage with his score in the 51st minute then a pair of late scores from Australian duo Mitch Pearce and Tyrone May completed the score line.

The visitors did find the try line once more in the final ten minutes through winger Darnell McIntosh but they were well beaten 36-8 on Saturday night.

CATALANS 36 (M. Goudemand, S. Langi, M. McMeekan, T. May, M. Pearce, F. Yaha tries; S. Tomkins 6 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 8** (J. Griffin, D. McIntosh tries) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 11th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 20-0. Penalties: Catalans 7-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,847. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Laguerre, Yaha; Pearce, May; Napa, McIlorum, Bousquet, Whitley, McMeekan, Garcia (C). Int: Mourgue, Goudemand, Chan, Kasiano. **HULL FC:** Shaul, Swift, Wynne, Tuimavave, McIntosh; Reynolds, Gale (C); Evans, Houghton, Sao, Griffin, Ma'u, Fash. Int: Satae, Lovodua, Brown, Johnstone.

CASTLEFORD 20 TOULOUSE 14

Castleford Tigers earned a vital win in their 20-14 success against Toulouse Olympique in the first of Sunday's triple header.

Fighting to keep within striking distance of the rest of the Super League table, Toulouse Olympique were the first to strike through fullback Oliver Ashall-Bott.

It was a tight contest all afternoon in Toulouse and both sides went into the break tied up when interchange forward Suaia Matagi crashed over from close range for 6-6.

Toulouse poked their nose ahead again just after the break when Matthew Russell finished off a nice backline movement for a six point lead again.

Castleford Tigers are holding onto their spot in the top six with their fingernails and turned the tide of the contest when another charge from George Griffin locked things up again.

Both sides traded penalty goals in the tense contest which made it 14-all. Both Chris Hankinson and Danny Richardson were perfect with the boot on Sunday afternoon.

The Tigers took the two points back across the channel with a late score from Mahe Fonua who cut inside and muscled over the line gave them the 20-14 win.

CASTLEFORD 20 (M. Fonua, G. Griffin, S. Matagi tries; D. Richardson 4 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 14** (O. Ashall-Bott, M. Russell tries; C. Hankinson 3 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 3,326. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Jussaume, Russell; Norman, Albert; Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Dixon, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Puech (C), Paulo. **CASTLEFORD:** Hampshire, Eden, Fonua, Blair, Faraimo; Trueman, Richardson; Massey, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Milner, Westerman. Int: Olpherts, Watts, Matagi, Martin.

ST HELENS 26 HULL KR 18

James Roby passed Kevin Sinfield for most Super League appearances as St Helens defeated Hull KR 26-18 on Sunday afternoon.

On an important day for St Helens, the hosts got off to the perfect start when fullback Tommy Makinson was on the spot to dive over in the corner.

Lachlan Coote had a magnificent spell at the Saints but came back to haunt his former side with a smart dummy-half run which gave the Robins a 6-4 lead.

In response, St Helens went back-to-back with four-pointers to milestone man James Roby then Morgan Knowles to lead 16-6 then added a penalty goal before the break to cushion their lead.

The Robins kept themselves in the contest with a finish that has become standard for wingers in rugby league when Ryan Hall dived over for 18-12 at the break.

St Helens built on their buffer with tries to Ben Davies from an early kick which caught the Hull KR defence unaware followed by Konrad Hurrell's sliced effort for 26-12.

Coote rounded off the scoring for the visitors in his return to the Totally Wicked Stadium with a double after he latched onto a kick late in the contest.

ST HELENS 26 (B. Davies, K. Hurrell, M. Knowles, T. Makinson, J. Roby tries; T. Makinson 3 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 18** (L. Coote 2, R. Hall tries; L. Coote 3 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 18-12. Penalties: St Helens 8-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 9,858. **ST HELENS:** Hopoate, Makinson, Hurrell, Davies, Grace; Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Bell, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, Paasi, Wingfield, Norman. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Crooks, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Milnes; Storton, Parcell, King, Halton, Johnson, Hadley. Int: Vete, Litten, Minchella, Keinhorst.

WAKEFIELD 30 WARRINGTON 24

Wakefield Trinity joined the trio of sides on ten points after their 30-24 win against Warrington Wolves on Sunday afternoon.

The Wolves were hungry for first points and got them through hooker Daryl Clark before Trinity responded with a four-pointer to James Batchelor. Both sides traded tries in the final ten minutes before half-time with Wolves fullback Gareth Widdop crossing the stripe quickly nullified by Wakefield's Matty Ashurst for a 12-12 score at the break.

Warrington looked like they were set for a massive two points when they lead twice with both Wolves wingers in Connor Wrench and Matty Ashton dived over.

The hosts kept themselves in the contest with Batchelor's second four-pointer of the afternoon but it was a late salvo from Liam Hood and Kelepi Tanginoa sent the home side away the happier of the two supporter bases.

This result puts Wakefield Trinity equal on points with Warrington Wolves in ninth spot alongside Salford Red Devils in the trio on ten competition points.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 30 (J. Batchelor 2, M. Ashurst, L. Hood, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Lino 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 24** (M. Ashton, D. Clark, G. Widdop, C. Wrench tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Warrington 5-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,891. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Gaskell, Murphy, Hall, Batchelor, Lineham; Miller (C), Lino; Fifita, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst, Pitts, Crowther. Int: Battye, Arona, Tanginoa, Aydin. **WARRINGTON:** Widdop, Wrench, Thewlis, King, Ashton; Ratchford, Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper (C), Currie, Holmes, Davis. Int: Philbin, Walker, Amor, Mikaele.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 15

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	13	0	2	204	26
2	Catalans	11	0	4	138	22
3	Wigan	11	0	4	99	22
4	Huddersfield	10	1	4	85	21
5	Hull FC	8	0	7	25	16
6	Castleford	7	0	8	-17	14
7	Hull KR	7	0	8	-27	14
8	Leeds	5	1	9	-31	11
9	Warrington	5	0	10	-84	10
10	Salford	5	0	10	-94	10
11	Wakefield	5	0	10	-119	10
12	Toulouse	2	0	13	-179	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Mason Lino (Wakefield): Grade B High Tackle - 1 match

Josh Griffin (Hull FC): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match

ROUND 16

ST HELENS 42 LEEDS 12

Champions St Helens move further clear of the chasing pack after a dominant 42-12 win against an angry Leeds Rhinos side.

Facing his former side again, Konrad Hurrell got St Helens on the board with a powerful run close to the line for the opener followed by Alex Warmsley's four-pointer to make it 12-0.

The Rhinos struck back through centre Harry Newman after some good acrobatic play from David Fusitu'a to keep the ball alive. Leeds thought they drew level but had a score to Sam Walters chalked off the board.

St Helens made the most of that reprieve to extend their lead back to double digits when Reagan Grace finished off a backline move for 16-6 at the break.

Hurrell made it a brace with a score right after the break which gave the hosts more breathing room as they searched to extend their lead at the top.

There was some hope again for the Rhinos when Bodene Thompson brought them back within a score with his four-pointer in the 52nd minute.

From there, it was an avalanche of points for the hosts. Agnatius Pa'asi, Joe Batchelor, Dan Norman and Warmsley all found the whitewash to blow out the score line.

Leeds were a frustrated side and it manifested itself in a pair of yellow cards to Bodene Thompson and James Bentley while Zane Tetevano received a red card for his dangerous tackle on Hurrell.

ST HELENS 42 (K. Hurrell 2, A. Walmsley 2, J. Batchelor, R. Grace, D. Norman, A. Paasi tries; T. Makinson 5 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 12** (H. Newman, B. Thompson tries; R. Martin 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 23rd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 16-6. Penalties: St Helens 14-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 11,628. **ST HELENS:** Bennison, Makinson, Hurrell, Davies, Grace; Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, Paasi, Wingfield, Norman. **LEEDS:** Hardaker, Fusitu'a, Newman, Martin, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Prior, Bentley, Thompson, Donaldson. Int: Tetevano, Myler, Walters, O'Connor.

WARRINGTON 4 HULL FC 0

Warrington Wolves get back in winner's column with 4-0 win against desperate Hull FC on Friday night.

The Wolves were keen for a win to put further distance between them and the bottom three sides and the ladder shows how many wins not how they were won.

There was no points scored in the first half in a rare feat with the only effort getting close from Hull FC half Luke Gale who knocked on over the line and left the contest with a head injury assessment.

We did get the deadlock broken in the 45th minute when Stefan Ratchford was successful from the kicking tee to make it 2-0.

Wolves were sparked into action after breaking the deadlock and went close twice through Gareth Widdop and Josh Thewlis but both were held up.

Hull FC who were playing their first game without Australian half Josh Reynolds who terminated his contract, got their own penalty but Darnell McIntosh pushed it wide.

The hosts wrapped up the valuable two points with another score from the tee by Ratchford in the 65th minute that completed the 4-0 score line in a Friday fizzer.

WARRINGTON 4 (S. Ratchford 2 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 0 AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 24th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Penalties: Hull FC 7-6. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 8,591. **WARRINGTON:** Widdop, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Wrench, Ashton; Ratchford,

Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper (C), Currie, Holmes, Davis. Int: Philbin, Walker, Harrison, Mikaele. **HULL FC:** Shaul, Swift, Wynne, Vulikijapani, McIntosh; Lovodua, Gale (C); Evans, Houghton, Satae, Lane, Ma'u, Sao. Int: Fash, Brown, Hookem, Taylor.

WIGAN 40 TOULOUSE 6

Wigan Warriors have thrashed Toulouse Olympique 40-6 in impressive fashion with four tries to winger Abbas Miski in the rout.

The Warriors opened the scoring in the third minute through the Lebanon winger and kept their foot on the throat for the whole 80 minutes.

Next it was the other winger in Liam Marshall who crossed the whitewash next before Miski completed his hat-trick with back-to-back scores in the 20th and 32nd minute.

French - who has been in great form recently - got himself on the scoresheet just before half-time to extend the Warriors lead to 28-0.

Toulouse Olympique avoided the duck egg after the break when Dominique Peyroux dived over and Chris Hankinson converted to make it 28-6.

Warriors rounded off their thrashing with tries to five-eighth Jai Field and Miski added a fourth score on his impressive night in a big win.

WIGAN 40 (A. Miski 4, L. Farrell, J. Field, B. French tries; H. Smith 6 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 6** (D. Peyroux try; C. Hankinson goal) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 24th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 28-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 14,493. **WIGAN:** French, Miski, Isa, Bibby, Marshall; Field, Smith; Singleton, Powell (C), Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Shorrock. Int: Mago, Ellis, Havard, O'Neill. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Russell, Hankinson, Jussaume, Marcon; Norman, Gigot; Puech (C), Peats, Alvaro, Stefani, Marion, Peyroux. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Bretherton, Belmas.

SALFORD 74 WAKEFIELD 10

It was a Red Devils rampage at the AJ Bell Stadium with Salford posting a 74-10 win against Wakefield Trinity on Sunday afternoon.

Despite the record score, it was the visitors who found the scoreboard first when James Batchelor strode over the whitewash from a Jacob Miller pass to make it 6-0.

From there, it was a one-sided affair with Salford running in 13 tries to record their largest win in Super League history which included four players scoring multiple tries. Winger Joe Burgess headlined the scoring with his hat-trick which has boosted the Red Devils chances of Super League survival in front of 4,057 fans.

Deon Cross, Ryan Brierley and former NRL talent Ken Sio also scored doubles in the rampage which had Salford Red Devils leading 32-6 at the break.

Australian half Brodie Croft got himself involved in the scoring with a score in the 42nd minute quickly followed by Kallum Watkins to stretch the tally over 40 points.

The last four-pointer for the Red Devils went to prop Sitaleki Akauola who powered over from close range then Marc Sneyd nailed his ninth conversion.

There was some late consolation for Wakefield Trinity through hooker Ryan Murphy in the 51st minute which put the visitors in double figures for the afternoon.

SALFORD 74 (J. Burgess 3, R. Brierley 2, D. Cross 2, K. Sio 2, S. Akauola, B. Croft, T. Lafai, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 11 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 10** (J. Batchelor, L. Murphy tries; M. Lino goal) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 32-6. Penalties: Salford 9-7. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 4,047. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft (C), Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Gerrard, Watkins, Livett, Akauola. Int: Taylor, Atkin, Luckley, Dupree. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Gaskell, Murphy, Croft, Minns, Lineham; Miller (C), Lino; Fifita, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Battye, Tanginoa, Crowther, Butler.

HUDDERSFIELD 38 HULL KR 10

Huddersfield Giants won their sixth straight game in a 38-10 win against Wakefield Trinity on Sunday afternoon.

Hull KR bookended the game with their two scores. Matt Parcell scored in the third minute then Matty Storton touched down late to get the hosts into double digits.

Otherwise, it was a Giants parade of points. Leroy Cudjoe led the way for Huddersfield with a hat-trick in the seven tries to two rout for the top four side.

Cudjoe got the first Giants points on the half hour mark quickly followed by his second score in the 36th minute to give the visitors a 10-4 lead at the break.

Coming out of the break, Huddersfield felt just fine. Luke Yates found the try line within 60 seconds of the restart followed by Ricky Leutele crossing in the 43rd minute.

It didn't take Cudjoe to complete the hat-trick after the break, he wrapped up a wonderful afternoon for the Giants with a good putdown after superb work from Jermaine McGillvary.

Will Pryce who had a personal tally of 14 points piled on the misery with his four pointer in the 64th minute to make it 32-4.

Giants rounded off the performance with a milestone score for McGillvary. The winger notched up his 200th four-pointer in his career with a strong effort to beat two defenders.

HUDDERSFIELD 38 (L. Cudjoe 3, R. Leutele, J. McGillvary, W. Pryce, L. Yates tries; W. Pryce 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 10** (M. Parcell, M. Storton tries; L. Coote goal) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 10-4. Penalties: Hull KR 7-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7,050. **HULL KR**: Coote, Ryan, Crooks, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Milnes, Lewis; Storton, Parcell, King, Halton, Hadley, Minchella. Int: Vete, Keinhorst, Litten, Richards. **HUDDERSFIELD**: Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Pryce; Wilson, Levi, Lawrence, Jones, McQueen, English. Int: Golding, Yates, Greenwood, Trout.

CASTLEFORD 17 CATALANS 16

Danny Richardson's drop goal gave Castleford Tigers a priceless win against Catalans Dragons on a golden Sunday afternoon.

It was a Sunday thriller in Castleford between two sides who are fighting for finals football which saw the Tigers give the Dragons a rare loss this season.

The scoring took a while to get going before Cheyse Blair found the whitewash for the Tigers before the Dragons responded through forward Michael McIlorum to give us a 6-6 halftime score.

Castleford once again edged ahead just two minutes after the restart when Ryan Hampshire went to the air for an acrobatic effort which saw the Tigers lead 10-6.

The visitors struck a double blow which put them ahead. First Sam Tomkins weaved through the defence to level things then Arthur Romano gave them a six point lead.

As the style of the game, no team were able to hold a lead for a while. Tigers levelled up again when Derrell Olpherts dived over in the corner and Danny Richardson converted for 16-all.

Neither side could find the winning score in regular time despite McIlorum crashing over from close range which was brought back for an error. So the two sides headed to Golden Point.

Both teams traded attempts at field goals in Golden Point before Tigers five-eighth Richardson struck sweetly to send the 6,510 fans home happy from the Jungle.

CASTLEFORD 17 (C. Blair, R. Hampshire, D. Olpherts tries; D. Richardson 2 goals; D. Richardson field goal) **DEFEATED CATALANS 16** (M. McIlorum, A. Romano, S. Tomkins tries; S. Tomkins 2 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,510. **CASTLEFORD**: Hampshire, Olpherts, Fonua, Blair, Faraimo; Trueman, Richardson; Massey, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Watts, Lawler, Milner, Matagi. **CATALANS**: Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Romano, Yaha; Drinkwater, Pearce; Napa, McIlorum, Bousquet, Whitley, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Dudson, Séguier, Goudemand, Chan..

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6	Castleford	8	0	8	-16	16
7	Hull KR	7	0	9	-55	14
8	Salford	6	0	10	-30	12
9	Warrington	6	0	10	-80	12
10	Leeds	5	1	10	-61	11
11	Wakefield	5	0	11	-183	10
12	Toulouse	2	0	14	-213	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Zane Tetevano (Leeds): Grade D Strikes with Hand, Arm or Shoulder - 5 matches
Harry Newman (Leeds): Grade C Aggressive Behaviour towards Match Official - 3 matches
Bodene Thompson (Leeds): Grade B Trips - 2 matches
Elijah Taylor (Salford): Grade B Strikes with Knee - 1 match
Miteli Vulikjapani (Hull FC): Grade C Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Liam Watts (Castleford): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match

ROUND 17

CASTLEFORD 26 HUDDERSFIELD 18

Castleford have brought the Giants six match winning streak to a halt with an eight point victory at home.

It was a strong start for the Tigers who crossed inside the first ten minutes of play. A poor Danny Levi pass was scooped up by Jake Trueman who linked up with Derrell Olpherts to cross for the first try of the contest.

This was doubled six minutes later when Trueman turned from provider to try-scorer as he was able to sprint the best part of 70 metres to score.

Any hope of the winning streak continuing was going up in flames when Olpherts crossed for number two (in the thirty-second minute) and it was 20-0 with half-time in sight (Danny Richardson potted over a penalty goal in the twentieth minute).

Huddersfield closed the gap just before the break when Jermaine McGillvary crossed to reduce the margin to 14 points.

Castleford sealed the game just after the break when Jake Mamo crossed in the forty-sixth minute. Richardson added another penalty goal twenty five minutes from time to put the margin out to twenty points.

The Giants added two consolation tries in the space of two minutes when Chris McQueen and Will Pryce crossed to make the score-line more respectable in the final analysis. But this was due to the fact that Paul McShane was given a yellow card for a dangerous tackle.

CASTLEFORD 26 (D. Olpherts 2, J. Mamo, J. Trueman tries; D. Richardson 5 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 18** (J. McGillvary, C. McQueen, W. Pryce tries; W. Pryce 3 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Fri, 1st July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 20-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 11-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 5,672. **CASTLEFORD**: Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Faraimo; Trueman, Richardson; Massey, Milner, Griffin, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: McShane (C), Lawler, Smith, Matagi. **HUDDERSFIELD**: Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, King, Senior; Pryce, Russell; Wilson, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Lawrence, Greenwood, Ikahihifo.

LEEDS 62 HULL FC 16

The Leeds Rhinos have slaughtered Hull FC to boost their playoff hopes with a 62-16 annihilation of the black and whites in Hull. It was a landslide that few would have seen coming.

Leeds got off to a great start when Mikolaj Oledzki crashed over from short range in the sixth minute and it was looming to be one way traffic. Ash Handley added to this when he crossed for the first of his five tries seven minutes later. Hull were determined to stay in the fight and crossed for two quick fire tries to nullify the advantage that Leeds earned. Aidan Sezer's pass was intercepted by Darnell McIntosh who raced the best part of 85 metres to get Hull back in it.

Off the next set, Hull went coast to coast as Danny Houghton backed up to finish off a lovely set move. Leeds grabbed two tries before the break as Kruse Leeming crossed and Handley added his second and the Rhinos had a 12 point lead at half-time. Chris Satae crashed over to give Hull a chance, but that was as good as it got as Leeds moved clear with four tries in 10 minutes. Leeming grabbed his second before Richie Myler, Liam Sutcliffe and David Fusitu'a got on the scoresheet without Hull touching the ball. Hull's already shaky for and against was given a savage blow when Handley grabbed three tries in six minutes, adding to his first half double and bringing up 60 points for Leeds. Sides are nervously looking at their schedules as the Rhinos are hitting form at the right point of the season.

LEEDS 62 (A. Handley 5, K. Leeming 2, D. Fusitu'a, R. Myler, M. Oledzki, L. Sutcliffe tries; R. Martin 9 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 16** (D. Houghton, D. McIntosh, T. Satae tries; J. Griffin, D. McIntosh goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 22-10. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,360. **HULL FC**: Shaul, Wynne, Scott, Griffin (C), McIntosh; Hookem, Lovodua; Evans, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Sao, Johnstone. Int: Satae, Fash, Brown, Balmforth. **LEEDS**: Myler, Fusitu'a, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Prior, Bentley, Martin, Donaldson. Int: Smith, Gannon, Walters, O'Connor.

CATALANS 20 ST HELENS 18

The Catalans Dragons have closed their gap on premiers St Helens with a nail-biting two point victory at Stade Gilbert Brutus in Perpignan.

It was a disastrous start for the home side as they conceded two quick tries. Saints created an overlap for Sione Mata'utia, operating as a makeshift centre, to take Jack Welsby's pass and score the opening try in the seventh minute of play.

Eight minutes later, Tommy Makinson crossed for his 149th Super League try and Catalans' task was becoming harder by the second. Things were on a mission impossible route when Dylan Napa again lost his cool against the champs. Although this time he was sin-binned instead of a full dismissal.

Catalans were able to hang on this time and with nine minutes to go before the break. Matthieu Laguerre was able to cross following a bat back from Fouad Yaha and the Dragons were back. The Dragons made it two before the break when Josh Drinkwater crossed when he won the race to a Yaha kick and after a poor start, they had the slender two point lead at the break.

Saints restored the order after the break when Ben Davies crossed out-wide and the lead was back in their grasp. But almost as quickly, it was lost once more when Samisoni Langi backed up in support following a Drinkwater break.

Nine minutes later, Dean Whare put the result beyond doubt when he crossed out wide. Saints grabbed a consolation try when Welsby crossed and the margin was reduced to two points. But Catalans were able to hang on for a famous victory.

CATALANS 20 (J. Drinkwater, M. Laguerre, S. Langi, D. Whare tries; S. Tomkins 2 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 18** (B. Davies, T. Makinson, S. Mata'utia, J. Welsby tries; B. Davies goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 2nd July. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 10-8. Penalties: Catalans 8-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 10,260. **CATALANS**: Tomkins (C), Laguerre, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dudson, McIlorum, Napa, Whitley, Jullien, Goudemand. Int: Da Costa, Séguier, Romano, Kasiano. **ST HELENS**: Bennison, Makinson, Mata'utia, Davies, Grace; Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, Paasi, Wingfield, Bell.

TOULOUSE 28 HULL KR 6

Toulouse have boosted their chances of avoiding relegation with a resounding victory over a depleted Hull KR side in heatwave conditions at home today.

It was a strong performance from the home side and they were rewarded in the first twenty minutes. Latrell Schaumkel crossed for the first try off a great kick from Olly Ashall-Bott, with Chris Hankinson converting from the sideline to make it 6-0 after 15 minutes. Hankinson added a penalty goal from half-way to give Olympique a two possession lead. It should've been more but they left many scoring chances on the table and kept their eight point lead going into the sheds.

Toulouse added their second straight after the break when Paul Marcon crossed in the right corner. Hankinson added another penalty goal and the game was slipping from Rovers. They thought they were back in the match, but were pulled back for a forward pass. This proved costly as Hankinson crossed on the hour mark and the game was good as gone.

Albert Vete added one back for Rovers. However, the inexperience was on full display as Ashall-Bott crossed for a try of his own and the march to avoid relegation is well and truly on. Toulouse will need to take advantage of a favourable run of home matches if they are to continue their campaign to unroot themselves from the bottom of the table.

TOULOUSE 28 (O. Ashall-Bott, C. Hankinson, P. Marcon, L. Schaumkel tries; C. Hankinson 6 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 6** (A. Vete try; W. Dagger goal) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sat, 2nd July. Kickoff: 9:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 8-0. Penalties: Toulouse 10-9. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,441. **TOULOUSE**: Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Armitage, Marcon; Norman, Gigot (C); Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux, Bretherton, Paulo. Int: Albert, Hansen, Sangaré, Belmas. **HULL KR**: Dagger, Crooks, Wood, Kenny-Dowall (C), Ryan; Milnes, Lewis; Vete, Parcell, Storton, Halton, Hadley, Minchella. Int: Keinhorst, Litten, Richards, Sims.

WIGAN 46 WAKEFIELD 22

Wigan have showed their superior class downing a determined Wakefield Trinity 46-22 leaving Wakefield on the serious brink of relegation.

It was the Warriors who got off to an electric start. Kai Pearce-Paul who's been the subject of a move down under crossed in the first five minutes. Eight minutes later, Wigan had a second when Liam Marshall crossed in the left hand corner.

A further three minutes later, it was the Warriors adding further pain when Liam Farrell added a third and it was one way traffic. Wakefield temporarily halted the scoring in the nineteenth minute when Max Jowitt crossed. Four minutes later, a Mason Lino grubber was hauled in by Jay Pitts to reduce the gap further.

The lack of defence in this contest saw French score a sensational solo try, stepping past a handful of defenders to go over the line. Captain Lino was sin binned for back chatting referee Chris Kendall and the Wildcats were made to pay immediately. Abbas Miski crossed just before the break to put the margin out to 28-12 at half-time.

Miski crossed three minutes after half-time as he crossed in the corner. Bevan French added his second a further three minutes later when he won the race to a chip that took an awful bounce. Wakefield added two consolation tries when Kyle Evans and Jowitt crossed. Pearce-Paul put the match beyond doubt two minutes from time to seal a comprehensive victory.

WIGAN 46 (B. French 2, A. Miski 2, K. Pearce-Paul 2, L. Farrell, L. Marshall tries; H. Smith 7 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 22** (M. Jowitt 2, K. Evans, J. Pitts tries; M. Lino 3 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 28-12. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7,046. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Murphy, Croft, Hall, Evans; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Tanginoa, Crowther, Butler, Fifita. **WIGAN:** French, Miski, Isa, Pearce-Paul, Marshall, Field, Smith, Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Bateman, Farrell (C), Shorrocks. Int: Mago, Partington, Havard.

SALFORD 32 WARRINGTON 24

Salford have overcome a 16 point deficit to defeat Warrington in a back and forth Super League clash.

Salford crossed for the first try of the match. Rhys Williams crossed in the first ten minutes when he took an uncontested bomb and was allowed to cross the line. Six minutes later, Deon Cross crossed and it was an early 8-0 lead.

Thirteen minutes later, experienced hooker Daryl Clark crossed when he caught Salford's defence asleep at the wheel and the game was well and truly on. The scores would remain unchanged at the half.

Warrington started stronger after the break when Stefan Ratchford crossed in controversial circumstances. It looked as if his momentum stopped, but he kept crawling his way to the line and the referee awarded the try. Jake Wardle was then denied by a last-ditch Ryan Brierley tackle but Warrington kept play moving and Gareth Widdop was able to score under the posts from close range.

Josh Thewlis scored to seemingly put the game out of reach for Salford in the final twenty five minutes. Chris Atkin scored three minutes later to give the Red Devils a sniff. Three tries in the space of the final ten minutes gave Salford the comeback they needed to secure victory. Two tries in three minutes to Jack Ormondroyd and Brierley was enough to come from 24-8 down to nail Warrington into submission.

SALFORD 32 (J. Ormondroyd 2, C. Atkin, R. Brierley, D. Cross, R. Williams tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 24** (D. Clark, S. Ratchford, J. Thewlis, G. Widdop tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.** Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 8-6. Penalties: Warrington 8-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 8,559. **WARRINGTON:** Widdop, Minikin, Wardle, Wrench, Thewlis; Mata'utia, Ratchford; Mulhern, Clark, Cooper (C), Currie, Holmes, Davis. Int: Bullock, Walker, Harrison, Mikaele. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft (C), Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Gerrard, Watkins, Livett, Akauola. Int: Atkin, Costello, Luckley, Dupree.

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6	Hull FC	8	0	9	-25	16
7	Salford	7	0	10	-22	14
8	Hull KR	7	0	10	-77	14
9	Leeds	6	1	10	-15	13
10	Warrington	6	0	11	-88	12
11	Wakefield	5	0	12	-207	10
12	Toulouse	3	0	14	-191	6

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Dylan Napa (Catalans) - Grade D Strikes - 5 matches
Michael McIlorum (Catalans) - Grade C High Tackle - 3 matches
Sam Kasiano (Catalans) - Grade A Dangerous Tackle - 1 match
Kane Evans (Hull FC) - Grade B High Tackle - 2 matches
Jordan Johnstone (Hull FC) - Grade B Dangerous Throw - 2 matches
Ligi Sao (Hull FC) - Grade B Other Contrary Behaviour - 2 matches
Paul McShane (Castleford) - Grade B Dangerous Throw - 1 match
Nathan Massey (Castleford) - Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match

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TOULOUSE 38 WAKEFIELD 26

Toulouse Olympique's second half comeback has given their survival hopes a huge boost in their 38-26 win against Wakefield Trinity to open Magic Round.

It was a fast and furious start from Wakefield Trinity. They scored the first two tries in the contest through Liam Hood and Matt Ashurst followed by a Max Jowitt penalty goal to make it 14-0. The French side pulled one back through second rower Joe Bretherton to cut the deficit to 10 before the break before David Fifita pushed Wakefield Trinity back ahead 20-4 at the break.

Toulouse Olympique's half-time talk must've been spirited because they scored three tries in the opening ten minutes after the restart. It was also helped by an early bin to try-scorer Fifita for Wakefield.

Lambert Belmas, Matty Russell and Australian Nathan Peats all crossed the whitewash as Toulouse inched ahead 22-20 in coach Sylvain Houles 200th game as coach. It was a one-way procession as Toulouse Olympique boosted their chances of survival in the 2022 Super League as Russell completed his double alongside a score from winger Latrell Schaumkel.

Wakefield gave them a late fright when Kelepi Tanginoa dived over in the final minute to get them within six before an intercept from Guy Armitage gave us the 38-26 final score.

Toulouse Olympique have now pulled within two points of Wakefield Trinity who sit in eleventh spot in the Super League table as the season nears its completion.

TOULOUSE 38 (M. Russell 2, G. Armitage, L. Belmas, J. Bretherton, N. Peats, L. Schaumkel tries; C. Hankinson 5 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 26** (M. Ashurst, D. Fifita, L. Hood, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK**. Date: Sat, 9th July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 20-7. Penalties: Toulouse 9-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 36,821. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Murphy, Croft, Hall, Evans; Miller (C), Walker; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Tanginoa, Crowther, Butler, Fifita. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Armitage, Russell; Norman, Gigot (C); Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux, Bretherton, Paulo. Int: Albert, Hansen, Sangaré, Belmas.

ST HELENS 20 WIGAN 18

A furious late flurry of points saw St Helens triumph 20-18 against Wigan Warriors in Game 2 of Saturday on Magic Weekend.

League leaders St Helens were the first to hit the scoreboard due to a penalty goal from Jon Bennison in the sixth minute. From there Wigan Warriors took the game by the scruff of the neck. Bevan French got the first four-pointer of the contest when a wonderful cut-out pass from fullback Jai Field saw him touch down. The Warriors were denied a second try on the break after Sam Powell was offside. Wigan did extend their lead three minutes after the break through John Bateman. He was on the end of the assist from French as the Warriors stretched the advantage to 12-2.

Looking to keep their advantage over the field, St Helens sprung to life. Joe Batchelor started off the scoring quickly followed by Jack Welsby's four-pointer put the Saints within two. Saints did find the leveler through another Bennison penalty goal after a red card to Wigan's Brad Singleton but Wigan fought back with French's second try to wrestle back the lead.

In a tense final ten minutes, St Helens ultimately took the spoils with two late scores from backs Reagan Grace and ultimately in the final two minutes Jonny Lomax gave them a vital two points in their chase for another title.

ST HELENS 20 (J. Batchelor, R. Grace, J. Lomax, J. Welsby tries; J. Bennison 2 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 18** (B. French 2, J. Bateman tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK**. Date: Sat, 9th July. Kickoff: 4:45 PM. Halftime: Wigan 6-2. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 36,821. **ST HELENS:** Hopoate, Bennison, Hurrell, Matautia, Grace; Welsby, Lomax; Paasi, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Norman. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Isa, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Bateman, Farrell (C), Shorrocks. Int: Mago, Partington, Havard, Smithies.

LEEDS 34 CASTLEFORD 20

Leeds Rhinos put on a show in the night cap at Magic Round in their 34-20 win against Castleford Tigers on Saturday night.

This result puts Leeds Rhinos on the cusp of the top six only one point behind Hull FC with the latter side still yet to play in Magic Round.

The Rhinos opened the scoring through Australian forward Matt Prior before a double strike from Jake Mamo and Bureta Faraimo put the Tigers ahead 10-6 at the break.

In all three games on Saturday, the team that let at the break were unable take the win at the end of the contest. Leeds went ahead again through winger Ash Handley then never relinquished the lead again.

Aidan Sezer, Richie Myler, James Bentley and Liam Sutcliffe all found the whitewash in a 17-minute period which started at minute 53.

There was some late joy for Faraimo. The winger completed his hat-trick with two scores in the final ten minutes to make the final score 34-20.

LEEDS 34 (J. Bentley, A. Handley, R. Myler, M. Prior, A. Sezer, L. Sutcliffe tries; R. Martin 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 20** (B. Faraimo 3, J. Mamo tries; D. Richardson 2 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK**. Date: Sat, 9th July. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 10-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 36,821. **LEEDS:** Myler, Fusitu'a, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Johnson, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Prior, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Dwyer, Gannon, Walters, Donaldson. **CASTLEFORD:** Evalds, Olpherts, Fonua, Mamo, Faraimo; Eden, Richardson; Griffin, Milner, Lawler, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman (C). Int: Watts, Smith, Matagi, Martin.

HUDDERSFIELD 30 SALFORD 18

Huddersfield Giants moved into third spot with their 30-18 win against Salford Red Devils to kick off Day 2 of Magic Weekend.

In the bright sunshine in Newcastle, Huddersfield were the early bird that got the worm and led 24-6 at the break and were on course to consolidate their spot in the top four.

Hooker Toby King got the party started with a try in the first five minutes then some superb work from Danny Levi to find a steaming Owen Trout to make it 10-0 then an Oliver Russell penalty goal made it an even dozen.

Forward Chris McQueen and prolific try-scorer Jermaine McGilvary also found the whitewash in the impressive first half performance which came off the back of Head Coach Ian Watson re-signing until 2026.

Salford did get themselves on the board just before the break. Deon Cross dived over and the conversion from Marc Sneyd made it 24-6 at oranges.

The score before the break spurred on Salford after the restart. Australian half Brodie Croft was heavily involved in both scores - the first a slicing effort himself then putting over Geordie forward Sam Luckley that brought them back within six.

There was not going to be a comeback as Huddersfield pushed their advantage back to a dozen when McGilvary strolled over for his double and send the side into the top four.

HUDDERSFIELD 30 (J. McGillvary 2, T. King, C. McQueen, O. Trout tries; O. Russell 5 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 18** (B. Croft, D. Cross, S. Luckley tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK**. Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 24-6. Penalties: Salford 5-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 25,333. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, McGillvary, Cudjoe, King, Senior; Russell, Fages; Greenwood, Levi, Trout, Hewitt, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, English, Mason, Ashworth. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Akaula, Watkins, Livett, Gerrard. Int: Taylor, Atkin, Luckley, Dupree.

WARRINGTON 36 CATALANS 10

Warrington Wolves produced a stunning upset in their 36-10 win over Catalans Dragons in game two of Sunday's slate of Magic Round matches.

The Wolves started off with a bang when five-eighth Gareth Widdop crawled over for the first score before he was assisted from the field with a dislocated shoulder injury.

Catalans Dragons struck back with their first real attack of the contest when Samisoni Langi sensed some space at marker and drove over the try line to make it 6-4.

Wolves belied their position in the Super League competition and energised by new signing Jake Wardle who pounced on a loose ball to put them in the lead.

It was another debutant that added the Wolves next score when Matthew Nicholson barged over. Then, Stefan Ratchford was inch-perfect to touch down a kick which gave Wolves a 24-6 half-time cushion

Dragons came out firing but one loose pass was all it takes and it allowed Wolves winger Josh Thewlis to race away and put two hands on the precious points.

There was a brief thought of a comeback when English international Sam Tomkins just sliced through some feeble defence for Catalans to make it 30-10.

That thought was extinguished six minutes from time when George Williams was on the spot for an offload and took it the rest of the way for back-to-back tries in Magic Weekends and a Wolves win.

WARRINGTON 36 (M. Nicholson, S. Ratchford, J. Thewlis, J. Wardle, G. Widdop, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 6 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 10** (S. Langi, S. Tomkins tries; S. Tomkins goal) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.** Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Catalans 24-6. Penalties: Warrington 7-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 25,333. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Romano, Langi, May, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dudson, Da Costa, Goudemand, Whitley, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Laguerre, Le Cam, Chan. **WARRINGTON:** Widdop, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Wardle, Ashton; Ratchford (C), Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Harrison, Currie, Nicholson, Clark. Int: Holmes, Bullock, Dean, Mikaele.

HULL FC 34 HULL KR 28

A Hull FC featuring five debutants have taken out the Hull derby in a 34-28 win against Hull KR to round off Magic Weekend.

It was a derby that was all action and drama to finish off a magnificent weekend of rugby league. Hull KR came back twice but were left to rue a late Elliot Minichella four-pointer that was chalked off that could've sent it to Golden Point.

Both sides didn't head into the contest in the greatest form but it made for a gripping contest. Hull KR were the first on the scoreboard when Matt Purcell dived over.

There was a running battle between Hull KR and the Video Referee with three possible tries ruled out after their opener which had their fans screaming down the house.

Hull FC fired back with back-to-back scores of their own through centre Connor Wynne and Fijian international Joe Lovodua.

The Robins showed off their skills in with some quick scores just before half-time which gave us a 14-all score at the break. Sam Wood and Mikey Lewis the scorers in a fabulous first half.

It seemed like the game was played in short segments because after the break, Hull FC struck again. Elis Longstaff got himself a quickfire double to wrestle back momentum.

Lewis had an afternoon to remember for Hull KR. He completed his hat-trick in a flurry of three tries for the Robins which also saw Jimmy Keinhorst dive over.

The honours eventually went to the black-and-white side of Hull. Winger Chris Simm dived over for 13 minutes from time to hand Hull FC a 34-28 win.

HULL FC 34 (E. Longstaff 2, J. Lovodua, J. Simm, C. Wynne tries; L. Gale 7 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 28** (M. Lewis 3, J. Keinhorst, M. Parcell, S. Wood tries; L. Cootie 2 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.** Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 25,333. **HULL KR:** Cootie, Crooks, Wood, Kenny-Dowall (C), Tate; Milnes, Lewis; Vete, Parcell, Sims, Halton, Hadley, Minichella. Int: Keinhorst, Litten, Maher, Fishwick. **HULL FC:** Walker, Simm, Wynne, Griffin, McIntosh; Lovodua, Gale (C); Fash, Houghton, Satae, Longstaff, Lane, Brown. Int: Hookem, Taylor, Severs, Laidlaw..

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 18

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	15	0	3	234	30
2	Wigan	13	0	5	155	26
3	Huddersfield	12	1	5	117	25
4	Catalans	12	0	6	113	24
5	Hull FC	9	0	9	-19	18
6	Castleford	9	0	9	-22	18
7	Leeds	7	1	10	-1	15
8	Salford	7	0	11	-34	14
9	Warrington	7	0	11	-62	14
10	Hull KR	7	0	11	-83	14
11	Wakefield	5	0	13	-219	10
12	Toulouse	4	0	14	-179	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Connor Wynne (Hull FC): Grade B Late Hit on Passer - 1 matches
Dean Hadley (Hull KR): Grade B Late Hit on Kicker - 1 matches
Matt Prior (Leeds): Grade B Late Hit on Kicker - 2 matches
Liam Watts (Castleford): Grade B High Tackle - 2 matches
Rob Butler (Wakefield): Grade C Dangerous Throw - 2 matches
Sitaleki Akauola (Salford): Grade B Intentional Trip - 2 matches
Sione Mata'utia (St Helens): Grade A Late Hit on Passer - 1 match
Brad Singleton (Wigan): Grade C High Tackle - 3 matches

ROUND 19

ST HELENS 25 HUDDERSFIELD 0

St Helens triumphed 25-0 despite being reduced to 11-men at one point against Huddersfield Giants on Friday night.

The Saints maintain their four-point gap on Wigan Warriors and stretch their advantage on third place Huddersfield Giants to seven points headed into the final stretch. The hosts had to work for the points after the early dismissal of Stone Mata'utia for a dangerous tackle although Saints posted first points still through Joe Batchelor.

It was a scrappy game with both teams missing chances to put on points including both Jonny Lomax and Will Pryce missing from the tee in the first 40. St Helens pushed through with more points when Agnatius Pa'asi and fullback Jack Welsby crossed the whitewash alongside a Lomax penalty goal to make it 18-0.

They were reduced to 11-men for the final ten minutes when Morgan Knowles was shown a yellow card for a professional foul but that didn't deter the Saints. Lomax added the fourth try of the contest when he supported a break from Welsby to dive over in front of the home faithful for 24-0.

Welsby rounded off the night with a field goal to make the advantage 25 then Huddersfield Giants had a late score chalked off to Pryce in a wild evening of rugby league.

ST HELENS 25 (J. Batchelor, J. Lomax, A. Paasi, J. Welsby tries; J. Lomax 4 goals; J. Welsby field goal) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 0 AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 15th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 6-0. Penalties: St Helens 8-7. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,288. **ST HELENS:** Hopoate, Bennison, Hurrell, Mata'utia, Grace, Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Wingfield. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Pryce, McGillyvary, Cudjoe, King, Senior, Russell, Fages, Greenwood, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Wilson, Ashworth, Hewitt.

WIGAN 60 HULL FC 0

Bevan French scored seven tries in a 60-0 walloping by Wigan Warriors against Hull FC in a wild Friday night at the DW Stadium.

The Australian winger went on a scoring rampage. French completed his hat-trick in the first half before adding a fourth for good measure on a record night. Fullback Jai Field was the other Warrior to find the scoreboard in the first half with a typical runaway effort as he has taken Super League by storm in 2022.

Wigan Warriors were in full flow in the second half, French added another three more tries in the romp to complete his historic feat alongside a second from Field as the Warriors lock down second spot. Not to feel left out, Warriors other winger Liam Marshall added a score in the final ten minutes alongside halfback Harry Smith for the mammoth 60-0 score line.

Hull FC were unable to back up their derby win against Hull KR and were dismantled against one of the top Super League sides and keeps them in sixth spot.

WIGAN 60 (B. French 7, J. Field 2, L. Marshall, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 8 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 0 AT DW STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 15th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 28-0. Penalties: Hull FC 3-2. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 11,314. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Isa, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Havad, Powell, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, Ellis, Partington, O'Neill. **HULL FC:** Walker, Simm, Vulikijapani, Griffin, McIntosh; Lovodua, Gale (C); Fash, Houghton, Satae, Longstaff, Lane, Brown. Int: Hookem, Taylor, Severs, Laidlaw.

CASTLEFORD 35 WARRINGTON 22

Castleford Tigers blitzed Warrington Wolves in the first half in their 35-22 win on Saturday afternoon at the Mend-A-Hose Jungle.

The Tigers scored four tries in the first half to build their win, which had the hosts lead 23-0 at the break and maintain their spot in the top six. Hooker Derrell Olpherts crossed twice in the sixth and eleventh minute to get the scoring started for the Tigers with half Danny Richardson converted both. Richardson got himself involved in a busy first half with a four-pointer himself before he dropped one on the boot for some insurance for the Tigers.

Lock Niall Evalds rounded off the wonderful first half with his try then Jason Qareqare muscled over after the break to seal the two points for Castleford. Warrington who were unable to build on their upset win against Catalans did produce a fightback with back-to-back scores from Ben Currie and Matthew Ashton to draw close.

The sin-bin of Cheyse Blair further pumped up the Wolves appetite for a possible comeback. Daryl Clark dived over from close range to help the belief. Castleford Tigers quelled the comeback with a score from interchange player Alex Sutcliffe to make it 33-16 followed by another goal from Richardson to add two more.

Wolves did add a late consolation try to lock Oliver Holmes on a forgettable afternoon in Castleford for the side fighting for their survival.

CASTLEFORD 35 (D. Olpherts 2, N. Evalds, J. Qareqare, D. Richardson, A. Sutcliffe tries; D. Richardson 5 goals; D. Richardson field goal) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 22** (M. Ashton, D. Clark, B. Currie, O. Holmes tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.** Date: Sat, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 23-0. Penalties: Warrington 7-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,279. **CASTLEFORD:** Evalds, Olpherts, Fonua, Blair, Faraimo; Eden, Richardson; Griffin, McShane (C), Lawler, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Sutcliffe, Smith, Matagi, Qareqare. **WARRINGTON:** Ratchford, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Wardle, Ashton; Williams, Dean; Mulhern, Clark, Harrison, Currie, Nicholson, Holmes. Int: Clark, Bullock, Wrench, Mikaele.

TOULOUSE 20 LEEDS 6

Toulouse Olympique have moved outside the relegation zone with their 20-6 win against Leeds Rhinos on Saturday night in France.

It is now three straight wins on the bounce for Toulouse who have jumped above Wakefield Trinity due to a superior for-and-against headed into the final rounds. The hosts strode out to a 14-0 lead going into half-time when winger Latrell Schaumkel crossed, which was followed by fellow winger Matty Russell.

Chris Hankinson had a solid night from the boot. He nailed a penalty goal to open the scoring alongside three conversions on a good night for Toulouse. Leeds Rhino avoided a niling with a consolation score from interchange forward Brad Dwyer with Rhyse Martin converting to make it 14-6.

Hooker Joe Bretherton got the celebrations going for Toulouse in the final minute when he crossed the whitewash to stretch the advantage past two scores.

TOULOUSE 20 (J. Bretherton, M. Russell, L. Schaumkel tries; C. Hankinson 4 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 6** (B. Dwyer try; R. Martin goal) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON.** Date: Sat, 16th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 14-0. Penalties: Leeds 4-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 4,230. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Armitage, Russell; Norman, Gigot (C); Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux, Bretherton, Paulo. Int: Albert, Hansen, Sangaré, Belmas. **LEEDS:** Myler, Fusitu'a, Simpson, Martin, Handley (C); Tindall, Johnson; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, Bentley, Gannon, Smith. Int: Dwyer, Thompson, Donaldson, Sinfield.

HULL KR 15 WAKEFIELD 10

Hull KR kept their Super League finals hopes alive with a 15-10 win against Wakefield Trinity on Sunday afternoon.

The Robins worked out one wasn't the loneliest number with three tries in minutes ending with the digit while Wakefield's late score occurred in minute 71.

Wakefield was in the relegation spot after Toulouse's win on Saturday night. The visitors got off the perfect start when fullback Max Jowitt dived over for a 4-0 lead.

Neither side were able to trouble the scorers for the rest of the first half but Hull KR did level when Jimmy Keinhorst crossed only 60 seconds after the restart for 4-4.

Ethan Ryan and star fullback Lachlan Coote both found their way to the try line in the second half to extend the Robins lead to 14-4.

The aptly named Will Dagger plunged the final blow into Wakefield's hope with his drop goal with ten minutes to go which gave Hull KR an eleven-point lead.

Trinity winger Lewis Murphy did pull one back moments later which gave the final nine minutes some spice but the visitors are now well in a relegation dogfight.

HULL KR 15 (L. Coote, J. Keinhorst, E. Ryan tries; L. Coote goal; W. Dagger field goal) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 10** (M. Jowitt, L. Murphy tries; M. Lino goal) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 4-0. Penalties: Hull KR 10-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 7,029. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Wood, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Dagger, Lewis; Sims, Parcell, King, Hadley, Keinhorst, Minchella. Int: Litten, Maher, Fishwick, Royle. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Murphy, Croft, Hall, Taufua; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Pitts, Batchelor. Int: Tanginoa, Bowes, Fifita, Bowden.

SALFORD 32 CATALANS 6

Salford Red Devils have upset Catalans Dragons 32-6 in a major boost to their chances of making the Super League finals on Sunday afternoon.

That marks back-to-back losses for last year's Grand Finalists while Salford Red Devils pull within two points of Hull FC in sixth place.

The Dragons scored their only points of the game in the first 10 minutes. Forward Joe Chan crossed from close range before Sam Tomkins made it 6-0.

Ken Sio responded with a pair of scores for Salford to give the hosts a slender 12-6 lead headed into the break and on course for an upset.

Australian halfback Brodie Croft sliced through the defence for another score followed by Sio completing his hat-trick in a one-sided affair on Sunday.

Sneyd booted six goals across the 80 minutes that helped to keep the Red Devils ticking the scoreboard over against a downbeat Dragons side.

Jack Ormanroyd rounded off the scoring in a superb afternoon for the Red Devils which made it 32-6 and moved them within striking distance of Hull FC.

Catalans Dragons are battling a huge injury toll currently and have held onto fourth spot with a four point gap to fifth place Castleford Tigers.

SALFORD 32 (K. Sio 3, B. Croft, J. Ormondroyd tries; M. Sneyd 6 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 6** (J. Chan try; S. Tomkins goal) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-6. Penalties: Salford 8-5. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,607 **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Lannon, Watkins, Taylor (C), Gerrard. Int: Addy, Atkin, Luckley, Hellewell. **CATALANS:** Tomkins (C), Laguerre, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, Drinkwater; Goudemand, Da Costa, Bousquet, Whitley, Jullien, Séguier. Int: May, Le Cam, Chan, Kasiano.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 19

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	16	0	3	259	32
2	Wigan	14	0	5	215	28
3	Huddersfield	12	1	6	92	25
4	Catalans	12	0	7	87	24
5	Castleford	10	0	9	-9	20
6	Hull FC	9	0	10	-79	18
7	Salford	8	0	11	-8	16
8	Hull KR	8	0	11	-78	16
9	Leeds	7	1	11	-15	15
10	Warrington	7	0	12	-75	14
11	Toulouse	5	0	14	-165	10
12	Wakefield	5	0	14	-224	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Cheyse Blair (Castleford): Grade C - Strikes with hand, arm of shoulder - reckless - 2 matches

Morgan Knowles (St Helens): Grade A - Late hit on passer - 1 match

Sione Mata'utia (St Helens): Grade C - Other contrary behaviour - 3 matches

Sam Luckley (Salford): Grade B - Intentional trip - 1 match

ROUND 20

LEEDS 42 WIGAN 12

Leeds Rhinos were comfortable 42-12 winners against Wigan Warriors in an upset on Thursday night at the Headingley Stadium.

The Rhinos were never headed in the one-sided affair and got the game going with a four-pointer to centre Liam Sutcliffe followed by James Bentley touching down for 12-0.

Wigan Warriors hit back through their Australian connection. Jai Field darted down the right side before he unfurled a pass for Bevan French to dive over.

Rhyse Martin who had a perfect night with the boot going seven from seven and added a four-pointer himself just before the half hour mark to restore the 12-point lead.

It's been a good few weeks for Cameron Smiths in sport and the Rhinos halfback got himself on the scoresheet late in the first half to make it 24-6 at the break.

Leeds picked up right where they left off when Harry Newman finished off a long break for the Rhinos fifth try of the contest before the Warriors hit back through Jake Bibby.

Interchange players flourished in the late stages with Brad Dwyer and Muizz Mustapha both got themselves across the whitewash after coming off the bench to make it 42-12.

LEEDS 42 (J. Bentley, B. Dwyer, R. Martin, M. Mustapha, H. Newman, C. Smith, L. Sutcliffe tries; R. Martin 7 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 12** (J. Bibby, B. French tries; H. Smith 2 goals) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 21st July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 24-6. Penalties: Leeds 6-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 13,368. **LEEDS:** Hardaker, Fusitu'a, Newman, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Myler, Smith; Oledzki, O'Connor, Thompson, Bentley, Martin, Donaldson. Int: Dwyer, Gannon, Mustapha, Aydin. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Isa, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Havard, Powell, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Ellis, Partington, Shorrocks, Cooper.

HULL KR 30 WARRINGTON 22

Hull KR kept their finals hopes alive with a 30-22 win against Warrington Wolves on Friday night at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

The Wolves were howling in the first half. The hosts scored the first two tries of the contest through a double to Jake Wardle to make it 14-0.

Stefan Ratchford kept the scoreboard ticking in the first half with four goals from the boot in the first half and helped them to a 16-12 lead at the break.

The Rovers helped reduce their deficit with tries to centres Ben Crooks and Sam Wood helped by the sin bin of Peter Mata'utia just before the half hour mark.

Warrington extended their lead out to ten through interchange forward Thomas Mikaele which much like the Robins scores came with the opponents down to 12.

Headed into the final 15 minutes Hull KR piled on three tries to overcome the Wolves and take the two points to keep themselves in the top six hunt.

Matt Parcell, Ethan Ryan and Will Dagger all were try scorers for the visitors as the traveling fans enjoyed their trip home in a Friday night delight.

HULL KR 30 (B. Crooks, M. Parcell, S. Royle, E. Ryan, S. Wood tries; L. Coote 4, W. Dagger goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 22** (J. Wardle 2, T. Mikaele tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 22nd July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 16-12. Penalties: Warrington 10-8. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 7,551. **WARRINGTON:** Thewlis, Minikin, Mata'utia, Wardle, Ashton; Ratchford (C), Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Harrison, Currie, Holmes, Clark. Int: Bullock, Walker, Amor, Mikaele. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Wood, Crooks, Hall; Dagger, Lewis; Sims, Litten, King, Royle, Keinhorst, Minchella (C). Int: Parcell, Maher, Richards, Tate.

CASTLEFORD 46 HULL FC 18

Castleford Tigers led by a second half surge prevailed 46-18 against a disappointing Hull FC side on Friday night.

The Tigers hit the scoreboard first through a Danny Richardson penalty goal from an offside followed by in-form winger Derrell Olpherts diving over to make it 8-0.

Hull FC steadied themselves after a scuffle saw both Tigers Olpherts and Hull's Connor Wynne sent to the bin. The hosts scored all 18 of their points in the first half on Friday. Miteli Vulikijapani, Darnell McIntosh and Danny Houghton all crossed the stripe for Hull FC to give them a 18-14 lead at half-time as they try to keep their spot in the top six.

Olpherts continued his superb try-scoring form recently on Friday night with three tries in the second half to help the Tigers blow away the hosts and give them a four-point gap to sixth. The Tigers were reduced to 12 again early in the second half when Jake Mamo was binned for dissent but it didn't stop them finding Bureta Faraimo out wide to take the lead.

Faraimo completed his double three minutes later alongside scores from Suaia Matagi and Alex Sutcliffe alongside Olpherts continued feats helped them run out convincing winners. In a feisty game which saw 5 cards handed out including a red card to Hull FC's Ligi Sao for a dangerous tackle in the second half. George Lawler was also binned late for the Tigers.

CASTLEFORD 46 (D. Olpherts 4, B. Faraimo 2, S. Matagi, A. Sutcliffe tries; D. Richardson 7 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 18** (D. Houghton, D. McIntosh, M. Vulikijapani tries; L. Gale 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 22nd July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 18-14. Penalties: Hull FC 9-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 9,550. **HULL FC:** Walker, Simm, Vulikijapani, Wynne, McIntosh; Connor, Gale (C); Sao, Houghton, Evans, Lane, Lovodua, Fash. Int: Brown, Johnstone, Taylor, Longstaff. **CASTLEFORD:** Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; O'Brien, Richardson; Griffin, McShane (C), Lawler, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Mamo, Milner, Smith, Matagi.

CATALANS 13 HUDDERSFIELD 12

A Sam Tomkins drop goal was enough to secure Catalans Dragons 13-12 win over Huddersfield Giants on Saturday afternoon.

The win sees the Dragons leap over the Giants into third spot on the Super League ladder and snap their recent losing streak in dramatic fashion. Huddersfield Giants were the first side to score when Chris McQueen cleaned up from a kick which hit the ground and touched down for the visitors. Catalans went close through winger Mathieu Laguerre who was held up before they swung it wide on the right for Arthur Romano to level the scores at 4-all.

Buoyed by their four-pointer before the break, Catalans hit the front through Benjamin Jullien who steamed onto a soft pass from Mitchell Pearce to make it 10-4 'good buddy'. It was a tight contest so the Giants hit back through dummy half Danny Levi before a conversion from Oliver Russell had the game locked up at 10-all.

Both sides traded penalty goals through Sam Tomkins and Will Pryce to keep the game tighter than a new pair of jeans at 12-all. Much of the attack in the final ten was for the hosts. The Dragons were camped in the Giants half and missed their first field goal when Pearce hit the post.

The Dragons took home the vital two points in the final minute. Tomkins stepped up and piloted home the one-pointer to send a majority of the 6,845 fans home happy.

CATALANS 13 (B. Jullien, A. Romano tries; S. Tomkins 2 goals; S. Tomkins field goal) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 12** (D. Levi, C. McQueen tries; W. Pryce, O. Russell goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 23rd July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: Catalans 8-5. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 6,845. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Laguerre, Langi, Whare, Romano; Pearce, Drinkwater; Dudson, Da Costa, Séguier, Chan, Jullien, Garcia (C). Int: Mourgue, Goudemand, Cozza, Kasiano. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Pryce, Golding, Cudjoe, King, Senior; Russell, Fages; Greenwood, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Lawrence, English, Wilson, Hewitt.

SALFORD 24 TOULOUSE 11

Salford Red Devils kept up their recent good form with a 24-11 win against Toulouse Olympique on Saturday night in Toulouse.

This was a clash between two sides in good form and Toulouse freshly removed from the relegation zone struck first through Matieu Jussaume for a 6-0 lead.

Both sides went close to adding to their scores but some superb defence denied them any further. The Red Devils did lock the game up when Joe Burgess touched down from a high kick.

Toulouse took a three-point advantage into the break. Tony Gigot slotted a field goal to give the hosts the lead before a late hit after a break allowed Chris Hankinson to pilot home the penalty for a 9-6 lead.

Hankinson raised the flags again from the tee to give Toulouse the advantage again in the contest before a late rally from Salford Red Devils sent the points back over the channel.

Ken Sio moved into second spot on the Super League top scorers list with a pair of tries in the Salford success which takes his season total to 19 just behind Wigan's Bevan French on 20.

Burgess also completed his double in the second half alongside some precise kicking from Marc Sneyd was enough to move the Red Devils into the top six.

SALFORD 24 (J. Burgess 2, K. Sio 2 tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 11** (M. Jussaume try; C. Hankinson 3 goals; T. Gigot field goal) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Sat, 23rd July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 9-6. Penalties: Salford 14-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 3,706. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Jussaume, Russell; Norman, Gigot (C); Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux, Bretherton, Paulo. Int: Albert, Hansen, Sangaré, Belmas. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Gerrard, Ackers, Lannon, Watkins, Taylor (C), Hellewell. Int: Addy, Atkin, Burke, Ormondroyd.

ST HELENS 13 WAKEFIELD 12

St Helens stirred late to win in Golden Point 13-12 against a gallant Wakefield Trinity side on Sunday afternoon.

The golden win pushes St Helens advantage at the top of the Super League ladder to six points as the Saints eye off another Minor Premiership.

The leaders didn't have it all their own way on Sunday afternoon. Wakefield Trinity scored first through mid-season signing Jorge Taufua in the left corner.

Trinity added to their advantage when Jacob Miller tried to boot a 40/20 which was kept in by the Saints defence which gave enough time for Jack Croft to make it 10-0.

Mason Lino who was two from four from the boot on the windy afternoon extended Trinity's lead to a dozen as Wakefield Trinity looked to get themselves out of the drop zone again.

The old saying is 'Never Write Off The Saints' and the Champions hit back through Reagan Grace in the left corner and then a similar move on the right for Jon Bennison to make it 12-all.

Neither side were able to break the deadlock in regulation time which meant we headed to Golden Point. Trinity had the first attempt through Lino who sent it wide of the mark.

St Helens were steady under pressure. Jonny Lomax fumbled the ball when set for a field goal before he shuffled it to Jack Welsby to give the Saints a 13-12 win.

ST HELENS 13 (J. Bennison, R. Grace tries; J. Lomax 2 goals; J. Welsby field goal) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 12** (J. Croft, J. Taufua tries; M. Lino 2 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 10-0. Penalties: St Helens 10-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 4,162. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Shaul, Murphy, Croft, Gaskell, Taufua; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Tanginoa, Batchelor. Int: Battye, Crowther, Fifita, Bowden. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Bennison, Hurrell, Davies, Grace; Lomax, Roby (C); Walmsley, Lussick, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Wingfield. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Bell, Norman.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 20

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	17	0	3	260	34
2	Wigan	14	0	6	185	28
3	Catalans	13	0	7	88	26
4	Huddersfield	12	1	7	91	25
5	Castleford	11	0	9	19	22
6	Salford	9	0	11	5	18
7	Hull KR	9	0	11	-70	18
8	Hull FC	9	0	11	-107	18
9	Leeds	8	1	11	15	17
10	Warrington	7	0	13	-83	14
11	Toulouse	5	0	15	-178	10
12	Wakefield	5	0	15	-225	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Ligi Sao (Hull FC): Grade D Strikes - 3 matches
Leroy Cudjoe (Huddersfield): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Connor Wynne (Hull FC): Grade A Disputes Decision - 1 match
Daniel Alvaro (Toulouse): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Korbin Sims (Hull KR): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Kelepi Tanginoa (Wakefield): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match

ROUND 21

WIGAN 46 HULL KR 4

Wigan Warriors kicked off the round with a huge 46-4 win over Hull KR on Thursday night at the DW Stadium.

The Warriors rebounded from their loss to Leeds Rhinos in superb style with a romp that helped them bridge the gap to leaders St Helens. Bevan French continues his wonderful season with another hat-trick as he kicked off the scoring for Wigan after just three minutes of the contest.

His wing partner Liam Marshall was the other hat-trick hero in the dominant win and scored in the first ten minutes alongside mid-season signing Michael Cooper. French added his second score 19 minutes in before Hull KR were able to pull one back through their winger Ethan Ryan to make it 20-4 at the break.

The second half was a Warriors wall of points which was started by Kai Pearce-Paul before French completed his hat-trick and Marshall made his a double. Late scores from Patrick Mago and Marshall's hat-trick completed the one-way traffic and sent the 11,032 fans home happy on Thursday night.

WIGAN 46 (B. French 3, L. Marshall 3, M. Cooper, P. Mago, K. Pearce-Paul tries; H. Smith 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 4** (E. Ryan try) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 28th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 20-4. Penalties: Wigan 7-6. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 11,032.

WIGAN: Field, French, Halsall, Pearce-Paul, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Cooper, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, Ellis, Partington, O'Neill. **HULL KR:** Coote, Ryan, Wood, Crooks, Hall; Tate, Dagger; Fishwick, Parcell, King, Minchella (C), Royle, Litten. Int: Maher, Laulu-Togagala, Cavanaugh, Moore.

HULL FC 30 TOULOUSE 6

It was a fabulous trip to France for Hull FC in their 30-6 win over relegation threatened Toulouse Olympique on Friday night.

Toulouse were aiming to build a buffer on their rivals for relegation and got off to the perfect start when lock James Cunningham dived over and Chris Hankinson converted. From there, Hull FC ran riot in Toulouse. It was a resounding response after their loss to Castleford Tigers at home last weekend.

Josh Simm and Ellis Longstaff both crossed for Hull FC in the first half to help turn around their deficit and give them a 10-4 big buddy at the break.

Hull FC got jiggy with it in the second half with Will Smith diving over 13 minutes into the restart before Jack Brown followed up four minutes later. Harvey Barron who has a fantastic villain name and definitely was a villain for the home fans in attendance after his late score extended Hull FC's lead to 24.

This result puts Hull FC level with Salford Red Devils in sixth spot after Round 21 while Toulouse Olympique once again are in the relegation zone.

HULL FC 30 (H. Barron, J. Brown, E. Longstaff, J. Simm, W. Smith tries; L. Gale 5 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 6** (J. Cunningham try; C. Hankinson goal) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Fri, 29th July. Kickoff: 8:30 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 10-6. Penalties: Hull FC 9-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 4,238. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Bergal, Hankinson, Jussaume, Marcon; Norman, Gigot (C); Navarrete, Peats, Belmas, Peyroux, Bretherton, Cunningham. Int: Albert, Hansen, Marion, Puech.

HULL FC: Walker, Simm, Connor, Vulikijapani, McIntosh; Smith, Gale (C); Evans, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Longstaff, Fash. Int: Brown, Johnstone, Barron, Laidlaw.

WAKEFIELD 32 CASTLEFORD 6

Wakefield Trinity scored a rare win in Castleford as they won 32-6 against the Tigers on Friday night to move out of the relegation zone.

The visitors hadn't won at the Mend-A-Hose Jungle in their last 17 clashes but snapped the streak in style scoring 30 straight points in the first hour.

Liam Hood crossed first from a smart dummy-half run to get Trinity ticking before Lewis Murphy collected a chip kick to make it 12-0. Forward Matty Ashurst extended Wakefield's lead to 18 with his four-pointer just before half-time while the hosts had an effort from in-form winger Bureta Faraimo chalked off.

Murphy completed his double in the second half as Wakefield eyed off a rare triumph in Castleford with their 24 point lead being celebrated by the away fans. David Fifita rounded off their points fest with a blockbuster run that skittled defenders and slammed the ball down for a 30-0 lead.

Castleford Tigers gave their fans some consolation with a four-pointer to five-eighth Danny Richardson on the hour mark as he converted his own score for 30-6.

Mason Lino had a perfect night from the boot kicking six from six from the tee and added a late penalty goal to stretch the Trinity advantage to 26.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 32 (L. Murphy 2, M. Ashurst, D. Fifita, L. Hood tries; M. Lino 6 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 6** (D. Richardson try; D. Richardson goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**.

Date: Fri, 29th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 18-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-5. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 6,796. **CASTLEFORD:** Mamo, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; Eden, Richardson; Griffin, McShane (C), Smith, Edwards, Milner, Westerman. Int: Watts, Lawler, Matagi, Qareqare. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Shaul, Kershaw, Hall, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Batchelor, Crowther. Int: Battye, Aydin, Fifita, Bowden.

HUDDERSFIELD 32 WARRINGTON 22

Huddersfield Giants moved into third spot with their 32-22 success over Warrington Wolves on Saturday afternoon.

The Wolves were hungry for further success to move away from the relegation zone after Wakefield's win on Friday night and scored first through Jake Wardle for a 6-0 lead.

Stefan Ratchford was busy from the tee in the first half. He nailed three penalty goals which helped keep Warrington in the lead going into half-time. The Giants were only narrowly behind at the break due to scores from Ashton Goulding and Adam O'Brien which had it 12-10 at the break.

Wolves again were quickest from the restart Matthew Ashton scored a double to give the visitors an eight-point lead despite Josh Jones crossing for the Giants. Warrington were unable to hold their lead with Huddersfield scoring three times in the final fifteen minutes to take the two points in front of 4,549 fans at John Smiths stadium.

Innes Senior kicked it off with his four-pointer alongside scores from fullback Will Pryce and forward Owen Trout to drive the Giants into third spot on the Super League ladder.

HUDDERSFIELD 32 (A. Goulding, J. Jones, A. O'Brien, W. Pryce, I. Senior, O. Trout tries; O. Russell 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 22** (M. Ashton 2, J. Wardle tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-10.

Penalties: Huddersfield 7-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,549. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Pryce, Senior, King, Jones, Goulding; Russell, Fages; Wilson, O'Brien, Trout, Hewitt, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Levi, English, Greenwood, Ashworth. **WARRINGTON:** Dufty, Minikin, Wrench, Wardle, Ashton; Mata'utia, Ratchford; Amor, Clark (C), Mulhern, Currie, Nicholson, Clark. Int: Holmes, Bullock, Mikaele, Harrison.

LEEDS 36 CATALANS 32

A 12-man Leeds Rhinos spurred on by a Ritchie Myler hat-trick defeated Catalans Dragons 36-32 in a wild game on Saturday night.

Catalans Dragons were in firm control of the contest but somehow managed to conspire to lose their advantage to a wounded Leeds Rhinos side.

Foud Yaha scored a double in the first half for the Dragons as the hosts looked to hold onto their third spot in the Super League ladder.

Forward Benjamin Jullien's four-pointer was sandwiched between the winger's double as the Dragons took a 16-6 lead going into oranges.

Liam Sutcliffe gave the Rhinos some life late in the first half when he crossed in the final 60 seconds quickly followed by Rhysie Martin's conversion.

Catalans were given a boost when Leeds forward Matt Prior was dismissed for a dangerous tackle. Sam Tomkins piloted over the penalty goal before fan favourite Sam Kasiano crashed over alongside Samisoni Langi for a 30-6 lead.

No one told the Rhinos, the game was extinct. Richie Myler scored a hat-trick in 13 minutes which brought Leeds within striking distance of the two points.

Scores from interchange forward Brad Dwyer and Australian half Aiden Sezer sent the away fans into delirium as Leeds produced the comeback of the season in a 36-32 win.

LEEDS 36 (R. Myler 3, B. Dwyer, A. Sezer, L. Sutcliffe tries; R. Martin 6 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 32** (F. Yaha 2, B. Jullien, S. Kasiano, S. Langi tries; S. Tomkins 6 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 16-6. Penalties: Catalans 9-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,165. **CATALANS:** Tomkins (C), Romano, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Mourgue, Drinkwater; Dudson, McIlorum, Séguier, Jullien, Chan, Da Costa. Int: Goudemand, Cozza, Kasiano, Chan. **LEEDS:** Hardaker, Tindall, Newman, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Myler, Sezer; Dledzki, O'Connor, Thompson, Bentley, Martin, Donaldson. Int: Prior, Dwyer, Smith, Gannon.

SALFORD 44 ST HELENS 12

Salford Red Devils recorded their best result of the season thus far with a 44-12 victory over three-time champions St Helens on Sunday afternoon.

The Red Devils extended their unbeaten run to three games and remain in sixth spot on the Super League ladder after this shocking triumph over the Champions.

Prop Sitaleki Akauola got the party started with a close-range effort before winger Joe Burgess and centre Dan Sarginson crossed in quick succession to blow away the Saints.

Kallum Watkins was the next to get a four-pointer for the Red Devils alongside a second try for Burgess gave the hosts a 26-0 lead at the break.

The sides traded tries to open the second half with Greg Burke scoring for Salford and St Helens getting on the scoreboard through fullback Jack Welsby.

Watkins completed his double with Salford's seventh four-pointer of the game as they were enjoying themselves against the best team in Super League.

Salford Red Devils left their best for last. From their own end, there was a chain of passing which sent Australian halfback Brodie Croft away to celebrate with their biggest crowd of the season.

St Helens found some late consolation through Alex Warmsley which got them into double digits for the game on an otherwise forgettable afternoon for the Champions.

SALFORD 44 (J. Burgess 2, K. Watkins 2, S. Akauola, G. Burke, B. Croft, D. Sarginson tries; M. Sneyd 6 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 12** (A. Walmsley, J. Welsby tries; J. Bennison, J. Lussick goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 26-0. Penalties: Salford 6-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 6,041. **SALFORD:** Cross, Sio, Sarginson, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Akauola, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Watkins, Taylor (C), Gerrard. Int: Burke, Lannon, Atkin, Luckley. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Bennison, Hurrell, Davies, Grace; Lomax, Roby (C); Walmsley, Lussick, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Wingfield, Bell.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 21

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	17	0	4	228	34
2	Wigan	15	0	6	227	30
3	Huddersfield	13	1	7	101	27
4	Catalans	13	0	8	84	26
5	Castleford	11	0	10	-7	22
6	Salford	10	0	11	37	20
7	Hull FC	10	0	11	-83	20
8	Leeds	9	1	11	19	19
9	Hull KR	9	0	12	-112	18
10	Warrington	7	0	14	-93	14
11	Wakefield	6	0	15	-199	12
12	Toulouse	5	0	16	-202	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Matt Prior (Leeds): Grade B High tackle - 2 matches

Olly Russell (Huddersfield): Grade B Tripping - 1 match

Brad O'Neil (Wigan): Grade B contact with a match officials - 1 match

ROUND 22

HULL KR 22 TOULOUSE 16

Hull KR kept their finals hopes alive with a comeback 22-16 win against Toulouse Olympique on Thursday night.

In front of their home crowd, Hull KR started in fine fettle. Shaun Kenny-Dowall had a four-pointer ruled out due to a double movement before Elliot Minchella crashed over for 6-0. Toulouse are the side stuck in the relegation zone but fashioned a pair of tries to take the lead headed into the break and look prime for two points. Matty Russell finished off a slick backline movement for the visitors then Australian Daniel Alvaro was right on the spot to touch down from a fumble to make it 12-6.

The French side extended their lead coming out of the half-time break when they piled on the pressure and swung the ball to Latrell Schaumkel to dive over in the corner. The Robins responded through a kick to winger Ethan Ryan which got them back into the contest with a touchdown which got the crowd back involved. Hull KR sensed a chance to snatch the two points and the home side scored twice in the final ten minutes to do just that and mire Toulouse further in the muck.

Kenny-Dowall was a focal point for Hull KR in attack in his return and started a break which ended up with Frankie Halton scoring from close range. The comeback was complete late in the piece when Rowan Milnes was the end point of a fantastic scrum play to go along with his three goals to send the home fans away happy.

HULL KR 22 (F. Halton, R. Milnes, E. Minchella, E. Ryan tries; R. Milnes 3 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 16** (D. Alvaro, M. Russell, L. Schaumkel tries; C. Hankinson 2 goals) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Thu, 4th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-6. Penalties: Hull KR 6-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,763. **HULL KR:** Lалу-Togaga'e, Ryan, Wood, Kenny-Dowall (C), Tate, Litten, Milnes; Sims, Parcell, King, Keinhorst, Halton, Minchella. Int: Crooks, Storton, Maher, Fishwick. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Jussaume, Russell; Norman, Albert; Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux (C), Bretherton, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Hansen, Sangaré, Belmas.

HUDDERSFIELD 22 HULL FC 16

Huddersfield Giants hold onto third spot after two late Danny Levi tries help them to a 22-16 win against Hull FC on Friday night.

Coming off their big win in Toulouse last weekend, Hull FC got the best start possible when Jack Walker crossed from close range to make it 4-0. The Giants were getting into good field position but unable to force their way across the try line before Hull FC capitalised on a seven-tackle set to make it 10-0 through Connor Wynne at half-time.

Having a man advantage to start the half due to Will Smith's binning, Huddersfield made it count with a short side raid which ended in Tui Lolohea making it 10-6. Hull FC got back to parity and restored their lead in quick fashion. Jake Connor kicked behind the defence for Ellis Longstaff to touch down. The finals bound Giants ramped up the pressure to quickly erase their eight-point deficit but the Hull FC defence held firm until the hour mark.

French international Theo Fages capitalised on an error from Walker trying to save a 40/20. He was on the end of the scrum movement to get it back to 16-12. All the surge was with Huddersfield and the hosts took the chocolates late. Danny Levi crossed from dummy half twice, including after the siren, for a vital two points for the Giants.

HUDDERSFIELD 22 (D. Levi 2, T. Fages, T. Lolohea tries; W. Pryce 3 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 16** (E. Longstaff, J. Walker, C. Wynne tries; L. Gale 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 5th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 10-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 10-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,642. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Senior, King, Cudjoe, Golding; Pryce, Fages; Wilson, O'Brien, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Levi, Greenwood, Ashworth, Hewitt. **HULL FC:** Walker, Simm, Connor, Wynne, McIntosh; Smith, Gale (C); Evans, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Longstaff, Fash. Int: Satae, Laidlaw, Brown, Lovodua.

WIGAN 32 WARRINGTON 6

Wigan Warriors pile on second half points in their 32-6 win against Warrington Wolves under the Friday night lights.

The visiting Wolves were the first to find the scoreboard in a defensive first half where there were only 10 points scored between the two sides. Ben Currie found the whitewash for Warrington from a high kick put up by former Warriors halfback George Williams to make it 6-0. Wigan had a hat-trick of chances to find a four-pointer including an acrobatic effort from Bevan French alongside ones from Kai Pearce-Paul and Willie Isa were all chalked off. The hosts did strike back just before the break in the form of Sam Halsall who finished off a vibrant movement from French to make it 6-4 Wolves at the break.

In the second half, it was all cherry and white. Liam Marshall scored another hat-trick to make it six tries in his last two games as the Warriors ran riot. Jake Bibby was the man to put Wigan in the lead after the break when he was on the end of some good work from Pearce-Paul and Jai Field to dive over. Marshall went to work with three tries in succession which to purists is the only way to count a hat-trick but the Warriors faithful packed into the DW Stadium enjoyed the show.

Field, who has enjoyed a fantastic campaign with the Warriors, put the icing on the cake for the hosts with the final four-pointer in the contest to make it 32-6.

WIGAN 32 (L. Marshall 3, J. Bibby, J. Field, S. Halsall tries; H. Smith 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 6** (B. Currie try; S. Ratchford goal) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 5th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 6-4. Penalties: Wigan 4-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 13,261. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Halsall, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Cooper, Shorrocks, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Isa (C), Smithies. Int: Singleton, Mago, Ellis, Partington. **WARRINGTON:** Thewlis, Wrench, Mata'utia, Wardle, Ashton; Ratchford (C), Williams; Harrison, Clark, Mulhern, Currie, Nicholson, Holmes. Int: Clark, Bullock, Walker, Mikeale.

ST HELENS 20 CASTLEFORD 12

Super League leaders St Helens rebounded to a 20-12 win against Castleford Tigers on Sunday afternoon.

After their shock loss to Salford Red Devils last week, St Helens started well and led 20-0 before a late comeback from the visitors gave them a fright.

St Helens were the first to find the try line when Curtis Sironen steamed onto a short ball from Jonny Lomax to make it 6-0. The hosts doubled their advantage through Morgan Knowles from another slick pass from Saints fullback Jack Welsby as last week became a distant memory. When Tigers forward Liam Watts was binned it looked like the Saints might rack up a score but the leaders were unable to add to their advantage before the break. The Tigers ill-discipline cost them a further two points with Tommy Makinson booting a penalty goal to put the Saints ahead by three scores.

Saints furthered their advantage with a good kick from Lomax which found James Batchelor and put them out to a commanding 20-0 lead despite being down to 12 after Sironen's sin-bin.

Castleford Tigers weren't about to lie down as in-form winger Bureta Faraimo scored thrice in the late stages to set up a close finish if it wasn't for wayward goal kicking. Faraimo's first two tries were carbon copies of each other with slick backline moves and the winger used his strength to slam the ball down. He brought up his hat-trick in the losing effort from a lovely cut-out pass from Greg Eden but even a change in kickers couldn't help the Tigers make a late charge.

ST HELENS 20 (J. Batchelor, M. Knowles, C. Sironen tries; T. Makinson 4 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 12** (B. Faraimo 3 tries) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-0. Penalties: St Helens 8-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,144. **ST HELENS:** Bennison, Makinson, Hurrell, Davies, Hill; Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Bell. **CASTLEFORD:** Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Blair, Faraimo; O'Brien, Richardson; Watts, McShane, Griffin, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Sutcliffe, Matagi, Martin, Feki.

LEEDS 34 SALFORD 14

Leeds Rhinos moved into the top six with their 34-14 win over a surging Salford Red Devils on Sunday afternoon.

Buoyed by their comeback win last week, Leeds Rhinos made it three wins on the spin and snapped the Red Devils recent run and took their spot in the top six.

The Rhinos stampeded out of the gates back at home and scored three tries in the first 15 minutes to stride out to an 18-0 lead.

An early break down the right saw an interchange of passes sent Harry Newman over for the first score before Stefan Ratchford snatched a kick from the air to make it 12-0.

Rhyse Martin showed off his strength to put the Rhinos up eighteen points when he barged over from close range and converted his own effort in the impressive start.

Salford Red Devils hit back twice before half-time to bring the deficit back to ten points. Joe Burgess crossed on the left wing quickly followed by the other winger Ken Sio for 18-8.

Brodie Croft brought the Red Devils within four after half-time. The Australian halfback sliced through the defence and Marc Sneyd converted for 18-14.

Martin maintained his perfect afternoon with the boot with a pair of penalty goals in the final quarter of the game to keep the Red Devils at bay.

Down by six, Red Devils were surging back into the contest before an intercept to Ash Handley dealt them a cruel blow and extend the Rhinos lead to 12.

Salford's discipline cost them as Sitaleki Akauola was sin-binned for repeated infringements and it allowed Martin to complete his double alongside another penalty goal for 34-14.

LEEDS 34 (R. Martin 2, A. Handley, R. Myler, H. Newman tries; R. Martin 7 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 14** (J. Burgess, B. Croft, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd goal) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 18-8. Penalties: Leeds 10-5. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 14,668. **LEEDS:** Hardaker, Fusitu'a, Newman, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Myler, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Thompson, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Tetevano, Dwyer, Walters, Gannon. **SALFORD:** Sarginson, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Akauola, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Taylor (C), Watkins, Gerrard. Int: Brierley, Wright, Atkin, Luckley.

CATALANS 20 WAKEFIELD 16

A Foud Yaha hat-trick has helped Catalans Dragons to a 20-16 win against Wakefield Trinity on Sunday afternoon.

The Dragons looked to shake off their capitulation to Leeds Rhinos the week before and the absence of over a dozen of their regular players to remain in the top four.

Foud Yaha gave the visitors the best start when he was on the end of a backline movement twice in the opening ten minutes to make it 12-0.

Trinity aiming to put more space between themselves, and Toulouse struck back through Jamie Shaul who dived over from close range to make it 12-4.

It was a hat-trick within 30 minutes for Yaha. The Dragons swung the ball right to left then a kick behind allowed the winger to touch down for a magnificent feat on his 150 appearance for the club.

Dragons didn't have it all their own way in the first half with forward Tiaki Chan sent to the sin-bin for a dangerous tackle but Wakefield Trinity was unable to capitalise.

The hosts did pull one back after the break, Matty Ashurst steamed onto a short pass and walked over untouched to get them within six.

A pair of penalty goals from Arthur Mourgue helped the Dragons extend their advantage back out to 10 points and close in on a win.

Wakefield Trinity gave them a late scare when Lewis Murphy dived over in the corner and Mason Lino's conversion made it 20-16. Trinity remain outside of the relegation zone but not out of danger yet.

CATALANS 20 (F. Yaha 3 tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 16** (M. Ashurst, L. Murphy, J. Shaul tries; M. Lino 2 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 16-4. Penalties: Catalans 7-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,227. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Shaul, Kershaw, Hall, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller, Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Tanginoa, Batchelor. Int: Battye, Crowther, Fifita, Bowden. **CATALANS:** Mourgue, Davies, Langi, Romano, Yaha; May, Drinkwater; Séguier, McIlorum, Cozza, Jullien, Le Cam, Da Costa. Int: Rougé, Franco, Kasiano, Chan.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 22

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	18	0	4	236	36
2	Wigan	16	0	6	253	32
3	Huddersfield	14	1	7	107	29
4	Catalans	14	0	8	88	28
5	Castleford	11	0	11	-15	22
6	Leeds	10	1	11	39	21
7	Salford	10	0	12	17	20
8	Hull FC	10	0	12	-89	20
9	Hull KR	10	0	12	-106	20
10	Warrington	7	0	15	-119	14
11	Wakefield	6	0	16	-203	12
12	Toulouse	5	0	17	-208	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Korbin Sims (Hull KR): Grade B Other Contrary Behaviour - 2 matches
Will Pryce (Huddersfield): Grade B Trip - 2 matches
Liam Watts (Castleford): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Curtis Sironen (St Helens): Grade B High Tackle - 2 matches
David Fusitu'a (Leeds): Grade C High Tackle - 2 matches
Aidan Sezer (Leeds): Grade C Trip - 2 matches
Rhyse Martin (Leeds): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Tiaki Chan (Catalans): Grade C Dangerous Throw - 2 matches

ROUND 23

WARRINGTON 32 TOULOUSE 18

Warrington Wolves won 32-18 against a desperate Toulouse Olympique side on Thursday night to kick off Round 23.

The Wolves got the game going in style with a spread on fifth tackle before a kick inside found Oliver Holmes in chasing and shrugged off a defender for 6-0. Connor Wrench threw a further spanner into the Toulouse defence when he was on the end of a wonderful cut-out pass from former Bulldog Matt Dufty to make it 12-0.

It was another former NRL star which got Toulouse Olympique on board. Corey Norman fed the scrum before he was sent over for the four-pointer. Next it was a quickfire double from French hooker Eloi Pelissier which sent Toulouse Olympique into a two-point lead at the break after the Wolves quick start.

Wolves started the second half with a man advantage when Joe Bretherton was shown a yellow card then converted quickly when Wrench dived over. Ratchford had a fantastic night with the boot, kicking fifth goals including a pair of penalty goals either side of the break to hand the Wolves the lead back.

From there, Warrington went on with the job. George Williams steamed onto a Dufty pass before the halfback turned provider and kicked for a late Ben Currie score. The hosts can breathe a bit easier with the threat of relegation not hanging over their head in the final month while Toulouse Olympique remain on a knife's edge.

WARRINGTON 32 (C. Wrench 2, B. Currie, O. Holmes, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 5, P. Mata'utia goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 18** (É. Pelissier 2, C. Norman tries; C. Hankinson 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 11th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-14. Penalties: Warrington 11-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 9,199. **WARRINGTON**: Dufty, Wrench, Mata'utia, Wardle, Ashton; Ratchford (C), Williams; Harrison, Clark, Bullock, Currie, Nicholson, Holmes. Int: Clark, Walker, Mulhern, Mikaele. **TOULOUSE**: Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Hankinson, Jussaume, Russell; Norman, Gigot; Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux (C), Bretherton, Marion. Int: Pelissier, Hansen, Sangaré, Belmas.

CASTLEFORD 18 CATALANS 8

Castleford Tigers hold onto fifth place after their 18-8 win against Catalans Dragons in a solid display on Friday night.

The Tigers rode a fantastic first half display where they led 14-4 at the break to a vital two points against last year's Grand Finalists. Gareth O'Brien was central to their positive work in the first half and he opened the scoring with a slicing run for a four-pointer before he converted for 6-0. Castleford doubled their delight from another wonderful pass this time to send Greg Eden through a huge gap to make the advantage a dozen.

It was a busy first half for O'Brien who alongside his four-pointer, the five-eighth kicked a pair of penalty goals to make it a 14-0 lead. Catalans did pull one back before half-time through Sam Tomkins. The English international strode through a gap on the left side for a 14-4 score line at the break.

The Dragons built on that late score with another just after halftime. Joe Chan showed off his strength to break through several tackles and bring the French side within six points. After their good first half, the only scores from the Tigers came from O'Brien's boot. He added two more penalty goals to give us the 18-8 final score.

CASTLEFORD 18 (G. Eden, G. O'Brien tries; G. O'Brien 5 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 8** (J. Chan, S. Tomkins tries) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Fri, 12th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 14-4. Penalties: Castleford 6-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 6,147. **CASTLEFORD**: Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; O'Brien, McShane; Griffin, Milner, Lawler, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Smith, Matagi, Martin, Qareqare. **CATALANS**: Tomkins, Davies, May, Whare, Franco; Pearce, Drinkwater; Séguier, McIlorum, Napa, Jullien, Chan, Da Costa. Int: Mourgue, Le Cam, Cozza, Kasiano.

LEEDS 28 HULL KR 20

Leeds Rhinos left it late in their 28-20 win against Hull KR on Friday night to move into the Super League top six.

Boosted by their huge win against Toulouse Olympique, it was Hull KR who struck first when Matt Parcell showed strength to slam the ball down. Next it was a former Rhino in Ryan Hall who gave Hull KR a ten-point advantage early in the piece after he dived on a low kick close to the line. Brad Dwyer got Leeds on the board in style. He scooped the ball up from dummy-half and scooted past the defenders like statues to make it 10-6.

Hull KR restored their buffer through Kane Linnett. It was another kick close to the line which the Australian pounced on to make it 14-6. The Rhinos stampeded through the rest of the first half to take an 18-14 lead into the break. Richie Myler sliced through the defence twice, both from Dwyer passes.

Things continued to swing between the two sides in the second half. Leeds first extended their lead when Morgan Gannon went over from close range for 22-14. The Rhinos were gifted a big chance to reduce the deficit when Rhinos captain Mikolaj Oledzki was shown a yellow card for repeated infringements. Although Leeds Rhinos were able to further add to their lead when Gannon was quickest to a loose ball and sprinted the rest of the way for his double.

Hull KR got some late consolation through Sam Wood who was the recipient of Jez Litten's short pass to make it 28-20. The result moved the Rhinos into sixth spot on the Super League ladder while Hull KR remain three points adrift in ninth spot below crosstown rivals Hull FC.

LEEDS 28 (M. Gannon 2, R. Myler 2, B. Dwyer tries; Z. Hardaker 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 20** (R. Hall, K. Linnett, M. Parcell, S. Wood tries; S. Wood 2 goals) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Fri, 12th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 18-14. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,028. **HULL KR**: Ryan, Crooks, Wood, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Litten, Minchella; Storton, Parcell, King, Linnett, Halton, Keinhorst. Int: Maher, Richards, Tate, Lulu-Togaga'e. **LEEDS**: Hardaker, Tindall, Newman, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Myler, Smith; Oledzki, Dwyer, Tetevano, Gannon, Thompson, O'Connor. Int: Austin, Mustapha, Walters, Johnson.

SALFORD 33 HUDDERSFIELD 16

Salford Red Devils bounced back in style with a comfortable 33-16 win over Huddersfield Giants on Friday night.

The Red Devils rode a 26-6 lead at the break to the win which keeps them within touching distance of a playoff spot for this Super League season. Both of Salford's prolific try-scorers for the 2022 season were on hand to give the Red Devils a 10-0 lead in the opening stanza. Ken Sio scored first before Joe Burgess streaked away for a long-range score. Next it was Kallum Watkins who crossed the stripe showing off his football skills to dribble a kick forward and dive on it for a 16-0 lead. Huddersfield Giants struck back through some smart play from Chris McQueen. He ripped the ball from a Red Devils attacker to get the visitors on the board.

Sio turned provider when he passed inside for Ryan Brierley to cross for Salford's fourth try of the afternoon. Tim Lafai added the fifth for the hosts to make it 26-6 at the break.

Giants made the best start to the second half when Sam Hewitt finished off a long-range effort from the visitors then doubled his delight to make it 26-16. The Red Devils sealed the contest with Marc Sneyd's penalty goal followed by his field goal effort to make it 29-16. Harvey Livett put the icing on the Salford victory cake with his late four-pointer which extended their advantage to 33-16 and a vital two points.

SALFORD 33 (R. Brierley, J. Burgess, T. Lafai, H. Livett, K. Sio, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 16** (S. Hewitt 2, C. McQueen tries; O. Russell 2 goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 13th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 26-6. Penalties: Salford 7-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 4,400. **SALFORD**: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Wright, Taylor (C), Watkins, Gerrard. Int: Akauola, Atkin, Livett, Ormondroyd. **HUDDERSFIELD**: Lolohea, Senior, King, Cudjoe, Senior; Russell, Fages; Hill, O'Brien, Trout, Hewitt, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Levi, Greenwood, Ashworth, Wilson.

ST HELENS 60 HULL FC 6

St Helens flexed their Premiership muscles and moved closer to more silverware in their 60-6 thrashing of Hull FC on Sunday afternoon.

It was the hosts who were the first on the board in the opening stages when Jack Walker crossed the stripe and Luke Gale converted to make it 6-0. That was the only joy the home fans enjoyed as St Helens scored 26 straight points and took a commanding lead into the halftime break. Will Hopoate got the party started with his first four-pointer in red and white after supporting a break made by the Saints from their own end.

St Helens were in ferocious form and four of their players - Tommy Makinson, Konrad Hurrell, Louie McCarthy Scarsbrook and Ben Davies - scored doubles in the huge win. Both Hurrell and McCarthy-Scarsbrook completed their tries with powerful efforts which helped St Helens to their 26-6 lead at the break.

The other Saints that registered four-pointers in the 54-point win were Sione Mata'utia and recent signing Joey Lussick as they put one hand on the League Leaders Shield. For Hull FC, it was the third time in the 2022 Super League season they have conceded 60 points and coach Brett Hodgson conceded they needed to have some tough conversations.

ST HELENS 60 (B. Davies 2, K. Hurrell 2, L. McCarthy-Scarsbrook 2, T. Makinson 2, W. Hopoate, J. Lussick, S. Mata'utia tries; T. Makinson 8 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 6** (J. Walker try; L. Gale goal) at **MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 26-6. Penalties: St Helens 11-9. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 10,097. **HULL FC:** Walker, Wynne, Connor, Vulikijapani, McIntosh; Smith, Gale (C); Evans, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Longstaff, Fash. Int: Satae, Lovodua, Johnstone, Laidlaw. **ST HELENS:** Hopoate, Makinson, Hurrell, Mata'utia, Bennison; Davies, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Bell, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Paasi.

WAKEFIELD 30 WIGAN 12

Wakefield Trinity are four points clear of relegation following their 30-12 win against Wigan Warriors on Sunday afternoon.

The hosts were in sizzling form in the heat and led 18-6 against second place Wigan before two further scores in the second half sealed a huge win for their season. It was Trinity who were first on the board when Lee Kershaw dived over in the corner following some quick hands before Jai Whitebread made it 10-0.

Next it was a wonderful solo effort from Jacob Miller who stepped past several Warriors defenders to touch down besides the post for a 16-0 lead. The Warriors did pull one back before the break when Bevan French stepped past the whole Trinity side before he flicked it out to winger Sam Halsall to score.

Wakefield did add two points from the tee to make their advantage 12 at the break then a short pass from Mason Lino sent Kelepi Tanginoa added to the total in the second half. Rare is a Wigan Warriors game where Jai Field doesn't get himself on the scoresheet and he added to that on Sunday. The fullback chipped and chased for himself to make it 24-12.

Lewis Murphy confirmed the Wakefield win after he plucked an intercept from the air and strode the rest of the length to make it 30-12. That loss almost extinguishes Wigan Warriors chance at the League Leader Shield being six points behind St Helens while Wakefield Trinity now have a four-point buffer on Toulouse Olympique.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 30 (L. Kershaw, J. Miller, L. Murphy, K. Tanginoa, J. Whitbread tries; M. Lino 5 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 12** (J. Field, S. Halsall tries; H. Smith 2 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 18-6. Penalties: Wigan 8-7. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,933. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Shaul, Kershaw, Hall, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Crowther, Arona, Ashurst, Tanginoa, Batchelor. Int: Battye, Walker, Aydin, Bowden. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Halsall, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Cooper, Pearce-Paul, Isa (C), Partington. Int: Mago, Ellis, Byrne, Shorrocks.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 23

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	19	0	4	290	38
2	Wigan	16	0	7	235	32
3	Huddersfield	14	1	8	90	29
4	Catalans	14	0	9	78	28
5	Castleford	12	0	11	-5	24
6	Leeds	11	1	11	47	23
7	Salford	11	0	12	34	22
8	Hull KR	10	0	13	-114	20
9	Hull FC	10	0	13	-143	20
10	Warrington	8	0	15	-105	16
11	Wakefield	7	0	16	-185	14
12	Toulouse	5	0	18	-222	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Corey Norman (Toulouse): Grade F Other Contrary Behaviour - 8 matches
Olly Ashall-Bott (Toulouse): Grade B Trip - 1 match
Sam Kasiano (Catalans): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Adam Milner (Castleford): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Suaia Matagi (Castleford): Grade C Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Matt Parcell (Hull KR): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Ethan Ryan (Hull KR): Grade B Other Contrary Behaviour - 1 match
Jack Ashworth (Huddersfield): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Kelepi Tanginoa (Wakefield): Grade C Dangerous Contact - 3 matches
Mike Cooper (Wigan): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Kane Evans (Hull FC): Grade A Dangerous Contact - 1 match
Jake Connor (Hull FC): Grade A Other Contrary Behaviour - 1 match
Morgan Knowles (St Helens): Grade A Shoulder Charge - 1 match

ROUND 24

HUDDERSFIELD 36 CASTLEFORD 10

The Huddersfield Giants leaped to third spot after their 36-10 win against finals chasing Castleford Tigers on Friday night.

It was the visitors who were first on the scoresheet when Greg Eden sliced through some flimsy defence from close range then Oliver Russell responded for the Giants to make it 6-4. The Giants took a 10-4 advantage into half-time after Louis Senior showed off his acrobatic skills diving over in the left corner in an important game for the top six race.

Danny Richardson drove the Tigers back level. The halfback kicked a 40/20 to get field position then supplied the pass to Alex Mellor to make it 10-10. Huddersfield snatched the lead again when Eden spilled a high kick right into the path of Leroy Cudjoe who scored a simple try to make it 16-10.

From there, the Giants swept away the Tigers to take the two points. Tui Lolohea was on the end of a long break started by Toby King for back-to-back scores. Former Shark Ricky Leutele added the next four-pointer when he was on the end of a grubber then Senior completed his brace from an attempted Tigers short kick-off. Chris McQueen put the icing on the victory cake for the Giants. He ran a good line close to the whitewash to round out the 36-10 scoreline.

HUDDERSFIELD 36 (L. Senior 2, L. Cudjoe, R. Leutele, T. Lolohea, C. McQueen, O. Russell tries; O. Russell 4 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 10** (G. Eden, A. Mellor tries; D. Richardson goal) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 18th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 10-4. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 4,168. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Cudjoe, King, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Fages; Hill, Levi, Wilson, Hewitt, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: English, Greenwood, O'Brien, Mason. **CASTLEFORD:** Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; O'Brien, Richardson; Westerman, McShane (C), Lawler, Blair, Mellor, Edwards. Int: Turner, Mamo, Smith, Martin.

WAKEFIELD 26 HULL 18

Wakefield Trinity can almost taste Super League safety after their 26-18 win against a wounded Hull FC on Friday night.

It was a night to remember for winger Lewis Murphy who registered a hat-trick in the huge win for the visitors in their fight to survive.

Murphy was involved early when he was unable to dive over the first time before he was able to make amends in his second dive to make it 6-0.

Next, Trinity went to their right-hand side to double their advantage. Lee Kershaw finished off the backline movement to slide over.

Hull FC's top six hopes are hanging by a string and they got themselves back in the contest when Luke Gale's kick was touched down by Ben McNamara.

The high kick was a weapon for Wakefield in the first half as they made Harvey Bannon spill a pair of bombs - one which ended in Murphy's second and a chalked off score for Mason Lino.

Liam Hood was the man on the spot when Corey Hall offloaded and got himself on the scoresheet then Murphy completed his hat-trick for a 26-6 lead.

Late scores from Ellis Longstaff and Chris Satae brought Hull FC within eight points but the injury ravaged side are just looking to the end of the season now.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 26 (L. Murphy 3, L. Hood, L. Kershaw tries; M. Lino 3 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 18** (E. Longstaff, B. McNamara, T. Satae tries; L. Gale 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 19th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 16-6. Penalties: Hull FC 7-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,165. **HULL FC:** Smith, Barron, Longstaff, Wynne, Vulikijapani; McNamara, Gale (C); Sao, Lovodua, Taylor, Lane, Ma'u, Fash. Int: Houghton, Satae, Litten, Laidlaw. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Kershaw, Croft, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Arona, Ashurst, Hall, Bowden. Int: Battye, Walker, Aydin, Fifita.

LEEDS 24 WARRINGTON 18

Leeds Rhinos strengthened their spot in the top six after their 24-18 win against Warrington Wolves on Friday night.

In front of a bumper crowd at Headingley, the Rhinos started off brightly when Ash Handley finished off a break before the Wolves responded through Riley Dean.

The rest of the first half was all Rhinos. Rhysy Martin powered over from close range after an offload then Morgan Gannon stretched their advantage to 12.

Zane Tetevano got the Rhinos fourth four-pointer late in the first half. A high kick was spilled back to the Rhinos who sent it over to Tetevano for a 24-6 lead at the break.

The Wolves weren't about to lie down. They got back within two scores when Jake Wardle crossed and Peter Mata'utia raised the flags quickly after half-time.

Ben Currie set up a grandstand finish after he latched onto a grubber from George Williams to bring the deficit back to 24-18.

Leeds were able to hold onto their lead and take another step closer to the Super League Playoffs while Warrington are playing for pride after surviving a relegation fright.

LEEDS 24 (M. Gannon, A. Handley, R. Martin, Z. Tetevano tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 18** (B. Currie, R. Dean, J. Wardle tries; P. Mata'utia 3 goals) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 19th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 24-6. Penalties: Leeds 7-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 13,152. **LEEDS:** Myler, Tindall, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Tetevano, Gannon, Martin, Bentley. Int: Prior, Dwyer, Smith, Walters. **WARRINGTON:** Dufty, Minikin, Mata'utia, Wardle, Ashton; Williams (C), Dean; Mulhern, Walker, Bullock, Currie, Harrison, Holmes. Int: Clark, Clark, Holroyd, Thomas.

ST HELENS 38 HULL KR 12

St Helens moved one step closer to another League Leaders Shield in their 38-12 win against Hull KR on Friday night.

Fresh from their drubbing of Hull FC, the Saints took on the other side of Hull and delivered another heavy verdict against the Robins.

It started from the tee when Tommy Makinson piloted home a penalty goal after a strip on Konrad Hurrell. Makinson then produced an acrobatic effort to make it 8-0.

The first dozen points for the Saints went to Makinson who was on the end of a slick backline movement again for his second four-pointer.

Jack Welsby started and finished off another strong Saints movement before a pair of Makinson goals gave the hosts a 20-0 lead at the break.

The one-way traffic continued minutes after the break when hooker Joey Lussick scooted over from close range which stretched the advantage to 26.

Hull KR did find the stripe thrice in the second half for some scant consolation. Kane Linnett did so first followed by Will Tate getting a fortuitous bounce and Connor Barley's late score.

Saints other winger Jon Bennison went over in the left corner then Ben Davies made it scores in back-to-back weeks with a good line to make it 38-12.

ST HELENS 38 (T. Makinson 2, J. Bennison, B. Davies, J. Lussick, J. Welsby tries; T. Makinson 7 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 12** (C. Barley, K. Linnett, W. Tate tries) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 19th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 20-0. Penalties: St Helens 6-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,048. **ST HELENS:** Hopoate, Makinson, Hurrell, Davies, Bennison; Welsby, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Bell, Batchelor, Wingfield. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Royle. **HULL KR:** Cote, Barley, Keinhorst, Tate, Hall; Lewis, Milnes; Storton, Litten, King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella (C). Int: Vete, Maher, Lulu-Togaga'e, Fishwick.

WIGAN 52 TOULOUSE 6

Wigan Warriors brought up the half century in their 52-6 win against relegated Toulouse Olympique on Friday night.

Once again it was the Bevan French show as the Australian winger added another hat-trick to his tally which makes it 27 tries for the season.

The Warriors aimed to rebound after their shock defeat to Wakefield Trinity and had a pair of tries within ten minutes to French and Cade Cust.

Next it was Cust's halves partner Harry Smith who backed up in support to make it 18-0 before Jake Bibby rounded off the first half with a four-pointer.

The second half started in sparkling fashion with French completed his hat-trick with a pair of long-range efforts which gave Wigan a commanding 34-0 lead.

Wigan were in full control when Kai Pearce-Paul touched down from a Cust chip kick before the former Sea Eagle completed his double in the crushing win.

Toulouse did get themselves on the scoreboard in the second half through a bustling run from Matt Russell from a flick pass.

Liam Farrell rounded off the rout when he stayed active on a late Warriors break and took the inside pass to raise the bat and condemn Toulouse Olympique to relegation.

WIGAN 52 (B. French 3, C. Cust 2, J. Bibby, L. Farrell, K. Pearce-Paul, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 8 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 6** (M. Russell try; C. Hankinson goal) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 19th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 24-0. Penalties: Wigan 8-7. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 12,145. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Bibby, Pearce-Paul, Miski; Cust, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Byrne, Farrell, Bateman, Partington. Int: Mago, Ellis, Shorrocks, McDonnell. **TOULOUSE:** Hankinson, Russell, Armitage, Jussaume, Marcon; Albert, Gigot (C); Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Pezet, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Puech, Cunningham, Belmas.

SALFORD 46 CATALANS 14

Salford Red Devils enjoyed their trip to France with a 46-14 win against Catalans Dragons on Saturday night.

Two sides looking to maintain their spot in the top six traded early scores at Stade Gilbert Brutus when Tom Davies scored for the hosts before Marc Sneyd responded to make it 6-4 Salford.

Brodie Croft who has helped turn the Red Devils season around sliced through to extend the visitors lead followed by Kallum Watkin's four-pointer from another break.

Davies completed his brace to bring Catalans back within ten at 18-8 with another acrobatic effort in the corner before halftime.

The Red Devils started the second half with another long break which ended in a Watkins second four-pointer then Ken Sio added another to his tally to make it 28-8.

This result showed off Salford's potent attack again which was given a boost when Samsoni Langi was shown a yellow card for a professional foul on a breakaway.

The Red Devils struck twice with the man advantage. Chris Atkins dived over from a grubber then Ryan Brierley was on the end of another Salford attack to reach 40.

Returning Catalans captain Benjamin Garcia added the Dragons third four-pointer of the night when he touched down from close range for 40-14.

Croft had one final trick in his bag when he stabbed a kick through for Deon Cross to add Salford's eighth four-pointer of the game and move into the top six.

SALFORD 46 (K. Watkins 2, C. Atkin, R. Brierley, B. Croft, D. Cross, K. Sio, M. Sneyd tries; M. Sneyd 5, R. Brierley 2 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 14** (T. Davies 2, B. Garcia tries; J. Drinkwater goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Sat, 20th August. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 18-8. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 7,133. **CATALANS:** Mourgue, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha, May, Drinkwater; Séguier, McIlorum, Napa, Garcia (C), Chan, Cozza. Int: Dudson, Da Costa, Goudemand, Le Cam. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Akauola, Ackers, Dupree, Taylor (C), Watkins, Gerrard. Int: Lannon, Atkin, Ormondroyd, Luckley.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 24

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	20	0	4	316	40
2	Wigan	17	0	7	281	34
3	Huddersfield	15	1	8	116	31
4	Catalans	14	0	10	46	28
5	Leeds	12	1	11	53	25
6	Salford	12	0	12	66	24
7	Castleford	12	0	12	-31	24
8	Hull KR	10	0	14	-140	20
9	Hull FC	10	0	14	-151	20
10	Warrington	8	0	16	-111	16
11	Wakefield	8	0	16	-177	16
12	Toulouse	5	0	19	-268	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Liam Hood (Wakefield): Grade D Shoulder Charge – 3 matches

Michael McIlorum (Catalans): Grade A Dangerous Contact – 1 match

ROUND 25

LEEDS 18 HUDDERSFIELD 14

Leeds Rhinos moved closer to the top four with 18-14 win against Huddersfield Giants on Wednesday night.

The hosts were off to a hot start after a long break which ended with second rower Rhyse Martin on the spot from a kick for 6-0. Huddersfield responded in kind through Ricky Leutele in the left corner after some superb work from Tui Lolohea to reduce the deficit to 6-4.

Their hopes were further enhanced when Leeds halfback Blake Austin was binned for a shoulder charge which allowed Louis Senior to put the Giants ahead. Back with their full complement to start the second half, Leeds once again took the lead when Richie Myler scooted down the short side to make it 12-8.

Giants fought back again when Leroy Cudjoe was able to touch down on the right side to make it 12-11 with Leeds again reduced to 12 after Aiden Sezer was binned. It was all flowing the way of the Giants when a penalty close to the line saw Oliver Russell kick his only goal of the night to make it 14-12 for the visitors.

Chris Hill was the third person but the first for the Giants to see a card after his dangerous tackle on Myler which set the stage for a frantic finish. Leeds took home the points when Austin was able to slice through the defence to send the 11255 fans at Headingley home happy.

LEEDS 18 (B. Austin, R. Martin, R. Myler tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 14** (L. Cudjoe, R. Leutele, L. Senior tries; O. Russell goal) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Wed, 24th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 8-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 8-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 11,225. **LEEDS:** Myler, Fusitu'a, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Dwyer, Tetevano, Gannon, Martin, Bentley. Int: Prior, Leeming, Briscoe, O'Connor. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Cudjoe, King, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Fages; Hill, Levi, Wilson, Hewitt, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: English, Greenwood, Trout.

CATALANS 24 TOULOUSE 14

Catalans Dragons once again won the French derby in a 24-14 win which saw Toulouse Olympique relegated on Thursday night.

The Dragons snapped their two-game losing streak in style and swept the season series against closest neighbours Toulouse Olympique. It is a sad end to their debut season for Toulouse Olympique. They go straight back down to the Championship after having some hope in the last month.

Foud Yaha added another hat-trick to his tally for the season, all scored in the first half which gave Catalans Dragons a 12-8 lead going into the break. Toulouse showed some fight late in the first half with Chris Hankinson scoring all eight points for the home side to bring them within four points with Catalans Josh Drinkwater in the bin.

It was another fast start for Catalans in the second half. Forward Gil Dudson and Tyrone May both found the stripe to make it 24-8 and on course for two points. There were some fireworks in the derby with Sam Tomkins sent to the bin after a shoulder charge on Oliver Ashall-Bott after a coming together from Daniel Alvaro and Paul Seguier earlier.

Toulouse did have the final say on a sad night for the club. Ashall-Bott raced away after he recovered from the shoulder charge to make it 24-14.

CATALANS 24 (F. Yaha 3, G. Dudson, T. May tries; T. May 2 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 14** (O. Ashall-Bott, C. Hankinson tries; C. Hankinson 3 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**. Date: Thu, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-8. Penalties: Catalans 8-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,168. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Marcon, Armitage, Bergal; Albert, Hankinson; Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Dixon, Stefani, Cunningham. Int: Pélissier, Puech (C), Belmas, Sangaré. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Laguerre, Whare, Yaha; May, Drinkwater; Seguier, Da Costa, Napa, Whitley, Chan, Garcia (C). Int: Langi, Dudson, Goudemand, Rougé.

WAKEFIELD 18 HULL KR 6

Wakefield Trinity will be in the Super League for 2023 after their second half comeback 18-6 win over Hull KR on Thursday night.

In a big game for both sides, it was tense inside Be Well Support Stadium with the first half one of drama but not a lot of points.

The only points of the first half went to Hull KR. Albert Vete drove over from close range and his effort converted for a 6-0 lead.

Wakefield Trinity went close several times but couldn't break the line. They did start the second half with a man advantage after Jimmy Keinhorst was binned for Hull KR.

The hosts finally broke the resolve just after half-time when Lee Kershaw found the try line in the right corner followed by a conversion by Max Jowitt that leveled the scores.

Coming off his hat-trick last weekend, Lewis Murphy put Wakefield Trinity ahead for the first time when he produced an acrobatic effort for 12-6.

The local fans were able to calm their nerves late in the piece when Jowitt added the third score followed by a celebratory conversion from David Fifita to confirm their safety.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 18 (M. Jowitt, L. Kershaw, L. Murphy tries; M. Jowitt 2, D. Fifita goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 6** (A. Vete try; R. Milnes goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 6-0. Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 7-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,653. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Kershaw, Croft, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Bowden, Crowther, Arona, Ashurst, Hall, Aydin. Int: Kay, Shaw, Butler, Fifita. **HULL KR:** Lewis, Ryan, Keinhorst, Tate, Hall; Litten, Milnes; Storton, Parcell, King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella (C). Int: Vete, Sims, Maher, Wood.

SALFORD 28 HULL FC 18

The Red Devils were made to work for their 26-18 win to remain sixth against a weary Hull FC side on Thursday night.

Fresh from their huge win last week, Salford picked up where they left off through Kallum Watkins with the opener before Will Smith dived over for Hull FC to make it 6-6.

The two sides traded scores again in the first half when Rhys Williams touched down from a Tim Lafai pass then Hull forward Brad Fash responded for 10-all.

It has been a rough few weeks for Hull FC but a late Luke Gale penalty goal gave the injury ravaged side a slender two-point lead headed into half-time.

Salford showed why they are the best attacking sides in Super League with a pair of scores right after the breakthrough Ken Sio and Deon Cross for the larger advantage of the night.

The visitors did give the Red Devils a scare when Jake Connor crossed from some slick combination play to bring the game back to 22-18.

The Red Devils held their grip on sixth spot in the Super League ladder when Ryan Brierley sliced through late to make the gap 10 points.

SALFORD 28 (R. Brierley, D. Cross, K. Sio, K. Watkins, R. Williams tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 18** (J. Connor, B. Fash, W. Smith tries; L. Gale 3 goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 12-10. Penalties: Salford 4-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,968. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Taylor (C), Watkins, Gerrard. Int: Lannon, Atkin, Wright, Luckley. **HULL FC:** Connor, Litten, Wynne, Longstaff, Vulikijapani; Smith, Gale (C); Evans, Johnstone, Taylor, Lane, Fash, Sao. Int: Satae, McNamara, Balmforth, Gardiner.

CASTLEFORD 19 WARRINGTON 18

Castleford Tigers kept their Super League Playoffs hopes alive with a 19-18 win against Warrington Wolves on Thursday night.

Warrington Wolves looking to rebound after their loss to Leeds last weekend were on fire early with mid-season signing Matt Duffy getting them on the board.

Next it was a historic score for Wolves fullback Stefan Ratchford. He weaved past the Tigers defence for his century of tries in Super League to make it 12-0.

The Tigers were their own worst enemy in the first half. The visitors made errors and probably should've been further behind but did go close through Greg Eden late.

Needing someone to step up, Danny Richardson heeded the call for the Tigers. He provided the kick for Jake Mamo to get them on the board at 12-6.

The halfback was involved again with a delightful pass which sent winger Derrell Olpherts over in the corner to level things up in a flash.

Richardson put Castleford ahead for the first time with his field goal on the hour mark then a second four-pointer to Olpherts stretched the advantage to seven.

The Wolves set up a grandstand finish when Peter Mata'utia brought it back to 19-18 but George Williams had a long range field goal go wide to send us to Golden Point.

CASTLEFORD 19 (D. Olpherts 2, J. Mamo tries; D. Richardson 3 goals; D. Richardson field goal) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 18** (M. Duffy, P. Mata'utia, S. Ratchford tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 25th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-0. Penalties: Warrington 7-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,104. **WARRINGTON:** Duffy, Minikin, Mata'utia, Wardle, Thewlis; Ratchford (C), Williams; Mulhern, Clark, Bullock, Harrison, Holmes, Clark. Int: Currie, Walker, Mikael. **CASTLEFORD:** Eden, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo, O'Brien, Richardson; Massey, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Mamo, Watts, Lawler, Martin.

WIGAN 30 ST HELENS 10

Warriors take the derby spoils 30-10 against Super League leaders St Helens under the Friday night lights to add trophy wait.

It was the visiting Saints that took the league in the first five minutes when Jonny Lomax piloted home a penalty goal after a high tackle.

Who else but Super League's top try scorer Bevan French to respond for Wigan Warriors with another wonderful finish that had to be confirmed by the video decision.

Next it was Wigan's other Australian livewire, Jai Field which extended their lead to 12-2 after he trailed a long break and strode away easily.

Wigan furthered their advantage just before the break when Liam Farrell slipped, slide and sliced through the Saints defence to give the hosts a 16-point lead.

A win would confirm the League Leaders Shield for St Helens and they reduced the deficit through Joey Lussick who burrowed under the defence.

The Warriors extinguished the hopes of a comeback off another long score. Liam Marshall poked through down the left side and despite falling over, was able to make it 24-6.

Saints added another late score through Joe Batchelor out wide before French rounded off the display after a Kai Pearce-Paul offload sent Warriors faithful into delirium.

WIGAN 30 (B. French 2, L. Farrell, J. Field, L. Marshall tries; H. Smith 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 10** (J. Batchelor, J. Lussick tries; J. Lomax goal) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 26th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-2. Penalties: Wigan 7-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 19,210. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Isa, Pearce-Paul, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Byrne, Farrell (C), Bateman, Smithies. Int: Mago, Ellis, Cooper, Shorrocks. **ST HELENS:** Welsby, Simm, Hurrell, Batchelor, Bennison; Davies, Lomax; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Bell, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Wingfield.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 25

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts	
1	St Helens	25	20	0	5	296	40
2	Wigan	25	18	0	7	301	36
3	Huddersfield	25	15	1	9	112	31
4	Catalans	25	15	0	10	56	30
5	Leeds	25	13	1	11	57	27
6	Salford	25	13	0	12	76	26
7	Castleford	25	13	0	12	-30	26
8	Hull KR	25	10	0	15	-152	20
9	Hull FC	25	10	0	15	-161	20
10	Wakefield	25	9	0	16	-165	18
11	Warrington	25	8	0	17	-112	16
12	Toulouse	25	5	0	20	-278	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jez Litten (Hull KR): Grade C Dangerous Throw - 2 matches
Jimmy Keinhorst (Hull KR): Grade B Trips - 1 match
Brad Fash (Hull FC): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Aidan Sezer (Leeds Rhinos): Grade B High Tackle - 1 match
Morgan Knowles (St Helens): Grade A Careless High Tackle - 1 match
Curtis Sironen (St Helens): Grade A Careless High Tackle - 1 match

ROUND 26

HULL FC 38 TOULOUSE 12

Hull FC snapped their recent losing streak in fine fashion winning 38-12 against Toulouse Olympique on Saturday afternoon.

The hosts were quick out of the blocks with Harvey Barron on the end of two terrific passes from fullback Jake Connor to make it 12-0.

After a torrid run, Hull FC enjoyed themselves with Will Gardiner striding through a massive gap for the third try before Mitieli Vulikijapani swatted away the defence to give us the 24-0 half-time score.

Toulouse were only playing for pride after their relegation was confirmed in their derby loss to Catalans Dragons but they did pull back a four-pointer through Guy Armitage.

It was the Connor show for Hull FC. He put in a deft kick for Barron who found Ellis Longstaff on the inside to bring the lead back to 22 points.

Hull FC scored in bunches and quickly Jordan Lane added the black-and-white's fifth four-pointer of the game when he steamed on a short ball and went over untouched.

Winger Ilias Bergal showed off his pace when he sped away down the right touchline to get Toulouse Olympique into double figure on another forgettable afternoon.

The last word went to Hull FC. Mitieli Vulikijapani completed his double from a Toulouse error was scooped up and thrown inside to the pacy back.

HULL FC 38 (H. Barron 2, M. Vulikijapani 2, W. Gardiner, J. Lane, E. Longstaff tries; J. Connor 5 goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 12** (G. Armitage, I. Bergal tries; C. Hankinson 2 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 24-0. Penalties: Hull FC 7-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 8,785. **HULL FC:** Connor, Litten, Scott, Vulikijapani, Barron; Smith, Gale (C); Sao, Johnstone, Taylor, Lane, Longstaff, Gardiner. Int: McNamara, Balmforth, Laidlaw. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Schaumkel, Marcon, Armitage, Bergal; Hankinson, Cunningham; Navarrete, Peats, Alvaro, Peyroux (C), Bretherton, Paulo. Int: Hansen, Pélissier, Sangaré, Belmas.

HULL KR 38 WIGAN 28

Hull KR bounced back in style with a 38-28 win against Wigan Warriors in a points fest on Monday afternoon.

The Robins were high flying at the break leading 20-6 against a Warriors side coming off their derby win on Saturday night and brought them back to earth. William Tate touched down after three minutes from a Ryan Hall pass before Tate returned the favour and sent the veteran winger over for an 8-0 lead. Next it was a rare four-pointer for Korbin Sims who chased through a kick and was given the green light for a 14-0 lead for the faithful at Craven Park.

The Warriors crossed the line once in the first half through Oliver Partington before it was big man season for Matthew Storton who spun across for a 20-6 Hull KR advantage.

It was another fast start for Hull KR when Zach Fishwick dived over from close range followed by Ethan Ryan finishing off a backline move for 30-6 after Rowan Milnes piloted over a penalty goal. The sides traded tries close to the hour mark when Ben O'Keefe pushed through the Robins defence then Ryan completed his double for the hosts for 38-12. Wigan finished the game on a high note with three tries to get themselves within ten points after the final hooter. Jake Bibby, Sam Halsall and James McDonnell all touched down.

HULL KR 38 (E. Ryan 2, Z. Fishwick, R. Hall, K. Sims, M. Storton, W. Tate tries; R. Milnes 5 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 28** (J. Bibby, S. Halsall, A. Miski, B. O'Keefe, O. Partington tries; B. O'Keefe 4 goals) **AT HULL COLLEGE CRAVEN PARK**. Date: Mon, 29th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 20-6. Penalties: Wigan 9-7. Referee: Chris Kendall. **HULL KR:** Lulu-Togaga'e, Ryan, Wood, Tate, Hall; Minchella (C), Milnes; Maher, Parcell, King, Sims, Linnett, Storton. Int: Vete, Moore, Fishwick, Barley. **WIGAN:** Hanley, Miski, Bibby, Sutton, O'Keefe; Halsall, Astley; Havard, Shorrocks, Mago, Nsemba, McDonnell, Partington (C). Int: Hill, Bibby, Forber, Eckersley.

WAKEFIELD 34 ST HELENS 18

Wakefield Trinity defeated a much-changed St Helens side 34-18 who secured top spot in Super League on Monday afternoon.

The visitors were the first on the board through Corey Hall steaming onto a short pass before Saints responded through Ben Davies for their only lead of the game. Lewis Murphy continued his strong form in recent weeks with a quick fire double. His first was off a sweeping backline move then the second was from a rebound for 14-6. He completed his first half hat-trick with another acrobatic putdown in as Wakefield Trinity has taken the scalps of both Wigan and Saints in recent weeks. Trinity finished the first half in style with their first try of the contest. A long break on the right ended with Max Jowitt striding away for 24-6.

They picked up where left they off in the second stanza with Lee Gaskell in support on the inside after a break to extend the lead to 24 points. St Helens helped reduce the deficit to a dozen through a pair of scores from Ben Davies second four-pointer of the game and Jon Bennison touching down from fullback.

Wakefield ended the game with one more strike through Murphy. He added a fourth try to his tally with another diving effort as Trinity took the points. Despite the loss, St Helens were crowned League Leaders Shields winners after Wigan's loss on the same day and thrust another trophy into their bulging cabinet.

WAKEFIELD TRINITY 34 (L. Murphy 4, L. Gaskell, C. Hall, M. Jowitt tries; L. Gaskell 2, M. Jowitt goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 18** (B. Davies 2, J. Bennison tries; T. Makinson 3 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 29th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 24-6. Penalties: St Helens 6-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 8,222. **ST HELENS:** Bennison, Gilford, Makinson (C), Davies, Lane; Moss, Archer; McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Lussick, Norman, Royle, Bell, Wingfield. Int: Baxter, Pemberton, Delaney, Corkill. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Jowitt, Evans, Croft, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Walker; Battye, Bowes, Aydin, Ashurst, Hall, Crowther. Int: Kay, Butler, Shaw, Adebisi.

HUDDERSFIELD 38 WARRINGTON 36

Huddersfield Giants held on against Warrington Wolves in a pulsating contest on Monday afternoon.

The Giants were leading by 22 points at the half-time break before a points explosion in the second half had the home faithful endure a white-knuckle ride to two points. It was the visitors who struck first from a long-range break which ended with mid-season import Matt Dufty rounded off the move. Adam O'Brien responded with a burrowed effort from close range before Josh Jones put the Giants into the lead for the first time at 10-6. Giants went on a try-scoring spree in the first half through Tui Lolohea who was on the spot from a dropped bomb then Leroy Cudjoe finished off a slick move in the corner. Ricky Leutele judged the bouncing ball well for the fifth then Will Pryce sent through a penalty goal for a 32-6 Giants advantage.

Josh Lynch gave the Wolves some hope before the break with his touch down from a George Williams kick for the 32-10 half-time score.

Warrington buoyed by their late score, built on that momentum in the second half with Jake Wardle touching down quickly followed by Dufty's second from another support run. Huddersfield stemmed the flow of points through Pryce. He was able to pick up the scraps from a kick to dive over close to the posts for 38-22. A pair of intercepts thrown by the Giants led to Wolves scores. The first to speedster Matt Dufty for his hat-trick then George Williams was able to dive over from close range. Dufty made it four right on the full-time hooter. He chased through another kick from Williams and had his finest performance in his short Super League stint.

HUDDERSFIELD 38 (L. Cudjoe, J. Jones, T. King, R. Leutele, T. Lolohea, A. O'Brien, W. Pryce tries; W. Pryce 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 36** (M. Dufty 4, J. Lynch, J. Wardle, G. Williams tries; L. Hayes 3, S. Ratchford goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Mon, 29th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 32-10. Penalties: Huddersfield 6-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,894. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Cudjoe, King, Leutele, Senior; Russell, Pryce; Hill, O'Brien, Trout, Jones, Hewitt, English. Int: Levi, Yates (C), Greenwood, Ashworth. **WARRINGTON:** Dufty, Lynch, Mata'utia, Wardle, Thewlis; Ratchford (C), Williams; Harrison, Walker, Bullock, Holroyd, Nicholson, Holmes. Int: Clark, Mulhern, Thomas, Hayes.

SALFORD 50 CASTLEFORD 10

Salford Red Devils raised the bat in their 50-10 thrashing against Castleford Tigers in a dominant display on Monday afternoon.

In a game which featured 60 points, the first two came from the tee. Marc Sneyd raised the flags from long range to give Salford an early lead.

Sneyd combined with his halves partner Brodie Croft for the Red Devils' first four-pointer of the contest from their own half.

Salford were rampant in the first 10 minutes of the game with Ken Sio touching down to add to his tally for the Super League before Jack Ormondroyd threw a huge dummy to score.

After the blistering start, Castleford Tigers stemmed the bleeding through Jake Mamo who sliced through the Red Devils defence for 20-6.

Straight from the scrum, Castleford got into double digits. It was a slick move on the left that ended with Derrell Olpherts touching down in the corner for 20-10.

In a carbon copy of the first half, Sneyd got Salford going in the second half with another penalty goal to make their advantage 12.

Salford enjoyed themselves in the second half scoring 30 points and moving into fifth spot on the Super League ladder and primed for a finals appearance.

Shane Wright was the first to cross the whitewash then Deon Cross finished off a full field break started by the Sio intercept which made it 34-10.

Croft showed off his skill in a one-man show from the scrum to get himself on the scoresheet followed by Kallum Watkins who provided a pair of assists scored a four-pointer of his own.

The rout was started by Sneyd and it ended with Sneyd. He trailed well from a Chris Atkin break and weaved past the defence to bring up the 50.

SALFORD 50 (M. Sneyd 2, B. Croft, D. Cross, J. Ormondroyd, K. Sio, K. Watkins, S. Wright tries; M. Sneyd 9 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 10** (J. Mamo, D. Olpherts tries; D. Richardson goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE**. Date: Mon, 29th August. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Salford 20-10. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 7,322. **CASTLEFORD**: Mamo, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; Eden, Richardson; Griffin, McShane (C), Massey, Lawler, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Watts, Matagi, Martin, Milner. **SALFORD**: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Sarginson; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Taylor (C), Watkins, Wright. Int: Atkin, Dupree, Gerrard, Luckley.

CATALANS 32 LEEDS 18

Catalans Dragons secured back-to-back wins after their 32-18 win against Leeds Rhinos on Monday afternoon.

Building on their derby success, Foud Yaha dived over in the left corner to bring him within one four-pointer of his century at the French club.

Leeds responded through Sam Walters who charged onto a short ball from Kruise Leeming close to the sticks to make it 6-6.

Joe Chan put Catalans ahead from a Tom Davies kick before Mitch Pearce showed off his step to get himself into double figures for tries this season.

Yaha brought up number 100 in classic style. He took a beautiful pass from Arthur Mourgue to dive over in the corner to extend the Dragons lead. Gil Dudson made it 28-6 at the break after he was able to find the line.

A pair of tries in the second half through Richie Myler who spun like a top before he planted the ball down and a scoot from Brad Dwyer brought it back to 28-18 with 15 to go.

Samisoni Langi rounded off the win for Catalans Dragons who will finish in the top four with an effort from close range for the 32-18 final score.

This result sets up a Playoffs decider between Castleford Tigers and Leeds Rhinos next weekend in the final weekend of Super League.

CATALANS 32 (F. Yaha 2, J. Chan, G. Dudson, S. Langi, M. Pearce tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 18** (B. Dwyer, R. Myler, S. Walters tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Mon, 29th August. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 28-6. Penalties: Leeds 7-4. Referee: Robert Hicks. **CATALANS**: Mourgue, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, May; Séguier, McIlorum, Napa, Whitley, Chan, Garcia (C). Int: Dudson, Da Costa, Goudemand, Kasiano. **LEEDS**: Hardaker, Tindall, Martin, Sutcliffe, Briscoe; Myler, Sinfield; Oledzki, Leeming (C), Walters, Gannon, Tetevano, O'Connor. Int: Prior, Bentley, Dwyer, Mustapha.

2022 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 26

POS	Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	St Helens	20	0	6	280	40
2	Wigan	18	0	8	291	36
3	Huddersfield	16	1	9	114	33
4	Catalans	16	0	10	70	32
5	Salford	14	0	12	116	28
6	Leeds	13	1	12	43	27
7	Castleford	13	0	13	-70	26
8	Hull FC	11	0	15	-135	22
9	Hull KR	11	0	15	-142	22
10	Wakefield	10	0	16	-149	20
11	Warrington	8	0	18	-114	16
12	Toulouse	5	0	21	-304	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Korbin Sims (Hull KR): Grade C Contact with Match Official – 3 matches
Romain Navarette (Toulouse): Grade C Head Butt – 2 matches
Liam Watts (Castleford): Grade B Dangerous Contact – 2 matches
Dean Whare (Catalans): Grade B Shoulder Charge – 1 match

ROUND 27

HUDDERSFIELD 16 WAKEFIELD 14

Huddersfield Giants won a dramatic game 16-14 in Golden Point against Wakefield Trinity on Friday night.

Both teams have been in solid form in the last month and finals bound Huddersfield struck first when Innes Senior strode away from a scrum in the Giants half for 6-0. The visitors struck back through Yusuf Aydin who charged over close to the posts to level us up at 6-all and was chuffed with his four-pointer. The Giants inched ahead from a Will Pryce penalty goal after an offside call before Trinity struck back through Kelepi Tanginoa for their first lead of the game.

It continued to be a see-sawing game as Huddersfield snatched the lead back again through Senior who dived over in the left corner for 12-10. Headed into the final 15 minutes, Wakefield took their second lead of the game when Matty Ashurst snaffed a Jacob Miller kick for 14-12.

Pryce again was accurate from the boot to draw us level. He piloted over the goal from a wide angle for 14-all then Pryce and Miller had wayward efforts for each side as we headed to Golden Point. Fitting such a pulsating game ended in dramatic fashion. Huddersfield were awarded a penalty for a pullback which allowed Pryce to secure third spot on the ladder.

HUDDERSFIELD 16 (I. Senior 2 tries; W. Pryce 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD TRINITY 14** (M. Ashurst, Y. Aydin, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Lino goal) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 2nd September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Wakefield Trinity 10-8. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 5,524. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Senior, King, Leutele, Golding; Russell, Pryce; Mason, Levi, Wilson, Jones, McQueen, English. Int: Lawrence, Ikahihifo, O'Brien, Ashworth. **WAKEFIELD TRINITY:** Shaul, Kershaw, Hall, Gaskell, Murphy; Miller (C), Lino; Aydin, Crowther, Arona, Ashurst, Tanginoa, Battye. Int: Bowes, Shaw, Butler, Fifita.

WIGAN 48 CATALANS 4

Wigan Warriors signed off the regular season in style with a 48-4 thumping of Catalans Dragons on Friday night.

It was all the hallmarks of a traditional Wigan Warriors performance in 2022 with Bevan French and Liam Marshall scoring bunches and they led 24-0 at the break. Harry Smith kicked off things with a four-pointer in the opening 10 minutes before Kaide Ellis walked over from a break on the half hour mark.

Scores in the final ten minutes of the first half from Marshall twice in the corner extended the Warriors lead to 24-0 going into the break.

Catalans Dragons who rested a majority of their team due to their schedule did find their way across the tryline through Josh Drinkwater who pounced on an error from French for 24-4. Super League top tryscorer French got in on the act as he touched down a kick to move past 30 tries for the season followed by Ethan Harvard for 36-4.

French took his tally to 31 with his second try of the

night alongside a four-pointer to Jack Bibby rounded off a comfortable win. Wigan Warriors get a week off due to their strong performances this season while Catalans Dragons host Leeds Rhinos in the playoffs.

WIGAN 48 (B. French 2, L. Marshall 2, J. Bibby, K. Ellis, E. Harvard, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 8 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 4** (J. Drinkwater try) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 2nd September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 24-0. Penalties: Wigan 5-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 13,275. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Pearce-Paul, Bibby, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, O'Neill, Ellis, Isa, Bateman, Smithies. Int: Leuluai (C), Mago, Harvard, Cooper. **CATALANS:** Franco, Parenti, Romano (C), Jobe, Zenon; Rougé, Drinkwater; Scimone, Tison, Chan, Le Cam, Laurent, Cozza. Int: Salabio, Ribas, Llong, Castano.

WARRINGTON 32 SALFORD 14

Warrington Wolves ended a miserable 2022 in fine form with a 32-14 win against Salford Red Devils on Saturday afternoon.

Josh Thewlis opened the scoring for the Wolves with the simplest of tries from some quick hands then Oliver Holmes made it 8-0 with a close range try. James Greenwood pulled back a four-pointer for Salford after he went through a gap before Luke Thomas restored the Wolves lead to 14-6.

The Wolves extended their lead through Greg Minkin before Salford once again struck back when Myles-Dalton Harrop picked up a bouncing ball to make it 20-14. George Williams gave the Wolves faithful one final moment of magic with a wonderful solo effort before Thewlis rounded off the win with an intercept four-pointer.

Salford Red Devils were locked into the finals already so this loss doesn't change much for them as they travel to face Huddersfield Giants next weekend. For Warrington Wolves, they will be grateful to finish far enough away from the relegation zone after flirting with it at times before a hopefully brighter 2023.

WARRINGTON 32 (J. Thewlis 2, O. Holmes, G. Minikin, L. Thomas, G. Williams tries; L. Hayes 3, J. Clark goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 14** (M. Dalton-Harrop, J. Greenwood tries; H. Livett 3 goals) **AT AJ BELL STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 14-8. Penalties: Warrington 12-7. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 5,123. **SALFORD:** Rourke, Williams, Akauola, Coope-Franklin, Dalton-Harrop; Livett, Escaré; Luckley, Bourouh, Burke (C), Greenwood, Lannon, Vuniyayawa. Int: Stevens, Dupree, Spencer-Tonks, Davies. **WARRINGTON:** Dufty, Minikin, Mata'utia, Wardle, Thewlis; Williams, Hayes; Harrison, Walker, Bullock, Holmes, Nicholson, Clark (C). Int: Clark, Mikaele, Whitehead, Thomas.

HULL KR 36 HULL FC 4

Hull KR rounded off their season with derby delight after a 36-4 win against wounded Hull FC on Saturday afternoon.

Both sides were out of the playoffs running but the winner would finish higher on the Super League ladder and take local bragging rights. Will Tate opened the scoring for Hull KR when he was there after a bat back from the kick to make it 6-0 before Hull FC hit back through Luke Gale to reduce the deficit

to two.

Veteran try scorer Ryan Hall walked in the Robins second four-pointer followed by Rowan Milnes scoring after he profited off another error to extend the lead to 14. Try scorer Gale was sin binned for dissent which led to the Robins fourth. Prop Albert Vete got low and burrowed across for a 24-4 half-time lead.

The second half was at cruising altitude for the Robins. Ethan Ryan added their fifth four-pointer when he sliced through on the left side. Hull KR rounded off their derby win through captain Elliot Minchella who dived over from close range to make it 36-4 and turn Hull red-and-white.

The Robins will see 2022 as a success due to avoiding relegation which they were threatened with for much of the year while Hull FC were a walking infirmary and hope for better health in 2023.

HULL KR 36 (R. Hall, R. Milnes, E. Minchella, E. Ryan, W. Tate, A. Vete tries; R. Milnes 6 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 4** (L. Gale try) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 24-4. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 16,999. **HULL FC:** Connor, Barron, Scott, Vulikijapani, McIntosh; Smith, Gale (C); Sao, Johnstone, Taylor, Lane, Longstaff, Gardiner. Int: Houghton, Satae, Litten, Laidlaw. **HULL KR:** Ryan, Tate, Wood, Keinhorst, Hall; Milnes, Laulu-Togaga'e; Vete, Minchella (C), King, Halton, Linnett, Storton. Int: Moore, Fishwick, Barley.

LEEDS 14 CASTLEFORD 8

A late Aiden Sezer four-pointer sent Leeds Rhinos into the Super League playoffs after a 14-8 win against Castleford Tigers on Saturday afternoon.

The tension was high in a game which had big stakes. Neither side were able to get across the try line in the first half as the game went into break at 0-0 despite a Suaia Matagi sin bin. The Tigers were the first to break the deadlock when Paul McShane piloted home a penalty goal to make it 2-0 to the delight of the away fans.

Castleford extended their lead to eight moments later. Jake Mamo went on a mazy run from his fullback role to touch down for 8-0. Leeds Rhinos left it late to get on the scoreboard. Rhyse Martin who is riding a 30+ streak of conversions made it 8-2 after a penalty goal.

Kruse Leeming set the game up for a grandstand finish when he was on hand to stride across the line after Zak Hardaker created the break for 8-8. Greg Eden had the first chance to settle the game for Castleford Tigers with a field goal but he sprayed it wide of the mark.

The Rhinos snatched the game and the final spot in the Super League playoffs when Aidan Sezer finished off a break started by Mikolaj Oledzki in a fabulous finish.

LEEDS 14 (K. Leeming, A. Sezer tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 8** (J. Mamo try; P. McShane 2 goals) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Penalties: Leeds 7-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 15,418. **LEEDS:** Myler, Briscoe,

Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Handley (C); Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, Leeming, Prior, Bentley, Martin, Tetevano. Int: Dwyer, Smith, O'Connor, Gannon. **CASTLEFORD:** Mamo, Olpherts, Fonua, Sutcliffe, Faraimo; Eden, McShane (C); Griffin, Milner, Matagi, Lawler, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Smith, Martin, Hall, Robb.

ST HELENS 36 TOULOUSE 16

St Helens added another trophy to their bulging case after a 36-16 win against relegated Toulouse Olympique on Saturday afternoon.

The Saints were made to work for the two points after being ahead 12-10 against the French side going into half-time.

Toulouse were the first side to hit the scoreboard when Ilias Bergal was on hand to touch down from a bomb to the wing before Joe Batchelor gave Saints the lead. Saints extended their

lead through Curtis Sironen to make it 12-4 then Nathan Peats cut the hosts lead to two at the break from a charge down.

Much like the first half, Toulouse struck first again. Eloi Pelissier burrowed over from close range for the second lead for the French side on Saturday. From there, St Helens went on a rampage to make sure it was a winning atmosphere when they lifted the trophy at Totally Wicked Stadium. Matty Lees finished off a Saints break for a rare four-pointer then Konrad Hurrell kicked for himself to make it 24-16 in front of a bumper crowd. Backs Tommy Makinson who was perfect from the boot and Jack Welsby were the other two try-scorers in the win for top spot Saints.

ST HELENS 36 (J. Batchelor, K. Hurrell, M. Lees, T. Makinson, C. Sironen, J. Welsby tries; T. Makinson 5, B. Lane goals) **DEFEATED TOULOUSE 16** (I. Bergal, N. Peats, É. Pelissier tries; C.

Hankinson 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-10. Penalties: St Helens 8-3. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 13,112. **ST HELENS:** Bennison, Makinson (C), Hurrell, Davies, Lane, Welsby, Lomax; Paasi, Lussick, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Roby (C), McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Bell, Norman. **TOULOUSE:** Ashall-Bott, Bergal, Armitage, Jussaume, Laguerre; Paulo, Hankinson; Belmas, Peats, Alvaro, Stefani, Peyroux (C), Marion. Int: Hansen, Pelissier, Bretherton, Sangaré.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Sam Hall (Castleford): Grade C Dangerous Contact - 2 matches
Suaia Matagi (Castleford): Grade B Dangerous Contact - 2 matches

Rhyse Martin (Leeds): Grade A High Tackle - 1 match
Luke Gale (Hull FC): Grade A Disputes Decision - 1 match

2022 SUPER LEAGUE FINAL TABLE

Team	Home							Away							Overall						Stats			
	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD	FPG	APG
1 St Helens	14	13	1	-	361	160	201	13	8	5	-	313	214	99	27	21	6	-	674	374	42	300	24.96	13.85
2 Wigan Warriors	13	13	-	-	499	134	365	14	6	8	-	319	349	-30	27	19	8	-	818	483	38	335	30.3	17.89
3 Huddersfield Giants	14	13	1	-	389	244	145	13	4	8	1	224	253	-29	27	17	9	1	613	497	35	116	22.7	18.41
4 Catalans Dragons	14	10	4	-	343	258	85	13	6	7	-	196	255	-59	27	16	11	-	539	513	32	26	19.96	19
5 Leeds Rhinos	14	9	4	1	279	215	64	13	5	8	-	298	313	-15	27	14	12	1	577	528	29	49	21.37	19.56
6 Salford Red Devils	13	9	4	-	380	232	148	14	5	9	-	320	370	-50	27	14	13	-	700	602	28	98	25.93	22.3
7 Castleford Tigers	13	9	4	-	283	260	23	14	4	10	-	261	360	-99	27	13	14	-	544	620	26	-76	20.15	22.96
8 Hull KR	14	8	6	-	310	298	12	13	4	9	-	188	310	-122	27	12	15	-	498	608	24	-110	18.44	22.52
9 Hull FC	13	7	6	-	279	360	-81	14	4	10	-	229	315	-86	27	11	16	-	508	675	22	-167	18.81	25
10 Wakefield Trinity	14	6	8	-	267	305	-38	13	4	9	-	230	343	-113	27	10	17	-	497	648	20	-151	18.41	24
11 Warrington Wolves	13	5	8	-	274	291	-17	14	4	10	-	294	373	-79	27	9	18	-	568	664	18	-96	21.04	24.59
12 Toulouse Olympique XIII	13	4	9	-	233	303	-70	14	1	13	-	188	442	-254	27	5	22	-	421	745	10	-324	15.59	27.59

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	Pos	P	T
1	Bevan FRENCH	WIG	FB, W, INT	21	31
2	Ken SIO	SAL	W	28	26
3	Tommy MAKINSON	STH	W, C	23	22
	Liam MARSHALL	WIG	W	23	22
5	Jai FIELD	WIG	FB, F/E	26	20
	Fouad YAHA	CAT	W	23	20
7	Derrell OLPHERTS	CAS	W, INT	26	18
8	Ash HANDLEY	LEE	W	27	17
	Lewis MURPHY	WAK	W	19	17
10	Joe BURGESS	SAL	W	20	16
11	Chris McQUEEN	HUD	2RF	24	15
12	Ryan HALL	HKR	W	24	14
13	Matthew ASHTON	WAR	W	22	13
	Deon CROSS	SAL	FB, C, INT	28	13
	Liam FARRELL	WIG	2RF	22	13
	Matthew RUSSELL	TOU	W	21	13

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	Pos	APP	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Tommy MAKINSON	STH	W, C	23	22	78	-	244
2	Marc SNEYD	SAL	HB	26	4	105	2	228
3	Rhyse MARTIN	LEE	C, 2RF	25	9	86	-	208
	Harry SMITH	WIG	F/E, HB, INT	22	6	91	2	208
5	Chris HANKINSON	TOU	FB, C, F/E, HB	25	5	64	-	148
6	Stefan RATCHFORD	WAR	FB, F/E, HB	22	3	64	-	140
7	Bevan FRENCH	WIG	FB, W, INT	21	31	-	-	124
8	Sam TOMKINS	CAT	FB	19	3	51	1	115
9	Will PRYCE	HUD	FB, F/E, HB, INT	15	5	42	-	104
	Ken SIO	SAL	W	28	26	-	-	104
11	Mason LINO	WAK	HB	22	2	45	-	98
12	Gareth O'BRIEN	CAS	FB, F/E, HB	18	3	42	1	97
13	Lachlan COOTE	HKR	FB	16	9	27	1	91
14	Liam MARSHALL	WIG	W	23	22	-	-	88
15	Jai FIELD	WIG	FB, F/E	26	20	3	-	86
16	Luke GALE	HUL	F/E, HB	19	2	38	1	85
17	Zak HARDAKER	LEE, WIG	FB, W, C, INT	25	4	32	-	80
	Fouad YAHA	CAT	W	23	20	-	-	80

2022 SUPER LEAGUE FINALS SERIES

ELIMINATION FINAL: 4TH V 5TH

LEEDS 20 CATALANS 10

Leeds Rhinos secured their survival on the back of a Liam Sutcliffe hat-trick in their 20-10 win over Catalans Dragons on Friday night.

The Dragons were made to pay for their ill-discipline with the hosts getting three sin bins and Gil Dudson was sent off late in the contest. Buoyed by the momentum of their win last week, Leeds Rhinos had the early running with Blake Austin and last week's match winner Aidan Sezer creating chances which were turned away. Dragons were the first on the scoreboard with a pair of penalty goals to Sam Tomkins despite having Mitchell Pearce binned for an incident. Leeds finally took advantage of having the extra man when Liam Sutcliffe cut through the defence and finished off the move for 6-4. Sutcliffe made it double delight and gave Leeds a 12-4 lead at the break when the back was there to pick up the scraps from a kick after a video review.

Needing some inspiration, Dragons started the half in the right way. Pearce piloted a kick which saw a flying Dean Whare pluck out of the air for 12-10. The hosts discipline crumbled from that point with Michael McIlorum and Pearce for a second time sent to the bin in the final stages. While McIlorum was off the field, Sutcliffe completed his hat-trick. It was from another kick which the centre was able to grab before the defenders to give Leeds a six-point break. Dudson completed the Dragons meltdown getting sent off. He headbutted Sezer which saw the forward given an early shower. Zac Hardaker piloted over two late penalty goals for the visiting Rhinos as they move into the semi-final against Wigan Warriors next Friday night.

LEEDS 20 (L. Sutcliffe 3 tries; Z. Hardaker 4 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 10** (D. Whare try; S. Tomkins 3 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS**. Date: Fri, 9th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-4. Penalties: Leeds 9-5. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 9,514. **CATALANS:** Tomkins, Davies, Langi, Whare, Yaha; Pearce, May; Séguier, McIlorum, Napa, Chan, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Mourgue, Dudson, Goudemand, Kasiano. **LEEDS:** Myler, Briscoe, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Tindall; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Prior, Bentley, Gannon, Smith. Int: Leeming (C), Tetevano, Walters, Donaldson.

ELIMINATION FINAL: 3RD V 6TH

SALFORD 28 HUDDERSFIELD 0

Salford Red Devils were in fabulous form in their 28-0 win against Huddersfield Giants on Saturday afternoon.

The Red Devils have been an attacking powerhouse this season but showed off their defensive prowess in keeping a handy Giants side to nil. Much like the game the night before, the first points came from the tee. Marc Sneyd raised the flags after a high tackle from the Giants. Sneyd was again at the center of the action for the visitors from a scrum play which saw winger Joe Burgess finish off a simple move to make it 8-0. Fresh from his Man of Steel nomination, Brodie Croft sliced through the Giants defence before he found Kallum Watkins in support to push their advantage out to 14. It wasn't all roses for the Red Devils in the first 40. Ryan Brierley was binned for a shoulder charge on Tui Lolohea but the visitors held on for a 16-0 lead at the break.

Sebastine Ikaiahifo gave the Giants the perfect start with a rampaging run then Ricky Leutele went close before he was taken over the sideline by the defence. Salford put the game to bed with a pair of late scores. Brierley made up for his earlier error with a precise putdown from a Sneyd kick for 22-0. There was one final moment of magic for the Red Devils. Ackers used the well-worn show-and-go to fool the Giants defence and hold off the chasers to dive over.

Now the Red Devils will have the task to beat the defending Super League Champions St Helens in their semi-final on Saturday afternoon.

SALFORD 28 (A. Ackers, R. Brierley, J. Burgess, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 6 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 0 AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 10th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 16-0. Penalties: Salford 8-4. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 6,374. **HUDDERSFIELD:** Lolohea, Senior, King, Leutele, Cudjoe; Russell, Fages; Hill, Levi, Trout, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Pryce, Greenwood, Ikaiahifo, English. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Wright, Taylor (C), Watkins, Gerrard. Int: Luckley, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Ormondroyd.

SEMI FINAL: 2ND V HIGHER RANKED WINNER

LEEDS 20 WIGAN 8

Leeds Rhinos have made the Super League Grand Final from fifth after their 20-8 win over Wigan Warriors on Friday night.

Both sides worked their way into the contest. Wigan had an early chance from Bevan French which was knocked on while a Leeds raid on the left ended with them being bundled into touch. The Warriors were the first to get on the board through Liam Marshall. The winger dived over with an athletic finish which was confirmed by the video referee for 4-0. Wigan had a chance to extend the lead to six through Harry Smith but his penalty goal went wide then a break from Jai Field was cut short in a tense first half. Leeds did get something from the first half when Blake Austin was hit high. It allowed Zak Hardaker to pilot home a penalty goal to make it 4-2 at the break. The Rhinos built on their penalty goal with their first four-pointer when Jarrod O'Connor spied a gap in the defence and snuck over for his maiden try for the club. Their traveling support was in full throat and dreaming of Old Trafford which inched closer to reality after Aidan Sezer's kick is gobbled up by James Bentley for 14-4. Chances of a comeback were quelled for Wigan when John Bateman was sent off for a shoulder charge to the head of Sezer leaving the Warriors with 12 men. James Bentley confirmed the Rhinos Grand Final booking when he completed his double after he sliced through the Warriors defence for 20-4. There was late consolation for Wigan through Sam Powell. He managed to find room in the stubborn Rhinos defence to touch down on a tough night for the hosts.

LEEDS 20 (J. Bentley 2, J. O'Connor tries; Z. Hardaker 4 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 8** (L. Marshall, S. Powell tries) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Fri, 16th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 4-2. Penalties: Wigan 8-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,777. **WIGAN:** Field, French, Pearce-Paul, Bibby, Marshall; Smith, Leuluai (C); Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Bateman, Smithies. Int: Mago, Ellis, Havard, Cooper. **LEEDS:** Myler, Briscoe, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Tindall; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Prior, Bentley, Tetevano, Smith (C). Int: Leeming, Thompson, Walters, Donaldson.

SEMI FINAL: 1ST V LOWER RANKED WINNER

ST HELENS 19 SALFORD 12

St Helens have become a fixture in the Super League Grand Final and will be there again after their 19-12 win against Salford Red Devils on Saturday night.

The Red Devils headed into this game without one of their main weapons with Brodie Croft ruled out due to a concussion suffered in their win over Huddersfield. Saints looked to have opened the scoring through James Batchelor but the video referee saw the ball hit the line to chalk it off. It was a repeat performance which was given the green light this time. Lomax found Batchelor again from the boot and he touched down inside the in-goal for 6-0. The Lomax-Batchelor combination struck once again to make the Saints advantage a dozen. The five-eighth absorbed a hit before he slipped the pass to the rampaging forward to dive over. Salford have shown they can score in bunches this season and were gifted a man advantage when Morgan Knowles was binned for dangerous contact. The visitors struck immediately when Kallum Watkins ran the perfect line to slice through to make it 12-6 and give the Red Devils some hope. Lomax capped off a stellar first half for the Saints with a field goal in the final minute which stretched their advantage to seven points. The Red Devils moved within one point after a long range four-pointer. The quick hands on the left side opened up the field for Joe Burgess who found a trailing Ryan Brierley to make it 13-12.

Ultimately St Helens booted their way to the Grand Final. Lomax again put it on the boot and teenager Jon Bennison touched down to make it 19-12. There was late drama when Saints winger Tommy Makinson was sent to the bin for a professional foul on Tim Lafai as the centre chased a kick and possibly lucky to avoid a penalty try. The Saints are looking to win a fourth straight Grand Final when they face Leeds Rhinos next weekend and add to their already overflowing trophy cabinet.

ST HELENS 19 (J. Batchelor 2, J. Bennison tries; T. Makinson 3 goals; J. Lomax field goal) **DEFEATED SALFORD 12** (R. Brierley, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 17th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 13-6. Penalties: St Helens 7-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 12,357. **ST HELENS:** Bennison, Makinson, Hurrell, Mata'utia, Percival; Welsby, Lomax; Paasi, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Bell. **SALFORD:** Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Atkin, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Wright, Watkins, Taylor (C). Int: Luckley, Bourouh, Gerrard, Dupree.

SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

SAINTS CONFIRM GREATNESS WITH THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT GRAND FINAL WIN

BY JUSTIN DAVIES, LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

St Helens have won their fourth straight Super League title in a 24-12 win against Leeds Rhinos on Saturday night at Old Trafford.

The Saints got off to a perfect start when five-eighth Jonny Lomax linked up with prop forward Matty Lees who streaked away for a 6-0 start.

It was double delight for the Saints when Tommy Makinson dribbled a kick behind the defence and youngster Jon Bennison touched down after it was confirmed by the video referee.

The Rhinos avoided going behind three scores when Rhysie Martin was penalised for a dangerous tackle and the kick was missed by Makinson.

Inspired by a huge run from Zak Hardaker, Leeds got on the board just before half-time. The ball was kept alive well and Kruiise Leeming contorted enough to make it 12-6.

St Helens restored their twelve-point advantage just after the break. Konrad Hurrell blasted into the defence on the inside ball and found the line.

A busy afternoon for the video referee who was invited to participate again after Man of Steel nominee and Young player of the year Jack Welsby kicked for Mark Percival for 24-6.

The game was gone but Leeds did find some late consolation in

Martin. He started the move down the right wing before walking in the score then making it 38 straight conversions.

Lifting the trophy for the fourth straight time just adds another jewel to the St Helens crown. They have confirmed themselves as the premier side in the Super League competition.

It also marks the final chapter of a successful three-year coaching reign for Kristian Woolf at the famous club, with Woolf headed to assist Wayne Bennett at new NRL club the Dolphins back in Australia in 2023. He's then tipped to succeed Bennett in 2025.

For Leeds Rhinos, it wasn't the fairytale ending they expected after their wins over Castleford, Huddersfield and Wigan but it was a dream run for Rohan Smith's men to make the decider.



ST HELENS 24

J. Bennison, K. Hurrell, M. Lees, M. Percival tries

T. Makinson 4 goals

DEFEATED LEEDS 12

K. Leeming, R. Martin tries; R. Martin 2 goals

Venue: Old Trafford, Manchester

Date: Sat, 24th September.

Kickoff: 6:00 PM.

Halftime: St Helens 12-6.

Penalties: Leeds 6-5.

Referee: Liam Moore.

Crowd: 60,783.

ST HELENS: Bennison, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Hopoate; Welsby, Lomax;

Paasi, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles.

Int: Mata'utia, Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield.

LEEDS: Myler, Briscoe, Hardaker, Sutcliffe, Handley; Smith, Austin; Oledzki,

O'Connor, Prior, Bentley, Martin, Tetevano.

Int: Leeming (C), Thompson, Walters, Donaldson.

SUPER LEAGUE HONOUR ROLL 1996-2022

Year	Premiers	Minor Premiers
1996	St Helens	N/A
1997	Bradford	N/A
1998	Wigan	Wigan
1999	St Helens	Bradford
2000	St Helens	Wigan
2001	Bradford	Bradford
2002	St Helens	St Helens
2003	Bradford	Bradford
2004	Leeds	Leeds
2005	Bradford	St Helens
2006	St Helens	St Helens
2007	Leeds	St Helens

2008	Leeds	St Helens
2009	Leeds	Leeds
2010	Wigan	Wigan
2011	Leeds	Warrington
2012	Leeds	Wigan
2013	Wigan	Huddersfield
2014	St Helens	St Helens
2015	Leeds	Leeds
2016	Wigan	Warrington
2017	Leeds	Castleford
2018	Wigan	St Helens
2019	St Helens	St Helens
2020	St Helens	Wigan
2021	St Helens	Catalans
2022	St Helens	St Helens

CHALLENGE CUP

2022 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

COMPILED BY RUGBY LEAGUE PROJECT

FIRST ROUND

DAY	DATE	HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM		REFEREE	VENUE	CROWD
Fri	14-Jan-22	Bridgend Blue Bulls	0	Navy	60	K. Young	Brynglas Field	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Orrell St James	10	British Army	18	M. Lynn	Bankes Ave	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Edinburgh	24	York Acorn	38	L. Fenton	Royal HS	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	London Chargers	22	Ellenborough	16	W. Gilder	Dukes Meadow	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Thornhill	24	RAF	6	S. Ellis	Overthorpe Park	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	West Hull	46	Upton	6	J. Covell-Wood	North Road	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Featherstone Lions	6	Hunslet Parkside	56	R. Stansfield	Millpond Stadium	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Galway Tribesmen	10	Pilkington Recs	36	D. Arnold	Ruskin Drive	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Jarrow Vikings	10	Wests Warriors	52	T. Gibbs	Kingston Park	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Leigh Miners Rangers	22	Milford	20	R. Cox	Twist Lane	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Lock Lane	18	Thatto Heath	10	F. Lincoln	Lock Lane Sports	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Rochdale Mayfield	36	Wigan St Pats	22	A. Billington	Mayfield Sports	-
Sat	15-Jan-22	Siddal	28	British Police	0	R. Johnson	Exley Lane	-
Sun	16-Jan-22	Bentley	16	Stanningley	22	C. Beevers	Brunei Road	-

SECOND ROUND

LEAGUE ONE CLUBS ENTER

Sat	29-Jan-22	York Acorn	28	Wests Warriors	10	A. Johnson	Thanet Road	250
Sat	29-Jan-22	British Army	10	Navy	14	M. Lynn	Military Stadium	500
Sat	29-Jan-22	Hunslet Parkside	22	Stanningley	12	M. Clayton	Hillidge Road	550
Sat	29-Jan-22	Leigh Miners Rangers	8	North Wales	40	K. Moore	Twist Lane	1,050
Sat	29-Jan-22	Pilkington Recs	10	Siddal	32	M. Mannifield	Ruskin Drive	300
Sat	29-Jan-22	West Hull	16	Rochdale Mayfield	18	A. Sweet	West Hull Park	400
Sat	29-Jan-22	London	40	London Chargers	22	M. Rossleigh	New River	280
Sun	30-Jan-22	Rochdale	36	Midlands	16	L. Rush	Crown Oil Arena	688
Sun	30-Jan-22	Doncaster	24	Thornhill	6	L. Bland	Eco-Power	618
Sun	30-Jan-22	Hunslet	22	Keighley	6	C. Worsley	South Leeds	637
Sun	30-Jan-22	West Wales	0	Swinton	96	J. Jones	Llanelli	312
Sun	30-Jan-22	Oldham	12	Lock Lane	22	B. Milligan	Vestacare	361

THIRD ROUND

Sat	12-Feb-22	Lock Lane	12	Rochdale	28	M. Mannifield	Lock Lane Sports	500
Sat	12-Feb-22	Rochdale Mayfield	0	Doncaster	20	B. Milligan	Mayfield Sports	420
Sat	12-Feb-22	London	6	Hunslet Parkside	28	J. Jones	New River	130
Sat	12-Feb-22	Navy	22	York Acorn	8	M. Rossleigh	US Sports Ground	300
Sun	13-Feb-22	Hunslet	30	Siddal	4	A. Sweet	South Leeds	651
Sun	13-Feb-22	Swinton	14	North Wales	20	L. Rush	Heywood Road	516

FOURTH ROUND

CHAMPIONSHIP CLUBS ENTER

Sat	26-Feb-22	North Wales	30	Hunslet	8	M. Smaill	Paton Field	452
Sun	27-Feb-22	Batley	66	Navy	6	L. Rush	Fox's Biscuits	1,271
Sun	27-Feb-22	Doncaster	0	Whitehaven	60	M. Rossleigh	Eco-Power	544
Sun	27-Feb-22	Hunslet Parkside	20	Sheffield	40	B. Milligan	South Leeds	450
Sun	27-Feb-22	Workington Town	26	Dewsbury	12	B. Thaler	Derwent Park	872
Sun	27-Feb-22	Halifax	16	Featherstone	29	M. Griffiths	The Shay	1,625
Sun	27-Feb-22	London	8	Bradford	34	N. Bennett	Cherry Red	551
Sun	27-Feb-22	Rochdale	12	Barrow	38	C. Worsley	Crown Oil Arena	515
Sun	27-Feb-22	York City	42	Newcastle	13	S. Mikalauskas	LNER Stadium	1,221
Mon	28-Feb-22	Leigh	38	Widnes	4	J. Child	Leigh Sports	2,567

FIFTH ROUND

Sat	12-Mar-22	North Wales	30	Sheffield	50	L. Rush	Zip World	330
Sun	13-Mar-22	Barrow	32	Workington Town	18	B. Thaler	Prestige Stadium	1,825
Sun	13-Mar-22	Batley	20	Featherstone	54	J. Vella	Fox's Biscuits	1,003
Sun	13-Mar-22	Whitehaven	38	York City	12	J. Vella	LEL Arena	798
Mon	14-Mar-22	Bradford	16	Leigh	20	M. Griffiths	Odsal	1,221

SIXTH ROUND

Date	Home	Score	Away	Score	Referee	Venue	Attendance
Sat 26-Mar-22	Catalans	27	Featherstone	14	A. Moore	Gilbert Brutus	3,624
Sat 26-Mar-22	Sheffield	12	Hull FC	58	J. Child	Millennium	1,039
Sat 26-Mar-22	Whitehaven	4	St Helens	46	T. Grant	LEL Arena	4,869
Sat 26-Mar-22	Hull KR	24	Leigh	18	C. Kendall	Craven Park	3,088
Sat 26-Mar-22	Leeds	16	Castleford	40	L. Moore	Headingley	5,112
Sun 27-Mar-22	Warrington	12	Wakefield Trinity	16	J. Smith	Halliwel Jones	2,627
Sun 27-Mar-22	Barrow	16	Huddersfield	30	M. Griffiths	Prestige Stadium	3,135
Sun 27-Mar-22	Wigan	20	Salford	0	R. Hicks	DW Stadium	6,005

SUPER LEAGUE CLUBS ENTER

QUARTER FINALS

Fri 8-Apr-22	Hull KR	34	Castleford	10	R. Hicks	Craven Park	4,887
Sat 9-Apr-22	Catalans	20	St Helens	36	C. Kendall	Gilbert Brutus	8,624
Sat 9-Apr-22	Huddersfield	24	Hull FC	16	L. Moore	John Smith's	3,637
Sun 10-Apr-22	Wakefield Trinity	6	Wigan	36	J. Child	Be Well Stadium	3,756

SEMI FINAL

Sat 7-May-22	Wigan	20	St Helens	18	J. Child	Elland Road	22,141
Sat 7-May-22	Huddersfield	25	Hull KR	4	L. Moore	Elland Road	22,141

2022 CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Sat 28-May-22	Huddersfield	14	Wigan	16	J. Child	Spurs Stadium	51,628
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CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

WIGAN CLAIM THEIR 20TH CHALLENGE CUP

BY JOSH ROBERTSON, LEAGUEUNLIMITED.COM

The Wigan Warriors have added yet another Challenge Cup trophy to their collection as goal kicking woes will haunt the Huddersfield Giants, following Wigan's dramatic 16-14 victory at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Things started messily for the cherry-red-and-whites as they were penalised for an obstruction inside two minutes when looking to shift the ball out of their own end. Huddersfield took the option of taking an easy two points to settle the nerves.

Despite dominating possession, Huddersfield couldn't make a dent in the Wigan defensive line despite the mountains of pressure they were putting on the Warriors. The pressure eventually became too much for Wigan and the play from Huddersfield was nothing short of perfection with swift hands and players in motion causing the Warriors defence to be in two minds and letting Ricky Leutele into space to score.

Although Huddersfield dominated possession, Wigan took advantage when they had the chance when Morgan Smithies was able to get his arm free to throw a no look offload to a charging Harry Smith who had open space ahead of him to get through and score. Smith levelled the scores after converting his own try.

Huddersfield regained the lead with just over five minutes remaining in the second half, when Chris McQueen fooled defenders by throwing a dummy that forced two defenders to shoot to the outside man when instead the former

Rabbitoh threw a dummy and then put on a step to get through to the line. Tui Lolohea missed a second conversion giving the Giants a 10-6 lead they took into the break.

The second half saw more dominance from Wigan and they opened the scoring just two minutes into the second half when the Huddersfield defence was caught rushing in which created space out wide for Bevan French to get into space down the sideline before finding Jai Field on the inside to score. Harry Smith's conversion put Wigan in front for the first time.



A poor day with the boot from Tui Lolohea hurt the Giants as they had a prime opportunity to level the scores but a poor penalty goal attempt kept the scores at 12-10 in favour of Wigan. Just shy of the hour mark, the Giants retook the lead when veteran Jermaine McGillvray was able to get his way to the line using his strength and ability to get down low and score in the corner. The fourth miss of the day from Lolohea kept the scores at 14-12.

The game went from end to end at different stages in the last twenty minutes although, Huddersfield in hindsight could have had a more attacking game plan as they looked mostly to not make any errors and finish their sets running it to the corner and making Wigan work it out from their own end.

Both the tactic and the poor goal kicking came back to haunt the Giants when in the final dying minutes of the game, Harry Smith got a kick away that he had tried twice before when the Huddersfield defence was rushed up. The first two occasions the kicks had eluded Liam Marshall, but the third was perfect right even up to the bounce of the ball as he charged over to the corner to score.

The conversion was waved away and Huddersfield needed a miracle inside the last minute of play to take victory. Unfortunately for their fans, the miracle didn't come and Wigan held onto a 16-14 victory but it was the goal kicking of Huddersfield that made the biggest difference.

Victory for Wigan gives them Challenge Cup title number 20 whilst Huddersfield's 70-year drought continues until at least the 2023 edition.

WIGAN WARRIORS (16) Harry Smith, Jai Field, Liam Marshall tries; Harry Smith 2/3 goals

DEFEATED

HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS (14) Ricky Leutele, Chris McQueen, Jermaine McGillvray tries; Tui Lolohea 1/5 goals

Venue: Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, London

Crowd: 51628

Date: Saturday 28 May 3:00pm

Referee: James Child

CASTLEFORD TIGERS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



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Tame Tigers left to ponder what might've been.

Castleford will be wondering where it all went wrong after falling short of qualifying for the finals, finishing just two points behind sixth position.

This now marks two consecutive seasons of falling short of the big end-of-season matches, something that won't be accepted after the success they had at the end of last decade.

The Tigers won 13 of their 27 matches, but the split of results is quite startling.

Like all good sides, the Tigers had a strong home record, winning 9 of their 13 matches played at the Jungle. However, they couldn't play away from home, only winning 4 of their 14 matches away from Castleford.

What rued the Tigers was their end-of-season run. Sitting inside the finals at the end of Round 20.

Cas would only win two more fixtures and would miss the finals. Moving forward, the Tigers need to arrest this inconsistent run of form that they have accrued over the last few seasons.

Turning point

Round 20. The Tigers had just defeated Hull FC away from home quite convincingly, just their second away win of the season. However, their run home was filled with inconsistency and embarrassing losses that would come back to bite.

The next week saw a defeat at the hands of lowly Wakefield at home, followed by a loss to St Helens away. Another home victory, beating Catalans before another away loss to fellow finals contenders Huddersfield.

Their last victory came against ordinary Warrington before two losses saw their finals dream become a mirage.

What worked

The strength within the roster. With a horrible run of injuries, Lee Radford was still able to put out a competitive line-up for every match they played.

Their fortunes changed after a disastrous start to the season. However, it wasn't enough in the final analysis for Castleford.

What didn't work

Consistency and horrible luck with injuries. I've mentioned the run-home struggles, but when you look deeper it's understandable.

Full-back Niall Evalds was restricted to just eight appearances over the course of the year, Richardson 12 games, and Jordan Turner seven matches, meaning that Castleford had to juggle his pivotal positions on an almost weekly basis. Meanwhile, halfback Trueman was missing from July when he had a torn ACL.

Best player

Joe Westerman was a pillar of strength for Radford in the middle third throughout the season, cleaning up at the club's end-of-year awards night and it was well-deserved for a side that was missing players due to injury at critical times. He finished second overall in the competition for tackles, fourth for offloads, and was also 11th for carries and eighth in marker tackles.

Rookies

Jason Qareqare. The performances of Derrell Olpherts, Bureta Faraimo, and Greg Eden limited the teenage flier to just eight appearances in 2022, but a return of seven tries and some more

moments of magic underlined the potential he showed when he burst onto the scene last season. He was rewarded with a spot in Fiji's train-on squad for the World Cup.

Looking ahead

Lee Radford has once again turned his roster over in search of victory. Albert Vete, Gareth Widdop, and Jacob Miller will be arriving in Castleford. However, they will be missing Jake Trueman, Derrell Olpherts, Gareth O'Brien, James Clare, Cheyse Blair, Ryan Hampshire, and Sosaia Feki.

Potential 2023 lineup

1. Niall Evalds
2. Bureta Faraimo
3. Jake Mamo
4. Mahe Fonua
5. Jason Qareqare
6. Gareth Widdop
7. Jacob Miller
8. George Griffin
9. Paul McShane
10. Albert Vete
11. Ken Edwards
12. Alex Mellor
13. Joe Westerman

14. George Lawler
15. Suaia Matagi
16. Liam Watts
17. Adam Milner

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Salford	L 16 - 26	Jungle	10,050
2	Warrington	L 10 - 34	HJ	8,468
3	Hull KR	L 10 - 26	Craven Pk	7,119
4	Hull FC	W 33 - 26	Jungle	10,072
5	Huddersfield	L 24 - 36	John Smith's	5,717
6	Wigan	L 22 - 32	DW	10,042
CC 6R	Leeds	W 40 - 16	Headingley	5,112
7	Toulouse	W 32 - 6	Jungle	7,067
CC QF	Hull KR	L 10 - 34	Craven Pk	4,887
8	Wakefield Trinity	W 34 - 4	Be Well	5,557
9	Leeds	W 16 - 14	Jungle	9,372
10	St Helens	W 30 - 10	Jungle	7,649
11	Catalans	L 12 - 44	S. G. B.	6,487
12	Hull KR	W 32 - 0	Jungle	8,175
13	Salford	L 14 - 30	AJ Bell	5,355
14	Wigan	L 12 - 32	Jungle	6,497
15	Toulouse	W 20 - 14	S.E.W.	3,326
16	Catalans	W 17 - 16	Jungle	6,510
17	Huddersfield	W 26 - 18	Jungle	5,672
18	Leeds	L 20 - 34	St James	36,821
19	Warrington	W 35 - 22	Jungle	6,279
20	Hull FC	W 46 - 18	MKM	9,550
21	Wakefield Trinity	L 6 - 32	Jungle	6,796
22	St Helens	L 12 - 20	T Wicked	10,144
23	Catalans	W 18 - 8	Jungle	6,147
24	Huddersfield	L 10 - 36	John Smith's	4,168
25	Warrington	W 19 - 18	HJ	8,104
26	Salford	L 10 - 50	Jungle	7,322
27	Leeds	L 8 - 14	Headingley	15,418

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 7TH | CHALLENGE CUP: QUARTER FINALS

SL PLAYED 27, WON 13, LOST 14 | FOR 544, AGAINST 620 | COACH: LEE RADFORD (27 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: GARETH O'BRIEN (115) | MOST TRIES: DERRELL OLPHERTS (18)

Round																												Season Stats									
	Opponent	SAL	WAR	HKR	HUL	HUD	WIG	LEE	TOU	HKR	WAK	LEE	STH	CAT	HKR	SAL	WIG	TOU	CAT	HUD	LEE	WAR	HUL	WAK	STH	CAT	HUD	WAR	SAL	LEE	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
BLAIR, Cheyse		B	2R	2R	2R	2R									B		C	C				C					2R					9	2	2	-	-	8
CLARE, James										W	FB	FB																				3	-	1	-	-	4
EDEN, Greg				W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	FB	FE	FE	FB	FE	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FE	FE	20	-	14	-	-	56	
EDWARDS, Kenny	2R	2R			B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	L	2R			24	1	3	-	-	12	
EVALDS, Niall	FB	FB	FB				FB	FB	FB	FB	FB									FB	FB										10	-	2	-	-	8	
FARAIMO, Bureta	W	W	W			B	W	W	W						C	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	20	1	9	-	-	36		
FEKI, Sosaia																									B						-	1	-	-	-	-	
FONU, Mahe	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	26	3	4	-	-	16		
GRIFFIN, George	FR	B	FR			FR	FR	FR	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	25	1	4	-	-	16		
HALL, Sam				B																								B			-	2	-	-	-	-	
HAMPSHIRE, Ryan													FB	FB	FB	FB	FB													5	-	2	-	-	8		
HEPI, Tyla				B	B	B				B																					-	4	-	-	-	-	
LAWLER, George	B	FR		H	H	H	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		B	B	FR	FR	FR	B			FR	FR	B	2R	2R	18	5	1	-	-	4	
MAMO, Jake	C	C				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				C	C		B	FB				B	B	FB	FB	17	3	11	-	-	44	
MARTIN, Bradley						B					B	B				B			B				B	B	B	B	B	B	B		-	11	-	-	-	-	
MASSEY, Nathan			FR				B	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR							FR	FR			8	8	-	-	-	-	
MATAGI, Suaia	B		B	FR	FR	B		B	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	FR	3	19	3	-	-	12	
McSHANE, Paul	H	H	H	HB	HB	HB	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B		H	H	H	H	H	HB	H	H	H	HB	27	1	1	5	-	14	
MELLOR, Alex																	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	11	-	1	-	-	4		
MILNER, Adam						B	B	B	2R	2R	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	H	H		B	2R		H			B	H		8	11	1	-	-	4		
O'BRIEN, Gareth		HB	HB	FB	FB	FB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB							FE		FE	FE	FE	FE			20	-	4	49	1	115		
OLPHERTS, Derrell	W	W	W	W	W	W				W	W	W	W	W	W	W	B	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	25	1	18	-	-	72		
QAREQARE, Jason										B	W	W	W	W								B		B		B				4	4	7	-	-	28		
RICHARDSON, Daniel	HB																HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		12	-	2	33	3	77		
ROBB, Cain			B	B	B																								B		-	4	-	-	-	-	
SMITH, Daniel	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B			B	B	B	B	FR		B	B			B	9	14	1	-	-	4		
SUTCLIFFE, Alex	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R					B													B	C	C	B	C	C	C	12	3	2	-	-	8		
TRUEMAN, Jacob	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		19	-	6	-	-	24		
TURNER, Jordan	B	B	C	C	C		C	C	C																		B			6	3	2	-	-	8		
WATTS, Liam	B	B	B		B		B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	B	B		B			B	FR			B	B		7	13	2	-	-	8		
WESTERMAN, Joe	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	29	-	1	-	-	-	4		

CASTLEFORD TIGERS

Established 1926
 Home Ground Wheldon Road, Castleford, UK
 (current name: Mend-A-Hose Jungle)
 Super League None
 - Runners Up 2017
 Challenge Cup 1934-35, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1985-86
 - Runners Up 1992, 2014, 2021
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Points (all time) Robert Beardmore: 1397 points
 Most Tries (all time) Michael Shenton, Graham Steadman: 121 tries

Super League record: 1996-2004, 2006, 2008-2022

Matches Played 680
 Won 311
 Lost 349
 Drawn 20
 Points For 15,628
 Points Against 17,182
 Biggest win 74-16 (58 pts) - Apr 7th, 2002 - vs. Salford
 Biggest loss 4-72 (68 pts) - Aug 13th, 2006 - vs. St Helens
 Most points scored 74-16 (74 pts) - Apr 7th, 2002 - vs. Salford
 Most points conceded 12-76 (76 pts) - Aug 14th, 2009 - vs. Leeds

CATALANS DRAGONS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



It was a season of mixed fortunes for the Catalans Dragons in season 2022.

After falling short on Grand Final day to St Helens, they were expected to make a similar run once more. But, they seemed to be getting in the way of themselves.

A quarter-final exit from the Challenge Cup should've been the motivation to bring the Super League trophy outside of the UK for the first time in its history.

However, the club's inconsistent run of form in the second half of the season proved to be their downfall and after being as high as second place on the ladder, they fell to finish fourth and were 'one and done' in the finals.

Turning point

A 20-18 victory over St Helens at home gave them the confidence that they could defeat anyone put in front of them.

However, it appeared that the confidence was severely misplaced. A disastrous loss the following week at Magic Round to lowly Warrington was a sign of Steve McNamara's side being incredibly consistent at being inconsistent.

What worked

The ability to turn something out of nothing. Catalans were able to turn many games back in their favour off one set play or one moment that worked out. This was evident in their return match against St Helens at home in early July. After trailing early and having fiery prop Dylan Napa in the sin-bin, the Dragons dug deep and were able to produce two quick tries to swing the game back in their favour which gave the Dragons a famous victory at home over the reigning - and eventual - champions.

Josh Drinkwater and Sam Tomkins provided brilliantly this season and it showed with the Dragons once again qualifying for the finals.

What didn't work

As mentioned, the lack of consistency in this side was a common problem from opening day and also a distinct lack of discipline from Catalans in key situations. Also on opening day, they had to play a portion of the second half with just 11 men.

Their final game of the season showcased the inconsistency and ill-disciplined that threatened to break apart their season come back to bite. Catalans were right in their semi final match with Leeds until Gil Dudson was sent off for a head-butt which is what made the Dragons breathe unhealthy fire. Mitch Pearce earned his second trip to the bin on full-time for back-chat and the game was all but lost as was their season.

Best player

Hard to pinpoint a specific player, but England's number one and captain, and two-time Man of Steel Sam Tomkins probably ranked best among the French side's squad.

Many times this season, he was able to lift his side off the canvas when they were struggling in critical situations. Tomkins was the man that could get the critical play at the right time, or make the decision to spark something in the Catalans attack.

Rookies

This year saw the debut of many players in a meaningless final-round match against Wigan. They were handed a thumping that evening, but it will be a big experience for them moving forward as they continue their development moving forward.

Arthur Morgue will benefit significantly following a World Cup year with France, the 23-year-old fullback played against quality opposition and will be better off for the experience he gained coming back to the Dragons next season.

Looking ahead

It's going to be a very different-looking Catalans side in 2023. With several local products leaving and experienced players departing. On the way, out are Sam Kasiano, Gil Dudson Joe Chan (taking a chance down under with Melbourne), Mathieu Cozza, Benjamin Jullien, Dean Whare, Samisoni Langi, Corentin Le Cam, and Romain Franco.

Coming into the side next season are Tom Johnstone, Manu Ma'u, Siosua Taukeiaho, and Romain Navarette. So it will be another year of transition for McNamara, but one that will pay off in the long term.

2023 potential lineup

1. Sam Tomkins
2. Fouad Yaha
3. Matthieu Laguerre
4. Tom Davies
5. Tom Johnstone
6. Adam Keighran
7. Mitchell Pearce
8. Siosua Taukeiaho
9. Mike McIlorum
10. Jordan DeZaria
11. Matthew Whitely
12. Mike McMeeken
13. Ben Garcia
14. Tyrone May
15. Romain Navarette
16. Mickael Goudeman
17. Manu Ma'u

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	St Helens	L 8 - 28	T. Wicked	13,178
2	Wakefield Trinity	W 24 - 22	S.G.B.	7,623
3	Leeds	W 10 - 4	Headingley	10,655
4	Warrington	W 24 - 18	H.J.	9,295
5	Wigan	W 28 - 0	S.G.B.	7,481
6	Hull KR	W 18 - 10	S.G.B.	6,782
CC 6R	Featherstone	W 27 - 14	S.G.B.	3,624
7	Huddersfield	L 12 - 28	John Smith's	3,845
CC QF	St Helens	L 20 - 36	S.G.B.	8,624
8	Toulouse	W 18 - 10	S.G.B.	8,922
9	Salford	W 36 - 10	AJ Bell	3,221
10	Hull FC	L 8 - 14	MKM	9,101
11	Castleford	W 44 - 12	S.G.B.	6,487
12	Warrington	W 40 - 8	S.G.B.	9,307
13	Hull KR	W 20 - 8	Craven Pk	7,199
14	Huddersfield	L 14 - 22	S.G.B.	7,240
15	Hull FC	W 36 - 8	S.G.B.	8,847
16	Castleford	L 16 - 17	Jungle	6,514
17	St Helens	W 20 - 18	S.G.B.	10,260
18	Warrington	L 10 - 36	St James	25,333
19	Salford	L 6 - 32	AJ Bell	2,607
20	Huddersfield	W 13 - 12	S.G.B.	6,845
21	Leeds	L 32 - 36	S.G.B.	8,165
22	Wakefield Trinity	W 20 - 16	Be Well	3,227
23	Castleford	L 8 - 18	Jungle	6,147
24	Salford	L 14 - 46	S.G.B.	7,133
25	Toulouse	W 24 - 14	S.E.W.	9,168
26	Leeds	W 32 - 18	S.G.B.	9,802
27	Wigan	L 4 - 48	DW	13,275
EF	Leeds	L 10 - 20	S.G.B.	9,514

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 4TH | CHALLENGE CUP: QUARTER FINALS

SL PLAYED 28, WON 16, LOST 12 | FOR 549, AGAINST 533 | COACH: STEVE MCNAMARA (28 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: SAM TOMKINS (122) | MOST TRIES: FOUAD YAHA (24)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	CC6	7	CCQ	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	EF	Season Stats					
Opponent	STH	WAK	LEE	WAR	WIG	HKR	FEA	HUD	STH	TOU	SAL	HUL	CAS	WAR	HKR	HUD	HUL	CAS	STH	WAR	SAL	HUD	LEE	WAK	CAS	SAL	TOU	LEE	WIG	LEE	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts
BOUSQUET, Julian	L												FR	FR	FR		FR	FR				FR									7	-	2	-	-	8
CASTANO, Loan																													B		-	1	-	-	-	-
CHAN, Joe		B	B		B	B	2R	2R	B	B	2R			2R		B	B	B		B	B	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	11	11	7	-	-	28
CHAN, Tiaki																							B	B					FR	1	2	-	-	-	-	
COZZA, Mathieu								B														B	B	FR	B	L		L		3	4	-	-	-	-	
DA COSTA, Alrix		B		H			H	B			B	B							B	H	H	H	L	L	L	B	H	B		9	7	-	-	-	-	
DAVIES, Tom	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	23	-	8	-	-	32	
DEZARIA, Jordan	B	FR	FR	FR	FR				B	FR	B		B	B	B	B														5	7	-	-	-	-	
DRINKWATER, Josh	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB						FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		23	-	2	7	-	22	
DUDSON, Gil	FR			B		FR	FR	FR			FR		B	B	FR		B	FR	FR		FR	FR			B	B	B		B	10	8	4	-	-	16	
FRANCO, Romain				W																				B	W			FB	3	1	-	-	-	-		
GARCIA, Benjamin	2R	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L		L				2R	L	L		L	24	-	2	-	-	8
GOUEMAND, Mickaël		FR		B	B	B	B	B		B	FR	B	B	B	B		B	B	L	FR	FR	B	B			B	B	B		B	5	18	3	-	-	12
JOBE, Maxime																													C	1	-	-	-	-	-	
JULLIEN, Benjamin			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R		2R	2R		2R				2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				17	-	2	-	-	8		
KASIANO, Sam	B	B	B	B		B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B		B	B	B	B	B		B		B	-	23	3	-	-	12	
LAGUERRE, Matthieu		W					C				C	C	C	C	C	C	C		W	B	W	W				C			13	1	8	-	-	32		
LANGI, Samisoni	C	C	C	C	C	C		C									C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	B	C		C	18	1	8	-	-	32
LAURENT, Leo																													2R	1	-	-	-	-	-	
LE CAM, Corentin								B												B	B			2R	B	B		2R	2	5	-	-	-	-		
LLONG, Leo																												B	-	1	-	-	-	-		
MAY, Tyrone	B	B	B	FB	B	B	FE	FE	C	FB	C	C	HB	C	C	C	HB			C	B			FE	C	FE	FE	HB		19	6	4	2	-	20	
McILORUM, Mike	H	H	H		H	H			H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H					H	H	H	H		H	22	-	1	-	-	4	
McMEEKEN, Mike	2R	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	L	2R	2R						2R	2R	2R											2R	13	1	1	-	-	4	
MOURGUE, Arthur									B	B	FB	FB	FB	HB	FE	HB	B						B	FE	FB	B	FB		FB	10	6	3	26	-	64	
NAPA, Dylan	B				FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR							FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	19	1	-	-	-	-
PARENTI, Mike																													W	1	-	-	-	-	-	
PEARCE, Mitchell	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	FE	FE	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE					FE		FE	23	-	10	-	-	40	
RIBAS, Lucas																													B	-	1	-	-	-	-	
ROMANO, Arthur				C	W		C	C	C	C			C					C	B	W		W	W	C				C	13	1	3	-	-	-	12	
ROUGÉ, César							B																	B			B		FE	1	3	-	-	-	-	
SALABIO, Hugo																													B	-	1	-	-	-	-	
SCIMONE, Bastien																													FR	1	-	-	-	-	-	
SÉGUIER, Paul			B	B				2R			B	B	B			B		B	B	B	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	10	9	-	-	-	-	
TISON, Ugo																													H	1	-	-	-	-	-	
TOMKINS, Sam	FB	FB	FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB				FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		FB	21	-	3	54	2	122		
WHARE, Dean	C	C	C		C	C													C		C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	14	-	2	-	-	8	
WHITLEY, Matt	FR	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				C	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R					2R	2R	20	-	4	-	-	-	16	
YAHA, Fouad	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	25	-	24	-	-	-	96
ZENON, Tanguy																													W	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

CATALANS DRAGONS

Established	2000
Home Ground	Stade Gilbert Brutus, Perpignan, France
Super League	None
- Runners Up	2021
Challenge Cup	2018
- Runners Up	2007
World Club Challenge	None
Most Appearances (SL)	Remi Casty: 304
Most Points (SL)	Thomas Bosc: 1170
Most Tries (SL)	Fouad Yaha: 87

Super League record: 2006-2022

Matches Played	467
Won	224
Lost	232
Drawn	11
Points For	10772
Points Against	11373
Biggest win	76-6 (70 pts) - Mar 31st, 2012 - vs. Widnes
Biggest loss	0-58 (58 pts) - Feb 26th, 2010 - vs. Wigan
Most points scored	76-6 (76 pts) - Mar 31st, 2012 - vs. Widnes
Most points conceded	12-60 (60 pts) - Sep 15th, 2006 - vs. Leeds
	16-60 (60 pts) - Jun 28th, 2013 - vs. Huddersfield

HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Year 2 of the Watson Era brings desired results.

Ian Watson's second season in charge saw a renewed and improved Huddersfield Giants side qualify for the finals.

Finishing in an impressive third spot, eventually, the pressure of the big stage got to the Giants, and crashed out of the finals in week one.

The Giants had a consistent season, with many of the stars playing consistently well for the duration of the season. Luke Yates flourished as he was given the captaincy, leading his side with distinction throughout the season. Meanwhile, Will Pryce showed why he is at the centre of a continental bidding war between the UK and Australia over his services.

Another success story for the Giants this season was the emergence of the Senior brothers on the edges with the pair scoring 19 tries between them. They also fell heartbreakingly short of Challenge Cup glory, going down narrowly to Wigan in May. But they were able to overcome the heartache to finish the season strongly.

What worked

The consistency of their play from the spine. Tui Lolohea was incredibly consistent at the back this season while Theo Fages was a great half-back. Danny Levi will be sorely missed next season when he goes back to chase his NRL dream.

Elsewhere, the forward pack was solid with Chris Hill playing well enough to get his England jumper back and performing well in the World Cup.

What didn't work

Just the lack of big-game experience hurt them in the final run. It's what saw them fall short on Challenge Cup final day, and it's what saw them fall short against Salford in the finals.

It's something that comes as Ian Watson's men play more big matches and these heartbreaking losses will serve the side well in seasons to come.

Best player

Chris McQueen was the only player from Huddersfield to make the Super League Dream Team having an impressive season for the Giants.

As the experienced head with Origin caps and plenty of big-game credentials, he was immense through the Giants' strong patches of play throughout the season.

Rookies

No players made their debut this season, but the focus was on whether Will Pryce would experience second-year syndrome. That was certainly the opposite in his second year in the big time.

Pryce was an important presence for the Giants in his second season, playing a critical role in the side in his fifteen matches scoring 5 tries and kicking 42 goals for a total of 104 points. If Pryce has an even stronger third season, he could become the next big-name UK star to make it 'down under' once he heads to NRL club Newcastle in 2024.

Looking ahead

There will be some significant player movement with the Bibby brothers, Jake Connor, Nathan Peats, Kevin Naiqama and Esan Marsters arriving next season all with a point to prove.

Departing the club are Louis Senior, Jake Wardle, Ricky Leutele, Michael Lawrence, Danny Levi and Jack Cogger.

Possible 2023 line-up

1. Will Pryce
2. Jermaine McGilverary
3. Jake Connor
4. Kevin Naiqama
5. Innes Senior
6. Tui Lolohea
7. Theo Fages
8. Chris Hill
9. Nathan Peats
10. Owen Trout
11. Chris McQueen
12. Josh Jones
13. Luke Yates (c)

14. Joe Greenwood
15. Matty English
16. Ashton Golding
17. Harry Rushton

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Toulouse	W 42 - 14	S.E.W.	5,238
2	Hull KR	W 26 - 12	John Smith's	5,724
3	Wigan	L 12 - 22	DW	10,291
4	Salford	W 34 - 2	John Smith's	5,702
5	Castleford	W 36 - 24	John Smith's	5,717
6	Hull FC	L 6 - 14	MKM	10,682
CC 6	Barrow	W 30 - 16	MJ Prestige	3,135
7	Catalans	W 28 - 12	John Smith's	3,845
CC QF	Hull FC	W 24 - 16	John Smith's	3,637
8	Leeds	D 20 - 20	Headingley	11,286
9	St Helens	L 12 - 24	John Smith's	6,519
10	Warrington	L 10 - 32	H.J.	8,102
11	Wakefield Trinity	W 14 - 12	Be Well	3,166
CC SF	Hull KR	W 25 - 4	Elland Road	22,141
12	Wigan	W 32 - 22	John Smith's	4,962
13	Toulouse	W 17 - 16	John Smith's	3,926
CC Final	Wigan	L 14 - 16	Spurs	51,628
14	Catalans	W 22 - 14	S.G.B.	7,240
15	Leeds	W 30 - 16	John Smith's	6,712
16	Hull KR	W 38 - 10	Craven Pk	7,050
17	Castleford	L 18 - 26	Jungle	5,672
18	Salford	W 30 - 18	St James	25,333
19	St Helens	L 0 - 25	T. Wicked	11,288
20	Catalans	L 12 - 13	S.G.B.	6,845
21	Warrington	W 32 - 22	John Smith's	4,549
22	Hull FC	W 22 - 16	John Smith's	4,642
23	Salford	L 16 - 33	AJ Bell	4,400
24	Castleford	W 36 - 10	John Smith's	4,168
25	Leeds	L 14 - 18	Headingley	11,225
26	Warrington	W 38 - 36	John Smith's	4,894
27	Wakefield Trinity	W 16 - 14	John Smith's	5,524
EF	Salford	L 0 - 28	John Smith's	6,374

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 3RD | CHALLENGE CUP: FINALISTS - RUNNERS UP

SL PLAYED 28, WON 17, LOST 10 | FOR 613, AGAINST 525 | COACH: IAN WATSON (28 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: WILL PRYCE (104) | MOST TRIES: CHRIS MCQUEEN (17)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	CC6	7	CCQ	8	9	10	11	CCS	12	13	CCF	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	EF	Season Stats						
Opponent	TOU	HKR	WIG	SAL	CAS	HUL	BAR	CAT	HUL	LEE	STH	WAR	WAK	HKR	WIG	TOU	WIG	CAT	LEE	HKR	CAS	SAL	STH	CAT	WAR	HUL	SAL	CAS	LEE	WAR	WAK	SAL	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
ASHALL-BOTT, Oily	B																																	-	1	1	-	-	4
ASHWORTH, Jack							2R				2R	B	2R		2R			B					B	B		B	B			B	B			4	9	1	-	-	4
COGGER, Jack								FE	FE	FE	FE	FE				HB	FE	FE	HB															9	-	-	-	1	1
CUDJOE, Leroy	C	C	C	C	C	C	FE	C	C	C	C		C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	W	W		W			28	-	6	-	-	24	
ENGLISH, Matty	FR	B	B	B	B	B			B	B			FR		L		B	L	L	L			B		B	B	L	L	B				8	14	-	-	-	-	
FAGES, Théo	FE	HB						B	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB								HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB		16	1	2	-	1	9	
GOLDING, Ashton			B	B		B	FB		W	B	W	B	FB	B	W	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	W	W	W				W			9	13	2	-	-	8	
GREENWOOD, Joe	B	B	B		B	B	2R	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	FR	B	B		B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	6	23	-	-	-	-	
HEWITT, Sam							B				B				2R	2R		B					2R	B	B	2R	B	2R	2R	2R			8	6	4	-	-	16	
HILL, Chris	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR		FR		FR		FR	FR										FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	18	-	1	-	-	4	
IKAHIHIFO, Sebastine	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B					B		B						B							B	B			-	13	1	-	-	4	
JONES, Josh	2R	2R	2R					2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	C	2R			2R	2R	2R	22	1	6	-	-	24	
KING, Toby																						C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	12	-	2	-	-	8	
LAWRENCE, Michael							FR	B	B		L	B	B		B			FR	FR	FR	B			B							B		5	8	-	-	-	-	
LEUTELE, Ricky		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C							C	C	C	C	C	23	-	15	-	-	60	
LEVI, Danny	H	H		H	H	B	H	H	H	B	H	H	H	H	B	H	H	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	B	B	H	H	B	H	H	22	8	4	-	-	16	
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MASON, Nathan							B				B				B		B					B					B			FR			1	7	-	-	-	-	
McGILLVARY, Jermaine		W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W		W		W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W									18	-	11	-	-	44	
McQUEEN, Chris	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	27	-	17	-	-	68		
O'BRIEN, Adam		B	H	H	B		H				H				H		H							H	H	H	B		H	B			10	4	3	-	-	12	
PRYCE, Will			FB	HB	FE	FE												HB	FE	HB	FE		FB	FB	FB	FE				HB	HB	B	14	1	5	42	-	104	
ROBERTS, Oliver				2R	2R	2R																											3	-	-	-	-	-	
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SENIOR, Louis	W						W				C				W												W	W	W	W			8	-	7	-	-	28	
TROUT, Owen	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR		FR			B	B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		B	FR		FR	17	9	5	-	-	20	
WARDLE, Jacob	C											C	W		C			W	W														6	-	4	-	-	16	
WILSON, Oliver				B		B	FR		FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR		B	B	FR	FR	B	FR	FR		FR		17	6	-	-	-	-	
YATES, Luke	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	L	L	L		L	L					B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B		25	3	8	-	-	32	

HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

Established 1895
 Home Ground Kirklees Stadium, Huddersfield UK (current name: John Smith's Stadium)
 Super League None
 - Runners Up None
 Challenge Cup 1912/13, 1914/15, 1919/20, 1932/33, 1944/45, 1952/53
 - Runners Up 1934/35, 1961/62, 2006, 2009, 2022
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Appearances (SL) Eorl Crabtree: 347
 Most Points (SL) Danny Brough: 1682
 Most Tries (SL) Jermaine McGillvary: 190

Super League record: 1998-2022

Matches Played 663
 Won 283
 Lost 365
 Drawn 15
 Points For 14,824
 Points Against 16,374
 Biggest win 66-6 (60 pts) - Feb 12th, 2012 - vs. Widnes
 Biggest loss 6-86 (80 pts) - Jul 16th, 1999 - vs. Leeds
 Most points scored 76-18 (76 pts) - Sep 19th, 2013 - vs. Hull FC
 Most points conceded 6-86 (86 pts) - Jul 16th, 1999 - vs. Leeds

HULL FC

SEASON REVIEW

By LACHLAN MCINTYRE



Hull FC flop again as Hodgson exits

A disappointing 2021 campaign saw Hull FC miss the finals for the third time in four seasons, and heading into 2022 the elusive top six was a must for the Black and Whites. But try as they might, Hull FC failed to deliver yet again. Slumping further down the ladder to ninth, their fans have been left wondering what went wrong. It was Brett Hodgson's second year in charge at Hull FC, and it would prove to be his last (for the foreseeable future, at least). Winning just eleven games from 27 Super League rounds, it was their worst Super League performance since 2014. They began their season with a shaky four-point win over Wakefield, before getting thrashed at the hands of eventual premiers St Helens. Some cheap losses thanks to inconsistent performances hurt their ladder standings, but overall they were winning at the beginning of the Super League season. Hull FC got as high as fourth place on the ladder, but come mid-season their fortunes began to shift. With only three wins from their final 14 games, it was a far from adequate Super League season for Hull FC. That final losing streak included embarrassing losses to the injury-ravaged Hull KR, two losses to the tenth-placed Wakefield, and a loss to a terrible Warrington side. In September, Brett Hodgson officially stepped down from the role as head coach, with the announcement that crosstown rival Tony Smith would be taking the reins in 2023 coming shortly after.

Turning Point

Coming off a solid win over high-flying Wigan, and just weeks after scraping a victory against Catalans, Hull FC travelled to Wakefield to meet Trinity in their Round 14 clash. They started well, running out to an 18-6 lead at the half-time break. But they wouldn't score another point that game, eventually going down 19-18 in a heartbreaker. Wakefield has been at the bottom of the ladder in recent Super League seasons, and the loss to Trinity was felt hard by Hull FC. Following that game, Hull struggled to find any form whatsoever. Their downward spiral couldn't be broken, and the fate of their season was sealed. In the next round, they got thrashed by Catalans, just a month after prevailing against the same Dragons outfit. Then they lost 4-0 to the lowly Wolves, before getting put to the sword by Leeds in round 17. For the remainder of the season Hull FC only managed wins against Toulouse and the injury-ravaged Hull KR.

What Worked

Hull FC enjoyed a solid start to the Super League season in 2022. Winning eight from their opening 13 rounds, everything was going rosily at Hull FC. The period was highlighted by a 14-6 home win against Huddersfield in round six, and a nine-point win over the Wigan Warriors in round 13. These results were reflected in their crowd numbers. During 2022, Hull FC had the fourth-highest average attendance in Super League, with an average of 10,763 at each game at MKM.

What Didn't Work

Apart from the previously stated second half of the season, it was cheap losses to lower sides that cost Hull FC in 2022. They'll need to show more consistency next year. Two losses to the lowly Wakefield Trinity left four competition points unclaimed by Hull. In Round 24, it was an eight-point home loss to Trinity, while previously they had given up a multiple-score lead in Round 14 to gift Wakefield a one-point victory. Two other losses sum up Hull FC's season. Their Round 8, eight-point loss to the Robins shouldn't have happened from a Hull viewpoint. Further, their round 17 loss to Leeds was borderline embarrassing, with the Black and Whites letting the Rhinos run in 62 points in their home fixture.

Defining Players

Jake Connor was undoubtedly one of Hull's main men during the 2022 season. The versatile back played most of his footy at fullback for the Black and Whites this year. The 27-year-old made 22 appearances for Hull FC this season, scoring a total of 59 points for his team. In Hull's Round 13 win against Wigan, Connor was instrumental for his side, finishing with a whopping five try assists. He will link back up with Huddersfield for 2023. Darnell McIntosh was a consistent winger for Hull FC throughout their 2022 campaign. The 25-year-old was a new signing from Huddersfield, and in his first season, he made 22 appearances for his new club. Not only that, but he was also Hull FC's top try scorer for 2022, with McIntosh crossing the line 13 times in Super League and Challenge Cup fixtures. Jordan Lane has become quite the familiar face at Hull FC over the past years. The second rower has been with the club since 2017, and despite spending a few short loan periods at Doncaster, he has played his entire career at the club. Now the 25-year-old is starting to make a name for himself, with Lane scoring five tries in 25 appearances in 2022. He also made his England Knights debut.

Rookies

21-year-old Connor Wynne is only a borderline rookie, with the outside back already having 36 appearances for Hull FC under his belt. He's been with the club since 2019, but it's only been this year that he has solidified his spot in the starting 13. Making 19 appearances as either a centre or a winger for Hull FC in 2022, Wynne has plenty of potential. 20-year-old Ben McNamara only took to the field six times this year for Hull FC, but he showed why he has signed a contract extension with the club. McNamara, son of Steve, made most of his appearances in the halves for the Black and Whites in 2022, as well as taking up a bench spot towards the back end of the season. He's also a handy goalkicker, with McNamara striking 18 two-pointers throughout the year. Making his Super League debut in 2021 for Hull FC, exciting prospect Jacob Hookem made just one appearance for Hull FC this season. Spending time on loan at Whitehaven and Bradford, he has recently signed a contract to join Castleford for 2023. The 20-year-old hooker/half will leave Hull having gained his first taste of first-class rugby league, and expect him to start making regular Super League appearances in the coming years.

Looking Ahead

Hull FC have made a couple of high-profile recruits from the NRL to aid them in their push up the Super League ladder in 2023. Former Newcastle Knight Tex Hoy has signed with Hull FC on a two-year deal. Playing mostly as an understudy to Kalyn Ponga at Newcastle, Hoy has received plenty of game time in the NRL, especially in the past few seasons. The 23-year-old is expected to play as Hull's starting fullback, but he also has value in the halves and can be a good bench utility option. Another former Knight, Jake Clifford, has also signed a two-year deal with Hull. The 24-year-old made 25 appearances for Newcastle over the past two seasons, and despite still being early in his career, he will provide experience in the Hull FC side. With back Jake Connor leaving Hull to take up a deal at Huddersfield, Clifford is expected to play as a halfback in 2023. Away from the player ranks is the big news concerning Tony Smith's appointment as Hull FC's new head coach for the 2023 season. Smith has plenty of experience, having been coaching in the Super League for over 20 years now. He joins the club from rivals Hull KR, so some fiery derbies between the two clubs are to be expected. For Hull FC, anything but a return to finals football is a failure. They have the players to do it, and with a new coach at the helm, what Hull FC dishes up in 2023 could be anything from a repeat of 2022...to pushing for title glory.

Potential 2023 lineup

1. Tex Hoy 2. Adam Swift 3. Carlos Tuimavave 4. Liam Sutcliffe 5. Darnell McIntosh 6. Jake Trueman 7. Jake Clifford 8. Kane Evans 9. Danny Houghton 10. Ligi Sao 11. Andre Savalio 12. Jordan Lane 13. Josh Griffin / 14. Jamie Shaul 15. Brad Fash 16. Scott Taylor 17. Chris Satae

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Wakefield Trinity	W 16 - 12	Be Well	6,148
2	St Helens	L 6 - 38	MKM	12,673
3	Salford	W 48 - 16	MKM	10,081
4	Castleford	L 26 - 33	Jungle	10,072
5	Leeds	W 31 - 8	Headingley	11,552
6	Huddersfield	W 14 - 6	MKM	10,682
CC 6	Sheffield	W 58 - 12	Millennium	1,039
7	Wigan	L 18 - 19	DW	9,581
CC QF	Huddersfield	L 16 - 24	John Smith's	3,637
8	Hull KR	L 4 - 16	Craven Park	10,300
9	Warrington	W 18 - 16	MKM	9,726
10	Catalans	W 14 - 8	MKM	9,101
11	Toulouse	W 48 - 12	MKM	11,308
12	St Helens	L 10 - 24	T. Wicked	11,268
13	Wigan	W 31 - 22	MKM	11,396
14	Wakefield Trinity	L 18 - 19	Be Well	4,426
15	Catalans	L 8 - 36	S.G.B.	8,847
16	Warrington	L 0 - 4	H.J.	8,591
17	Leeds	L 16 - 62	MKM	10,360
18	Hull KR	W 34 - 28	St James	25,333
19	Wigan	L 0 - 60	DW Stadium	11,314
20	Castleford	L 18 - 46	MKM	9,550
21	Toulouse	W 30 - 6	S.E.W.	4,238
22	Huddersfield	L 16 - 22	John Smith's	4,642
23	St Helens	L 6 - 60	MKM	10,097
24	Wakefield Trinity	L 18 - 26	MKM	9,165
25	Salford	L 18 - 28	AJ Bell	3,968
26	Toulouse	W 38 - 12	MKM	8,785
27	Hull KR	L 4 - 36	MKM	16,999

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 9TH | CHALLENGE CUP: QUARTER FINALS

SL PLAYED 27, WON 11, LOST 16 | FOR 508, AGAINST 675 | COACH: BRETT HODGSON (27 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: LUKE GALE (89) | MOST TRIES: DARNELL MCINTOSH (13)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	CC6	7	CCQ	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Season Stats							
Opponent	WAK	STH	SAL	CAS	LEE	HUD	SHE	WIG	HUD	HKR	WAR	CAT	TOU	STH	WIG	WAK	CAT	WAR	LEE	HKR	WIG	CAS	TOU	HUD	STH	WAK	SAL	TOU	HKR	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts		
BALMFORTH, Denive													B																		-	4	1	-	-	4	
BARRON, Harvey																							B			W		W	W		3	1	3	-	-	12	
BOWDEN, Josh			B		B	B	B					FR																			1	4	-	-	-	-	
BROWN, Jack	B	B	B	B	L	L	B	B	L	B	B	B	B	B	L	L	B	B	B	L	L	B	B	B							7	17	1	-	-	4	
CATOR, Joe					B																										-	1	-	-	-	-	
CONNOR, Jake	FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB							FE	C	C	C		FB	FB	FB	22	-	6	17	1	59	
EVANS, Kane				B	FR				B	B	B	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR				FR	FR	FR	FR		FR		13	4	1	-	-	4		
FASH, Brad	FR	FR	L	L	B	B		B	B	FR	L	L	L	L		B	L	B	B	FR	FR	L	L	L	L	L	2R			18	7	2	-	-	8		
GALE, Luke	FE	HB						HB	HB	HB	HB				HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	20	-	2	40	1	89		
GARDINER, Will																											B	L	L	2	1	1	-	-	4		
GRIFFIN, Josh	C	2R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				B	B	B	2R		C	C	C									14	3	4	1	-	18		
HOOKEM, Jacob																	B	FE	B	B										1	3	-	-	-	-		
HOUGHTON, Danny	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B		B	24	2	4	-	-	16		
JOHNSTONE, Jordan	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		H	B	FE	B			B		L			B	B		B	H	H	H	8	13	-	-	-	-			
LAIDLAW, Matty																					B	B		B	B	B		B	B		-	8	-	-	-	-	
LANE, Jordan	2R	2R	2R	2R		B	L	L		B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	24	2	5	-	-	20		
LITTEN, Davy																											B	W	W	B	2	2	-	-	-	-	
LONGSTAFF, Ellis																						2R	2R	B	2R	2R	2R	C	C	2R	2R	9	1	6	-	-	24
LOVODUA, Joe	B	B	2R	B	FE	HB	HB	FE	FE	L	FE	HB	HB	HB	B	B	B	FE	HB	FE	FE	2R		B	B	H				17	8	5	-	-	20		
MA'U, Manu						2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R								2R				14	-	2	-	-	8		
McINTOSH, Darnell	W	W	W					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	22	-	13	6	-	64			
McNAMARA, Ben			HB	HB	HB	FE	FE																			FE	B	B		6	2	1	18	-	40		
REYNOLDS, Josh	HB	FE	FE	FE					B	FE		FE		FE	FE	FE	FE													10	1	3	-	-	12		
SAO, Ligi	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	L	2R			FR				FR	L	FR	FR	23	-	-	-	-	-		
SATAE, Tevita	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B	FR	FR			B	B	B	B		B	10	16	6	-	-	24		
SAVELIO, Andre	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R																				8	-	4	-	-	16		
SCOTT, Cameron	C	C	C													C		C									C	C		7	-	2	-	-	8		
SEVERS, Charlie																					B	B								-	2	-	-	-	-		
SHAUL, Jamie		FB	B	W	W						W	W	W	W			FB	FB	FB											10	1	2	-	-	8		
SIMM, Josh																					W	W	W	W	W					5	-	2	-	-	8		
SMITH, Will																							FE	FE	FE	FB	FE	FE	FE	7	-	2	-	-	8		
SWIFT, Adam	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	W												14	-	8	-	-	32		
TAYLOR, Scott												B	B	FR	B	FR		B	FR	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	10	7	-	-	-	-		
TUIMAVAVE, Carlos						C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C													8	-	2	-	-	8		
VULKIJAPANI, Mitieli		B			C	C	B	C	C		B	C					C				C	C	C		C	W	W	C	C	14	3	5	-	-	20		
WALKER, Jack																					FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB				6	-	2	-	-	8		
WYNNE, Connor	B	C		C		W	W				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	C			C		C	W	C	C			18	1	9	-	-	36		

HULL FC

Established
Home Ground

1865
Hull City Stadium, Hull UK
(current name: MKM Stadium)

Super League
- Runners Up
Challenge Cup
- Runners Up

None
2006
1913-14, 1981-82, 2005, 2016, 2017
1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1922-23,
1958-59, 1959-60, 1979-80, 1982-83, 1984-85, 2008, 2013

World Club Challenge
Most Appearances (SL)
Most Points (SL)
Most Tries (SL)

None
Danny Houghton: 374
Danny Tickle: 1304
Kirk Yeaman: 159

Super League record: 1998-2022

Matches Played 700
Won 336
Lost 342
Drawn 22
Points For 15935
Points Against 16218
Biggest win 82-6 (76 pts) - May 2nd, 2004 - vs. Salford
Biggest loss 0-71 (71 pts) - Oct 1st, 2005 - vs. Bradford
Most points scored 82-6 (82 pts) - May 2nd, 2004 - vs. Salford
Most points conceded 10-80 (80 pts) - Aug 30th, 2018 - vs. Warrington

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

SEASON REVIEW

By LACHLAN MCINTYRE



Hull KR shows fight, but injuries and inconsistency bring them down.

It was a tumultuous 2022 – to say the least – for the Robins. After a highly successful 2021 Super League season, in which they went all the way to the semi-finals, expectations were high coming into this year. In his fourth year as Robins coach, Tony Smith had quite a handy squad at his disposal at the start of the season. The Robins performed well in the opening rounds, although they struggled to find much consistency. It was during April when Hull KR hit their stride, but following the announcement that it would be Smith's final year as coach on the Craven Park side of Hull, they began to struggle. The Robins parted ways with Smith mid-season, handing the reins over to Danny McGuire. This – coupled with major injury issues throughout the middle and end of the season – meant any hope of a finals spot became a longer and longer shot every round. In the end, the Robins did well to stay in contention for as long as they did, and their 8th-place finish is nothing to be ashamed of. They'll be proud to have finished ahead of crosstown rivals Hull FC, and the Robins showed plenty of fight during the year which made their fanbase proud too. Some silly losses to worse teams didn't help, but playing under an interim coach with limited coaching experience was always going to be a challenge. It's now up to the club to rebuild for the 2023 season. With new coach Willie Peters ready to lead the team, Hull KR will be ready to make a dent in Super League in 2023.

Turning Point

It's mid-April. The Robins are on a six-match winning streak and are sitting in the finals positions in Super League. A massive Challenge Cup semi-final clash is on the horizon. One press conference changes everything. Head coach Tony Smith will not remain at Hull KR past the end of 2022. And thus, the downward spiral began. Eight of their next nine games end in defeat. Injuries piled up, and the pressure was on. Tony Smith continued to take the brunt of it, but a heavy 28-6 loss to Super League newcomers Toulouse in round 17 saw him lose his role. With Smith gone, and interim coach Danny McGuire in charge, the 2022 season end couldn't have come quickly enough for the Robins. Smith had been with the club since the sacking of Tim Sheens back in 2019, and his announcement in the early part of a crucial season for the Robins was an odd decision that inarguably cost his side form.

What Worked

Their Challenge Cup campaign. Comfortable wins over Leigh and Castleford saw them progress to the Challenge Cup semi-final. The performance was the first time they had gone that deep into the tournament since they were in the second tier in 2006. In front of a crowd of over 22,000, the Robins fell to Huddersfield at Elland Road, ending their dream run. The 25-4 loss was a much better performance than the last time they played a Challenge Cup semi-final when they lost by a round 50 points to St Helens. Their performance in the Challenge Cup shows just how far the Robins have come during the Super League era, despite their lack of silverware to show for it. Another thing that worked for the Robins was that when things got tough towards the back end of the season they showcased plenty of passion and fighting spirit to get through it. This was shown in round 26, where Hull KR convincingly downed the second-placed Wigan, despite the Robins having nothing to play for but pride.

What Didn't Work

Injuries were the defining feature of the Robins' season, and keeping players available certainly didn't work well for the club. It became such an issue that the Robins were forced to cancel reserve-grade fixtures on occasion, due to player availability (or lack thereof). The final round of the season was one of these occasions, with the club confirming that a whopping 29 players were unavailable for selection. At this stage of the season, the players unavailable included Mikey Lewis and Lachlan Coote through concussion protocols, halfback Jordan Abdull thanks to an early season-ending quad injury, Brad Takaraingi due to a torn hamstring, Luis Johnson (who was only available for about a month all season due to an off-season foot injury), Will Dagger (ruled out in August), and captain Shaun Kenny-Dowall among many others throughout the season. They could only field 16 players against Hull FC. Despite this, Hull KR fought through and recorded a final-round win against rivals Hull FC to end the year on a high and with consecutive victories. This performance with barely any fit team members left begs the question - with a full squad, what could Hull KR have managed in the 2022 Super League?

Best Players

Veteran captain Shaun Kenny-Dowall led from the front. Despite an injury late in the campaign, Kenny-Dowall made the fourth most appearances for the Robins in 2022. His MCL injury was a sour note that ruled him out for the back part of the year, but his season ended on a high when he was named in the Super League 'dream team' - the only player from outside the top six teams to be picked. He also was selected for the Combined Nations All Stars team that beat England earlier in the year. After a successful move to the Robins for the 2021 season, Ryan Hall settled back into the Super League with a superb second year on the wing for Hull KR. Making 26 appearances, and crossing the stripe 15 times, Hall was far and away the Robins top try scorer in 2022. The 35-year-old took to the field twice at the end-of-season World Cup but was overlooked for the big games. He's signed with the Robins until the end of next year. Former Panther and Cowboy Lachlan Coote linked up with Hull KR for the 2022 season, and he proved to be an important signing for the Robins. The Scotland international player struggled with injuries but still managed to play an influential role as fullback in the 17 games he did play. Australian-born Coote crossed the stripe nine times in 2022, and the Robins will be hoping he is fit and ready to score more points in the 2023 season.

Rookies

17-year-old Zach Fishwick made his Super League debut with Hull KR this year, and he made a total of seven appearances by the end of the season, including one in the starting team. The young gun is a huge prop forward who the Robins have recently locked up until the end of the 2026 season. Mikey Lewis continues to develop as a footy player at the Robins. The half made 18 appearances for Hull KR in his first full season of Super League. Lewis is on a contract that will keep him a one-club man until the end of 2025. The 21-year-old made his debut with the Robins back in 2019. Brisbane-born back Phoenix Laulu-Togaga'e impressed in his debut season with the Robins in 2022. The 19-year-old made seven appearances throughout the year, while also spending time on loan at Rochdale Hornets and dual-registration with Dewsbury Rams. Son of Samoan international and current Keighley Cougar, Quentin Laulu-Togaga'e, Phoenix has plenty of potential and the Robins will do well to hold on to him.

Potential Lineup

1. Lachlan Coote 2. Ethan Ryan 3. Tom Opacic 4. Shaun Kenny-Dowall 5. Ryan Hall 6. Mikey Lewis 7. Jordan Abdull 8. Sauaso Sue 9. Matt Parcell 10. George King 11. Frankie Halton 12. Kane Linnett 13. Elliot Minchella / 14. Jez Litten 15. Rhys Kennedy 16. James Batchelor 17. Matty Storton

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Wigan	L 10 - 24	Craven Park	9,044
2	Huddersfield	L 12 - 26	John Smith's	5,724
3	Castleford	W 26 - 10	Craven Park	7,119
4	St Helens	L 8 - 42	Craven Park	7,256
5	Salford	W 26 - 16	AJ Bell	3,950
6	Catalans	L 10 - 18	S.G.B.	6,782
CC 6	Leigh	W 24 - 18	Craven Park	3,088
7	Warrington	W 34 - 18	Craven Park	10,069
CC QF	Castleford	W 34 - 10	Craven Park	4,887
8	Hull FC	W 16 - 4	Craven Park	10,300
9	Toulouse	W 28 - 24	S.E.W.	6,180
10	Wakefield Trinity	W 32 - 10	Craven Park	7,058
11	Leeds	L 0 - 12	Headingley	13,333
CC SF	Huddersfield	L 4 - 25	Elland Road	22,141
12	Castleford	L 0 - 32	Jungle	8,175
13	Catalans	L 8 - 20	Craven Park	7,199
14	Salford	W 43 - 16	Craven Park	7,023
15	St Helens	L 18 - 26	T. Wicked	9,858
16	Huddersfield	L 10 - 38	Craven Park	7,050
17	Toulouse	L 6 - 28	S.E.W.	3,441
18	Hull FC	L 28 - 34	St James	25,333
19	Wakefield Trinity	W 15 - 10	Craven Park	7,029
20	Warrington	W 30 - 22	H.J.	7,551
21	Wigan	L 4 - 46	DW Stadium	11,032
22	Toulouse	W 22 - 16	Craven Park	6,763
23	Leeds	L 20 - 28	Craven Park	8,028
24	St Helens	L 12 - 38	T. Wicked	10,048
25	Wakefield Trinity	L 6 - 18	Be Well	4,653
26	Wigan	W 38 - 28	Craven Park	7,315
27	Hull FC	W 36 - 4	MKM	16,999

Looking Ahead

The Robins will be eyeing off a return to top flight finals football in next year's Super League season. New head coach Willie Peters will have a lot of pressure on him from the get go. The gig at Hull KR is his first as a head coach of a first division side. The former South Sydney and Wigan player has spent time as the coach of the Wests Tigers Holden Cup side, as well as in assistant coach positions at Manly and South Sydney. The Robins will be assisted by the key signings of three former NRL players. Samoan international Sauaso Sue has linked up with the club on a three year deal. Playing for Newcastle in 2022, he will provide some much needed depth and

experience in the Hull KR pack. Former Bronco Rhys Kennedy has signed a three year contract with the Robins. The prop has made 49 appearances in the NRL since his debut for South Sydney in 2019, when Peters was one of his coaches. Kennedy's signing shows that Peters has plenty of connections with Australian players from his time as a coach there, and he obviously believes Kennedy would be a good fit for the Robins. Tom Opacic is the final big name signing out of the NRL. The centre played a part in Parramatta's 2022 run to the grand final, and will bring plenty of experience to Hull KR.

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 8TH | CHALLENGE CUP: SEMI FINALS

SL PLAYED 27, WON 12, LOST 15 | FOR 498, AGAINST 608 | COACH: TONY SMITH (17 MATCHES), DANNY MCGUIRE (10 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: LACHLAN COOTE (101) | MOST TRIES: RYAN HALL (15)

Table with columns: Round (1-27), Opponent (WIG, HUD, CAS, STH, SAL, CAT, LEI, WAR, CAS, HUL, TOU, WAK, LEE, HUD, CAS, CAT, SAL, STH, HUD, TOU, HUL, WAK, WAR, WIG, TOU, LEE, STH, WAK, WIG, HUL), Season Stats (Start, Int, T, G, FG, Pts). Rows list players and their performance across rounds and opponents.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

Established 1882
Home Ground Craven Park, Kingston upon Hull, UK (current name: Sewell Group Craven Park)
Super League - Runners Up None
Challenge Cup - Runners Up 1979-80
World Club Challenge None
Most Appearances (SL) Kris Welham: 170
Most Points (SL) Michael Dobson: 1226
Most Tries (SL) Kris Welham: 90

Super League record: 2007-2022

Matches Played 386
Won 159
Lost 217
Drawn 10
Points For 8530
Points Against 9878
Biggest win 70-12 (58 pts) - May 20th, 2012 - vs. Castleford Tigers
Biggest loss 6-84 (78 pts) - Apr 1st, 2013 - vs. Wigan
Most points scored 70-14 (70 pts) - Jul 3rd, 2011 - vs. Wakefield Trinity
Most points conceded 6-84 (84 pts) - Apr 1st, 2013 - vs. Wigan

LEEDS RHINOS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Smith Era brings unlikely GF appearance and optimism

Normally, when you dismiss a coach he just holds down the job and keeps a team from self-implosion. But if your Rohan Smith, you can restore the confidence of the side and run the table and make the grand-final.

After Richard Agar's dismissal in the first half of the season. Many were prepared to write off Leeds' chances of advancing anywhere when Smith arrived from Australia's Queensland Cup where he was coaching the Norths Devils. Smith led a complete form reversal that no one expected, with the side able to overcome a horror start to season to lose just four games under his charge before arriving at the semi-final stage.

Many expected the Rhinos to be out-matched in the finals given their poor start to the season and the subsequent change of coach. But they were able to keep their heads in an at times fiery semi-final against the Dragons which saw three Catalans players leave the field for foul play. While being able to out-class a complacent Wigan side the next week and again keep their cool when Aidan Sezer was knocked out in a horror tackle by John Bateman. The Rhinos would miss their potent number seven in the Grand Final, but they can be proud of just how far they've come under Rohan Smith when all looked gone at the end of the season.

What worked

The appointment of Rohan Smith. Smith's appointment changed the mindset of the Leeds side. It was enough to guide the side from battling for survival to getting to the last game of the season. It's a testament to the character of the players within the side for battling on and doing what they could given the situation they were handed at the beginning of the season. What makes this run more impressive was the fact that the Rhinos lost three of Smith's first five matches and would only suffer one defeat in their last seven games leading into the finals.

What didn't work

Regardless of the eventual outcome. Leeds' start to the season was abysmal. Getting a result in three of your first 12 games is terminal at any club, let alone one of the glamour-clubs in the Super League.

With the players at their disposal, it simply wasn't good enough and whatever dose of reality was fed to them by Rohan Smith was worth it in the final analysis and much needed by season's end.

Best players

Impossible to split Mikolaj Oledzki and Ash Handley, who both were excellent whether the Rhinos were battling at the bottom or mounting a Grand Final push.

Both players ate up the metres all season, often with the toughest carries at their own end of the field.

Oledzki was rewarded with his World Cup debut for England at the end of the season too.

Handley on the other hand was given the captaincy full time in the absence of Kruike Leeming through injury and he relished in the role scoring 17 tries in his 29 appearances.

Rookies

Morgan Gannon just gets better and better in the Leeds back row. Still only 18, he is now one of the competition's most damaging edge backrowers and crossed six times during the season.

If his rate of improvement continues at current levels, it should only be a matter of time before international recognition follows.

Looking ahead

There will be the usual player circus next season with Rohan Smith putting his hands all over the line-up and building the side that he wants.

Brought in for the Rhinos in 2023 include Derrell Olpherts, James McDonnell, Sam Lisone and Justin Sangare (who impressed for France in the recent World Cup). Leaving the club however are Liam Sutcliffe, Brad Dwyer, Zak Hardaker, Tom Briscoe, Jack Walker, Bodene Thompson and Matt Prior.

With Rohan Smith's finger prints all over this side, there's every chance that the Rhinos continue to go from strength to strength and charge towards another Grand Final birth.

Possible 2023 line-up

1. Richie Myler
2. Ash Handley
3. Derrell Olpherts
4. Harry Newman
5. David Fusitua
6. Blake Austin
7. Aidan Sezer
8. Mikolaj Oledzki
9. Kruike Leeming
10. Sam Lisone
11. Rhyse Martin
12. James Bentley
13. Cameron Smith
14. James McDonnell
15. Justin Sangare
16. Zane Tetevano
17. Morgan Gannon

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Warrington	L 20 - 22	Headingley	14,135
2	Wigan	L 12 - 34	DW Stadium	12,575
3	Catalans	L 4 - 10	Headingley	10,655
4	Wakefield Trinity	W 34 - 18	Be Well	5,040
5	Hull FC	L 8 - 31	Headingley	11,552
6	Salford	L 12 - 26	AJ Bell	5,756
CC 6R	Castleford	L 16 - 40	Headingley	5,112
7	St Helens	L 0 - 26	Headingley	14,083
8	Huddersfield	D 20 - 20	Headingley	11,286
9	Castleford	L 14 - 16	Jungle	9,372
10	Toulouse	W 25 - 14	Headingley	11,167
11	Hull KR	W 12 - 0	Headingley	13,333
12	Salford	L 8 - 23	AJ Bell	4,473
13	Wakefield Trinity	W 24 - 6	Headingley	14,190
14	Warrington	W 40 - 4	H.J.	9,984
15	Huddersfield	L 16 - 30	John Smith's	6,712
16	St Helens	L 12 - 42	T. Wicked	11,628
17	Hull FC	W 62 - 16	MKM	10,360
18	Castleford	W 34 - 20	St James	36,821
19	Toulouse	L 6 - 20	S.E.W.	4,230
20	Wigan	W 42 - 12	Headingley	13,368
21	Catalans	W 36 - 32	S.G.B.	8,165
22	Salford	W 34 - 14	Headingley	14,668
23	Hull KR	W 28 - 20	Craven Park	8,028
24	Warrington	W 24 - 18	Headingley	13,152
25	Huddersfield	W 18 - 14	Headingley	11,225
26	Catalans	L 18 - 32	S.G.B.	9,802
27	Castleford	W 14 - 8	Headingley	15,418
EF	Catalans	W 20 - 10	S.G.B.	9,514
SF	Wigan	W 20 - 8	DW Stadium	12,777
GF	St Helens	L 12 - 24	Old Trafford	60,783

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 5TH, GRAND FINALISTS | CHALLENGE CUP: SIXTH ROUND

PLAYED 30, WON 16, LOST 13, DRAW 1 | FOR 629, AGAINST 570 | COACH: RICHARD AGAR (12 MATCHES), ROHAN SMITH (19 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: RHYSE MARTIN (220) | MOST TRIES: ASH HANDLEY (17)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	CC R6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	EF	SF	GF	Season Stats						
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AUSTIN, Blake		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE							B	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	22	1	4	-	-	16
AYDIN, Yusuf																						B											-	1	-	-	-	-
BENTLEY, James	2R					2R	2R	2R	2R				2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			L	L	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	21	1	6	-	-	24
BRISCOE, Tom	C	C	C	B	C	W	C	C	C	W	W																B	W	W	W	W	W	15	2	2	-	-	8
BROADBENT, Jack						C		C			C	FB	C																			5	-	-	-	-	-	
DONALDSON, James	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	2R	B	2R	L	L	B	B	L	L								B	B	B	7	16	2	-	-	8
DWYER, Brad	B		B	B	B	B	B		B	B	H	H	H	B	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	H		B	H	B	B			5	19	7	-	-	28	
FUSITU'A, David	W			W	W								W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W						14	-	5	-	-	20		
GANNON, Morgan	B	2R	2R	2R	2R		B	B	B	B	2R	2R		B	2R			B	B	2R	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R			13	12	6	-	-	24	
HANDLEY, Ash	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	28	-	17	-	-	68	
HARDAKER, Zak													C	FB	FB	FB	FB	C	C			FB	FB	FB	FB	C	C	FB	C	C	C	18	-	2	12	-	32	
JOHNSON, Corey		B			H															FE	HB			B							3	2	-	-	-	-		
LEEMING, Kruise	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	HB	HB	HB	H	H			H	H								B	H	H	B	B	B	18	4	5	-	1	21
MARTIN, Rhyse	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	2R	C	C	C	C	C	2R	2R	C	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	C	2R		2R	26	-	11	88	-	220	
MELLOR, Alex		2R	2R		B	B			C	C																						4	2	-	-	-	-	
MUSTAPHA, Muizz								B			B	B										B		B			B					-	6	1	-	-	4	
MYLER, Richard	HB												FB	HB	HB	HB	B	FB	FB	FB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FB	FB	FE	FB	FB	FB	19	1	10	-	-	40		
NEWMAN, Harry				C											B	C					C	C	C	C							6	1	4	-	-	16		
O'CONNOR, Jarrod			B				L	B		L	B	B	B	B	B	H	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	L	H	B	L	B	H	H	H	14	11	1	-	-	4	
OLEDZKI, Mikolaj	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	29	2	3	-	-	12	
PRIOR, Matt	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR			B	B	FR	FR	FR				B			B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	17	6	4	-	-	16	
SEZER, Aidan	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB										HB	HB	HB				HB	HB		HB	HB		HB	HB	17	-	3	2	-	16		
SIMPSON, Max											C	C	C									C										4	-	-	-	-	-	
SINFIELD, Jack										HB	FE	B										B					HB				3	2	-	-	-	-		
SMITH, Cameron	L	L	B	B		L	B	L	L		L	L	L	L	L	L		B	L	L	HB	B	L	HB	B			B	L	L	FE	19	7	1	-	-	4	
SUTCLIFFE, Liam	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	HB	HB	FB	FB			C	C	C		C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	27	-	11	-	-	44		
TETEVAÑO, Zane	FR	FR	L	L	L	FR			B	B			FR	FR	FR	FR	B						B	FR	FR	FR	2R	L	B	2R	L	17	5	2	-	-	8	
THOMPSON, Bodene		B	B	B	B	B				FR	B	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R					B	FR	FR	FR	2R					B	B	8	12	2	-	-	8
TINDALL, Liam		W	W				W	W	W			W										FE	W	W	W		W	W	W		13	-	-	-	-	-		
WALKER, Jack	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB																							9	-	-	-	-	-	
WALTERS, Sam														B			B	B	B	B	FR			B	B	B		FR	B	B	B	2	11	1	-	-	4	

LEEDS RHINOS

Established 1870
 Home Ground Headingley Stadium, Leeds UK
 Super League 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017
 - Runners Up 1998, 2005, 2022
 Challenge Cup 1909-10, 1922-23, 1931-32, 1935-36, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1956-57, 1967-68, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1999, 2014, 2015, 2020
 - Runners Up 1942-43, 1946-47, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1993-94, 1994-95, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2010, 2011, 2012
 World Club Challenge 2005, 2008, 2012
 Most Appearances (SL) Kevin Sinfield: 454
 Most Points (SL) Kevin Sinfield: 3443
 Most Tries (SL) Danny McGuire: 239

Super League record: 2007-2022

Matches Played 764
 Won 471
 Lost 275
 Drawn 18
 Points For 20699
 Points Against 15715
 Biggest win 86-6 (80 pts) - Jul 16th, 1999 - vs. Huddersfield
 Biggest loss 10-66 (56 pts) - Mar 2nd, 2017 - vs. Castleford Tigers
 Most points scored 86-6 (86 pts) - Jul 16th, 1999 - vs. Huddersfield
 Most points conceded 14-68 (68 pts) - Aug 9th, 1996 - vs. Wigan

SALFORD RED DEVILS

SEASON REVIEW

By LOUISE WOODWARD-STYLES



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If you told any Salford supporter ahead of the 2022 season that they were about to witness a season acclaimed to be one of the most successful since the halcyon days of the thirties they would've told you to stop exaggerating but there was nothing overhyped about Paul Rowley's team of misfits. With no less than nine recruits including a shock capture in former Reds academy product and double Lance Todd winning halfback Marc Sneyd, Hull FC allowed the long-serving talisman a release from the remainder of his contract so he could move his young family back to the northwest on a long term deal with his former club.

The pressure weighed heavy around the AJ Bell Stadium after a 2021 season of mediocrity, resulting in a mutual parting of ways with head coach Richard Marshall only twelve months into a three-year deal. The exit of Marshall in addition to the departure of talisman Krisnan Inu, experienced Kevin Brown and fan favourite Tui Lohoea was offset by the shock arrival of Hull FC halfback and two-time Lance Todd Trophy Winner Marc Sneyd. The new look halfback pairing of Marc Sneyd, ex-Brisbane and Melbourne scrum half Brodie Croft was complimented by Toronto Wolfpack & Scotland international Ryan Brierley at fullback, ex-Canterbury Bulldog Tim Lafai in the centre and the promising Widnes Viking flyer Deon Cross.

Salford's stunning charge into the Play-Offs looked a distant dream despite a stunning 26-16 away win at Castleford in the season opener. That result lulled the Salford faithful into a false sense of hope, and despite some narrow losses, nine defeats from 10 matches, leaving question marks as to whether there would be a relegation battle between the Devils and newly-promoted Toulouse. Turning effort into competition points was crucial as the Red Devils sat only a place above Toulouse when fellow strugglers Wakefield Trinity arrived at The AJ Bell Stadium in June. Any fears of a relegation scrap were alleviated as Willie Poching's side was put to the sword 74-10, the victory being the club's biggest-ever points margin and points scored to date. The demolition of Wakefield put the wheels into motion. Champions St Helens were brushed aside in a stunning fashion 44-12 a month later, as Rowley's men were the side that looked like the reigning Champions. Salford would lose only five times again all regular season and came within touching distance of the Betfred Super League Grand Final, steadily growing in confidence as Rowley's ethos and ability to pick up hardworking talent became more evident the work rate from forwards like Jack Ormondroyd, Alex Gerrard and Tyler Dupree lay the platform for Joe Burgess, Deon Cross and leading try scorer Ken Sio. Whilst the talented and skilful hooker Andy Ackers played his way to international honours, the Rowley brand of play set the league alight with a scintillating brand of attacking rugby league.

It was Marc Sneyd's organisation and kicking game that was an integral part of Salford's success, Brodie Croft thriving in a more direct attacking role, paving the way to being named Man Of Steel 2022. A brief stumble away at Leeds was followed by four straight wins as the points continued to flow, culminating with a Play-Offs sealing 50-10 demolition at the then-favourites Castleford in front of the TV cameras. With such a response and meteoric charge into the playoffs, Rowley lamented exactly what the Salford ethos was about "As long as I've been here we've crept into rooms and not walked tall into rooms. That's not what I'm about."

"It was important that we had a common objective, believed in it and had team spirit within the culture of the club. We don't accept mediocrity, our standards are high and we want to learn, improve and get better. Everybody is really driven individually and we bring that together as a collective."

What worked

The magic of Brodie Croft was superbly entwined with the composure and skill of Marc Sneyd, you'd have been hard-pressed to find a better halfback pairing in the league. Ken Sio was once more in blistering try-scoring form with 26 across the season, the Samoan being named in the Super League Dream Team for a second consecutive season.

What didn't work

It would be hard to pick a negative out of a season that produced such quality rugby league, yet much like recent times it was the uncertainty surrounding the proposed sale of the AJ Bell Stadium that is a millstone around the neck of Salford's long-term residency in a stadium that was built for the Original Red Devils.

Best player

Brodie Croft arrived at Salford having been allowed to leave both Melbourne Storm and Brisbane Broncos in the NRL, despite being touted as one of his generation's best talents as a youngster.

By the end of the year, he had rediscovered his love for the sport and steadily climbed the Steve Prescott MBE Man of Steel leaderboard after a series of influential performances. His direct running and clever playmaking have been key elements of the Red Devils' success with 25 try assists, The Albert Goldthorpe medal, and he was a deserved recipient of the coveted Man of Steel award.

Rookies

Deon Cross completed a remarkable debut season in Super League, having been snapped up from championship side Widnes Vikings. Cross bagged himself thirteen tries, an England knights cap and cemented himself as a firm fan's favourite. Tyler Dupree, the 22-year-old prop began his Rugby League journey at Salford's scholarship six years ago before leaving to join Leeds Rhinos' academy. Dupree made his Super League debut in May when he made the switch from Widnes Vikings and grasped the opportunity with both hands. After a string of impressive displays, he became a regular starter in Paul Rowley's set-up towards the end of the campaign.

Season Highlight

WARRINGTON 24-32 SALFORD, JULY 3 - The Red Devils produced a stunning second-half fightback against Warrington in July to continue their push for a Super League play-off spot, recovering from a 16-point deficit Prop Jack Ormondroyd scored two tries late on while Chris Atkin and Ryan Brierley sealed a 32-24 win with a last-minute try in front of the jubilant travelling fans.

Looking ahead

How Salford kick on in 2022 and being 80 minutes from a second Grand Final appearance is somewhat of an ironic burden to bear but Paul Rowley has already set out his objectives and aims to ensure Salford is a club that continues to wow with an attractive brand of rugby league. The appointment to the coaching staff of former Red Devil centre Krisnan Inu could prove to be inspired. Off the field, it's imperative that the future of The AJ Bell Stadium is finalised and that the Red Devils, who are celebrating their 150th Anniversary in 2023, can secure the future of the club for the next hundred years.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Ryan Brierley 2. Ken Sio 3. Joe Burgess 4. Deon Cross 5. Tim Lafai 6. Brodie Croft 7. Marc Sneyd 8. Andy Ackers 9. Kallum Watkins 10. Sam Stone 11. Shane Wright 12. Oliver Partington 13. Tyler Dupree / 14. Jack Ormondroyd 15. Chris Atkin 16. Andrew Dixon 17. King Vuniyayawa

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Castleford	W 26 - 16	Jungle	10,050
2	Toulouse	W 38 - 12	AJ Bell	4,003
3	Hull FC	L 16 - 48	MKM	10,081
4	Huddersfield	L 2 - 34	John Smith's	5,702
5	Hull KR	L 16 - 26	AJ Bell	3,950
6	Leeds	W 26 - 12	AJ Bell	5,756
CC R6	Wigan	L 0 - 20	DW Stadium	6,005
7	Wakefield Trinity	L 24 - 30	Be Well	4,371
8	Warrington	L 18 - 32	H.J.	8,486
9	Catalans	L 10 - 36	AJ Bell	3,221
10	Wigan	L 24 - 30	DW Stadium	10,783
11	St Helens	L 10 - 14	T. Wicked	10,988
12	Leeds	W 23 - 8	AJ Bell	4,473
13	Castleford	W 30 - 14	AJ Bell	5,355
14	Hull KR	L 16 - 43	Craven Park	7,023
15	Wigan	L 12 - 30	AJ Bell	5,944
16	Wakefield Trinity	W 74 - 10	AJ Bell	4,047
17	Warrington	W 32 - 24	H.J.	8,559
18	Huddersfield	L 18 - 30	St James	25,333
19	Catalans	W 32 - 6	AJ Bell	2,607
20	Toulouse	W 24 - 11	S.E.W.	3,706
21	St Helens	W 44 - 12	AJ Bell	6,041
22	Leeds	L 14 - 34	Headingley	14,668
23	Huddersfield	W 33 - 16	AJ Bell	4,400
24	Catalans	W 46 - 14	S.G.B.	7,133
25	Hull FC	W 28 - 18	AJ Bell	3,968
26	Castleford	W 50 - 10	Jungle	7,322
27	Warrington	L 14 - 32	AJ Bell	5,123
EF	Huddersfield	W 28 - 0	John Smith's	6,374
SF	St Helens	L 12 - 19	T. Wicked	12,357

ST HELENS

SEASON REVIEW

By ANDREW FERGUSON



St Helens claimed a fourth straight Super League title in 2022 making this the most successful era of their entire history. They claimed the League Leaders shield, ending the regular season 2 wins clear of rivals and the second-placed Wigan.

The Saints' dominance once again came off the back of their superior defensive performance. By season's end, they had conceded just 374 points at 13.85 per game, 109 points and 4 points per game better than the next best defensive outfit. That defensive strength has been the backbone of all their achievements over the past 4 years.

St Helens overcame an always formidable opponent in Leeds in the Grand Final and along with Wigan and Catalans in the two seasons previous, St Helens have beaten the best clubs in the history of Super League to rightfully be regarded as the elite of the elite within the game in England.

After the first 5 rounds in 2022, St Helens were undefeated, had scored 156 points and conceded a miserly 28 - an average scoreline of 31-5. They went down to Super League debutants Toulouse - the French side's first-ever win in Super League! Saints won their next 5 games, including Round 6 and a Quarter Final of the Challenge Cup. A pair of losses to Castleford and Wigan, the latter in the Cup semi, was split by a win over Salford.

Any thoughts that the Saints' form was slipping were soon discarded as they won 11 of their next 13 games. Back-to-back losses before their last-round game only served to allow the competition to catch up slightly.

St.Helens accounted for Salford 19-12 in the Semi-Final to advance to the Grand Final, where they met Leeds. A close second half saw the Saints lead at the break by 6 points, but they took the upper hand in the second half and completed the four-peat with a 24-12 victory.

Turning Point

Challenge Cup Semi-Final - while Saints went down to Wigan, ending their Cup campaign, it seemingly left the team to focus solely on the Super League title. They won 11 of their next 13 games, allowing them to field a heap of rookies to help rest their top stars before the finals.

This worked a treat as the Saints won the title without dropping any finals games.

What Worked

Saints defence. No one came close to matching their defence, yet again, while most sides simply could not figure out how to crack through it often enough to get a win.

The Saints' attack seemed to cruise all year, doing more than enough to claim victory, but without decimating opposition sides every second week.

What didn't work

The only thing that St Helens struggled with in 2022 was trips to France - but they still managed to win 2 of their 4 games there.

The Saints were so much better than everyone else, it's hard to find anything that legitimately went wrong.

Best Player

Jonny Lomax had yet another superb season for the Red Vee, proving that age certainly isn't a hindrance for the former Test playmaker.

Supporting him was talented rookie Jack Welsby who, at the age of 21, claimed his second consecutive 'Young Player of the Year' award at the club's end-of-season awards night. Welsby's

stunning season resulted in him earning a call-up to England's World Cup side, where he played in all of their games, scoring a try on his Test debut.

Rookies

After playing just 1 game in 2021, teenager Jon Bennison became a regular in the Saints side in the second half of the season, mainly as a winger, before finishing the year as a Grand Final-winning fullback.

He's capable of snaring several tries throughout a season and is a handy backup goalkicker. Back Rower Sam Royle was also given a little run at the back end of the year and proved to be good enough for the big time as well. Expect to see more of him in 2023.

Looking Ahead

The Saints haven't had too much movement amongst their top 17 players, so you can expect them to remain dominant again in 2023.

With the number of rookies they brought through in 2022, they will continue working on building their next generation of stars.

Possible 2023 line-up

1. Jon Bennison 2. Thomas Makinson 3. Mark Percival 4. Konrad Hurrell 5. Tee Ritson 6. Jack Welsby 7. Jonny Lomax 8. Alex Walmsley 9. James Roby 10. Agnatius Paasi 11. Sione Mata'utia 12. Curtis Sironen 13. Morgan Knowles / 14. Louie McCarthy-Scarsbrook 15. Matty Lees 16. Joey Lussick 17. Joe Batchelor

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Catalans	W 28 - 8	T. Wicked	13,178
2	Hull FC	W 38 - 6	MKM	12,673
3	Wakefield Trinity	W 20 - 4	T. Wicked	10,361
4	Hull KR	W 42 - 8	Craven Park	7,256
5	Warrington	W 28 - 2	T. Wicked	16,118
6	Toulouse	L 20 - 22	S.E.W.	5,568
CC 6R	Whitehaven	W 46 - 4	LEL Arena	4,869
7	Leeds	W 26 - 0	Headingley	14,083
CC QF	Catalans	W 36 - 20	S.G.B.	8,624
8	Wigan	W 22 - 4	T. Wicked	17,980
9	Huddersfield	W 24 - 12	John Smith's	6,519
10	Castleford	L 10 - 30	Jungle	7,649
11	Salford	W 14 - 10	T. Wicked	10,988
CC SF	Wigan	L 18 - 20	Elland Road	22,141
12	Hull FC	W 24 - 10	T. Wicked	11,268
13	Warrington	W 12 - 10	H.J.	10,476
14	Toulouse	W 28 - 14	S.E.W.	5,225
15	Hull KR	W 26 - 18	T. Wicked	9,858
16	Leeds	W 42 - 12	T. Wicked	11,628
17	Catalans	L 18 - 20	S.G.B.	10,260
18	Wigan	W 20 - 18	St James	36,821
19	Huddersfield	W 25 - 0	T. Wicked	11,288
20	Wakefield Trinity	W 13 - 12	Be Well	4,162
21	Salford	L 12 - 44	AJ Bell	6,041
22	Castleford	W 20 - 12	T. Wicked	10,144
23	Hull FC	W 60 - 6	MKM	10,097
24	Hull KR	W 38 - 12	T. Wicked	10,048
25	Wigan	L 10 - 30	DW Stadium	19,210
26	Wakefield Trinity	L 18 - 34	T. Wicked	8,222
27	Toulouse	W 36 - 16	T. Wicked	13,112
SF	Salford	W 19 - 12	T. Wicked	12,357
GF	Leeds	W 24 - 12	Old Trafford	60,783

TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII

SEASON REVIEW

By JONATHAN BURNETT



TO win hearts and minds, but 'louse' battle to retain their top-flight spot in debut Super League season.

This was it. The One. The most well-run, ambitious and historically prevalent expansion club had finally made it to European Rugby League's top table. At last, competence had prevailed, and, a mere 26 years after being drafted as one of the Super League's founding clubs, Toulouse Olympique would finally be playing in it. After so many years of struggling to break the cycle of Championship promotion wannabees, in a coronavirus-affected season no less, this was the one that couldn't fail. Once Toulouse was there, the player base and sponsorship opportunities they could open up would firm up their seat at the table for years to come. However, this is still Rugby League, of course, a sport where - when things seem too good to be true - they almost always are, bar none. The term "we can't have nice things" is perhaps most applicable to Toulouse's 2022 season, one in which the promoted Super League side was hamstrung well before the first whistle. Losing two of their key players, and absolute club stalwarts at that, midway through pre-season wasn't ideal, nor was having to pay the travel costs for every visiting team to the Stade Ernest Wallon. Those issues aside, the Olympique still had one hell of a go at cracking the division, but ultimately fell short in a battle they often fought with one arm tied behind their backs. Two five-game losing streaks to open the season, either side of a victory against eventual champions St Helens, saw TO rooted seemingly branch and stem to the foot of the table within the first three months, but as reinforcements to their depleted squad slowly rolled in from across the globe, their results began to uptick. However, that didn't necessarily mean victories, but Toulouse was so, so close on so many occasions. Seven of their 22 total losses came by 10 points or less, including one-point defeats by Wigan and Huddersfield, as TO continued to fall on the wrong side of Rugby League's fine margins. The wins did begin to flow for a period in July though, giving Toulouse and many a neutral hope that the side from southwest France would survive. Three back-to-back wins over Hull KR, Wakefield and Leeds saw the Olympique finally climb up a place to 11th, sending Wakefield down to 12th as the season rounded the bend onto the home straight. It wasn't to be though, as Toulouse failed to win another game, ending the season with eight defeats on the spin and crashing back down to 12th, with their relegation sealed by Catalans in front of over 9,000 fans at Stade Ernest Wallon's first French derby match in Super League. A fixture which - oddly scheduled for a Thursday night by Sky - showcased the promise and brightness of a future offered by having Toulouse in Super League, instead became the site of a match which ensured that future would be postponed - again - for at least another season. Toulouse fought to the very end, but in a season where everything that could have gone wrong did so, they gave a brilliant account of the potential they can bring to the Super League; it's now up to IMG and the game's authorities to decide where they will stand going forward.

Turning Point

Round 21 vs. Hull FC. Toulouse's three-game winning streak had seen them leapfrog Wakefield at the foot of Super League, and they remained 11th despite a 24-11 defeat to Salford at the Ernest Wallon. With their run of victories over, TO had the chance to bounce back against a badly out-of-form Hull FC side that had been decimated by injuries. The Black-and-Whites had been on the end of some heavy defeats of their own but turned up with a makeshift squad to record a convincing 30-6 win in Southern France. This result sent Toulouse tumbling back down to the bottom of the latter, and they wouldn't taste victory again, with the Hull result being the second of eight back-to-back defeats as the Olympique slipped out of Super League with a whimper.

What Worked

A second French club in Super League. Having two French sides competing in the top flight greatly widened the viewing experience for players and fans alike, with the Ernest Wallon being a popular destination for the travelling support of Super League's heartland clubs. Likewise, having two full-time teams at the top table meant that for their mid-season test against Wales, the French national team had a full plethora of players to pick from who were playing Super League week in, week out. As the international game looks to build on the post-season World Cup by increasing the quality and competitiveness of the European nations, having more French players in the highest European division can only be beneficial in the long run if France is to return to being the Rugby League superpower of old.

What didn't work

Recruitment and Retention. While Toulouse's off-field benefits are numerous, their series of mishaps and errors on it were just as many, and certainly didn't help their efforts to make a splash in their debut Super League season. Trouble was brewing long before a ball was kicked, with club

captain Johnathon Ford and star full-back Mark Khierallah both departing for Featherstone in a coronavirus vaccine-related dispute. This left TO with a squad containing massive holes, and although Olly Ashall-Bott and Corey Norman were soon added to deputise, that disruption to a squad with little top-flight experience was never really shaken off as the season progressed. Daniel Alvaro and Nathan Peats also arrived to help bolster the pack, but regardless, Toulouse was still ill-equipped to take on the best of the best, with a squad that never really stood a chance of mounting a serious survival bid.

Best Player

Tony Gigot. He's certainly a livewire and can be a loose cannon at times, but Tony Gigot stood up to be counted every single minute for Toulouse this season, captaining the side in the vast majority of games. Playing either at full-back, centre or in the halves, Gigot played 19 games wherever he was needed, scoring two tries and two field goals apiece. As the other recognised leaders in the squad either left the club or faded as the year went on, Gigot did no such thing in his fruitless bid to help drag Toulouse over the line.

Rookies

Having unearthed several promising youngsters in 2021, such players helped to make up the core of Toulouse's side in 2022, with few others breaking into the matchday XIII throughout the season. Mathieu Jussaume continued his ascendancy with strong performances in an injury-hit season, while academy products Benjamin Laguerre and Hugo Pezet filled in on the edges in Jussaume's absence. Warrington loanee Ellis Robson also made two cameos off the bench, but Toulouse's ludicrously thin squad meant their management had a clear priority to find experienced recruitments over bleeding youth.

Looking Ahead

As is the case with sides who fall through the relegation trapdoor, the Olympique have seen several ins and outs ahead of 2023, with plenty more expected to arrive and depart. Their additions have been positive ones though, with Super League prop Sitaleki Akaola adding some mettle to the pack, while Callum Gahan, Josh Ralph and Jake Shorrocks will all fight it out to fill two halves positions. Toulouse has kept hold of the majority of the squad which saw them promoted in 2021, and should they and the new signings click early on, TO will be well within a shout of bouncing straight back up.

Possible 2023 line-up

1. Olly Ashall-Bott 2. Reubenn Rennie 3. Guy Armitage 4. Mathieu Jussaume 5. Paul Marcon 6. Josh Ralph 7. Callum Gahan 8. Sitaleki Akaola 9. Eloi Pelissier 10. Joe Bretherton 11. Maxime Stefani 12. Dominique Peyroux 13. Anthony Marion / 14. Jake Shorrocks 15. Lambert Belmas 16. Harrison Hansen 17. Hugo Pezet

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Huddersfield	L 14 - 42	S.E.W.	5,238
2	Salford	L 12 - 38	AJ Bell	4,003
3	Warrington	L 18 - 32	S.E.W.	4,887
4	Wigan	L 28 - 29	S.E.W.	5,466
5	Wakefield Trinity	L 6 - 18	Be Well	4,351
6	St Helens	W 22 - 20	S.E.W.	5,568
7	Castleford	L 6 - 32	Jungle	7,067
8	Catalans	L 10 - 18	S.G.B.	8,922
9	Hull KR	L 24 - 28	S.E.W.	6,180
10	Leeds	L 14 - 25	Headingley	11,167
11	Hull FC	L 12 - 48	MKM	11,308
12	Wakefield Trinity	W 20 - 14	S.E.W.	3,909
13	Huddersfield	L 16 - 17	John Smith's	3,926
14	St Helens	L 14 - 28	S.E.W.	5,225
15	Castleford	L 14 - 20	S.E.W.	3,326
16	Wigan	L 6 - 40	DW Stadium	14,493
17	Hull KR	W 28 - 6	S.E.W.	3,441
18	Wakefield Trinity	W 38 - 26	St James	36,821
19	Leeds	W 20 - 6	S.E.W.	4,230
20	Salford	L 11 - 24	S.E.W.	3,706
21	Hull FC	L 6 - 30	S.E.W.	4,238
22	Hull KR	L 16 - 22	Craven Park	6,763
23	Warrington	L 18 - 32	H.J.	9,199
24	Wigan	L 6 - 52	DW Stadium	12,145
25	Catalans	L 14 - 24	S.E.W.	9,168
26	Hull FC	L 12 - 38	MKM	8,785
27	St Helens	L 16 - 36	T. Wicked	13,112

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 12TH, RELEGATED | CHALLENGE CUP: DID NOT PARTICIPATE

SL PLAYED 27, WON 5, LOST 22 | FOR 421, AGAINST 745 | COACH: SYLVAIN HOULES (27 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: CHRIS HANKINSON (148) | MOST TRIES: MATTY RUSSELL (13)

Round	Opponent																											Season Stats						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
ALBERT, Lucas	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB		B	B	B	B	B	B	HB		FE	FE			16	5	1	-	-	4
ALVARO, Daniel												B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	14	1	1	-	-	4
ARMITAGE, Guy	C	W	C	C	C	C	C	C									C	C	C					C	C	C	C	15	-	7	-	-	28	
ASHALL-BOTT, Oily			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	24	-	6	-	-	24	
BELMAS, Lambert																B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	FR	2	10	1	-	-	4	
BERGAL, Ilias	W								W	W				W								W				W	W	W	8	-	3	-	-	12
BRETHERTON, Joe	FR	2R	L	2R	FR	FR				L	L					B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	B	16	2	3	-	-	12	
CUNNINGHAM, James	L	L					B			H	FE	B	B	B								L		B	L	HB	7	5	1	-	-	4		
DIXON, Andrew	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R										2R			14	-	-	-	-	-	
GARBUTT, Mitch		FR	FR	FR		B	B	B	B				B															3	5	1	-	-	4	
GIGOT, Tony	FB	FB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE				HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB			19	-	2	1	2	12	
HANKINSON, Chris	HB	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	FB	HB	FE	HB	25	-	5	64	-	148
HANSEN, Harrison					FR	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	1	19	1	-	-	4	
JUSSAUME, Mathieu												C	C	C	C	C	C					C	C	C	C		C	12	-	2	-	-	8	
LAGUERRE, Benjamin																											W	1	-	-	-	-	-	
MARCON, Paul			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	W	W				W	W					W			C	C		16	-	5	-	-	20	
MARION, Anthony		B	B	L	L	H	H	H	H	HB	HB	L	H	H	L	2R						B	L	L	L		L	17	3	1	2	-	8	
NAVARRETE, Romain	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	23	-	2	-	-	8	
NORMAN, Corey													FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			11	-	1	-	-	4		
PAULO, Joseph	B	FE				B	L						B	B		L	L	L	L	L					L	FE	8	4	-	-	-	-		
PEATS, Nathan														H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	13	-	2	-	-	8	
PÉLISSIER, Éloi	B	B	B	H	H	B	B	B	B	B	B				B	B							B	B	B	B	B	2	17	3	-	1	13	
PEYROUX, Dominique	2R				B	2R	2R						2R	2R	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	15	1	2	-	-	8		
PEZET, Hugo							2R		B															2R			2	1	-	-	-	-		
PUECH, Maxime	B	B	B		B	L	B	L	L		FR	FR	L	L	B	FR						B			B	B		8	9	-	-	-	-	
ROBSON, Ellis				B	B																							-	2	-	-	-	-	
RUSSELL, Matthew	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W		W	W	W			21	-	13	-	-	-	52	
SANGARÉ, Justin	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B			B	B		B	B	5	18	-	-	-	-	
SCHAUMKEL, Latrell													W		W		W	W	W	W		W	W		W	W	10	-	4	-	-	-	16	
SPRINGER, Gadwin				B				B	B	B	B																	-	5	-	-	-	-	
STEFANI, Maxime			2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R									2R	2R	2R	13	-	2	-	-	8	
VAIVAI, Junior	C	C							C	C	C																5	-	2	-	-	-	8	
WHITE, Lloyd	H	H	H									H	H														5	-	-	-	-	-	-	

TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII

Established 1937
 Home Ground Stade Ernest-Wallon, Toulouse France
 Super League None
 - Runners Up None
 Challenge Cup None
 - Runners Up None
 Most Appearances (SL) Oily Ashall-Bott, Chris Hankinson: 25
 Most Points (SL) Chris Hankinson: 148
 Most Tries (SL) Matty Russell: 13

Super League record: 2022

Matches Played 27
 Won 5
 Lost 22
 Drawn 0
 Points For 421
 Points Against 745
 Biggest win 28-6 (22 pts) - Jul 2nd, 2022 - vs. Hull KR
 Biggest loss 6-52 (46 pts) - Aug 19th, 2022 - vs. Wigan
 Most points scored 38-26 (38 pts) - Jul 9th, 2022 - vs. Wakefield Trinity
 Most points conceded 6-52 (52 pts) - Aug 19th, 2022 - vs. Wigan

WAKEFIELD TRINITY

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Survived Relegation but it was Poching season

With the first COVID uninterrupted season in two seasons. Signs were positive for the Wakefield Trinity in 2022. However, Willie Poaching's side quickly realised that they were travelling upstream without a paddle. Thus, it was hoped for a better start, and progress to the new season, but unfortunately that was not meant to be.

The Wildcats started the season dropping their first four games before going on a form reversal to win four straight including a Challenge Cup tie against Warrington. From there, 7 straight defeats (6 in the Super League) put the Wildcats on the brink of relegation. Two strong home wins against Hull FC and Warrington appeared to give Wakefield some hope, but another long losing streak of six matches saw the Wildcats relegated to the bottom of the ladder.

Fortunately, five wins in their last seven matches were enough to save the Wildcats from relegation. It was an escape for the second worst attacking side in the Super League and an area that won't be improved with the loss of half-back and captain Jacob Miller next season and a new coach as Willie Poaching will also not return with Mark Applegarth taking the reins.

Turning point

With the Wildcats on the brink of relegation. Willie Poaching's job was on the line. Even a narrow home defeat to Catalans Dragons couldn't affect their growing confidence, and their Super League status was secured with a gritty home win over Hull KR.

What went right

St Helens might not have been at full strength, but a 34-18 win at the Totally Wicked Stadium in August marked a rare consistent patch of form, the run that secured their Super League status for season 2023. Included in that sequence were wins over Castleford, Wigan and Hull FC and KR, with the only defeat during this period being a narrow home loss to Catalans. That kind of form would see Wakefield in the top six throughout a season, food for thought for 2023.

What went wrong

The Wildcats were unfortunately the victims of their success. When they succeeded, it was on the back of their forwards and backs. But when they were poor, the opposition was playing a 10/10 game. This made it incredibly difficult for the Wakefield side to build any consistency and it's why they were glued to the bottom of the ladder for much of the season.

Best player

Matty Ashurst might not write the headlines of other players but the experienced back rower produced another outstanding season for Trinity, a nearly ever-present in the side who contributed eight tries to go alongside his non-stop work rate. Only four players in the whole competition made more tackles than the 32-year-old and he remains an absolute pillar of the Wakefield team. His experience will be vital next season as a new coach and another high turnover of players makes things challenging.

Rookies

Lewis Murphy emerged as one of the brightest young talents in the country during a stunning debut campaign that ended with a highlights reel any winger in the league would be proud of. A relative latecomer to the professional game but still a teenager when he made his debut against Leeds, Murphy finished with a remarkable 17 tries in 19 league appearances.

Looking ahead

The Wildcats begin another rebuild, with a new coach claiming his fingerprints over the club. Kevin

Proctor and Morgan Smith are the only new additions to the side. Wakefield is losing considerable talent and experience with Batchelor, Johnstone, Miller, Arona and Fifita all departing in the off-season.

Possible 2023 line-up

1. Max Jowitt
2. Lewis Murphy
3. Corey Hall
4. Reece Lyne
5. Lee Kershaw
6. Lee Gaskell
7. Mason Lino
8. Kelepi Tanginoa
9. Liam Hood
10. Jai Whitbread
11. Mat Ashurst
12. Kevin Proctor
13. Jay Pitts

14. Jordan Crowther
15. Renouf Atoni
16. Eddie Battye
17. Morgan Smith

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Hull FC	L 12 - 16	Be Well	6,148
2	Catalans	L 22 - 24	S.G.B.	7,623
3	St Helens	L 4 - 20	T. Wicked	10,361
4	Leeds	L 18 - 34	Be Well	5,040
5	Toulouse	W 18 - 6	Be Well	4,351
6	Warrington	W 38 - 22	H.J.	8,164
CC 6R	Warrington	W 16 - 12	H.J.	2,627
7	Salford	W 30 - 24	Be Well	4,371
CC QF	Wigan	L 6 - 36	Be Well	3,756
8	Castleford	L 4 - 34	Be Well	5,557
9	Wigan	L 10 - 54	DW Stadium	11,621
10	Hull KR	L 10 - 32	Craven Park	7,058
11	Huddersfield	L 12 - 14	Be Well	3,166
12	Toulouse	L 14 - 20	S.E.W.	3,909
13	Leeds	L 6 - 24	Headingley	14,190
14	Hull FC	W 19 - 18	Be Well	4,426
15	Warrington	W 30 - 24	Be Well	3,891
16	Salford	L 10 - 74	AJ Bell	4,047
17	Wigan	L 22 - 46	Be Well	7,046
18	Toulouse	L 26 - 38	St James	36,821
19	Hull KR	L 10 - 15	Craven Park	7,029
20	St Helens	L 12 - 13	Be Well	4,162
21	Castleford	W 32 - 6	Jungle	6,796
22	Catalans	L 16 - 20	Be Well	3,227
23	Wigan	W 30 - 12	Be Well	3,933
24	Hull FC	W 26 - 18	MKM	9,165
25	Hull KR	W 18 - 6	Be Well	4,653
26	St Helens	W 34 - 18	T. Wicked	8,222
27	Huddersfield	L 14 - 16	John Smith's	5,524

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 10TH | CHALLENGE CUP: QUARTER FINALS

SL PLAYED 27, WON 10, LOST 17 | FOR 497, AGAINST 648 | COACH: WILLIE POCHING (27 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: MASON LINO (102) | MOST TRIES: LEWIS MURPHY (19)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	CC6	7	CCQ	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Season Stats						
Opponent	HUL	CAT	STH	LEE	TOU	WAR	WAR	SAL	WIG	CAS	WIG	HKR	HUD	TOU	LEE	HUL	WAR	SAL	WIG	TOU	HKR	STH	CAS	CAT	WIG	HUL	HKR	STH	HUD	Start	Int	T	G	Fg	Pts	
ADEBIYI, Sadiq											B	2R																B		1	2	-	-	-	-	
ARONA, Tinirau	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		B	B		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	23	2	-	-	-	-	
ASHURST, Mat	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	28	1	8	-	-	32		
AYDIN, Yusuf		B	B			B	B				FR	B					B						B		B	B	L	FR	FR	4	9	1	-	-	4	
BATCHELOR, James	B	C	B	C	L	B	B	L	L		L	L	L	L	L	L	C	L	L	L	L	L	2R	L	L				20	4	3	-	-	12		
BATTYE, Eddie	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B					B	B				B	B	B	B	B		FR	L	4	17	-	-	-	-	
BOWDEN, Josh																						B	B	B	B	B	L	FR		2	5	-	-	-	-	
BOWES, Harry		HB	H	H	B					B	B			H	B							B						H	B	5	6	-	-	-	-	
BUTLER, Robert															B	B		B	B	B							B	B	B	-	8	-	-	-	-	
CROFT, Jack																	C	C	C	C	C					C	C	C		8	-	1	-	-	4	
CROWTHER, Jordan	L	L	L	L		L	L	B	B	L		B	B	B	B	B	L	B	B	B		B	L	B	H		H	L	H	13	12	1	-	-	4	
ESCARÉ, Morgan					FB	FB																							2	-	1	-	-	4		
EVANS, Kyle																				W	W							W	3	-	1	-	-	4		
FIFITA, David	FR		FR	B	FR	FR						B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	7	13	2	1	-	10		
GASKELL, Lee	FE								FE	FE	FB			FE	FB	FB	FB	FB					C	C	C	C	C	C	C	17	-	2	2	-	12	
HALL, Corey	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C		C	C	C	2R	2R	2R	C	26	-	7	-	-	28
HOOD, Liam	H	H			H	H	H	H	H	H				H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H			20	-	6	-	-	24		
JOHNSTONE, Tom	W	W	W	W	W	W		W		W		W	W																10	-	7	-	-	28		
JOWITT, Max	FB	FB	FB	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB						FB	FB	FB					FB	FB	FB	17	-	7	22	-	72	
KAY, Liam	B	B	B	B	W	W	W	W	W	W	H	B	B	W	B												B	B	8	9	2	-	-	8		
KERSHAW, Lee																								W	W	W	W	W	6	-	3	-	-	12		
LINEHAM, Tom	W	W	W												W	W	W	W											7	-	1	-	-	4		
LINO, Mason				HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	24	-	2	47	-	102		
LYNE, Reece	C				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C												13	-	2	-	-	8			
MILLER, Jacob	HB		HB	FE		FE	FE	FE			FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	24	-	4	-	1	17		
MINNS, Thomas			C								W				W				C									4	-	1	-	-	4			
MURPHY, Lewis				W			W		W		W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	21	-	19	-	-	76		
PITTS, Jay	2R	2R	2R	C	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R						20	1	2	-	-	8			
SHAUL, Jamie																							FB	FB	FB	FB			5	-	1	-	-	4		
SHAW, Isaac		B									B																B	B	B	-	5	-	-	-	-	
TANGINOVA, Kelepi	B			2R	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R		2R	2R		2R	14	9	5	-	-	20	
TAUFUA, Jorge																						W	W						2	-	1	-	-	4		
WALKER, Brad		FE	FE		FE						B	H														B	B		6	3	-	3	-	6		
WHITBREAD, Jai		B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B			B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		13	10	2	-	-	8		

WAKEFIELD TRINITY

Established 1873
 Home Ground Belle Vue Stadium, Wakefield UK
 (current name: Be Well Support Stadium)
 Super League None
 - Runners Up None
 Challenge Cup 1908-09, 1945-46, 1959-60, 1961-62, 1962-63
 - Runners Up 1913-14, 1967-68, 1978-79
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Appearances (SL) Reece Lyne: 199
 Most Points (SL) Jamie Rooney: 903
 Most Tries (SL) Tom Johnstone: 81

Super League record: 1999-2022
 Matches Played 658
 Won 238
 Lost 413
 Drawn 7
 Points For 14011
 Points Against 18178
 Biggest win 68-6 (62 pts) - Sep 14th, 2003 - vs. Halifax
 62-0 (62 pts) - Apr 10th, 2016 - vs. Wigan
 72-10 (62 pts) - Jul 22nd, 2018 - vs. Hull FC
 Biggest loss 0-80 (80 pts) - Apr 11th, 2015 - vs. Warrington
 Most points scored 72-10 (72 pts) - Jul 22nd, 2018 - vs. Hull FC
 Most points conceded 0-80 (80 pts) - Apr 11th, 2015 - vs. Warrington

WARRINGTON WOLVES

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



A year of chaos sends Warrington looking for answers

Warrington recorded their worst-ever finish in the Super League era after a disastrous season under Daryl Powell. The Wolves ended in 11th place, which is unseen territory for a club that in the past decade, has been challenging for the crown regularly.

Former Tigers coach, Daryl Powell linked up with the Wolves before the 2022 season. The club saw the appointment as a step up from their previous manager and was in the hope that they could finally achieve a first-ever Super League title. However, it appears there were growing pains that the Wolves and their fans had to endure, and unfortunately it was going to be a long season.

Warrington started 2022 strong with three straight victories against formidable opposition. However, four defeats in a row followed, combined with a loss to Wakefield at the first hurdle in the Challenge Cup which was the start of the rot.

They then went on to lose another seven of their next 10 games. However, a great performance at Magic Round failed to spark a rebuild as a further four-game slide occurred.

Any hope of relegation was squashed when they secured a home victory against relegation rivals, Toulouse, all but assuring safety. Nevertheless, the season ended the same way for the Wolves, as they lost a further three in a row before a final-day victory away at Salford.

Turning Point

It's slim pickings for Warrington fans in 2022, but their comprehensive display against Catalans at Magic Weekend hinted they could yet make an unlikely charge. With debutant Matty Nicholson scoring a try in an outstanding debut, fellow recruit Jake Wardle also found his way onto the scoresheet alongside a revitalised George Williams who turned his season around.

What went right

Not a lot. After a promising start to the season, the Wolves fell by the wayside. If there is a positive it's the focus and development of Josh Thewlis. Thewlis was sensational and a bright spot on a side that struggled for consistency in the season.

What went wrong

Inconsistency was the side's problem. On paper, this was a side that should've been competing for a finals spot, especially with the quality coaching of Daryl Powell. But, while Powell was quick to blame other factors for his side's demise, the fact of the matter is they were just unable to consistently match with their opposition every week.

Best player

Matty Ashton won the Players' Player, Young Player and shared the Ken Kelly Player of the Year title at the Wolves' awards night with halfback George Williams after an excellent season in tough circumstances. The Rochdale junior continued his development with a terrific campaign on the wing, combining thrilling tries with hard work out of yardage. Ashton's genuine pace makes him a threat to opposing defences from anywhere on the field, and he will be hoping to continue his progress in a more consistent team in 2023.

Rookies

Josh Thewlis looked on course to challenge Matty Ashton for all three of his awards at one point in the campaign but still finished the season in style. Whether playing at full-back or on the wing, Thewlis was completely committed to the Wolves' cause and tried his best to turn their lost season around, and his presence alongside Ashton in the Warrington backline bodes well for the long-term future, not least with Connor Wrench also establishing himself as a regular in the side.

Looking ahead

Powell has made some aggressive signings to beef up their forward pack with Sam Kasiano, Gil Dudson, Josh McGuire and Paul Vaughan coming across to provide some much-needed starch and aggression. Leaving the club are Oliver Holmes, Jack Hughes, Rob Mulhern, Matt Davis, Jacob Gannon, Gareth Widdop, Jason Clark, Toby King and Ellis Longstaff.

Potential 2023 lineup

1. Matt Dufty
2. Matty Ashton
3. Peter Mata'utia
4. Stefan Ratchford
5. Josh Thewlis
6. Josh Drinkwater
7. George Williams
8. Paul Vaughan
9. Daryl Clark
10. Gil Dudson
11. Ben Currie
12. Matty Nicholson
13. Josh McGuire
14. Danny Walker
15. Sam Kasiano
16. Joe Philbin
17. Tom Mikaele

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Leeds	W 22 - 20	Headingley	14,135
2	Castleford	W 34 - 10	H.J.	8,468
3	Toulouse	W 32 - 18	S.E.W.	4,887
4	Catalans	L 18 - 24	H.J.	9,295
5	St Helens	L 2 - 28	T. Wicked	16,118
6	Wakefield Trinity	L 22 - 38	H.J.	8,164
CC 6R	Wakefield Trinity	L 12 - 16	H.J.	2,627
7	Hull KR	L 18 - 34	Craven Park	10,069
8	Salford	W 32 - 18	H.J.	8,486
9	Hull FC	L 16 - 18	MKM	9,726
10	Huddersfield	W 32 - 10	H.J.	8,102
11	Wigan	L 22 - 40	H.J.	10,104
12	Catalans	L 8 - 40	S.G.B.	9,307
13	St Helens	L 10 - 12	H.J.	10,476
14	Leeds	L 4 - 40	H.J.	9,984
15	Wakefield Trinity	L 24 - 30	Be Well	3,891
16	Hull FC	W 4 - 0	H.J.	8,591
17	Salford	L 24 - 32	H.J.	8,559
18	Catalans	W 36 - 10	St James	25,333
19	Castleford	L 22 - 35	Jungle	6,279
20	Hull KR	L 22 - 30	H.J.	7,551
21	Huddersfield	L 22 - 32	John Smith's	4,549
22	Wigan	L 6 - 32	DW Stadium	13,261
23	Toulouse	W 32 - 18	H.J.	9,199
24	Leeds	L 18 - 24	Headingley	13,152
25	Castleford	L 18 - 19	H.J.	8,104
26	Huddersfield	L 36 - 38	John Smith's	4,894
27	Salford	W 32 - 14	AJ Bell	5,123

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

SUPER LEAGUE: 11TH CHALLENGE CUP: SIXTH ROUND

SL PLAYED 27, WON 9, LOST 18 FOR 568, AGAINST 664 COACH: DARYL POWELL (27) MOST POINTS: STEFAN RATCHFORD (140) MOST TRIES: MATTY ASHTON (13)

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	CCR6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Season Stats							
Opponent	LEE	CAS	TOU	CAT	STH	WAK	WAK	HKR	SAL	HUL	HUD	WIG	CAT	STH	LEE	WAK	HUL	SAL	CAT	CAS	HKR	HUD	WIG	TOU	LEE	CAS	HUD	SAL	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts		
AMOR, Kyle															B	B					B	FR							1	3	-	-	-	-		
ASHTON, Matthew	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W			22	-	13	-	-	-	52		
BULLOCK, Joe	B	B	B	FR	FR			B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	7	17	-	-	-	-		
BUTLER, Robert						B																							-	1	-	-	-	-		
CHARNLEY, Josh	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W																10	-	8	-	-	-	32		
CLARK, Daryl	H		B	B	H		B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	H	B	20	5	5	-	-	-	20		
CLARK, Jason	B	L	L		B	B				L	B	B	B						L	B	L	L	B	B	B	L	B	L	8	11	-	1	-	-	2	
COOPER, Mike	FR		B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR										16	1	-	-	-	-	-		
CURRIE, Ben	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B		24	1	5	-	-	-	20		
DAVIS, Matt	L	B	B	B		L	B				L			B	B	L	L	L										6	6	-	-	-	-	-		
DEAN, Riley				FE								HB	FE							B	HB					HB		5	1	2	5	-	-	18		
DUFTY, Matt																							FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	6	-	5	-	-	-	20	
HARRISON, James																	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	2R	2R	FR	FR	9	3	-	-	-	-	
HAYES, Leon																											B	HB	1	1	-	6	-	-	12	
HOLMES, Oliver	2R			2R	2R	2R	L	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	L	2R	B	L	L	L	2R	L	22	2	3	-	-	-	12		
HOLROYD, Adam																									B		2R		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
HUGHES, Jack		B	2R	L	L	FR		L	2R	2R																			7	1	-	-	-	-	-	
KING, Toby		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C													14	-	7	-	-	-	28	
LONGSTAFF, Ellis		2R	2R			B				B	B			2R															3	3	-	-	-	-	-	
LYNCH, Josh																										W			1	-	1	-	-	-	4	
MAGOULIAS, Billy							B	B	L		B	L	L	L	L														5	3	-	-	-	-	-	
MATA'UTIA, Peter	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	FE	C	C	C	C		C	FE	C	C	C	FE	C	C	C	C	C	27	-	4	7	-	-	30		
MIKAELE, Thomas																B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B		-	11	1	-	-	-	4	
MINIKIN, Greg																			W			W	W			W	W		6	-	1	-	-	-	4	
MULHERN, Robbie	FR	FR	FR	B	B		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	B	20	6	1	-	-	-	4	
NICHOLSON, Matty																					2R	2R		2R	2R			2R	2R	7	-	1	-	-	-	4
PHILBIN, Joe	B	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	B	B											4	13	1	-	-	-	4	
RATCHFORD, Stefan	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		HB	HB			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	FE	FB	FE	HB	FE	FE		FE	FE	22	-	3	64	-	-	140		
ROBSON, Ellis							2R																						1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
THEWLIS, Josh		B			W	W	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		C	W	W	W	W	FB		FB			W	W	W	19	1	10	1	-	-	42	
THOMAS, Luke																									B		B	B	-	3	1	-	-	-	4	
WALKER, Danny	B	H	H	H	B	H	H	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	B	B			B		B	B	H	B	H	H	8	15	2	-	-	-	8	
WARDLE, Jacob																		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	11	-	6	-	-	-	-	24	
WHITEHEAD, Tom																											B		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
WIDDOP, Gareth	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB										15	-	5	6	-	-	32	
WILLIAMS, George	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	FE	HB		HB	HB	FE	HB	HB	23	-	8	-	-	-	32		
WRENCH, Connor	C						W	W			C		W	W	W	W	C	C		B		C	W	W				13	1	7	-	-	-	28		

WARRINGTON WOLVES

Established 1876
 Home Ground Halliwell Jones Stadium, Warrington UK
 Super League None
 - Runners Up 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018
 Challenge Cup 1904-05, 1906-07, 1949-50, 1953-54, 1973-74, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2019
 - Runners Up 1900-01, 1903-04, 1912-13, 1927-28, 1932-33, 1935-36, 1974-75, 1989-90, 2016, 2018
 World Club Challenge None
 Most Appearances (SL) Ben Westwood: 396
 Most Points (SL) Lee Briens: 2210
 Most Tries (SL) Ryan Atkins: 140

Super League record: 1996-2022

Matches Played 741
 Won 390
 Lost 337
 Drawn 14
 Points For 18931
 Points Against 17062
 Biggest win 80-0 (80 pts) - Apr 11th, 2015 - vs. Wakefield Trinity
 Biggest loss 12-84 (72 pts) - Sep 9th, 2001 - vs. Bradford
 Most points scored 82-6 (82 pts) - Mar 20th, 2011 - vs. London
 Most points conceded 82-10 (82 pts) - Jun 8th, 2013 - vs. London
 12-84 (84 pts) - Sep 9th, 2001 - vs. Bradford

WIGAN WARRIORS

SEASON REVIEW

By JONATHAN BURNETT



Warriors walking the walk again as Peet rises to the challenge.

The appointment of the relatively unknown Matt Peet as Wigan Warriors head coach in the autumn of 2021 raised more than a few eyebrows. Peet had never been a head coach of a senior side at any level before 2022 but had spent almost his entire professional life as a Warriors' staff member, fulfilling as many roles as you could name as he worked his way to the top. His hard work and patience were rewarded with the top gig at Wigan this season, and boy, did he grab the opportunity with both hands. 2021 had seen the Warriors devolve from Grand Finalists to a team who barely looked capable of playing finals football at times, and despite finishing 3rd, Wigan averaged less than 16 points per game in Adrian Lam's final season. Their often dour play meant many had further doubts about Peet's appointment, but in 2022, Wigan's attack got its mojo back as the Warriors scored the second-most points in the division, while a Challenge Cup final victory over Huddersfield was certainly something to savour as Peet won his first piece of coveted silverware.

The Warriors flattered between first and fourth place on the ladder, but from April onwards had a near-constant grasp on second place, behind derby rivals St. Helens. Saints and Leeds were the only sides to beat Wigan more than once in 2022, with the latter proving the most costly, as the Warriors produced probably their worst performance of the year to lose 20-8 at home to the Rhinos in the semi-final, ending their season a week earlier than anticipated. The other major final of the rugby league calendar didn't elude them though, as the Warriors travelled south to play the first-ever Challenge Cup final at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in North London, the first final of the league's oldest competition to be played away from Wembley since 2006. In their way was Huddersfield, and despite the Giants scoring an equal number of tries, Tui Lolohea's off day with the boot kept the door ajar for Wigan to pounce, and Liam Marshall did just that in the final minutes, diving over in the corner as the Warriors snuck home with the trophy, 16-14.

Turning Point

Round 18 vs. St Helens at Magic Weekend. The Magic Weekend in Newcastle often sees some of the spiciest clashes between Super League's biggest rivals, and this season's edition certainly served one up, as Wigan and St. Helens did battle for the third time in 2022. Sadly for Wigan, it began the derailment of their season, as despite only winning 20-18, Saints scored four tries to Wigan's two and were only kept in touch thanks to Jon Bennison kicking two goals from five. Wigan did follow this game up with a 60-0 thrashing of Hull, but the warning signs from Magic were all too prescient. The Warriors didn't win another game away from home all season, and their record including and after that St. Helens loss saw just six wins from 11 games, with four of their five losses coming away from home, and the fifth proving to be their final match of the season as Leeds dumped them out of the playoffs at the DW.

What Worked

The Back Three. At points of this season, the regulatory 5th tackle kick by opposition teams was turned into Wigan's greatest attacking weapon, as they invoked memories of the days of Gill, Offiah and Hanley with some blistering counter-attack play. Bevan French and Jai Field regularly ran riot in open pasture, while Jake Bibby and Liam Marshall also chipped in with some mazy runs from deep of their own. Wigan began the vast majority of their attacking sets on the front foot and then some, with defences reeling from the devastating runs of French and Field, and that gave their forwards the perfect platform for every set, in both attack and defence.

What didn't work

Winning on the Road. Impervious home form saw the Warriors win every single one of their regular season home games, but away from the DW, it was a different story. Their 15 away games yielded a whopping eight losses in total, and their seven victories all came against sides who finished outside of the top four. Their home stadium being a fortress again is certainly something to be proud of, but Matt Peet will certainly expect his side to tighten up defensively on the road, as Wigan strive to be a team feared by all others once again, regardless of where they are playing.

Best Player

Jai Field. It's almost too close to call between Field and his fellow Australian Bevan French, as the two joined forces on umpteen occasions to practically embarrass their opponents time and time

again. Signed as a free-running half-back, Field shifted to full-back, shunting French out onto the wing, and between them, the pair were Wigan's shining lights throughout all of 2022. Field takes the cake though, having played 30 of the Warriors' 32 games and scored 24 tries, assisting just as many. Only French (31) and Marshall (26) crossed the whitewash more for Wigan, with Field the most crucial cog in a back-three which would've had opponents running scared - if they could break into such a stride before three Warriors caught them.

Rookies

As ever, the Wigan production line continued to deliver match-ready gems at the shortest of notice, and for more than just Wigan too! Sam Halsall, amidst successful loan spells at Newcastle Thunder, deputised brilliantly at centre, scoring five tries in nine appearances at irregular intervals across the season. Elsewhere, Matty Nicholson scored twice in two games before leaving for Warrington, while Brad O'Neill, aged just 20, cemented himself as the Warriors' first-choice hooker towards the back end of the campaign.

Looking Ahead

Wigan has only made two additions ahead of 2023, but both are astute captures that will further elevate the Warriors' backline, potentially to stratospheric levels (if Manchester Airport fly there). A mid-season loan for Irish international Toby King has been extended to cover the whole of 2023, while a swap deal involving Bibby brothers Jake and Jack has seen Jake Wardle come in from Huddersfield. With two international centres bolstering the three-quarter line, good luck to anyone who gives the Warriors even a sniff of space on the edges next season, and with Matt Peet developing his skills as a head coach by the day, Wigan could well topple the dynasty their biggest rivals have built over the past four seasons.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Jai Field 2. Liam Marshall 3. Toby King 4. Jake Wardle 5. Bevan French 6. Cade Cust 7. Harry Smith 8. Brad Singleton 9. Sam Powell 10. Liam Byrne 11. Kai Pearce-Paul 12. Liam Farrell 13. John Bateman / 14. Brad O'Neill 15. Kaide Ellis 16. Morgan Smithies 17. Willie Isa

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Hull KR	W 24 - 10	Craven Park	9,044
2	Leeds	W 34 - 12	DW Stadium	12,575
3	Huddersfield	W 22 - 12	DW Stadium	10,291
4	Toulouse	W 29 - 28	S.E.W.	5,466
5	Catalans	L 0 - 28	S.G.B.	7,481
6	Castleford	W 32 - 22	DW Stadium	10,042
CC GR	Salford	W 20 - 0	DW Stadium	6,005
7	Hull FC	W 19 - 18	DW Stadium	9,581
CC QF	Wakefield Trinity	W 36 - 6	Be Well	3,756
8	St Helens	L 4 - 22	T. Wicked	17,980
9	Wakefield Trinity	W 54 - 10	DW Stadium	11,621
10	Salford	W 30 - 24	DW Stadium	10,783
11	Warrington	W 40 - 22	H.J.	10,104
CC SF	St Helens	W 20 - 18	Elland Road	22,141
12	Huddersfield	L 22 - 32	John Smith's	4,962
13	Hull FC	L 22 - 31	MKM	11,396
CC Final	Huddersfield	W 16 - 14	Spurs	51,628
14	Castleford	W 32 - 12	Jungle	6,497
15	Salford	W 30 - 12	AJ Bell	5,944
16	Toulouse	W 40 - 6	DW Stadium	14,493
17	Wakefield Trinity	W 46 - 22	Be Well	7,046
18	St Helens	L 18 - 20	St James	36,821
19	Hull FC	W 60 - 0	DW Stadium	11,314
20	Leeds	L 12 - 42	Headingley	13,368
21	Hull KR	W 46 - 4	DW Stadium	11,032
22	Warrington	W 32 - 6	DW Stadium	13,261
23	Wakefield Trinity	L 12 - 30	Be Well	3,933
24	Toulouse	W 52 - 6	DW Stadium	12,145
25	St Helens	W 30 - 10	DW Stadium	19,210
26	Hull KR	L 28 - 38	Craven Park	7,315
27	Catalans	W 48 - 4	DW Stadium	13,275
SF	Leeds	L 8 - 20	DW Stadium	12,777

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

GROUP ONE

ROUND 1

York City 50 (H. Dodd 2, E. Kershaw 2, G. Field, B. Lambert, G. Taylor, L. Whitehead, L. Wood tries; T. Stanley 6, L. Whitehead goals) defeated Huddersfield 6 (F. Townend try; F. Townend goal) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: York City 14-6.

Huddersfield: Curley, Coates, Courtman, Stott, Brown; Townend, Roberts; Bellerby, Oates (C), Hawkins, Rowe, Thompson, Sykes. Int: Howey, Grady, McPherson, Naidole.

York City: Stanley, Lambert, Kershaw, Langan, Whitehead; Hetherington, Gale; Field, Peach, Wood, Andrade, Dodd, Bell. Int: Farrow, Sanderson, Butler, Taylor.

St Helens 44 (A. Hardcastle 2, L. Burke, C. Crowl, Z. Harris, S. Hoyle, E. Partington, P. Travis tries; Z. Harris 6 goals) defeated Wigan 0 at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 28-0. Penalties: Wigan 6-4. Crowd: 500.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Woosey, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Cunningham (C); Rudge, Jones, Sandham, Travis, Williams, Crowl. Int: Rudge, Birchall, Hoyle, Mottershead.

Wigan: Wilson, Hilton, House, Greenfield, Evans; Costello, Marsh; Hellin, Dwyer, Gregory-Haselden, Speakman, Coleman, Doria. Int: Hayes, Singleton, Lake, White.

ROUND 2

Leeds 60 (F. Goldthorp 3, S. Hulme 2, C. Winfield-Hill 2, C. Beevers, K. Bennett, Z. Hornby, G. Roche, E. Watson tries; C. Winfield-Hill 6 goals) defeated Huddersfield 4 (A. Brown try) at Emerald Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 20th May. Kickoff: 5:45 PM. Halftime: Leeds 22-4. Penalties: Leeds 6-4. Referee: Adam Johnson.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Gaines, Butcher, Beevers, Hulme; Roche, Winfield-Hill; Lumley, Bennett, Anderson, Watson, Frain, Hornby. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Lacey, Lockwood, Barnes.

Huddersfield: Curley, Coates, Howey, Stott, Brown; Townend, Grady; Davis, Oates (C), Hawkins, Rowe, Thompson, Naidole. Int: Davidson, Goddard, McCarthy, Burwood.

York City 13 (G. Field, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 2 goals; T. Stanley field goal) defeated St Helens 6 (L. Burke try; Z. Harris goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd May. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: 6-all.

York City: Stanley, Taylor, Kershaw, Renouf, Whitehead; Hetherington, Gale; Field, Peach, Wood, Andrade, Dodd, Bell. Int: Farrow, Sanderson, Butler, Hyde.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Woosey, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Cunningham (C); Rudge, Jones, Sandham, Travis, Williams, Crowl. Int: Rudge, Birchall, Hoyle, Mottershead.

ROUND 3

York City 24 (A. Clayton, T. Renouf, T. Stanley, L. Wood tries; T. Stanley 4 goals) defeated Leeds 10 (Z. Hornby 2 tries; S. Hulme goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: 4-all.

York City: Stanley, Gentles, Hyde, Renouf, Whitehead; Owen, Gale; Field, Peach, Wood, Andrade, Dodd, Bell. Int: Taylor, Sanderson, Marshall, Clayton.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Gaines, Butcher, Beevers, Hulme; Roche, Earnshaw-Cudjoe; Lockwood, Bennett, Anderson, Watson, Kerrigan, Hornby. Int: Barnes, Staveley, Lacey, Frain.

Wigan 30 (B. Greenfield 2, A. Davies, E. Dwyer, B. Hayes, G. Wilson tries; G. Wilson 2, J. Morris goals) defeated Huddersfield 18 (A. Brown, B. Oates, E. Thompson, F. Townend tries; R. Grady goal) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 20-0.

Huddersfield: Curley, Coates, Sykes, Stott, Brown; Townend, Grady; McPherson, Oates (C), Campbell, Rowe, Thompson, Naidole. Int: Walker, Goddard, Howey, Burwood.

Wigan: Wilson, White, Hilton, Greenfield, Davies; Doria, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Hellin, Leigh, Coleman, Hayes. Int: Jones, Evans, Morris, Singleton.

ROUND 4

Leeds 20 (F. Goldthorp 2, C. Beevers, J. Earnshaw-Cudjoe tries; C. Winfield-Hill 2 goals) defeated St Helens 18 (J. Cunningham, A. Hardcastle, Z. Harris, T. Jones tries; Z. Harris goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Thu, 23rd June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 14-10. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Ryan Cox.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Roberts, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Stott; Hoyle, Jones, Crowl, Williams, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Travis, Stott, Woosey.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Hayward, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Roche, Winfield-Hill; Barnes, Bennett, Anderson, Kerrigan, Frain, Hornby. Int: McCallion, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Akwiwu, Nuttall.

York City 46 (E. Kershaw 3, S. Andrade, H. Dodd, S. Peach, T. Renouf, T. Stanley, G. Taylor tries; T. Stanley 5 goals) defeated Wigan 0 at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: York City 12-0.

Wigan: Wilson, White, Hilton, Davies, Jones; Greenfield, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Hellin, Lake, Coleman, Hayes. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Jones, Morris, Singleton.

York City: Stanley, Hyde, Kershaw, Renouf, Lambert; Gale, Hetherington; Butler, Peach, Wood, Andrade, Dodd, Bell. Int: Taylor, Field, Clayton, Langan.

ROUND 5

St Helens 62 (L. Burke 4, A. Hardcastle 2, C. Roberts 2, N. Williams 2, J. Cunningham, S. Hoyle tries; B. Stott 6, Z. Harris goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 30-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 3-2.

St Helens: Rotheram, Woosey, Roberts, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Stott; Rudge, Jones, Crowl, Williams, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Hoyle, Partington, Sandham, Stott.

Huddersfield: Waddington, Goddard, Coates, Stott, Brown; Grady, Townend; McPherson, Oates (C), Walker, Naidole, Thompson, Sykes. Int: Naidole, Dhurmea, McCarthy, Davidson.

Leeds 48 (C. Beevers 3, Z. Hornby 3, H. Butcher, E. Frain, S. Robinson tries; C. Winfield-Hill 6 goals) defeated Wigan 12 (M. Coleman, A. Davies tries; G. Wilson 2 goals) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 28-6.

Wigan: Wilson, Hilton, Leigh, Davies, Evans; Hayes, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Gregory-Haselden, Lake, Coleman, Jones. Int: Hellin, Doria, Morris, Davies.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Nuttall, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Hulme, Winfield-Hill; Lumley, Bennett, Anderson, Kerrigan, Akwiwu, Hornby. Int: Staveley, Lockwood, Frain, Johnson.

ROUND 6

York City 50 (T. Renouf 3, T. Stanley 2, J. Bell, H. Dodd, A. Hyde, L. Owen, S. Peach tries; T. Stanley 5 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 20-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-4. Referee: Jayden Covell-Wood. Crowd: 856.

York City: Stanley, Taylor, Kershaw, Renouf, Lambert; Owen, Gale; Field, Peach, Wood, Andrade, Dodd, Bell. Int: Hyde, Langan, Sanderson, Butler.

Huddersfield: Curley, Burwood, Goddard, Stott, Coates; Townend, Grady; McPherson, Oates (C), Walker, Naidole, Thompson, Sykes. Int: Hawkins, Northrop, Davis, Dhurmea.

Leeds 64 (A. Barnes 2, Z. Hornby 2, S. Robinson 2, G. Roche 2, D. Anderson, K. Bennett, F. Goldthorp tries; S. Hulme 10 goals) defeated Wigan 6 (M. Coleman try; S. Doria goal) at Emerald Headingley Stadium.

Date: Thu, 21st July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 36-0. Penalties: Leeds 5-3. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Moxon, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Roche, Hulme; Lumley, Bennett, Anderson, Kerrigan, Nuttall, Hornby. Int: McCallion, Staveley, Barnes, Gaines.

Wigan: Greenfield, Jones, Biville, Davies, Evans; Doria, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Gregory-Haselden, Molyneux, Coleman, Hellin. Int: Hayes, Harborow, Leigh, Hickey.

ROUND 7

Leeds 82 (C. Beevers 2, T. Gaines 2, F. Goldthorp 2, S. Robinson 2, G. Roche 2, C. Winfield-Hill 2, H. Butcher, J. Earnshaw-Cudjoe, C. Kerrigan, A. Staveley tries; C. Winfield-Hill 9 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 48-0.

Huddersfield: Curley, Coates, Goddard, Howey, Brown; Grady, Townend; McPherson, Oates (C), Davis, Naidole, Thompson, Northrop. Int: Hawkins, Naidole, Walker, Waddington.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Moxon, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Roche, Winfield-Hill; Staveley, Bennett, Kerrigan, Akwiwu, Nuttall, McCallion. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Gaines, Lacey, Lockwood.

St Helens 12 (Z. Harris, T. Jones tries; B. Stott 2 goals) defeated York City 4 (A. Hyde try) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 6-4. Penalties: St Helens 6-2.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Roberts, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Stott; Rudge, Jones, Crowl, Williams, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Sandham, Travis, Woosey.

York City: Stanley, Hyde, Kershaw, Renouf, Lambert; Owen, Gale; Bell, Peach, Wood, Andrade, Dodd, Langan. Int: Whitehead, Farrow, Sanderson, Butler.

ROUND 8

St Helens 30 (L. Burke, A. Hardcastle, E. Rudge, P. Travis, R. Woosey tries; B. Stott 5 goals) defeated Leeds 22 (A. Akwiwu, H. Butcher, T. Gaines, C. Winfield-Hill tries; C. Winfield-Hill 3 goals) at Emerald Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 16-10. Penalties: St Helens 3-2. Referee: Freddie Lincoln.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Gaines, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Roche, Winfield-Hill; Kerrigan, Bennett, Anderson, Akwiwu, Nuttall, Hornby. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Barnes, Lockwood, Lumley.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Woosey, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Stott; Rudge, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Sandham, Bush.

Wigan 42 (L. Biville, M. Coleman, A. Davies, B. Greenfield, C. Marsh, H. Speakman, G. Wilson tries; G. Wilson 7 goals) defeated Huddersfield 4 (C. Collie try) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-0.

Wigan: Wilson, Jones, Biville, Davies, Hilton; Greenfield, Marsh; Speakman, Singleton, Hellin, Hunter, Coleman, Doria. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Jones, Dwyer, Hayes.

Huddersfield: Stott, Waddington, Thompson, Collie, Brown; Grady, Townend; McPherson, Oates (C), Walker, Northrop, Naidole, Sykes. Int: Hawkins, Davis, Dhurmea, Rowe.

ROUND 9

York City 33 (S. Andrade, H. Dodd, E. Kershaw, K. Langan, D. Sanderson, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 4 goals; T. Stanley field goal) defeated Wigan 10 (L. Biville, G. Wilson tries; G. Wilson goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 16-10.

York City: Whitehead, Hyde, Kershaw, Renouf, Taylor; Stanley, Langan; Butler, Peach, Sanderson, Andrade, Dodd, Bell. Int: Gentles, Akpa, Fourcroy, Canal.

Wigan: Wilson, Jones, Biville, Davies, Hilton; Greenfield, Marsh; Speakman, Singleton, Jones, Hunter, Coleman, Doria. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Leigh, Morris, Hayes.

St Helens 86 (A. Hardcastle 5, L. Burke 3, R. Woosey 2, C. Crowl, S. Hoyle, T. Jones, E. Partington, P. Travis, V. Whitfield tries; B. Stott 11 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Siddal ARLFC.

Date: Tue, 23rd August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 44-0.

Huddersfield: Goddard, Waddington, Naidole, Stott, Coates; Townend, Grady; McPherson, Oates (C), Davis, Northrop, Naidole, Sykes. Int: McCarthy, Dhurmea, Walker, Rowe.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Woosey, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Stott; Sandham, Jones, Rudge, Travis, Hoyle, Crowl. Int: Whitfield, Birchall, Bragg, Bush.

ROUND 10

York City 22 (K. Langan 2, T. Stanley 2 tries; T. Stanley 3 goals) defeated Leeds 14 (F. Goldthorp 2, C. Beevers tries; C. Winfield-Hill goal) at Emerald Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 6-all.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Moxon, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Roche, Winfield-Hill; Hornby, Bennett, Anderson, Kerrigan, Nuttall, McCallion. Int: Lacey, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Murray, Barnes.

York City: Stanley, Hyde, Renouf, Langan, Taylor; Owen, Gale; Wood, Peach, Sanderson, Dodd, Andrade, Bell. Int: Hetherington, Butler, Akpa, Bessahli.

St Helens 56 (L. Burke 2, A. Hardcastle 2, E. Partington 2, J. Cunningham, R. Rotheram, E. Rudge, R. Woosey tries; B. Stott 8 goals) defeated Wigan 4 (G. Leigh try) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 32-0.

Wigan: Wilson, House, Biville, Greenfield, Hilton; Doria, Marsh; Speakman, Singleton, Hellin, Hunter, Coleman, Molyneux. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Jones, Leigh, Hayes.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Woosey, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Stott; Rudge, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Sandham, Hoyle, Bush.

FINAL TABLE

Pos	Team	W	D	L	For	Against	PD	Pts
1	York	7	0	1	242	58	+184	14
2	St Helens	6	0	2	314	63	+251	12
3	Leeds	5	0	3	320	116	+204	10
4	Wigan	2	0	6	104	313	-209	4
5	Huddersfield	0	0	8	32	462	-430	0

SEMI FINAL

York City 12 (S. Andrade, K. Gentles tries; T. Stanley 2 goals) defeated Wigan 4 (L. Biville try) at Emerald Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Penalties: York City 8-7. Referee: Ryan Cox.

York City: Stanley, Lambert, Kershaw, Langan, Gentles; Gale, Hetherington; Wood, Peach, Bell, Dodd, Andrade, Owen. Int: Whitehead, Butler, Akpa, Bessahli.

Wigan: Wilson, Leigh, Biville, Davies, Hilton; Greenfield, Marsh; Jones, Singleton, Gregory-Haselden, Molyneux, Coleman, Speakman. Int: Burrows, Hellin, Hayes, Lake.

Leeds 14 (S. Robinson 2, Z. Hornby tries; C. Winfield-Hill goal) defeated St Helens 6 (R. Woosey try; B. Stott goal) at Emerald Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: St Helens 4-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: James Jones.

St Helens: Rotheram, Partington, Woosey, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Stott; Rudge, Jones, Hoyle, Travis, Rudge, Crowl. Int: Roberts, Whitfield, Williams, Sandham.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Moxon, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Hulme, Winfield-Hill; Lumley, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Anderson, Murray, Nuttall, Hornby. Int: Kerrigan, Lacey, McCallion, Lockwood.

2022 WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

Leeds 12 (C. Beevers 2 tries; C. Winfield-Hill 2 goals) defeated York City 4 (S. Peach try) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 6-0. Penalties: Leeds 5-3. Referee: Michael Smail.

York City: Stanley, Taylor, Renouf, Langan, Gentles; Hetherington, Gale; Wood, Peach, Akpa, Dodd, Andrade, Owen. Int: Bell, Kershaw, Butler, Bessahli.

Leeds: Goldthorp, Moxon, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Hulme, Winfield-Hill; Lumley, Bennett, Anderson, Murray, Nuttall, Hornby. Int: Kerrigan, Lacey, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Lockwood.

2022 WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE SHIELD FINAL

WARRINGTON WOLVES (34) Danielle Bound 2, Amy Johnson, Emily Baggaley, Lauren Roberts, Georgia Sutherland tries; Michelle Davis 5/6 goals **DEFEATED FEATHERSTONE ROVERS (6)** Jessica Dadds try; Hannah Watts 1/1 goals Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium, St Helens; Date: Sunday 18 September 2022, 12:30pm; Referee: Aaryn Belafonte

WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP

FIRST ROUND

DAY	DATE	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	REFEREE	VENUE	CROWD
Sat	Mar 12th	Huddersfield	8 Leeds	38	Huddersfield	
Sun	Mar 13th	Barrow	0 St Helens	68	Barrow-In-Furness	
Sun	Mar 13th	British Army	8 Warrington	50	Aldershot	
Sun	Mar 13th	Castleford	10 Wakefield	32	Castleford	
Sun	Mar 13th	Dewsbury Moor	0 York City	78	Dewsbury	
Sun	Mar 13th	Leigh Miners	72 Hull FC	0	Leigh	
Sun	Mar 13th	Oulton	10 Featherstone	30	Leeds	
Sun	Mar 13th	Bradford	6 Wigan	44	Wakefield	

SECOND ROUND

Sun	Mar 27th	Wigan	62 Dewsbury Moor	0	Wigan	
Sun	Mar 27th	Bradford	4 York City	76	Bradford	
Sun	Mar 27th	Hull FC	0 Leeds	48	Hull	Hull Forfeited
Sun	Mar 27th	Leigh Miners	6 Huddersfield	46	Leigh	
Sun	Mar 27th	Oulton	40 Castleford	0	Leeds	
Sun	Mar 27th	St Helens	88 British Army	0	R. Cox	St Helens
Sun	Mar 27th	Wakefield	0 Featherstone	32	Wakefield	
Sun	Mar 27th	Warrington	36 Barrow	16	Warrington	

THIRD ROUND

Sun	Mar 20th	York City	46 Wigan	0	York	
Sun	Apr 3rd	Barrow	38 British Army	0	Barrow-In-Furness	
Sun	Apr 3rd	Dewsbury Moor	4 Bradford	22	Dewsbury	
Sun	Apr 3rd	Featherstone	86 Castleford	0	Featherstone	
Sun	Apr 3rd	Hull FC	0 Huddersfield	114	Hull	
Sun	Apr 3rd	Leeds	92 Leigh Miners	0	A. Billington	Leeds
Sun	Apr 3rd	Wakefield	12 Oulton	14	Wakefield	
Sun	Apr 3rd	Warrington	0 St Helens	54	Warrington	

QUARTER FINALS

Sun	Apr 10th	Featherstone	12 Wigan	10	Featherstone	
Sun	Apr 10th	Leeds	40 Warrington	0	Leeds	
Sun	Apr 10th	St Helens	24 Huddersfield	0	St Helens	
Sun	Apr 10th	York City	92 Oulton	2	S. Houghton	York

SEMI FINALS

Sun	Apr 24th	York City	26 Leeds	28	J. McMullen	Warrington
Sun	Apr 24th	St Helens	82 Featherstone	0	J. Jones	Warrington

FINAL

Sat	May 7th	St Helens	18 Leeds	8	L. Rush	Leeds
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CHAMPIONSHIP

2022 SEASON RESULTS

COMPILED BY RUGBY LEAGUE PROJECT

ROUND 1

Newcastle 20 (A. Foster, B. Gallagher, J. Johnson, N. Wilde tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) defeated Workington Town 6 (C. Barnes try; C. Forber goal) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 30th January. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Workington Town 6-4. Penalties: Newcastle 9-8. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,205. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young, Doran, Forber; Lightowler, Simons, Thomson, Fitzsimmons, Barnes, Dawson. Int: Henson, Clarke, Steele, Hutchings. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Dee, Nokes, Boaf; Shorrocks, Bailey; Wilde, Eaves, Moran, Foster, Gallagher, Hallas. Int: Clark, Peachey, Nicholson, Donaghy.

Barrow 22 (E. Gillam, H. Miloudi, T. Ritson tries; R. Shaw 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (B. Jones-Bishop, A. Thackeray tries; I. Farrell goal) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th January. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-10. Penalties: Sheffield 8-7. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 1,927. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Miloudi, Toal, Shaw; Carter, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Emslie, Brooks, Morrow. Sheffield: Guzdek, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Johnson, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Davey, Broadbent, Wood, Reilly.

Batley 30 (J. Campbell, L. Hooley, A. Leak, M. Ward, P. Whiteley tries; T. Gilmore 5 goals) defeated Halifax 18 (J. Arundel, B. Moore, A. Tangata tries; J. Keyes 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th January. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 16-6. Penalties: Batley 11-8. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 1,796. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Senior, Hodson, Campbell; Meadows, Gilmore; Gledhill, Leak, Brown, Buchanan, Walshaw, White. Int: Blagbrough, Ward, Lillycrop, Collinson. Halifax: Martin, Walmsley, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Tangata, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Larroyer. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Knowles-Tagg, Morris.

Bradford 46 (M. Dawson-Jones 2, K. Gill 2, D. Foggin-Johnston, E. Kear, D. Patton, A. Wallace tries; D. Patton 7 goals) defeated Dewsbury 16 (J. Beckett, L. Carr, R. Peltier tries; M. Beharrell 2 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th January. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 22-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 12-9. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,241. Dewsbury: Sweeting, Gabriel, Ryder, Dixon, Carr; Smith,

Beharrell; Beckett, Butterworth, Kidd, Walton, Knowles, Schofield. Int: Speakman, Tomlinson, Peltier, Ferguson. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Jowitt, Patton; Walker, Flanagan, Crossley, Wallace, England, Doyle. Int: Johnson, Baldwinson, Mustapha, Fleming.

Leigh 50 (N. Macdonald 3, T. Nisbet 2, C. Aekins, K. Brand, K. Dixon, M. Ioane tries; B. Reynolds 7 goals) defeated Whitehaven 4 (W. Evans try) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th January. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 28-0. Penalties: Leigh 9-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 3,334. Leigh: Aekins, Dixon, Brand, Macdonald, Nisbet; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Green, Stone, Chamberlain, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Amone, Hingano, Jones. Whitehaven: Doyle, Eccleston, Moore, Evans, Bulman; Bishop, Williams; McAvoy, Newton, Riley, King, Cooper, Wilkinson. Int: Phillips, Aiye, Walker, Hudson.

Widnes 34 (R. Ince 4, O. Davies, J. Edge, L. Roby tries; J. Edge 3 goals) defeated London 12 (J. Ferreira, L. Juma, D. Parata tries) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th January. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 24-4. Penalties: Widnes 5-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,182. London: Leyland, Macani, Grant, Ferreira, Juma; Horsman, Coates; Blakemore, Parata, Greenhalgh, Lovell, Williams, Foster. Int: Palumbo, Tuliatu, Oakley, Bienek. Widnes: Roby, Brookes, Edge, Fleming, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Baker, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Lyons, Dupree, Doro, Bent.

Featherstone 30 (L. Briscoe, J. Bussey, C. Hall, J. Hardcastle, M. Smith tries; C. Hall 5 goals) defeated York City 12 (J. Glover, W. Jubb tries; J. Ellis 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Mon, 31st January. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 12-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 3,602. York City: Harrison, Brown, Glover, Logan, Oakes; Marsh, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Michael, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Pauli, Stock, Brining. Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Hardcastle, Hall, Gale; Holmes, Smith; Cooper, Wildie, Lockwood, Moors, Sene-Lefao, Bussey. Int: Jones, Davies, Field, Trout.

ROUND 2

Sheffield 28 (V. Halafih, L. Johnson, R. Oakes, A. Thackeray tries; I. Farrell 6 goals) defeated Bradford 14 (R. Evans, K. Gill tries; D. Patton 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Bradford 8-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 3,547. Bradford: Dawson-Jones, Foggin-Johnston, Evans, Gill, Millar; Jowitt,

Patton; Walker, Flanagan, Crossley, Wallace, England, Doyle. Int: Johnson, Baldwinson, Evans, Fleming. Sheffield: Guzdek, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Johnson, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Broadbent, Wood, Reilly.

Halifax 28 (C. Aston, E. Barber, M. Garside, B. Kavanagh, B. Moore tries; J. Keyes 4 goals) defeated London 0 at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 6-0. Penalties: Halifax 5-2. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 1,433. Halifax: Martin, McComb, Barber, Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Tangata, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Garside, Larroyer. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Fairbank, Calcott. London: Moceidreke, Macani, Grant, Ferreira, Juma; Horsman, Coates; Blakemore, Parata, Williams, Lovell, Curran, Foster. Int: Palumbo, Tuliatu, Bienek, Ramsey.

Batley 32 (J. Campbell 3, L. Hooley, B. Kaye, D. Morton tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 14 (B. Gallagher, J. Johnson, B. O'Neill tries; J. Woods goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 6th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-4. Penalties: Newcastle 10-8. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 638. Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Dee, Halsall, Boaf; Shorrocks, Woods; Wilde, Eaves, Moran, Foster, Gallagher, Hallas. Int: O'Neill, Bailey, Peachey, Clark. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Morton, Senior, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Brown, Buchanan, Walshaw, Blagbrough. Int: Ward, Lillycrop, Collinson, Burton.

Barrow 18 (H. Miloudi, R. Shaw, D. Toal tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) defeated Whitehaven 4 (C. Holliday try) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 6th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 13-9. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 1,795. Whitehaven: Doyle, Martin, Holliday, Evans, Bulman; Bishop, Williams; McAvoy, Newton, Graham, King, Cooper, Wilkinson. Int: Phillips, Walker, Aiye, Hudson. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Miloudi, Toal, Shaw; Carter, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Emslie, Brooks, Morrow.

Widnes 70 (A. Lawton 3, D. Craven 2, S. Wilde 2, O. Davies, T. Dupree, M. Fleming, M. Fozard, B. Holroyd tries; J. Edge 11 goals) defeated Workington Town 18 (C. Barnes, J. Brown, C. Fitzsimmons tries; C. Forber 2, O. Thomas goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 30-12. Penalties: Widnes 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 3,623. Widnes: Roby,

Holroyd, Edge, Fleming, Ince; Craven, Smith; Dupree, Fozard, Baker, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Doro, Bent, Lawton, Lyons. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Teare; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Lightowler, Steele, Barnes, Thomson. Int: O'Donnell, Clarke, Dawson, Hutchings.

York City 30 (C. Clarkson, S. Davis, J. Ellis, M. Marsh, B. O'Hagan tries; J. Ellis 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 2 (M. Beharrell goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 6-2. Penalties: York City 7-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 1,562. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Logan, Oakes; O'Hagan, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Michael, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Davis, Teanby, Pauli, Dixon. Dewsbury: Turner, Gabriel, Ryder, Graham, Dixon; Beharrell, Sweeting; Peltier, Speakman, Beckett, Walton, Knowles, Annakin. Int: Butterworth, Magrin, Ferguson, Kidd.

Featherstone 28 (L. Briscoe, J. Davies, C. Hall, B. Pickersgill, M. Smith tries; C. Hall 4 goals) defeated Leigh 6 (N. Macdonald try; B. Reynolds goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Mon, 7th February. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 16-0. Penalties: Featherstone 7-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 4,562. Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Leilua, Hellewell, Hall; Smith, Chisholm; Cooper, Wildie, Lockwood, Moors, Hardcastle, Bussey. Int: Jones, Davies, Field, Cuthbertson. Leigh: Aekins, Dixon, Brand, Macdonald, Nisbet; Reynolds, Mellor; Green, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Hingano, Jones, McDonnell.

ROUND 3

Featherstone 26 (J. Bussey 2, G. Gale, C. Jones, B. Pickersgill tries; C. Hall 3 goals) defeated Workington Town 10 (C. Fitzsimmons, C. Teare tries; O. Thomas goal) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 13th February. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 14-0. Penalties: Featherstone 5-1. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,007. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Teare; Doran, Walker; Fitzsimmons, O'Donnell, Lightowler, Singleton, Barnes, O'Brien. Int: Dawson, Clarke, Thomson, Hutchings. Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Hellewell, Hall, Gale; Smith, Gill; Trout, Jones, Cooper, Moors, Davies, Bussey. Int: Wildie, Field, Cuthbertson, McConnell.

Barrow 14 (B. Crellin, T. Ritson tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (G. Boaf try; C. Mullen goal) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 13th February. Kickoff:

3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 6-0. Penalties: Barrow 9-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,744. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Miloudi, Toal, Shaw; Carter, Johnson; Forster, Wood, Gillam, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Emslie, Crellin, Kelly. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Dee, Halsall, Boaf; Bailey, Woods; Chapelhow, Eaves, Moran, Nicholson, Gallagher, Hallas. Int: O'Neill, Peachey, Clark, Sutton.

York City 10 (R. Michael, W. Oakes tries; J. Ellis goal) defeated Batley 4 (L. Walshaw try) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 13th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 6-0. Penalties: Batley 4-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 971. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Senior, Hodson, Morton; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Blagbrough, Buchanan, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Leak, Ward, Lillycrop, Meadows. York City: Harrison, Brown, Glover, Logan, Oakes; Marsh, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Michael, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Davis, Dixon, Teanby, Pauli.

Dewsbury 12 (B. Graham, A. Ryder tries; M. Beharrell 2 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (L. Johnson, K. Welham tries; I. Farrell goal) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 13th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 6-0. Penalties: Sheffield 8-6. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 846. Dewsbury: Turner, Gabriel, Graham, Dixon, Carr; Beharrell, Sykes; Magrin, Speakman, Annakin, Tomlinson, Ryder, Minchella. Int: Butterworth, Peltier, Stevens, Schofield. Sheffield: Guzdek, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Johnson, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Broadbent, Wood, Reilly.

Widnes 9 (E. Doro try; J. Edge 2 goals; M. Smith field goal) defeated Halifax 8 (J. Saltonstall try; J. Keyes 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 13th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 8-0. Penalties: Halifax 10-9. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 2,046. Halifax: Martin, McComb, Barber, Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Tangata, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Garside, Larroyer, Gwaze, Fairbank, Calcott. Widnes: Roby, Holroyd, Edge, Fleming, Ince; Craven, Smith; Dupree, Fozard, Baker, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Doro, Lawton.

Whitehaven 8 (C. Holliday try; A. Bishop 2 goals) defeated London 0 at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 13th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Penalties: Whitehaven 7-5. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,411. London: Moceidreke, Macani, Grant, Latu, Juma; Thomas, Leyland; Blakemore, Parata, Bienek, Lovell, Curran, Foster. Int: Vrahnos, Tuliatu, Oakley, Horsman.

Whitehaven: Doyle, Eccleston, Dixon, Evans, Martin; Bishop, Williams; McAvoy, Phillips, Dawson, King, Holliday, Wilkinson. Int: Aiye, Bradley, Newton, Walker.

Leigh 38 (K. Brand 2, E. Chamberlain 2, J. Hitchcox, M. Ioane, J. McDonnell, D. Norman tries; E. Chamberlain 3 goals) defeated Bradford 4 (K. Gill try) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Mon, 14th February. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Leigh 8-4. Penalties: Bradford 7-6. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 2,746. Leigh: Aekins, Hitchcox, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Brand; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Hingano, McDonnell, Norman. Bradford: Millar, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Jowitt, Patton; Walker, Doyle, Crossley, England, Scott, Baldwinson. Int: Evans, Flanagan, Wallace, Butler.

ROUND 4

Newcastle 40 (S. Halsall 3, G. Boaf 2, C. Mullen 2, J. Eaves, M. Nicholson tries; C. Mullen 2 goals) defeated Whitehaven 24 (A. Bishop 2, R. King, C. Phillips tries; A. Bishop 4 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-6. Penalties: Newcastle 7-4. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 719. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Foster, Halsall, Boaf; Bailey, Woods; Chapelhow, Eaves, Moran, Nicholson, Gallagher, Hallas. Int: O'Neill, Peachey, Clark. Whitehaven: Doyle, Eccleston, Dixon, Evans, Martin; Bishop, Williams; McAvoy, Phillips, Dawson, King, Holliday, Wilkinson. Int: Taylor, Walker, Aiye, Bradley.

Featherstone 30 (G. Gale 2, B. Pickersgill 2, C. Hall tries; C. Hall 5 goals) defeated London 12 (O. Leyland, D. Parata tries; S. Moceidreke 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 19th February. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 12-6. Penalties: Featherstone 7-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,796. Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Hellewell, Hall, Gale; Smith, Chisholm; Cooper, Wildie, Lockwood, Ferres, Moors, Bussey. Int: Jones, Davies, Cuthbertson, McConnell. London: Moceidreke, Ulberg, Juma, Latu, Macani; Leyland, Horsman; Tuliatu, Gahan, Palumbo, Lovell, Curran, Parata. Int: Coates, Greenhalgh, Williams, Vrahnos.

Leigh 40 (B. Reynolds 2, C. Aekins, E. Chamberlain, J. Mellor, S. Stone tries; B. Reynolds 8 goals) defeated York City 4 (W. Jubb try) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 6-4. Penalties: Leigh 9-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 2,069. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Clare, Oakes; Harris, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Michael, Clarkson,

Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Davis, Teanby, Pauli, Dixon. Leigh: Aekins, Hitchcox, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Brand; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Hingano, Ioane, Nisbet, Stone, Amone. Int: Wingfield, Ipape, Jones, Norman.

Widnes 36 (L. Roby 2, T. Dupree, B. Holroyd, A. Lawton, J. Lyons tries; S. Tyrer 6 goals) defeated Dewsbury 10 (H. Kidd, K. Tomlinson tries; M. Beharrell goal) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Mon, 21st February. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-10. Penalties: Widnes 10-5. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,503. Dewsbury: Turner, Gabriel, Graham, Dixon, Carr; Sykes, Beharrell; Beckett, Speakman, Kidd, Tomlinson, Ryder, Magrin. Int: Butterworth, Schofield, Peltier, Stevens. Widnes: Roby, Holroyd, Fleming, Tyrer, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Dupree, Fozard, Baker, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Grady, Lawton, Hulme, Doro.

Halifax 42 (E. Barber, B. Kavanagh, J. Keyes, K. Larroyer, D. Murray, A. Tangata, B. Tibbs tries; J. Keyes 7 goals) defeated Workington Town 6 (A. Clegg try; C. Forber goal) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 27th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 24-0. Penalties: Halifax 7-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 819. Workington Town: Broadbent, Teare, Clegg, Olstrom, Young, Doran, Forber; Thomson, Simons, Clarke, Singleton, Fitzsimmons, O'Brien. Int: Henson, Brown, Bickerdike, Hutchings. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Tibbs, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Keyes, Joffret; Larroyer, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Fairbank. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Tangata, Morris.

Barrow 23 (J. Carter, N. Mossop, G. Wheeler tries; J. Sammut 5 goals; J. Sammut field goal) defeated Bradford 22 (C. Butler, M. Dawson-Jones, T. Doyle, E. Hall tries; D. Patton 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 8-4. Penalties: Bradford 14-12. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,258. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Murphy, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Scurr, Doyle, Crossley, Butler, England, Baldwinson. Int: Flanagan, Hall, Kibula, Mustapha. Barrow: Miloudi, Carter, Croft, Wheeler, Toal; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Langtree, Stack, Crellin. Int: Mossop, Brooks, Emslie, Hopkins.

Batley 32 (D. Manning 2, J. Campbell, T. Gilmore, L. Hooley tries; T. Gilmore 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 22 (C. Bower, J. Farrell, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e, A. Thackeray tries; J. Guzdek 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Wed, 3rd August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Batley 14-10. Penalties: Batley 8-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int:

Leak, Brown, Meadows, Blake. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Chrimes, Welham, Guzdek, Bass; Aston, Thackeray; Wood, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Broadbent, Kirk, Liu, Holmes.

ROUND 5

Leigh 34 (C. Aekins 2, K. Brand, N. Macdonald, B. Reynolds, A. Smith tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 18 (J. Dee, S. Halsall, I. Nokes tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Leigh 22-6. Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,009. Leigh: Aekins, Hitchcox, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Brand; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Hingano, Jones, McDonnell. Newcastle: Mullen, Hanley, Nokes, Halsall, Boaf; Shorrocks, Woods; Wilde, Eaves, Chapelhow, Dee, Foster, Hallas. Int: Moran, Peachey, Day, Nicholson.

Sheffield 54 (J. Bass, M. Chrimes, I. Farrell, J. Farrell, V. Halafih, B. Jones-Bishop, R. Oakes, A. Thackeray, M. Wood tries; I. Farrell 9 goals) defeated Workington Town 4 (C. Teare try) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 30-0. Penalties: Sheffield 9-7. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 779. Workington Town: Thomas, Teare, Clegg, Bickerdike, Young, Doran, Walker; Fitzsimmons, O'Donnell, Thomson, Singleton, Barnes, Dawson. Int: Simons, Clarke, Steele, Hutchings. Sheffield: Bass, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Chrimes; Farrell, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Johnson, Farrell, Wood. Int: Bower, Reilly, Broadbent, Liu.

Bradford 21 (T. Doyle, A. Murphy, L. Tindall tries; D. Patton 4 goals; J. Lilley field goal) defeated Batley 20 (J. Hodson, A. Leak, L. Walshaw tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Bradford 9-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,789. Bradford: Kear, Tindall, Murphy, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Walker, Doyle, Crossley, Butler, Scott, O'Connor. Int: Flanagan, Fleming, Evans, Scurr. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Walshaw, Senior, Hodson; Meadows, Gilmore; Gledhill, Burton, Everett, Buchanan, Manning, White. Int: Leak, Ward, Blagbrough, Collinson. Featherstone 22 (C. Hall 2, G. Gale, M. Smith tries; C. Hall 3 goals) defeated Halifax 12 (C. Aston, L. Joffret tries; J. Keyes 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 6-4. Penalties: Featherstone 8-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 3,728. Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Gale; Smith, Jaks; Cuthbertson, Wildie, Lockwood, Davies, Hellewell, Bussey. Int: Cooper, Jones, Trout, Ferres. Halifax: Joffret, Walmsley, McComb,

Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Calcott, Wood, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, Moore, Larroyer, Gwaze.

York City 26 (C. Clarkson, J. Glover, L. Harris, R. Michael, W. Oakes tries; J. Ellis 3 goals) defeated London 24 (D. Parata 2, P. Ulberg, J. Williams tries; S. Moceidreke 4 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 18-6. Penalties: London 7-5. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 903. London: Walker, Ulberg, Palumbo, Latu, Macani; Leyland, Moceidreke; Tuliatu, Gahan, Foster, Lovell, Curran, Parata. Int: Bourouh, Williams, Bienek, Blakemore. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Ogden, Oakes; Harris, Ellis; Michael, Jubb, Teanby, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Brining, Warren, Dixon, Stock.

Whitehaven 40 (A. Bishop, J. Bradley, K. Dixon, G. Graham, C. Phillips, T. Wilkinson tries; A. Bishop 8 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (D. Dixon, R. Milnes tries; M. Beharrell 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 6th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 12-8. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 764. Whitehaven: Doyle, Martin, Taylor, Evans, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; Graham, Bishop, Walker, King, Cooper, Wilkinson. Int: Phillips, Aiye, Dawson, Bradley, Dewsbury: Laulu-Togaga'e, Gabriel, Graham, Dixon, Blackmore; Beharrell, Milnes; Annakin, Speakman, Magrin, Tomlinson, Ryder, Knowles. Int: Sykes, Richards, Beckett, Kidd.

Barrow 34 (T. Ritson 2, L. Cresswell, C. Forster, H. Miloudi, J. Sammut tries; R. Shaw 4, J. Carter goals) defeated Widnes 24 (M. Fozard, L. Roby, S. Tyrer, S. Wilde tries; S. Tyrer 4 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Mon, 7th March. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Widnes 18-16. Penalties: Barrow 7-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 3,422. Widnes: Roby, Holroyd, Fleming, Tyrer, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Dupree, Fozard, Grady, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Lawton, Gregory, Tilleke, Doro. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Hopkins, Stack, Iaria. Int: Wells, Mossop, Toal, Johnson.

ROUND 6

Bradford 26 (T. Doyle, K. Gill, A. Murphy, L. Tindall tries; D. Patton 5 goals) defeated Workington Town 12 (M. Henson, M. O'Brien tries; C. Forber 2 goals) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 18-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,031. Workington Town: Broadbent, Teare, Clegg, Olstrom, Young; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Clarke, Singleton, Steele, Brown. Int: Henson, O'Brien, Thomson, Hutchings.

Bradford: Kear, Tindall, Dawson-Jones, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Walker, Doyle, Evans, Murphy, Butler, O'Connor. Int: Flanagan, Baldwinson, Mustapha, Crossley.

Barrow 18 (T. Ritson 2, S. Toal tries; J. Sammut 3 goals) drew with London 18 (C. Gahan, P. Latu, I. Macani, A. Walker tries; S. Moceidreke goal) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 12-4. Penalties: London 12-6. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,979. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Miloudi, Wheeler, Toal; Sammut, Carter; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Hopkins, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Toal, Brooks, Morrow. London: Walker, Ulberg, Grant, Latu, Macani; Leyland, Moceidreke; Tuliatu, Gahan, Bienek, Palumbo, Curran, Parata. Int: Oakley, Blakemore, Foster, Williams.

Batley 20 (C. Carr, T. Everett, G. Johnson tries; T. Gilmore 3, L. Hooley goals) drew with Featherstone 20 (J. Hardcastle 2, C. Hall, R. Jaks tries; C. Hall 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-6. Penalties: Batley 5-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 1,582. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Carr, Hodson, Johnson; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Everett, Buchanan, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak, Ward, Collinson, Blagbrough. Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Hardcastle, Hall, Gale; Chisholm, Jaks; Cooper, Jones, Lockwood, Moors, Bussey, Cuthbertson. Int: Smith, Hellewell, Field, Ferres.

Newcastle 24 (I. Nokes 2, J. Eaves, B. Gallagher tries; J. Shorrocks 4 goals) defeated Dewsbury 22 (A. Gabriel, B. Graham, A. Ryder, J. Schofield tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-4. Penalties: Newcastle 9-8. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 786. Dewsbury: Dixon, Gabriel, Graham, Greensmith, Blackmore; Beharrell, Sykes; Beckett, Speakman, Stevens, Ryder, Oakley, Knowles. Int: Butterworth, Smith, Schofield, Hall. Newcastle: Mullen, Donaghy, Dee, Nokes, Boaf; Shorrocks, Coates; Chapelhow, Eaves, Clark, Gallagher, Day, Wilde. Int: Hepple, Clemmit, Bailey, Moran.

Sheffield 44 (M. Chrimes 2, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e 2, I. Farrell, B. Jones-Bishop, A. Thackeray, K. Welham tries; T. Holmes 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 6 (R. King try; C. Holliday goal) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 16-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 11-6. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,239. Whitehaven: Doyle, Eccleston, Dixon, Evans, Bulman; Bishop, Williams; Hudson, Phillips, Graham, King, Holliday, Wilkinson. Int: Aiye, Dawson,

Bradley, Olstrom. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Chrimes; Farrell, Thackeray; Wood, Halafihi, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Kirk. Int: Broadbent, Reilly, Liu, Holmes.

York City 32 (M. Marsh 2, L. Edwards, B. O'Hagan, M. Stock, B. Ward tries; J. Ellis 2, L. Harris 2 goals) defeated Widnes 6 (A. Lawton try; S. Tyrer goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 16-6. Penalties: York City 5-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,156. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Ward; O'Hagan, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Dixon, Stock, Harris. Widnes: Owens, Fleming, Edge, Tyrer, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Baker, Fozard, Doro, Wilde, Lawton, Brown. Int: Farnworth, Dupree, Bent, Davies.

Leigh 26 (T. Azone, K. Brand, M. Ioane, N. Macdonald, J. Wardle tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) defeated Halifax 16 (Z. McComb, J. Saltonstall, L. Walmsley tries; J. Keyes 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Mon, 21st March. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Leigh 10-4. Penalties: Halifax 6-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,202. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Mason, Moore, Murray, Ashworth, Garside, Tangata. Int: Wood, Calcott, Barber, Gwaze. Leigh: Aekins, Inu, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Brand; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Azone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Hingano, McDonnell, Bell.

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Leigh 44 (K. Inu 2, C. Aekins, J. Asiata, K. Brand, J. McDonnell, N. Macdonald, J. Mellor tries; K. Inu 6 goals) defeated Dewsbury 0 at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Fri, 1st April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 16-0. Penalties: Dewsbury 4-3. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 2,569. Leigh: Aekins, Inu, Macdonald, Chamberlain, Brand; Hingano, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Azone, McDonnell, Stone, Asiata. Int: Jones, Nisbet, Roberts, Ipape. Dewsbury: Tate, Gabriel, Graham, Greensmith, Carr; Sykes, Beharrell; Beckett, Butterworth, Stevens, Ryder, Tomlinson, Knowles. Int: Sweeting, Smith, Schofield, Magrin.

York City 44 (J. Glover 2, L. Harris 2, J. Brown, L. Edwards, W. Jubb, J. Thompson tries; L. Harris 6 goals) defeated Workington Town 18 (M. Henson 2, C. Forber tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Derwent Park. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: York City 20-0. Penalties: York City 7-6. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 733. Workington Town: Broadbent, Clegg, Brown, Olstrom, Young; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Thomson,

Steele, Barnes, O'Brien. Int: Henson, Clarke, Hutchings, Singleton. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Ward; O'Hagan, Harris; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Brining, Teanby, Stock, Porter.

Batley 30 (K. Buchanan, L. Hooley, L. Walshaw, B. White, P. Whiteley tries; T. Gilmore 5 goals) defeated Barrow 18 (M. Escaré, D. Morrow, R. Shaw tries; J. Sammut 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 20-6. Penalties: Batley 9-8. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 1,964. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Hopkins, Stack, Iaria. Int: Escaré, Emslie, Brooks, Morrow. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Buchanan, Senior, Johnson; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Leak, Everett, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Meadows, Blagbrough, Ward, Brown.

Featherstone 44 (L. Briscoe 3, C. Hall, R. Jaks, J. Leilua, M. Smith, M. Wildie tries; C. Hall 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 18 (C. Bower, B. Broadbent, B. Jones-Bishop, M. Reilly tries; I. Farrell goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 26-4. Penalties: Sheffield 5-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,842. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hellewell, Hall; Smith, Jaks; Cuthbertson, Wildie, Lockwood, Bussey, Hardcastle, Moors. Int: Jones, Kopczak, Cooper, Field. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Chrimes; Farrell, Thackeray; Wood, Halafihi, Dickinson, Johnson, Bower, Hodgson. Int: Bass, Broadbent, Kirk, Reilly.

Halifax 46 (J. Keyes 2, J. Arundel, E. Barber, T. Gwaze, B. Kavanagh, B. Moore, L. Walmsley tries; J. Keyes 7 goals) defeated Whitehaven 24 (N. Williams 2, D. Eccleston, R. King tries; C. Holliday 4 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 24-10. Penalties: Halifax 5-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,413. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Larroyer, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Hewitt, Tangata. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Fairbank, Barber. Whitehaven: Doyle, Martin, Eccleston, Evans, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; McAvo, Roby, Bradley, King, Holliday, Aiye. Int: Dawson, Hudson, Phillips.

Bradford 8 (M. Dawson-Jones try; D. Patton 2 goals) defeated London 6 (L. Bienek try; S. Moceidreke goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sat, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 8-0. Penalties: Bradford 11-8. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,153. London: Walker, Ulberg,

Ferreira, Grant, Macani; Moceidreke, Thomas; Foster, Parata, Bienek, Palumbo, Curran, Lovell. Int: Gahan, Williams, Tuliatu, Oakley. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Murphy, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Scurr, Butler, England, Wallace. Int: Flanagan, Hall, Kibula, Evans.

Newcastle 12 (G. Boafo, S. Halsall tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) defeated Widnes 6 (A. Lawton try; S. Tyrer goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Mon, 4th April. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 4-0. Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,835. Newcastle: Mullen, Miski, Nokes, Halsall, Boafo; Shorrocks, Dee; Chapelhow, Eaves, Clark, Gallagher, Nicholson, Hallas. Int: Wilde, Bailey, O'Neill, Peachey. Widnes: Owens, Fleming, Spedding, Tyrer, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Baker, Wilde, Davies, Addy. Int: Lawton, Roby, Doro, Wells.

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Leigh 36 (J. Asiata, E. Chamberlain, A. Hingano, K. Inu, N. Macdonald, J. Mellor tries; K. Inu 6 goals) defeated Widnes 6 (A. Lawton try; S. Tyrer goal) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 12-0. Penalties: Leigh 7-5. Referee: Scott Mikalaukas. Crowd: 3,854. Widnes: Roby, Edge, Fleming, Tyrer, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Baker, Wilde, Davies, Bent. Int: Lawton, Tilleke, Doro, Silva. Leigh: Aekins, Inu, Macdonald, Chamberlain, Brand; Hingano, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Jones, Roberts, Ipape, O'Donnell.

Featherstone 58 (R. Jacks 3, B. Hellewell 2, L. Briscoe, C. Jones, M. Kheirallah, J. Lockwood, M. Wildie tries; C. Hall 9 goals) defeated Barrow 6 (S. Toal try; J. Sammut goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 22-6. Penalties: Featherstone 7-2. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 3,284. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Hellewell, Hall, Gale; Wildie, Jacks; Kopczak, Jones, Lockwood, Bussey, Davies, Moors. Int: Holmes, Cooper, Field, McConnell. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Toal, Croft, Carter; Sammut, Carter; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Langtree, Stack, Crellin. Int: Mossop, Hopkins, Brooks, Iaria.

Batley 36 (K. Buchanan 2, J. Campbell, G. Johnson, L. Walshaw, M. Ward tries; T. Gilmore 6 goals) defeated Dewsbury 20 (L. Carr 2, B. Blackmore tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 14-12. Penalties: Dewsbury 10-8. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Batley: Hooley, Johnson, Buchanan, Senior, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Everett, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak,

Ward, Brown, Meadows. Dewsbury: Dixon, Blackmore, Ryder, Greensmith, Carr; Sykes, Beharrell; Beckett, Butterworth, Stevens, Trout, Tomlinson, Knowles. Int: Speakman, Kidd, Schofield, Magrin.

Halifax 20 (L. Joffret, Z. McComb, B. Moore tries; J. Keyes 4 goals) defeated Bradford 17 (S. Crossley, S. Scott tries; D. Patton 4 goals; J. Lilley field goal) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Fri, 15th April. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 9-8. Penalties: Halifax 10-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 5,821. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Murphy, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Crossley, Butler, Scott, Hallas. Int: Hall, Kibula, Scurr, Evans. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Tangata, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Garside, Fairbank. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Larroyer, Barber.

Sheffield 30 (A. Thackeray 3, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e 2 tries; I. Farrell 5 goals) defeated London 10 (I. Macani, S. Moceidreke tries; D. Chisholm goal) at Eco-Power Stadium. Date: Sat, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 6-4. Penalties: London 6-5. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 943. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Wood, Halafihi, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Wallis, Broadbent, Oakes, Douglas. London: Walker, Ulberg, Grant, Latu, Macani; Moceidreke, Chisholm; Foster, Oakley, Lovell, Palumbo, Curran, Parata. Int: Gahan, Williams, Bienek, Albert.

York City 38 (A. Towse 2, J. Brown, R. Dixon, J. Glover, M. Matongo, J. Thompson tries; L. Harris 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (B. Gallagher try; J. Shorrocks goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sat, 16th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: York City 22-0. Penalties: York City 6-5. Referee: James Vella. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Towse; Harris, O'Hagan; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Davis, Dixon, Stock. Newcastle: Johnson, Hanley, Nokes, Costello, Boafo; Shorrocks, Coates; Chapelhow, Eaves, Clark, Day, Nicholson, Wilde. Int: Bailey, Moran, Gallagher, Peachey.

Whitehaven 22 (D. Eccleston, W. Evans, R. King, D. Litten tries; N. Williams 2, C. Holliday goals) defeated Workington Town 14 (A. Clegg, E. Simons, W. Tate tries; J. Doran goal) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 17th April. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-4. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,975. Whitehaven: Litten, Eccleston, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; Graham, Hookem, Walker, King, Holliday, Wilkinson. Int: Phillips, Aiye, Bradley, Hudson. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Tate, Young;

Doran, Walker; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Thomson, Steele, Barnes, O'Brien. Int: Clarke, Henson, Weetman, Brewin.

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Sheffield 34 (B. Jones-Bishop 3, J. Farrell, V. Halafihi, A. Thackeray tries; I. Farrell 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 20 (A. Sutton 2, G. Boafo, L. Peachey tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Fri, 22nd April. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 30-4. Penalties: Newcastle 6-5. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 385. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Wood, Halafihi, Dickinson, Oakes, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Broadbent, Williams, Holmes. Newcastle: Johnson, Hanley, Nokes, Sutton, Boafo; Shorrocks, Coates; Chapelhow, Eaves, Clark, Day, Gallagher, Bailey. Int: Wilde, Peachey, Nicholson, Clemmit.

Dewsbury 19 (O. Greensmith 2, R. Butterworth tries; P. Sykes 3 goals; P. Sykes field goal) defeated Workington Town 18 (C. Barnes, A. Clegg, A. Young tries; J. Doran 3 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Workington Town 6-4. Penalties: Dewsbury 5-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 711. Dewsbury: Dixon, Gabriel, Ryder, Greensmith, Carr; Sykes, Beharrell; Magrin, Butterworth, Trout, Johnson, Tomlinson, Knowles. Int: Speakman, Stevens, Beckett, Kidd. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Tate, Young; Doran, Walker; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Weetman, Steele, Barnes, O'Brien. Int: Henson, Clarke, Thomson, Brewin.

Halifax 40 (Z. McComb 2, L. Walmsley 2, J. Arundel, L. Joffret, A. Tangata, K. Wood tries; J. Keyes 4 goals) defeated Barrow 18 (L. Cresswell, T. Ritson, J. Stack, J. Wood tries; J. Carter goal) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 20-8. Penalties: Barrow 7-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 1,627. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Tangata, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Garside, Fairbank. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Larroyer, Barber. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Croft, Wheeler, Toal; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Brooks, Emslie, Eseh.

Leigh 64 (K. Inu 3, A. Smith 2, C. Aekins, N. Macdonald, J. Mellor, T. Nisbet, K. O'Donnell, B. Reynolds tries; K. Inu 9, E. Chamberlain goals) defeated London 0 at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 36-0. Penalties: Leigh 10-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 2,587. Leigh: Aekins, Inu, Macdonald, Chamberlain, Brand; Hingano, Mellor; Sidlow,

Smith, Amone, Nisbet, Stone, Asiata. Int: Jones, Reynolds, Roberts, O'Donnell. London: Walker, Ulberg, Grant, Moceidreke, Macani; Leyland, Chisholm; Foster, Gahan, Lovell, Palumbo, Williams, Parata. Int: Oakley, Latu, Bienek, Albert.

Batley 38 (J. Campbell 2, J. Hodson, L. Hooley, A. Leak, L. Walshaw, M. Ward tries; T. Gilmore 5 goals) defeated Widnes 10 (O. Davies, S. Wilde tries; S. Tyrer goal) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 22-0. Penalties: Batley 8-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Widnes: Lyons, Fleming, Roby, Tyrer, Holroyd; Smith, Fozard; Farnworth, Hulme, Baker, Lawton, Wilde, Davies. Int: Doro, Tilleke, Silva, Gregory. Batley: Hooley, Johnson, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Whiteley, Leak, Ward, Brown.

York City 30 (L. Harris 2, L. Edwards, J. Glover, B. O'Hagan tries; L. Harris 5 goals) defeated Whitehaven 12 (R. King, D. Litten tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 18-12. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Scott Mikalaukas. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Ogden; Harris, O'Hagan; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Davis, Dixon, Stock. Whitehaven: Litten, Martin, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; Graham, Hookem, Walker, King, Moore, Wilkinson. Int: Bradley, Hudson, Cooper, Dawson.

Featherstone 32 (R. Jacks 3, B. Hellewell 2, M. Kheirallah tries; C. Hall 4 goals) defeated Bradford 18 (D. Foggin-Johnston, E. Hall, A. Wallace tries; D. Patton 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Mon, 25th April. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 12-6. Penalties: Featherstone 8-7. Referee: James Vella. Bradford: Hall, Dawson-Jones, Kear, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Crossley, Murphy, England, Hallas. Int: Evans, Kibula, Wallace, Walters. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Hellewell, Hall, Gale; Smith, Jacks; Kopczak, Wildie, Lockwood, Bussey, Davies, Moors. Int: Pickersgill, Sene-Lefao, Cooper, Mathiou.

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Leigh 34 (K. Brand, E. Chamberlain, J. McDonnell, B. Reynolds, A. Sidlow, S. Stone tries; K. Inu 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 6 (T. Holmes try; I. Farrell goal) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Fri, 29th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-0. Penalties: Sheffield 9-4. Referee: Scott Mikalaukas. Crowd: 2,431. Leigh: Aekins, Inu, Roberts, Chamberlain, Brand; Hingano, Reynolds; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata.

Int: Jones, Ipape, McDonnell, O'Donnell. Sheffield: Bass, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Chrimes; Farrell, Holmes; Wood, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Oakes, Douglas, Broadbent, Williams.

Halifax 30 (L. Walmsley 2, J. Keyes, Z. McComb, D. Murray, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (J. Croft 2 tries; A. Sutton goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 30th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 24-6. Penalties: Newcastle 8-6. Referee: James Vella. Newcastle: Donaghy, Sutton, Nokes, Croft, Boaf, Bailey, Coates; Chapelhow, Eaves, Clark, Nicholson, Day, Wilde. Int: Peachey, Field, Clemmit, Adebisi. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Garside, Tangata. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Larroyer, Barber.

Batley 16 (J. Hodson, D. Manning, L. Walshaw tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) defeated Workington Town 10 (C. Barnes, A. Clegg tries; C. Forber goal) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 1st May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Workington Town 10-6. Penalties: Workington Town 6-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 726. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Weetman, Davies, Barnes, O'Brien. Int: Henson, Clarke, Hutchings, Davies. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Senior, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Blagbrough, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Leak, Ward, Lillycrop.

Featherstone 74 (L. Briscoe 3, J. Bussey 2, C. Hall 2, M. Smith 2, J. Davies, C. Jones, J. Leilua, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Hall 11 goals) defeated Widnes 6 (M. Fozard try; S. Tyrer goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 1st May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 42-0. Penalties: Featherstone 5-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,317. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Gale; Smith, Jacks; Kopczak, Jones, Lockwood, Bussey, Davies, Moors. Int: Pickersgill, Sene-Lefao, Cooper, Ferres. Widnes: Roby, Brookes, Fleming, Tyrer, Holroyd; Lyons, Smith; Burgess, Fozard, Doro, Davies, Wilde, Bent. Int: Tilleke, Baker, Farnworth, Hulme.

London 36 (L. Bienek 2, C. Gahan 2, D. Chisholm, S. Moceidreke tries; D. Chisholm 6 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (A. Gabriel, O. Greensmith, P. Lulu-Togaga'e tries) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 1st May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 22-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Jack Smith. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Ferreira, Macani; Leyland, Chisholm; Palumbo, Gahan, Bienek, Lovell, Foster, Parata. Int: Albert, Williams,

Latu, Tuliatu. Dewsbury: Lulu-Togaga'e, Gabriel, Graham, Greensmith, Carr; Sykes, Sweeting; Magrin, Butterworth, Trout, Tomlinson, Ryder, Knowles. Int: Speakman, Stevens, Beckett, Kidd.

Bradford 34 (J. Burton 2, T. Doyle, E. Kear, J. Lilley, E. Scurr tries; D. Patton 5 goals) defeated Whitehaven 22 (D. Aiye 2, L. Cooper, M. Walker tries; N. Williams 3 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 1st May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 28-6. Penalties: Bradford 8-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 1,099. Whitehaven: Collins, Barron, Walker, Martin, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; Graham, Phillips, Walker, King, Cooper, Wilkinson. Int: McAvoy, Dawson, Bradley, Hudson. Bradford: Hall, Kear, Dawson-Jones, Gill, Burton; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Crossley, Walters, Wallace, Hallas. Int: Walker, Evans, Scurr, Kibula.

York City 30 (J. Brown, L. Harris, M. Marsh, W. Oakes, J. Thompson tries; L. Harris 5 goals) defeated Barrow 18 (L. Cresswell, A. Iaria, G. Wheeler tries; J. Sammut 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Mon, 2nd May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: York City 22-12. Penalties: York City 7-6. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,260. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Wheeler, Shaw, Toal; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Brooks, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Emslie, Eseh, Wells. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Ogden, Oakes; O'Hagan, Harris; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Ellis, Teanby, Dixon, Porter.

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Newcastle 52 (I. Nokes 3, J. Eaves 2, C. Bailey, J. Croft, B. Day, U. Ta'ai tries; J. Shorrocks 8 goals) defeated London 22 (L. Bienek, P. Latu, W. Lovell, J. Williams tries; S. Moceidreke 3 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Fri, 13th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-6. Penalties: Newcastle 6-3. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 940. London: Walker, Ulberg, Ferreira, Latu, Macani; Leyland, Moceidreke; Blakemore, Parata, Bienek, Lovell, Foster, Palumbo. Int: Albert, Williams, Thorman, Tuliatu. Newcastle: Sutton, Nokes, Foster, Croft, Boaf; Shorrocks, Woods; Chapelhow, Eaves, Clark, Gallagher, Day, Wilde. Int: Bailey, Adebisi, Peachey, Ta'ai.

York City 20 (C. Clarkson, W. Jubb, D. Kirmond, B. O'Hagan tries; J. Ellis 2 goals) defeated Bradford 6 (E. Hall try; D. Patton goal) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 4-0. Penalties: Bradford 8-7. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 3,081. Bradford: Kear, Burton, Dawson-Jones, Gill, Hall; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Crossley, Butler, Wallace, Hallas. Int: England,

Mustapha, Scurr, Walker. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Ogden, Oakes; O'Hagan, Harris; Matongo, Jubb, Dixon, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Ellis, Teanby, Stock, Porter.

Featherstone 46 (M. Kheirallah 3, M. Smith 2, B. Hellewell, R. Jacks, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Hall 7 goals) defeated Dewsbury 26 (A. McGowan 2, D. Dixon, S. Kibula, J. Schofield tries; P. Sykes 3 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 30-10. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,855. Dewsbury: McGowan, Gabriel, Ryder, Greensmith, Dixon; Sweeting, Sykes; Peltier, Speakman, Kidd, Tomlinson, Kibula, Knowles. Int: Smith, Beckett, Schofield. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hellewell, Hall; Smith, Jacks; Cooper, Jones, Sene-Lefao, Bussey, Davies, Moors. Int: Wildie, Lockwood, Ferres, Hepi.

Halifax 38 (B. Tibbs 3, B. Moore, J. Saltonstall, L. Walmsley, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; J. Keyes 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 14 (R. Johnson, B. Jones-Bishop, K. Welham tries; I. Farrell goal) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 24-0. Penalties: Halifax 8-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,476. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Tibbs, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Barber, Garside, Tangata. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Larroyer, McComb. Sheffield: Lulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Bass, Farrell, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Wood, Oakes, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Guzdek, Holmes, Broadbent, Williams.

Widnes 56 (M. Fozard 3, J. Edge, O. Farnworth, C. Field, J. Lyons, L. Roby, S. Tyrer, S. Wilde tries; S. Tyrer 8 goals) defeated Whitehaven 16 (H. Barron, K. Dixon, J. Martin tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 24-6. Penalties: Widnes 7-5. Referee: James Vella. Widnes: Roby, Edge, Fleming, Tyrer, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Johnson, Fozard, Doro, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Field, Farnworth, Baker, Lawton. Whitehaven: Collins, Martin, Singleton, Holliday, Barron; Dixon, Williams; McAvoy, Robb, Graham, King, Cooper, Aiye. Int: Hudson, Moore, Bradley, Walker.

Barrow 26 (B. Carter, L. Cresswell, C. Forster, R. Johnson, D. Toal tries; J. Carter 3 goals) defeated Workington Town 12 (E. Simons, W. Tate tries; C. Forber 2 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 15th May. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Barrow 22-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,451. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Toal, Carter; Carter, Johnson; Brooks, Wood, Forster, Morrow, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop,

Emslie, Gillam, Eseh. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Tate, Teare; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, O'Brien, Davies, Barnes, O'Donnell. Int: Henson, Clarke, Wilkinson, Weetman.

Leigh 52 (K. Brand 3, E. Ipape 2, K. Inu, J. Mellor, A. Smith, J. Wardle tries; K. Inu 8 goals) defeated Batley 0 at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Mon, 16th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Leigh 28-0. Penalties: Batley 4-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Batley: Hooley, Johnson, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Reilly, Manning, Senior, Blake. Int: Whiteley, Ward, Brown, Meadows. Leigh: Aekins, Brand, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Reynolds, Mellor, Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Nakubuwai, Ioane, O'Donnell, Ipape.

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Featherstone 78 (C. Jones 3, J. Sene-Lefao 3, L. Briscoe, C. Hall, B. Hellewell, R. Jacks, J. Leilua, J. Lockwood, J. Moors, M. Smith tries; C. Hall 11 goals) defeated Whitehaven 0 at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 21st May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 46-0. Penalties: Featherstone 4-2. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,572. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hellewell, Hall; Smith, Jacks; Kopczak, Jones, Lockwood, Bussey, Sene-Lefao, Moors. Int: Ford, Cooper, Hepi, Ferres. Whitehaven: Litten, Barron, Dixon, Holliday, Bulman; Collins, Williams; McAvoy, Robb, Graham, Singleton, Cooper, Bradley. Int: King, Aiye, Dawson, Olstrom.

Bradford 36 (T. Doyle 2, K. Gill 2, D. Patton, A. Wallace tries; D. Patton 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 20 (J. Johnson 3, L. Peachey tries; J. Woods 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sat, 21st May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 24-0. Penalties: Newcastle 8-6. Referee: Nick Bennett. Bradford: Kear, Foggini-Johnston, Dawson-Jones, Gill, Burton; Lilley, Patton; Baldwinson, Doyle, Mustapha, England, Wallace, Hallas. Int: Evans, Scurr, Walker, Holroyd. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Nokes, Croft, Boaf; Shorrocks, Woods; Wilde, Eaves, Clark, Foster, Day, Gallagher. Int: Bailey, Moran, Peachey, Ta'ai.

Batley 28 (J. Brown, T. Gilmore, L. Hooley, M. Reilly, B. White tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) defeated London 12 (L. Bienek, O. Leyland tries; O. Leyland, J. Thomas goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 22nd May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 12-0. Penalties: Batley 8-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Lillycrop, Ward, Blake, Meadows. London: Walker, Ulberg, Ferreira, Grant, Macani;

Leyland, Thomas; Albert, Parata, Bienek, Lovell, Foster, Williams. Int: Thorman, Palumbo, Latu, Tuliatu.

Barrow 20 (J. Stack 2, L. Cresswell, J. Sammut tries; J. Sammut 2 goals) defeated Dewsbury 18 (A. Ryder 2, J. Schofield tries; P. Sykes 3 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 22nd May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 16-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 7-5. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 691. Dewsbury: McGowan, Gabriel, Ryder, Greensmith, Blackmore; Sykes, Smith; Peltier, Speakman, Kidd, Trout, Kibula, Knowles. Int: Dixon, Tomlinson, Schofield, Beckett. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Wheeler, Toal, Carter; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Morrow, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Toal, Brooks, Eseh.

Leigh 58 (B. Ferguson 4, E. Chamberlain 2, K. Inu 2, N. Macdonald 2, K. O'Donnell 2, J. Mellor tries; K. Inu 3 goals) defeated Workington Town 6 (C. Barnes try; O. Thomas goal) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 22nd May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 30-6. Penalties: Leigh 9-7. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,459. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Reynolds, Mellor; Amone, Smith, Ioane, O'Donnell, Stone, Asiata. Int: Jones, Ipape, Brand, Hingano. Workington Town: Broadbent, Clegg, Bickerdike, Tate, Young; Thomas, Walker; Thomson, Davies, Weetman, Wilkinson, Barnes, Davies. Int: Henson, Hutchings, O'Brien, Riley.

Halifax 40 (L. Walmsley 3, D. Murray 2, B. Moore, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; J. Keyes 6 goals) defeated York City 24 (L. Harris 2, M. Marsh, J. Teanby tries; J. Ellis 4 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 22nd May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-18. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Antrobus, Oakes; Harris, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Dixon, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Davis, Stock, Porter. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Tibbs, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Roberts, Garside, Tangata. Int: Wood, Gwaze, Larroyer, Barber.

Sheffield 34 (J. Bass 2, I. Farrell, B. Jones-Bishop, K. Welham, M. Wood tries; I. Farrell 5 goals) defeated Widnes 24 (D. Craven, R. Ince, L. Roby, S. Wilde tries; S. Tyrer 4 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Mon, 23rd May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 14-12. Penalties: Widnes 6-4. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 795. Sheffield: Lailu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Guzdek, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Douglas, Holmes, Wood, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Dickinson, Broadbent, Shaw, Aydin. Widnes: Roby, Edge, Spedding, Tyrer,

Ince; Lyons, Smith; Field, Fozard, Doro, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Craven, Farnworth, Baker, Lawton.

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Halifax 66 (L. Joffret 2, J. Keyes 2, D. Murray 2, B. Tibbs 2, L. Walmsley 2, E. Barber, Z. McComb, G. Worthington tries; L. Walmsley 4, L. Joffret 3 goals) defeated Dewsbury 0 at The Shay Stadium. Date: Tue, 31st May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Halifax 28-0. Penalties: Halifax 10-8. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,554. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Worthington, Tibbs, McComb; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Roberts, Gee, Tangata. Int: Martin, Gwaze, Larroyer, Barber. Dewsbury: Graham, Blackmore, Ryder, Greensmith, Carr; Sweeting, Beharrell; Beckett, Butterworth, Stevens, Tomlinson, Knowles, Trout. Int: Dixon, Kidd, Schofield, Peltier.

Workington Town 32 (E. Simons 2, C. Barnes, M. O'Brien, T. Wilkinson tries; C. Forber 6 goals) defeated London 18 (R. Curran, D. Parata, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) at Derwent Park. Date: Thu, 2nd June. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Workington Town 18-6. Penalties: Workington Town 6-3. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,135. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Tate, Teare; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Thomson, Wilkinson, Barnes, Davies. Int: O'Brien, Clarke, Henson, Riley. London: Walker, Ulberg, Ferreira, Latu, Macani; Leyland, Thomas; Williams, Parata, Bienek, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. Int: Thorman, Foster, Tuliatu, Blakemore.

Leigh 30 (B. Ferguson 2, E. Ipape 2, J. McDonnell tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Barrow 28 (B. Carter, L. Cresswell, T. Ritson, J. Sammut, C. Saunders tries; J. Sammut 4 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Thu, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-4. Penalties: Barrow 7-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,422. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Wheeler, Carter, Toal; Johnson, Sammut; Terrill, Mossop, Brooks, Gillam, Emslie, Crellin. Int: Saunders, Iaria, Toal, Stack. Leigh: Brand, Ferguson, Roberts, Macdonald, Hitchcox; Reynolds, Hingano; Amone, Ipape, Nakubwai, O'Donnell, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Jones, McDonnell, Nisbet.

Featherstone 46 (M. Smith 3, R. Jacks 2, J. Bussey, G. Gale, J. Leilua, M. Wildie tries; J. Bussey 4, C. Hall goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (A. Donaghy, E. Robson tries; R. Dean goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Thu, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 12-10. Penalties: Newcastle 6-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,188. Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Nokes, Croft, Boaf; Coates, Dean;

Wilde, Hepple, Clark, Bailey, Gallagher, Robson. Int: McDermott, Moran, Peachey, Clemmit. Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Gale; Ford, Jacks; Cooper, Wildie, Sene-Lefao, Hellewell, Davies, Moors. Int: Smith, Hepi, Bussey, Eseh.

York City 34 (M. Stock 2, B. Antrobus, R. Dixon, J. Glover, P. Pauli tries; L. Harris 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 14 (B. Jones-Bishop, A. Thackeray, K. Welham tries; I. Farrell goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Thu, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 14-12. Penalties: Sheffield 3-1. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 786. Sheffield: Lailu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Guzdek, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Douglas, Holmes, Dickinson, Bower, Hodgson, Aydin. Int: Oakes, Broadbent, Kirk, Shaw. York City: Harrison, Brown, Glover, Antrobus, Towse; Harris, Marsh; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Dixon, Stock, Porter.

Batley 46 (D. Morton 2, K. Buchanan, L. Hooley, A. Leak, M. Reilly, L. Walshaw, B. White tries; T. Gilmore 6, L. Hooley goals) defeated Whitehaven 6 (A. Bulman try; N. Williams goal) at LEL Arena. Date: Thu, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 14-6. Penalties: Batley 10-7. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,147. Whitehaven: Litten, Eccleston, Evans, Walker, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; McAvoy, Robb, Graham, King, Singleton, Aiye. Int: Walker, Dawson, Hookem, Olstrom. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodgson, Campbell; White, Gilmore, Gledhill, Meadows, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Leak, Ward, Senior, Lillycrop.

Bradford 31 (R. Millar 2, J. Baldwinson, J. Burton, K. Gill tries; D. Patton 5 goals; G. Flanagan field goal) defeated Widnes 6 (S. Tyrer try; S. Tyrer goal) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Thu, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 3,258. Widnes: Lyons, Edge, Spedding, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Baker, Fozard, Doro, Wilde, Davies, Brown. Int: Bent, Field, Farnworth, Lawton. Bradford: Kear, Burton, Dawson-Jones, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Mustapha, England, Wallace, Evans. Int: Flanagan, Kibula, Scurr, Crossley.

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Barrow 44 (T. Ritson 2, J. Sammut 2, M. Costello, E. Gillam, J. Stack, D. Toal tries; J. Sammut 5, J. Carter goals) defeated Widnes 4 (R. Ince try) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 2,451. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Wheeler, Costello,

Toal; Carter, Sammut; Iaria, Wood, Forster, Hopkins, Stack, Crellin. Int: Mossop, Toal, Gillam, Brooks. Widnes: Lyons, Holroyd, Edge, Fleming, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Hulme, Doro, Wilde, Davies, Field. Int: Fozard, Brown, Tilleke, Lawton.

Batley 46 (D. Morton 4, T. Gilmore, J. Hodson, L. Hooley, L. Walshaw tries; T. Gilmore 7 goals) defeated Workington Town 0 at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 20-0. Penalties: Batley 4-1. Referee: Nick Bennett. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodgson, Campbell; Meadows, Gilmore; Gledhill, White, Blagbrough, Manning, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Lillycrop, Ward, Senior, Leak. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Tate, Teare; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Weetman, Wilkinson, Barnes, Davies. Int: Davies, Clarke, O'Brien, Hutchings.

Whitehaven 26 (D. Aiye, A. Bulman, R. King, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 18 (A. Gabriel 2, A. Ryder tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 18-8. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 460. Dewsbury: Dixon, Blackmore, Ryder, Greensmith, Gabriel; Sykes, Beharrell; Beckett, Speakman, Morris, Tomlinson, Knowles, Smith. Int: Butterworth, Kidd, Schofield, Peltier. Whitehaven: Litten, Eccleston, Evans, Walker, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; McAvoy, Hookem, Walker, King, Singleton, Wilkinson. Int: Cooper, Aiye, Bradley, Robb.

Leigh 36 (B. Ferguson 2, N. Macdonald 2, A. Hingano, B. Reynolds tries; K. Inu 5, B. Reynolds goals) defeated Halifax 0 at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-0. Penalties: Halifax 6-2. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 3,132. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Hingano, Reynolds; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: McDonnell, Nakubwai, Ipape, O'Donnell. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Worthington, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Roberts, Tangata. Int: Martin, Gwaze, Larroyer, Gee.

Sheffield 31 (A. Thackeray 2, M. Chrimmes, I. Farrell, J. Guzdek tries; I. Farrell 5 goals; A. Thackeray field goal) defeated Newcastle 18 (R. Dean, S. Halsall, J. Woods tries; J. Woods 3 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-6. Penalties: Sheffield 5-4. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 628. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Croft, Halsall, Boaf; Dean, Woods; Wilde, Eaves, Moran, Foster, Day, Robson. Int:

Ta'ai, Clark, Peachey, Bailey. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Guzdek, Johnson, Chrimes; Farrell, Thackeray; Kirk, Holmes, Dickinson, Bower, Oakes, Hodgson. Int: Bass, Douglas, Broadbent, Aydin.

York City 36 (L. Harris 2, A. Towse 2, M. Marsh, J. Thompson tries; J. Ellis 6 goals) defeated London 34 (L. Bienek, J. Ferreira, B. Foster, D. Hoyes, I. Macani, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 5 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 18-6. Penalties: York City 7-5. Referee: James Vella. York City: Marsh, Ward, Glover, Ogden, Towse; Harris, Ellis; Porter, Davis, Pauli, Warren, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: Clarkson, Stock, Kirmond, Harrison. London: Walker, Ulberg, Ferreira, Hoyes, Macani; Leyland, Pelligra; Williams, Parata, Bienek, Allen, Foster, Palumbo. Int: Tuliatu, Leyland, Vrahnos, Parke.

Featherstone 58 (J. Bussey 2, R. Jacks 2, J. Leilua 2, J. Davies, B. Hellewell, C. Jones, M. Smith tries; M. Kheirallah 9 goals) defeated Bradford 12 (T. Doyle, G. Flanagan tries; D. Patton 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Mon, 6th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 30-6. Penalties: Featherstone 5-4. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,916. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hellewell, Gale; Smith, Jacks; Kopczak, Wildie (C), Cooper, Bussey, Davies, Moors. Int: Jones, Eseh, Hepi, Cuthbertson. Bradford: Hall, Burton, Dawson-Jones, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Mustapha, Kibula, Wallace, Evans. Int: Crossley (C), Flanagan, Scurr, Hoyle.

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Barrow 58 (M. Costello 2, L. Cresswell 2, T. Ritson 2, J. Sammut 2, H. Miloudi, J. Stack tries; J. Sammut 9 goals) defeated Workington Town 0 at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 22-0. Penalties: Barrow 8-6. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,207. Workington Town: Thomas, Teare, Brown, Tate, Young; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Thomson, Davies, Barnes, O'Brien. Int: Davies, Clarke, Weetman, Hutchings. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Costello, Miloudi, Toal; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Hopkins, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Toal, Brooks, Cozza.

Batley 58 (J. Campbell 2, L. Hooley 2, A. Leak 2, D. Morton 2, T. Gilmore, D. Manning tries; T. Gilmore 9 goals) defeated Newcastle 18 (U. Hanley, I. Nokes, U. Ta'ai tries; R. Dean 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Newcastle 7-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill,

Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Lillycrop, Ward, Leak, Meadows. Newcastle: Hanley, Johnson, Croft, Foster, Nokes; Dean, Woods; Wilde, Eaves, Robson, Gallagher, Day, Bailey. Int: Coates, Peachey, Clemmit, Ta'ai.

London 26 (A. Walker 2, B. Foster, S. Hall, I. Macani tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) defeated Dewsbury 18 (D. Dixon 2, O. Greensmith, M. Knowles tries; M. Beharrell goal) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 14-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 6-5. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 579. Dewsbury: Hall, Blackmore, Greensmith, Dixon, Gabriel; Sykes, Beharrell; Beckett, Speakman, Kidd, Ryder, Knowles, Morris. Int: Butterworth, Peltier, Kirby, Stevens. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Ferreira, Macani; Leyland, Pelligra; Williams, Parata, Bienek, Lovell, Foster, Hall. Int: Davis, Palumbo, Vrahnos, Allen.

Bradford 30 (R. Millar 2, D. Foggin-Johnston, C. Johnson, B. Pickersgill tries; D. Patton 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (A. Thackeray, K. Welham tries; I. Farrell goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 16-10. Penalties: Bradford 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 799. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Chrimes; Farrell, Thackeray; Kirk, Holmes, Dickinson, Bower, Oakes, Hodgson. Int: Bass, Douglas, Broadbent, Aston. Bradford: Pickersgill, Foggin-Johnston, Kear, Gill, Millar; Patton, Johnson; Scurr, Doyle, Crossley, Mellor, Butler, Hallas. Int: Walker, Evans, Flanagan, Baldwinson.

Halifax 24 (D. Murray, B. Tibbs, L. Walmsley, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; J. Keyes 4 goals) defeated Whitehaven 12 (A. Dawson, R. King tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 12-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 5-2. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 856. Whitehaven: Litten, Eccleston, Evans, Walker, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; Dawson, Hookem, Walker, King, Singleton, Wilkinson. Int: Cooper, Aiye, Bradley, Robb. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Worthington, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Fairbank, Barber, Martin, Larroyer.

York City 16 (J. Brown 2, M. Marsh tries; J. Ellis 2 goals) defeated Widnes 14 (R. Ince 2, D. Craven tries; J. Owens goal) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 14-4. Penalties: York City 4-2. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,410. Widnes: Owens, Holroyd, Edge, Fleming, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Wilde, Davies, Brown, Lawton, Baker, Doro.

York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Antrobus, Towse; Harris, Ellis; Pauli, Jubb, Teanby, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Matongo, Dixon, Stock, Porter.

Leigh 32 (B. Ferguson 2, J. Asiata, K. Inu, E. Ipape tries; K. Inu 5, B. Reynolds goals) defeated Featherstone 12 (C. Jones, M. Kheirallah tries; M. Kheirallah 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Mon, 13th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-6. Penalties: Leigh 8-6. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 4,226. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Brand, Inu; Reynolds, Hingano; Sidlow, Smith, Amon, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Jones, Ipape, O'Donnell. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Jones, Gale; Smith, Jacks; Kopczak, Wildie, Cooper, Davies, Hellewell, Moors. Int: Ferres, Ford, Hepi, Eseh.

ROUND 16

Leigh 58 (E. Ipape 2, N. Macdonald 2, A. Sidlow 2, J. Wardle 2, J. Mellor, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 9 goals) defeated Sheffield 4 (J. Bass try) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 24th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-4. Penalties: Sheffield 7-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 758. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Chrimes; Farrell, Aston; Douglas, Halafahi, Kirk, Bower, Hodgson, Dickinson. Int: Bass, Broadbent, Williams, Holmes. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Brand, Macdonald, Nisbet; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amon, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Ipape, McDonnell, O'Donnell.

Bradford 48 (C. Butler 2, S. Crossley, K. Gill, E. Kear, S. Kibula, J. Lilley, R. Millar tries; D. Patton 8 goals) defeated Dewsbury 6 (A. Gabriel try; P. Sykes goal) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 18-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 7-5. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Bradford: Kear, Foggin-Johnston, Dawson-Jones, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Scurr, Doyle, Crossley, Butler, Wallace, Hallas. Int: Flanagan, Baldwinson, Kibula, Walker. Dewsbury: Turner, Gabriel, Ryder, Dixon, Blackmore; Sykes, Gill; Beckett, Butterworth, Kidd, Garside, Knowles, Blagbrough. Int: Speakman, Schofield, Kirby, Walker.

Batley 28 (L. Hooley 2, A. Gledhill, D. Manning, J. Meadows tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) defeated Featherstone 20 (L. Briscoe 2, J. Broadbent, J. Lockwood tries; C. Hall 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 18-16. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Robert Hicks. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Broadbent; Smith, Jacks; Ashworth, Jones, Lockwood, Moors, Sene-Lefao, McConnell. Int: Hellewell,

Cooper, Eseh. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Senior, Ward, Lillycrop.

Newcastle 66 (S. Halsall 3, B. Day 2, M. Clark, R. Dean, J. Eaves, A. Foster, U. Hanley, I. Nokes tries; R. Dean 11 goals) defeated Workington Town 22 (A. Clegg 2, J. Brown, G. Riley tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 30-6. Penalties: Workington Town 7-5. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 652. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Nokes, Halsall, Hanley, Dean, Woods; Roberts, Eaves, Wilde, Foster, Day, Robson. Int: Clark, Peachey, Bailey, Ta'ai. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Teare, Young; Doran, Forber; Fitzsimmons, Simons, Thomson, Steele, Barnes, Davies. Int: Henson, Clarke, O'Brien, Riley.

York City 40 (A. Towse 2, B. Antrobus, J. Brown, J. Ellis, B. O'Hagan, J. Thompson tries; J. Ellis 5, L. Harris goals) defeated Whitehaven 16 (R. King 2, D. Eccleston tries; C. Rougé 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 30-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: James Vella. Whitehaven: Broadbent, Eccleston, Singleton, Evans, Bulman; Rougé, Williams; McAvoy, Robb, Graham, King, Le Cam, Wilkinson. Int: Walker, Cooper, Aiye, Bradley. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Towse; Harris, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: O'Hagan, Dixon, Teanby, Stock.

Widnes 26 (D. Craven, K. Dixon, J. Edge, R. Ince, S. Wilde tries; J. Owens 3 goals) defeated London 22 (D. Parata 2, I. Macani, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 22-10. Penalties: Widnes 5-2. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,926. Widnes: Owens, Dixon, Fleming, Edge, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Davies, Wilde, Brown. Int: Doro, Lyons, Grady, Baker. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Ferreira, Macani; Pelligra, Leyland; Williams, Davis, Hall, Lovell, Curran, Parata. Int: Bienek, Foster, Albert.

Halifax 43 (M. Gee, L. Jouffret, B. Kavanagh, B. Moore, B. Tibbs, L. Walmsley, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; J. Keyes 7 goals; J. Keyes field goal) defeated Barrow 18 (J. Sammut, J. Stack, J. Wood tries; J. Sammut 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Mon, 27th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Halifax 18-12. Penalties: Halifax 7-2. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 2,205. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Costello, Miloudi, Toal; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Hopkins, Stack, Iaria.

Int: Mossop, Toal, Brooks, Cozza. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Worthington, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Wood, Fairbank, Gwaze, Larroyer.

ROUND 17

Featherstone 58 (J. Broadbent 4, J. Bussey 2, C. Jones, M. Kheirallah, J. Leilua, J. Moors, M. Smith tries; C. Hall 5, M. Kheirallah 2 goals) defeated Newcastle 22 (G. Boafo, J. Eaves, J. Johnson, C. Mullen tries; J. Woods 3 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 2nd July. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 36-12. Penalties: Featherstone 5-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,427. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Broadbent; Smith, Jacks; Sene-Lefao, Jones, Lockwood, Bussey, Ferres, Moors. Int: Ashworth, Davies, Springer. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Nokes, Halsall, Boafo; Bailey, Woods; Roberts, Eaves, Wilde, Foster, Day, Robson. Int: Clark, Peachey, Forber, Ta'ai.

Widnes 38 (M. Fozard 2, S. Wilde 2, K. Baker, K. Dixon tries; J. Owens 7 goals) defeated Workington Town 0 at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 26-0. Penalties: Widnes 8-7. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 953. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Teare, Young; Doran, Forber; Bibby, Simons, Thomson, Fitzsimmons, O'Brien, Davies. Int: Henson, Clarke, Brannan, Riley. Widnes: Owens, Dixon, Fleming, Roberts, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Grady, Wilde, Bent. Int: Lyons, Davies, Field, Baker.

Batley 26 (D. Morton 3, J. Campbell, L. Hooley, J. Meadows tries; T. Gilmore goal) drew with Whitehaven 26 (R. King 2, A. Bulman, K. Hudson, C. Le Cam tries; N. Williams 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 22-12. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 873. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; Meadows, Gilmore; Flynn, White, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Lillycrop, Ward, Senior, Leak. Whitehaven: Broadbent, Eccleston, Doyle, Evans, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; McAvoy, Robb, Dawson, King, Le Cam, Aiye. Int: Cooper, Hudson, Singleton, Rougé.

Leigh 56 (K. Inu 3, J. Asiata 2, K. O'Donnell 2, T. Amone, E. Ipape, A. Smith tries; K. Inu 8 goals) defeated Bradford 6 (K. Gill try; D. Patton goal) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 22-0. Penalties: Bradford 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Bradford: Kear, Foggin-Johnston, Murphy, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Scurr, Doyle, Crossley, Kibula, Wallace, Hallas. Int: Flanagan, Baldwinson, Walker, Burton. Leigh:

Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: McDonnell, O'Donnell, Nakubuwai, Ipape.

Halifax 38 (J. Arundel, M. Gee, L. Jouffret, B. Kavanagh, J. Martin, B. Tibbs, L. Walmsley tries; J. Keyes 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (O. Greensmith, C. Turner tries; P. Sykes 2 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 16-6. Penalties: Halifax 9-7. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,106. Dewsbury: Turner, Gabriel, Greensmith, Dixon, Blackmore; Sykes, Gill; Beckett, Butterworth, Kirby, Graham, Knowles, Mathiou. Int: Speakman, Kidd, Stevens, Walker. Halifax: Martin, Walmsley, Tibbs, Arundel, McComb; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Wood, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Moore, Larroyer, Barber, Tangata.

London 36 (W. Albert, D. Grant, S. Hall, I. Macani, S. Moceidreke, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 28 (B. Jones-Bishop 3, K. Welham 2, Q. Lulu-Togaga'e tries; T. Holmes 2 goals) at Kuffink Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 28-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 750. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Ferreira, Macani; Pelligra, Leyland; Williams, Davis, Bieneke, Lovell, Curran, Parata. Int: Albert, Foster, Grant, Hall. Sheffield: Lulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Bass; Farrell, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Holmes, Wood, Broadbent, Kirk.

Barrow 24 (J. Sammut 2, R. Shaw 2 tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) defeated York City 16 (J. Brown, J. Glover, P. Pauli tries; J. Ellis, L. Harris goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd July. Kickoff: 3:20 PM. Halftime: Barrow 12-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Michael Smail. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Oakes; Harris, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: O'Hagan, Dixon, Teanby, Michael. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Wheeler, Miloudi, Shaw; Johnson, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Brooks, Hopkins, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Emslie, Toal, Cozza.

ROUND 18

Newcastle 53 (J. Johnson 2, G. Boafo, B. Day, J. Eaves, T. Forber, A. Foster, S. Halsall, J. Shorrocks tries; J. Shorrocks 8 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Bradford 10 (D. Foggin-Johnston, R. Millar tries; D. Patton goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Fri, 8th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 24-10. Penalties: Bradford 10-6. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 3,034. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Hanley, Halsall, Boafo; Shorrocks, Woods;

Roberts, Eaves, Chapelhow, Foster, Day, Peachey. Int: Clark, Ta'ai, Gallagher, Forber. Bradford: Kear, Foggin-Johnston, Murphy, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Doyle, Crossley, Kibula, Wallace, Hallas. Int: Walker, Evans, Flanagan, Fleming.

Batley 20 (D. Morton 2, J. Campbell, B. White tries; L. Hooley 2 goals) defeated Sheffield 18 (B. Broadbent, V. Halafih tries; J. Guzdek 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 8th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Batley 18-12. Penalties: Batley 6-5. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 678. Sheffield: Guzdek, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Chrimes, Holmes, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Wood, Broadbent, Aydin, Aston. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Leak, Meadows, Blake, Lillycrop.

Leigh 66 (N. Macdonald 3, A. Hingano 2, J. Wardle 2, C. Aekins, T. Amone, J. Charnley, E. Ipape tries; K. Inu 11 goals) defeated Workington Town 0 at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 36-0. Penalties: Leigh 9-4. Referee: Michael Mannfield. Crowd: 759. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Teare, Bickerdike, Young; Doran, Walker, Bibby, Henson, Thomson, Fitzsimmons, Steele, Davies. Int: Simons, Brannan, Riley, Scholey. Leigh: Aekins, Charnley, Ferguson, Macdonald, Inu; Hingano, Mellor; Nakubuwai, Ipape, Amone, Wardle, McDonnell, Asiata. Int: Smith, Ioane, Jones, Brand.

Barrow 40 (T. Ritson 2, J. Sammut 2, G. Burke, M. Costello, A. Iaria tries; R. Shaw 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 6 (C. Holliday try; N. Williams goal) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 10-6. Penalties: Barrow 9-8. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 2,556. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Costello, Shaw, Carter; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Morrow, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Toal, Emslie, Burke. Whitehaven: Broadbent, Eccleston, Dixon, Evans, Bulman; Coates, Williams; Dawson, Olstrom, Walker, King, Holliday, McAvoy. Int: Bradley, Cooper, Hudson, Singleton.

Featherstone 42 (G. Gale 2, J. Leilua 2, L. Briscoe, S. Eseh, R. Jacks, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Hall 5 goals) defeated London 22 (D. Grant 2, D. Parata, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) at Kuffink Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 14-6. Penalties: Featherstone 8-4. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 850. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani;

Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Hall, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. Int: Latu, Oakley, Allen, Leyland. Featherstone: Broadbent, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Gale; Smith, Jacks; Sene-Lefao, Jones, Springer, Bussey, Ferres, Moors. Int: Lockwood, Wildie, Davies, Eseh.

Widnes 20 (J. Owens 2, K. Dixon, R. Ince tries; J. Owens 2 goals) defeated Dewsbury 16 (B. Blackmore, B. Gill, B. Graham tries; P. Sykes 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 12-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 9-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,381. Widnes: Owens, Dixon, Fleming, Roberts, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Grady, Wilde, Bent, Davies, Field, Baker. Dewsbury: Turner, Gabriel, Graham, Dixon, Blackmore; Sykes, Gill; Morris, Butterworth, Kirby, Garside, Knowles, Mathiou. Int: Sweeting, Blagbrough, Walker, Beckett.

Halifax 36 (L. Walmsley 2, L. Jouffret, J. Keyes, D. Murray, B. Tibbs tries; J. Keyes 6 goals) defeated York City 10 (C. Clarkson, W. Jubb tries; L. Harris goal) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Mon, 11th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Halifax 18-4. Penalties: York City 9-7. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,621. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Tibbs, Arundel, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Fairbank, Wood, Barber, Larroyer. York City: Harris, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Towse; O'Hagan, Ellis; Matongo, Jubb, Pauli, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Harrison, Michael, Antrobus.

ROUND 19

London 30 (S. Hall, I. Macani, S. Moceidreke, P. Ulberg, J. Williams tries; O. Leyland 5 goals) defeated Bradford 12 (G. Flanagan Jr, E. Kear tries; D. Patton 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sat, 16th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: London 12-6. Penalties: Bradford 8-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,762. Bradford: Flanagan Jr, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Kear; Patton, Lilley; Evans, Doyle, Crossley, Murphy, Butler, Hallas. Int: Walker, Flanagan, Baldwinson, England. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Hall, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. Int: Foster, Williams, Oakley, Tuliatu.

Leigh 60 (B. Reynolds 2, C. Aekins, J. Charnley, K. Inu, E. Ipape, J. McDonnell, N. Macdonald, J. Mellor, K. O'Donnell, S. Stone tries; K. Inu 5, B. Reynolds 3 goals) defeated Dewsbury 6 (R. Butterworth try; P. Sykes goal) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 34-6. Penalties: Leigh 10-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 1,149. Dewsbury: Sweeting, Blackmore, Graham,

Greensmith, Carr; Sykes, Gill; Blagbrough, Butterworth, Kirby, Tomlinson, Knowles, Mathiou. Int: Kidd, Morris, Walker, Beckett. Leigh: Aekins, Charnley, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Reynolds, Mellor; Nakubuwai, Ipape, Amone, Wardle, Stone, O'Donnell. Int: Smith, Bell, McDonnell, Ioane.

Halifax 58 (J. Keyes 4, J. Arundel 2, E. Barber, J. Fairbank, M. Garside, J. Saltonstall tries; J. Keyes 9 goals) defeated Workington Town 10 (A. Clegg, C. Fitzsimmons tries; O. Thomas goal) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-6. Penalties: Halifax 10-7. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,469. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Mason, Barber, Garside, Gee. Int: Fairbank, Wood, Rogers, Larroyer. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Teare, Young; Henson, Walker; Bibby, Simons, Thomson, Fitzsimmons, Barnes, Doran. Int: Davies, O'Brien, Scholey, Hutchings.

Barrow 36 (T. Ritson 2, E. Gillam, R. Johnson, J. Stack, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 32 (B. Jones-Bishop 2, C. Aston, M. Chrimes, J. Farrell, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; J. Guzdek 4 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-12. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 621. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Guzdek, Chrimes; Holmes, Aston; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Wood, Broadbent, Williams. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Hopkins, Emslie, Brooks.

Featherstone 46 (M. Smith 2, L. Briscoe, J. Broadbent, B. Ferres, J. Hardcastle, J. Leilua, M. Wildie tries; C. Hall 7 goals) defeated Whitehaven 24 (D. Aiye 2, W. Evans, P. Singleton tries; N. Williams 4 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 17th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 12-10. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-7. Referee: Liam Rush. Whitehaven: Broadbent, Eccleston, Walker, Evans, Martin; Aiye, Williams; Graham, Olstrom, Walker, King, Holliday, Singleton. Int: Cooper, Dawson, Bradley, Davies. Featherstone: Broadbent, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Lineham; Smith, Jacks; Sene-Lefao, Wildie, Lockwood, Bussey, Ferres, Cooper. Int: Jones, Hardcastle, Springer, Eseh.

Widnes 33 (M. Fleming 2, O. Davies, R. Ince, A. Lawton tries; S. Tyrer 6 goals; M. Fleming field goal) defeated Newcastle 26 (S. Halsall 2, G. Boaf, B. Day, J. Johnson tries; C. Mullen 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th

July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 20-12. Penalties: Newcastle 8-7. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 2,382. Widnes: Fleming, Dixon, Roberts, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Hulme, Lawton, Wilde, Davies, Bent. Int: Lyons, Edge, Tilleke, Baker. Newcastle: Hanley, Johnson, Nokes, Halsall, Boaf; Mullen, Woods; Chapelhow, Eaves, Chapelhow, Foster, Day, Roberts. Int: Forber, Gallagher, Clark, Ta'ai.

Batley 32 (L. Hooley 2, J. Campbell, D. Manning, L. Walshaw tries; T. Gilmore 6 goals) defeated York City 16 (L. Harris, D. Kirmond, A. Towse tries; L. Harris 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Mon, 18th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Batley 20-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: James Child. York City: Harrison, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Towse; O'Hagan, Harris; Matongo, Jubb, Teanby, Clarkson, Kirmond, Pauli. Int: Thompson, Stock, Antrobus, Inman. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Reilly, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int: Leak, Meadows, Ward, Blake.

ROUND 20

Newcastle 24 (G. Boaf 2, S. Halsall, J. Johnson, O. Roberts tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) drew with Dewsbury 24 (L. Carr 2, R. Butterworth, P. Sykes tries; P. Sykes 4 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 23rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 18-10. Penalties: Dewsbury 5-2. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 593. Newcastle: Mullen, Johnson, Nokes, Halsall, Boaf; Shorrocks, Bailey; Peachey, Eaves, Chapelhow, Robson, Day, Roberts. Int: Ta'ai, Clark, Gallagher, Forber. Dewsbury: Turner, Blackmore, Graham, Tomlinson, Carr; Sykes, Gill; Morris, Butterworth, Kirby, Davies, Knowles, Mathiou. Int: Sweeting, Blagbrough, Beckett, Magrin.

Barrow 30 (T. Ritson 2, L. Cresswell, E. Gillam, J. Sammut tries; R. Shaw 5 goals) defeated Bradford 4 (K. Gill try) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-0. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 2,559. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Brooks, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Forster, Emslie, Crellin. Bradford: Flanagan Jr, Kear, Evans, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lilley; Evans, Doyle, Crossley, England, Butler, Hallas. Int: Walker, Flanagan, Murphy, Gannon.

Widnes 24 (K. Baker, D. Craven, J. Edge, R. Ince, S. Tyrer tries; S. Tyrer 2 goals) defeated Batley 18 (K. Buchanan, A. Leak, M. Ward tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 3:00

PM. Halftime: Batley 18-6. Penalties: Widnes 7-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Reilly, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int: Meadows, Ward, Leak, Blake. Widnes: Fleming, Dixon, Roberts, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Davies, Bent. Int: Lyons, Edge, Baker, Johnson.

Featherstone 30 (J. Bussey, C. Jones, T. Lineham, G. Springer, M. Wildie tries; C. Hall 5 goals) defeated York City 22 (J. Brown, B. O'Hagan, A. Towse, B. Ward tries; L. Harris 2, J. Glover goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 18-10. Penalties: 9-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 2,248. Featherstone: Broadbent, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Lineham; Smith, Jacks; Moors, Wildie, Springer, Ferres, Hardcastle, Bussey. Int: Jones, Eseh, Davies, Cooper. York City: Brown, Ward, Glover, Edwards, Towse; O'Hagan, Harris; Pauli, Jubb, Michael, Kirmond, Ogden, Thompson. Int: Inman, Teanby, Dixon, Porter.

London 38 (I. Macani 2, D. Grant, W. Lovell, D. Parata, P. Ulberg, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 5 goals) defeated Halifax 10 (J. Saltonstall, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; J. Keyes goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 20-0. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 950. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. Int: Oakley, Bienek, Pelligra, Foster. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, McComb, Tibbs, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Oakley, Garside, Tangata. Int: Wood, Mason, Fairbank, Martin.

Sheffield 64 (A. Thackeray 4, B. Jones-Bishop 2, M. Chrimes, B. Douglas, T. Holmes, L. Kirk, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e, K. Welham tries; J. Guzdek 8 goals) defeated Workington Town 6 (J. Thomson try; C. Forber goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-6. Penalties: Sheffield 7-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 644. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Guzdek, Chrimes; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Liu, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Wood, Broadbent, Holmes. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young; Henson, Forber; Thomson, Simons, Weetman, Steele, Fitzsimmons, Doran. Int: Scholey, Clarke, Hutchings.

Leigh 64 (K. Inu 3, C. Aekins 2, E. Ipape 2, J. McDonnell, J. Mellor, K. O'Donnell, S. Stone tries; K. Inu 10 goals) defeated Whitehaven 4 (P. Singleton try) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun,

24th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 46-0. Penalties: Leigh 10-3. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,010. Whitehaven: Martin, Eccleston, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; McAvo, Davies, Graham, King, Singleton, Wilkinson. Int: Walker, Bradley, Hudson, Olstrom. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Inu, Charnley; Reynolds, Mellor; Sidlow, Ipape, Nakubuwai, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: O'Donnell, McDonnell, Smith, Ioane.

ROUND 21

Sheffield 38 (J. Guzdek 2, K. Welham 2, J. Bass, B. Broadbent, B. Jones-Bishop tries; J. Guzdek 5 goals) defeated London 12 (D. Grant, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Emerald Headingley Stadium. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 10-6. Penalties: London 5-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 6,752. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Hall, Davis, Bienek, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. Int: Albert, Foster, Oakley, Pelligra. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Guzdek, Bass; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Wood, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Broadbent, Liu, Holmes.

Batley 60 (J. Campbell 4, D. Morton 2, L. Blake, K. Buchanan, L. Hooley, A. Leak, D. Manning tries; T. Gilmore 8 goals) defeated Dewsbury 6 (B. Mathiou try; P. Sykes goal) at Emerald Headingley Stadium. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 28-6. Penalties: Batley 7-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 6,752. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Reilly, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int: Leak, Meadows, Ward, Blake. Dewsbury: Turner, Blackmore, Graham, Tomlinson, Carr; Sykes, Gill; Walker, Butterworth, Kirby, Davies, Knowles, Mathiou. Int: Beckett, Speakman, Schofield, Stevens.

Halifax 22 (Z. McComb 2, J. Fairbank, B. Tibbs tries; J. Keyes 3 goals) defeated Bradford 6 (K. Gill try; D. Patton goal) at Emerald Headingley Stadium. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Halifax 16-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 6,752. Bradford: Burton, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Millar; Kear, Patton; Evans, Doyle, Crossley, England, Butler, Hallas. Int: Walker, Murphy, Flanagan, Gannon. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, McComb, Worthington, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Garside, Fairbank. Int: Wood, Morris, Barber, Martin.

Leigh 46 (C. Aekins 2, J. Asiata, E. Chamberlain, B. Ferguson, E. Ipape, L. Lam, S. Stone, J. Wardle tries; B. Reynolds 4, B.

Ferguson goals) defeated Featherstone 16 (S. Eseh, C. Jones, J. Leilua tries; C. Hall 2 goals) at Emerald Headingley Stadium. Date: Sat, 30th July. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Leigh 24-10. Penalties: Leigh 6-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,752. Featherstone: Broadbent, Lineham, Leilua, Hall, Gale; Smith, Ford; Springer, Jones, Moors, Hellewell, Hardcastle, Wildie. Int: Ferres, Hepi, Eseh, Fleming. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Charnley; Reynolds, Mellor, Sidlow, Smith, Nakubuwai, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ipape, McDonnell, O'Donnell, Lam.

Barrow 36 (T. Ritson 2, A. Iaria, H. Miloudi, J. Sammut, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 6 goals) defeated Widnes 24 (D. Craven, O. Davies, M. Fozard, L. Roberts tries; S. Tyrer 4 goals) at Emerald Headingley Stadium. Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Widnes 16-12. Penalties: Widnes 9-7. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 4,011. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Carter; Gillam, Wood, Forster, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Emslie, Crellin, Brooks. Widnes: Fleming, Edge, Roberts, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Johnson, Wilde, Davies, Bent. Int: Lyons, Brown, Tilleke, Doro.

Whitehaven 28 (A. Bulman 2, L. Broadbent, W. Evans, T. Walker tries; N. Williams 4 goals) defeated Workington Town 10 (C. Forber try; C. Forber 3 goals) at Emerald Headingley Stadium. Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 12-4. Penalties: Workington Town 8-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 4,011. Whitehaven: Broadbent, Martin, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Dixon, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, King, Cooper, McAvoy. Int: Wilkinson, Singleton, Olstrom, Hookem. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young; Henson, Forber; Thomson, Simons, Clarke, Fitzsimmons, Steele, Doran. Int: Scholey, Weetman, Hutchings, Terrill.

York City 27 (J. Brown 2, J. Glover, D. Kirmond, M. Marsh tries; L. Harris 3 goals; B. O'Hagan field goal) defeated Newcastle 18 (C. Bailey, I. Nokes, U. Ta'ai tries; J. Shorrocks 2, C. Mullen goals) at Emerald Headingley Stadium. Date: Sun, 31st July. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: York City 10-8. Penalties: York City 6-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 4,011. Newcastle: Mullen, Donaghy, Gallagher, Nokes, Boafo; Shorrocks, Bailey; Chapelhow, Eaves, Chapelhow, Roberts, Day, Wilde. Int: Forber, Robson, Clark, Ta'ai. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Towse; O'Hagan, Harris; Thompson, Jubb, Teanby, Kirmond, Ogden, Clarkson. Int: Inman, Stock, Michael, Porter.

ROUND 22

Bradford 48 (G. Flanagan 2, J. Burton, C.

Butler, K. Gill, S. Hallas, R. Millar, A. Wallace tries; D. Patton 8 goals) defeated Workington Town 18 (A. Clegg, C. Forber, C. Terrill tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Workington Town 8-6. Penalties: Bradford 5-3. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,691. Bradford: Burton, Dawson-Jones, Butler, Gill, Millar; Patton, Lawford; Mustapha, Doyle, Crossley, Murphy, Wallace, Hallas. Int: Walker, Flanagan, Kibula, Gannon. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young; Henson, Forber; Clarke, Simons, Scholey, Steele, Fitzsimmons, Doran. Int: Weetman, Hutchings, Scott, Terrill.

York City 22 (M. Marsh 2, L. Harris, A. Hingano tries; J. Glover 2, L. Harris goals) defeated Dewsbury 10 (L. Carr, C. Davies tries; P. Sykes goal) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: York City 6-4. Referee: James Vella. Dewsbury: Sweeting, Graham, Greensmith, Tomlinson, Carr; Sykes, Speakman; Walker, Butterworth, Kirby, Davies, Knowles, Mathiou. Int: Blagbrough, Beckett, Schofield. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Ogden, Towse; Harris, O'Hagan; Pauli, Jubb, Michael, Clarkson, Stock, Thompson. Int: Hingano, Dixon, Porter.

Halifax 34 (J. Saltonstall 4, J. Arundel, W. Calcott tries; J. Keyes 5 goals) defeated Batley 18 (J. Campbell 2, L. Hooley tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Worthington, Arundel, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Tangata. Int: Wood, Morris, Fairbank, Larroyer. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Kaye, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int: Meadows, Leak, Ward, Brown.

London 44 (P. Ulberg 3, W. Lovell 2, I. Macani, S. Moceidreke, A. Walker, J. Williams tries; S. Moceidreke 3, O. Leyland goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 12-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 395. Newcastle: Mullen, Hanley, Bailey, Gallagher, Boafo; Coates, Woods; Chapelhow, Eaves, Chapelhow, Roberts, Day, Wilde. Int: Lacans, Robson, Clark, Ta'ai. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. Int: Oakley, Pelligra, Foster, Tuliatu.

Sheffield 38 (A. Thackeray 2, C. Aston, M. Chrimes, T. Holmes, R. Johnson, K. Welham, M. Wood tries; J. Guzdek 3 goals) defeated

Whitehaven 26 (A. Bulman 2, K. Dixon 2, L. McAvoy tries; N. Williams 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 14-12. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 727. Sheffield: Guzdek, Chrimes, Welham, Johnson, Bass; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Holmes, Dickinson, Liu, Farrell, Wood. Int: Bower, Halafih, Broadbent, Kirk. Whitehaven: Martin, Bulman, Walker, Evans, Teare; Dixon, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, Holliday, Cooper, McAvoy. Int: Bradley, Olstrom, Singleton, Wilkinson.

Featherstone 20 (J. Ford, J. Hardcastle, C. Jones, J. Moors tries; C. Hall 2 goals) defeated Widnes 16 (J. Spedding 2, R. Ince tries; J. Edge 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-6. Penalties: Featherstone 7-5. Referee: Michael Smaill. Widnes: Fleming, Edge, Spedding, Roberts, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Johnson, Wilde, Davies, Bent. Int: Hulme, Doro, Tilleke. Featherstone: Hall, Lineham, Hardcastle, Broadbent, Gale; Smith, Ford; Springer, Jones, Moors, Ferres, Hellewell, Hepi. Int: Wildie, Eseh, Fleming, Davies.

Leigh 52 (E. Ipape 2, E. Chamberlain, K. Inu, M. Ioane, J. McDonnell, J. Mellor, K. O'Donnell, A. Smith tries; K. Inu 8 goals) defeated Barrow 20 (H. Miloudi, T. Ritson, J. Sammut tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th August. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-8. Penalties: Leigh 9-5. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 3,170. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, O'Donnell, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ioane, Ipape, McDonnell, Charnley. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Carter; Carter, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Brooks, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Emslie, Morrow, Duerden, Saunders.

ROUND 23

Halifax 32 (J. Arundel 3, J. Keyes, Z. McComb, L. Walmsley tries; J. Keyes 4 goals) defeated Sheffield 26 (T. Holmes 2, B. Douglas, A. Thackeray, K. Welham tries; J. Guzdek 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 12th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 20-10. Penalties: Halifax 9-3. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 569. Sheffield: Guzdek, Jones-Bishop, Bower, Welham, Chrimes; Holmes, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Wood, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Broadbent, Kirk, Johnson, Williams. Halifax: Saltonstall, Walmsley, Worthington, Arundel, McComb; Aston, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Tangata. Int: Wood, Morris, Fairbank, Larroyer.

Barrow 30 (L. Cresswell 2, H. Miloudi, R.

Shaw, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 5 goals) defeated Batley 12 (K. Buchanan, J. Meadows tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-6. Penalties: Barrow 6-5. Referee: Robert Hicks. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; Meadows, Gilmore; Gledhill, White, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int: Senior, Lillycrop, Ward, Brown. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Carter, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Brooks, Langtree, Hopkins, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Carter, Duerden, Morrow.

Featherstone 72 (C. Hall 3, L. Briscoe 2, S. Eseh, J. Ford, C. Jones, C. Kopczak, J. Leilua, T. Lineham, J. Moors, G. Springer tries; C. Hall 9, L. Cooper goals) defeated Dewsbury 6 (K. Tomlinson try; P. Sykes goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 30-6. Penalties: Featherstone 6-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 3,017. Featherstone: Hall, Briscoe, Leilua, Broadbent, Lineham; Smith, Ford; Springer, Wildie, Moors, Hardcastle, Hellewell, Davies. Int: Jones, Eseh, Kopczak, Cooper. Dewsbury: McGowan, Blackmore, Greensmith, Tomlinson, Carr; Sykes, Sweeting; Blagbrough, Butterworth, Kirby, Graham, Beckett, Mathiou. Int: Speakman, Walker, Schofield, Ryder.

London 38 (A. Walker 2, R. Curran, W. Lovell, I. Macani, D. Parata, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 5 goals) defeated Workington Town 12 (E. Bickerdike, M. Henson tries; C. Forber 2 goals) at New River Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 16-0. Penalties: London 8-5. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Curran, Palumbo. Int: Oakley, Bienek, Foster, Tuliatu. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young; Henson, Forber; Clarke, Simons, Terrill, Steele, Fitzsimmons, Doran. Int: Hutchings, Weetman, Scott, Kirkup.

Leigh 60 (E. Ipape 2, T. Nisbet 2, T. Amone, J. Asiata, J. Charnley, L. Lam, S. Stone, J. Wardle tries; K. Inu 10 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 26-0. Penalties: Leigh 8-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,127. Newcastle: Mullen, Donaghy, Nokes, Hanley, Boafo; Bailey, Woods; Chapelhow, Eaves, Chapelhow, Gallagher, Robson, Wilde. Int: Clark, Forber, Ta'ai, Peachey. Leigh: Brand, Charnley, Chamberlain, Inu, Nisbet; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Ipape, McDonnell, O'Donnell, Ioane.

Widnes 26 (L. Bent, M. Fleming, M. Fozard,

S. Wilde tries; S. Tyrer 5 goals) defeated Whitehaven 12 (W. Evans, R. King tries; J. Martin, N. Williams goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 14th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-6. Penalties: Widnes 8-7. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,088. Whitehaven: Martin, Bulman, Walker, Evans, Teare; Dixon, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, Holliday, King, Aiye. Int: McAvoy, Bradley, Wilkinson, Singleton. Widnes: Fleming, Edge, Spedding, Tyrer, Ince; Lyons, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Davies, Bent. Int: Craven, Johnson, Doro, Field.

Bradford 20 (G. Flanagan Jr, M. Lawford, A. Wallace tries; E. Kear 4 goals) defeated York City 16 (J. Brown, W. Jubb, M. Marsh tries; J. Glover 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Mon, 15th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Bradford 20-16. Penalties: Bradford 10-8. Referee: Liam Rush. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Ogden, Towse; O'Hagan, Hingano; Pauli, Jubb, Michael, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Dixon, Harris, Antrobus. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Millar; Hallas, Lawford; Scurr, Flanagan Jr, Crossley, Wallace, Butler, Murphy. Int: Walker, Doyle, England, Gannon.

ROUND 24

Dewsbury 22 (L. Carr, D. Ferguson, J. Kirby, A. McGowan tries; P. Sykes 3 goals) defeated Workington Town 16 (E. Bickerdike, C. Fitzsimmons, M. Henson tries; C. Forber 2 goals) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 12-0. Penalties: Workington Town 7-6. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 650. Workington Town: Thomas, Clegg, Brown, Bickerdike, Young; Henson, Forber; Terrill, Simons, Clarke, Steele, Fitzsimmons, Doran. Int: Scholey, O'Brien, Weetman, Kirkup. Dewsbury: McGowan, Dixon, Ryder, Greensmith, Carr; Sykes, Sweeting; Beckett, Butterworth, Ferguson, Davies, Graham, Mathiou. Int: Knowles, Kirby, Walker, Stevens.

Featherstone 34 (J. Leilua 2, J. Broadbent, J. Hardcastle, B. Hellewell, C. Kopczak, M. Smith tries; C. Hall 3 goals) defeated Barrow 24 (T. Ritson 2, L. Cresswell, J. Sammut tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 22-12. Penalties: Barrow 6-4. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 2,570. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Costello, Shaw, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Morrow. Int: Mossop, Crellin, Carter, Hopkins. Featherstone: Hall, Briscoe, Leilua, Broadbent, Lineham; Smith, Ford; Springer, Wildie, Moors, Hardcastle,

Hellewell, Davies. Int: Jones, Lockwood, Kopczak, Sene-Lefao. Whitehaven 12 (W. Evans, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 2 goals) defeated Bradford 4 (K. Gill try) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 10-0. Penalties: Bradford 9-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,670. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Millar; Hallas, Lawford; Scurr, Flanagan, Crossley, Wallace, Butler, Murphy. Int: Walker, England, Gannon, Hookem. Whitehaven: Martin, Eccleston, Teare, Evans, Bulman; Doyle, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, King, Cooper, Aiye. Int: Wilkinson, Bradley, Hudson, Singleton.

Halifax 42 (L. Walmsley 4, J. Arundel, C. Aston, L. Jouffret, Z. McComb tries; J. Keyes 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (A. Donaghy, T. Lacans tries; J. Woods goal) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-6. Penalties: Halifax 4-2. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 1,492. Halifax: Jouffret, Walmsley, McComb, Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Fairbank, Barber, Garside, Tangata. Int: Martin, Morris, Larroyer, Knowles-Tagg. Newcastle: Hanley, Donaghy, Bailey, Nokes, Boafu; Eaves, Woods; Chapelhow, Lacans, Chapelhow, Gallagher, Clemmit, Wilde. Int: McDermott, Peachey, Clark, Ta'ai.

Leigh 100 (J. Mellor 3, E. Chamberlain 2, M. Ioane 2, S. Stone 2, C. Aekins, K. Brand, B. Ferguson, K. Inu, L. Lam, K. O'Donnell, A. Sidlow, A. Smith tries; K. Inu 16 goals) defeated York City 4 (J. Brown try) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 36-4. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 2,744. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Inu, Charnley; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Brand, Ioane, Ipape, O'Donnell. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Ogden, Towse; Harris, Ellis; Michael, Jubb, Teanby, Stock, Antrobus, Clarkson. Int: Dixon, Harrison, Porter, Inman.

London 30 (A. Walker 2, I. Macani, S. Moceidreke, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 5 goals) defeated Batley 20 (K. Buchanan 2, N. Flynn, D. Manning tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 18-4. Penalties: London 7-6. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 750. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Curran, Oakley. Int: Gahan, Bienek, Tuliatiu, Foster. Batley: Hooley, Whiteley, Buchanan, Hodson, Johnson; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Burton, Reilly, Manning, Senior, Flynn. Int: Meadows,

Lillicrop, Ward, Collinson.

Sheffield 30 (B. Douglas, T. Holmes, R. Johnson, B. Jones-Bishop, L. Kirk tries; J. Guzdek 5 goals) defeated Widnes 18 (D. Craven, O. Davies, J. Spedding tries; S. Tyrer 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 21st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-10. Penalties: Sheffield 10-7. Referee: Liam Rush. Widnes: Fleming, Edge, Spedding, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Wilde, Davies, Bent. Int: Lyons, Tilleke, Baker, Doro. Sheffield: Guzdek, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Chrimes, Holmes, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafihi, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Wood. Int: Broadbent, Kirk, Liu, Oakes.

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York City 20 (B. Antrobus, J. Glover, L. Harris, M. Marsh tries; J. Glover 2 goals) defeated Sheffield 12 (V. Halafihi, R. Johnson, R. Oakes tries) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Fri, 26th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: York City 16-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Nick Bennett. York City: Marsh, Ward, Glover, Brown, Towse; Harris, O'Hagan; Thompson, Jubb, Teanby, Antrobus, Kirmond, Hingano. Int: Dixon, Stock, Michael, Inman. Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Johnson, Welham, Oakes, Chrimes; Holmes, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafihi, Dickinson, Wood, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Bower, Broadbent, Kirk, Liu.

Barrow 62 (J. Carter 2, T. Ritson 2, A. Iaria, R. Johnson, D. Langtree, J. Sammut, R. Shaw, J. Stack, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 9 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (A. Donaghy 2 tries; J. Woods goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 28-10. Penalties: Barrow 7-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 687. Newcastle: Mullen, Donaghy, Bailey, Nokes, Boafu; Eaves, Woods; Chapelhow, Lacans, Chapelhow, Ta'ai, Peachey, Wilde. Int: Clark, Moran, Anderson, Skelton. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Costello, Shaw, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Carter. Int: Saunders, Hopkins, Brooks, Crellin.

Featherstone 64 (C. Jones 5, M. Smith 2, C. Hall, R. Jacks, T. Lineham, G. Springer tries; C. Hall 10 goals) defeated Workington Town 18 (J. Doran, J. Kirkup, M. O'Brien tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 27th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 36-6. Penalties: Workington Town 5-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,142. Featherstone: Hall, Briscoe, Leilua, Broadbent, Lineham; Smith, Jacks; Kopczak, Jones, Springer, Hellewell, Hardcastle, Moors. Int: Gill, Eseh, Fleming, Lockwood. Workington

Town: Bickerdike, Clegg, Brown, Fitzsimmons, Young; Doran, Forber; Thomson, Simons, Scholey, O'Brien, Steele, Hutchings. Int: Weetman, Terrill, Kirkup.

Halifax 40 (J. Saltonstall 2, L. Walmsley 2, W. Calcott, J. Keyes, D. Murray tries; J. Keyes 6 goals) defeated Bradford 18 (C. Butler, G. Flanagan, S. Kibula tries; E. Kear 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-12. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,706. Halifax: Jouffret, Walmsley, Worthington, Arundel, Saltonstall; Aston, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Tangata. Int: Wood, Fairbank, Larroyer, Gee. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Millar; Gibbons, Hallas; Walker, Flanagan, Crossley, England, Butler, Gannon. Int: Hookem, Wallace, Green, Kibula.

Leigh 42 (E. Chamberlain 2, J. Charnley 2, B. Ferguson 2, B. Nakubuwai 2 tries; E. Chamberlain 5 goals) defeated Widnes 4 (R. Ince try) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 26-0. Penalties: Leigh 10-4. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 3,340. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Brand, Charnley; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Nakubuwai, Ioane, Ipape, O'Donnell. Widnes: Owens, Edge, Fleming, Tyrer, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Johnson, Wilde, Grady, Bent. Int: Brown, Davies, Doro, Field.

Whitehaven 40 (N. Williams 2, D. Aiye, W. Evans, J. Martin, C. Teare, M. Walker tries; N. Williams 5, D. Aiye goals) defeated London 20 (I. Macani 2, W. Albert, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 28th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 18-4. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 791. Whitehaven: Martin, Teare, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, Singleton, Cooper, Wilkinson. Int: McAvoy, Bradley, Hudson, Olstrom. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Parata, Leyland; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Foster, Oakley. Int: Gahan, Bienek, Tuliatiu, Horsman.

Batley 22 (D. Morton 2, D. Manning, G. Senior tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) defeated Dewsbury 20 (R. Butterworth, J. Sweeting, P. Sykes tries; P. Sykes 4 goals) at Tetley's Stadium. Date: Mon, 29th August. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 20-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 8-3. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 2,208. Dewsbury: McGowan, Dixon,

Ryder, Greensmith, Carr, Sykes, Sweeting; Beckett, Butterworth, Ferguson, Davies, Graham, Mathiou. Int: Walker, Stevens, Kirby, Knowles. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Senior, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Burton, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Collinson, Lillycrop, Flynn.

ROUND 26

Featherstone 30 (M. Smith 2, J. Hardcastle, R. Jacks, C. Jones, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Hall 3 goals) defeated Sheffield 18 (J. Farrell, R. Johnson, M. Wood tries; T. Holmes 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 2nd September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 18-10. Penalties: Featherstone 8-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 912. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Johnson; Holmes, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Wood, Broadbent, Liu, Williams. Featherstone: Hall, Lineham, Leilua, Briscoe, Gale; Smith, Jacks; Moors, Jones, Lockwood, Hellewell, Hardcastle, Davies. Int: Sene-Lefao, Cooper, Cuthbertson, Eseh.

York City 24 (J. Brown, J. Glover, T. Inman, B. O'Hagan tries; L. Harris 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 18 (A. Donaghy 2, C. Mullen, N. Wilde tries; J. Woods goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 3rd September. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: York City 12-10. Penalties: York City 7-1. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 689. Newcastle: Mullen, Donaghy, Robson, Nokes, Boaf, Bailey, Woods; Chapelhow, Lacans, Chapelhow, Ta'ai, Gallagher, Wilde. Int: Clark, Moran, Anderson, McDermott. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Antrobus, Towse; Harris, O'Hagan; Thompson, Jubb, Teanby, Clarkson, Kirmond, Hingano. Int: Dixon, Stock, Michael, Inman.

Whitehaven 28 (C. Holliday 2, D. Aiye, A. Bulman, W. Evans tries; N. Williams 3, J. Martin goals) defeated Workington Town 6 (M. O'Brien try; C. Forber goal) at Derwent Park. Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 22-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 6-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,427. Workington Town: Bickerdike, Clegg, Brown, Thomas, Young; Doran, Forber; Thomson, Simons, Clarke, Fitzsimmons, Steele, O'Brien. Int: Scholey, Hutchings, Kirkup, Henson. Whitehaven: Martin, Teare, Walker, Evans, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, Holliday, Cooper, McAvoy. Int: Singleton, Bradley, Hudson, Wilkinson.

Barrow 44 (H. Miloudi 3, S. Toal 2, T. Ritson, J. Sammut, J. Stack tries; R. Shaw 6 goals) defeated Dewsbury 28 (O. Greensmith 2, C. Davies, P. Sykes tries; P. Sykes 3, C. Turner 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 22-16. Penalties: Dewsbury 9-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,370. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Carter. Int: Mossop, Hopkins, Crellin, Brooks. Dewsbury: McGowan, Dixon, Ryder, Greensmith, Carr, Sykes, Turner; Beckett, Butterworth, Schofield, Davies, Knowles, Stevens. Int: Tomlinson, Sweeting, Kirby, Walker.

Batley 40 (L. Hooley 2, D. Manning, D. Morton, L. Walshaw, B. White tries; T. Gilmore 8 goals) defeated Bradford 12 (C. Butler, S. Hallas tries; E. Kear 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 16-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 1,920. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Senior, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Blake, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Flynn, Meadows, Ward, Lillycrop. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Evans, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Hookem, Lawford; Walker, Flanagan, Crossley, Murphy, Butler, Hallas. Int: Doyle, Green, Wallace, Kibula.

Leigh 58 (E. Ipape 3, B. Ferguson 2, T. Amon, K. Inu, N. Macdonald, A. Sidlow, A. Smith tries; K. Inu 5, E. Chamberlain 4 goals) defeated London 6 (P. Ulberg try; O. Leyland goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 24-6. Penalties: London 6-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 900. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Horsman, Leyland; Williams, Davis, Bienek, Lovell, Curran, Parata. Int: Foster, Gahan, Oakley, Tuliatu. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amon, Wardle, Stone, O'Donnell. Int: Ioane, Ipape, Nakubuwai, Charnley.

Halifax 32 (M. Gee, L. Joffret, D. Murray, A. Tangata, L. Walmsley, K. Wood tries; L. Joffret 3, L. Walmsley goals) defeated Widnes 4 (E. Doro try) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Mon, 5th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Halifax 10-0. Penalties: Halifax 8-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Widnes: Owens, Edge, Fleming, Roberts, Ince; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Wilde, Grady, Bent. Int: Brown, Davies, Doro, Lawton. Halifax: Saltonstall, Walmsley, Worthington, Arundel, McComb, Aston, Joffret; Calcott, Wood,

Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Gee. Int: Martin, Gwaze, Larroyer, Tangata.

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Whitehaven 40 (A. Bulman 3, D. Aiye, L. Broadbent, G. Graham, R. King, J. Martin tries; N. Williams 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 24 (G. Boaf, A. Donaghy, J. Eaves, U. Ta'ai tries; C. Mullen 4 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sat, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 30-0. Penalties: Newcastle 10-8. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,193. Whitehaven: Martin, Broadbent, Eccleston, Teare, Bulman; Aiye, Williams; Graham, Davies, Walker, King, Cooper, McAvoy. Int: Singleton, Bradley, Hudson, Wilkinson. Newcastle: Mullen, Donaghy, Robson, Nokes, Boaf, Bailey, Woods; Chapelhow, Eaves, Chapelhow, Ta'ai, Gallagher, Wilde. Int: Clark, Moran, Anderson, McDermott.

Widnes 23 (O. Brookes, O. Davies, J. Edge, M. Fozard tries; J. Edge 3 goals; M. Smith field goal) defeated Bradford 10 (S. Crossley, M. Dawson-Jones tries; E. Kear goal) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 8-4. Penalties: Widnes 12-9. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 3,504. Bradford: Kear, Dawson-Jones, Burton, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Hookem, Gibbons; Scurr, Doyle, Crossley, Murphy, England, Hallas. Int: Wallace, Green, Baldwinson, Hoyle. Widnes: Fleming, Brookes, Edge, Roberts, Holroyd; Craven, Smith; Farnworth, Fozard, Johnson, Davies, Grady, Field. Int: Lyons, Bent, Doro, Lawton.

Featherstone 24 (J. Broadbent, J. Leilua, T. Lineham, J. Moors tries; C. Hall 4 goals) defeated Halifax 22 (M. Garside, B. Kavanagh, Z. McComb, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; J. Keyes 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 24-12. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 2,440. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, McComb, Worthington, Arundel, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Garside, Larroyer. Int: Wood, Gee, Fairbank, Gwaze. Featherstone: Hall, Briscoe, Leilua, Broadbent, Lineham, Ford, Jacks; Kopczak, Wildie, Springer, Hardcastle, Sene-Lefao, Moors. Int: Jones, Lockwood, Eseh, Cuthbertson.

Leigh 64 (K. Inu 2, K. O'Donnell 2, A. Smith 2, C. Aekins, J. Charnley, B. Ferguson, N. Macdonald, B. Reynolds tries; K. Inu 10 goals) defeated Batley 6 (T. Gilmore try; L. Hooley goal) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM.

Halftime: Leigh 36-0. Penalties: Batley 6-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 3,481. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amon, O'Donnell, Stone, Asiata. Int: Reynolds, Ioane, Nakubuwai, Charnley. Batley: Hooley, Johnson, Morton, Senior, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Blake, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Flynn, Meadows, Ward, Lillycrop.

Barrow 30 (T. Ritson 2, C. Emslie, A. Iaria, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw 5 goals) defeated London 20 (C. Gahan, I. Macani, P. Ulberg, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 14-6. Penalties: Barrow 8-6. Referee: James Vella. London: Walker, Ulberg, Moceidreke, Grant, Macani; Horsman, Leyland; Williams, Davis, Bienek, Palumbo, Curran, Parata. Int: Vrahnos, Gahan, Tuliatu, Foster. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Crellin. Int: Mossop, Carter, Emslie, Saunders.

York City 74 (L. Harris 3, J. Brown 2, J. Glover 2, C. Clarkson, T. Inman, D. Kirmond, R. Michael, B. O'Hagan, J. Porter tries; J. Glover 10, L. Harris goals) defeated Workington Town 12 (R. Scott, M. Steele tries; C. Forber 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York City 26-12. Penalties: York City 8-7. Referee: Michael Small. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Ward, Towse; Harris, O'Hagan; Michael, Jubb, Teanby, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Inman, Stock, Porter, Bernard. Workington Town: Bickerdike, Clegg, Brown, Thomas, Young; Doran, Forber; Scholey, Simons, Clarke, Fitzsimmons, Steele, O'Brien. Int: Henson, Scott, Weetman, Hutchings.

Sheffield 34 (K. Welham 2, J. Farrell, E. Hodgson, R. Johnson, B. Liu tries; T. Holmes 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 24 (D. Ferguson, M. Knowles, J. Schofield, R. Stevens tries; C. Turner 4 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Wed, 14th September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 16-12. Penalties: Dewsbury 8-5. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 604. Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Shiels, Welham, Oakes, Johnson; Holmes, Bower; Douglas, Halafih, Broadbent, Wood, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Kirk, Chrimes, Liu, Williams. Dewsbury: McGowan, Ryder, Tomlinson, Graham, Greensmith; Sweeting, Turner; Ferguson, Butterworth, Schofield, Davies, Knowles, Stevens. Int: Kirby, Walker, Blagbrough.

2022 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Pos	Team	Home							Away							Overall							
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1.	Leigh Centurions	13	13	-	-	648	84	564	14	13	1	-	658	124	534	27	26	1	-	1,306	208	52	1,098
2.	Featherstone Rovers	14	12	2	-	652	214	438	13	11	1	1	408	254	154	27	23	3	1	1,060	468	47	592
3.	Halifax Panthers	13	10	3	-	474	181	293	14	10	4	-	363	261	102	27	20	7	-	837	442	40	395
4.	Barrow Raiders	14	8	5	1	380	279	101	13	10	3	-	379	308	71	27	18	8	1	759	587	37	172
5.	Batley Bulldogs	14	8	4	2	410	270	140	13	9	4	-	328	281	47	27	17	8	2	738	551	36	187
6.	York City Knights	13	7	6	-	348	270	78	14	11	3	-	329	326	3	27	18	9	-	677	596	36	81
7.	Sheffield Eagles	13	6	7	-	356	350	6	14	6	8	-	345	310	35	27	12	15	-	701	660	24	41
8.	Widnes Vikings	13	5	8	-	303	335	-32	14	7	7	-	264	344	-80	27	12	15	-	567	679	24	-112
9.	Bradford Bulls	14	4	10	-	268	330	-62	13	7	6	-	255	347	-92	27	11	16	-	523	677	22	-154
10.	Whitehaven RLFC	14	5	9	-	276	422	-146	13	4	8	1	212	432	-220	27	9	17	1	488	854	19	-366
11.	London Broncos	14	5	9	-	302	378	-76	13	3	9	1	246	362	-116	27	8	18	1	548	740	17	-192
12.	Newcastle Thunder	14	4	9	1	293	442	-149	13	3	10	-	266	437	-171	27	7	19	1	559	879	15	-320
13.	Dewsbury Rams	13	2	11	-	207	394	-187	14	1	12	1	178	570	-392	27	3	23	1	385	964	7	-579
14.	Workington Town	13	1	12	-	120	458	-338	14	-	14	-	176	681	-505	27	1	26	-	296	1,139	2	-843

Promoted to Super League (winners of Million Pound Game):
Relegated to League 1 (13th and 14th place):

Leigh Centurions
Dewsbury Rams, Workington Town

ELIMINATION FINALS

Batley 18 (A. Leak 2, J. Campbell tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) defeated Barrow 8 (E. Gillam try; R. Shaw 2 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 18th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 6-2. Penalties: Barrow 7-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,595. Barrow: Cresswell, Ritson, Shaw, Miloudi, Toal; Sammut, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Hopkins, Emslie, Crellin. Int: Mossop, Carter, Carter, Brooks. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Blake, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Flynn, Meadows, Ward, Leak.

York City 26 (J. Brown, L. Edwards, L. Harris, W. Jubb tries; J. Glover 5 goals) defeated Halifax 24 (L. Walmsley 3, B. Kavanagh tries; J. Keyes 4 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 18th September. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-12. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 1,850. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Worthington, McComb, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Barber, Tangata. Int: Wood, Gee, Fairbank, Gwaze. York City: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Edwards, Towse; Harris, Ellis; Thompson, Jubb,

Teanby, Antrobus, Kirmond, Clarkson. Int: Michael, Porter, Inman, Bernard.

SEMI FINALS

Leigh 70 (B. Ferguson 3, C. Aekins 2, E. Ipape 2, N. Macdonald 2, E. Chamberlain, K. O'Donnell, S. Stone tries; K. Inu 11 goals) defeated York City 10 (M. Marsh, M. Stock tries; L. Harris goal) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 25th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 40-0. Penalties: Leigh 6-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,329. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Reynolds, Ipape, O'Donnell, Nakubuwei. York City: Harrison, Brown, Glover, Ogdon, Towse; Marsh, Harris; Dixon, Jubb, Teanby, Clarkson, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: Stock, Michael, Porter, Inman.

Batley 32 (J. Campbell, L. Hooley, D. Manning, J. Meadows, L. Walshaw tries; T. Gilmore 6 goals) defeated Featherstone 28 (J. Hardcastle 2, L. Briscoe, C. Hall, C. Jones tries; C. Hall 4 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 25th September. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 20-6. Penalties: Batley 7-6. Referee:

Robert Hicks. Crowd: 4,000. Featherstone: Hall, Briscoe, Leilua, Broadbent, Lineham; Ford, Jacks; Kopczak, Wildie, Springer, Hardcastle, Sene-Lefao, Moors. Int: Jones, Lockwood, Eseh, Cuthbertson. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Hodson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Blake, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Leak, Ward, Flynn.

GRAND FINAL

Leigh 44 (K. Inu 2, C. Aekins, L. Lam, N. Macdonald, J. Mellor, K. O'Donnell, J. Wardle tries; K. Inu 6 goals) defeated Batley 12 (A. Gledhill, D. Morton tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Sun, 2nd October. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-0. Penalties: Batley 7-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7,233. Leigh: Aekins, Ferguson, Chamberlain, Macdonald, Inu; Lam, Mellor; Sidlow, Smith, Amone, Wardle, Stone, Asiata. Int: Reynolds, Ipape, O'Donnell, Nakubuwei. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, odson, Campbell; White, Gilmore; Gledhill, Blake, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Leak, Ward, Flynn.



CHAMPIONSHIP (SECOND DIVISION)

Year	Champions	Promoted to SL
2003	Salford	Salford
2004	Leigh	Leigh
2005	Castleford	Castleford
2006	Hull KR	Hull KR
2007	Castleford	Castleford
2008	Salford	Salford, Celtic
2009	Barrow	N/A
2010	Halifax	N/A
2011	Featherstone	Widnes
2012	Sheffield	N/A
2013	Sheffield	N/A
2014	Leigh	N/A
2015	Leigh	None

2016	Leigh	Leigh
2017	Hull KR	Hull KR
2018	Toronto	London
2019	Toronto	Toronto
2020	Season abandoned - COVID-19	
2021	Toulouse	Toulouse
2022	Leigh	Leigh

LEAGUE ONE (FIRST DIVISION)

Year	Champions	Also Promoted
2003	Keighley	-
2004	Barrow	Halifax
2005	York	-
2006	Dewsbury	Sheffield

2007	Crusaders	Featherstone
2008	Gateshead	Barrow, Doncaster
2009	Dewsbury	Keighley
2010	Hunslet	York
2011	Swinton	Keighley
2012	Doncaster	Barrow, Whitehaven, Workington
2013	North Wales	Rochdale
2014	Hunslet	-
2015	Oldham	Swinton
2016	Rochdale	Toulouse
2017	Toronto	Barrow
2018	York	Bradford
2019	Whitehaven	Oldham
2020	Season abandoned - COVID-19	
2021	Barrow	Workington
2022	Keighley	Swinton

CHALLENGE CUP

Year	Champions	Runners Up
1896-97	Batley	St Helens
1897-98	Batley	Bradford FC
1898-99	Oldham	Hunslet
1899-1900	Swinton	Salford
1900-01	Batley	Warrington
1901-02	Broughton Rangers	Salford
1902-03	Halifax	Salford
1903-04	Halifax	Warrington
1904-05	Warrington	Hull KR
1905-06	Bradford FC	Salford
1906-07	Warrington	Oldham
1907-08	Hunslet	Hull FC
1908-09	Wakefield	Hull FC
1909-10	Leeds	Hull FC
1910-11	Broughton Rangers	Wigan
1911-12	Dewsbury	Oldham
1912-13	Huddersfield	Warrington
1913-14	Hull FC	Wakefield
1914-15	Huddersfield	St Helens
1915-16	Huddersfield	Wigan
1916-17	Leigh	Halifax
1917-18	Rochdale	Hull FC
1918-19	Leeds	Hull FC
1919-20	Wigan	Oldham
1920-21	Leigh	Halifax
1921-22	Rochdale	Hull FC
1922-23	Leeds	Hull FC
1923-24	Wigan	Oldham
1924-25	Oldham	Hull KR
1925-26	Swinton	Oldham
1926-27	Oldham	Swinton
1927-28	Swinton	Warrington
1928-29	Wigan	Dewsbury
1929-30	Widnes	St Helens
1930-31	Halifax	York
1931-32	Leeds	Swinton
1932-33	Huddersfield	Warrington
1933-34	Hunslet	Widnes
1934-35	Castleford	Huddersfield
1935-36	Leeds	Warrington
1936-37	Widnes	Keighley
1937-38	Salford	Barrow
1938-39	Halifax	Salford
1939-40	Not held due to World War II	
1940-41	Leeds	Halifax
1941-42	Leeds	Halifax
1942-43	Dewsbury	Leeds
1943-44	Bradford Northern	Wigan
1944-45	Huddersfield	Bradford Northern
1945-46	Wakefield	Wigan
1946-47	Bradford Northern	Leeds
1947-48	Wigan	Bradford Northern
1948-49	Bradford Northern	Halifax
1949-50	Warrington	Widnes
1950-51	Wigan	Barrow
1951-52	Workington	Featherstone
1952-53	Huddersfield	St Helens
1953-54	Warrington	Halifax
1954-55	Barrow	Workington
1955-56	St Helens	Halifax
1956-57	Leeds	Barrow
1957-58	Wigan	Workington
1958-59	Wigan	Hull FC
1959-60	Wakefield	Hull FC
1960-61	St Helens	Wigan
1961-62	Wakefield	Huddersfield
1962-63	Wakefield	Wigan
1963-64	Widnes	Hull KR
1964-65	Wigan	Hunslet
1965-66	St Helens	Wigan
1966-67	Featherstone	Barrow
1967-68	Leeds	Wakefield
1968-69	Castleford	Salford
1969-70	Castleford	Wigan
1970-71	Leigh	Leeds
1971-72	St Helens	Leeds
1972-73	Featherstone	Bradford Northern
1973-74	Warrington	Featherstone
1974-75	Widnes	Warrington
1975-76	St Helens	Widnes
1976-77	Leeds	Widnes
1977-78	Leeds	St Helens
1978-79	Widnes	Wakefield
1979-80	Hull KR	Hull FC
1980-81	Widnes	Hull KR
1981-82	Hull FC	Widnes
1982-83	Featherstone	Hull FC
1983-84	Widnes	Wigan
1984-85	Wigan	Hull FC
1985-86	Castleford	Hull KR
1986-87	Halifax	St Helens
1987-88	Wigan	Halifax
1988-89	Wigan	St Helens
1989-90	Wigan	Warrington
1990-91	Wigan	St Helens
1991-92	Wigan	Castleford
1992-93	Wigan	Widnes
1993-94	Wigan	Leeds
1994-95	Wigan	Leeds
1996	St Helens	Bradford
1997	St Helens	Bradford
1998	Sheffield	Wigan
1999	Leeds	London
2000	Bradford	Leeds
2001	St Helens	Bradford
2002	Wigan	St Helens
2003	Bradford	Leeds
2004	St Helens	Wigan
2005	Hull FC	Leeds
2006	St Helens	Huddersfield
2007	St Helens	Catalans
2008	St Helens	Hull FC
2009	Warrington	Huddersfield
2010	Warrington	Leeds
2011	Wigan	Leeds
2012	Warrington	Leeds
2013	Wigan	Hull FC
2014	Leeds	Castleford
2015	Leeds	Hull KR
2016	Hull FC	Warrington
2017	Hull FC	Wigan
2018	Catalans	Warrington
2019	Warrington	St Helens
2020	Leeds	Salford
2021	St Helens	Castleford
2022	Wigan	Huddersfield

BARROW RAIDERS

SEASON REVIEW

By ZACH SMITH



The Revolution of the Raiders.

Many believed Barrow would simply be making up the numbers again in the Championship.

However, they were highly competitive, proving they were here to stay. The 2022 season saw the Barrow Raiders making the playoffs in the championship, where the club finished the regular season in 4th place with 18 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw.

The Raiders revealed how capable they were after being promoted from the League 1 competition the previous season.

The addition of some well-sought-after recruits, headlined by star playmaker Jarrod Sammut made an immediate difference to the side with his leadership and presence around the club.

Paul Crarey was named the Championship's Coach of the Year and Tee Ritson was crowned the competition's leading try scorer, in a season where they continued to stun their opposition.

Turning point

Some astute work off-field led by Chairman Steve Neale. Barrow transformed their financial status with regular events being hosted at its home ground. This has since ensured they can financially compete with the other 'big name' clubs in the Championship.

The Raiders struggled when promoted last time around, however, some forward-thinking and innovation allowed them to be a strong and stable club this time around.

What worked

The Lethal right edge combination of Jarrod Sammut, Hakim Miloudi and Tee Ritson. They were able to find success on multiple occasions with skill and blistering speed out wide.

Whilst the ever-reliable and experienced Luke Cresswell at fullback proved that he is one of the most underrated players within the competition.

Barrow's success as a club led to individual honours as they had four members of the squad feature at the end-of-season World Cup.

Shane Toal & Charlie Emslie (Scotland), Tom Hopkins (Wales) and Anton Iaria (Italy). Another reward for the whole playing group.

What didn't work

Unfortunately, the Raiders were cruelled with injuries throughout the year and whilst able to cope and handle at stages, they partly struggled with players playing out of position and making do with who was available, due to short turnarounds or having to travel. Hopefully, some extra depth or ability to call on local Cumbrians when needed may alleviate this in the upcoming seasons.

Best player

Hard to split between Jarrod Sammut, Jarrod Stack and Terrific Tee Ritson. Barrow was a hard-working outfit where all players played their part throughout the season.

Tee Ritson has been able to secure a contract at Super League Champions St Helens. In another smart business move, this has been agreed on as a 'loan' term.

Should Tee not be selected for the Champions, he will be eligible to play for Barrow.

Rookies

Local Cumbrian and Ulverston junior Connor Saunders made his club debut against eventual champions the Leigh Centurians, where he starred.

Coming off the interchange bench, Saunders scored a try and set two others up in a game that had a bit of everything, drawing 30-30 with a strong Centurians outfit at home.

Charlie Emslie, another Barrow youngster on the rise. Emslie made 14 appearances for the club in 2022. Proving a regular and strong performer, whether playing on an edge or through the middle.

Looking ahead

In season 2023, the Raiders will no longer be able to fly under the radar and will be the talk of many teams. Barrow will be out to recruit strongly again with Tee Ritson (likely), Hakim Milkoudi and Carl Foster, three very big and important names that will depart for the upcoming season.

Here's hoping for a fairly injury-free year where key forwards Danny Langtree, Ellis Gillam and Jarrod Stack can lead this Raiders side into the playoffs for a second straight season.

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Sheffield	W 22 - 10	MJ Prestige	1,927
2	Whitehaven	W 18 - 4	LEL Arena	1,795
3	Newcastle	W 14 - 6	MJ Prestige	1,744
CC 4R	Rochdale	W 38 - 12	Crown Oil	515
5	Widnes	W 34 - 24	DCBL Halton	3,422
CC 5R	Workington Town	W 32 - 18	MJ Prestige	1,825
6	London	D 18 - 18	MJ Prestige	1,979
CC 6R	Huddersfield	L 16 - 30	MJ Prestige	3,135
7	Batley	L 18 - 30	MJ Prestige	1,964
4	Bradford	W 23 - 22	Odsal	3,258
8	Featherstone	L 6 - 58	Millennium	3,284
9	Halifax	L 18 - 40	The Shay	1,627
10	York City	L 18 - 30	MJ Prestige	2,260
1895 SF	Featherstone	L 6 - 46	MJ Prestige	1,804
11	Workington Town	W 26 - 12	MJ Prestige	2,451
12	Dewsbury	W 20 - 18	Tetley's	691
13	Leigh	L 28 - 30	MJ Prestige	2,422
14	Widnes	W 44 - 4	MJ Prestige	2,451
15	Workington Town	W 58 - 0	Derwent	1,207
16	Halifax	L 18 - 43	MJ Prestige	2,205
17	York City	W 24 - 16	LNER	-
18	Whitehaven	W 40 - 6	MJ Prestige	2,556
19	Sheffield	W 36 - 32	SOLP	621
20	Bradford	W 30 - 4	MJ Prestige	2,559
21	Widnes	W 36 - 24	Headingley	4,011
22	Leigh	L 20 - 52	LSV	3,170
23	Batley	W 30 - 12	Fox's Bisc	-
24	Featherstone	L 24 - 34	MJ Prestige	2,570
25	Newcastle	W 62 - 10	Kingston	687
26	Dewsbury	W 44 - 28	MJ Prestige	2,370
27	London	W 30 - 20	Cherry Red	-
EF	Batley	L 8 - 18	MJ Prestige	3,595

BATLEY BULLDOGS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



A rollercoaster year that nearly ended in promotion.

If you told anyone that Batley would make the Million Pound Playoff, you would've been placed in two categories. One is a Batley supporter, and the other is an optimistic league fan.

At the beginning of the season, it was a foregone conclusion that Leigh and Featherstone would be playing in the penultimate game of the Championship.

Batley was a side that flew under everyone's radar in 2022. Finishing the year in 5th position, it was a foregone conclusion that they would provide nuisance value for sides like Featherstone.

Never in anyone's bracket did anyone have the Bulldogs defeating the Rovers to advance.

But, Craig Lingard's tough group of determined men were able to rally around each other and the star quality of sides around them to advance, after some hiccups in stages against Widnes and Halifax.

There were concerns about their chances in the playoffs. But a strong performance against Barrow was good enough to place them against Featherstone where they produced the perfect game to play Leigh where ultimately, the class was just too strong.

What went right

Fresh off a playoff birth the year before, there was a strong chance that the Bulldogs might have a case of second-season syndrome. But, they proved the critics wrong with a strong season.

They had the fourth-best defence in the competition and it proved handy in their playoff against Barrow. They suffocated the Raiders' attack and were able to pounce on limited scoring opportunities.

What went wrong

Just the lack of big-game experience within the line-up. With only two current internationals within their line-up (Kieran Buchanan and Greg Johnson) and only one other former international in Michael Ward.

When push came to shove against Leigh, there was a class difference that even Stevie Wonder could see coming and it's no surprise the score went the way it did. But the Bulldogs did well to restrict Leigh to 44 points, a 20-point improvement on the final round of the season.

Best player

This honour goes to Dane Manning. Manning had a solid season for the Bulldogs crossing for 11 tries in 30 appearances this year (including Cup fixtures). The 28-year-old has flown under the radar in recent seasons but has the potential to make it far in the game.

At the age he's at though, it's considered a long shot but stranger things have happened in the game when you look at the longevity of players in the past.

Rookies

Batley had three debutants. Connor Carr made his debut in Round 6 in the 20-20 draw with Featherstone but was loaned to Oldham to finish the season. Louis Collinson had seven matches in his rookie season before also being loaned to Cornwell where he started at lock (in all but one fixture).

The last debutant was Josh Hodson, Hodson was most successful playing 26 matches and scoring 5 tries for the Bulldogs.

Looking ahead

The challenge will be keeping the consistency and challenging again to be promoted. They've added some experience in Elliot Kear, Josh Wood (via Barrow) and Keegan Hirst.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Elliot Kear
2. Johnny Campbell
3. Kieran Buchanan
4. Josh Hodson
5. Dale Morton
6. Ben White
7. Josh Woods
8. Samy Kibula
9. Alistair Leak
10. Martyn Reilly
11. George Senior
12. Dane Manning
13. Nyle Flynn
14. Michael Ward
15. Lucas Walshaw
16. Josh Woods
17. James Brown

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Halifax	W 30 - 18	Fox's Bisc	1,796
2	Newcastle	W 32 - 14	Kingston	638
3	York City	L 4 - 10	Fox's Bisc	971
CC 4R	Navy	W 66 - 6	Fox's Bisc	1,271
5	Bradford	L 20 - 21	Odsal	3,789
CC 5R	Featherstone	L 20 - 54	Fox's Bisc	1,003
6	Featherstone	D 20 - 20	Fox's Bisc	1,582
7	Barrow	W 30 - 18	MJ Prestige	1,964
8	Dewsbury	W 36 - 20	Fox's Bisc	-
9	Widnes	W 38 - 10	DCBL Halton	-
10	Workington Town	W 16 - 10	Derwent	726
11	Leigh	L 0 - 52	Fox's Bisc	-
12	London	W 28 - 12	Fox's Bisc	-
13	Whitehaven	W 46 - 6	LEL Arena	1,147
14	Workington Town	W 46 - 0	Fox's Bisc	-
15	Newcastle	W 58 - 18	Fox's Bisc	-
16	Featherstone	W 28 - 20	Millennium	-
17	Whitehaven	D 26 - 26	Fox's Bisc	873
18	Sheffield	W 20 - 18	SOLP	678
19	York City	W 32 - 16	LNER	-
20	Widnes	L 18 - 24	Fox's Bisc	-
21	Dewsbury	W 60 - 6	Headingley	6,752
4	Sheffield	W 32 - 22	Fox's Bisc	-
22	Halifax	L 18 - 34	The Shay	-
23	Barrow	L 12 - 30	Fox's Bisc	-
24	London	L 20 - 30	Cherry Red	750
25	Dewsbury	W 22 - 20	Tetley's	2,208
26	Bradford	W 40 - 12	Fox's Bisc	1,920
27	Leigh	L 6 - 64	Leigh Sports	3,481
EF	Barrow	W 18 - 8	MJ Prestige	3,595
SF	Featherstone	W 32 - 28	Millennium	4,000
GF	Leigh	L 12 - 44	LSV	7,233

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

CHAMPIONSHIP: 5TH, GRAND FINALISTS | CHALLENGE CUP: FIFTH ROUND

C'SHIP PLAYED 30, WON 19, LOST 9, DRAWN 1 | FOR 800, AGAINST 631 | COACH: CRAIG LINGARD (30 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: TOM GILMORE (284) | MOST TRIES: JONNY CAMPBELL (23)

Round	1	2	3	CC4	5	CC5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	4	22	23	24	25	26	27	EF	SF	GF	Season Stats						
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BLAKE, Luke							L	L	L	L		L	B					L	B	B	B	B	B						H	H	H	H	H	11	6	1	-	-	4
BROWN, James	FR	FR	L	FR				B	B	B		B	FR	FR	L	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	19	7	2	-	-	8
BUCHANAN, Kieran	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	30	-	9	-	-	36	
BURTON, Oliver		B			H																						H	H					3	1	-	-	-	-	
CAMPBELL, Johnny	W	W		W					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	26	-	23	-	-	92	
CARR, Connor							C																										1	-	1	-	-	4	
COLLINSON, Louis	B	B			B	B	B																			B	B						-	7	-	-	-	-	
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FLYNN, Nyle																		FR		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	8	6	1	-	-	4
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GLEDHILL, Adam	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR				FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	28	-	2	-	-	8
HODSON, Josh	C		C	C	W	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	26	-	5	-	-	20		
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LILLYCROP, Tom	B	B	B	B							B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B							B	B	B	B	B			-	17	-	-	-	-	
MANNING, Dane				B	2R	B		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	26	2	11	-	-	44	
MEADOWS, Jimmy	FE		B	FE	FE	FE		B	B		B	B	B	H	FE	B	B	FE	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FE	B	B	B	B	B	B	8	21	5	-	-	20	
MORTON, Dale		C	W											W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W		W	W	C	W	W	W	19	-	20	-	-	80	
REILLY, Martyn									FR	L	FR	L	L		L	L	FR	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	L	L	L	L	L	L	22	-	2	-	-	8	
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WALSHAW, Lucas	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	30	-	11	-	-	44	
WARD, Michael	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B		B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	-	29	5	-	-	20	
WHITE, Ben	L	FE	FE	L	L	L	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	H	FE	FE	H	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	H	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	32	-	5	-	-	20		
WHITELEY, Perry	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		B	W	B	W													W	W						12	2	4	-	-	16		

BATLEY BULLDOGS

Established 1880
Home Ground Mount Pleasant, Batley UK
(current name: Fox's Biscuits Stadium)

TITLES

Championship 1 (1923-24)
Challenge Cup 3 (1896-97, 1897-98, 1900-01)
RFL Yorkshire League 2 (1898-99, 1923-24)
RFL Yorkshire Cup 1 (1912-13)
RFU Yorkshire Cup 1 (1885)
Championship Cup 1 (2010)
Trans-Pennine Cup 1 (1998)

BRADFORD BULLS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Rebuild takes hold as Bulls look for a return to glory days

Another season, another rebuild is on the horizon for the Bradford Bulls. It's again a season that is split into two. The first nine weeks of the season saw John Kear depart after only winning three of their first nine fixtures.

When Matt Dunning took over, things weren't much better. However, the Bulls were on the receiving end of a shocking injury toll. This saw the Bulls use 41 players throughout 2022 and with that high turnover of players, the likelihood of competing and making the finals is slim at best. The Bulls were able to turn the corner slightly and move up to seventh position on the Championship ladder.

However, more injuries saw the side only win two matches in the last ten. With the injuries and change of coach, it can be conceded as a bad season at the best of times. But Bradford has a side that should be competing for the playoffs and will admit that they have fallen short.

What went right

The period immediately following Kear's departure. Matt Dunning was able to win five of his first seven matches in charge. But, as mentioned. The problems were just too big for the rookie coach to combat on his own. They also had two strong wins in the back end of the season where rookie half Myles Lawford played strongly.

What went wrong

Lack of experience and injury problems. The Bulls were experiencing teething pains in 2022. Injuries derailed their season with several big stars in Kear, Evans and Scott missing for long periods.

Best player

One of the few players to play every game in 2022 was Kieran Gill. Gill played 29 matches in 2022 and crossed for 18 tries, which was the most since his breakout season for Newcastle a few seasons ago. Elsewhere, Ant Walker was a goer in the forwards and will be sorely missed next season. Dec Patton was another who had a consistent year until his season ended with suspension.

Rookies

The Bulls had 5 debutants in season 2022. These were George Flanagan Jr, Marcus Green, Michael Hoyle, Myles Lawford and AJ Wallace. Flanagan Jr crossed for two tries in just three matches playing across fullback and hooker. Green played three matches, but also had stints with Midlands and Cornwell in League 1. Hoyle had two games on the bench this season, Lawford is a young and talented half, but his start was hampered by a broken collarbone after showing strong potential. Wallace was the pick of the bunch, earning a debut for Jamaica at the World Cup.

Looking ahead

Things will be different with another considerable turnover in player talent. But, if the pieces from their talented youth academy can make an effective adjustment to the Championship, things are looking up for the Bulls.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Jack Walker
2. Ryan Millar
3. Kieran Gill
4. Max Clarke
5. Ben Blackmore
6. Declan Patton
7. Myles Lawford
8. Bradley Ho
9. Thomas Doyle
10. Michael Lawrance
11. AJ Wallace
12. Bodene Thompson
13. Sam Hallas
14. Keven Appo
15. George Flanagan
16. Sam Scott
17. Fenton Rodgers

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Dewsbury	W 46 - 16	Tetley's	2,241
2	Sheffield	L 14 - 28	Odsal	3,547
3	Leigh	L 4 - 38	LSV	2,746
CC 4R	London	W 34 - 8	Cherry Red	551
5	Batley	W 21 - 20	Odsal	3,789
CC 5R	Leigh	L 16 - 20	Odsal	1,221
6	Workington Town	W 26 - 12	Derwent	1,031
7	London	W 8 - 6	Cherry Red	1,153
4	Barrow	L 22 - 23	Odsal	3,258
8	Halifax	L 17 - 20	Odsal	5,821
9	Featherstone	L 18 - 32	Odsal	-
10	Whitehaven	W 34 - 22	LEL Arena	1,099
11	York City	L 6 - 20	Odsal	3,081
12	Newcastle	W 36 - 20	Odsal	-
13	Widnes	W 31 - 6	DCBL Halton	3,258
14	Featherstone	L 12 - 58	Millennium	2,916
15	Sheffield	W 30 - 10	SOLP	799
16	Dewsbury	W 48 - 6	Odsal	-
17	Leigh	L 6 - 56	Odsal	-
18	Newcastle	L 10 - 53	Kingston	3,034
19	London	L 12 - 30	Odsal	2,762
20	Barrow	L 4 - 30	MJ Prestige	2,559
21	Halifax	L 6 - 22	Headingley	6,752
22	Workington Town	W 48 - 18	Odsal	2,691
23	York City	W 20 - 16	LNER	-
24	Whitehaven	L 4 - 12	Odsal	2,670
25	Halifax	L 18 - 40	The Shay	2,706
26	Batley	L 12 - 40	Fox's Bisc	1,920
27	Widnes	L 10 - 23	Odsal	3,504

BRADFORD BULLS

Established

1907

Home Ground

Odsal Stadium, Bradford UK

TITLES

Super League

4 (1997, 2001, 2003, 2005)

World Club Challenge

3 (2002, 2004, 2006)

Championship

1 (1973-74)

League 1

1 (2018)

Premiership

1 (1977-78)

Challenge Cup

5 (1943-44, 1946-47, 1948-49, 2000, 2003)

League Cup

2 (1974-75, 1979-80)

RFL Yorkshire Cup

11 (1940-41, 1941-42, 1943-44, 1945-46, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1953-54, 1965-66, 1978-79, 1987-88, 1989-90)

RFL Yorkshire League

1 (1947-48)

DEWSBURY RAMS

SEASON REVIEW

By ANDREW FERGUSON



After an improved 2021 campaign that saw Dewsbury move into the lower end of the mid-table sides, the club would've been hoping to build upon those improvements. What transpired though was a slow start that descended into a miserable campaign. A Round 3 win against Sheffield would've got their hopes up of being a competitive side for much of the year, but they lost their next 6 games. They won just 2 more games for the rest of the season, both of which were against the last-placed Workington Town, with neither victory doing anything to prove that there was any significant gap between the two sides.

Midway through the season, Dewsbury parted ways with coach Lee Greenwood, who joined the club in 2019. He was replaced by the recently retired Liam Finn. The change of coaches did nothing to the onfield performances though, except for an eventual improvement in both attack and defence in the last 4 games of the year. Those last four matches produced just 1 victory but the vast improvement will give the Dewsbury side plenty to build upon for 2023.

Turning Point

Round 12 - Dewsbury came up against the then 6th-placed Barrow side, whose unconvincing victory the week prior against last-placed Workington was a chance for a much-needed victory for the Rams. Barrow though hung on to narrowly win 20-18. The following week Dewsbury were flogged 66-0 by Halifax and their coach was sacked. They lost another 6 straight games before a 24-all draw with Newcastle, then 3 more losses, 2 by huge margins (6-60 v Batley and 6-72 v Featherstone) before their first win almost 4 months.

What Worked

Not much. But those last 4 games mentioned earlier saw some improvement. Dewsbury scored at least 20 points in all 4 games and 94 in total - almost a quarter of all their points for the whole season. In their 24 games before those last 4 matches, Dewsbury scored 12 points per game on average and conceded 35. In those last 4 games, their attack improved to an immense 23.5 and their defence came down to 29, three of those games against the top seven sides.

What Didn't Work

The Rams' spine in attack. It's hard for Championship sides to maintain a consistent spine given there are teams in competitions above and below them picking at their rosters, yet despite this, Dewsbury struggled to find a spine that delivered the attacking threat they needed to be competitive until very late in the season. Young fullback Aidan McGowan looked right at home when he got a regular run over the last 5 games. Calum Turner who had filled in at fullback throughout the season finished the season at halfback. Jake Sweeting who played as a utility back looks set to work in unison with the evergreen five-eighth Paul Sykes, who has signed on for another season at the Rams at the ripe young age of 41.

Best Player

Front Rower Jimmy Beckett had a standout season, carrying out a mountain of work in the middle and leading by example all season long.

Hooker Reiss Butterworth stood up as a leader of the side after another strong season. These two will be pivotal for Dewsbury's 2023 campaign and improvement.

Paul Sykes was also very solid all year long in the halves.

Rookies

Jackson Walker made his debut in League 1 this year, playing 2 games for Cornwall before playing 2 games for Hunslet. He then got picked up by Dewsbury and played as a bench front rower and played in all but 1 of the side's remaining 12 games.

Aidan McGowan in his second season after playing just 3 games for York last year started to make himself at home at fullback. Robson Stevens made his debut last year for Dewsbury and after 3 games, appeared in 3 games for the Giants in Super League before returning to the Rams. Playing

as a middle forward bench player, he moved to Lock for the remaining 2 games of the year and performed well.

Looking Ahead

While Dewsbury has been relegated to League 1, they have made improvements to their side to limit their time in the lower division to just 1 season.

They've signed former Super League players Dale Ferguson and Brad Graham with one spot left in their roster for another signing.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Owen Restall
2. Lewis Carr
3. Ollie Greensmith
4. Davey Dixon
5. Andy Gabriel
6. Paul Sykes
7. Calum Turner
8. Jimmy Beckett
9. Reiss Butterworth
10. Dale Ferguson
11. Connor Davies
12. Matt Garside
13. Louis Collinson

14. Brad Graham
15. Jackson Walker
16. Sam Day
17. Ronan Dixon

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Bradford	L 16 - 46	Tetley's	2,241
2	York City	L 2 - 30	LNER	1,562
3	Sheffield	W 12 - 10	Tetley's	846
4	Widnes	L 10 - 36	Tetley's	2,503
CC 4R	Workington Town	L 12 - 26	Derwent	872
5	Whitehaven	L 12 - 40	LEL Arena	764
6	Newcastle	L 22 - 24	Tetley's	786
7	Leigh	L 0 - 44	LSV	2,569
8	Batley	L 20 - 36	Fox's Bisc	-
9	Workington Town	W 19 - 18	Tetley's	711
10	London	L 12 - 36	Cherry Red	-
11	Featherstone	L 26 - 46	Tetley's	1,855
12	Barrow	L 18 - 20	Tetley's	691
13	Halifax	L 0 - 66	The Shay	1,554
14	Whitehaven	L 18 - 26	Tetley's	460
15	London	L 18 - 26	Tetley's	579
16	Bradford	L 6 - 48	Odsal	-
17	Halifax	L 12 - 38	Tetley's	1,106
18	Widnes	L 16 - 20	DCBL Halton	2,381
19	Leigh	L 6 - 60	Tetley's	1,149
20	Newcastle	D 24 - 24	Kingston	593
21	Batley	L 6 - 60	Headingley	6,752
22	York City	L 10 - 22	Tetley's	-
23	Featherstone	L 6 - 72	Millennium	3,017
24	Workington Town	W 22 - 16	Derwent	650
25	Batley	L 20 - 22	Tetley's	2,208
26	Barrow	L 28 - 44	MJ Prestige	2,370
27	Sheffield	L 24 - 34	SOLP	604

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



It's simply a case of what might've been.

Another season that simply came up short for Featherstone. Last season, they made it to the Million Pound Game and fell to Toulouse. This year, they were among the elite in the Championship again before falling one game shy of where they finished last year. Losing to the Batley Bulldogs.

It was another successful season in terms of play, with Rovers scoring over 1000 points in attack with scintillating play from guys such as Ryley Jacks and new acquisition Jono Ford leading the way. Their pack of forwards were a group of goers led by former England international Brett Ferres.

Featherstone won their first 14 games of the season which was quite remarkable, but there were Challenge Cup and 1895 Cup losses intertwined within this streak of wins. They threatened to come unstuck with losses to Leigh and Batley. But quickly recovered from their stumble to only lose one fixture for the remainder of the season (which also came against Leigh).

Turning point

Round 15 and 16. Back-to-back losses by one of the Championship's top sides are rare. But it was the psychological blow that was ultimately the undoing of Featherstone. The failure to overcome Batley and Leigh in consecutive weeks was what was the difference in their season. Even with the talent that was at their disposal weekly.

What went right

Everything else during the season. They were a consistent team with Craig Hall having a career renaissance at the age of 34 nabbing 20 tries across all competitions.

They boasted the Championship's second-best attack and third-best defence scoring over 1000 points.

What went wrong

When you had to play Leigh and Batley. The 1895 Cup final saw Rovers defeated by 14 points against a more determined Leigh side. Then when push came to shove, Featherstone was beaten across the park by Batley in the regular season and was outplayed in the semi-final.

A side that had loads of NRL talent was horrifically outplayed when it came to the nitty gritty and it's why they are staring down the barrel of Championship footy again.

Rookies

Featherstone had three players make their Championship debut this year in Ben Matthiou, Bailey Gill and Sam Eseh.

Matthiou was the most impressive of the trio, earning selection for Ireland at the end-of-season World Cup which showcases how he flourished during the season.

Gill was sent on loan to Dewsbury after making two appearances. Eseh was on loan from Barrow and played 14 matches.

Looking ahead

Rovers have another battle on their hands to remain the top chance to move up into the Super League. Brian McDermott has departed for the NRL (taking up an assistant/consultancy role with Newcastle). His place is taken by the rookie head coach Sean Long, but he has had years of experience as an assistant in a variety of roles.

As far as retention is concerned, they've lost Ryley Jacks, Ben Hellewell, Jesse Sene-Lefao and Adam Cuthbertson among others. They have gained Elijah Taylor along with Chris Hankinson among their big-name recruits.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Craig Hall
2. Luke Briscoe
3. Joey Leilua
4. Chris Hankinson
5. Gareth Gale
6. Mark Kheirallah
7. Jono Ford
8. James Lockwood
9. Matty Wildie
10. Junior Moors
11. Jack Bussey
12. John Davies
13. Elijah Taylor

14. Connor Jones
15. Craig Kopczak
16. Brett Ferres
17. Matthieu Cozza

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	York City	W 30 - 12	LNER	3,602
2	Leigh	W 28 - 6	Millennium	4,562
3	Workington Town	W 26 - 10	Derwent	1,007
4	London	W 30 - 12	Millennium	2,796
CC 4R	Halifax	W 29 - 16	The Shay	1,625
5	Halifax	W 22 - 12	Millennium	3,728
CC 5R	Batley	W 54 - 20	Fox's Bisc	1,003
6	Batley	D 20 - 20	Fox's Bisc	1,582
CC 6R	Catalans	L 14 - 27	S.G.B.	3,624
7	Sheffield	W 44 - 18	Millennium	2,842
8	Barrow	W 58 - 6	Millennium	3,284
9	Bradford	W 32 - 18	Odsal	-
10	Widnes	W 74 - 6	Millennium	4,317
1895 SF	Barrow	W 46 - 6	MJ Prestige	1,804
11	Dewsbury	W 46 - 26	Tetley's	1,855
12	Whitehaven	W 78 - 0	Millennium	2,572
1895 Final	Leigh	L 16 - 30	Spurs	51,628
13	Newcastle	W 46 - 10	Kingston	1,188
14	Bradford	W 58 - 12	Millennium	2,916
15	Leigh	L 12 - 32	LSV	4,226
16	Batley	L 20 - 28	Millennium	-
17	Newcastle	W 58 - 22	Millennium	2,427
18	London	W 42 - 22	Kufflink	850
19	Whitehaven	W 46 - 24	LEL Arena	-
20	York City	W 30 - 22	Millennium	2,248
21	Leigh	L 16 - 46	Headingley	6,752
22	Widnes	W 20 - 16	DCBL Halton	-
23	Dewsbury	W 72 - 6	Millennium	3,017
24	Barrow	W 34 - 24	MJ Prestige	2,570
25	Workington Town	W 64 - 18	Millennium	2,142
26	Sheffield	W 30 - 18	SOLP	912
27	Halifax	W 24 - 22	The Shay	2,440
SF	Batley	L 28 - 32	Millennium	4,000

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

CHAMPIONSHIP: 2ND | CHALLENGE CUP: SIXTH ROUND

C'SHIP PLAYED 28, WON 23, LOST 4, DRAWN 1 | FOR 1088, AGAINST 500 | COACH: BRIAN McDERMOTT (28 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: CRAIG HALL (394) | MOST TRIES: LUKE BRISCOE, MORGAN SMITH (22)

Round	1	2	3	4	CC4	5	CC5	6	CC6	7	8	9	10	1895 SF	11	12	1895 FINAL	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SF	Season Stats						
Opponent	YRK	LEI	WRK	LON	HFX	HFX	BAT	BAT	CAT	SHE	BAR	BRA	WID	BAR	DEW	WHI	LEI	NEW	BRA	LEI	BAT	NEW	LON	WHI	YRK	LEI	WID	DEW	BAR	WRK	SHE	HFX	BAT	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
ASHWORTH, Jack																					FR	B													1	1	-	-	-	-
BRISCOE, Luke	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	C	W	W	31	-	22	-	-	88	
BROADBENT, Jack																						W	W	FB	FB	FB	FB	C	C	C	C		C	C	12	-	8	-	-	32
BUSSEY, Jack	L	L	L	L	L	L		2R	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R			2R	2R	2R	L										20	2	11	4	-	52
CHISHOLM, Dane		HB		HB	HB			FE																											4	-	-	-	-	-
COOPER, Luke	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	L	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B			L	B				B			B			13	12	1	1	-	6
CUTHBERTSON, Adam		B	B	B	B	FR	FR	L	B	FR									B												B	B	B	4	9	1	-	-	4	
DAVIES, John	B	B	2R	B	2R	2R			B		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		B	2R	2R	2R		B	B		B		B		L	L		L		14	9	4	-	-	16	
ESEH, Sam																	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	-	14	3	-	-	12
FERRES, Brett				2R		B	B	B	2R				B	B	B	B	B		B			2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R							7	10	3	-	-	12	
FIELD, Callum	B	B	B		B			B	B	B	B																								-	8	-	-	-	-
FLEMING, Dan																										B	B			B				-	3	-	-	-	-	
FORD, Johnathan															B	B	FE		B								HB	HB	HB	HB			FE	FE	7	3	2	-	-	8
GALE, Gareth	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W					W	W	W			W		W	W					W			18	-	8	-	-	32	
GILL, Bailey			HB																												B			1	1	-	-	-	-	
HALL, Craig	C	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	C	C	C	W	W	W	W	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	31	-	20	157	-	394	
HARDCASTLE, Josh	C	2R					C	2R	2R															B	2R	2R	C	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	14	1	9	-	-	36	
HELLEWELL, Ben		C	C	C	B	2R	2R	B		C	C	C		C	C	C	C	2R	C	2R	B					2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			21	3	8	-	-	32	
HEPI, Tyla														B	B		B	B	B						B	L							1	6	-	-	-	-		
HOLMES, Tom	FE										B																							1	1	-	-	-	-	
JACKS, Ryley					HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				HB	HB	HB	HB	24	-	19	-	-	76	
JONES, Connor	B	B	H	B	H	B	B	H		B	H		H	B	H	H		B	C	H	H	H	B	B	H	H	B	B	H	H	B	B	15	14	21	-	-	84		
KHEIRALLAH, Mark										FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	12	-	8	13	-	58		
KOPCZAK, Craig									B	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR		FR	FR								B	B	FR		FR	FR	11	3	2	-	-	8		
LEILUA, Joey		C			C	C	C		C	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	26	-	17	-	-	68		
LINEHAM, Tom																								W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	10	-	4	-	-	16	
LOCKWOOD, James	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR				FR	FR	B	FR					B	B	FR	B	B	19	6	3	-	-	12	
MATHIU, Ben												B																						-	1	-	-	-	-	
McCONNELL, Louis			B	B			B				B										L													1	4	-	-	-	-	
MOORS, Junior	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	2R	L	L		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	L	FR	L	L	31	-	5	-	-	20	
PICKERSGILL, Brandon	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB			B	B					FB																10	2	7	-	-	28	
SENE-LEFAO, Jesse	2R											B	B	B	FR	2R	2R	FR			2R	FR	FR	FR				B		B	2R	2R	11	5	7	-	-	28		
SMITH, Morgan	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	B	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	B	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	28	2	22	-	1	89		
SPRINGER, Gadwin																						B	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	9	2	3	-	-	12		
TROUT, Kyle	B		FR			B	B																										1	3	-	-	-	-		
WILDIE, Matthew	H	H	B	H	B	H	H		H	H	FE	H		H	B		H	H	H	H			B	H	H	L	B	H	H		H	H	21	5	6	-	-	24		

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

Established 1921
Home Ground Post Office Road, Featherstone
(current name: Millennium Stadium)

TITLES

Championship 3 (1979-80, 1992-93, 2011)
Challenge Cup 3 (1967, 1973, 1983)
RFL Yorkshire Cup 2 (1939-40, 1959-60)
RFL 1895 Cup 1 (2021)
Championship Shield 2 (2015, 2018)

HALIFAX PANTHERS

SEASON REVIEW

By JONATHAN BURNETT



Impervious Panthers Show Promotion Credentials

As one of the original 12 Super League teams, Halifax, be they known as the Blue Sox, Panthers, or simply 'Fax', are a club with a long and proud history of top-flight rugby league. However, they've not spent a season at the top table in what will soon be 20 years, having limped their way out of Super League in 2003 winning just one game, and even then having the two points stripped for a salary cap breach!

Since then, the recently-renamed Panthers have been a staple of the second division. They've come close to cracking promotion on several occasions, and with a raft of impressive signings made over the off-season, 2022 was one in which they nearly tasted success again. A third-placed finish was certainly respectable behind runaway leaders Leigh and Featherstone, but the defensive foundations that finish were built on should stand Halifax in good stead to have another go in 2023.

A poor start in which the Panthers lost four of their first five league games was soon forgotten, as a resurgent 'Fax' won 20 of their 28 total matches, scoring the third most points in the division. Their defence though was even more impressive, conceding just 442 points, less than Featherstone, at an average of 16.3 per game. They kept two sides scoreless, while a total of six managed less than 10 points in their respective games, with a mere 181 points conceded in 13 home games making The Shay a fortress for the Panthers' promotion bid.

The vast majority of 'Fax's 11 new signings settled in straight away, particularly in the playmaking spine of the team, with Joe Keyes an ever-present and captain Brandon Moore reliable, as ever, out of dummy half. Head coach Simon Grix, joined in the dugout by his brother Scott this season, has presided over three full seasons in charge now, with the Panthers improving points and position-wise every single season. That'll give the Halifax faithful optimism that a return to the big time might just be around the corner.

Turning Point

March 27th, Round 6 vs. Workington Town. The promise and potential of Halifax's 2022 season looked to be in tatters just six weeks into the campaign, as the Panthers lost four of their first five league games, and were dumped out of the Challenge Cup by Featherstone. However, a trip north to Cumbria would prove to be their game-changer in 2022, as they walloped hosts Workington 42-6 at Derwent Park, scoring seven tries in the process. This sparked an eight-game winning streak that saw the Panthers shoot up the table, from ninth to third. They only lost three more regular season games, also following up those losses with five and six-game winning runs respectively, as Simon Grix's men hit top form for the remainder of the season.

What Worked

The Spine. Much of the Panthers' off-season recruitment in late 2021 and early 2022 focused on the playmaking positions, with the retirement of long-time fullback Scott Grix and halves Liam Harris and Connor Robinson. The replacements for all three performed superbly, however, as Fax marched their way up the league table. Joe Keyes played every game, equally adept regardless of whether he was partnered by Cory Aston or Louis Joffret, all three of which took to their first year in Calderdale like ducks to water. Veteran utility Kyle Wood also made superb cameos off the bench, alleviating the strain on captain Brandon Moore, who excelled at hooker all season.

What didn't work

Games in the balance. Of the eight Championship matches the Panthers lost in 2022, six had a margin of two tries or less. Particularly at the beginning of the season, 'Fax were simply unable to wrestle tight scorelines into their favour, losing 9-8, 22-12 and 16-16 to Widnes, Featherstone and Leigh respectively. The losses dried up through the middle of the season, but at the business end, two agonising two-point losses put an end to the Panthers' season, losing 24-22 to York in their final league match, before being dumped out by Featherstone in the Elimination Final by a score of 26 points to 24.

Best Player

Joe Keyes. The Irish international made the step down from Super League side Hull KR to join the Panthers ahead of 2022, and the London-born scrum-half shone, finishing the year as one of the best performers in the entire Championship. He started all 28 of 'Fax's games, the only player to do so, and was their top scorer with 273, streets ahead of free-scoring winger Lachlan Walmsley's 130. This included a respectable 13 tries, 110 goals off the tee, and a drop goal, scored in the 43-18 thumping of Barrow in June.

Rookies

21-year-old winger Ben Tibbs proved to be a good find for the Panthers, filling in whenever or wherever necessary. He scored 11 tries in just 12 appearances, usually playing at centre, although did feature on the wing in that crucial 42-6 win over Workington, scoring a try in the process. Elsewhere, Cole Oakley and Fenton Rogers also made first-team appearances, as well as having impressive stints on-loan at third-division clubs.

Looking Ahead

After two third-placed finishes back-to-back, the Fax's goal in 2023 simply has to be breaking the ceiling to achieve a place in the top two. They've already made some astute additions to the squad, with Cory Aston the only notable departure the other way. Forwards Will Maher, Eribe Doro and Italy international Ryan King will certainly give the Panthers some bit up front, while the return of ex-Hull and Toronto three-quarter Nick Rawsthorne to his hometown will add further firepower to a backline already capable of piling on the points.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. James Woodburn-Hall 2. Lachlan Walmsley 3. Nick Rawsthorne 4. Joe Arundel 5. James Saltonstall 6. Louis Joffret 7. Joe Keyes 8. Adam Tangata 9. Brandon Moore 10. Will Calcott 11. Ben Kavanagh 12. Ryan King 13. Jacob Fairbank / 14. Kyle Wood 15. Dan Murray 16. Kevin Larroyer 17. Will Maher

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Batley	L 18 - 30	Fox's Bisc	1,796
2	London	W 28 - 0	The Shay	1,433
3	Widnes	L 8 - 9	The Shay	2,046
CC 4R	Featherstone	L 16 - 29	The Shay	1,625
5	Featherstone	L 12 - 22	Millennium	3,728
6	Leigh	L 16 - 26	The Shay	2,202
4	Workington Town	W 42 - 6	Derwent	819
7	Whitehaven	W 46 - 24	The Shay	1,413
8	Bradford	W 20 - 17	Odsal	5,821
9	Barrow	W 40 - 18	The Shay	1,627
10	Newcastle	W 30 - 10	Kingston	-
11	Sheffield	W 38 - 14	The Shay	1,476
12	York City	W 40 - 24	LNER	-
13	Dewsbury	W 66 - 0	The Shay	1,554
14	Leigh	L 0 - 36	LSV	3,132
15	Whitehaven	W 24 - 12	LEL Arena	856
16	Barrow	W 43 - 18	MJ Prestige	2,205
17	Dewsbury	W 38 - 12	Tetley's	1,106
18	York City	W 36 - 10	The Shay	1,621
19	Workington Town	W 58 - 10	The Shay	1,469
20	London	L 10 - 38	Cherry Red	950
21	Bradford	W 22 - 6	Headingley	6,752
22	Batley	W 34 - 18	The Shay	-
23	Sheffield	W 32 - 26	SOLP	569
24	Newcastle	W 42 - 10	The Shay	1,492
25	Bradford	W 40 - 18	The Shay	2,706
26	Widnes	W 32 - 4	DCBL Halton	-
27	Featherstone	L 22 - 24	The Shay	2,440
EF	York City	L 24 - 26	The Shay	1,850

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

CHAMPIONSHIP: 3RD | CHALLENGE CUP: FOURTH ROUND

C'SHIP PLAYED 28, WON 20, LOST 8 | FOR 861, AGAINST 468 | COACH: SIMON GRIX (28 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: JOE KEYES (273) | MOST TRIES: LACHLAN WALMSLEY (30)

Round	Opponent																											Season Stats								
	1	2	3	CC4	5	6	4	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	EF	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
ARUNDEL, Joe	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C					C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C		22	-	11	-	-	44		
ASHWORTH, Jack						2R																							1	-	-	-	-	-		
ASTON, Cory		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE																FE	FE	FE	FE		10	-	3	-	-	12		
BARBER, Ed	2R	C	C	C	2R	B	2R	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B		B		B	B	2R		B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	14	11	5	-	-	20		
CALCOTT, William		B	B		FR	B					FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	20	3	2	-	-	8		
FAIRBANK, Jacob		B	B	L	L		L	B	L	L						B	B	L	B	B	B	L	B	B	FR	B		B	B	8	13	2	-	-	8	
GARSDIE, Matt		2R	2R	2R		2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R								2R	2R	2R		2R		2R	14	-	3	-	-	12			
GEE, Matty													2R	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	L							B	L	B	B	7	4	3	-	-	12	
GWAZE, Titus	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B										B	B	B	-	19	1	-	-	4	
HEWITT, Sam							2R																					1	-	-	-	-	-			
JOUFFRET, Louis	FE			FB	FB		HB		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FB	FB	HB	FE	FE	24	-	11	9	-	62	
KAVANAGH, Ben	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	22	-	7	-	-	28		
KEYES, Joe	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	28	-	13	110	1	273
KNOWLES-TAGG, Brad	B																								B			-	2	-	-	-	-	-		
LARROYER, Kevin	L	L	L	FR	B		FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	L	7	18	1	-	-	4	
McCOMB, Zack	C	W	W		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B		W				W		C	W	W		W	C		W	W	C	20	1	11	-	-	44	
MARTIN, Joe	FB	FB	FB											B	B	B		FB			B	B		B	B			4	7	1	-	-	4			
MASON, Nathan					FR																FR	B						2	1	-	-	-	-	-		
MOORE, Brandon	H	H	H	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	25	3	7	-	-	28		
MORRIS, Elliott	B			B		B																	B	B	B	B			-	7	-	-	-	-		
MURRAY, Daniel	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	27	-	10	-	-	40		
OAKLEY, Cole																						2R						1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ROBERTS, Oliver													2R	2R	2R														3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ROGERS, Fenton																					B								-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
SALTONSTALL, James	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	27	-	11	-	-	44		
TANGATA, Adam	FR	FR	FR	B	B	L	B	L	FR	FR	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	L		L		L	L	L	L	B		L	21	5	4	-	-	16	
TIBBS, Ben							W				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C						12	-	11	-	-	44		
WALMSLEY, Lachlan	W			W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	23	-	30	5	-	130		
WOOD, Kyle	B	B		H	H	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B				B	H	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	H	B	4	20	2	-	-	8		
WOODBURN-HALL, James						FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	19	-	7	-	-	28		
WORTHINGTON, Greg														C	C	C	C								C	C	C	C	11	-	1	-	-	4		

HALIFAX PANTHERS

Established 1873
Home Ground The Shay Stadium, Halifax UK

TITLES

- Championship 4 (1902-03, 1906-07, 1964-65, 1985-86)
- Challenge Cup 5 (1902-03, 1903-04, 1930-31, 1938-39, 1986-87)
- League Cup 1 (1971-72)
- RFL Yorkshire League 6 (1908-09, 1920-21, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1955-56, 1957-58)
- RFL Yorkshire Cup 5 (1908-09, 1944-45, 1954-55, 1955-56, 1963-64)
- RFU Yorkshire Cup 5 (1878, 1886, 1888, 1893, 1894)
- Charity Shield 1 (1986-87)
- Championship Cup 1 (2012)

LEIGH CENTURIONS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Back in Super League as a new era prowls into action

The less we say about the 're-brand' the better. So it's best to get it over and done with nice and early, everything about it just reeks of Derek Beaumont's self-entitlement. Now we have that out of the way. Let's focus on what was ultimately a very successful season for the Leigh side.

They were the Championship's best attacking and defensive team, by a considerable margin. Averaging 48 points a game and conceding on average 8 points is incredibly amazing, regardless of the opposition put in front of them.

Adrian Lam set about getting this side back into Super League on the first attempt. It's safe to say he exceeded all expectations with flying colours.

The challenge will undoubtedly get tougher for Lam's men as they move back up into the Super League. But the focus will be on possessing the same qualities that made Leigh such a joy to watch in season 2022.

Turning point

A round 2 loss to Featherstone where they were horrifically outplayed. It was an ill-disciplined performance from the Centurions with two players sent to the sin bin. But it showed Leigh how hard they would have to work if they wanted to get back up to the top at the first time of asking.

The 28 points conceded would be the most they conceded all season (tied with the 28 they conceded against Barrow in Rd 13).

What worked

While the side was already thriving. The addition of Lachlan Lam from the Sydney Roosters in the middle of the season gave the Centurions a boost to the end of the season.

Lam's experience from Australia in big matches (playing in the Roosters finals campaign last season) would be immense as the Centurions completed the Championship season with a resounding success, complete with a 100-4 annihilation of York City.

What didn't work

Nothing. When a side averages just under 50 points a game. It's a sign that something your doing is working and it's a testament to the coaching staff.

At times there was a touch of complacency with Leigh's impressive defensive record tarnished with some double-digit scores against them, but their strong attack was able to counter the scores being put against them.

Best player

It was a strong season for PNG representative Edwin Ipape. The nuggety hooker was immense for the Centurions with coach Adrian Lam declaring that Ipape will be the Man of Steel within the next 10 seasons. Ipape was the dummy half in the recent World Cup team of the tournament which proves that he'll be a handful for Super League defenders next season.

Looking ahead

Well, after a one-year hiatus, Leigh Leopards will return to the Super League next season and it's safe to say that the Leopards will be better prepared for this experience.

Following a strong World Cup by the likes of Ipape, Nakubuwai, Lam and Chamberlain. The Leigh side will be stronger for the experience.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Zak Hardaker
2. Tom Briscoe
3. Ricky Leutele
4. Gareth O'Brien
5. Josh Charnley
6. Lachlan Lam
7. Joe Mellor
8. Ben Nakubuwai
9. Edwin Ipape
10. Tom Amone
11. Kai O'Donnell
12. Joe Wardle
13. John Asiata

14. Aaron Smith
15. Jacob Gannon
16. Robbie Mulhern
17. Oliver Holmes

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Whitehaven	W 50 - 4	LSV	3,334
2	Featherstone	L 6 - 28	Millennium	4,562
3	Bradford	W 38 - 4	LSV	2,746
4	York City	W 40 - 4	LSV	2,069
CC 4R	Widnes	W 38 - 4	LSV	2,567
5	Newcastle	W 34 - 18	LSV	3,009
CC 5R	Bradford	W 20 - 16	Odsal	1,221
6	Halifax	W 26 - 16	The Shay	2,202
CC 6R	Hull KR	L 18 - 24	SG Craven	3,088
7	Dewsbury	W 44 - 0	LSV	2,569
8	Widnes	W 36 - 6	DCBL Halton	3,854
9	London	W 64 - 0	LSV	2,587
10	Sheffield	W 34 - 6	LSV	2,431
1895 SF	Sheffield	W 30 - 12	LSV	2,110
11	Batley	W 52 - 0	Fox's Bisc	-
12	Workington Town	W 58 - 6	LSV	2,459
1895 Final	Featherstone	W 30 - 16	Spurs	51,628
13	Barrow	W 30 - 28	MJ Prestige	2,422
14	Halifax	W 36 - 0	LSV	3,132
15	Featherstone	W 32 - 12	LSV	4,226
16	Sheffield	W 58 - 4	SOLP	758
17	Bradford	W 56 - 6	Odsal	-
18	Workington Town	W 66 - 0	Derwent	759
19	Dewsbury	W 60 - 6	Tetley's	1,149
20	Whitehaven	W 64 - 4	LEL Arena	1,010
21	Featherstone	W 46 - 16	Headingley	6,752
22	Barrow	W 52 - 20	LSV	3,170
23	Newcastle	W 60 - 0	Kingston	2,127
24	York City	W 100 - 4	LSV	2,744
25	Widnes	W 42 - 4	LSV	3,340
26	London	W 58 - 6	Cherry Red	900
27	Batley	W 64 - 6	LSV	3,481
SF	York City	W 70 - 10	LSV	3,329
GF	Batley	W 44 - 12	LSV	7,233

LONDON BRONCOS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Avoiding the drop, but questions remain unanswered

The London Broncos were able to pull off the great escape. Looking certain to be relegated through the first few months of the season. The decision to remove Jermaine Coleman had to be done to avoid the depths and misery of League One next season.

The Broncos were able to turn around a poor start to the season to narrowly survive being relegated. This side on paper was capable of much more than they delivered in season 2022 and next season is a time to put up or shut up if the Broncos want to remain competitive in 2023 and go back up to the heights of the Super League.

Jermaine Coleman had only achieved seven points in the first 17 games of the season and his position was untenable. Mike Eccles took over for the remaining fixtures and immediately got results with the players around him. Winning half of his remaining fixtures, Eccles made sure London would go from barely surviving, to surviving comfortably.

What went right

The change in coach. Coleman's position was untenable and it was a rot that was seeing the Broncos slide further and further to relegation. Eccles (who also took up a role as director of rugby at London) was able to rally the troops with wins over Bradford, Halifax, Newcastle, Batley (in a big upset), and Workington Town.

What went wrong

Bringing Jermaine Coleman back. With all due respect, Coleman had his chance previously with London. But only had a 24% winning accuracy, so London only had themselves to blame for their disastrous start to the season. Also, injuries to key players denied Coleman an opportunity to play his full side on a more frequent basis.

Best player

Capping off a successful season with a birth in the Italy side. Dean Parata was a strong candidate for player of the year. Nabbing 10 tries in 28 appearances, Parata was a constant goer for London in a season in which they were struggling to lift themselves off the canvas at times. Parata will be staying another season, which is a good boost for a club that lacks leadership and stability.

Rookies

The Broncos had a strong season in terms of debuting young talent. Max Allen got three games after starting the year with the Skolars. Jude Ferreria got 11 games and scored two tries (both came in defeats). Calum Gahan was the strongest of the debutants, but he's off to Toulouse after a good World Cup campaign. Brock Pelligra had a solid stint in the halves for London while Paul Ulberg solidified a wing spot all season and had a great campaign for the Cook Islands.

Looking ahead

There are some strong signings. Fiji international Henry Raiwalui is staying in the United Kingdom playing with the Broncos in 2023. The good news is the Broncos are looking like a more stable unit off the field. As mentioned, Eccles will be staying on as director of rugby. This will allow London to be more competitive and financially viable.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Jarred Bassett
2. Paul Ulberg
3. Sitiveni Mcedireke
4. Dalton Grant
5. Ilies Macani
6. Dean Parata
7. Henry Raiwalui
8. Wellington Albert
9. Sam Davis
10. Jordan Williams
11. Will Lovell
12. Rhys Curran
13. Ronnie Palumbo

14. Brad Foster
15. Robert Tulitau
16. Adam Vrahnos
17. Lewis Bienek

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Widnes	L 12 - 34	Cherry Red	2,182
2	Halifax	L 0 - 28	The Shay	1,433
3	Whitehaven	L 0 - 8	Cherry Red	1,411
4	Featherstone	L 12 - 30	Millennium	2,796
CC 4R	Bradford	L 8 - 34	Cherry Red	551
5	York City	L 24 - 26	Cherry Red	903
6	Barrow	D 18 - 18	MJ Prestige	1,979
7	Bradford	L 6 - 8	Cherry Red	1,153
8	Sheffield	L 10 - 30	Eco-Power	943
9	Leigh	L 0 - 64	LSV	2,587
10	Dewsbury	W 36 - 12	Cherry Red	-
11	Newcastle	L 22 - 52	Cherry Red	940
12	Batley	L 12 - 28	Fox's Bisc	-
13	Workington Town	L 18 - 32	Derwent	1,135
14	York City	L 34 - 36	LNER	-
15	Dewsbury	W 26 - 18	Tetley's	579
16	Widnes	L 22 - 26	DCBL Halton	2,926
17	Sheffield	W 36 - 28	Kufflink	750
18	Featherstone	L 22 - 42	Kufflink	850
19	Bradford	W 30 - 12	Odsal	2,762
20	Halifax	W 38 - 10	Cherry Red	950
21	Sheffield	L 12 - 38	Headingley	6,752
22	Newcastle	W 44 - 0	Kingston	395
23	Workington Town	W 38 - 12	New River	-
24	Batley	W 30 - 20	Cherry Red	750
25	Whitehaven	L 20 - 40	LEL Arena	791
26	Leigh	L 6 - 58	Cherry Red	900
27	Barrow	L 20 - 30	Cherry Red	-

LONDON BRONCOS

Established
Home Ground

1980
Plough Lane, Wimbledon
(current name: Cherry Red Records Stadium)

TITLES

Championship
Challenge Cup

1982/83
None

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

CHAMPIONSHIP: 11TH | CHALLENGE CUP: FOURTH ROUND | C'SHIP PLAYED 27, WON 8, LOST 18, DRAWN 1 | FOR 548, AGAINST 740

COACH: JERMAINE COLEMAN (18 MATCHES), MIKE ECCLES (10 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: OLI LEYLAND (112) | MOST TRIES: ILIESS MACANI, PAUL ULBERG (15)

Player	Round	1	2	3	4	CC4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Season Stats									
	Opponent	WID	HFX	WHI	FEV	BRA	YRK	BAR	BRA	SHE	LEI	DEW	NEW	BAT	WRK	YRK	DEW	WID	SHE	FEV	BRA	HFX	SHE	NEW	WRK	BAT	WHI	LEI	BAR	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts				
ALBERT, Wellington										B	B	B	B	FR			B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR			8	7	2	-	-	8					
ALLEN, Max															2R	B				B									1	2	-	-	-	-					
BIENEK, Lewis		B	B	FR			B	FR	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR			B	FR		B	B	B	FR	FR	13	10	6	-	-	24					
BLAKEMORE, William		FR	FR	FR			B	B					FR		B													4	3	-	-	-	-						
BOUROUH, Amir							B																					-	1	-	-	-	-						
CHISHOLM, Dane										HB	HB	HB																3	-	1	7	-	18						
COATES, Dan		HB	HB		B	HB																						3	1	-	-	-	-						
CURRAN, Rhys			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R					2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	20	-	2	-	-	8
DAVIS, Sam																	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	12	1	-	-	-	-					
FERREIRA, Jude		C	C						C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C									11	-	2	-	-	8						
FOSTER, Bradley		L	L	L		FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	2R	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	14	12	2	-	-	8					
GAHAN, Calum					H	H	H	H	B	B	H	H													B	B	B	B	6	6	4	-	-	16					
GRANT, Dalton		C	C	C					C	C	C	C			C					B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	18	1	5	-	-	20					
GREENHALGH, Michael		FR			B	B																						1	2	-	-	-	-						
HALL, Sam																	L	FR	B	FR	FR		FR					5	1	3	-	-	12						
HORSMAN, Rian		FE	FE	B	HB																					B	FE	FE	5	2	-	-	-	-					
HOYES, Daniel															C													1	-	1	-	-	4						
JUMA, Lameck		W	W	W	C																							4	-	1	-	-	4						
LATU, Paulos				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	C	B	C						B							8	4	2	-	-	8						
LEYLAND, Bill																B					B							-	2	-	-	-	-						
LEYLAND, Oliver		FB		HB	FE	FE	FE	FE			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	25	-	2	52	-	112					
LOVELL, Will		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		L	FR	FR	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	25	-	5	-	-	20					
MACANI, Iliess		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	28	-	15	-	-	60					
MOCEIDREKE, Sittiveni			FB	FB	FB	FB	HB	HB	FE	FE	C	C	HB				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	-	6	14	-	52						
OAKLEY, Robert		B		B				B	B	H	B										B	B	B	B	B	B	L	L	3	12	-	-	-	-					
PALUMBO, Ronny		B	B		FR	C	C	2R	2R	2R	2R	FR	L	B	L	L	B				L	L	L	L	L	L		2R	18	4	-	-	-	-					
PARATA, Dean		H	H	H	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	H	H	H	H	H	L	L	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	L	L	28	-	10	-	-	40				
PARKE, Euan																B												-	1	-	-	-	-						
PELLIGRA, Brock																HB	HB	FE	FE				B	B	B			4	3	-	-	-	-						
RAMSEY, Will			B			B																						-	2	-	-	-	-						
THOMAS, Jacob				FE					HB						HB	HB												4	-	-	1	-	2						
THORMAN, Neil													B	B	B													-	3	-	-	-	-						
TULIATU, Robert		B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B			B	B	B	B	B						B			B	B	B	B	4	16	-	-	-	-					
ULBERG, Paul					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	25	-	15	-	-	60					
VRAHNOS, Adam				B	B	B										B	B											B	-	6	-	-	-	-					
WALKER, Alex							FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	23	-	14	-	-	56					
WILLIAMS, Jordan		2R	FR		B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			B	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	16	9	4	-	-	16					

NEWCASTLE THUNDER

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Escape from relegation is complete, but what's to come?

The Newcastle Thunder is another side pondering what might've been. Eamon O'Carroll's side was in seventh position in the early months of the season. However, instead of celebrating his side's success, the club collapsed only winning a further three games and drawing one to relegated side Dewsbury.

With some experienced players including former NRL star Ukuma Ta'ai, the Thunder were expected to improve on their 2021 rise. However, after the positive start to the year. The Thunder collapsed and their defence went with them. Conceding 33 points a game (on average), while only scoring 20 points a game on average doesn't make for good reading.

A 53-10 victory over a depleted Bradford lineup was the highlight of the side's second half of the year, it also drew its biggest gate of the season at a whopping 3,034 people coming through the gates. They got their money's worth as the Thunder put on their best performance of the season to comfortably escape with the two points. The highlight was a 29-point second half in which they also held Bradford to 0.

What went right

The Thunder had a good start to the season stringing some nice wins together. They were able to defeat Workington, Whitehaven, Dewsbury and Widnes in their first few matches. Showing that they had some fight and spirit in the jersey as that's what the coach and director of Rugby Denis Betts would've been asking for.

What went wrong

The second half of the season was a nightmare for the Thunder and there was the distinct possibility of relegation as Dewsbury picked up a win late in the season. However, despite a winless end to the season, the Thunder were able to keep their place in the Championship for a further twelve months.

Best player

Craig Mullen's re-signing is a huge boost to the Thunder as he had a great season. The 24-year-old fullback crossed for 6 tries in 20 appearances and led the team by example around the park. Sam Halsall was the leading try-scorer with 13 tries in 11 appearances and is another that has a bright future at the age of just 21.

Rookies

The Thunder debuted Nathan Lemmit, Jesse Dee, Tom Forber, Tyler Hepple, Thomas Lacans, Josh McDermott, Jack Skelton and Alex Sutton all debuted this season for the Thunder. It showed there is a chance for young players to advance through the pathways.

Looking ahead

Well, it's going to be another uphill battle to avoid relegation. As hard as it is to say, the financial situation isn't viable and have gone back to being a part-time club next season. With attendance falling (an average of just over 1,000 fans attending matches at Kingston Park). With the popular Super League Magic Weekend finding a spiritual home in the Toon and Newcastle fresh off hosting three World Cup fixtures. It's time the locals got behind their local team as they've seen how great the game of rugby league can be.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Craig Mullen
2. Jack Johnson
3. Alex Clegg
4. Alex Donaghy
5. Gideon Boafo
6. Dan Coates
7. Nikau Williams
8. Mitch Clark
9. Josh Eaves
10. Ted Chapelhow
11. Brad Gallagher
12. Alex Foster
13. Sam Hallas

14. Connor Bailey
15. Rhys Clarke
16. Nathan Clemmitt
17. Connor Moore

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Workington Town	W 20 - 6	Derwent	1,205
2	Batley	L 14 - 32	Kingston	638
3	Barrow	L 6 - 14	MJ Prestige	1,744
4	Whitehaven	W 40 - 24	Kingston	719
CC 4R	York City	L 13 - 42	LSV	1,221
5	Leigh	L 18 - 34	LSV	3,009
6	Dewsbury	W 24 - 22	Tetley's	786
7	Widnes	W 12 - 6	Kingston	1,835
8	York City	L 6 - 38	LSV	-
9	Sheffield	L 20 - 34	Millennium	385
10	Halifax	L 10 - 30	Kingston	-
11	London	W 52 - 22	Cherry Red	940
12	Bradford	L 20 - 36	Odsal	-
13	Featherstone	L 10 - 46	Kingston	1,188
14	Sheffield	L 18 - 31	Kingston	628
15	Batley	L 18 - 58	Fox's Bisc	-
16	Workington Town	W 66 - 22	Kingston	652
17	Featherstone	L 22 - 58	Millennium	2,427
18	Bradford	W 53 - 10	Kingston	3,034
19	Widnes	L 26 - 33	DCBL Halton	2,382
20	Dewsbury	D 24 - 24	Kingston	593
21	York City	L 18 - 27	Headingley	4,011
22	London	L 0 - 44	Kingston	395
23	Leigh	L 0 - 60	Kingston	2,127
24	Halifax	L 10 - 42	The Shay	1,492
25	Barrow	L 10 - 62	Kingston	687
26	York City	L 18 - 24	Kingston	689
27	Whitehaven	L 24 - 40	LEL Arena	1,193

NEWCASTLE THUNDER

Established
Home Ground

1999 (as Gateshead Thunder)
Kingston Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne UK

TITLES

Championship
Challenge Cup
RFL League 1
League 1 Shield

None
None
1 (2008)
1 (2016)

SHEFFIELD EAGLES

SEASON REVIEW

By DANIEL FOWLER



The 2022 season was a momentous one for Sheffield Eagles as they finally returned to the Steel City permanently.

By all means, it's not the completed product but Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park is their piece of home, on the same patch of land as their former ground Don Valley Stadium. Mark Aston, the club's stalwart coach who has led them through some very tough times whilst still bringing silverware, had another rebuilding job to carry out. 15 new signings and a high turnover of players have been the norm for the Eagles during the turbulence of not having a permanent home and nowhere to lay foundations. Amongst the newbies were players that'd have a massive say in the club's 7th-placed finish. In the backs, Ben Jones-Bishop and Kris Welham were rolling back the years with 41 tries between themselves. The forwards had Vila Halafihhi performing consistently at hooker, with Mikey Wood and Brandon Douglas providing much-needed grunt up front.

The Eagles were in familiar territory for the first few months of their campaign with many games being played away from home, including four 'home' games - three at Featherstone and one at Doncaster. On their return to Sheffield, albeit with complications on the number of fans that were allowed into the stadium, nothing could stop the Eagles faithful from smiling as they beat Widnes Vikings 34-24 live on TV. Overall, a 7th-placed finish for a team that had so many changes must be seen as a good result. But when you take into account the number of lost points from winning positions, it can also be remembered as a 'what could have been' campaign.

Turning Point

Round 17 to Round 19 - Three rounds, three defeats but all agonisingly close to being the other way around. Two of the losses in particular will sting for some time for the Eagles fans, especially for those who made the journey down to Ebbsfleet to watch their side face London Broncos. A 0-28 half-time lead was flipped on its head in the second period as the Broncos, under relatively new coach Mike Eccles, would start their survival bid in remarkable style.

Another 20+ point lead would go astray for Sheffield a couple of weeks later when Barrow, and the rapid Tee Ritson, stole the spoils from under the Eagles' noses. In between those defeats came Batley - who would contest the Million Pound Game later in the year - edging past the Eagles by two points at the Olympic Legacy Park. Six competition points that went down the pan for the South Yorkshire club. Although the Eagles finished 12 points behind sixth-placed York, there was still plenty of time for Aston's men to mount a late playoff charge if those games had gone their way.

What Worked

As previously mentioned, the recruitment of Ben Jones-Bishop and Kris Welham proved to be a masterstroke by Aston. He could have easily put them on opposite flanks to help out the less experienced players on each side but sticking them together had the desired effect. Both are going again for one more year, as is the maverick Anthony Thackeray, so you can expect that trio to be at the heart of everything good from an Eagles perspective again.

What didn't work

Aston was always very supportive of his players throughout the year, even when leads - and therefore any chance of a playoff spot - slipped away. When a rollicking needs to be given, he will certainly provide it and behind closed doors, I'm sure he will have been doing. So, what didn't work? Quite simply, for some reason, second-half performances proved to be the Eagles' Achilles heel and cost them dearly. With the majority of the 2022 squad signed up for next year, as well as some eye-catching recruits inbound, it'll be interesting to see how the Eagles get on.

Best Player

It just has to be Anthony Thackeray, doesn't it? He revealed in the lead-up to the 2022 season that this would be his last before hanging up the boots. As the season went on, it became clear if Thackeray was to go out at season's end - he'd be going out in the form of his life. He finished the year on 24 tries in 27 appearances. Aston will undoubtedly have been on the phone with his scrum half to try and get him to reconsider. Thackeray did reconsider and he will have 'one more year' again in 2023.

Rookies

Two players made their first career appearances in 2022. Will Wallis went up against his hometown club Hull FC in the Challenge Cup for a debut to remember before playing against London Broncos in the Championship. Wallis would leave the club later in the year by mutual consent. The other player was Ben Sheils, whose debut came in the final league game of the year against Dewsbury Rams at the Olympic Legacy Park. The ex-Leeds youngster was lauded with praise by Aston for his commitment to training and the patience he has had to show for his maiden appearance.

Looking Ahead

It's an exciting time for the Eagles as they have recruited 11 new players while keeping all but one (Kadeem Williams) of the squad that finished 2022. Within the 11, the Eagles have got bundles of experience in the form of Jesse Sene-Lefao, Aaron Murphy, and Matty Dawson-Jones as well as a number coming into their prime, such as Oliver Roberts and Titus Gwaze. Youngsters Joe Hird and Mekhi Bridgeman-Reaney will be wanting to put their best foot forward in pre-season and impress in the friendlies against Hull FC and Doncaster.

As for the next bit, it's almost an impossible task considering we're just a month into pre-season. Even Aston and his coaching staff will be deliberating deep into January and past the two friendlies. The numbers next to the names are not official squad numbers, as they haven't been released at the time of writing.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Josh Guzdek 2. Matty Dawson-Jones 3. Ryan Johnson 4. Kris Welham 5. Ben Jones-Bishop 6. Izaak Farrell 7. Anthony Thackeray 8. Titus Gwaze 9. Vila Halafihhi 10. Tyler Dickinson 11. Oliver Roberts 12. Joel Farrell 13. Evan Hodgson / 14. Jack Hansen 15. Brandon Douglas 16. Blake Broadbent 17. Mikey Wood

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Barrow	L 10 - 22	MJ Prestige	1,927
2	Bradford	W 28 - 14	Odsal	3,547
3	Dewsbury	L 10 - 12	Tetley's	846
CC 4R	Hunslet Parkside	W 40 - 20	South Leeds	450
5	Workington Town	W 54 - 4	Derwent	779
CC 5R	North Wales	W 50 - 30	Zip World	330
6	Whitehaven	W 44 - 6	LEL Arena	1,239
CC 6R	Hull FC	L 12 - 58	Millennium	1,039
7	Featherstone	L 18 - 44	Millennium	2,842
1895 PO	Whitehaven	W 40 - 6	Millennium	150
8	London	W 30 - 10	Eco-Power	943
9	Newcastle	W 34 - 20	Millennium	385
10	Leigh	L 6 - 34	LSV	2,431
1895 SF	Leigh	L 12 - 30	LSV	2,110
11	Halifax	L 14 - 38	The Shay	1,476
12	Widnes	W 34 - 24	SOLP	795
13	York City	L 14 - 34	SOLP	786
14	Newcastle	W 31 - 18	Kingston	628
15	Bradford	L 10 - 30	SOLP	799
16	Leigh	L 4 - 58	SOLP	758
17	London	L 28 - 36	Kufflink	750
18	Batley	L 18 - 20	SOLP	678
19	Barrow	L 32 - 36	SOLP	621
20	Workington Town	W 64 - 6	SOLP	644
21	London	W 38 - 12	Headingley	6,752
4	Batley	L 22 - 32	Fox's Bisc	-
22	Whitehaven	W 38 - 26	SOLP	727
23	Halifax	L 26 - 32	SOLP	569
24	Widnes	W 30 - 18	DCBL Halton	-
25	York City	L 12 - 20	LNER	-
26	Featherstone	L 18 - 30	SOLP	912
27	Dewsbury	W 34 - 24	SOLP	604

WHITEHAVEN RLFC

SEASON REVIEW

By LACHLAN McINTYRE



Whitehaven continues to establish itself in the Championship but lacks star power.

Playing in just their second full season of Championship since their most recent promotion from League One, Whitehaven was hoping to build on a strong sixth-place finish in the 2021 season. But it wasn't meant to be for the Cumbrian club, with the side slumping down to a tenth-place finish in 2022. Their season started on a terrible note, going down 50-4 to eventual champions Leigh, and despite finding victories in rounds three and five, Whitehaven would struggle for points throughout the entirety of the Championship. A 22-14 win over Workington Town in round eight was a small boost for Whitehaven fans, creating hope that was quickly quashed during the succeeding five straight losses. A small winning streak to round out the season saw them edge out Newcastle and London to nab tenth spot on the table, finishing with nine wins out of 27 fixtures. Despite the disappointing season, Whitehaven managed to stay well away from the dreaded relegation spots, and have earned themselves another crack in the second tier for next year.

Turning Point

Their round 12 loss to Featherstone in May. Whitehaven couldn't trouble the scorer for the full eighty minutes, while the Rovers put a massive 78 points past their terrible defensive outfit. The loss was the fourth in their five-match mid-season losing streak and their biggest defeat of the year. Before their trip to Featherstone, Whitehaven was far from riding high, but this away loss solidified the hopelessness felt by their fans. The loss crushed any hope of a second consecutive finals appearance for Whitehaven, and signalled their change of objective from pushing for the knockouts, to simply avoiding the relegation spots at all costs.

What Worked

Whitehaven brought the year to a close with a four-match winning streak, a big achievement considering they couldn't link even two consecutive Championship wins together all season. After winning just five matches in the prior 23 rounds, the last four rounds nearly doubled their competition points tally. The end-of-season draw was admittedly comparatively easy for Whitehaven, meeting Bradford, London, Workington Town, and Newcastle, but they got the job done four weeks straight despite the club not having much to play for. Even though their opponents were in a similar ladder position to Whitehaven, the likes of Workington Town were motivated by escaping the relegation spots. Whitehaven showed plenty of spirit in downing these outfits at the end of a long season. They'll need to bring that fight into the 2023 season if they want any hope of returning to the finals, and Whitehaven's storming home will provide their fans with plenty of hope heading into the new year.

Away from the Championship, Whitehaven went deep into the Challenge Cup - the deepest they have since they were a League One club in 2018. Recording simple wins over Doncaster and York City, a blockbuster clash with Super League giants St Helens was set. The game drew the largest home crowd of the year for Whitehaven, and despite the expected heavy loss, the match increased media coverage of the team. It was Whitehaven's first competitive game against Super League opposition since a heavy loss to Catalans in 2018, and getting to that point in the competition is a big boost for the club.

What Didn't Work

Following their elimination from the Challenge Cup, Whitehaven participated in the 1895 Cup. The competition was very winnable, with just three games standing between them and a trophy. But they fell at the first hurdle. A heavy loss to Sheffield ended any possibility of Whitehaven using their Challenge Cup momentum to make a dent in the tournament. The early exit was a tough blow, and Whitehaven won only one of their following six games back in the Championship, halting any momentum well and truly. Further, their home crowds at LEL Arena were often under 1,000. They'll want this figure to increase significantly in the coming years as they continue to build to be a Super League club for Cumbria.

Defining Players

21-year-old centre Will Evans showed he has talent-to-burn during his breakout 2022 season. Making 26 appearances and scoring eight tries for Whitehaven in his debut full-league season, Evans was a consistent performer who delivered when his side needed it. He was rewarded for his successful campaign with a debut for his nation Wales against France in a mid-season test, and he was also included in the Welsh Rugby League World Cup squad following the conclusion of the Championship season. The Australian has one appearance for the Burleigh Bears in the Queensland Cup, but he will move to another city again next season when he takes up a deal with Widnes. 25-year-old second-rower Ryan King was another stand-out performer for Whitehaven in 2022. The Wollongong local found his way to Cumbria via the Cronulla U20's side, and he has made 36 appearances for Whitehaven over the past two seasons. He has earned five caps for Italy, but Whitehaven could not retain him for 2023 and he will move on to Halifax. 23-year-old half Nikau Williams made the most appearances of any player for Whitehaven throughout 2022, taking to the field a whopping 30 times for his club. Williams was the designated goal-kicker for Whitehaven, with the ball sailing through the uprights 47 times off his boot this year. Worryingly for Whitehaven, he is another stand-out player that will be moving on from the club in 2023.

Rookies

19-year-old Cain Robb joined Whitehaven on loan from Super League club Castleford for the back end of the 2022 season. The hooker made seven appearances for Whitehaven, and the promising youngster has recently re-signed with the Tigers until 2024. His future at Whitehaven is unclear, but the Cumbrian club would undoubtedly want him to stay on loan if possible after his stellar performances for them this year. 20-year-old Jake Bradley has recently been re-signed by Whitehaven until the end of the 2023 season. Bradley holds the record of being Whitehaven's youngest-ever player, making his club debut at just 16 years old (a game in which he also scored a try). Bradley has been with Whitehaven ever since their League One campaign in 2019, and he has established himself as a forward at the club. He will continue to push for more game time, as well as fight for a possible contract at a Super League club. 20-year-old Marcus Walker made 13 appearances for Whitehaven this year while on loan from Hull FC. He will not return to Cumbria, with the half linking up with Newcastle for the 2023 season.

Looking Ahead

2023 is the great unknown for Whitehaven. They will begin their campaign with a round one trip to Bradford in early February, and their regular season will end with a home clash against the recently relegated Toulouse Olympique. Their head coach Jonty Gorley will get his second full season at the helm of the team. Whitehaven will be assisted by some important signings for the 2023 season. Hooker Josh Eaves is a massive boost for the club. Eaves boasts Super League appearances for St Helens, Wakefield, and Leigh, and he will bring plenty of experience to the team. He made 23 appearances for Whitehaven while on loan back in 2018, in which he scored eight tries. Haven-born and bred Jamie Doran will link with the club for the 2023 season. Doran has made two Super League appearances for Wigan, but it's Whitehaven's next-door rivals Workington Town where he has spent most of his career. The annual West Cumbrian Derby pre-season fixture will be as feisty as ever, with Marcus O'Brien also jumping ship from Workington. Largely an unknown quantity, 22-year-old Josh Rourke has signed on with Whitehaven. The fullback has come through the Salford Red Devils' ranks and joins Whitehaven having made his Super League debut last season. Before their season proper gets underway, Whitehaven will get the opportunity to test their side against Super League opposition. They will meet the might of the Wigan Warriors in late January, before facing another Super League opponent in Castleford. They will present tough challenges, but solid performances against them will fill the team with much-needed confidence.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Josh Rourke 2. Joshua Martin 3. Dave Eccleston 4. Connor Holliday 5. Andrew Bulman 6. Karl Dixon 7. Jamie Doran 8. Guy Graham 9. Josh Eaves 10. Liam McAvoy 11. Perry Singleton 12. Lachlan Lanskey 13. Marcus O'Brien / 14. Dion Aiyee 15. Tom Walker 16. Lasarus Tabu 17. Jake Bradley

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Leigh	L 4 - 50	LSV	3,334
2	Barrow	L 4 - 18	LEL Arena	1,795
3	London	W 8 - 0	Cherry Red	1,411
4	Newcastle	L 24 - 40	Kingston	719
CC 4R	Doncaster	W 60 - 0	Eco-Power	544
5	Dewsbury	W 40 - 12	LEL Arena	764
CC 5R	York City	W 38 - 12	LEL Arena	798
R6	Sheffield	L 6 - 44	LEL Arena	1,239
CC 6R	St Helens	L 4 - 46	LEL Arena	4,869
R7	Halifax	L 24 - 46	The Shay	1,413
1895 PO	Sheffield	L 6 - 40	Millennium	150
8	Workington Town	W 22 - 14	LEL Arena	1,975
9	York City	L 12 - 30	LNER	-
10	Bradford	L 22 - 34	LEL Arena	1,099
11	Widnes	L 16 - 56	DCBL Halton	-
12	Featherstone	L 0 - 78	Millennium	2,572
13	Batley	L 6 - 46	LEL Arena	1,147
14	Dewsbury	W 26 - 18	Tetley's	460
15	Halifax	L 12 - 24	LEL Arena	856
16	York City	L 16 - 40	LEL Arena	-
17	Batley	D 26 - 26	Fox's Bisc	873
18	Barrow	L 6 - 40	MJ Prestige	2,556
19	Featherstone	L 24 - 46	LEL Arena	-
20	Leigh	L 4 - 64	LEL Arena	1,010
21	Workington Town	W 28 - 10	Headingley	4,011
22	Sheffield	L 26 - 38	SOLP	727
23	Widnes	L 12 - 26	LEL Arena	1,088
24	Bradford	W 12 - 4	Odsal	2,670
25	London	W 40 - 20	LEL Arena	791
26	Workington Town	W 28 - 6	Derwent	1,427
27	Newcastle	W 40 - 24	LEL Arena	1,193

WIDNES VIKINGS

SEASON REVIEW

By AJ LUCANTONIO



Inconsistency ruins the Vikings' playoff chances.

The Vikings season can be summed up in two excruciating halves. The first half of the season after an impressive start which saw victories over London, Halifax, Workington and Dewsbury which saw pundits believe Widnes could challenge for the finals.

But then, the collapse ensued with the Vikings going on a slide which saw them win only 2 of 11 matches in the Championship (as well as a Challenge Cup loss to Leigh) and coach Simon Finnigan removed after a 38-10 loss to Batley.

Ryan O'Brien did his best in his seven matches in charge, which included the snapping of the losing streak with a 40-point victory over Workington and a win in his last match in charge defeating London by 26-22.

Welsh coach John Kear arrived and the form from early in the season came with it. Immediately going on a five-game winning streak and the talk of finals came again.

Unfortunately for Widnes, they would go on a late-season slide showcasing their inconsistent play winning just two of their remaining seven fixtures. Those coming with a win over Whitehaven and a depleted Bradford side.

What went right

The change of coach. John Kear is a renowned coach in the British game and has improved the calibre of the sides he has coached. The side took on a more focused role when he took over in July.

Although they fell away towards the end of the season. There is something to build upon after their disastrous mid-season slide.

What went wrong

Lack of consistency. Widnes had such a strong start to the season, but unfortunately, a lack of consistency prohibited the Vikings from going up the ladder until it was far too late in the season.

As a result, they were a staggering six games off the pace of qualifying for the promotion playoffs, which for a side with as proud a history as Widnes has is simply unacceptable.

Best player

Owen Farnworth was judged to be the Vikings' player of the season. A prestigious honour for a forward that has had to buy his time in Widnes. He had a breakout season playing in 23 matches (the most for him in a season) and grabbing his first career try which came against Whitehaven back in May

In the prime of his career, Farnworth is a forward the Vikings need to see more out of in 2023 if they want to push for the promotion playoffs.

Rookies

Widnes debuted just two players this year: Morgan Burgess, who was on loan from Warrington and won't be returning; and Ramon Silva, who made two appearances from the bench during the sides' losing run.

Looking ahead

Among their new additions are a host of players with Super League experience such as Grand Final winner Kyle Amor, hooker Jordan Johnstone and winger Kieran Dixon - who spent last season on loan at the club from Leigh. Callum Field is the other player that has made his loan move permanent, joining from Featherstone.

Ant Walker arrives from Bradford, Will Evans from Whitehaven, while Max Roberts and Lewis Hatton have both joined on one-year deals. Matty Smith is a big loss as he has chosen to retire, other departures include Lloyd Roby, forwards Kenny Baker and Levy Nzoungou, as well as centre Jake Spedding and hookers Lewis Hulme and Dec Gregory.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Matty Fleming
2. Ryan Ince
3. Steve Tyrer
4. Luis Roberts
5. Kieran Dixon
6. Danny Craven
7. Tom Gilmore
8. Kyle Amor
9. Matty Fozard
10. Owen Farnworth
11. Sam Wilde
12. Olly Davies
13. Liam Bent

14. Jordan Johnstone
15. Ant Walker
16. Eribe Doro
17. Adam Lawton

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	London	W 34 - 12	Cherry Red	2,182
2	Workington Town	W 70 - 18	DCBL Halton	3,623
3	Halifax	W 9 - 8	The Shay	2,046
4	Dewsbury	W 36 - 10	Tetley's	2,503
CC 4R	Leigh	L 4 - 38	LSV	2,567
5	Barrow	L 24 - 34	DCBL Halton	3,422
6	York City	L 6 - 32	LNER	2,156
7	Newcastle	L 6 - 12	Kingston	1,835
8	Leigh	L 6 - 36	DCBL Halton	3,854
9	Batley	L 10 - 38	DCBL Halton	-
10	Featherstone	L 6 - 74	Millennium	4,317
11	Whitehaven	W 56 - 16	DCBL Halton	-
12	Sheffield	L 24 - 34	SOLP	795
13	Bradford	L 6 - 31	DCBL Halton	3,258
14	Barrow	L 4 - 44	MJ Prestige	2,451
15	York City	L 14 - 16	DCBL Halton	2,410
16	London	W 26 - 22	DCBL Halton	2,926
17	Workington Town	W 38 - 0	Derwent	953
18	Dewsbury	W 20 - 16	DCBL Halton	2,381
19	Newcastle	W 33 - 26	DCBL Halton	2,382
20	Batley	W 24 - 18	Fox's Bisc	-
21	Barrow	L 24 - 36	Headingley	4,011
22	Featherstone	L 16 - 20	DCBL Halton	-
23	Whitehaven	W 26 - 12	LEL Arena	1,088
24	Sheffield	L 18 - 30	DCBL Halton	-
25	Leigh	L 4 - 42	LSV	3,340
26	Halifax	L 4 - 32	DCBL Halton	-
27	Bradford	W 23 - 10	Odsal	3,504

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

CHAMPIONSHIP: 8TH | CHALLENGE CUP: FOURTH ROUND | C'SHIP PLAYED 27, WON 12, LOST 15 | FOR 567, AGAINST 679

COACH: SIMON FINNIGAN (10 MATCHES), JOHN KEAR (11 MATCHES), RYAN O'BRIEN (7 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: STEVE TYRER (112) | MOST TRIES: RYAN INCE (14)

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BENT, Liam	B	B					B		L	L				B				L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	12	5	1	-	-	4				
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BROWN, Aaron	L	L	L	L	L	L	L					L	L	L	B	L	L									B	B	12	4	-	-	-	-	-				
BURGESS, Morgan											FR																		1	-	-	-	-	-				
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DAVIES, Ollie	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	2R	2R	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	B	2R	23	5	7	-	-	28			
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FIELD, Callum													B	FR	B	L	FR		B	B						B	FR	B	FR	L	6	6	1	-	-	4		
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WIDNES VIKINGS

Established
Home Ground

1875
Halton Stadium, Widnes UK
(current name: DCBL Halton Stadium)

TITLES

First Division / Super League 3 (1977-78, 1987-88, 1988-89)
Premiership 6 (1979-80, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90)
RFL Lancashire League 1 (1919-20)
Challenge Cup 7 (1929-30, 1936-37, 1963-64, 1974-75, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1983-84)
League Cup 3 (1975-76, 1978-79, 1991-92)
Championship Cup 2 (2007, 2009)
GB Charity Shield 3 (1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91)
RFL Lancashire Cup 7 (1945-46, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1990-91)
BBC2 Floodlit Trophy 1 (1978-79)
World Club Challenge 1 (1989)

WORKINGTON TOWN

SEASON REVIEW

By ANDREW FERGUSON



The less said about Workington Town's 2022 campaign the better, as far as the Town fans are concerned. They became the 12th Second Division side to concede over 1000 points in a season, with just 6 teams conceding more.

The move from League 1 up to Championship appeared to be far too big a step for Workington to make as they ran dead last and relegated back to League 1.

They tasted victory just twice in 2022, once in the Challenge Cup and once in the Championship season. On 10 occasions they conceded over 50 points - 10 was also the number of games where Town's score was kept under 10.

Just 3 times in their 29 games did they manage to get their score to 20 points or better. The only upside is that next year they will have weaker opposition and so they will no longer be the whipping boys. However, they are sitting on that cusp between the two divisions and are going to be prone to yo-yo-ing between the two. They will need to spend 2023 building up a much stronger squad, aim for promotion and build upon their roster further to avoid slipping back down again. It's a lot of work and time but necessary to become a stronger side and move up to the next division and stay there.

Turning Point

Round 2 - Yes, it was that early. After a spirited display against Newcastle in their opening game of the season, Workington went down 70-18 against Widnes in Round 2. While they bounced back with a better effort against heavyweights Featherstone in Round 3 and then beat lowly Dewsbury in the fourth round of the Challenge Cup, their defensive failings exposed against Widnes were exploited in nearly all of their remaining games for the year.

What Worked

Nothing, really. The edge attack was their strongest point with their back rowers combining to score 13 of the club's 58 tries for the year. Second Rower Caine Barnes was the team's second-highest try scorer in 2022 with 7.

What Didn't Work

Defence. Workington Town conceded an average of 42.19 points per game. Atrocious, to put it simply. Also, their attack was non-threatening for almost the entire season, averaging a paltry 10.96 points per game. They have very little to build upon for 2023, but they need to regroup and reset in a very short off-season if they are to avoid becoming a regular League 1 side again.

Best Player

Conor Fitzsimmons was undoubtedly the side's best player all year. So much so that it is expected that he will find a new club in the Championship for 2023 instead of staying with Town. He toiled hard up front in very trying circumstances all year but never took a backwards step or dropped his intensity. Matty Henson also had a solid season, as did Marcus O'Brien. Curtis and Connor Davies both earned selection into Wales' World Cup squad, while Joe Brown and Alex Young were selected for Jamaica.

Rookies

Alex Clegg in his debut season at the club performed admirably on the wing, scoring 9 tries - 15% of his team's tries for the year. A swag of young players came into the side at various times during the season to play just a few games, none of whom genuinely had a chance to stand out or display their capabilities.

Looking Ahead

Town has assigned Anthony Murray as their head coach for 2023 replacing Chris Thorman. Murray has already begun signing players to improve his squad, picking up Matty Henson, Ciaran Walker,

Jordan Thomson and Joe Kirkup, which will give the side plenty of depth and competition for spots.

An improved squad should give them a strong chance to be a top side in League 1 and fight for promotion by the seasons end.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Oscar Thomas
2. Alex Clegg
3. Jason Mossop
4. Joe Brown
5. Alex Young
6. Matty Henson
7. Carl Forber
8. Joe Kirkup
9. Blain Morwood
10. Steve Scholey
11. Liam McNicholas
12. Caine Barnes
13. Jamie Doran

14. Malik Steele
15. Jordan Thomson
16. JJ Key
17. Glenn Riley

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Newcastle	L 6 - 20	Derwent	1,205
2	Widnes	L 18 - 70	DCBL Halton	3,623
3	Featherstone	L 10 - 26	Derwent	1,007
CC 4R	Dewsbury	W 26 - 12	Derwent	872
5	Sheffield	L 4 - 54	Derwent	779
CC 5R	Barrow	L 18 - 32	MJ Prestige	1,825
6	Bradford	L 12 - 26	Derwent	1,031
4	Halifax	L 6 - 42	Derwent	819
7	York City	L 18 - 44	Derwent	733
8	Whitehaven	L 14 - 22	LEL Arena	1,975
9	Dewsbury	L 18 - 19	Tetley's	711
10	Batley	L 10 - 16	Derwent	726
11	Barrow	L 12 - 26	MJ Prestige	2,451
12	Leigh	L 6 - 58	LSV	2,459
13	London	W 32 - 18	Derwent	1,135
14	Batley	L 0 - 46	Fox's Bisc	-
15	Barrow	L 0 - 58	Derwent	1,207
16	Newcastle	L 22 - 66	Kingston	652
17	Widnes	L 0 - 38	Derwent	953
18	Leigh	L 0 - 66	Derwent	759
19	Halifax	L 10 - 58	The Shay	1,469
20	Sheffield	L 6 - 64	SOLP	644
21	Whitehaven	L 10 - 28	Headingley	4,011
22	Bradford	L 18 - 48	Odsal	2,691
23	London	L 12 - 38	New River	-
24	Dewsbury	L 16 - 22	Derwent	650
25	Featherstone	L 18 - 64	Millennium	2,142
26	Whitehaven	L 6 - 28	Derwent	1,427
27	York City	L 12 - 74	LNER	-

2022 PLAYER RECORDS

CHAMPIONSHIP: 14TH, RELEGATED | CHALLENGE CUP: FIFTH ROUND

C'SHIP PLAYED 27, WON 1, LOST 26 | FOR 296, AGAINST 1139 | COACH: CHRIS THORMAN (27 MATCHES) | MOST POINTS: CARL FORBER (94) | MOST TRIES: ALEX CLEGG (9)

Round	1	2	3	CC4	5	CC5	6	4	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Season Stats						
Opponent	NEW	WID	FEV	DEW	SHE	BAR	BRA	HFX	YRK	WHI	DEW	BAT	BAR	LEI	LON	BAT	BAR	NEW	WID	LEI	HFX	SHE	WHI	BRA	LON	DEW	FEV	WHI	YRK	Start	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
BARNES, Caine	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R										16	-	7	-	-	28
BIBBY, Jack																			FR	FR	FR										3	-	-	-	-	-
BICKERDIKE, Ethan	C	C	C	C	C	C		B				C		C						C		C	C	C	C	C	C	FB	FB	FB	17	1	2	-	-	8
BRANNAN, Toby																			B	B											-	2	-	-	-	-
BREWIN, Daniel									B	B																					-	2	-	-	-	-
BROADBENT, Luke							FB	FB	FB					FB																	4	-	-	-	-	-
BROWN, Joe	C	C	C	B		L	L	B	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	2	2	-	-	8	
CLARKE, Rhys	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B			B	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	9	16	-	-	-	-	
CLEGG, Alex	W	W	W	C	C	C	C	C	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	28	-	9	-	-	36	
DAVIES, Connor												2R	2R	L	L	L	2R	L	L	L	B									9	1	-	-	-	-	
DAVIES, Curtis											B		H		B	B														1	3	-	-	-	-	
DAWSON, Hanley	L	B	B	B	L																									2	3	-	-	-	-	
DORAN, Jamie	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	FE	FE	FE	28	-	2	9	-	26
FITZSIMMONS, Conor	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	2R	2R	28	-	5	-	-	20	
FORBER, Carl	HB	HB				HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	21	-	3	41	-	94	
HENSON, Matthew	B					B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	H	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		B	B	7	14	5	-	-	20	
HUTCHINGS, John	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B			B		B		B	B				B	B	B	B	B		L	B	B	1	19	-	-	-	-	
KIRKUP, Joe																										B	B	B	B	-	4	1	-	-	4	
LIGHTOWLER, Jake	FR	FR	FR	FR																										4	-	-	-	-	-	
O'BRIEN, Marcus			L			B	L	L	L	L	L	L	FR	B	B	B	L	B	2R		B					B	2R	L	L	12	7	4	-	-	16	
O'DONNELL, Declan		B	H	H	H	B							L																	4	2	1	-	-	4	
OLSTROM, Zac						B	C	C	C																					3	1	-	-	-	-	
POSTLETHWAITE, Lee				FB		B																								1	1	-	-	-	-	
RILEY, Glenn													B	B			B	B	B											-	5	1	-	-	4	
SCHOLEY, Steve																					B	B	B	B	FR		B	FR	B	FR	3	6	-	-	-	-
SCOTT, Ryan																								B	B			B		-	3	1	-	-	4	
SIMONS, Evan	H	H			B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	24	2	4	-	-	16	
SINGLETON, Perry			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B																					6	1	1	-	-	4	
STEELE, Malik	B	2R		B	B	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R							2R		2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	16	3	2	-	-	8	
TATE, William									C	C		C	C	C	C	C														7	-	2	-	-	8	
TEARE, Curtis		W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	W	C	C	C	C										15	-	2	-	-	8	
TERRILL, Connor																								B	B	FR	FR	B		2	3	1	-	-	4	
THOMAS, Oscar	FB	FB	FB		FB	FB				FB	FB	FB	FB	FE	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		C	C	24	-	-	4	-	8
THOMSON, Jordan	FR	L	B	L	FR		B	FR	FR	FR	B			FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	18	3	1	-	-	4	
WALKER, Ciaran			HB	HB	HB					HB	HB			HB							HB	HB								8	-	-	-	-	-	
WEETMAN, David									B	FR	FR	B	FR		FR	B							FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	5	9	-	-	-	-	
WILKINSON, Tom												B	2R	2R	2R															3	1	1	-	-	4	
YOUNG, Alex	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	24	-	1	-	-	4	

WORKINGTON TOWN

Established
Home Ground

1945
Derwent Park, Workington

TITLES

Championship 1 (1950-51)
Challenge Cup 1 (1951-52)
Lancashire County Cup 1 (1977-78)
Western Division Championship 1 (1962-63)
Cumberland League 3 (1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09)

YORK CITY KNIGHTS

SEASON REVIEW

By JACOB KILLBRIDE



York proved that 2019 was no one-season wonder, establishing themselves as a bonafide playoff contender in the Betfred Championship in 2022.

After upsetting the odds to place third in 2019, a disappointing ninth followed in 2021. A transitional off-season produced fresh hope and York quickly delivered.

In a blistering first half to the season, 13 wins came from the first 16 matches, losing only to eventually the top three: Leigh Centurions, Featherstone Rovers and Halifax Panthers.

Records fell along the way. The first win at Batley Bulldogs since 2000. A first win at Whitehaven since 1992. The first league win at London Broncos since 1994. As summer-era history was made, expectations rose, though York was unable to hold onto their long-held spot in third.

A run of six defeats in eight matches saw the Knights beaten by all of the eventual top five and culminated in a 100-4 humiliation away to promotion winners Leigh. Although already safely ensconced in the playoffs, few fans held high hopes for the season finale after a meagre finish.

Well beaten in both regular season meetings with Halifax, York saved their best for the most opportune moment, coming from 10 points behind to beat the Panthers 26-24 at The Shay, with a late half-way-line goal from James Glover winning a thriller. For the first time since reformation in 2002, the Knights had won a Championship play-off match. What followed at Leigh in the semi-finals - a 70-10 drubbing - was inevitable but did not mar a hugely successful campaign.

Turning point

Round three. To label the 10-4 victory at Batley in February as the season's "turning point" may sound a little absurd, given how early in the season it came. But having failed to win away to any of the top six in the previous year, the result felt like a marked shift in the mental fortitude of the York squad.

In horrendous weather conditions and at one of the division's toughest away grounds, the Knights battled to a hard-fought two points, secured by Will Oakes' late try. Bearing in mind that Batley reached the play-off final, it was arguably York's best result of the year in terms of the calibre of opposition beaten.

What worked

The Glover-Brown partnership. York's right-edge centre-wing combination of James Glover and Joe Brown proved particularly fruitful, the pair contributing 30 tries between them. Brown finished with 17 of those from 29 appearances, including one in the Halifax play-off final victory. From 31 starts, Glover scored 13 tries and rather handily chipped in with 31 goals too.

What didn't work

Pauli Pauli at second-row. At the start of the season, the Knights utilised Pauli as an interchange. After four relatively uninspiring outings in that role, the powerhouse forward started at prop and made an immediate impact.

Best seen in short and sharp stints, Pauli's size often proved far too strong for Championship defences. His display in the 34-14 win at Sheffield Eagles, in which he scored a try and assisted one, was a particular highlight.

Best player

Jordan Thompson. When captain Tim Spears retired after six years at York, he left big boots to fill at loose forward.

Thompson stepped into those perfectly and finished the season with a clean sweep at the club's awards night. Making 30 appearances - only Glover (31) managed more - he often led from the front in defence and showed ability at the line too, scoring five tries. He signed a deal until the end of 2025 in August, reflecting how much York value the former Leeds Rhinos man.

Rookies

Brad Ward and Ben Barnard became the latest Heworth products to debut for York in 2022.

The pair followed in the footsteps of Myles Harrison, AJ Towse and Toby Warren, who made their Knights bows the previous year.

Ward featured eight times, primarily on the wing, scoring on his debut in the 42-13 Betfred Challenge Cup win over Newcastle Thunder.

Prop Ben Barnard donned a York shirt for the first time in the 74-12 thrashing of Workington Town.

Looking ahead

Former London Broncos boss Andrew Henderson has taken over as head coach following the departure of the long-serving James Ford, whose reign transformed the club's fortunes and ambitions.

After eight seasons of Ford at the helm, Henderson is tasked with implementing his own ideas and maintaining the club's position in the Championship play-offs, with stiff competition being posed by the rest of the division.

Potential 2023 line-up

1. Matty Marsh 2. Joe Brown 3. James Glover 4. Bailey Antrobus 5. AJ Towse 6. Brendan O'Hagan 7. Liam Harris 8. Pauli Pauli 9. Will Jubb 10. Jack Teanby 11. Chris Clarkson 12. Danny Kirmond 13. Jordan Thompson / 14. Ata Hingano 15. Ukuma Ta'ai 16. Ronan Michael 17. Conor Fitzsimmons

2022 SEASON RESULTS

Rnd	Opposition	Score	Venue	Crowd
1	Featherstone	L 12 - 30	LNER	3,602
2	Dewsbury	W 30 - 2	LNER	1,562
3	Batley	W 10 - 4	Fox's Bisc	971
4	Leigh	L 4 - 40	LNER	2,069
CC 4R	Newcastle	W 42 - 13	LNER	1,221
5	London	W 26 - 24	Cherry Red	903
CC 5R	Whitehaven	L 12 - 38	LEL Arena	798
6	Widnes	W 32 - 6	LNER	2,156
7	Workington Town	W 44 - 18	Derwent	733
8	Newcastle	W 38 - 6	LNER	-
9	Whitehaven	W 30 - 12	LNER	-
10	Barrow	W 30 - 18	MJ Prestige	2,260
11	Bradford	W 20 - 6	Odsal	3,081
12	Halifax	L 24 - 40	LNER	-
13	Sheffield	W 34 - 14	SOLP	786
14	London	W 36 - 34	LNER	-
15	Widnes	W 16 - 14	DCBL Halton	2,410
16	Whitehaven	W 40 - 16	LEL Arena	-
17	Barrow	L 16 - 24	LNER	-
18	Halifax	L 10 - 36	The Shay	1,621
19	Batley	L 16 - 32	LNER	-
20	Featherstone	L 22 - 30	Millennium	2,248
21	Newcastle	W 27 - 18	Headingley	4,011
22	Dewsbury	W 22 - 10	Tetley's	-
23	Bradford	L 16 - 20	LNER	-
24	Leigh	L 4 - 100	LSV	2,744
25	Sheffield	W 20 - 12	LNER	-
26	Newcastle	W 24 - 18	Kingston	689
27	Workington Town	W 74 - 12	LNER	-
EF	Halifax	W 26 - 24	The Shay	1,850
SF	Leigh	L 10 - 70	LSV	3,329

2022 LEAGUE 1 RESULTS

ROUND 1

Mar 26th	London	10	Hunslet	28	New River
Mar 27th	Doncaster	48	Midlands	20	Eco-Power
Mar 27th	Oldham	6	Keighley	32	Vestacare
Mar 27th	Rochdale	34	North Wales	36	Crown Oil Arena
Mar 27th	Swinton	82	West Wales	4	Heywood Road

ROUND 2

Apr 2nd	West Wales	12	Rochdale	52	Llanelli
Apr 2nd	North Wales	62	Cornwall	22	Zip World
Apr 3rd	Hunslet	22	Oldham	22	South Leeds
Apr 3rd	Keighley	26	Doncaster	6	Cougar
Apr 3rd	Midlands	16	Swinton	54	Portway

ROUND 3

Apr 9th	London	6	North Wales	54	New River
Apr 10th	Cornwall	14	Midlands	60	Memorial Ground
Apr 10th	Doncaster	22	Swinton	64	Eco-Power
Apr 10th	Oldham	100	West Wales	4	Vestacare
Apr 10th	Rochdale	44	Hunslet	20	Crown Oil Arena

ROUND 4

Apr 15th	Rochdale	34	Oldham	18	Crown Oil Arena
Apr 15th	Hunslet	16	Keighley	20	South Leeds
Apr 16th	Doncaster	52	Cornwall	16	Eco-Power
Apr 17th	Midlands	50	London	28	Portway
Apr 17th	Swinton	6	North Wales	13	Heywood Road

ROUND 5

Apr 23rd	London	22	Rochdale	56	New River
Apr 23rd	West Wales	0	Doncaster	48	Doncaster won by forfeit
Apr 24th	North Wales	22	Midlands	18	Zip World
Apr 24th	Keighley	30	Swinton	0	Cougar
Apr 24th	Oldham	48	Cornwall	22	Vestacare

ROUND 6

May 1st	Cornwall	0	Rochdale	50	Memorial Ground
May 1st	North Wales	84	West Wales	4	Zip World
May 1st	Doncaster	16	Oldham	12	Eco-Power
May 1st	Keighley	96	London	0	Cougar
May 1st	Midlands	16	Hunslet	22	Portway

ROUND 7

May 7th	Rochdale	44	Midlands	24	Crown Oil Arena
May 7th	West Wales	4	Keighley	46	Llanelli
May 8th	Doncaster	0	North Wales	46	Eco-Power
May 8th	Hunslet	52	Cornwall	16	South Leeds
May 8th	Swinton	58	London	14	Heywood Road

ROUND 8

May 14th	London	12	Doncaster	44	New River
May 14th	North Wales	30	Oldham	16	Zip World
May 15th	Cornwall	0	West Wales	20	Memorial Ground
May 15th	Hunslet	16	Swinton	28	South Leeds
May 15th	Keighley	40	Rochdale	16	Cougar

ROUND 9

May 21st	Swinton	54	Cornwall	16	Heywood Road
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May 21st	Rochdale	46	Doncaster	28	Crown Oil Arena
May 21st	West Wales	12	Hunslet	50	Llanelli
May 22nd	Keighley	29	Midlands	18	Cougar
May 27th	London	38	Oldham	16	New River

ROUND 10

Jun 4th	Cornwall	20	London	24	Memorial Ground
Jun 4th	North Wales	12	Keighley	56	Zip World
Jun 5th	Doncaster	36	Hunslet	6	Eco-Power
Jun 5th	Midlands	56	West Wales	12	Portway
Jun 5th	Oldham	8	Swinton	16	Vestacare

ROUND 11

Jun 11th	West Wales	16	London	38	Llanelli
Jun 12th	Cornwall	12	Keighley	56	Memorial Ground
Jun 12th	Hunslet	30	North Wales	22	South Leeds
Jun 12th	Oldham	66	Midlands	0	Vestacare
Jun 12th	Swinton	34	Rochdale	14	Heywood Road

ROUND 12

Jun 25th	Hunslet	24	Rochdale	32	South Leeds
Jun 25th	London	22	Swinton	48	New River
Jun 25th	West Wales	4	Cornwall	24	Llanelli
Jun 26th	North Wales	18	Doncaster	26	Stadiwm CSM
Jun 26th	Keighley	62	Oldham	0	Cougar

ROUND 13

Jul 2nd	Cornwall	24	Hunslet	36	Memorial Ground
Jul 3rd	North Wales	30	London	16	Stadiwm CSM
Jul 3rd	Keighley	86	West Wales	0	Cougar
Jul 3rd	Midlands	34	Rochdale	42	Portway
Jul 3rd	Swinton	12	Doncaster	26	Heywood Road

ROUND 14

Jul 9th	Cornwall	10	Doncaster	44	Memorial Ground
Jul 9th	London	0	Keighley	48	Keighley won by forfeit
Jul 9th	Midlands	16	North Wales	46	Portway
Jul 10th	Hunslet	54	West Wales	6	South Leeds
Jul 10th	Oldham	24	Rochdale	50	Vestacare

ROUND 15

Jul 16th	West Wales	4	North Wales	76	Llanelli
Jul 17th	Keighley	68	Cornwall	0	Cougar
Jul 17th	Hunslet	43	London	16	South Leeds
Jul 17th	Oldham	12	Doncaster	64	Vestacare
Jul 17th	Swinton	54	Midlands	22	Heywood Road

ROUND 16

Jul 23rd	Cornwall	10	Swinton	44	Memorial Ground
Jul 23rd	West Wales	0	Oldham	38	Llanelli
Jul 23rd	North Wales	36	Hunslet	26	Stadiwm CSM
Jul 24th	Midlands	6	Keighley	54	Portway
Jul 24th	Rochdale	32	London	14	Crown Oil Arena

ROUND 17

Jul 29th	Hunslet	0	Midlands	24	South Leeds
Jul 30th	London	46	Cornwall	6	New River
Jul 31st	Doncaster	62	West Wales	6	Eco-Power
Jul 31st	Oldham	16	North Wales	29	Vestacare
Jul 31st	Rochdale	22	Swinton	53	Crown Oil Arena

ROUND 18

Aug 6th	London	68	West Wales	18	New River
Aug 7th	Cornwall	12	North Wales	36	Memorial Ground
Aug 7th	Doncaster	26	Rochdale	20	Eco-Power
Aug 7th	Swinton	22	Keighley	26	Heywood Road
Aug 7th	Midlands	36	Oldham	41	Portway

ROUND 19

Aug 13th	West Wales	6	Swinton	94	Llanelli
Aug 14th	Keighley	60	Hunslet	18	Cougar
Aug 14th	Midlands	18	Doncaster	52	Portway
Aug 14th	Oldham	60	London	6	Vestacare
Aug 14th	Rochdale	34	Cornwall	14	Crown Oil Arena

ROUND 20

Aug 20th	West Wales	4	Midlands	36	Llanelli
Aug 20th	Rochdale	24	North Wales	28	Stadiwm CSM
Aug 21st	Cornwall	12	Oldham	32	Memorial Ground
Aug 21st	Doncaster	18	Keighley	48	Eco-Power
Aug 21st	Swinton	38	Hunslet	12	Heywood Road

ROUND 21

Aug 26th	Hunslet	20	Doncaster	32	South Leeds
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Aug 27th	London	38	Midlands	34	New River
Aug 28th	Keighley	50	North Wales	16	Cougar
Aug 28th	Rochdale	102	West Wales	4	Crown Oil Arena
Aug 28th	Swinton	35	Oldham	6	Heywood Road

ROUND 22

Sep 3rd	North Wales	12	Swinton	38	Victoria Park
Sep 4th	Doncaster	70	London	22	Eco-Power
Sep 4th	Midlands	42	Cornwall	26	Portway
Sep 4th	Oldham	30	Hunslet	18	Portway
Sep 4th	Rochdale	24	Keighley	56	Crown Oil Arena

PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

Preliminary Semi Finals

Sep 11th (E)	Rochdale	38	Oldham	24	Crown Oil Arena
Sep 11th (Q)	North Wales	12	Doncaster	26	Stadiwm CSM

Semi Finals

Sep 17th (E)	North Wales	20	Rochdale	36	Stadiwm CSM
Sep 18th (Q)	Swinton	32	Doncaster	12	Heywood Road

Preliminary Final

Sep 25th	Doncaster	52	Rochdale	20	Eco-Power
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Promotion Final

Oct 2nd	Swinton	16	Doncaster	10	Heywood Road
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2022 LEAGUE 1 STANDINGS

Pos	Team	Home							Away							Overall							
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1.	Keighley Cougars	10	10	-	-	547	74	473	10	10	-	-	442	120	322	20	20	-	-	989	194	40	795
2.	Swinton Lions	10	7	3	-	395	153	242	10	9	1	-	439	164	275	20	16	4	-	834	317	32	517
3.	North Wales Crusaders	9	6	3	-	306	222	84	11	9	2	-	402	198	204	20	15	5	-	708	420	30	288
4.	Doncaster RLFC	10	7	3	-	350	260	90	10	8	2	-	370	174	196	20	15	5	-	720	434	30	286
5.	Rochdale Hornets	11	7	4	-	440	295	145	9	6	3	-	332	216	116	20	13	7	-	772	511	26	261
6.	Oldham RLFC	10	5	5	-	370	241	129	10	3	6	1	201	285	-84	20	8	11	1	571	526	17	45
7.	Hunslet RLFC	10	4	5	1	277	218	59	10	4	6	-	236	306	-70	20	8	11	1	513	524	17	-11
8.	Midlands Hurricanes	10	3	7	-	290	377	-87	10	3	7	-	256	319	-63	20	6	14	-	546	696	12	-150
9.	London Skolars	10	4	6	-	262	352	-90	10	2	8	-	178	475	-297	20	6	14	-	440	827	12	-387
10.	Cornwall RLFC	10	-	10	-	114	402	-288	10	1	9	-	162	462	-300	20	1	19	-	276	864	2	-588
11.	West Wales Raiders	10	-	10	-	62	502	-440	10	1	9	-	78	694	-616	20	1	19	-	140	1,196	2	-1,056

Promoted to Championship (1st place):
Promoted to Championship (won playoff final):

Keighley Cougars
Swinton Lions

LEAGUE 1 PLAYOFF FINAL

SWINTON 16 DONCASTER 10

SWINTON LIONS (16)
DEFATED DONCASTER RLFC (10)

Jordan Case, Mitch Cox, Jack Hansen tries; Dan Abram 2/3 goals
Tom Halliday, Jason Tali tries; Connor Robinson 1/3 goals

Venue: Heywood Road, Swinton
Date: Sunday 2 October 2022, 2:00pm
Referee: James Vella

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP 2021 - MEN'S

Match statistics compiled by **Rugby League Project** Match reports from **LeagueUnlimited.com**

WEEK 1

GROUP A: ENGLAND 60 SAMOA 6

The 2021 Rugby League World Cup got off to an entertaining start this morning as England put 60 points on a disappointing Samoan side at St James Park to officially open proceedings.

The match was filled with bruising forward battles, which promise to be a feature of the upcoming festival of football that will be on display in the coming weeks. Just when you thought we couldn't wait any longer, a sudden power outage delayed official proceedings just like Billy Idol at the NRL Grand Final in 2002. It was England who secured the first points of the tournament when Anthony Milford took out Elliott Whitehead in pursuit of a grubber kick. Milford survived going into the sin-bin, but Tom Makinson added a gift of two points to put England on the board. Samoa survived several early misses as England was warming into the game.

Eventually, the pressure took its toll on the Samoan side and in the twenty-fifth minute, the first try came. It was a great run from George Williams who ran onto a great ball from Sam Tomkins, from there Williams found Jack Welsby and the young St Helens star raced away to score the first try of the tournament to open up an 8-0 lead. Off the next set, Welsby was in the thick of it. It was a brilliant ball from Welsby who exposed a 3 on 2, Dominic Young was able to race down the touch-line and beat the cover defence from Joseph Suaalii to cross and extend the lead to 14.

It was going from bad to worse for the Samoan side when Kelma Tuilagi forced an unnecessary pass, leading to another England try. Young was having a field day and the man from Newcastle crossed in Newcastle for his second try and England was up by 18-0. Samoa was able to stem the tide when Suaalii made a strong run upfield, before unfortunately losing it. However, luck started to shift when Izack Tago intercepted Welsby's pass and the young Panther raced 50 metres to score to reduce the gap to 12 at the change of ends.

Samoa was hammered by injuries with Braden Hamlin-Uele and Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow injured in the first half. Their injury woes continued when Tyrone May fell awkwardly in a tackle and left the match on a stretcher. While many Australian viewers suffered through a technical problem, England added to their scoring blitz. The host nation chanced their arm on the last tackle and it was Kallum Watkins who hit a hole to extend the margin.

From there, the points came in a surge. Anthony Milford was sent to the sin-bin for an awful late shot on Sam Tomkins and England ran in three tries during this ten-minute period where Milford was off the field. Herbie Farnworth crossed strolling through some pedestrian defence before the elder statesman Elliott Whitehead crossed for two tries in two minutes, one from close range. While the other was an effort started by Makinson and the Raiders forward backed up in support. Minutes later, Makinson collected a Williams grubber to put the icing on the cake, before Williams crossed for a well-deserved try as the Samoan defence was surrendering to the might of the three lions.

Tomkins nailed a 40/20 which led to Tom Burgess getting the try he was denied in the first half to seal a comprehensive victory to put the rest of the World Cup on notice.

For England, the tournament got off to the best possible start with a big victory over their perceived strongest competition. Meanwhile, Samoa have a truck-load of problems, they looked flatter than a map at times in attack and lacked direction. Their task doesn't get easier with the aforementioned injury crisis. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ENGLAND 60 (E. Whitehead 2, D. Young 2, T. Burgess, H. Farnworth, T. Makinson, K. Watkins, J. Welsby, G. Williams tries; T. Makinson 10 goals) **DEFEATED SAMOA 6** (I. Tago try; S. Crichton goal) **AT ST JAMES' PARK**. Date: Sat, 15th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England 18-6. Scrums: England 5-2. Penalties: England 6-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 43,119. **ENGLAND:** Tomkins, Makinson, Watkins, Farnworth, Young, Welsby, Williams; Burgess, McIlorum, Hill, Whitehead, McMeeken, Radley. Int: Thompson, Knowles, Lees, Cooper. **SAMOA:** Sua'ali'i, To'o, Tago, Crichton, Tabuai-Fidow; Luai, Milford; Papalii, Levi, Paulo, Su'A, Aloiai, Hamlin-Uele. Int: May, Leniu, Taupau, Tuilagi.

GROUP B: AUSTRALIA 42 FIJI 8

The reigning World Cup holders Australia started the defence of their title with a predictably comfortable 42-8 win over Fiji at Headingley Stadium, Leeds on Saturday.

A rampaging double from Canterbury winger Josh Addo-Carr headlined a slow procession of Australian tryscorers in a performance that never hit any spectacular heights - perhaps an odd thing to say about such a sizeable win.

Incredibly it was the Fijians who troubled the scoring first, defying Australia by capitalising on some early poor discipline. Five-eighth Sitiveni Moceidreke put in a pinpoint kick which Canberra back-liner Semi Valemei pounced on. Brandon Wakeham could not convert. A few minutes on and Australia looked to be on the board, Murray Taulagi denied by some superb defending from both Valemei and Maika Sivo.

On debut, Jeremiah Nanai would eventually return serve for the Australians around the 15-minute mark, Valentine Holmes' conversion - the first of a perfect 7/7 from the Cowboy - put the Aussies ahead by two. He almost had a double after 22 minutes, but Moceidreke was on hand to stop him along with Ben Nakubuawai.

They didn't have to wait long to extend their lead, Addo-Carr scoring the first of his brace with a long-range effort after some well-created space by Latrell Mitchell. Just after the half-hour marker Brandon Wakeham looked to have snatched up an Api Koroisau kick but he couldn't get the ball cleanly and a chance to narrow the margin went begging. The third try for Australia came from Angus Crichton, his 36th-minute effort seeing the lead stretch out to 18-4, which they took to halftime.

Man-of-the-match Cameron Munster kept the scoreboard ticking

over shortly after the break, setting up Latrell Mitchell for the fourth Australian try, but the stand-out individual effort of the game was from Harry Grant, who kicked a 40/20 then scored himself on the 53rd minute and suddenly the reigning champions were up 30-4 and the floodgates seemed ready to open. Indeed Australia it would be Australia only picked up two more tries in the remaining 25 minutes - James Tedesco with a short-range effort into Addo-Carr's second.

The 42-4 lead was narrowed slightly with four minute left when Penrith rookie Sunia Turuva scored a consolation try for the Fijians thanks to a Wakeham grubber. **TIM COSTELLO**

AUSTRALIA 42 (J. Addo-Carr 2, A. Crichton, H. Grant, L. Mitchell, J. Nanai, J. Tedesco tries; V. Holmes 7 goals) **DEFEATED FIJI 8** (S. Turuva, S. Valemei tries) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 15th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Australia 18-4. Scrums: Fiji 9-5. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,366. **AUSTRALIA:** Tedesco, Addo-Carr, Mitchell, Holmes, Taulagi; Munster, Cherry-Evans; Trbojevic, Hunt, Fa'asumaleaui, Crichton, Nanai, Murray. Int: Wighton, Carrigan, Cotter, Grant. **FIJI:** Turuva, Sivo, Valemei, Naiqama, Vulikijapani; Moceidreke, Wakeham; Kamikamica, Koroisau, Vuniyayawa, Kikau, Wong, Liolelave. Int: Nakubuawai, Sadrugu, Tagituimua, Drodrolagi

GROUP B: ITALY 28 SCOTLAND 4

Italy have continued the shocks in the Rugby League World Cup downing Scotland by 28-4 at Kingston Park in Newcastle on an artificial surface.

This match was one that brought together the two perceived sides that would fail to make the knock-out stage. But, these sides were trying to prove the doubters wrong with a strong showing here today in the battle of the 'Big Blue' (as both sides wore distinctively blue kits). After an opening of ten minutes that ironed out the rust and errors from both sides. Scotland had the first opportunity to score, but as would be a trend in this match, Calum Gahan spilt the ball at the final moment. Off the ensuing set, Italy pounced to cross for the first try. It was a great kick from Radean Robinson and his kick was rewarded with a strong chase, Luke Poiselli wins the race to ground the ball just inside the touch-in-goal line which are very narrow in English stadiums. Coach Leo Epifania wouldn't be happy with the Azzurri's discipline, giving away four penalties in the space of four minutes. Luckily, the Italian players avoided a spell in the sin-bin and helped avoid a try being conceded on their own line. Off a reliving penalty of their own, the Azzurri made the Scottish side pay for falling asleep around the ruck as Dean Parata sprinted out of dummy half to give the Italians a 12-0 advantage.

Fortunately for Scotland, the margin could've been so much worse with the Italians bombing several scoring opportunities. Jake Maizen will be having nightmares about that dropped ball over the line for the rest of the tournament. Things went from bad to worse for the Scots when captain Dale Ferguson was sin-binned for striking Dan Atkinson's calf before half-time, the score-line didn't change though with Italy leading 12-0. Ferguson's sin bin would hurt the Scotland side at the beginning

of the second half and Leo Epifania's side continued their parade of success. Jack Campagnolo had his hands in everything and set Maizen away down the sideline and the winger was able to redeem himself from his earlier howler. Even when Ferguson returned, the Italian dominance continued. Four minutes after crossing for his first, Maizen had a second when it was silky skill from Poiselli to get it onto Maizen who tip-toed down the sideline to cross for his second to give his side a 22-0 lead.

From there, the second half deteriorated into a sketch from the Benny Hill show. Both sides had prime scoring chances but kept getting in their own way at the critical moment. In the final ten minutes, both sides finally remembered the fundamentals of attacking footy. Maizen had gone from villain to hero, racing 90 metres to score off a scrum deep in their own half to secure his hat-trick. Off the ensuing set, Scotland recovered the short kickoff and was able to cross for their only try when Lachlan Walmsley got on the outside of Richard Lepori, but it was consolation for the Scots in the final analysis. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ITALY 28 (J. Maizen 3, D. Parata, L. Poiselli tries; J. Campagnolo 4 goals) **DEFEATED SCOTLAND 4** (L. Walmsley try) **AT KINGSTON PARK**. Date: Sun, 16th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Italy 12-0. Scrums: Italy 6-4. Penalties: Scotland 9-5. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 6,206. **SCOTLAND:** Brierley, Russell, Liu, Buchanan, Walmsley; Hayward, Gahan; Bayliss-Brow, Hood, Luckley, Aitken, Linnett, Bell. Int: Hellewell, Schneider, Bain, Ferguson. **ITALY:** Poiselli, Lepori, Atkinson, Natoli, Maizen; Campagnolo, Robinson; Moretti, Parata, Iaria, King, Santi, Brown. Int: Tramontana, Celerino, Hodge, Colovatti.

GROUP C: IRELAND 48 JAMAICA 2

Ireland have kicked off their World Cup campaign in style with a 48-2 win over Jamaica in the first game of Group C.

It was a dominant performance from Ireland as they thumped Jamaica in both team's first game of the World Cup. Roosters five-eighth Luke Keary pulled the strings for the Wolfhounds on a good night for the Senior family. An occasion to remember at Headingley Stadium where Jamaica made their World Cup bow against an Ireland side which has high hopes headed into the rescheduled tournament and started off in style. From the opening whistle, Ireland were on their game. They spread it out to their wings wide and found some success. Louis Senior opened the scoring with a simple move from the scrum which made it 4-0.

Next it was the Irish captain that got on the board. George King kept the legs moving and was able to touch down after it was confirmed by the video referee. Brendan O'Hagan who was the center of some interchange drama pre-match found space to make it 14-0. Ed Chamberlain was errant from the boot but he was precise when it counted. He finished off another slick backline movement from the Wolfhounds and touched down in the corner but sprayed his own effort wide of the mark.

We finished the first half with a piece of history. Jamaica were awarded a penalty right on the whistle and opted for the sticks. Kieran Rush stepped up and raised the flags for the first two points in the Reggae Warriors time at the World Cup.

Jamaica started the second half with a rush of attack but were unable to convert. Ireland went the length of the field and it

ended with Innes Senior joining his brother on the scoresheet and extending the Irish lead.

It was one-way traffic in the rest of the game. Toby King finished off another smooth move which saw Harry Rushton show off his kicking game for the centre's four-pointer quickly followed by Louis Senior getting a double.

Richie Myler worked tirelessly for Ireland in the game and he set up the next Irish score. He sliced through the line then found a rampaging James McDonnell who dived over the line quickly followed by fellow forward James Bentley with a solo effort.

Ireland wrapped up the game with their tenth four-pointer. Frankie Halton ran a classic forward line and went over untouched with Joe Keyes, who took over kicking duties at half-time, missed the chance to make it 50. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

IRELAND 48 (L. Senior 2, J. Bentley, E. Chamberlain, F. Halton, G. King, T. King, J. McDonnell, B. O'Hagan, I. Senior tries; J. Keyes 3, E. Chamberlain goals) **DEFEATED JAMAICA 2** (K. Rush goal) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 16th October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Ireland 18-2. Scrums: Jamaica 6-3. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Benjamin Casty. Crowd: 6,320. **JAMAICA:** Jones-Bishop, Agoro, Johnson, Ogden, Young; Woodburn-Hall, Rush; Andrade, Golding, Lawrence, Wallace, Bailey, Brown. Int: Tomlinson, Jones-Bishop, Ho, Peltier. **IRELAND:** Myler, Senior, Chamberlain, King, Senior; Keary, Keyes; Byrne, O'Hagan, Jolliffe, Bentley, Halton, King. Int: Cook, McDonnell, Rushton, Hasson.

GROUP C: NEW ZEALAND 34 LEBANON 12

New Zealand got their World Cup campaign off to a winning start with a 34-12 win against Lebanon at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Sunday night.

They took their time to get going, but most of the best work for the Kiwis came off the back of Joseph Manu. The fullback was everywhere and showed all the skills in a dominant performance to help his side over the line. Coming into this game as huge underdogs, Lebanon struck the first blow. They went short off the kick-off then got a fortunate four-pointer when Josh Mansour picked up the scraps after a Mitch Moses kick. New Zealand, who came into the tournament as the top ranked team, took their time to get going. Kenny Bromwich got their first points when he twisted his body enough to touch down without being a double movement. That sparked the side into life. Hulking forward Nelson Asofa-Solomona charged onto a short ball and he wasn't being stopped from close range which made it 12-6 for New Zealand in a close contest.

Once they got on top New Zealand looked to be humming. It was another strong solo effort which got the third score for the side. Peta Hiku spotted a gap in the defence and burrowed underneath to extend the lead out to 18-6.

It was a sense of déjà vu to start the half. Lebanon got the ball back with some spirited work then spread it to a winger to score. This time it was to Abbas Miski who flew over in the corner to reduce the deficit back to six points. Enter Joseph Manu. The superstar centre turned fullback showed all the full range of skills to give the Kiwis a buffer. He broke through the defence before he sent Dylan Brown over then went for a solo effort.

Manu went the audacious route for his own score. The fullback chipped for himself, regathered and shrugged off some slack defence from Lebanon and walked in the score to make it 30-12. Things went from bad to worse for Lebanon when off the short kick-off, Adam Doueih who has been a star, was sent off for dissent. New Zealand profited immediately with Jordan Rapana scoring in the corner to add to his five goals already in the contest. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

NEW ZEALAND 34 (N. Asofa-Solomona, K. Bromwich, D. Brown, P. Hiku, J. Manu, J. Rapana tries; J. Rapana 5 goals) **DEFEATED LEBANON 12** (J. Mansour, A. Miski tries; M. Moses 2 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 16th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 18-6. Penalties: New Zealand 8-7. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 5,453. **NEW ZEALAND:** Manu, Mulitalo, Nicoll-Klokstad, Hiku, Rapana; Brown, Foran; Bromwich, Smith, Fisher-Harris, Papali'i, Bromwich, Tapine. Int: Niukore, Asofa-Solomona, Nikora, Marshall-King. **LEBANON:** Kiraz, Mansour, Robinson, Morkos, Miski; Doueih, Moses; Kalache, Kazzi, Rahme, El-Zakhem, Tasipale, Roumanos. Int: Tannous, El-Nachar, Bazzaz, Maree.

GROUP A: FRANCE 34 GREECE 12

France played smart, patient football, picking their moments well all game in their opening World Cup clash against a spirited Greece side, who refused to quit in a 34-12 result at Doncaster.

France opened the scoring in the eighth minute when Jordan Dezaria received a crash ball on the Greece line and smashed through two middle defenders to score next to the posts. Arthur Mourgue converted. Fouad Yaha made a break down the left wing in the 16th minute but he was brought down with a brilliant cover tackle by Lachlan Ilias.

In the 22nd minute Peter Mamouzelos received a late offload and ran up to the retreating French defensive line before grubbering ahead for himself, but he fell over in the traffic. Two minutes later, France received a penalty and Mourgue kicked a penalty goal.

In the 30th minute, Mourgue grubbered into the Greece in-goal, where Sebastian Sell fumbled his attempt to clean up the kick. Tony Gigot reached out and grounded the ball for a try. Mourgue converted. France scored again just 5 minutes later when Benjamin Jullien scored off a crash ball play close to the Greece line. Mourgue again converted and France went into the sheds with a 20-0 lead.

France continued the scoring 7 minutes after halftime when Mathieu Laguerre stepped infield and through a huge gap before linking with Mickael Goudemand, who quickly got the ball along to Mourgue, who scored a try under the posts despite a determined try saving effort by Mamouzelos. Mourgue converted his own try. Greece scored their first World Cup try in the 56th minute when a Jordan Meads grubber to the left side found an unmarked Siteni Taukamo, who regathered and dived over to score untouched. Ilias converted from out wide.

Mourgue added another penalty goal in the 66th minute before Jullien scored again after a crisp passing movement in the 75th minute. Mourgue again converted. Greece then saved the best for last. Right on fulltime Ilias chipped from inside his own half, to the left wing where Nick Mougios caught the ball on the full,

then turned the retreating cover defence of Morgan Escare inside out with good footwork before racing 40 metres to score a glorious try. Ilias added the extras from the sideline.

ANDREW FERGUSON

FRANCE 34 (B. Jullien 2, J. Dezaria, T. Gigot, A. Mourgue tries; A. Mourgue 7 goals) **DEFEATED GREECE 12** (N. Mougios, S. Taukamo tries; L. Ilias 2 goals) **AT ECO-POWER STADIUM.**

Date: Mon, 17th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: France 20-0. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 4,182.

FRANCE: Escaré, Romano, Langi, Laguerre, Yaha; Mourgue, Gigot; Dezaria, Da Costa, Belmas, Jullien, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Pélissier, Sangaré, Goudemand, Le Cam. **GREECE:** Robinson, Taukamo, Constantinou, Mougios, Mitsias; Ilias, Meads; Tuliatu, Mamouzelos, Sell, Zampetides, Flocas, Magoulias. Int: Kambos, Gal, Nianiakas, Dardamanis.

GROUP D: TONGA 24 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 18

A 77th minute try has given Tonga a very hard earned 24-18 victory over a Papua New Guinea side who never gave up and it could even be argued, were a bit hard done by in their World Cup clash in St Helens on Tuesday.

Papua New Guinea opened the scoring in just the sixth minute when Rhyse Martin ran onto a brilliant short ball from Kyle Laybutt close to the Tongan line. Martin stormed into a gap and strolled over for a try. He then converted his own try.

Tonga responded by turning up their defensive pressure for the next 6 minutes, keeping the Kumuls trapped deep in their own half. After one such set resulted in Lam kicking on the last, 20 metres from his own line, the ball was fielded by Tolutau Koula just inside his own half, he ran right and then put on a huge step to beat Nene Macdonald, ran into space and then got a great ball to Will Penisini who strolled in to score a good try. Isaiya Katoa converted from in front.

Daniel Russell very nearly scored for the Kumuls 10 minutes later, but his foot grazed the sideline on his way to scoring.

Tui Lolohea made a good break in the lead up to Tonga's second try in the 35th minute. The following set saw Moeaki Fotuauka storm onto a nice inside ball to score under the sticks. Katoa again converted.

From the restart, Tonga continued their attack. On the third tackle, Moses Suli stepped inside the defence and burst through a gap, drew the fullback before passing to Isaiya Katoa who raced 40 metres to score. He converted his own try and at halftime Tonga had an 18-6 lead and looked to be taking control of the match.

Papua New Guinea had other plans though. Within the opening 2 minutes after play resumed, Edwin Ipape made a powerful bullocking run before getting a great offload away to Lachlan Lam who raced away to score under the posts. Lam then converted his own try.

In the 53rd minute, Rodrick Tai set sail to score in the corner when he was hit by Koula with what appeared to be a very clear shoulder bump. The video ref looked at the grounding of the ball several times before finding that the ball touched the sideline and thus, ruled no try.

In the 61st minute, David Fifita on a typical barnstorming run, bulldozed his way over the tryline but the committed Kumuls defence, especially that of Lam, denied him a try.

A knock on at dummy half by Tonga, just a metre from their own line saw Papua New Guinea awarded a scrum in the 67th minute. From the back of the scrum, the ball was fired to the left out to Alex Johnston who sent a beautiful pass along to Russell who scored untouched in the corner. Martin converted from the sideline to level the scores.

A late low tackle by Ipape in the 72nd minute 10 metres inside the Kumuls half saw Tonga receive a penalty where they opted to take a shot at goal to break the deadlock, but Katoa's long range kick was unsuccessful.

With 3 minutes left in the game, Tonga looked lost in attack and were throwing offloads everywhere but going nowhere, until Siosua Taukeiaho received the ball, grubbered into the Kumuls ingoal area where Keaon Koloamatangi regathered and scored the match winning try. Katoa converted and Tonga scraped home with a 24-18 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

TONGA 24 (M. Fotuauka, I. Katoa, K. Koloamatangi, W. Penisini tries; I. Katoa 4 goals) **DEFEATED PAPUA NEW GUINEA 18** (L. Lam, R. Martin, D. Russell tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.** Date: Tue, 18th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Tonga 18-6. Penalties: Tonga 5-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,409. **TONGA:** Koula, Tupou, Suli, Penisini, Katoa; Katoa, Lolohea; Fonua-Blake, Koloamatangi, Tatola, Kaufusi, Olakau'atu, Taukeiaho. Int: Talakai, Luke, Fotuauka, Fifita. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Johnston, Russell, Macdonald, Olam, Tai; Laybutt, Lam; Albert, Ipape, Namo, Putt, Martin, Alick. Int: Vei, Waive, Appo, Boas.

GROUP D: COOK ISLANDS 18 WALES 12

The Cook Islands have just scraped out a win to start off their tournament, downing a spirited Wales side 18-12 in Leigh. After trailing at half-time, they were forced to rally, and in the end it came down to a last minute defensive effort that secured the two points for them.

The game started out evenly, with both teams feeling each other out and going set for set. Both sides' kicking games forced the other to work it out from inside their own 10 or 20 metres, and the ball was in play for a long time with minimal errors and penalties. Just when it looked like the Cook Islands were beginning to get on top, they gave away a penalty that gave Wales their first attacking opportunity of the match.

Wales forced a handful of repeat sets, and it wasn't long until they found the opening points of the match. A Josh Ralph grubber for Rhodri Lloyd to steam on to perfectly put the Welsh side in front, and the kick was converted by Matty Fozard from next to the posts. A good set from Wales after points put Cook Islands under heaps of pressure, and the Welsh team looked well in control.

But they then conceded a penalty, followed by two six agains, and suddenly the momentum was all in the favour of the Cook Islands. Tepai Moeroa stormed over under the posts, but was denied by the video referee. But the Cook Islands

only had to wait a few more minutes to open their account, when Esan Marsters scooted out of dummy half and created an opportunity out of nothing for his team. He found Gelling on the inside, who dived over under the posts in the 22nd minute.

With the score back on level terms, both sides were looking dangerous. Wales struck next though, when Ollie Olds sold the whole of the Cook Islands' defence a dummy and strolled over in the 27th minute. Everything seemed to be going in the favour of the Welsh side, with a successful captain's challenge winning themselves a penalty in their set following points, but they couldn't convert their field position into another try.

Cook Islands were well on top in the final minutes of the second half, with the tiring Welsh defence giving away a number of six agains. They were again denied by the video referee in the 38th minute, and although they couldn't convert the possession into a four pointer, Steven Marsters slotted a penalty goal on the stroke of half-time to bring the score to 12-8, Wales in front.

Both teams came out firing in the second half, with offloads and line breaks galore in the first handful of minutes. The game settled back into a rhythm, with both teams' defences holding up to inspection. The Cook Islands got the first proper attacking chance of the second half when the video referee denied them for a third time in the 56th minute.

A piece of individual brilliance from Davvy Moale brought about the first points of the second half. The Cook Islander beat about five players to storm his way to the line, and the try was subsequently converted to give Wales the lead for the first time in the match. Suddenly, it was all Cook Islands. Making metres from will out of their own end, it was only a few minutes until they struck again, this time through winger Steven Marsters. He failed to convert his own try, and the Cook Islands led 18-12 with 15 minutes on the clock.

Despite Cook Islands continuing to apply pressure, Wales held on. They were gifted a number of attacking opportunities in the dying minutes, with the Cook Islands giving away two 20m restarts. But Wales couldn't convert, and with just 1 minute left on the clock the game looked well and truly over.

But Rhodri Lloyd came up with a huge play for the Welsh, charging down a kick and giving his team one final attacking set. With the Cook Islands' defence retreating, Wales looked like they were in for all money on the left hand side, but they just couldn't get it over the line. Cook Islands held on, and Welsh hearts were broken. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

COOK ISLANDS 18 (A. Gelling, S. Marsters, D. Moale tries; S. Marsters 3 goals) **DEFEATED WALES 12** (R. Lloyd, O. Olds tries; M. Fozard 2 goals) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.** Date: Wed, 19th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Wales 12-8. Penalties: Cook Islands 4-3. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 6,188. **WALES:** Aekins, Williams, Kear, Evans, Butt; Olds, Ralph; Walker, Fozard, Fleming, Lloyd, Antrobus, Burke. Int: Butler, Evans, Davies, Davies. **COOK ISLANDS:** Iro, Ulberg, Gelling, Rennie, Marsters; Marsters, Ford; Petterson-Robati, Teroi, Moeroa, Peyroux, Porter, Tetevano. Int: Takairangi, Makatoa, Ngatikaura, Moale.

WEEK 2

GROUP B: AUSTRALIA 84 SCOTLAND 0

The Kangaroos have thrashed the Scottish Bravehearts 84-0 in Coventry to open week 2 of the Men's Rugby League World Cup.

Despite having the game wrapped up early on, Australia didn't relent, with their defence in particular looking impressive. In slippery wet conditions, the ballplayers looked slick in attack, with Mal Meninga facing some tough decisions in regard to who is in that best 17 for the Kangaroos. It was an awkward start to the game, with Australia's kick-off going too deep, but Scotland were ruled to have caught it before stepping dead in-goal, and thus conceding a drop-out. Australia got close to opening the scoring in their first set, but Nathan Cleary was denied by the video referee. It was instead the 6th minute when they opened the scoring - a Cleary cut-out pass hitting Addo-Carr on the left wing. Cleary would get another try assist just a few minutes later, when he hit Jack Wighton on a short ball to crash over. Next, it was Angus Crichton who joined the scoresheet, with the Cleary conversion making it 16-0 after as many minutes. Any time Scotland found themselves in possession they just couldn't gain any metres. The Australian defence was like a brick wall, and the Kangaroos continued to attack as the first half progressed. Campbell Graham and Nathan Cleary both crossed for their first tries, and Australia led 28-0 after 30 minutes. An uncharacteristic error on the set after points from the Kangaroos gave Scotland their first attacking set, but they turned it over almost straight away before Josh Addo-Carr streaked away down the sideline to score his second. Wighton then got his second in the following set, making it 40-0 with a handful of minutes remaining in the first half. Scotland tried to turn the momentum on a few occasions, with some successful short kick-offs and dropouts working in their favour. They managed to stem the flow in the final minutes of the opening half, and so it was 40 points in 40 minutes from the Kangaroos at the break.

Australia wasted no time adding to the scoreboard in the second half, with James Tedesco making a break up the middle in their first set, before crossing the line a few tackles later. In their second set of the half, it was a second try, this time from Ben Hunt fresh off the bench. Things settled down slightly, with Scotland forcing a few stops, but their errors just kept inviting Australia back on the attack. Josh Addo-Carr reached his hat trick in the 49th minute off an attacking scrum play. Some nice hands showcased the developing Kangaroos combinations, and it was Munster this time with the cut-out ball to his winger. Australia had 18 points from the first 11 minutes of the second half, but Scotland seemed to find some defensive resolve, and it wouldn't be until the 60th minute that Australia crossed again. Kane Linnett was sin-binned for Scotland after tackling a player without the ball, and Graham crossed for his second in the succeeding tackles. Things started to get fiery, with both teams' forward packs exchanging some pushing and shoving, but Australia just kept playing great footy and Burton crossed for a debut try in the 66th. Up 68-0 with 13 minutes remaining, Australia kept tearing through Scotland's tired middle forwards, and beating their edges with slick hands and speed. Graham sealed his hat-trick and Yeo bagged his first in consecutive sets to bring up the 80 for Australia. But it was the fourth and final Josh Addo-Carr try which will light up highlight reels for years to

come. A cross field kick from the Kangaroos was miraculously kept in by Matt Burton, who threw it back between his legs to the waiting Addo-Carr. With defenders in front of him, he put in a grubber for himself, beating his opposing winger to ground the ball and put the cherry on top for the Australians. With that win, Australia now have 14 RLWC victories in a row. A win against Italy next week would make it 15, and would become the outright longest World Cup winning streak - surpassing their own record set in 2008. The Kangaroos are on a charge for the World Cup, but the question remains - can anyone get in their way? **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

AUSTRALIA 84 (J. Addo-Carr 4, C. Graham 3, J. Wighton 2, M. Burton, N. Cleary, A. Crichton, B. Hunt, J. Tedesco, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 12 goals) **DEFEATED SCOTLAND 0 AT COVENTRY BUILDING SOCIETY ARENA.** Date: Fri, 21st October. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Australia 40-0. Penalties: Australia 4-1. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 10,276. **AUSTRALIA:** Tedesco, Addo-Carr, Wighton, Burton, Graham; Munster, Cleary; Campbell-Gillard, Grant, Carrigan, Crichton, Martin, Yeo. Int: Hunt, Holmes, Trbojevic, Collins. **SCOTLAND:** Walker, Russell, Hellewell, Buchanan, Walmsley; Hayward, Gahan; Bayliss-Brow, Hood, Teanby, Aitken, Linnett, Bell. Int: Schneider, Bain, Graham, Ferguson.

GROUP B: FIJI 60 ITALY 4

The Fiji Bati have redeemed themselves after their last start loss to Australia, downing Italy by 60-4 in a one-sided match at Kingston Park in Newcastle on Saturday afternoon.

It was a physical start to this contest and Fiji were asserting itself at Italy's end. Eventually, the pressure took its toll. An error from Luke Polselli off a Brandon Wakeham bomb gave Fiji a great starting field position. From there, it was big Vilame Kikau who crashed over for the first try of the afternoon and early six-point advantage. A poor error coming out of yardage from Italy's Dean Parata gave Fiji their next points. Kevin Naiqama scooped up the loose ball to race 50 metres to cross and the margin was quickly out to 12-0. Another mistake saw the Bati collect their third try when the Roosters duo of Naiqama and test debutant Vuate Karawalevu took Jake Maizen over the sideline. From there, dummy half Penioni Tagituimua caught the Azzurri asleep on their line and it was looking very ugly for the Italian side. Italy was able to stop the scoring for a brief moment, but big Kikau had his second try when he was able to get past a poor attempt of tackle from Brendan Santi and it was one-way traffic in the opening half for the Bati. Italy was able to secure some possession and stop the rot. Taniela Sadrugu was lucky to stay on the field after an awful late shot on Nathan Brown, but the Italians were unable to cross the stripe in the first half. Just before the break, the spirit of the Azzurri was broken when Apisai Koroisau was able to skip his way past the defence and cross virtually untouched for a 30-0 score-line. Fortunately for Italy, it could've been worse as Fiji were playing a game of 'Hot Potato' at half-time and it nearly delivered a try until Sadrugu slipped at the final moment. This meant the margin remained 30 points at the change of ends.

Fiji began the scoring in the second half. It was set up by the kick return of Karawalevu beating 4 Azzurri to turn defence into attack. From the ensuing tackle, it was a great offload from Koroisau and Tagituimua crossed for his second try and extended the score-line. Four minutes later, a clever banana

kick from Brandon Wakeham delivered a horror bounce for Polselli and it sat up for the big forward Ben Nakubuawai who charged over the top of the young fullback to score. Off the ensuing set, Maika Sivo crossed after Kikau reeled in a kick from Wakeham and found the flying winger to make it 48-0. Italy went short and following an illegal shot by replacement Henry Raiwalui, they were able to cross for their first try. They stripped the Fiji right-hand side for numbers and it was hat-trick hero Jake Maizen who crossed for Italy's only try and add some respectability to the scoreboard. The revival didn't last long as Sivo was on the receiving end of a Kikau offload to cross for his second try and hit the half-century. The Bati crossed for the last try when Naiqama showed and goed before finding Karawalevu who basketball passed back to Taniela Sadrugu and the NQ Cowboys backrower crossed to give Fiji a 56-point victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

FIJI 60 (V. Kikau 2, M. Sivo 2, P. Tagituimua 2, A. Koroisau, K. Naiqama, B. Nakubuawai, T. Sadrugu tries; B. Wakeham 7, A. Koroisau 2, H. Raiwalui goals) **DEFEATED ITALY 4** (J. Maizen try) **AT KINGSTON PARK.** Date: Sat, 22nd October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Fiji 30-0. Penalties: Italy 5-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 3,675. **FIJI:** Turuva, Sivo, Valemei, Naiqama, Karawalevu; Koroisau, Wakeham; Kamikamica, Tagituimua, Vuniyayawa, Wong, Kikau, Sims. Int: Nakubuawai, Sadrugu, Liolaveve, Raiwalui. **ITALY:** Polselli, Lepori, Atkinson, Natoli, Maizen; Campagnolo, Robinson; Susino, Parata, Iaria, King, Santi, Brown. Int: Tramontana, Moretti, Hodge, Colovatti.

GROUP A: ENGLAND 42 FRANCE 18

England continued their strong start to the Rugby League World Cup 2021 campaign with a 42-18 win against France in Bolton tonight.

It was another strong performance from the hosts, who top Group B with back-to-back wins. Dom Young and Ryan Hall both scored doubles in the win which saw them inch closer to making the Quarter Finals of the tournament. England just continued on after their dominant win against Samoa, rucking forward with ease. A high kick was batted back by Herbie Farnworth and Marc Sneyd before England's all-time scorer Ryan Hall touched down. It was a sense of déjà vu for England's second four-pointer. Another quick move on the left side ended with Hall crossing without being touched. England looked like the side which was one of the favourites to lift the trophy again. That thought continued to build amongst the crowd in Bolton, as England raced to an 18-0 lead. Victor Radley who was one of the big talking points before the tournament for his selection broke the line and linked up with Luke Thompson to stroll over the line. At 18-0, it looked a long way back for France. They found some light just before the break with back-to-back tries. First, Arthur Mourge kicked through and chased his kick to continue his strong start to the tournament. Their belief grew just moments after. Some sloppy work from the English on their own line gifted them some possession. Interchange utility Eloi Pelissier snuck over from close range to make it 18-12 at the break despite some late English pressure.

The belief created by the French was snuffed out like a torch on Survivor quickly in the second half. Former Raiders team mates John Bateman and Elliot Whitehead combined for the former to restore the 12 point lead. Next it was a good moment for Radley in an England shirt. Andy Ackers

pushed through the kick which saw the Roosters forward just stroll towards the ball and touch down after some video confirmation. Jack Welsby was a tactical switch at the back from England coach Shaun Wane, and he provided the assist for Dominic Young's third four-pointer of the tournament. England broke down the right, used the numbers and the Knights winger had the score for 36-12. One of the stars of the first round of games was back in action. France were on the attack but a loose pass from Pelissier is snatched in the air by Young who was celebrating on the way to the try line with his second of the game. France got some late consolation through Arthur Romano. Tony Gigot weaved through the defence then found the winger in stride and he got himself on the scoresheet and made it 42-18 for the well beaten side.

JUSTIN DAVIES

ENGLAND 42 (R. Hall 2, D. Young 2, V. Radley, L. Thompson, E. Whitehead tries; M. Sneyd 7 goals) **DEFEATED FRANCE 18** (A. Mourgue, É. Pelissier, A. Romano tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals) **AT UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 22nd October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: England 18-12. Penalties: France 4-1. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 23,648. **ENGLAND:** Tomkins, Young, Watkins, Farnworth, Hall; Sneyd, Williams; Burgess, McLorum, Hill, Whitehead, Bateman, Radley. Int: Welsby, Thompson, Ackers, Oledzki. **FRANCE:** Escaré, Romano, Langi, Jullien, Laguerre; Mourgue, Gigot; Dezaria, Da Costa, Belmas, Goudemand, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Pelissier, Sangaré, Springer, Le Cam.

GROUP C: NEW ZEALAND 68 JAMAICA 6

New Zealand have expectedly continued their cruise to the top of their group, a 68-6 win over Jamaica the latest installment in their quest for World Cup glory.

It was an ambitious start for the Jamaicans, who went short on the opening kickoff and were able to regather in a trend that would continue throughout the match. They forced a goal-line dropout in their first set, but New Zealand would easily keep them away from the tryline. The Kiwis would go up the field easily in part due to some help from a set restart. Their class shone through as Joseph Manu threw a cutout pass to Dallin Watene-Zelezniak, who had an acre of open space in front of him and scored the try. There were some highlights for Jamaica over the next 5 minutes, another short kickoff regathered and a one-on-one steal among them, however New Zealand asserted their authority soon after, with DWZ assisting this one instead of scoring it, Peta Hiku finishing it off this time. Jamaica looked to be generating some momentum through second-phase play, but the Kiwis were simply too good after taking possession back. They again spread the ball to the right and DWZ had too much speed, going in for his second try in 15 minutes. The Dallin Watene-Zelezniak show continued, the winger again showing incredible speed to return a kick 75 odd metres past 2 or 3 defenders, securing a first quarter hat-trick.

New Zealand became a bit sloppy from that point, going twelve minutes before scoring another try in a period which included multiple errors. Eventually, Marata Niukore took advantage of some tired and backtracking defence, scoring a simple try. It looked as though Jamaica had done enough to keep New Zealand to 24 points at the half, but some poor scrum defence close to the line allowed Seb Kris to score a simple try. Jamaica abandoned the short restart in the final minute and it proved costly. Watene-Zelezniak again found

space down the right-hand side before kicking back infield. Jeremy Marshall-King was there in support and he managed to stay inside the dead ball line and ground the ball. It meant the score was 34-0 at the half time break.

It didn't take long for New Zealand to get things going in the second half, with Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad dummifying his way over the line to extend the lead to 40. Ten minutes later, New Zealand went bang bang with two tries in as many minutes. The first came when the two back-rowers, Bromwich and Nikora, combined, with Bromwich putting Nikora through a hole to score a relatively straightforward try. Off the (long) kickoff, New Zealand went the length, and it was a carbon copy of an effort from earlier in the match, with Watene-Zelezniak finding space down the edge once again and kicking inside for Jeremy Marshall-King, who scored his second try in eerily similar fashion. DWZ's night would finish during the act of scoring his fourth try, a "regulation" put-down in the corner. Brandon Smith would burrow his way over for two late tries from dummy-half, making the score 68-0. The moment of the match came in the 75th minute, when Jamaica finally crossed for their first ever Rugby League World Cup try. Brandon Smith was unable to hold onto a 5th tackle kick and the veteran fullback Ben Jones-Bishop was there to toe the ball ahead, pick it up and score. It was the last scoring play of the match, meaning the final result was 68-6 to the Kiwis.

ADAM HUXTABLE

NEW ZEALAND 68 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 4, J. Marshall-King 2, B. Smith 2, P. Hiku, S. Kris, C. Nicoll-Klokstad, B. Nikora, M. Niukore tries; K. Foran 6, D. Watene-Zelezniak 2 goals) **DEFEATED JAMAICA 6** (B. Jones-Bishop try; K. Rush goal) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 22nd October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 34-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,829. **NEW ZEALAND:** Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Niukore, Hiku, Kris; Manu, Foran; Leota, Smith, Fisher-Harris, Nikora, Bromwich, Liu. Int: Papali'i, Asofa-Solomona, Marshall-King, Sorensen. **JAMAICA:** Jones-Bishop, Agoro, Johnson, Ogden, Simpson; Woodburn-Hall, Rush; Tomlinson, Golding, Lawrence, Wallace, Farrell, Brown. Int: Thompson, Andrade, Ho, Bailey.

GROUP C: LEBANON 32 IRELAND 14

Lebanon has their fate in their own hands at the Rugby League World Cup, disposing of a poorly disciplined Ireland side by 18 points in their Group C clash in Leigh this afternoon.

This match had a lot on the line for both sides. A win for the Irish side would seal their position in the quarter-finals. While if Lebanon got up they'll have the box seat to progress into the next stage for the second World Cup in succession. It was a frantic start to the game and it was the Cedars who had the first scoring opportunity. Mitch Moses was held-up after promising play from debutant half Khaled Rajab. The opening fifteen minutes were marred by incredibly poor discipline from both sides with Adam Gee blowing his whistle seven times within that period. Lebanon capitalised on a cannonball tackle from Liam Byrne and shot for goal, Moses was successful from in front to give the Cedars an early lead. Six minutes later, the elder statesman of this Lebanon side Reece Robinson crossed for the first try of the afternoon. The try came about off the back of a superb offload from Khalil Rahme which allowed Moses to expose the right-hand side of the Ireland defence. Moses found Robinson who slid over in the

corner and the Cedars had an eight-point advantage. Another penalty for offside against Ireland saw Lebanon capitalise. It was a simple inside-outside play sees Moses turn it back on the inside to Jacob Kiraz, the Bulldogs fullback had way too much pace for Richie Myler and Ireland was down 14-0. The game had the potential to blow over as Ireland was more interested in settling personal scores than playing the game. Off a short dropout, Josh Mansour was able to get a basketball pass to Brandon Morkos who had too much pace for Toby King and Lebanon was running riot. Ireland took advantage of an opportunity just before the break, when Luke Keary provided a wonderful pass to Louis Senior who finished it off in the corner to reduce the margin to 16. The tempers that threatened to boil over in the first half, boiled on the siren and both sides started the second stanza with 12 men after Jalal Bazzaz and Robbie Mulhern were dispatched to the sin bin.

Ireland started the second half with a point to prove and they made Lebanon pay early for a touch of complacency. It was a wonderful pass from Joe Keyes and Louis Senior was able to beat the cover of Kiraz to cross for his second try, what was 20-0 just before the break was 20-10 inside the first ten minutes of the second half. Unfortunately, a cheap error from the Irish allowed Moses to skip and dance his way around the Ireland defence and he linked up with his Parramatta team-mate Elie El Zakhem to extend the margin out to 16. Lebanon was able to seal the result with just over an hour to go after Rajab and Kiraz combined to send Wigan winger Abbas Miski to score in the corner and extend the margin out to twenty points. Both sides then limped into the finish of this fixture, the harder Ireland tried, the worst things were getting in the attacking phase. Unfortunately, their discipline wouldn't improve, and Byrne took things into his own hands when he hit Mitch Moses late off the ball and was sin-binned. Moses converted a chip shot penalty to lead by 22. Ireland grabbed the last try when Keary created an overlap and Ed Chamberlain crossed to make the margin more respectable at 18 points. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

LEBANON 32 (E. El-Zakhem, J. Kiraz, A. Miski, B. Morkos, R. Robinson tries; M. Moses 6 goals) **DEFEATED IRELAND 14** (L. Senior 2, E. Chamberlain tries; E. Chamberlain goal) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 23rd October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Lebanon 20-4. Penalties: Lebanon 11-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 6,057. **LEBANON:** Kiraz, Mansour, Robinson, Morkos, Miski; Rajab, Moses; Kalache, Kazzi, Rahme, El-Zakhem, Tasipale, Roumanos. Int: Maarbani, Layoun, Bazzaz, Rahme. **IRELAND:** Myler, Senior, Chamberlain, King, Senior; Keary, Keyes; Byrne, O'Hagan, Jolliffe, Bentley, Halton, King. Int: Cook, Rushton, Mulhern, Hasson.

GROUP A: SAMOA 72 GREECE 4

Samoa piled on the points in a 72-4 win against a gallant Greece side in Doncaster tonight.

It was the Jarome Luai show. The Panthers half just orchestrated the Samoan attack in style and had a hand in the majority of their points and even got himself on the scoresheet as Samoa still aims to qualify from the group. Embarrassed last week, Samoa got off to the perfect start in their second pool game. They strolled downfield in the first set then a kick high saw Brian To'o touch down. Jarome Luai who had a quiet game last week, sprung into life in this game. He broke the line well before finding Eels front rower Junior Paulo, who showed

off some smarts to chase down a pass which hit a Greek defender for 12-0. It seemed like Samoa found their mojo this week against Greece. Once again, Luai had his hands all over the play, weaved past the defence before he found Raiders bound Danny Levi for the third score of the first half. Next it was Luai's halves partner that got into the action. Chanel Harris-Tavita finished off another slick backline move from Samoa and the ghosts from last weekend were truly erased. On the half hour mark, Royce Hunt rumbled his way over quickly followed by Luai, who was the provider in much of the half got himself on the scoresheet after a quick check to see if he touched the line but it was 36-0. Tim Lafai rounded off an almost perfect half from Samoa. He was drafted into the squad after some injuries this week and the veteran spied some space behind the ruck and made it 42-0.

Greece might not leave the World Cup with a win but they will leave it with some highlight reel tries. They got off the duck egg in style, a pair of chip kicks, one from their own end ended with Lachlan Ilias getting over the line. Samoa produced a quick one-two punch to go past the half century. Fa'amanu Brown burrowed over from close range then Stephen Crichton who was kicking them from close range finished off a move that included a between the legs pass. The points kept coming for Samoa. Harris-Tavita got a double when he chased through a Luai kick then Dragons winger Mathew Faegai had the simple job on the end of a slick Samoa backline to make it 62-4. Levi got himself involved with the doubles in the main game. He sniffed around the ruck and took the offload from Oregon Kaufusi to dive over then Lafai also made it two tries being on the end of a smooth move to take Samoa past 70 points. The only downside for Samoa, was a late sin bin to Dragons back rower Jaydn Su'A. He was dismissed for a shoulder to the head on a Greek player who was working the ball from their own line. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

SAMOA 72 (C. Harris-Tavita 2, T. Lafai 2, D. Levi 2, F. Brown, S. Crichton, M. Faegai, R. Hunt, J. Luai, J. Paulo, B. To'o tries; S. Crichton 10 goals) **DEFEATED GREECE 4** (L. Ilias try) **AT ECO-POWER STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 23rd October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Samoa 42-0. Penalties: Greece 3-2. Referee: James Child. Crowd: 4,415. **SAMOA:** Sua'alii, Faegai, Lafai, Crichton, To'o, Luai, Harris-Tavita; Papalii, Levi, Paulo, Sao, Su'A, Aloiai. Int: Hunt, Taupau, Brown, Kaufusi. **GREECE:** Robinson, Taukamo, Constantinou, Mougios, Mitsias; Magoulias, Ilias; Flocas, Mamouzelos, Bastas, Kambos, Vrahnos, Sell. Int: Gal, Nianiakas, Sue-Tin, Bosmos.

GROUP D: TONGA 32 WALES 6

Tonga have set up a Quarter Final matchup that will most likely come against Samoa, beating Wales 32-6 in a sloppy encounter.

Wales looked good in defence early on, turning Tonga away from the tryline on two separate occasions before Konrad Hurrell knocked on. The sloppy start continued when Taukeiaho dropped the ball while making a carry out of his own end, giving Wales a chance to score first. Wales were unable to breach the Tongan defensive line despite three attacking sets, with Ollie Olds' pass pass flying over the sideline. Despite the strong defensive showing, Tonga still couldn't get out of their way in attack, with Talakai knocking on. The ball was picked up Josh Ralph, who found his winger

Kyle Evans in support and Wales, against the run of play, had the first try of the match. The one try advantage didn't last long though, with Caleb Aekins unable to hold onto Tonga's next bomb. Off the scrum win, they shifted it left, with Daniel Tupou finishing off the movement for Tonga to hit back. Taukeiaho was unable to convert though. The rest of the half was shaping up as an arm wrestle, with both teams defending well. In the 37th minute however, David Fifita produced a signature David Fifita effort to barge his way to the line, making it 10-6 to Tonga with about 2 minutes left in the half. That was all Tonga needed to score another one. They went up the field with ease in a set that concluded with Keaon Koloamatangi running through a hole right past Josh Ralph to extend their half time lead to 10.

It took 7 minutes of gametime in the second half for Tonga to get on the board again, with Tesi Niu changing the direction of the attack to scamper past three Welsh defenders and score the try. They were again able to extend their lead 10 minutes later after a series of errors from both sides. They shifted the ball left and found numbers yet again, with Tupou once more the beneficiary, going over for his second try of the match. It looked like Tonga had a contender for try of the tournament in the 66th minute, when Tolu Koula dived head first to try and keep a kick in the field of play. It found a support player who passed inside to Lolohea, who thought he'd scored. Replays however showed that that tip of the ball had come into contact with the touchline, negating the play. It didn't matter a whole lot, with Tonga rolling up the field with ease 5 minutes later, resulting in, you guessed it, Daniel Tupou going over for another try. That was all she wrote scoring wise, Tonga winning the match by a score of 32-6. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

TONGA 32 (D. Tupou 3, D. Fifita, K. Koloamatangi, T. Niu tries; T. Lolohea 3, S. Talakai goals) **DEFEATED WALES 6** (K. Evans try; M. Fozard goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**.

Date: Mon, 24th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Tonga 16-6. Penalties: Wales 7-3. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 7,752. **TONGA:** Niu, Tupou, Talakai, Hurrell, Katoa; Amone, Lolohea; Fonua-Blake, Luke, Fotuaika, Kaufusi, Koloamatangi, Taukeiaho. Int: Tatola, Fifita, Koula, Murdoch-Masila. **WALES:** Aekins, Williams, Grant, Kear, Evans; Olds, Ralph; Walker, Fozard, Bennion, Antrobus, Butler, Burke. Int: Fleming, Davies, Davies, Hopkins.

GROUP D: PAPUA NEW GUINEA 32 COOK ISLANDS 18

The PNG Kumuls have all but sealed a trip to the quarter finals of the Rugby League World Cup, overcoming a slow start to convincingly defeat the Cook Islands 32-18.

It was all the Kumuls early on in terms of possession and field position, however they lacked attacking polish and couldn't quite go the extra distance required to put points on the board. This was summed up when the Cook Islands made an error in the 8th minute to give PNG a golden opportunity to strike first, but instead, Lachlan Lam threw an intercept to Anthony Gelling, completely changing the momentum of the game. Gelling didn't quite have the speed required to get all the way to the line, and when Papua New Guinea gave away a penalty on tackle four, they saw the Kuki's opting to take the two as a win for their defence. The Kuki's weren't without opportunity to extend their lead, but Esan Marsters blew it when his grubber soared over the dead ball line. They paid

the ultimate price when speedy winger Rodrick Tai wasted no time taking the tap, sprinting past two lazy defenders and going the length for the first try of the match. Rhyse Martin was kicking for the record of most consecutive successful conversion attempts of all time, so he of course missed to the right. Cook Islands got back into good field position courtesy of a charge down, but poor handling once again let them down. The Kumuls received a piggy back up the field due to a crusher tackle, and there was no lack of polish present when Kyle Laybutt whipped out a lethal step to dive over for their second try of the game. Three minutes later, PNG's Mckenzie Yei made a high tackle and was sent to the bin. It took the Kuki's a further seven minutes, but they eventually found an overlap to score, with winger Paul Ulberg strolling in untouched. Steven Marsters' sideline conversion meant it was only a two point deficit at the break.

The Cook Islands came out of the sheds with a terrible attitude defensively, allowing Yei to make an easy line break and put the Kumuls right on the attack. They completed the dream start to the half when Rhyse Martin spun his way over the tryline, extending the lead to 8 points with the successful conversion. A penalty shortly after the try allowed the Kumuls to once again advance up the field, and Lam's attacking kick was too much for the Cook Islands, with Alex Johnston having the ball tapped back to him before setting Rodrick Tai up for try number two. Just like that, the 2 point halftime lead had ballooned out to 12 in just seven minutes. Cook Islands had their chances over the next little while, but poor fifth tackle options and an overall lack of direction in attack proved costly. The dagger from Papua New Guinea came in the 57th minute, when Justin Olam made half a break and was able to get an arm free to offload to Lachlan Lam in support, the young playmaker running away to the tryline and making it a three score game. The Cook Islands weren't about to give up hope though, getting penalties for consecutive high shots and finding an overlap which allowed Anthony Gelling to score. The green light was given from the video referee despite question marks on the grounding. Any renewed hope they had was dashed 8 minutes later though, with Justin Olam getting the ball with nothing but green grass and the tryline in front of him. The Kuki's got a consolation try with a minute to go when Kayal Iro was on the end of a nice backline movement. The missed conversion gave us the final score of 32-18 in favour of the Kumuls. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 32 (R. Tai 2, L. Lam, K. Laybutt, R. Martin, J. Olam tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DEFEATED COOK ISLANDS 18** (A. Gelling, K. Iro, P. Ulberg tries; S. Marsters 2 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Tue, 25th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Papua New Guinea 10-8. Penalties: Cook Islands 8-7. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 6,273. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Johnston, Ngutlik, Macdonald, Olam, Tai; Laybutt, Lam; Albert, Ipape, Namo, Putt, Martin, Alick. Int: Russell, Yei, Appo, Boas. **COOK ISLANDS:** Iro, Ulberg, Gelling, Rennie, Marsters; Takairangi, Marsters; Rennie, Teroi, Moeroa, Peyroux, Piakura, Tetevano. Int: Makatoa, Ngatikaura, Noovao-McGreal, Moale.

WEEK 3

GROUP C: NEW ZEALAND 48 IRELAND 10

New Zealand topped Group C with a 48-10 win against a gallant Ireland side in their final pool game at Headingley.

Back in the side and in form, Jahrome Hughes was the undisputed star of the game, scoring twice and setting up a handful of tries in a thrashing by New Zealand who qualify as the top side in Group C. It was a willing start from both sides, and Ireland were the first team to hit the scoreboard. After a strip in the tackle, Ed Chamberlain piloted through a penalty goal to make it 2-0. New Zealand were a bit sloppy with the ball but once they found their rhythm, they took the lead. Jahrome Hughes sliced through the Ireland defence and touched down close to the sticks for 6-2. The Storm halfback showed all the skills in the first half with a pair of assists from the boot. The first was some lovely vision to spy Jordan Rapana all alone on the wing to stretch their advantage to ten.

He went high for the first one then it was a low kick from Hughes for New Zealand's third. He stabbed through a kick for Cowboys back Peta Hiku to chase down and build a healthy lead for the Kiwis headed towards the half hour mark. Ireland showed in several raids on the right that they weren't going to wilt easily. Their first four-pointer came through a Louis Senior intercept on the right edge to make it 16-6 and bring the crowd back into the contest. There was a whiff of *deja vu* for New Zealand in their fourth try. Hughes and Hiku combined again, this time through the hands for the latter to make it a double and make it 20-6 and New Zealand on course to top the group. The Wolfhounds were handed a lifeline in the first half when Jared Wearea-Hargreaves was sin binned for a swinging arm on an Irish player. New Zealand showed their class from a broken play for Ronaldo Mulitalo to make it an 18 point lead at the break.

Once again, errors and discipline cost Ireland. They gave away a penalty close to their own line and New Zealand pounced. It was a quick backline move and Rapana picked up his second while somehow not hitting the sideline. James Fisher-Harris was the next Kiwi to get on the board. From a penalty tap, it was an inside ball and the Panthers forward had the easiest passage to the tryline and confirm an undefeated round robin for New Zealand. Hughes capped off his man of the match display and became the third New Zealand player to score a double. It was another slicing solo effort as he crashed over against the padding then was given an early mark by coach Mark McGuire. It was party time for New Zealand. Kieran Foran in his first meaningful contribution since coming on, piloted a kick right on the spot and it was fumbled by the Ireland defence for Kenny Bromwich to profit. Just adding to the doubles party, Ireland back Louis Senior got his second. Joe Keyes kicked early in the count which saw Senior chase until the end and profit from an error from Mulitalo to make it 42-10. Joseph Manu put the icing on the win for New Zealand and got himself on the scoresheet. He pushed through some tired Ireland defence and strolled towards the line and made it 48-10 for the top ranked side. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

NEW ZEALAND 48 (P. Hiku 2, J. Hughes 2, J. Rapana 2, K. Bromwich, J. Fisher-Harris, J. Manu, R. Mulitalo tries; D. Brown 2, J. Rapana 2 goals) **DEFEATED IRELAND 10** (L. Senior 2 tries; E. Chamberlain goal) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 28th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 24-6. Penalties: New Zealand 8-5. Referee: Robert Hicks. Crowd: 14,044. **NEW ZEALAND:** Manu, Mulitalo, Nikora, Hiku, Rapana; Brown, Hughes; Bromwich, Smith, Fisher-Harris, Asofa-Solomona, Bromwich, Tapine. Int: Papali'i, Foran, Waerea-Hargreaves, Liu. **IRELAND:** Myler, Senior, Chamberlain, King, Senior; Keary, Keyes; King, Cook, Hasson, Bentley, Halton, Michael. Int: Rushton, O'Hagan, Norman, O'Kane.

GROUP A: ENGLAND 94 GREECE 4

England has shown that they are a force to be reckoned with in this World Cup, trouncing Greece by 94-4 at Bramall Lane in Sheffield.

It was billed as a battle of David and Goliath before kick-off and as was mentioned several times in the broadcast. It was a game that showcased how far Greek rugby league had come to be on the world stage. Any slight opportunity would be taken for granted by the English side and it didn't take long for the three lions to show their dominance. An error coming out of yardage from Nick Flocas gave England their first attacking opportunity, from there they took advantage of an injured Greek player and it was Marc Sneyd who found Matty Lees to cross for the first try of the contest. Greece had some ball down England's end, but the English defence held their own.

Despite a brief resistance from the Greek defence, their errors in their own end were their ultimate undoing. Off the scrum, it was a clever offload from Jack Welsby who found John Bateman who delivered a suspect final pass to Dom Young who crossed for his fifth try of the tournament to give the three lions an early 10-0 cushion. However, it was the Greeks that delivered the moment of the match when their possession finally delivered into their sole try of the first 40. It was a clever pass selection from Jordan Meads who drew Kai Pearce-Paul at blanks and Siteni Taukamo crashed over to score. However, the last fifteen minutes of the match were a horror movie for Greece and England ran absolutely riot. George Williams turned provider when a lovely cut-out pass allowed Young to score in the corner. Off the ensuing set, Ryan Hall finished off a great set-play when Sneyd's kick was well-weighted to allow the winger to cross. Despite some great Greek defence, the class of England shone through crossing four times in the last eight minutes. Tom Burgess crashed over off a lovely inside ball from Williams, then Dom Young crossed twice in as many minutes to complete a first half quintuple. Right on the break, Williams backed up forward Chris Hill to allow England to lead by 40 points at the change of ends.

England were first to score in the second half after a bizarre passage of play. Sneyd kicked early, but the ball missed everybody, the Greek players unfortunately missed the ball and Tom Makinson was jolly on the spot as the three lions were passed the half century. Eight minutes later, Bateman burst straight through to find Sneyd and England were over for their tenth try. Despite their great efforts in defence, Greece were unable to stop England for long, Burgess crossed for his second from relative point blank range. Off a Greek error coming out of yardage, it was a great pass from Sneyd to find Hall to cross for his second try. Despite showing early rust, England were at their ruthless best. Sneyd showed coach Shaun Wane why he should be considered for the top squad when he found debutant Joe Batchelor to cross. Four minutes

later, Andy Ackers caught Greece asleep and raced away to give England a 78-4 lead with just under 12 to play. Debutant Kai Pearce-Paul joined the scorers when he barged over from close range. Another great team try saw Ackers cross for his second try and the margin was out to 84 points. The pain continued when Young found Mike McMeeken and the margin got out to 90 points. The video referee found an English player offside and denied the three lions a chance at the century. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ENGLAND 94 (D. Young 4, A. Ackers 2, T. Burgess 2, R. Hall 2, J. Batchelor, M. Lees, M. McMeeken, T. Makinson, K. Pearce-Paul, M. Sneyd, G. Williams tries; M. Sneyd 13 goals) **DEFEATED GREECE 4** (S. Taukamo try) **AT BRAMALL LANE.**

Date: Sat, 29th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England 44-4. Penalties: Greece 3-2. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 18,760. **ENGLAND:** Makinson, Young, Welsby, Pearce-Paul, Hall; Sneyd, Williams; Lees, Ackers, Cooper, Batchelor, Bateman, Radley. Int: Burgess, Knowles, Hill, McMeeken. **GREECE:** Taukamo, Mougios, Constantinou, Vrahnos, Mitsias; Ilias, Meads; Tuliatu, Mamouzelos, Rousoglou, Zampetides, Kambos, Flocas. Int: Sell, Nianiakas, Nake, Katsidonis.

GROUP B: FIJI 30 SCOTLAND 14

An at-times complacent Fiji Bati has booked their place in the quarter-finals by defeating a gallant Scotland side by 30-14 in their final group stage match at Kingston Park in Newcastle.

Fiji had it all to play for in this clash, as they were desperate to not have to wait on other results to be assured of their place in the next round. They got off to a perfect start as they placed sustained pressure on the Scotland line. Despite some initial resistance. It wasn't long before the Bati crossed for the first time. Taniela Sadrugu continued from where he left off against Italy when he crashed over to score inside the first five minutes. The Bati were guilty of showing a touch of complacency in the opening stages, leaving several scoring opportunities behind in the early going. Eventually, the might of the forward proved to be too much and it allowed the stars to shine. Henry Raiwalui showed and fooled everyone in Newcastle as he burst through. He then found Villiame Kikau and the big Fijian crossed to extend the margin to 12. Despite having all of the possession, Raiwalui's pass was intercepted by Lachlan Walmsley and the sole try scorer for the Brave Hearts had his second of the tournament to reduce the gap to eight points. Fiji could say they were on the end of a poor video referee decision when Sunia Turuva was denied a try in the twenty-fourth minute. While the replay showed the ball touching the ground, video referee James Child said he couldn't overturn the on-field decision. Scotland was able to stem the bleeding until five minutes before the break when Brandon Wakeham's kick was spilled by Walmsley, the ball then ended up in the arms of Raiwalui to cross for the Bati. But an error from the Bati gave the Bravehearts a big chance on the stroke of the break. From there it was a clever kick from makeshift five-eighth James Bell which found his man in Ben Hellewell and the Scottish side was right in this game at half-time to trail by just 10.

Scotland started the second half in disastrous fashion as Luke Bain hit Turuva with a lazy high shot and the referee dispatched Bain to the sin bin for 10 minutes. Eventually, Fiji made the Bravehearts pay for their lack of discipline as Kikau combined with Maika Sivo to cross in the left corner. However,

the Bravehearts capitalised on a Kikau error and Bayley Liu capitalised on some sloppy Bati defence up the other end to score for Scotland. The match was threatening to boil over and there were a number of push and shoves. The Fijians were incensed by a second high shot on their little fullback as Walmsley took Turuva high. Walmsley was sent to the sin bin for his high shot, but he was joined by Kikau for his part in the melee. Fiji calmed down quickly and it was cult hero Korbin Sims who crashed over to seal an unconvincing victory for the Bati. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

FJI 30 (V. Kikau, H. Raiwalui, T. Sadru, K. Sims, M. Sivo tries; B. Wakeham 5 goals) **DEFEATED SCOTLAND 14** (B. Hellewell, B. Liu, L. Walmsley tries; K. Schneider goal) **AT KINGSTON PARK**. Date: Sat, 29th October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Fiji 18-8. Penalties: Fiji 8-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 6,736. **FJI:** Turuva, Sivo, Valemei, Naiqama, Karawalevu; Raiwalui, Wakeham; Sims, Koroisau, Vuniyayawa, Wong, Kikau, Sadru. Int: Vakacereivalu, Tagituimua, Toloj, Liolevave. **SCOTLAND:** Dixon, Russell, Buchanan, Liu, Walmsley; Bell, Gahan; Teanby, Schneider, Luckley, Hellewell, Linnett, Bain. Int: Bayliss-Brow, Graham, Emslie, Ferguson.

GROUP B: AUSTRALIA 66 ITALY 6

By their own high standards it was a poor, sloppy performance by the Kangaroos, however that didn't stop them demolishing Italy to the tune of a 66-6 scoreline.

It took 7 minutes before the Green and Gold were able to get on the board, with Daly Cherry-Evans assisting the try for Valentine Holmes. Four minutes later, Australia scored again, with Taulagi getting over in the corner untouched. Cleary missed both conversions, meaning the score was 8-0 after thirteen. Italy's defence was sound, turning Australia away on consecutive occasions, however they couldn't maintain that class on both sides of the ball, coughing it up and allowing James Tedesco to dummy his way over for an easy try in the ensuing set. Australia were eventually able to force a dropout, and Italy gave an example of the dangers of short restarts, when Campbell Graham leapt through the air to catch the ball and continue to the tryline as if there were a red carpet set out for him. On Australia's next trip to the attacking zone, Latrell Mitchell was given early ball and was simply too strong for the Italians, barging his way over them to extend the lead to 24. Another great play from Mitchell - a no look flick pass - allowed Taulagi to cross for his second right on half time.

It took 6 second half minutes for Australia to get the ball rolling again, with Tedesco making a line break and passing inside to Cherry-Evans, who did well to get an arm free and offload to Isaah Yeo in support, who went over for the try. Three minutes later, Liam Martin ran through a huge hole in the defensive line to go 20 metres for a try. The moment of the match came in the 54th minute off the back of a successful short restart by the Italians. They were on the attack and halfback Radean Robinson put a grubber in behind Australia's defensive line for his backrower Ronny Palumbo, who won the race to the ball and grounded it with one hand. Unfortunately the joy was short lived, Australia got a set restart on their next possession and Tino Faasuaumaleai set up Cameron Murray for an easy try close to the line. Campbell Graham, Jeremiah Nanai and Lindsay Collins all scored equally as simple tries in the final 10 minutes to give us the final score of 66-6. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

AUSTRALIA 66 (C. Graham 2, M. Taulagi 2, L. Collins, V. Holmes, L. Martin, L. Mitchell, C. Murray, J. Nanai, J. Tedesco, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 9 goals) **DEFEATED ITALY 6** (R. Palumbo try; J. Campagnolo goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 29th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Australia 30-0. Penalties: Australia 5-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 5,586. **AUSTRALIA:** Tedesco, Graham, Mitchell, Holmes, Taulagi; Cherry-Evans, Cleary; Collins, Hunt, Cotter, Martin, Nanai, Murray. Int: Campbell-Gillard, Burton, Fa'asuamaleai, Yeo. **ITALY:** Polselli, Pickering, Atkinson, Natoli, Maizen; Campagnolo, Robinson; Susino, Parata, Iaria, Moretti, Santi, Brown. Int: Tramontana, Celerino, Palumbo, Colovatti.

GROUP C: LEBANON 74 JAMAICA 12

Jamaica has stolen the show by scoring two memorable tries in their final World Cup match against Lebanon, despite going down by their biggest margin in this tournament, 74-12 in Leigh this afternoon.

It was a great chance to show how far Jamaica have come in the last three weeks and they were hellbent on showing that they weren't here to make up the numbers. Their unpredictable short kickoff was recovered and were harshly adjudicated by the video referee on the next set of six. A clever kick from Kieran Rush found Kieran Tomlinson, but was ruled to have been held up, although the lack of replays in Leigh may have robbed the Reggae Warriors. Unfortunately, you need to take your chances in this great game of rugby league and Jamaica was made to pay down their leaky edges. Mitch Moses shows and goes to break through the Jamaican left edge defence before finding Mikey Tannous who crossed for the opening try. Off a penalty, the Cedars were able to march right up field and Abbas Miski cut underneath a lovely pass from Khaled Rajab and it was ominous signs for Jamaica. Adam Doueihi burst through finding Elie El Zakhem and it was 18-0 after 13 minutes of play. Lebanon added a fourth try on the ensuing set when Rajab split them open down the left and then unselfishly found the elder statesman in Reece Robinson who crossed for their fourth try in 15 minutes. Despite a brief Jamaican resistance, points were never far away. Doueihi was pulling the Lebanese attack in multiple directions and it wasn't long before he broke through again. He linked up with Rajab to cross for a well-deserved try.

Charbel Tasipale crossed for his first try after a break down the sideline from Miski and the score was becoming very very ugly. Off the ensuing set, Lebanon put it through the hands and Josh Mansour crashed over in the right corner. Jamaica had their chances in Lebanon's end but was incredibly unlucky to come up with no points and Lebanon had a 42-0 lead at the change of ends. Lebanon has a nervous wait leading into their quarter-final against Australia when Jaxson Rahme hit the Jamaican halfback with late and excessive force, if charged, Rahme could miss the QF. Despite some early resistance and Mitch Moses receiving an early mark. Lebanon continued on their merry ways in the second half as Doueihi crashed over from short range. But, the second half did have a magic moment when a set play failed to fire for the Cedars and Jamaican winger Mo Agoro scooped it up to race away and cross for the Reggae Warriors second ever World Cup try and the margin was reduced to 40.

With Lebanon continuing to charge, there was little the

Jamaican side could do but hang on for dear life. Eventually, the pressure took its toll and Tasipale crossed for his second try breaking through two would-be tackles and the Cedars hit the half-century. Jamaica was reduced to twelve men when Michael Lawrence was sin-binned for a professional foul and the Cedars didn't waste the extra man advantage. Test debutant Tony Maroun capped the special milestone by crossing in the left corner. Two minutes later, James Woodburn-Hall's pass was intercepted by Mansour and the experienced winger raced away to cross for his second and bring up sixty points for the Cedars. Jamaica did what many thought was unthinkable and scored while being down to twelve men. Jy-Mel Coleman's grubber was played at, it was then kicked again by Joel Farrell and then he passed it to big Jorge Andrade who crashes over and Jamaica reduced the margin. It wasn't reduced for long as Doueihi's pass found Mansour on the chest to complete his hat-trick with an acrobatic finish in the corner to lead by 56 points. Lebanon finished with a memorable try as Doueihi went for a chip and chase, he then kicked the ball back in play without going into touch and Miski won the race to score and bring up the 70-point mark. Lebanon now has their toughest test, a quarter-final date with the World Champions in Australia on Saturday morning (AEDT time). While for Jamaica, they've captured our hearts and done their jersey and country proud, achieving things many didn't imagine would occur in the past three weeks. Hopefully, with sustained international football between now and the 2025 World Cup, the Reggae Warriors will be even stronger as they look to qualify for France 2025.

AJ LUCANTONIO

LEBANON 74 (J. Mansour 3, A. Miski 2, C. Tasipale 2, A. Doueihi, E. El-Zakhem, T. Maroun, K. Rajab, R. Robinson, M. Tannous tries; M. Moses 7, A. Doueihi 4 goals) **DEFEATED JAMAICA 12** (M. Agoro, J. Andrade tries; K. Rush, J. Woodburn-Hall goals) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 30th October. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Lebanon 42-0. Penalties: Lebanon 10-5. Referee: Paki Parkinson. Crowd: 5,006. **LEBANON:** Doueihi, Mansour, Robinson, Morkos, Miski; Rajab, Moses; Roumanos, Tannous, Rahme, El-Zakhem, Tasipale, Kazzi. Int: Layoun, Bazzaz, Rahme, Maroun. **JAMAICA:** Jones-Bishop, Agoro, Young, Ogden, McDonald; Woodburn-Hall, Rush; McKain, Coleman, Lawrence, Tomlinson, Farrell, Golding. Int: Brown, Wallace, Andrade, Bailey.

GROUP D: TONGA 92 COOK ISLANDS 10

Tonga have completed their biggest win in Mens Internationals with a 92-10 success against Cook Islands in Middlesborough on Sunday.

The tone was set from the start with a try within 60 seconds, then Tonga just kept pace with the clock and ran in 16 tries to two in the rout. Five Tongan players scored multiple tries in the crushing win. Tonga set the standard right from kick-off. They just went the length of the field on the first set of the game which ended with Daniel Tupou diving over in the left corner and Isayia Katoa missed his only conversion of the half. Next it was a return with a bang for Jason Taumalolo. The Cowboys forward showed power to brush off several Cook Islands defenders before he slammed it down then it was poised when he scooped up a loose ball to stretch the advantage to 16. Doubles were the name of the first half. Three Tonga players scored twice in a half where Tonga led 52-0 going into oranges. Broncos fullback Tesi Niu showed

off his support skills to stride away twice for a pair of tries. The other Tongan player to touch down twice was Viliame Penisini. His first was from a no-look kick from Soni Luke then the second was a penalty try which was awarded after a Kukis defender took him out without the ball. Tui Lolohea started and finished a move which saw the half kick twice and chase through for a four-pointer. Felise Kaufusi touched down for the ninth try of the half when he ran a good line to stroll through the defence.

They picked up where they left off in the first half. Isaiya Katoa who kicked eight goals in the first half, got into the try-scoring action. He finished off a move on last tackle to dive over. Next it was a pair of hat-tricks for a tremendous Tonga side. First Niu completed his with a wonderful support run after Moses Suli just bamboozled the defence then Penisini snatched a pass intended for Ben Murdoch-Masila off a long break to get his trifecta. The try-scoring was just continuous from a Tonga team which were relentless in Middlesborough. Lolohea snuck down the blindside for his second then Tupou danced over from close range to make it 80-0. Cook Islands weren't kept to nil in the huge defeat. After a few sets of pressure, they spun it right and Steven Marsters just got the ball down before he hit the sideline. It was reviewed by the video and given a huge cheer by the crowd when confirmed. There were two tries left in the Tongan attack tonight. Penisini added another to his impressive display then Dragons five-eighth Talatau Amone finished off another long break from Tonga to make it 92-4. The game finished on a wonderful moment for Tinirau Arona in his final game. Brad Takairangi was on hand to take an interception. He strolled to the line and found Arona who gets the four-pointer. He then added the conversion in a 92-10 game. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

TONGA 92 (W. Penisini 4, T. Niu 3, T. Lolohea 2, J. Taumalolo 2, D. Tupou 2, T. Amone, I. Katoa, F. Kaufusi tries; I. Katoa 14 goals) DEFEATED COOK ISLANDS 10 (T. Arona, S. Marsters tries; T. Arona goal) AT RIVERSIDE STADIUM. Date: Sun, 30th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Tonga 52-0. Penalties: Tonga 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 8,342. **TONGA:** Niu, Tupou, Suli, Penisini, Katoa; Katoa, Lolohea; Fonua-Blake, Luke, Fotuaika, Kaufusi, Koloamatangi, Taumalolo. Int: Amone, Tatola, Fifita, Murdoch-Masila. **COOK ISLANDS:** Iro, Ulberg, Daniela, Marsters, Marsters; Takairangi, Ford; Makatoa, Teroi, Moeroa, Peyroux, Piakura, Tetevano. Int: Arona, Arona, Moale, Napa.

GROUP A: SAMOA 62 FRANCE 4

Samoa have run out 62-4 victors in Warrington against a disappointing French side.

The win locks them in at second place in group A, and following Tonga's thrashing of the Cook Islands earlier in the day we will see a mouthwatering Tonga v Samoa quarter-final fixture next week. After such a dreadful start to their world cup campaign, Samoa have bounced back with style, with their side looking very strong on both sides of the ball against France. In a fiery clash, France couldn't keep with Samoa for long, and the scoreboard threatened to get even uglier at certain points in the match. An early try for Tim Lafai set

the tone for the evening/morning. A Luai grubber found its mark perfectly, and Crichton kicked his first conversion of many to give his team a 6-0 lead in the 4th minute. The game settled down a little, and despite Samoa being well on top territory wise, when France shifted the ball early on in their sets they looked threatening. France got their first attacking opportunity of the night in the 15th minute when a six again and a penalty helped them downfield. Some great cover defence from Samoa prevented Romano from crossing on the right edge. But France couldn't back up the positive signs, and they gave away two new sets for Samoa in the next minute, which ultimately led to Samoa extending their lead.

This time it was Brian To'o who crossed the stripe for Samoa, with their whole backline linking up to give him plenty of space on the right edge to stroll over. In their set after points, France gave away another six again call, and suddenly Samoa looked unstoppable. It was their other winger, May, who crossed, and following the successful conversion Samoa led 16-0. After withstanding some more Samoan pressure, France suddenly found themselves with some field position. Making use of a penalty, they forced one, two, then three dropouts through perfectly weighted kicks and some patient, pressure-building attack. Forced to defend for a solid seven or eight minutes, the Samoan defence held strong in good signs for them. Finally, a poor Gigot kick released the pressure valve, and Samoa were rewarded with a 20m tap. May crossed for his second of the night in the 35th minute, and then his third on the stroke of half-time, both off the back of good hands and speed from the Samoan backline. Going into the break, it was Samoa with the 28-0 lead, and the French side looked quite disheartened heading into the sheds.

It wasn't long before May crossed for his fourth, with the winger diving over after some good offloading from Luai in the 45th minute. Then it all imploded for France, with the team clearly offside from their kick-off, and gifting Samoa a midfield penalty. They didn't need many plays to cross the stripe again, with To'o scoring his second of the night in the 48th minute. France got on the board in the 53rd minute, with a penalty and a dropout helping them apply pressure before an awkward grubber was grounded by Yaha. A 40/20 kick from Tony Gigot kept the French pressure on, but they couldn't find more points. Samoa's defence was outstanding all night, and has improved significantly since their opening match. Milford crossed in the 63rd minute for Samoa after a very long and disjointed video referee process. Lafai then made it 50 just minutes later, and then a somewhat lucky try for Chanel Harris-Tavita in the 70th minute increased the Samoan lead to 52 points. Milford got his double after being named as the starting halfback only an hour out from the game, with the final scoreline 62-4. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

SAMOA 62 (T. May 4, T. Lafai 2, A. Milford 2, B. To'o 2, C. Harris-Tavita tries; S. Crichton 9 goals) DEFEATED FRANCE 4 (F. Yaha try) AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM. Date: Sun, 30th October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Samoa 28-0. Penalties: France 6-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 6,756. **SAMOA:** Sua'ali'i, May, Lafai, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Milford; Hunt, Levi, Paulo, Sao, Su'A, Kaufusi. Int: Papalii, Leniu, Taupau, Harris-Tavita.

FRANCE: Mourgue, Romano, Langi, Laguerre, Yaha; Rougé, Gigot; Dezaria, Da Costa, Springer, Jullien, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Pélissier, Sangaré, Goudemand, Puech.

GROUP D: PAPUA NEW GUINEA 36 WALES 0

Papua New Guinea will roll into their quarter final matchup against England off the back of a victory, comfortably handling business against Wales to the tune of 36 points to nil.

It all opened up for Kyle Laybutt in the 7th minute, the five-eighth spotting a gaping hole in the defensive line, throwing a dummy and going straight through it for the opening points of the match.

It was beginning to look ominous for Wales when PNG found themselves in attacking position just 4 minutes later, and Nixon Putt was able to easily crash his way over the line standing very shallow at first receiver. Wales came close to hitting back in the 22nd minute, with winger Kyle Evans getting a dream bounce from a crossfield kick into the in goal, but he couldn't hold onto the ball in the wet conditions. PNG made them pay, with Jimmy Ngutlik spotting a hole and accelerating through it on play 2 of the resultant 7 tackle set, going 70 metres to put a dagger through the Welsh hearts. Wales' defence close to the line continued to be sub-par, with Daniel Russell running hard and breaching it with ease to reach out and score the try. It was all she wrote scoring wise for the first half, the Kumuls taking a 24-0 lead into the sheds.

Papua New Guinea's defence was perhaps even better than their attack, a statement which was certainly correct in the second half as they scored only two tries but defended what felt like about 15 sets close to the line. The first of those two tries came in the 47th minute. Wales themselves were doing a good job of repelling the Kumuls attack for a change, but eventually they just ran out of gas, with Nixon Putt cutting through for his second try of the match. It was a very sloppy affair from about the 50th minute until full time. The rain kept on pouring down resulting in poor mistakes from both teams, particularly PNG, who finished with just a 68% completion rate. Despite the ample opportunity, Wales couldn't take advantage and put points on the board. The closest they came was when Kyle Evans lost the ball over the line in the 76th minute. The Kumuls put the icing on the cake with 2 minutes to go, Kyle Laybutt's kick being allowed to bounce and Jimmy Ngutlik was there to regather the ball and score his second try. Wales had one last throw of the dice after a successful short kickoff, but it was to no avail as Papua New Guinea won by 36. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA 36 (J. Ngutlik 2, N. Putt 2, K. Laybutt, D. Russell tries; R. Martin 6 goals) DEFEATED WALES 0 AT ECO-POWER STADIUM. Date: Mon, 31st October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Papua New Guinea 24-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 6,968. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Johnston, Ngutlik, Macdonald, Olam, Tai; Laybutt, Lam; Albert, Ipape, Waime, Putt, Martin, Alick. Int: Tenza, Russell, Tanabi, Simbiken. **WALES:** Aekins, Williams, Kear, Evans, Evans; Olds, Ralph; Walker, Fozard, Bennion, Lloyd, Antrobus, Burke. Int: Fleming, Butler, Davies, Davies.

GROUP TABLES

GROUP A									
Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	England	3	3	-	-	196	28	6	168
2	Samoa	3	2	1	-	140	68	4	72
3	France	3	1	2	-	56	116	2	-60
4	Greece	3	-	3	-	20	200	-	-180
GROUP B									
Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	Australia	3	3	-	-	192	14	6	178
2	Fiji	3	2	1	-	98	60	4	38
3	Italy	3	1	2	-	38	130	2	-92
4	Scotland	3	-	3	-	18	142	-	-124
GROUP C									
Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	New Zealand	3	3	-	-	150	28	6	122
2	Lebanon	3	2	1	-	118	60	4	58
3	Ireland	3	1	2	-	72	82	2	-10
4	Jamaica	3	-	3	-	20	190	-	-170
GROUP D									
Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	Tonga	3	3	-	-	148	34	6	114
2	Papua New Guinea	3	2	1	-	86	40	4	46
3	Cook Islands	3	1	2	-	44	136	2	-92
4	Wales	3	-	3	-	18	86	-	-68

QUARTER FINALS

AUSTRALIA 48 LEBANON 4

Huddersfield's John Smith's Stadium played host to a comfortable win for the tournament favourites this Saturday morning, with the Kangaroos running out 48-4 victors.

The win grants Australia a semi-final clash against either NZ or Fiji, but plenty of questions remain over Meninga's best 17. James Tedesco left the field at half-time with an apparent leg niggle, and with Munster taking the reins at fullback in the second half, DCE slotted into the halves alongside Cleary.

The game started far from perfectly for the Kangaroos, with Cleary kicking the ball out on the full following his sides' first set in possession. This gave Lebanon the first attacking chance of the night, but Australia's defence held solid and the last tackle kick from Doueihi went too deep and gave away a 20m restart. The Kangaroos then charged downfield to open the scoring in just the 5th minute when Josh Addo-Carr crossed on the left edge for his first try of many. Cleary's kick bounced off the upright, and the score remained 4-0. Despite a penalty helping Australia get straight back on the attack, Lebanon held firm and showed plenty of fight early in the match. It wasn't long before Addo-Carr crossed for his second, with a James Tedesco line break setting him up to dive over next to the posts. Only three minutes later, in the 19th minute, Addo-Carr secured his hat trick, this time off the back of some Munster ball-stripping magic. Cleary's conversion fell short, and the lead remained 14 points. The pace of the game began to ramp up, and the Cedars were struggling to hang on. Another try for the Kangaroos came through their left edge, but this time it was Mitchell who crossed to extend the lead. Bizarrely, the Cleary kick came up

well short yet again, and his conversion stats weren't looking pretty at 1/4. Cameron Murray crossed for two tries late in the half, and with Cleary knocking over the comparatively simple conversions it was the Kangaroos who led 30-0 at the break. It wasn't all easy-going however - they were forced to withstand some pressure towards the end of half, but the Cedars couldn't convert the field position into points.

Australia came out firing to start the second half, with Addo-Carr crossing for his fourth try of the night in the 45th minute. Cleary finally converted one from the left hand touchline to make the gap 36 points. But following the points, the Kangaroos gave away a six again to let Lebanon back into Australian territory. Under pressure, Pat Carrigan makes a simple error that gives Lebanon more attacking ball. They finally cross for their first and only points of the night in the 52nd minute. A pinpoint Mitch Moses kick is grounded by Josh Mansour after Cameron Munster fails to bat the ball dead, and the score is 36-4. The next five minutes is all Lebanon, with set after set absorbed by the Australian defence. The Kangaroos are rewarded for their effort when Rahme turns the ball over, and Australia dash back to the other end of the ground for Josh Addo-Carr to cross for his fifth try off the back of a wonderful Munster kick. Lebanon are given plenty of chances thanks to more errors from Australia, but they can't find more points. Liam Martin crosses for the final try of the night in the 70th minute, and the Cleary conversion makes the full time score 48-4.

Despite the win, Australia have work to do if they want to win this world cup. Lebanon's world cup journey may be over, but we'll see them back on the world stage in 2025. They'll take plenty away from this tournament, and a number of their young players will have gained a lot of crucial experience as they look to forge their own careers in the NRL and Super League. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

AUSTRALIA 48 (J. Addo-Carr 5, C. Murray 2, L. Martin, L. Mitchell tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) DEFEATED LEBANON 4 (J. Mansour try) AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM. Date: Fri, 4th November. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Australia 30-0. Penalties: Lebanon 4-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,206. **AUSTRALIA:** Tedesco, Holmes, Mitchell, Wighton, Addo-Carr; Munster, Cleary; Trbojevic, Grant, Fa'asuamaleaui, Crichton, Martin, Yeo. Int: Cherry-Evans, Murray, Carrigan, Collins. **LEBANON:** Kiraz, Mansour, Robinson, Morkos, Miski; Doueihi, Moses; Roumanos, Layoun, Rahme, El-Zakhem, Tasipale, Kazzi. Int: Tannous, Bazzaz, Rajab, Rahme.

ENGLAND 46 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 6

England have continued their strong World Cup campaign, streaking out to a 38 point first half lead to dominate the PNG Kumuls in a 46-6 victory in Wigan.

There were ominous signs for Papua New Guinea early, with Dom Young making metres for fun with his kick returns. Those signs came to fruition in a stunning way throughout the first half, England in the 28th minute were up 38-0. Their first try came when big Tom Burgess crashed his way through some soft defence to plant the ball down under the posts. England would get a set restart on their next set to help them advance the field, and from there Tommy Makinson would score his first of many with a nice pickup of a pinpoint Tomkins kick. England were setting the ton on both sides of the ball, turning a run of the mill last tackle kick into possession by chasing well and dragging Jimmy Ngutlik over the sideline. They took advantage of the opportunity, with Tomkins batting Williams' kick back and Dom Young finishing off the ensuing backline movement. England would again find space on the edges, but it was only due to Makinson magic that they would score again, the talented winger out leaping his opposite number and out muscling Johnston to get the ball to the ground. The score was at that point 20-0 with a couple of missed English conversions, and that would be extended even further over the next several minutes. England's next try came after a John Bateman line break was finished off by George Williams in a try with a 2020 Raiders feel to it. The next one was scored by Kallum Watkins but can be put down to Dom Young beating Tai one on one and setting his centre up for an easy score. All of a sudden it was 32-0 after 26 minutes, but it didn't stop there. Alex Johnston looked to have secured a catch in goal and a much needed reprieve for the Kumuls, however he put the ball down at the last second and, you guessed it, Tommy Makinson was there to clean up the scraps and score the try.

The rest of the game was uneventful by the first half an hour's standard. England came out of the sheds looking a little lethargic, which is understandable considering the impending semi against Tonga or Samoa. There were errors aplenty, and only in the 58th minute were we graced with second half points, scored by, you guessed it, Tommy Makinson, the winger going over untouched. PNG would get a consolation try with just over 10 minutes to go, with Lam putting

a nice grubber in for Ngutlik who won the race. England would have the last laugh though, scoring in the 76th minute. I'm not even going to say who it was, if you've read this far down you can probably guess (it was said players fifth try of the match). The final score ended as 46-6.

ADAM HUXTABLE

ENGLAND 46 (T. Makinson 5, T. Burgess, K. Watkins, G. Williams, D. Young tries; T. Makinson 5 goals) **DEFEATED PAPUA NEW GUINEA 6** (J. Ngutlik try; R. Martin goal) **AT DW STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 5th November. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England 38-0. Penalties: England 4-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 23,179. **ENGLAND:** Tomkins, Makinson, Watkins, Farnworth, Young, Welsby, Williams, Burgess, McIlorum, Hill, Whitehead, Bateman, Radley. Int: Knowles, Lees, Cooper, McMeeken. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Johnston, Ngutlik, Macdonald, Olam, Tai, Laybutt, Lam; Albert, Ipape, Namu, Putt, Martin, Alick. Int: Russell, Yei, Simbiken, Boas.

NEW ZEALAND 24 FIJI 18

New Zealand have won their quarterfinal match against Fiji 24-18 this morning in Hull.

Despite trailing at half-time and looking way off their game, the Kiwis found a way to win against a valiant Fiji team. Sunia Turuva was the standout player for Fiji, but in the end his team just couldn't hold on.

It was an intriguing start to the game, with some early penalties to Fiji assisting them out of their own end, and giving New Zealand plenty to worry about in defence. When the Kiwis were in possession however, they made plenty of metres and almost always got into a good position for an attacking kick. But their ill-discipline didn't go unpunished. Off the back of a set restart, Maika Sivo opened the scoring on his left wing for Fiji in the 12th minute. It was all their NRL stars linking up to get him the try, with Koroisau playing in the halves linking up with his former Penrith teammate Viliame Kikau on the left edge. The kick was struck perfectly from the sideline by Brandon Wakeham to extend the lead to six points. While the forwards continued to size each other up, the outside backs from both sides were making an impact for their respective nations early in the count. Just as New Zealand were granted some attacking ball, an obstruction penalty released all pressure that they'd been building. It was the Fijian captain Kevin Naiqama who was next to cross the stripe in the 20th minute. The 33 year old steamed onto a lovely short ball from his fullback Turuva to dive over behind the posts. Wakeham knocked over the conversion kick, and suddenly Fiji had control of the match, leading 12-0. A Semi Valemei error allowed the Kiwis a midfield scrum which they happily converted into a four pointer in the 27th minute. It was Ronaldo Mulitalo who opened the New Zealand scorecard on the left edge, and despite some recent kicking woes, Jordan Rapana nailed the conversion from the touchline to bring the margin down to six points.

With neither team able to convert field position into points during the latter stages of the half, the half-time score saw Fiji lead the world number one's New Zealand 12-6. Despite the Kiwis winning the set for set forward-running battle, their ill-discipline had allowed Fiji too many opportunities. Fiji's goalline defence had held firm despite plenty of testing by the likes of Joey Manu and Dylan Brown.

A clunky start to the second half from New Zealand allowed Fiji an early chance, which Kevin Naiqama took without hesitation. Scooting down the short side, he sold the dummy to his winger and crashed over to extend his team's lead. Wakeham never looked like missing, this time from the right touchline, and the scoreline was 18-6 just five minutes into the second half. Only five minutes later the Kiwis crossed for their first points of the half thanks to some poor defensive decisions by Fiji. Attempting to strip the ball, Semi Valemei and Api Koroisau dropped off the tackle of Nikora, only for him to dive over the tryline. The successful conversion brought the gap back down to six points in the 50th minute. Fiji tried valiantly to hang on, with Brandon Wakeham making a notably good try-saving tackle on Ronaldo Mulitalo to prevent the gap closing even further. Some magic from their star players was needed for New Zealand to cross the line again, with a cut-out ball from Dylan Brown hitting his winger, and with Joey Manu backing up on the inside, suddenly the game was level at 18 with 15 minutes to play. A successful challenge from Fiji got them off the hook just a few minutes later, but then New Zealand utilised their challenge to overturn the on-field decision of a Manu knock-on and turn it into a strip penalty for the Kiwis. Rapana slotted the penalty goal, and New Zealand took the lead for the first time, 20-18. Fiji were gifted a number of opportunities in the dying stages, but ultimately couldn't convert. New Zealand crossed the line through Rapana in the final minute to seal the game, and the 24-18 scoreline. So, what can New Zealand learn from that game? They

certainly can't dish-up that performance against the Aussies next weekend. As for Fiji, they gave it everything, and hopefully they will keep on building for world cups to come. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

NEW ZEALAND 24 (J. Manu, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora, J. Rapana tries; J. Rapana 4 goals) **DEFEATED FIJI 18** (K. Naiqama 2, M. Sivo tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 5th November. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Fiji 12-6. Penalties: New Zealand 5-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 7,080. **NEW ZEALAND:** Manu, Mulitalo, Nicoll-Klokstad, Hiku, Rapana; Brown, Hughes; Bromwich, Smith, Fisher-Harris, Asofa-Solomona, Bromwich, Tapine. Int: Papali'i, Foran, Nikora, Liu. **FIJI:** Turuva, Sivo, Valemei, Naiqama, Karawalevu; Koroisau, Wakeham; Sims, Tagituimua, Kamikamica, Wong, Kikau, Sadrugu. Int: Nakubuawai, Liolevave, Vuniyayawa, Raiwalui.

SAMOA 20 TONGA 18

Samoa has stunned Pacific island neighbours Tonga to qualify for their first-ever World Cup semi-final appearance with a 20-18 victory in Warrington.

This match was set to be a tightly fought affair and the atmosphere generated by a special cultural performance set the mood for what was going to be an epic arm wrestle between these Pacific island powerhouses. The match was just minutes old when Samoa generated the first scoring opportunity. It was a great short pass from Anthony Milford which found Jaydn Su'A who wrong-footed Will Hopoate to cross for the opening try after just five minutes of play. From the outset, it was clear that opposition errors were going to generate opportunities for the other to score. Tonga was able to hit back when boom youngster Joseph Suaalii was pinned for leading with the knee in possession of the football and was placed on report. From the ensuing field position, Hopoate created the extra man and the Penrith edge of Stephen Crichton and Brian To'o were caught at sixes and sevens as Daniel Tupou scored out wide. Tupou and Hopoate turned from heroes to zeroes in just minutes when the pair combined for the worst offload thrown at this World Cup which gave Samoa prime field position. They didn't waste their chance and it was Jarome Luai who skipped and danced his way to the line and Samoa had an early 12-4 advantage. It was a trying middle period of the first half, with Tonga dominating the forward exchanges but coming unstuck with an unstructured feel in their attack. Matters weren't helped when Hopoate left the game with a hamstring injury and failed to return. Tonga didn't let this get to them and hit back just before half-time. It was a clever grubber kick from Soni Luke and it was the farewelling Rooster Siosua Taukeiaho who crossed for the Tongans to reduce the gap to just two points at the change of ends.

After a trying opening to the second half, Tonga camped down the Samoan end of the ground and eventually, the pressure took its toll. Milford was pinned for being off-side and rookie Isaiya Katoa knocked over the chip shot and the scores were level. Two critical penalties against fellow new Dolphin recruit Felise Kaufusi gave Samoa prime field position and off the back of Kaufusi's second indiscretion (for a strip), Crichton knocked over the penalty goal and Samoa led by 2. Three minutes later, a big break up-field by Suaalii allowed Samoa to have a semi-final bound lead. It was a clever kick from Milford, which wasn't dealt with and Brian To'o was there jolly on the spot to score and extend the margin to two possessions. Tonga didn't give in and crossed inside the final ten minutes to reduce the gap back to two points. A poor kick from Luai turned the Tongan defence into attack and off the next tackle, a strong carry from Moses Suli is supported by Sione Katoa and Tonga wasn't prepared to go quietly. However, some poor fifth tackle options proved to be costly in the final analysis and it allowed Samoa to escape with the victory and secure a semi-final date with England at the Emirates. It's a golden opportunity for Samoa to get revenge for their opening night horror show. While for Tonga, it's a World Cup that ends on a disappointing note, so much was expected from them after a strong 2017 campaign, but have fallen short at the final hurdle. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SAMOA 20 (J. Luai, J. Su'A, B. To'o tries; S. Crichton 4 goals) **DEFEATED TONGA 18** (S. Katoa, S. Taukeiaho, D. Tupou tries; I. Katoa 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 6th November. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Samoa 12-10. Penalties: Tonga 6-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 12,674. **TONGA:** Hopoate, Tupou, Suli, Penisini, Katoa; Katoa, Lolohea; Fonua-Blake, Havili, Fotuika, Kaufusi, Koloamatangi, Taumalolo. Int: Taukeiaho, Luke, Fifita, Murdoch-Masila. **SAMOA:** Sua'ali'i, May, Lafai, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Milford; Hunt, Levi, Paulo, Sao, Su'A, Kaufusi. Int: Papalii, Taupau, Harris-Tavita, Tuilagi.

SEMI FINALS

AUSTRALIA 16 NEW ZEALAND 14

Australia are the first side through to the Rugby League World Cup final with their 16-14 win against New Zealand today in Leeds.

It was a brutal and bruising semi-final but Australia held their nerve with the only points of the second half to Rabbits backrower Cameron Murray to become the first side into the final and look for another title.

A clash between two of the top sides in International Rugby League didn't disappoint as both Australia and New Zealand left it all out on the pitch in Leeds in their semi-final clash and it showed in the final score.

New Zealand were the first side to get on the board. A pinpoint kick which was taken by Joseph Manu who passed it to Jahrome Hughes to dive over and give the Kiwis the perfect start against the reigning champions. Australia looked to their air themselves for their first four-pointer. Ben Hunt lofted a kick high for who else but Josh Addo-Carr to swoop on the ball and score his 12th try of the tournament and make it 6 all.

For much of the first half, New Zealand looked the side that were in control. They were offloading at will and causing Australia some headaches in defence. They inched ahead again from an offside penalty which saw Jordan Rapana pilot over the conversion for 8-6. In a scrappy game, the tries were first class. Australia opted to run the ball through Nathan Cleary, he found Jack Wighton who shrugged off a tackle and found a wide open Valentine Holmes to give the Kangaroos their first lead of the game.

Fittingly, New Zealand took a slender 14-10 lead going into the break. They found space on the left side through Ronaldo Mulitalo who weighed up the options well and found Dylan Brown to dive over just before the break.

The second half was a much more taxing affair between the two forward packs. There was only six points scored in a half where the two sides just bashed into each other and left it all out there to make the final. Those only points were scored by Australia. From a penalty restart, Cameron Murray spotted the New Zealand defence not set and charged over from close range then Cleary saluted from the tee to make it 16-14. New Zealand had some chances late in the game including the final minutes. Rapana started the move with a huge run but an early kick for Peta Hiku was well guarded by Addo-Carr to deny them the score.

Australia held on and head to another World Cup final. They will face either England or Samoa in that game pending what happens in London on Saturday but the defending champions will need to tighten up their play to lift the trophy. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

AUSTRALIA 16 (J. Addo-Carr, V. Holmes, C. Murray tries; N. Cleary 2 goals) **DEFEATED NEW ZEALAND 14** (D. Brown, J. Hughes tries; J. Rapana 3 goals) **AT ELLAND ROAD**. Date: Fri, 11th November. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 14-10. Penalties: New Zealand 4-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 28,113. **AUSTRALIA:** Tedesco, Holmes, Mitchell, Wighton, Addo-Carr; Munster, Cleary; Trbojevic, Hunt, Campbell-Gillard, Crichton, Martin, Yeo. Int: Murray, Carrigan, Fa'asuamaleaui, Grant. **NEW ZEALAND:** Manu, Mulitalo, Nicoll-Klokstad, Hiku, Rapana; Brown, Hughes; Bromwich, Smith, Fisher-Harris, Papali'i, Nikora, Tapine. Int: Foran, Leota, Asofa-Solomona, Liu.

SAMOA 27 ENGLAND 26

A Stephen Crichton field-goal in the first period of golden point has seen Samoa advance to their first World Cup final defeating England 27-26 in an all-time World Cup match at the Emirates Stadium.

This match had a lot riding on it for both sides. The winner advanced to a World Cup final date with Australia, while the loser was set to depart after a strong campaign. It was a nervous start from Samoa sending the opening kick-off out on the full, but they were able to put this behind them with several strong defensive stands to hold England out. This proved decisive in the opening minutes and it led to Samoa crossing for the first try of the contest. Off the back of a set restart, Tim Lafai was able to get on the outside of Kallum Watkins as he beat his team-mate to cross for the first try. Samoa's lead was threatened minutes later when Junior Paulo was sin-binned for a horrible spear tackle on opposition prop Tom Burgess. Replays suggested the Samoan skipper was lucky to avoid being sent from the field for the duration of the contest. The Pacific island powerhouses were able to hang on despite the lack of numbers although they did lose Fa'amanu Brown who was knocked out in awful collision which also saw team-mate Oregon Kaufusi depart for a HIA (he would pass and return). England thought they hit back with the extra man advantage, but Lafai again had the better of his opposite number Watkins when he denied the English centre what would've been the swift reply. But Samoa came out of the sin-bin period with the duck-egg they went in with. However, some soft discipline from Samoa allowed England to camp down the other end. George Williams split the defence before giving up a suspect pass to Elliot Whitehead to give the English side a narrow 2-point lead. A poor grubber kick from Jack Welsby gave away a seven-tackle set which allowed Samoa to cross for their second try. A poor defensive read by the same edge as the first try allowed Ligi Sao to catch England asleep at the wheel and re-take the lead and go to half-time up 10-6.

Both sides had early chances, but only one took advantage and it was Samoa that was left at the alter bombing their scoring opportunity. A clever kick from Williams was initially defused by Lafai. But Watkins got one back on his team-mate jolting the ball free and John Bateman won the race to the ball which saw England take the lead back off the Samoans. However, not to be outdone. Samoa crossed for the try of the tournament when Jarome Luai was able to step his way past before linking up with Paulo who got the speculator back to Luai who tipped it onto Stephen Crichton and crosses in the right corner. Samoa had a slender four point advantage with half an hour to play. That lead was extended eight minutes later when poor disciplined combined with silly elementary errors gave Samoa another try. Lafai crossed for his second of the afternoon when he was able to get through the cover defence to push the margin out to eight. England would have all the possession for the next period of the match. After being denied by the video ref, Herbie Farnworth took matters into his own hands beating four Samoan defenders on his way to the line to reduce the gap to just two points. With fifteen minutes to play, we had a grandstand finish looming to decide the final place in the final. But, a soft and controversial penalty for a late tackle on Sam Tomkins gave England a golden opportunity to tie the match up at 20-20. Tom Makinson was able to convert the chip shot. But, there were a few more twists and turns left to come in this game. England's best Victor Radley thought he had the numbers, but like many times before, Stephen Crichton picked off the pass to intercept the lead for Samoa. With minimal time remaining, Williams threw a dummy and ran before linking up with Farnworth and it was 26-26 with under a minute to go and sent the game to golden point.

In the period of golden point, both sides squandered early chances. Samoa had the first chance when Milford had a kick charged down. But, England was their own undoing when Tomkins threw a forward pass. From there, the boy from Apia, Stephen Crichton nailed it from 30 metres out to secure Samoa's place into their first World Cup final. Samoa have defied it all to make the final, with rumours of in-fighting, injuries and players being drafted in late, they deserve their place in the final and extracted revenge following a 54-point horror show on opening night. For England, it's nothing more than heart-breaking, their best chance to secure the World Cup on home turf and they left their chances at the alter. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SAMOA 27 (S. Crichton 2, T. Lafai 2, L. Sao tries; S. Crichton 3 goals; S. Crichton field goal) **DEFEATED ENGLAND 26** (H. Farnworth 2, J. Bateman, E. Whitehead tries; T. Makinson 5 goals) **AT EMIRATES STADIUM**. Date: Sat, 12th November. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Samoa 10-6. Penalties: England 8-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 40,489. **ENGLAND:** Tomkins, Makinson, Watkins, Farnworth, Young; Welsby, Williams; Burgess, McIlorum, Hill, Whitehead, Bateman, Radley. Int: Thompson, Knowles, Cooper, McMeeken. **SAMOA:** Sua'ali'i, May, Lafai, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Milford; Hunt, Brown, Paulo, Sao, Su'A, Kaufusi. Int: Papalii, Leniu, Harris-Tavita, Tuilagi.

2021 RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - MEN'S FINAL

AUSTRALIA 30 SAMOA 10

Australia have brought the World Cup action to a close with a clinical 30-10 win against Samoa at Old Trafford this morning.

In front of a crowd of over 67,000, the pressure was all on the Kangaroos, and they delivered beautifully. The win seals the women's and men's double for Australia, and rounds up a superb month of rugby league.

It was an intense start to the game, with both sets of forwards taking strong runs in heavy traffic. A 40/20 attempt from Chanel Harris-Tavita in the 4th minute appeared to be successful for Samoa, but the call went against his team. Nevertheless, it was Samoa who were on top field position wise early on.

A forward pass out of dummy half from Ben Hunt invited Samoa onto the attack, but Australia's defence held firm. Off the back of a 20m tap, the Kangaroos stormed downfield to win themselves a repeat set. Once they had some attacking ball, it wouldn't be long until Australia opened the scoring.

A 14th minute try from Latrell Mitchell on the left edge was the first of the night. Going down the short side on the last, a defensive misread from Samoa allowed Mitchell to muscle his way through. Cleary's first kick of the night fell well short of the posts, continuing his poor kicking form at this world cup.

A solid set after points from the Kangaroos trapped Samoa down in their own half, and they added to their lead just minutes later when James Tedesco crossed in the 19th minute. Josh Addo-Carr made the line break, and found his fullback backing up on the inside for Tedesco to cross underneath the posts, and extend the lead to ten points.

Australia continued to be on top, until a wayward kick from Munster gave Samoa a 20m tap and the break they needed. A Jarome Luai kick was regathered by Joseph Suaalii, and with an overlap on the left edge Samoa looked in for all money. But a desperate attempted intercept from Josh Addo-Carr was enough to deny the Samoans.

With the crowd at their back, Samoa's attacking raid continued, but a cheap Milford error took the sting out of the Samoa side. Australia did what they do best, and stormed downfield in the following set. Liam Martin crossed the stripe for the Kangaroos in the 31st minute in a huge blow for Samoa, but the missed conversion kept the scoreline at 14-0.

14-0 would remain the scoreline as the teams entered the shed for half time. Samoa got first use of the ball in the second half, with a massive task ahead of them. And they didn't do themselves many favours, with Stephen Crichton dropping the ball on the first set back out there.

Errors were a recurring theme at the start of the second half, with Samoa gifted plenty of field position and attacking ball by some sloppy Kangaroos handling. It was Australia's defence that continued to be the star of the show, with Samoa struggling to find any weak spots despite numerous opportunities.

A raised forearm from Angus Crichton in the 47th minute ended in a sin bin for him, but more crucially perhaps for Samoa, the end of Chanel Harris-Tavita's night, and possibly the end of his Rugby League career. With their dummy half off the field, Milford shifted into the hooker role, with Luai taking up increased duties in the halves.

Despite more errors from Australia and Samoa's extra man advantage, the blue & white couldn't find their opening points of the night. Off the back of a Cameron Munster strip, Cameron Murray crossed in the 53rd minute, and the subsequent conversion extended Australia's lead to twenty points.

Five minutes later, Samoa finally opened their account, keeping their hopes alive of a late comeback. Brian To'o crossed on the right wing after receiving a huge cut-out ball from his half Luai. Crichton nailed the conversion kick to bring the scoreline to 20-6 with 18 minutes still on the clock.

Samoa couldn't convert yet another attacking set in the following minutes, and the Kangaroos made them pay in the 69th when Tedesco crossed for his double. But Samoa weren't done yet, with Stephen Crichton pulling off yet another miracle intercept to cross untouched in the 71st minute, bringing the score to 26-10.

A 40/20 kick from Cleary led to one final try for the Kangaroos in the 80th minute when Mitchell crossed for his double. The missed conversion saw the final scoreline sit at 30-10.

Samoa's efforts at this world cup need to be built upon despite the result in the final. The next World Cup is only three years away, and Australia are the clear benchmark. It's been an entertaining month of footy, and with club pre-season in full swing, the rugby league action will continue over the coming months. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

AUSTRALIA 30 (L. Mitchell 2, J. Tedesco 2, L. Martin, C. Murray tries; N. Cleary 3 goals) DEFEATED SAMOA 10 (S. Crichton, B. To'o tries; S. Crichton goal) AT OLD TRAFFORD.

Date: Sat, 19th November. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Australia 14-0. Penalties: Samoa 3-1. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 67,502.

AUSTRALIA: Tedesco, Holmes, Mitchell, Wighton, Addo-Carr; Munster, Cleary; Trbojevic, Hunt, Campbell-Gillard, Crichton, Martin, Yeo. Int: Murray, Carrigan, Fa'asuaaleui, Grant.

SAMOA: Sua'alii, May, Lafai, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Milford; Hunt, Harris-Tavita, Paulo, Sao, Su'A, Kaufusi. Int: Papalii, Leniu, Taupau, Tuilagi.



2021 RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - WHEELCHAIR RESULTS

WEEK 1

Group A	Thursday 3 November	SPAIN 55 DEF IRELAND 32	Copper Box Arena, London	
Group A	Thursday 3 November	ENGLAND 38 DEF AUSTRALIA 8	Copper Box Arena, London	Double header attendance 3,038
Group B	Friday 4 November	FRANCE 154 DEF WALES 6	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	
Group B	Friday 4 November	USA 62 DEF SCOTLAND 41	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	Double header attendance 1,129

WEEK 2

Group A	Sunday 6 November	ENGLAND 104 DEF SPAIN 12	Copper Box Arena, London	Double header attendance 3,268
Group A	Sunday 6 November	AUSTRALIA 76 DEF IRELAND 18	Copper Box Arena, London	
Group B	Monday 7 November	FRANCE 80 DEF SCOTLAND 15	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	
Group B	Monday 7 November	WALES 50 DEF USA 32	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	Double header attendance 1,200

WEEK 3

Group A	Wednesday 9 November	AUSTRALIA 52 DEF SPAIN 32	Copper Box Arena, London	
Group A	Wednesday 9 November	ENGLAND 121 DEF IRELAND 0	Copper Box Arena, London	Double header attendance 3,847
Group B	Thursday 10 November	FRANCE 116 DEF USA 6	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	
Group B	Thursday 10 November	WALES 70 DEF SCOTLAND 36	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	Double header attendance 1,129

GROUP TABLES

GROUP A

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	England	3	3	0	0	263	20	+243	6
2	Australia	3	2	0	1	136	88	+48	4
3	Spain	3	1	0	2	99	188	-89	2
4	Ireland	3	0	0	3	50	252	-202	0

GROUP B

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	France	3	3	0	0	350	27	+323	6
2	Wales	3	2	0	1	126	222	-96	4
3	USA	3	1	0	2	100	207	-107	2
4	Scotland	3	0	0	3	92	212	-120	0

SEMI FINALS

SF 1	Sunday 13 November	FRANCE 84 DEF AUSTRALIA 40	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	
SF 2	Sunday 13 November	ENGLAND 125 DEF WALES 22	The EIS Sheffield, Sheffield	Double header attendance 1,318

2021 RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - WHEELCHAIR FINAL

Final	Friday 18 November	ENGLAND 28 DEF FRANCE 24	Manchester Central, Manchester	Attendance 4,526
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NOTE: Norway were initially selected to play in the tournament, but were unable to sufficiently prepare due to COVID-19 pandemic-related issues. They were replaced by Ireland.

WINNERS LIST: RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - WHEELCHAIR

Year	Host Nation	Champion	Final	# of teams
2008	Australia	ENGLAND	DEF AUSTRALIA 44-12	4
2013	England	FRANCE	DEF ENGLAND 42-40	6
2017	France	FRANCE	DEF ENGLAND 38-34	7
2021	England	ENGLAND	DEF FRANCE 28-24	8

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - MEN'S ALL TIME RESULTS

Final	Qualifying Final
Semi Final	Play-Off

World Cup 1954		Winner: Great Britain				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
France	22	New Zealand	13	C. Appleton	Princes	13,240
Australia	13	Great Britain	28	R. Guidicelli	Gerland	10,250
Australia	34	New Zealand	15	R. Guidicelli	Vélodrome	20,000
France	13	Great Britain	13	C. Appleton	Municipal	37,471
France	15	Australia	5	C. Appleton	Marcel-Saupin	13,000
Great Britain	26	New Zealand	6	R. Guidicelli	Stade Municipal	14,000
France	12	Great Britain	16	C. Appleton	Princes	30,368

Top Tryscorers	T
Gordon Brown (GB)	6
Raymond Contrastin (Fr)	5

Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Jim Ledgard (GB)	1	13	-	29
Puig Aubert (Fr)	-	12	1	26

World Cup 1957		Winner: Australia				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
France	5	Great Britain	23	D. Lawler	SCG	50,077
Australia	25	New Zealand	5	V. Belsham	Lang Park	28,765
Australia	31	Great Britain	6	V. Belsham	SCG	58,655
France	14	New Zealand	10	D. Lawler	Lang Park	28,000
Australia	26	France	9	V. Belsham	SCG	35,158
New Zealand	29	Great Britain	21	D. Lawler	SCG	14,263

Top Tryscorers	T
Ian Moir (Aus)	3
Kel O'Shea (Aus)	3
Mick Sullivan (GB)	3

Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Brian Carlson (Aus)	2	11	-	28
Lewis Jones (GB)	1	10	-	23

World Cup 1960		Winner: Great Britain				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
Australia	13	France	12	E. Clay	Central Park	20,278
Great Britain	23	New Zealand	8	E. Martung	Odsal	20,577
Australia	21	New Zealand	15	E. Clay	Headingley	10,773
Great Britain	33	France	7	E. Martung	Station Road	22,293
Great Britain	10	Australia	3	E. Martung	Odsal	32,773
New Zealand	9	France	0	E. Clay	Central Park	2,876

Top Tryscorers	T
Brian Carlson (Aus)	4
Alan Davies (GB)	3

Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Brian Carlson (Aus)	4	5	-	22
Eric Fraser (GB)	-	10	-	20

World Cup 1968		Winner: Australia				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
France	15	New Zealand	10	C. Pearce	Carlaw	18,000
Australia	25	Great Britain	10	J. Percival	SCG	62,256
Australia	31	New Zealand	12	J. Percival	Lang Park	23,608
France	7	Great Britain	2	C. Pearce	Carlaw	15,760
Australia	37	France	4	J. Percival	Lang Park	32,664
Great Britain	38	New Zealand	14	C. Pearce	SCG	14,105
Australia	20	France	2	J. Percival	SCG	54,290

Top Tryscorers	T
Ron Coote (Aus)	4
Clive Sullivan (GB)	4
Lionel Williamson (Aus)	4

Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Eric Simms (Aus)	-	23	2	50
Ernie Wiggs (NZ)	-	12	-	24

World Cup 1970		Winner: Australia				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
Australia	47	New Zealand	11	B. Thompson	Central Park	9,805
Great Britain	11	Australia	4	F. Lindop	Headingley	15,169
France	15	New Zealand	16	B. Thompson	Boulevard	3,824
Great Britain	6	France	0	F. Lindop	Wheldon Road	8,958
Great Britain	27	New Zealand	17	F. Lindop	Station Road	5,609
France	17	Australia	15	B. Thompson	Odsal	6,654
Australia	12	Great Britain	7	F. Lindop	Headingley	18,776

Top Tryscorers	T
John Cootes (Aus)	5
Serge Marsolan (Fr)	4

Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Eric Simms (Aus)	1	14	3	37
Ray Dutton (GB)	-	13	-	26
Don Ladner (NZ)	-	10	3	26

World Cup 1972		Winner: Great Britain										
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd						
France	20	New Zealand	9	G. Jameau	Vélodrome	20,748	Top Tryscorers	T				
Great Britain	27	Australia	21	C. Teissiere	Gilbert Brutus	6,324	Bob Fulton (Aus)		5			
Australia	9	New Zealand	5	M. Naughton	Princes	8,000	Clive Sullivan (GB)		4			
France	4	Great Britain	13	F. Gril	Alpes	5,321	Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts	
Great Britain	53	New Zealand	19	G. Jameau	Hameau	7,500	John Holmes (GB)		2	10	-	26
France	9	Australia	31	M. Naughton	Municipal	10,332	Terry Clawson (GB)		-	10	-	20
Australia	10	Great Britain	10	G. Jameau	Gerland	4,231						

World Championship Series 1975		Winner: Australia										
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd						
France	14	Wales	7	F. Lindop	Municipal	7,563	Top Tryscorers	T				
England	20	France	2	K. Page, H. Hunt	Headingley	10,842	Keith Fielding (Eng)		7			
Australia	36	New Zealand	8	F. Escande	Lang Park	12,000	Ian Schubert (Aus)		7			
England	7	Wales	12	D. Lancashire	Lang Park	6,000	Ken Gill (Eng)		5			
Australia	30	Wales	13	F. Escande	SCG	25,386	Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts	
New Zealand	27	France	0	L. Bruyeres	Addington	2,500	Mick Cronin (Aus)		4	32	-	76
Australia	26	France	6	J. Percival	Lang Park	9,000	George Fairbairn (Eng)		2	26	-	58
New Zealand	17	England	17	L. Bruyeres	Carlaw	12,000	David Watkins (Wal)		-	26	-	52
Australia	10	England	10	J. Percival	SCG	33,858	Warren Collicot (NZ)		-	16	-	32
New Zealand	13	Wales	8	L. Bruyeres	Carlaw	9,368						
Wales	16	England	22	M. Caillol	Wilderspool	5,034						
New Zealand	8	Australia	24	F. Lindop	Carlaw	18,000						
France	2	England	48	J. Percival	Parc Lescure	1,581						
France	12	New Zealand	12	B. Thompson	Vélodrome	10,000						
Wales	6	Australia	18	J. Percival	Swansea	11,112						
England	27	New Zealand	12	A. Lacaze	Odsal	5,507						
France	2	Australia	41	B. Thompson	Gilbert Brutus	10,440						
England	16	Australia	13	J. Percival	Central Park	9,393						
Wales	25	New Zealand	24	G. Jameau	Swansea	2,645						
Wales	23	France	2	F. Lindop	The Willows	2,247						

World Cup 1977		Winner: Australia										
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd						
New Zealand	12	Australia	27	B. Thompson	Carlaw	18,000	Top Tryscorers	T				
France	4	Great Britain	23	R. Cooper	Carlaw	10,000	Graham Eadie (Aus)		4			
Australia	21	France	9	B. Thompson	SCG	13,231	Allan McMahon (Aus)		4			
New Zealand	12	Great Britain	30	M. Caillol	Addington	7,000	Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts	
Australia	19	Great Britain	5	M. Caillol	Lang Park	27,000	George Fairbairn (Eng)		-	17	-	34
New Zealand	28	France	20	D. Lancashire	Carlaw	8,000	Mick Cronin (Aus)		-	16	-	32
Australia	13	Great Britain	12	B. Thompson	SCG	24,457						

World Cup 1985-88		Winner: Australia										
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd						
New Zealand	18	Australia	0	J. Rascagneres	Carlaw	15,327	Top Tryscorers	T				
Great Britain	6	New Zealand	6	B. Gomersall	Elland Road	22,209	Michael O'Connor (Aus)		8			
New Zealand	22	France	0	R. Campbell	Gilbert Brutus	5,000	Garry Jack (Aus)		5			
France	10	Great Britain	10	K. Roberts	Parc des Sports	4,000	Wally Lewis (Aus)		5			
Australia	32	New Zealand	12	R. Whitfield	Lang Park	22,811	Dale Shearer (Aus)		5			

Papua New Guinea	24	New Zealand	22	K. Roberts	Lloyd Robson	15,000	Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Papua New Guinea	12	Australia	62	N. Kesha	Lloyd Robson	17,000	Michael O'Connor (Aus)	8	34	-	100
Great Britain	15	Australia	24	J. Rascagneres	Central Park	20,169	Peter Brown (NZ)	1	16	-	36
France	0	Australia	52	F. Lindop	d'Albert Domec	5,000	Dairi Kovae (PNG)	4	6	-	28
Great Britain	52	France	4	M. Stone	Headingley	6,567	Joe Lydon (GB)	2	10	-	28
Great Britain	42	Papua New Guinea	0	F. Desplas	Central Park	9,121	Paul Loughlin (GB)	1	11	-	26
France	21	Papua New Guinea	4	J. Holdsworth	d'Albert Domec	5,000					
Papua New Guinea	22	Great Britain	42	G. McCallum	Lloyd Robson	12,107					
Australia	12	Great Britain	26	F. Desplas	SFS	15,944					
New Zealand	66	Papua New Guinea	14	G. McCallum	Carlaw	8,392					
New Zealand	12	Great Britain	10	M. Stone	Addington	8,525					
Australia	70	Papua New Guinea	8	N. Kesha	Eric Weissel	11,685					
New Zealand	12	Australia	25	G. Ainui	Eden Park	47,363					

World Cup 1989-92		Winner: Australia					Top Tryscorers	T				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd						
New Zealand	14	Australia	22	R. Tennant	Mt Smart	15,000	Mal Meninga (Aus)	7				
Great Britain	10	New Zealand	6	G. McCallum	Central Park	20,346	Richie Blackmore (NZ)	5				
France	0	New Zealand	34	R. Whitfield	d'Albert Domec	4,208	Willie Carne (Aus)	5				
Papua New Guinea	8	Great Britain	40	D. Hale	Lloyd Robson	7,837	Brad Mackay (Aus)	5				
Australia	34	France	2	G. Ainui	Pioneer	12,384	Martin Offiah (GB)	5				
New Zealand	21	Great Britain	18	B. Harrigan	QEII Park	3,133	Garry Schofield (GB)	5				
Papua New Guinea	10	New Zealand	18	B. Harrigan	Lloyd Robson	7,837	Dave Watson (NZ)	5				
Great Britain	0	Australia	14	A. Sablayrolles	Elland Road	32,500						
France	10	Australia	34	J. Holdsworth	Gilbert Brutus	3,428	Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts	
France	10	Great Britain	45	G. McCallum	Gilbert Brutus	3,965	Mal Meninga (Aus)	7	21	-	70	
New Zealand	32	France	10	G. Ainui	Addington	2,000	Paul Eastwood (GB)	2	15	-	38	
Papua New Guinea	18	France	20	C. Morris	Danny Leahy	11,485	Jonathan Davies (GB)	-	17	-	34	
Australia	40	New Zealand	12	J. Holdsworth	Lang Park	29,139	Matthew Ridge (NZ)	1	13	-	30	
Papua New Guinea	6	Australia	40	D. Hale	Lloyd Robson	14,500	Garry Schofield (GB)	5	-	1	21	
Great Britain	56	Papua New Guinea	4	B. Harrigan	Central Park	4,193						
France	28	Papua New Guinea	14	C. Morris	d'Albert Domec	1,440						
Great Britain	36	France	0	E. Ward	Boulevard	5,250						
Australia	16	Great Britain	10	D. Hale	Lang Park	32,313						
New Zealand	66	Papua New Guinea	10	G. McCallum	Mt Smart	3,000						
Australia	36	Papua New Guinea	14	D. Hale	T'ville Sports	12,470						
Great Britain	6	Australia	10	D. Hale	Wembley	73,631						

World Cup 1995		Winner: Australia					Top Tryscorers	T				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd						
England	20	Australia	16	S. Cummings	Wembley	41,271	Steve Menzies (Aus)	6				
Fiji	52	South Africa	6	D. Manson	Cougar	4,845	Robbie O'Davis (Aus)	5				
New Zealand	25	Tonga	24	D. Campbell	Wilderspool	8,083	Tim Brasher (Aus)	4				
Wales	28	France	6	E. Ward	Ninian Park	10,250	Paul Newlove (Eng)	4				
Australia	86	South Africa	6	R. Smith	Gateshead	9,181	Anthony Sullivan (Wal)	4				
Papua New Guinea	28	Tonga	28	C. Alba	Boulevard	5,121						
England	46	Fiji	0	D. Hale	Central Park	26,263	Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts	
Western Samoa	56	France	10	K. Jeffes	Ninian Park	2,173	Andrew Johns (Aus)	2	27	-	62	
New Zealand	22	Papua New Guinea	6	S. Cummings	Knowsley	8,679	Bobbie Goulding (Eng)	1	13	1	31	
Australia	66	Fiji	0	E. Ward	Alfred McAlpine	7,127	Matthew Ridge (NZ)	1	10	1	25	
England	46	South Africa	0	D. Manson	Headingley	14,041	Steve Menzies (Aus)	6	-	-	24	
Wales	22	Western Samoa	10	R. Smith	Vetch Field	15,385						

England	25	Wales	10	E. Ward	Old Trafford	30,042
Australia	30	New Zealand	20	R. Smith	Alfred McAlpine	16,608
Australia	16	England	8	S. Cummings	Wembley	66,540

World Cup 2000		Winner: Australia				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
France	20	Papua New Guinea	23	S. Ganson	Charlety	7,498
Ireland	30	Samoa	16	T. Mander	Windsor Park	3,207
Tonga	66	South Africa	18	D. Hopewell	Charlety	7,498
England	2	Australia	22	D. Pakieto	Twickenham	33,758
Wales	38	Cook Islands	6	T. Alibert	Racecourse	5,016
Fiji	38	Russia	12	R. Smith	Craven Park	2,187
New Zealand	64	Lebanon	0	B. Harrigan	Kingsholm	2,496
Scotland	16	NZ Maori	17	S. Cummings	Firhill	2,008
Australia	66	Fiji	8	R. Connolly	Gateshead	4,197
France	28	Tonga	8	S. Clark	d'Albert Domec	10,288
Ireland	18	Scotland	6	R. Smith	Tolka Park	1,782
Samoa	21	NZ Maori	16	B. Harrigan	Derwent Park	4,107
England	76	Russia	4	B. Shrimpton	Knowsley	5,736
New Zealand	84	Cook Islands	10	T. Mander	Madejski	3,982
Papua New Guinea	16	South Africa	0	D. Hopewell	Sept Deniers	4,313
Wales	24	Lebanon	22	D. Pakieto	Stradey Park	1,497
Ireland	30	NZ Maori	16	B. Harrigan	Tolka Park	3,164
England	66	Fiji	10	T. Alibert	Headingley	10,052
Australia	110	Russia	4	S. Cummings	Boulevard	3,044
France	56	South Africa	6	S. Clark	Municipal	7,969
Wales	18	New Zealand	58	R. Smith	Millennium	17,612
Cook Islands	22	Lebanon	22	B. Shrimpton	Millennium	17,612
Scotland	12	Samoa	20	D. Pakieto	Tynecastle	1,579
Papua New Guinea	30	Tonga	22	S. Ganson	Municipal	3,666
Australia	66	Samoa	10	S. Cummings	Vicarage Road	5,404
England	26	Ireland	16	T. Mander	Headingley	15,405
New Zealand	54	France	6	B. Harrigan	Jungle	5,158
Wales	22	Papua New Guinea	8	D. Pakieto	AutoQuest	5,211
England	6	New Zealand	49	T. Mander	Reebok	16,032
Australia	46	Wales	22	R. Smith	Alfred McAlpine	8,114
Australia	40	New Zealand	12	S. Cummings	Old Trafford	44,329

Top Tryscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Wendell Sailor (Aus)	10			
Lesley Vainikolo (NZ)	9			
Richie Barnett (NZ)	6			
Ryan Girdler (Aus)	6			
Jamie Peacock (Eng)	6			
Willie Talau (NZ)	6			
Mat Rogers (Aus)	4	27	-	70
Ryan Girdler (Aus)	6	18	-	60
Henry Paul (NZ)	1	24	1	53
Iestyn Harris (Wal)	2	21	-	50
Andy Farrell (Eng)	1	21	-	46
Frederic Banquet (Fr)	2	16	-	40
Wendell Sailor (Aus)	10	-	-	40

World Cup 2008		Winner: New Zealand				
Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
England	32	Papua New Guinea	22	S. Hayne	Dairy Farmers	10,780
Scotland	18	France	36	L. Williamson	Canberra Stadium	9,287
Australia	30	New Zealand	6	A. Klein	SFS	34,157
Tonga	22	Ireland	20	S. Ganson	Parramatta	6,165
Samoa	20	Tonga	12	S. Hayne	CUA Stadium	11,787
Fiji	42	France	6	A. Klein	WIN Stadium	9,213
New Zealand	48	Papua New Guinea	6	S. Ganson	Skilled Park	10,780
Australia	52	England	4	T. Archer	Etihad	36,297
Ireland	34	Samoa	16	T. Alibert	Parramatta	8,602
Scotland	18	Fiji	16	L. Williamson	Central Coast	9,720
England	24	New Zealand	36	T. Archer	EnergyAustralia	15,145
Papua New Guinea	6	Australia	46	S. Ganson	Dairy Farmers	16,239

Top Tryscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Billy Slater (Aus)	7			
Greg Inglis (Aus)	6			
Damien Blanch (Ire)	5			
Akuila Uate (Fij)	5			
Johnathan Thurston (Aus)	3	19	-	50
Wes Naiqama (Fij)	1	14	-	32
Pat Richards (Ire)	3	8	-	28
Billy Slater (Aus)	7	-	-	28

Scotland	0	Tonga	48	S. Hayne	Browne Park	5,930
France	10	Samoa	42	T. Alibert	CUA Stadium	8,028
Fiji	30	Ireland	14	A. Klein	Skilled Park	8,224
New Zealand	32	England	22	S. Hayne	Suncorp	26,659
Australia	52	Fiji	0	A. Klein	SFS	15,855
Australia	20	New Zealand	34	A. Klein	Suncorp	50,509

World Cup 2013 Winner: Australia

Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
Australia	28	England	20	H. Perenara	Millennium	45,052
Wales	16	Italy	32	A. Klein	Millennium	45,052
Papua New Guinea	8	France	9	B. Cummins	Craven Park	7,481
New Zealand	42	Samoa	24	R. Silverwood	Haliwell Jones	13,965
Fiji	32	Ireland	14	P. Bentham	Spotland	8,872
Tonga	24	Scotland	26	S. Hayne	Derwent Park	7,630
USA	32	Cook Islands	20	B. Thaler	Memorial Stadium	7,247
New Zealand	48	France	0	P. Bentham	Parc des Sports	17,518
England	42	Ireland	0	T. Alibert	John Smith's	24,375
Australia	34	Fiji	2	R. Silverwood	Langtree Park	14,137
Wales	16	USA	24	B. Cummins	Glyndŵr Uni RS	8,019
Scotland	30	Italy	30	H. Perenara	Derwent Park	7,280
Papua New Guinea	4	Samoa	38	S. Hayne	Craven Park	6,871
Tonga	22	Cook Islands	16	A. Klein	Leigh Sports	10,554
Scotland	22	USA	8	T. Alibert	AJ Bell Stadium	6,041
New Zealand	56	Papua New Guinea	10	A. Klein	Headingley	18,180
England	34	Fiji	12	B. Cummins	KC Stadium	25,114
Australia	50	Ireland	0	P. Bentham	Thomond Park	5,021
Wales	24	Cook Islands	28	R. Silverwood	Gnoll	3,270
Tonga	16	Italy	0	B. Thaler	The Shay	10,666
France	6	Samoa	22	H. Perenara	Gilbert Brutus	11,576
New Zealand	40	Scotland	4	B. Cummins	Headingley	16,207
Australia	62	USA	0	H. Perenara	Glyndŵr Uni RS	5,762
England	34	France	6	A. Klein	DW Stadium	22,276
Samoa	4	Fiji	22	R. Silverwood	Haliwell Jones	12,766
England	18	New Zealand	20	B. Cummins	Wembley	67,545
Australia	64	Fiji	0	R. Silverwood	Wembley	67,545
Australia	34	New Zealand	2	R. Silverwood	Old Trafford	74,468

Top Tryscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Jarryd Hayne (Aus)	9			
Brett Morris (Aus)	9			
Ryan Hall (Eng)	8			
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (NZ)	8			
Shaun Johnson (NZ)	4	30	-	76
Johnathan Thurston (Aus)	2	33	-	74
Kevin Sinfield (Eng)	-	19	-	38
Jarryd Hayne (Aus)	9	-	-	36
Brett Morris (Aus)	9	-	-	36

World Cup 2017 Winner: Australia

Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
Australia	18	England	4	M. Cecchin	AAMI Park	22,724
Papua New Guinea	50	Wales	6	B. Cummins	National Stadium	14,800
Fiji	58	USA	12	H. Perenara	1300SMILES	5,103
New Zealand	38	Samoa	8	J. Child	Mt Smart	17,857
Ireland	36	Italy	12	G. Atkins	Barlow Park	9,126
France	18	Lebanon	29	G. Sutton	GIO Stadium	5,492
Scotland	4	Tonga	50	P. Bentham	Barlow Park	9,216
Australia	52	France	6	J. Child	GIO Stadium	12,293
New Zealand	74	Scotland	6	H. Perenara	RL Park	12,130
Samoa	18	Tonga	32	B. Cummins	Waikato	18,156
England	29	Lebanon	10	B. Thaler	Allianz	10,237
Italy	46	USA	0	A. Klein	1300SMILES	7,732

Top Tryscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Valentine Holmes (Aus)	12			
Suliasi Vunivalu (Fiji)	9			
Jemaine McGillvary (Eng)	7			
David Fusitu'a (Ton)	5			
Michael Jennings (Ton)	5			
Billy Slater (Aus)	5			
Cameron Smith (Aus)	-	25	-	50
Valentine Holmes (Aus)	12	-	-	48
Shaun Johnson (NZ)	2	18	-	44
Gareth Widdop (Eng)	2	16	1	41

Papua New Guinea	14	Ireland	6	M. Cecchin	National Stadium	14,800
Fiji	72	Wales	6	C. Kendall	1300SMILES	7,732
Fiji	38	Italy	10	R. Hicks	GIO Stadium	6,733
Samoa	14	Scotland	14	A. Klein	Barlow Park	4,309
New Zealand	22	Tonga	28	G. Sutton	Waikato	24,041
Australia	34	Lebanon	0	J. Child	Allianz	21,127
Papua New Guinea	64	USA	0	A. Gee	National Stadium	14,800
Wales	6	Ireland	34	B. Thaler	nib Stadium	14,744
England	36	France	6	P. Bentham	nib Stadium	14,744
Australia	46	Samoa	0	P. Bentham	TIO Stadium	13,473
Tonga	24	Lebanon	22	G. Sutton	RL Park	8,309
New Zealand	2	Fiji	4	M. Cecchin	Westpac	12,713
England	36	Papua New Guinea	6	J. Child	AAMI Park	10,563
Australia	54	Fiji	6	G. Sutton	Suncorp	22,073
Tonga	18	England	20	M. Cecchin	Mt Smart	30,003
Australia	6	England	0	G. Sutton	Suncorp	40,033

Rhyse Martin (PNG)	2	16	-	40
Suliasi Vunivalu (Fij)	9	1	-	38

World Cup 2021 (Played in 2022) Winner: Australia

Team	Score	Team	Score	Referee	Venue	Crowd
England	60	Samoa	6	A. Klein	St James	43,119
Australia	42	Fiji	8	C. Kendall	Headingley	13,366
Scotland	4	Italy	28	T. Smith	Kingston Park	6,206
Jamaica	2	Ireland	48	B. Casty	Headingley	6,320
New Zealand	34	Lebanon	12	G. Atkins	Halliwel Jones	5,453
France	34	Greece	12	A. Gee	Eco-Power	4,182
Tonga	24	Papua New Guinea	18	L. Moore	Totally Wicked	10,409
Wales	12	Cook Islands	18	R. Hicks	Leigh Sports	6,188
Australia	84	Scotland	0	G. Atkins	CBS Arena	10,276
Fiji	60	Italy	4	J. Smith	Kingston Park	3,675
England	42	France	18	G. Sutton	Uni of Bolton	23,648
New Zealand	68	Jamaica	6	M. Griffiths	MKM Stadium	6,829
Lebanon	32	Ireland	14	A. Gee	Leigh Sports	6,057
Samoa	72	Greece	4	J. Child	Eco-Power	4,415
Tonga	32	Wales	6	K. Badger	Totally Wicked	7,752
Papua New Guinea	32	Cook Islands	16	C. Kendall	Halliwel Jones	6,273
New Zealand	48	Ireland	10	R. Hicks	Headingley	14,044
England	94	Greece	4	B. Sharpe	Bramall Lane	18,760
Fiji	30	Scotland	14	T. Grant	Kingston Park	6,736
Australia	66	Italy	6	L. Moore	Totally Wicked	5,586
Lebanon	74	Jamaica	12	P. Parkinson	Leigh Sports	5,006
Tonga	92	Cook Islands	10	A. Klein	Riverside	8,342
Samoa	62	France	4	T. Smith	Halliwel Jones	6,756
Papua New Guinea	36	Wales	0	G. Sutton	Eco-Power	6,968
Australia	48	Lebanon	4	C. Kendall	John Smith's	8,206
England	46	Papua New Guinea	6	L. Moore	DW Stadium	23,179
New Zealand	24	Fiji	18	G. Sutton	MKM Stadium	7,080
Tonga	18	Samoa	20	A. Klein	Halliwel Jones	12,674
Australia	16	New Zealand	14	A. Klein	Elland Road	28,113
England	26	Samoa	27	G. Sutton	The Emirates	40,489
Australia	30	Samoa	10	A. Klein	Old Trafford	67,502

Top Tryscorers	T			
Josh Addo-Carr (Aus)	12			
Dominic Young (Eng)	9			
Thomas Makinson (Eng)	7			
Tim Lafai (Sam)	6			
Louis Senior (Ire)	6			
Daniel Tupou (Ton)	6			
Top Pointscorers	T	G	FG	Pts
Stephen Crichton (Sam)	4	28	1	73
Nathan Cleary (Aus)	1	32	-	68
Thomas Makinson (Eng)	7	20	-	68
Isaiya Katoa (Ton)	2	21	-	50
Josh Addo-Carr (Aus)	12	-	-	48

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - MEN'S ALL TIME PLAYER RECORDS

Most Games

Most tries

Most Points

Player	Team(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
ABAVU, Josiah	Papua New Guinea	3	1	-	-	4
ABBAS, Mohammed	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
ABLETT, Carl	England	2	-	-	-	-
ABOU-SLEIMAN, Daniel	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
ACKERS, Andy	England	2	2	-	-	8
ACKLAND, Ron	New Zealand	4	-	-	-	-
ADAMS, Mick	England	2	-	-	-	-
ADDO-CARR, Josh	Australia	5	12	-	-	48
ADDY, Danny	Scotland	7	2	4	-	16
ADER, Bastien	France	3	2	-	-	8
AEKINS, Caleb	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
AFOA, Bunty	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
AFOA, Fa'ausu	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
AGORO, Mo	Jamaica	3	1	-	-	4
AH KUOI, Fred	New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-
AH MAU, Leeson	Samoa	7	-	-	-	-
AILA, Eddie	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
AILLERES, Georges	France	3	-	-	-	-
AILLERES, Pierre	France	3	-	-	-	-
AITKEN, Euan	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
AITON, Paul	Papua New Guinea	10	2	-	-	8
AIVE, Dion	Papua New Guinea	3	1	-	-	4
AIZUE, Makali	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
AKO, Bobby	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
ALARD, Guy	France	3	-	-	-	-
ALBERT, Lucas	France	2	-	1	-	2
ALBERT, Stanton	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
ALBERT, Wellington	Papua New Guinea	7	2	-	-	8
ALBERTS, Jaco	South Africa	2	-	-	-	-
ALESINA, Adolphe	France	2	-	-	-	-
ALESINA, Adolphe	France	1	-	-	-	-
ALEXANDER, Greg	Australia	2	1	3	-	10
ALICK, Jacob	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
ALKEMA, Barend	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
ALLEN, David	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
ALLEY, Taylor	USA	1	-	-	-	-
ALOIAI, Josh	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
ALVARO, Daniel	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
ALVERNHE, Yves	France	1	-	-	-	-
AMBLER, Luke	Ireland	2	-	-	-	-
AMEAN, Stargroth	Papua New Guinea	3	1	-	-	4
AMONE, Asa	Tonga	2	-	6	-	12
AMONE, Talatau	Tonga	2	1	-	-	4
AMOR, Kyle	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
ANDERSON, Chris	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
ANDERSON, Jarred	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
ANDERSON, Paul	England	4	-	-	-	-
ANDERSSON, Michael	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
ANDRADE, Jordan	Jamaica	3	1	-	-	4
ANDY, Noah	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
ANGARA, Michael	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
ANGLADE, Michel	France	5	-	-	-	-
ANSELL, Danny	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
ANSELME, Éric	France	2	-	-	-	-
ANTROBUS, Bailey	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
APELIAN, Antranick	France	3	-	-	-	-
APPO, Keven	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
ARKWRIGHT, Chris	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
ARMIT, Chris	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
ARNAUD, Olivier	France	1	-	-	-	-
ARNOLD, Danny	Scotland	2	1	-	-	4
ARONA, Tevin	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
ARONA, Tinirau	Cook Islands	4	1	1	-	6
ARTACHINE, Viatcheslav	Russia	1	-	-	-	-

ASHCROFT, Kevin	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
ASHTON, Eric	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	3
ASOFA-SOLOMONA, Nelson	New Zealand	9	2	-	-	8
ASTON, Jay	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
ASTON, Mark	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
ATCHESON, Paul	Wales	6	1	-	-	4
ATKINSON, Alistair	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
ATKINSON, Daniel	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
ATKINSON, John	England, Great Britain	14	6	-	-	18
ATOI, Lauti	Papua New Guinea	6	1	-	-	4
AUBERT, Puig	France	4	-	12	1	26
AUDOUBERT, Jean	France	4	1	-	-	3
AUROY, Christophe	France	2	1	-	-	4
AUSTIN, Jim	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
BABA, Abdrajah	France	2	-	-	-	-
BABAGO, Sauna	Papua New Guinea	1	1	-	-	4
BACKO, Sam	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
BACO, Patrick	France	1	-	-	-	-
BAI, Marcus	Papua New Guinea	6	2	-	-	8
BAILE, Jean-Philippe	France	5	-	-	-	-
BAILEY, Chevaughn	Jamaica	3	-	-	-	-
BAIN, Luke	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
BAITIERI, Jason	France	3	-	-	-	-
BAKALICH, Vern	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
BALLEROY, Marc	France	1	-	-	-	-
BALLOT, Andrew	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
BANET, Vincent	France	1	-	-	-	-
BANKS, Bob	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
BANNER, Peter	Wales	7	2	-	-	6
BANQUET, Frederic	France	6	2	18	-	44
BAPTISTE, Kurt	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
BARAKAT, Danny	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
BARLOW, Sam	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
BARNARD, Leon	South Africa	3	1	-	-	4
BARNES, Keith	Australia	3	-	5	-	10
BARNETT, Richie	New Zealand	8	7	-	-	28
BARNHILL, David	Ireland	4	1	-	-	4
BARRETT, Trent	Australia	4	4	-	-	16
BARRON, Matt	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
BARTHOU, William	France	4	-	3	1	7
BARTHE, Jean	France	3	-	-	-	-
BARTRIM, Wayne	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
BASNETT, John	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
BASTAS, Stefanos	Greece	1	-	-	-	-
BATCHELOR, Joe	England	1	1	-	-	4
BATE, Bernard	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
BATEMAN, Allan	Great Britain, Wales	4	-	-	-	-
BATEMAN, John	England	10	3	-	-	12
BAUDOUIN, Cyril	France	1	-	-	-	-
BAXENDALE, Ray	New Zealand	8	-	-	-	-
BAYLISS-BROW, Logan	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
BAZZAZ, Jalal	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
BEALE, Gerard	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
BEARDMORE, Kevin	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
BEATTIE, Dud	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
BEETSON, Arthur	Australia	14	1	-	-	3
BEGOU, Yves	France	4	-	-	-	-
BELCHER, Gary	Australia	6	1	1	-	6
BELL, Dean	New Zealand	8	1	-	-	4
BELL, Geoff	Scotland	3	1	-	-	4
BELL, James	Scotland	6	-	-	-	-
BELLA, Martin	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
BELMAS, Lambert	France	2	-	-	-	-
BELSHAM, Sel	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
BENAUSSÉ, Gilbert	France	5	1	8	-	19

BENAUSSE, Patrice	France	1	1	-	-	4
BEN-MOIDE, Daroa	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
BENNION, Gavin	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
BENTLEY, Andrew	France, Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
BENTLEY, James	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
BENTLEY, John	England, Great Britain	3	1	-	-	4
BENTLEY, Kane	France, Scotland	5	-	-	-	-
BERGAL, Ilias	France	3	-	-	-	-
BERGE, Denis	France	2	-	-	-	-
BERNABE, Thierry	France	6	-	-	-	-
BERRYMAN, Steve	Cook Islands	2	2	2	-	12
BERTHOMIEU, Guy	France	2	-	-	-	-
BEST, Brian	South Africa	3	1	-	-	4
BESWICK, Bob	Ireland	6	-	-	-	-
BETHAM, Monty	Samoa	4	1	-	-	4
BETTS, Denis	England, Great Britain	12	3	-	-	12
BEVAN, John	Wales	4	2	-	-	6
BIENES, Denis	France	6	1	-	-	4
BIFFI, Roger	France	2	-	-	-	-
BIRD, Greg	Australia	5	2	-	-	8
BIRI, Ben	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
BISHOP, Tommy	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
BLACKMORE, Richie	New Zealand	8	9	-	-	36
BLAIR, Adam	New Zealand	9	2	-	-	8
BLANCH, Damien	Ireland	6	6	-	-	24
BLANCHARD, Lory	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
BLOEM, Jamie	South Africa	3	-	3	-	6
BOAS, Ase	Papua New Guinea	4	-	1	-	2
BOAS, Watson	Papua New Guinea	7	2	-	-	8
BODEN, Ron	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
BOGE, Phillip	Papua New Guinea	7	-	3	-	6
BOLAKORO, Jimi	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
BOLDINI, Angelo	France	2	-	-	-	-
BOM, Yer	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
BOMATI, Pascal	France	1	-	-	-	-
BONAL, Ellie	France	5	1	-	-	3
BONAL, Jean-Marie	France	3	2	5	-	16
BOND, Jim	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
BOND, John	New Zealand	2	-	2	-	4
BONET, Floreal	France	3	-	-	-	-
BONET, Herve	France	1	-	-	-	-
BONNAFOUS, Christophe	France	2	1	-	-	4
BOOYSEN, Jaco	South Africa	6	-	-	-	-
BORLIN, Jean-Christophe	France	1	-	-	-	-
BOSC, Jean-Marie	France	1	-	-	-	-
BOSC, Thomas	France	7	1	12	-	28
BOSHOFF, Willem	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
BOSMOS, Nikolaos	Greece	1	-	-	-	-
BOSTON, Billy	Great Britain	3	2	-	-	6
BOTICA, Frano	New Zealand	2	-	8	-	16
BOTIKI, Peni	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
BOUDEBZA, Hadji	France	1	-	-	-	-
BOUDEBZA, John	France	2	-	-	-	-
BOURREL, Frederic	France	1	-	2	1	5
BOURRET, Jean-Marc	France	1	-	-	-	-
BOUSQUET, Julian	France	3	-	-	-	-
BOUZER, Alain	France	1	-	-	-	-
BOWEN, Craig	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
BOWMAN, Eddie	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	3
BOYALS, Gerard	France	2	-	-	-	-
BOYD, Darius	Australia	6	4	-	-	16
BOYER, Clément	France	1	-	-	-	-
BRADBURY, Dave	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
BRADLEY-QALILAWA, Nick	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
BRANIGHAN, Ray	Australia	9	2	8	-	22
BRANSON, Tony	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
BRASHER, Tim	Australia	6	4	-	-	16
BRASS, John	Australia	3	-	-	-	-

BRERETON, Maurice	New Zealand	7	2	-	-	6
BRET, Serge	France	1	-	-	-	-
BREHERTON, Liam	Ireland	2	-	-	-	-
BREYTENBACH, Coenraad	South Africa	1	1	-	-	4
BRIDGE, Danny	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
BRIDGES, John	England	6	-	-	1	1
BRIERLEY, Ryan	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
BRIERS, Lee	Wales	5	4	-	2	18
BRISCOE, Tom	England	2	2	-	-	8
BRITT, Darren	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
BROADBENT, Paul	England	2	2	-	-	8
BROMWICH, Jesse	New Zealand	9	1	-	-	4
BROMWICH, Kenny	New Zealand	5	3	-	-	12
BROOKE, Ian	Great Britain	3	2	-	-	6
BROOKS, Sam	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
BROUGH, Danny	Scotland	8	-	19	-	38
BROWN, Dylan	New Zealand	4	2	2	-	12
BROWN, Fa'amanu	Samoa	5	1	-	-	4
BROWN, Gordon	Great Britain	4	6	-	-	18
BROWN, Joe	Jamaica	3	-	-	-	-
BROWN, Kevin	England	4	-	-	-	-
BROWN, Nathan	Italy	6	-	-	-	-
BROWN, Peter	New Zealand	8	1	16	-	36
BROWN, Tony	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
BRUNO, Joe	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
BRUNTON, Sam	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
BUCCHI, Guy	France	1	-	-	-	-
BUCHANAN, Kieran	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
BUDWORTH, Neil	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
BUKO, David	Papua New Guinea	6	3	1	-	14
BUKUA, Jayson	Fiji	9	2	-	-	8
BULL, Roy	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
BURGESS, George	England	5	1	-	-	4
BURGESS, Sam	England	8	2	-	-	8
BURGESS, Thomas	England	13	5	-	-	20
BURGOYNE, William	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	3
BURKE, Joe	Wales	5	-	-	-	-
BURKE, Mick	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
BURROUGHS, Ryan	USA	3	-	-	-	-
BURROW, Rob	England	6	3	3	-	18
BURTON, Chris	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
BURTON, Matt	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
BURWELL, Alan	Great Britain	3	2	-	-	6
BUSBY, Dean	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
BUTLER, Brian	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
BUTLER, Chester	Wales	4	-	-	-	-
BUTT, Mike	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
BUTTERFIELD, John	New Zealand	8	-	-	-	-
BUTTIGNOL, Thierry	France	5	-	-	-	-
BYRNE, Liam	Ireland	2	-	-	-	-
CABERO, Jacques	France	3	-	-	-	-
CABESTANY, Didier	France	6	1	-	-	4
CAKACAKA, Tabua	Fiji	3	1	-	-	4
CALDERWOOD, Mark	England	3	-	-	-	-
CALEGARI, Christophe	Italy	2	-	-	-	-
CALLE, Jose	France	9	-	9	-	18
CAMPAGNOLO, Jack	Italy	3	-	5	-	10
CAMPBELL, Robert	Russia	3	-	-	-	-
CAMPBELL-GILLARD, Reagan	Australia	9	-	-	-	-
CAMPESE, Terry	Australia, Italy	2	-	-	-	-
CAMPION, Kevin	Ireland	4	-	-	-	-
CANTONI, Mark	USA	1	-	-	-	-
CANTONI, Vincent	France	4	2	-	-	6
CAPDOUZE, Jean	France	7	2	13	1	34
CARAVACA, Manuel	France	2	-	-	-	-
CARDACE, Damien	France	2	1	-	-	4
CARLSON, Brian	Australia	6	6	16	-	50
CARMONT, George	Samoa	3	2	-	-	8

CARNE, Willie	Australia	5	5	-	-	20
CARNEY, Brian	Ireland	4	2	-	-	8
CARRASCO, Laurent	France	6	-	-	-	-
CARRIGAN, Patrick	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
CARROLL, Mark	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
CARROLL, Tonie	New Zealand	5	4	-	-	16
CARSON, Eric	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
CARTER, Brett	Scotland	2	1	-	-	4
CARTWRIGHT, John	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
CARVELL, Garreth	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
CASAS, Andre	France	2	-	-	-	-
CASE, Brian	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
CASEY, Len	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
CASSIDY, Mick	England, Ireland	5	-	-	-	-
CASSIN, Jean-Emmanuel	France	4	2	-	-	8
CASSIN, Michel	France	5	-	-	-	-
CASTEL, Eric	France	1	-	-	-	-
CASTEL, Jean-Louis	France	2	-	-	-	-
CASTELLARO, Justin	Italy	2	1	-	-	4
CASTY, Rémi	France	6	-	-	-	-
CAVUJILATI, Orisi	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
CAYLESS, Nathan	New Zealand	10	1	-	-	4
CELERINO, Gioele	Italy	2	-	-	-	-
CENTRONE, Chris	Italy	4	2	-	-	8
CERRUTO, Mason	Italy	3	1	-	-	4
CHAHAL, Mohamed	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
CHALLINOR, Jim	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
CHAMBERLAIN, Ed	Ireland	6	2	3	-	14
CHAMBERS, Will	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
CHAMORIN, Pierre	France	5	1	-	-	4
CHAMOUN, Sami	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
CHAMSOUTDINOV, Rinat	Russia	1	-	-	-	-
CHAN, Jason	Papua New Guinea	6	1	-	-	4
CHANNING, Michael	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
CHANTAL, Max	France	4	-	-	-	-
CHARLTON, Paul	England, Great Britain	6	1	-	-	3
CHARNLEY, Josh	England	3	3	-	-	12
CHASE, Rangī	England	4	1	-	-	4
CHAUVET, Patrick	France	3	2	-	-	6
CHERRY-EVANS, Daly	Australia	8	2	-	-	8
CHIRON, Philippe	France	1	-	-	-	-
CHISNALL, Dave	England, Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
CHISNALL, Eric	England	3	-	-	-	-
CHRISTIAN, Roy	New Zealand	6	1	-	-	3
CHURCHILL, Clive	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
CIRALDO, Cameron	Italy	3	1	-	-	4
CIVONICEVA, Petero	Australia, Fiji	9	-	-	-	-
CLAR, Jean Pierre	France	7	-	-	-	-
CLARK, Dean	New Zealand	3	2	-	-	8
CLARK, Jamie	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
CLARK, Mick	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
CLARK, Zane	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
CLARKE, Gary	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
CLARKE, Phil	England, Great Britain	7	-	-	-	-
CLAWSON, Terry	Great Britain	3	-	10	-	20
CLAY, Brian	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
CLEAL, Noel	Australia	2	2	-	-	8
CLEARY, Nathan	Australia	5	1	32	-	68
CLERGEAU, Philippe	France	1	-	-	-	-
CLINCH, Gavin	Ireland	2	-	-	-	-
CLOETE, Francois	South Africa	5	-	-	-	-
CLOSE, Chris	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
CLYDE, Bradley	Australia	5	3	-	-	12
COLEMAN, Jy-mel	Jamaica	1	-	-	-	-
COLES, Brian	France	2	-	-	-	-
COLL, Tony	New Zealand	13	2	-	-	6
COLLICOAT, Warren	New Zealand	11	-	22	-	44
COLLINS, Lindsay	Australia	3	1	-	-	4

COLOGNI, Jean-Jacques	France	2	2	-	-	6
COLOVATTI, Jack	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
COLTON, Dean	Scotland	1	1	-	-	4
CONESCU, Greg	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
CONNOLLY, Gary	England, Great Britain	5	-	-	-	-
CONROY, Tom	New Zealand	8	1	-	-	3
CONSTANTINO, Terry	Greece	3	-	-	-	-
CONTRASTIN, Raymond	France	4	5	-	-	15
COOK, Jamie	NZ Maori	1	-	-	-	-
COOK, Josh	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
COOK, Paul	England	2	-	-	-	-
COOKE, Mel	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	3
COOKSLEY, Graeme	New Zealand	4	1	-	-	3
COOKSON, Phil	England	2	-	-	-	-
COOMBE, Guy	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
COOPER, Mike	England	4	-	-	-	-
COOPER, Shane	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
COOREY, Michael	Lebanon	2	1	-	-	4
COOTE, Ron	Australia	10	6	-	-	18
COOTES, John	Australia	3	5	-	-	15
CORCORAN, Ged	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
CORDNER, Boyd	Australia	7	2	-	-	8
CORTALANO, CJ	USA	1	-	-	-	-
COSLETT, Kel	Wales	6	1	2	-	7
COSTELLO, Ron	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
COSTIGAN, Neville	Papua New Guinea	6	-	-	-	-
COTTER, Reuben	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
COULMAN, Mike	England	2	-	-	-	-
COUPAR, Paddy	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
COURTY, Regis	France	1	-	-	-	-
COUSTON, Didier	France	3	-	-	-	-
COVERDALE, Robert	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
COWAN, Gavin	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
COWAN, Ricky	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
COWIE, Neil	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
COYNE, Gary	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
COYNE, Mark	Australia	4	2	-	-	8
CRAM, Scott	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
CREASSER, David	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
CREEDY, Pat	New Zealand	4	-	1	-	2
CREMOUX, Gerard	France	1	-	-	-	-
CREQUER, Marty	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
CRESPO, Joseph	France	4	1	-	-	3
CRICHTON, Angus	Australia	5	2	-	-	8
CRICHTON, Stephen	Samoa	6	4	28	1	73
CRITCHLEY, Jason	Wales	5	1	-	-	4
CROCKER, Harold	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
CROKER, Jason	Australia	4	2	-	-	8
CRONIN, Michael	Australia	11	4	48	-	108
CRONK, Cooper	Australia	10	5	-	-	20
CROOKS, Lee	Great Britain	5	-	6	-	12
CROS, Jean Claude	France	7	-	-	-	-
CROWTHER, Matt	Scotland	3	-	4	-	8
CUDJOE, Leroy	England	5	1	-	-	4
CUNNINGHAM, Eddie	Wales	4	-	-	-	-
CUNNINGHAM, Keiron	Wales	7	2	-	-	8
CURRIE, Ben	England, Ireland	9	2	-	-	8
CURRIE, Tony	Australia	3	1	-	-	4
CURT, Bernard	France	5	1	-	-	3
CYGLER, Craig	Russia	2	-	-	-	-
DA COSTA, Alrix	France	3	-	-	-	-
DAHER, Ray	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
DAKI, Thomas	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
DAKUITOGA, Josaia	Fiji	3	1	-	-	4
DALEY, Laurie	Australia	5	4	-	-	16
DALEY, Phil	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
DALLAS, Brett	Australia	4	3	-	-	12
DAMES, Archer	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-

DANIEL, Henri	France	1	-	-	-	-
DANIOLA, Geoff	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
DANIELSON, Oscar	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
DARDAMANIS, Aris	Greece	1	-	-	-	-
DAVETAWALU, Samuela	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
DAVIDSON, Les	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
DAVIES, Alan	Great Britain	5	3	-	-	9
DAVIES, Brian	Australia	6	-	1	-	2
DAVIES, Connor	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
DAVIES, Courtney	Wales	3	-	3	-	6
DAVIES, Curtis	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
DAVIES, Jonathan	Great Britain, Wales	7	-	27	1	55
DAVIES, Wes	Wales	5	2	-	-	8
DAYLIGHT, Matthew	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
DE MATOS, Maurice	France	1	-	-	-	-
DE NADAI, Francis	France	13	-	-	-	-
DE VILLIERS, Quinton	South Africa	3	1	-	-	4
DEACON, Bill	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
DEACON, Paul	England	4	1	-	-	4
DEGEI, Apisalome	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
DEKKICHE, Yacine	France	1	1	-	-	4
DELAUNAY, Guy	France	4	-	-	-	-
DELAYE, Guy	France	3	1	-	-	3
DELHOSTE, Henri	France	1	-	-	-	-
DELPECH, Lindsay	France	1	-	-	-	-
DENTON, Neville	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
DERMOTT, Martin	Great Britain	5	1	-	-	4
DESPIN, David	France	8	1	-	-	4
DEVECCHI, Fabien	France	4	-	-	-	-
DEVEREUX, John	Great Britain, Wales	6	1	-	-	4
DEZARIA, Jordan	France	3	1	-	-	4
DICKISON, Bruce	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
DIVAVESI, Iowane	Fiji	2	1	-	-	4
DIVERSI, Peter	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
DIVET, Daniel	France	5	1	-	-	4
DIVORTY, Ross	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
DIXON, Colin	Great Britain, Wales	5	-	-	-	-
DIXON, Davey	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
DIXON, Kevin	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
DIXON, Paul	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	4
DJALOUT, Nabil	France	2	-	-	-	-
DONNELLY, John	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
DONOVAN, Matthew	Russia	2	1	-	-	4
DORAN, Lee	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
DOUEIHI, Adam	Lebanon	7	3	4	-	20
DOUGLAS, Luke	Scotland	7	1	-	-	4
DOWLING, Greg	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
DRODROLAGI, Jowasa	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
DRUMMOND, Des	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
DUBON, Jacques	France	3	1	-	-	3
DUDSON, Gil	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
DUFFY, John	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
DUGAN, Josh	Australia	5	2	-	-	8
DULAC, Arnaud	France	4	1	-	-	4
DUMALKIN, Andrey	Russia	1	-	-	-	-
DUMAS, Andre	France	2	-	-	-	-
DUMAS, Gilles	France	10	2	11	-	30
DUNN, Ged	England	4	4	-	-	12
DUNN, Paul	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
DUNN, Spencer	New Zealand	2	1	-	-	3
DUPORT, Vincent	France	4	1	-	-	4
DUTHILL, Francis	France	1	-	-	-	-
DUTTON, Ray	Great Britain	4	-	13	-	26
DYL, Les	England, Great Britain	10	1	-	-	3
DYMOCK, Angelo	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
DYMOCK, Jim	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
EADE, Murray	New Zealand	9	2	-	-	6
EADIE, Graham	Australia	8	5	7	-	29

EAGAR, Michael	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
EASTLAKE, Cyril	New Zealand	6	1	6	-	15
EASTWOOD, Greg	New Zealand	6	2	-	-	8
EASTWOOD, Paul	Great Britain	5	2	15	-	38
EATON, Barry	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
ECKERSLEY, David	England	2	-	-	-	-
EDWARDS, Jim	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	3
EDWARDS, Morvin	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
EDWARDS, Shaun	England, Great Britain	11	6	-	-	24
EICHNER, Joe	USA	2	-	-	-	-
EL CHAB, Fady	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
EL KHALOUKI, Abderazak	France	1	-	-	-	-
EL MASRI, Hazem	Lebanon	3	3	6	-	24
EL MASRI, Samer	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
ELAHMAD, Monah	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
ELARA, Matthew	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
ELFORD, John	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
ELIA, Mark	New Zealand, Samoa	5	1	-	-	4
ELIAB, Israel	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
ELIAS, Ben	Australia	4	1	-	1	5
ELIAS, James	Lebanon	3	1	-	-	4
ELIMA, Olivier	France	6	-	-	-	-
ELLA, Steve	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
ELLAZ, Ahmad	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
ELLIS, Gareth	England	4	-	-	-	-
ELLIS, Kevin	Great Britain, Wales	3	1	-	-	4
ELLIS, St John	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
ELLWOOD, Doug	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
EL-NACHAR, Hanna-Jonathan	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
ELWELL, Keith	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
EL-ZAKHEM, Elie	Lebanon	4	2	-	-	8
EMELIO, Andrew	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
EMIL, Aquila	Papua New Guinea	2	1	-	-	4
EMMITT, Jacob	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
EMSLIE, Charlie	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
ENGLAND, Keith	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
ENTAT, Patrick	France	11	1	-	-	4
ERAMOUSPE, Robert	France	3	-	-	-	-
ERASMUS, Hercules	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
ERIKSEN, Lenny	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	3
ERU, Syd	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
ESCARÉ, Morgan	France	6	1	-	-	4
ESE'ESE, Herman	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
ESPUGNA, Dominique	France	3	-	-	-	-
ETTINGSHAUSEN, Andrew	Australia	7	4	-	-	16
EVANS, Ben	Wales	6	1	-	-	4
EVANS, Dick	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
EVANS, Kane	Fiji	6	1	-	-	4
EVANS, Kyle	Wales	2	1	-	-	4
EVANS, Rhys	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
EVANS, Will	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
EVEI, Tuiyo	Papua New Guinea	6	-	-	-	-
EXTON, Trevor	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
EYRES, Richie	Great Britain, Wales	5	-	-	-	-
FA'AFILI, Henry	Samoa	4	2	-	-	8
FA'ALOGO, David	New Zealand, Samoa	8	1	-	-	4
FA'AOSO, Richard	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
FA'ASAVALU, Maurie	England	2	-	-	-	-
FA'ASUAMALEAUI, Tino	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
FAGES, Georges	France	2	-	-	-	-
FAGES, Pascal	France	6	-	-	-	-
FAGES, Théo	France	5	-	-	-	-
FAHEY, Terry	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
FAIMALO, Esene	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
FAINGA'A, Salesi	Fiji	1	1	-	-	4
FAIRBAIRN, George	England, Great Britain	11	2	43	-	92
FAIRBANK, Karl	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	4
FAKIR, Jamal	France	7	-	-	-	-

FALA, Max	Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
FALCONE, Ben	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
FARAH, Robbie	Australia, Lebanon	7	-	-	-	-
FARAIMO, Bureta	USA	7	1	2	-	8
FARLEY, Gabriel	USA	2	-	-	-	-
FARNWORTH, Herbie	England	4	3	-	-	12
FARRAR, Andrew	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
FARRELL, Andy	England	9	3	28	-	68
FARRELL, Anthony	Wales	5	1	-	-	4
FARRELL, Joel	Jamaica	2	-	-	-	-
FARRELL, Liam	England	2	-	-	-	-
FEAGAI, Mathew	Samoa	1	1	-	-	4
FEKI, Sosaia	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
FELLOUS, Adel	France	2	-	-	-	-
FEPULEAI, Daniel	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
FERGUSON, Dale	Scotland	9	-	-	-	-
FERGUSON, John	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
FERREN, Andre	France	2	-	-	-	-
FERRERO, Rene	France	3	-	-	-	-
FERRER, Brett	England	5	3	-	-	12
FIELDEN, Stuart	England	5	-	-	-	-
FIELDHOUSE, John	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
FIELDING, Keith	England, Great Britain	8	7	-	-	21
FIEN, Nathan	New Zealand	5	1	-	-	4
FIFITA, Andrew	Australia, Tonga	11	2	-	-	8
FIFITA, David	Tonga	4	1	-	-	4
FILIPAINA, Olsen	New Zealand	6	-	8	-	16
FINAU, Salesi	Tonga	2	1	-	-	4
FINDLAY, Aaron	Russia	2	-	-	-	-
FINN, Liam	Ireland	9	2	12	-	32
FINNIGAN, Simon	Ireland	5	1	-	-	4
FISHER, Ben	Scotland	4	1	-	-	4
FISHER, Kevin	New Zealand	3	2	-	-	6
FISHER, Tony	Great Britain, Wales	8	1	-	-	3
FISHER-HARRIS, James	New Zealand	5	1	-	-	4
FISHIAHI, David	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
FISHIAHI, Glen	Tonga	2	2	-	-	8
FISHIAHI, Paul	Tonga	1	1	-	-	4
FITTLER, Brad	Australia	13	6	-	-	24
FITZGERALD, Denis	Australia	5	1	-	-	3
FITZGIBBON, Craig	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
FITZPATRICK, Karl	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
FITZSIMMONS, Brian	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
FLANAGAN, Peter	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
FLANNERY, Denis	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
FLEARY, Darren	England	3	-	-	-	-
FLEMING, Dan	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
FLETCHER, Bryan	Australia	5	5	-	-	20
FLOCAS, Nick	Greece	3	-	-	-	-
FLOWER, Ben	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
FOLAU, Israel	Australia	5	2	-	-	8
FOLKES, Steve	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
FONUUA, Mahe	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
FONUUA-BLAKE, Addin	New Zealand, Tonga	5	-	-	-	-
FORAN, Kieran	New Zealand	11	-	6	-	12
FORD, Johnathan	Cook Islands	4	1	-	-	4
FORD, Phil	Great Britain, Wales	5	2	-	-	8
FORSHAW, Mike	England	3	-	-	-	-
FORSTER, Mark	Great Britain, Ireland	4	2	-	-	8
FORSYTH, Colin	England	3	1	-	-	3
FOSTER, Daniel	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
FOTUAIKA, Moeaki	Tonga	4	1	-	-	4
FOURIE, Tim	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
FOURQUET, Philippe	France	3	-	-	-	-
FOUSSAT, Jean	France	2	2	-	-	6
FOX, Deryck	Great Britain	6	1	3	-	10
FOZARD, Matty	Wales	6	-	3	-	6

FRAISSE, David	France	5	3	-	-	12
FRANC, Jacques	France	3	-	-	-	-
FRANCIS, Bill	Great Britain, Wales	11	4	-	-	12
FRASER, Eric	Great Britain	2	-	10	-	20
FRATTINI, Marius	France	3	-	-	1	1
FRAYSSINOUS, Laurent	France	1	-	-	-	-
FREED, Kristian	USA	7	1	-	-	4
FREEMAN, Gary	New Zealand	14	3	-	-	12
FRENCH, Ray	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
FRIEND, Clayton	New Zealand	8	3	-	-	12
FRIZELL, Tyson	Australia, Wales	8	1	-	-	4
FULLERTON-SMITH, Wally	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
FULTON, Bob	Australia	15	13	-	2	42
FUSITUA, David	Tonga	4	5	-	-	20
GAGAI, Dane	Australia	5	3	-	-	12
GAHAN, Calum	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
GAILEY, Doug	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
GAL, Myles	Greece	2	-	-	-	-
GALE, Luke	England	6	-	-	-	-
GALLACHER, Stuart	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
GALLEN, Paul	Australia	11	1	-	-	4
GALUVAO, Joe	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
GARCIA, Benjamin	France	9	1	-	-	4
GARCIA, Guy	France	3	-	-	-	-
GARCIA, Jean-Marc	France	8	3	-	-	12
GARDEL, Sam	Italy	1	-	-	-	-
GARDNER, Ade	England	3	2	-	-	8
GARIFOULLINE, Roustem	Russia	1	-	-	-	-
GARRIGUES, Roger	France	5	-	1	3	8
GARTNER, Russel	Australia	2	1	-	-	3
GARVEY, Michael	USA	3	-	-	-	-
GARZINO, Jacques	France	2	-	-	-	-
GASNIER, Reg	Australia	3	2	-	-	6
GAUIS, David	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
GAVRILIN, Igor	Russia	3	-	-	-	-
GAY, Andrew	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
GEIGER, Nick	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
GELA, Paul	Papua New Guinea	1	1	-	-	4
GELLING, Anthony	Cook Islands	4	2	-	-	8
GENE, Stanley	Papua New Guinea	9	3	-	-	12
GEROS, Simon	Samoa	2	-	2	-	4
GESTAS, Philippe	France	1	-	-	-	-
GEYER, Mark	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
GHIETTI, Ryan	Italy	6	1	-	-	4
GIBBS, Scott	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
GIBSON, Carl	Great Britain	4	2	-	-	8
GIDLEY, Kurt	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
GIDLEY, Matthew	Australia	6	4	-	-	16
GIGOT, Tony	France	4	1	-	-	4
GILL, Henderson	Great Britain	6	4	1	-	18
GILL, Ken	England, Great Britain	10	6	-	-	18
GILLESPIE, David	Australia	9	-	-	-	-
GILLET, Matt	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
GILMOUR, Lee	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
GIRDLER, Ryan	Australia	5	6	18	-	60
GISPE, Joe	Papua New Guinea	8	-	-	-	-
GLASSIE, Tere	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
GLEESON, Martin	England	4	3	-	-	12
GLEESON, Sean	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
GLENN, Alex	New Zealand	4	-	-	-	-
GLEYZES, Serge	France	7	-	-	-	-
GODDARD, Eben	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
GODINET, Pita	Samoa	6	2	-	-	8
GOIRGAS, Michael	Russia	1	-	-	-	-
GOLDING, Ashton	Jamaica	3	-	-	-	-
GOMIA, David	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
GONZALES, Antoine	France	5	-	-	-	-

GONZALES, Michel	France	2	-	-	-	-
GOODWAY, Andy	Great Britain	5	1	-	-	4
GOODWIN, Bryson	New Zealand	6	4	-	-	16
GOODWIN, Luke	NZ Maori	1	-	2	-	4
GORDON, Tony	New Zealand	3	2	6	-	18
GOUEMAND, Mickaël	France	3	-	-	-	-
GOULDING, Bobbie	England, Great Britain	6	2	13	1	35
GOULDING, James	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
GOWER, Craig	Australia	3	1	-	-	4
GRACE, Regan	Wales	3	1	-	-	4
GRAHAM, Campbell	Australia	2	5	-	-	20
GRAHAM, Guy	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
GRAHAM, James	England	13	1	-	-	4
GRAHAM, Lummy	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
GRAHAM, Mark	New Zealand	8	3	-	-	11
GRAHAM, Nathan	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
GRAHAM, Wade	Australia	6	4	-	-	16
GRANT, Dalton	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
GRANT, Harry	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
GRANT, John	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
GRAY, John	England	1	-	4	-	8
GRAYSHON, Jeff	England, Great Britain	5	1	-	-	3
GREAVES, Johnny	Australia	4	2	-	-	6
GRECHI, Jean-Francois	France	4	-	-	-	-
GREENGRASS, John	New Zealand	8	1	-	-	3
GREENOUGH, Bobby	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
GREENSHIELDS, Clint	France	3	-	-	-	-
GREGORY, Andy	Great Britain	6	1	-	-	4
GREGORY, Brian	Wales	3	1	-	-	3
GREGORY, Mike	Great Britain	8	4	-	-	16
GRÉSÈQUE, Maxime	France	2	-	-	-	-
GREY, Ian	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
GRIFFI, Mathieu	France	1	-	-	-	-
GRIFFIN, Rod	Papua New Guinea	5	2	-	-	8
GRIFFITHS, Reece	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
GRIX, Scott	Ireland	8	1	-	-	4
GROOM, Aaron	Fiji	9	1	-	-	4
GROVES, Paul	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
GRUNDY, Jack	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	3
GRUPPI, Raymond	France	6	2	-	-	6
GUASCH, Bruno	France	1	-	-	-	-
GUERRA, Aidan	Italy	3	2	-	-	8
GUIGUE, Jacques	France	3	1	-	-	3
GUILHELM, Bernard	France	6	-	9	-	18
GUILHEM, Roger	France	1	-	-	-	-
GUIRAUD, Germaine	France	1	-	-	-	-
GUIRAUD, Joseph	France	1	-	-	-	-
GUISSET, Jérôme	France	7	4	-	-	16
GUNNEY, Geoff	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
GURNICK, Peter	New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-
GUTTENBEIL, Awen	Tonga	3	2	-	-	8
HADDEN, Matt	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
HADFIELD, Tom	New Zealand	6	4	-	-	12
HADLEY, Adrian	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
HAGGERTY, Gareth	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
HAGGERTY, Kurt	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
HAGGERTY, Roy	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
HAIGH, Robert	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
HAILI, Darius	Papua New Guinea	7	2	-	-	8
HALATAU, Dene	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
HALL, Duncan	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
HALL, Martin	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
HALL, Ryan	England	12	14	-	-	56
HALLIGAN, Daryl	New Zealand	1	-	3	-	6
HALTON, Frankie	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
HAMBLY, Brian	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
HAMLIN-UELE, Braden	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-

HAMPSON, Steve	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
HANCOCK, Michael	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
HANLEY, Ellery	Great Britain	10	4	-	-	16
HANSEN, Harrison	Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
HANSEN, Lee	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
HARRAGON, Paul	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
HARRIS, Iestyn	Wales	8	4	22	1	61
HARRIS, Mark	Australia	10	6	-	-	18
HARRIS, Tommy	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
HARRISON, Ben	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
HARRISON, Bronson	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	4
HARRISON, Karl	England, Great Britain	7	-	-	-	-
HARRIS-TAVITA, Chanel	Samoa	5	3	-	-	12
HARTLEY, Dennis	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
HARU, Stanley	Papua New Guinea	6	2	1	-	10
HARVEY, Barry	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
HASLER, Des	Australia	7	1	-	-	4
HASSON, James	Ireland	8	1	-	-	4
HAUGHTON, Simon	England	4	2	-	-	8
HAUMONO, Solomon	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
HAVILL, Siliva	Tonga	7	1	-	-	4
HAWICK, Greg	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
HAY, Andy	England	3	2	-	-	8
HAYNE, Jarryd	Australia, Fiji	14	14	-	-	56
HAYWARD, Bailey	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
HEATLEY, Eddie	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
HEBERT, Lilian	France	1	-	-	-	-
HECHICHE, Rachid	France	4	2	-	-	8
HECKENBERG, Daniel	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
HEIGHINGTON, Chris	England	3	-	-	-	-
HELLEWELL, Ben	Scotland	10	3	-	-	12
HELME, Gerry	Great Britain	4	2	-	-	6
HENDERSON, Andrew	Scotland	5	-	-	-	-
HENDERSON, Ian	Scotland	6	-	-	-	-
HENDERSON, Kevin	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
HENI, Roy	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
HENRY, Whare	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
HENRY, Whetu	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
HEPWORTH, Keith	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
HERMANSSON, Terry	NZ Maori	3	-	-	-	-
HERMET, Didier	France	3	-	-	-	-
HÉROLD, Maxime	France	2	-	-	-	-
HERRON, Ian	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
HESKETH, Chris	Great Britain	6	2	-	-	6
HIBBS, John	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
HIFO, Nuko	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
HIFO, Roman	USA	3	-	-	-	-
HIGGS, Ray	Australia	8	2	-	-	6
HIGHAM, Mick	England	2	1	-	-	4
HIGHTON, Paul	Wales	5	-	-	-	-
HIKU, Peta	New Zealand	6	7	-	-	28
HILL, Chris	England	16	-	-	-	-
HILL, Gavin	New Zealand	1	1	-	-	4
HILL, Scott	Australia	6	2	-	-	8
HILL, Terry	Australia	4	3	-	-	12
HINDMARSH, Nathan	Australia	4	4	-	-	16
HINGANO, Ata	Tonga	5	1	7	-	18
HO, Bradley	Jamaica	2	-	-	-	-
HOBBS, David	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
HOCK, Gareth	England	3	-	-	-	-
HODGE, Luke	Italy	2	-	-	-	-
HODGSON, Josh	England	4	-	-	-	-
HOFFMAN, Josh	New Zealand	2	1	-	-	4
HOFFMAN, Leslie	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
HOGAN, Brian	England	4	1	-	-	3
HOGAN, Phil	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	3
HOHAIA, Lance	New Zealand	5	3	-	-	16

HOLLIDAY, Les	Great Britain	2	1	-	-	4
HOLMAN, Keith	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
HOLMES, John	England, Great Britain	11	6	10	-	38
HOLMES, Valentine	Australia	12	14	7	-	70
HOOD, Liam	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
HOPE, Will	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
HOPKINS, Sam	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
HOPKINS, Tom	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
HOPOATE, John	Australia	2	3	-	-	12
HOPOATE, William	Tonga	6	2	-	-	8
HOPPE, Sean	New Zealand, NZ Maori	6	3	-	-	12
HORNE, Richard	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
HORO, Mark	New Zealand	8	-	-	-	-
HORO, Shane	New Zealand	2	3	-	-	12
HOWARD, Daniel	USA	7	-	-	-	-
HOWARD, Harvey	England	5	-	-	-	-
HOWARD, Stephen	USA	3	-	-	-	-
HOWIESON, Jack	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
HOWLETT, Phil	Tonga	5	1	-	-	4
HUGHES, Eric	England	3	3	-	-	9
HUGHES, Jahrome	New Zealand	3	3	-	-	12
HULME, David	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	4
HULME, Paul	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
HUMAN, Kost	South Africa	2	-	-	-	-
HUNT, Ben	Australia	6	1	-	-	4
HUNT, Karmichael	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
HUNT, Royce	Samoa	5	1	-	-	4
HUNTE, Alan	Great Britain	2	1	-	-	4
HURRELL, Konrad	Tonga	8	1	-	-	4
HURST, Alex	Scotland	4	2	-	-	8
HURTER, Chris	South Africa	2	-	-	-	-
HUSSON, Guy	France	3	-	-	-	-
HYNES, Syd	Great Britain	4	2	-	2	10
IARIA, Anton	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
ILIAS, Lachlan	Greece	3	1	2	-	8
ILYASOV, Robert	Russia	3	1	-	-	4
IMBERT, Jacky	France	2	-	-	-	-
IMBERT, Jean-Marie	France	9	-	-	1	1
INGLIS, Greg	Australia	9	8	-	-	32
INU, Krisnan	New Zealand	2	1	6	-	16
IPEPE, Edwin	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
IRO, Kayal	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
IRO, Kevin	Cook Islands, New Zealand	14	7	-	-	28
IRO, Tony	New Zealand	6	2	-	-	8
IRVINE, Ken	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
IRVING, Bob	England, Great Britain	5	-	-	-	-
IRWIN, Shaun	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
ITAM, Chris	Papua New Guinea	3	1	-	-	4
JAUVUO, Karl	France	2	-	-	-	-
JACK, Garry	Australia	8	5	-	-	20
JACKSON, Lee	England, Great Britain	7	-	-	-	-
JACKSON, Michael	Great Britain	1	2	-	-	8
JACKSON, Paul	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
JACKSON, Peter	Australia	4	1	-	-	4
JACKSON, Phil	England	1	-	-	-	-
JACKSON, Phil	Great Britain	6	5	-	-	15
JAMES, Brian	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
JAMES, Jordan	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
JAMES, Mel	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
JAMPY, Pascal	France	6	4	-	-	16
JARVIS, Robert	New Zealand	7	3	-	-	9
JEAN, Rene	France	3	-	-	-	-
JEANES, David	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	3
JELICK, Brian	New Zealand	2	2	-	-	8
JENKINS, Mick	Wales	4	1	-	-	4
JENNINGS, Justin	South Africa	4	-	-	-	-
JENNINGS, Michael	Australia, Tonga	8	9	-	-	36

JILTISOV, Igor	Russia	2	-	1	-	2
JIMINEZ, Antoine	France	6	-	-	-	-
JOE, Leroy	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
JOHN, Isaac	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
JOHNS, Andrew	Australia	9	5	27	-	74
JOHNS, Chris	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
JOHNS, Jack	Italy	1	-	-	-	-
JOHNS, Matthew	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
JOHNSON, Cliff	New Zealand	8	1	-	-	3
JOHNSON, Greg	Jamaica	2	-	-	-	-
JOHNSON, Mark	South Africa	6	-	-	-	-
JOHNSON, Shaun	New Zealand	10	6	48	-	120
JOHNSTON, Alex	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
JOHNSTON, Martwain	USA	1	-	-	-	-
JOLLIFFE, Jaimin	Ireland	2	-	-	-	-
JONES, Clive	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
JONES, Danny	Wales	1	-	1	-	2
JONES, Fred	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
JONES, Ken	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
JONES, Lewis	Great Britain	3	1	10	-	23
JONES, Mark	Great Britain, Wales	2	-	-	-	-
JONES, Stacey	New Zealand	8	2	6	-	20
JONES-BISHOP, Aaron	Jamaica	1	-	-	-	-
JONES-BISHOP, Ben	Jamaica	3	1	-	-	4
JONES-BUCHANAN, Jamie	England	1	-	-	-	-
JORDAN, Chris	New Zealand	2	1	8	-	19
JOSEPH, August	Papua New Guinea	2	1	-	-	4
JOSEPH, Philip	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
JOYNT, Chris	England, Ireland	7	2	-	-	8
JULLIEN, Benjamin	France	6	2	-	-	8
KAHL, Raymond	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
KALACHE, Kayne	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
KALACHKINE, Pavel	Russia	3	-	-	-	-
KAMBO, Richard	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
KAMBOS, Jake	Greece	3	-	-	-	-
KAMBRA, Mathias	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
KAMIAK, Elias	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KAMIKAMICA, Tui	Fiji	8	-	-	-	-
KAMINSKI, Fernand	France	3	-	-	-	-
KAPIA, James	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KARALIUS, Tony	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
KARALIUS, Vince	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
KARARA, Sam	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
KARAWALEVU, Vuate	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
KARU, Tuksy	Papua New Guinea	4	-	4	-	8
KASIANO, Sam	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
KASSIS, Nick	Lebanon	3	1	-	-	4
KATA, Solomone	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
KATO, Isaiya	Tonga	3	2	21	-	50
KATO, Sione	Tonga	5	-	-	-	-
KATO, Sione	Tonga	4	1	-	-	4
KATRIB, George	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
KATSIDONIS, Konstantinos	Greece	1	-	-	-	-
KATSIR, Joe	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
KAUFUSI, Antonio	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
KAUFUSI, Felise	Australia, Tonga	6	1	-	-	4
KAUFUSI, Mal	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
KAUFUSI, Oregon	Samoa	5	-	-	-	-
KAVANAGH, Ben	Scotland	7	-	-	-	-
KAY, Liam	Ireland	3	3	-	-	12
KAZZI, Andrew	Lebanon	6	-	-	-	-
KEAR, Elliot	Wales	9	1	-	-	4
KEARNEY, Ken	Australia	6	2	-	-	6
KEARNEY, Stephen	New Zealand	9	2	-	-	8
KEARNS, Robbie	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
KEARY, Luke	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
KELLY, Noel	Australia	3	1	-	-	3

KEMBLE, Gary	New Zealand	5	1	-	-	4
KEMP, Tony	New Zealand	8	4	-	-	16
KENNEDY, Ben	Australia	3	3	-	-	12
KENNY, Brett	Australia	3	2	-	-	8
KEPPA, George	Papua New Guinea	2	2	-	-	8
KEREKERE, Mafu	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
KEREOPA, Elliot	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
KERR, Wayne	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
KEYES, Joe	Ireland	4	-	3	-	6
KHATTABI, Younes	France	1	-	-	-	-
KHEDIMI, Mathieu	France	2	-	-	-	-
KHEIRALLAH, Mark	France	3	1	-	-	4
KHOURY, Paul	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
KIDWELL, David	New Zealand, NZ Maori	4	1	-	-	4
KIKAU, Viliame	Fiji	9	6	-	-	24
KILA, Tony	Papua New Guinea	6	-	-	-	-
KILKELLY, Trevor	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
KIMMORLEY, Brett	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
KING, George	Ireland	6	2	-	-	8
KING, Johnny	Australia	2	2	-	-	6
KING, Ryan	Italy	2	-	-	-	-
KING, Toby	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
KINO, Vaine	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
KIRAZ, Jacob	Lebanon	3	1	-	-	4
KISS, Les	Australia	2	2	-	-	8
KITCHEN, Frank	Great Britain	2	3	-	-	9
KITE, Brent	Australia, Tonga	10	-	-	-	-
KITIMUN, Mathias	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KLEMMER, David	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
KNEISLY, Andrew	USA	1	-	-	-	-
KNIGHT, Stephen	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
KNOWLES, Morgan	England, Wales	7	1	-	-	4
KOHE-LOVE, Toa	NZ Maori	3	-	-	-	-
KOKO, Lolani	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
KOLA, Johannes	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KOLC, John	Australia	1	1	-	-	3
KOLO, Nickson	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KOLDAMATANGI, Keaon	Tonga	4	2	-	-	8
KOLOI, Paul	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
KOLOLO, Vae	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
KOLOTO, Emosi	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
KOOPU, Wairangi	NZ Maori	2	1	-	-	4
KOPCZAK, Craig	Wales	6	-	-	-	-
KOPS, James	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
KOROI, Sevanaia	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
KOROIBETE, Marika	Fiji	5	-	-	-	-
KOROIBULEKA, Kiniviliame	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
KOROISAU, Apisai	Fiji	13	1	16	-	36
KOROVATA, Niumaia	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
KOSEF, Nik	Australia	3	1	-	-	4
KOSTJASYN, Rory	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
KOULA, Tolutau	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
KOULYOMIN, Kirill	Russia	1	-	-	-	-
KOUORU, Gideon	Papua New Guinea	7	-	-	-	-
KOUORU, Haoda	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
KOUORU, Joshua	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KOVAE, Dairi	Papua New Guinea	7	4	6	-	28
KRAWZYCK, Joseph	France	4	1	-	-	3
KREWANTY, Alex	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
KREWANTY, Arnold	Papua New Guinea	8	1	-	-	4
KRILETICH, Anthony	New Zealand	6	1	-	-	3
KRIS, Sebastian	New Zealand	1	1	-	-	4
KUCHUMOV, Andrei	Russia	1	-	-	-	-
KUI, Anton	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KUITI, Mike	New Zealand	2	1	-	-	4
KUNO, Andrew	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
KURADUADUA, Jone	Fiji	2	1	-	-	4

KURU, Patrick	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
LACAZE, Andre	France	3	-	5	-	10
LACOSTE, Jean-Pierre	France	3	-	-	1	1
LADNER, Don	New Zealand	3	-	10	3	26
LAFAI, Tim	Samoa	12	7	3	-	34
LAFFARGUE, Michel	France	1	-	-	-	-
LAFFRANCHI, Anthony	Australia, Italy	7	2	-	-	8
LAFORGUE, Francis	France	1	-	-	-	-
LAFORGUE, Guy	France	4	-	-	-	-
LAGUERRE, Matthieu	France	3	-	-	-	-
LAISENI, Toshio	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
LALOATA, Shane	Samoa	2	-	3	-	6
LAM, Adrian	Papua New Guinea	6	2	-	1	9
LAM, Lachlan	Papua New Guinea	5	4	-	-	16
LAMB, Terry	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
LANG, John	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
LANGER, Allan	Australia	7	4	-	-	16
LANGI, Samisoni	France, Tonga	6	-	7	-	14
LANGLANDS, Graeme	Australia	11	3	4	-	17
ANGLEY, Jamie	England	1	-	-	-	-
LAPAN, Ngala	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
LAROCHE, Pascal	France	1	-	-	-	-
LARROYER, Kevin	France	3	-	-	-	-
LARSON, Gary	Australia	3	1	-	-	4
LASAGAVIBAU, Josefa	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
LASKAWIEC, Christian	France	2	1	-	-	3
LAUAKI, Epalahame	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
LAUGHTON, Dale	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
LAUGHTON, Doug	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	3
LAUITI'ITI, Ali	New Zealand, Samoa	5	2	-	-	8
LAUMATIA, Brian	Samoa	2	1	-	-	4
LAUNA, Nere	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
LAVEA, Tasesa	New Zealand	2	2	14	-	36
LAVULO, Judah	USA	2	-	-	-	-
LAWLESS, Johnny	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
LAWRENCE, Michael	Jamaica	3	-	-	-	-
LAYBUTT, Kyle	Papua New Guinea	4	2	-	-	8
LAYOUN, Anthony	Lebanon	6	1	-	-	4
LAZARUS, Glenn	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
LE CAM, Corentin	France	2	-	-	-	-
LEAFA, Mark	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
LEAUMA, Brian	Samoa	4	4	-	-	16
LECOMPTE, Jean Pierre	France	3	-	-	-	-
LEDGARD, Jim	Great Britain	4	1	13	-	29
LEDRU, Jean	France	3	1	-	-	3
LEE, Brian	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
LEES, Matty	England	3	1	-	-	4
LEILUA, Joey	Samoa	8	1	-	-	4
LENIU, Spencer	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
LEO-LATU, Tevita	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
LEOTA, Francis	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
LEOTA, Moses	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
LEPORI, Richard	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
LEULUAI, James	New Zealand	4	1	-	-	4
LEULUAI, Kylie	NZ Maori, Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
LEULUAI, Phillip	Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
LEULUAI, Thomas	New Zealand	8	-	-	-	-
LEUTELE, Ricky	Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
LEVI, Danny	New Zealand, Samoa	8	2	-	-	8
LEVY, Francis	France	2	-	-	-	-
LEWIS, Luke	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
LEWIS, Peter	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
LEWIS, Wally	Australia	9	5	-	-	20
LI'AVAA, Talite	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
LICHAA, Joe	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
LICHAA, Michael	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
LIDDELL, Wade	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-

LILIKI, Siuatonga	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
LIJU, Tau	Tonga	1	1	-	-	4
LIMA, Peter	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
LIMONGI, Patrick	France	1	-	-	-	-
LINDNER, Bob	Australia	9	2	-	-	8
LINNETT, Kane	Scotland	6	1	-	-	4
LIOLAVAVE, Lamar	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
LISONE, Sam	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
LITTLE, Sid	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	3
LITTLER, Stuart	Ireland	6	-	-	-	-
LIU, Bayley	Scotland	2	1	-	-	4
LIU, Isaac	New Zealand	7	1	-	-	4
LLONG, Bernard	France	1	-	-	-	-
LLOYD, Rhodri	Wales	7	3	-	-	12
LO, Garry	Papua New Guinea	4	2	-	-	8
LOCKE, Kevin	New Zealand	4	-	-	-	-
LOCKWOOD, Brian	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
LOCKYER, Darren	Australia	9	5	4	-	28
LOGAN, Scott	Scotland	6	-	-	-	-
LOLOHEA, Tui	Tonga	9	5	4	-	28
LOMAX, John	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
LOMAX, Jonny	England	2	-	-	-	-
LOMI, Nelson	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
LOMU, Andrew	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
LOMUTOPIA, Ati	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
LONERGAN, Dean	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	4
LONG, Sean	England	5	2	5	-	18
LOPE, Francis	France	4	-	-	-	-
LOUGHLIN, Paul	Great Britain	4	1	12	-	28
LOUW, Richard	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
LOVODUA, Joe	Fiji	4	1	-	-	4
LOW, Drury	Cook Islands	2	1	-	-	4
LOWE, Neil	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
LOWE, Phil	Great Britain	4	3	-	-	9
LOWRIE, Jason	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
LOWTHER, Bernie	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
LUAI, Jarome	Samoa	9	2	-	-	8
LUANI, Joel	USA	4	-	-	-	-
LUBBE, Elmar	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
LUCAS, Ian	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
LUCKLEY, Sam	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
LUCKWELL, David	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
LUDIC, Edwin	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
LUKE, Issac	New Zealand	10	2	6	-	20
LUKE, Soni	Tonga	4	-	-	-	-
LULIA, Keith	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
LULIA, Lulia	Cook Islands	2	1	-	-	4
LUPTON, Peter	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
LYDON, Joe	Great Britain	8	2	10	-	28
LYONS, Cliff	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
LYSENKOV, Aleksandr	Russia	3	-	-	-	-
MAARBANI, Bilal	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
MACDONALD, Nene	Papua New Guinea	11	4	-	-	16
MacDOUGALL, Adam	Australia	6	5	-	-	20
MacGILLIVRAY, Duncan	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
MACILAI, Jone	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
MACKAY, Brad	Australia	4	5	-	-	20
MACKAY, Graham	Australia	2	2	1	-	10
MACKAY, Ian	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
MAEA, Des	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
MAGNAC, Jean-Pierre	France	1	-	-	-	-
MAGOULIAS, Billy	Greece	2	-	-	-	-
MAIDEN, David	Scotland	3	1	-	-	4
MAIQUE, Michel	France	2	-	-	-	-
MAITUA, Reni	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
MAIZEN, Jake	Italy	3	4	-	-	16
MAKATOIA, Makahehi	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
MAKELIM, Corey	USA	3	-	-	-	-
MAKI, Enock	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-

MAKINSON, Thomas	England	4	7	20	-	68
MALONEY, James	Australia	1	1	4	-	12
MALU, Fotukava	USA	1	-	-	-	-
MALU, Hikule'o	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
MAMANDO, Bruce	Papua New Guinea	6	-	-	-	-
MAMARY, Mitchell	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
MAMOUELOS, Peter	Greece	3	-	-	-	-
MANN, Don	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
MANN, Duane	New Zealand, Tonga	13	3	1	-	14
MANN, Esau	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
MANN, George	New Zealand, Tonga	6	-	-	-	-
MANNAH, Tim	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
MANNERING, Simon	New Zealand	13	4	-	-	16
MANSOUR, Josh	Australia, Lebanon	6	5	-	-	20
MANTEIT, Dennis	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
MANTELLATO, Josh	Italy	6	3	19	-	50
MANTESE, Yannick	France	1	-	-	-	-
MANTLE, John	Wales	8	1	-	-	3
MANTOULAN, Claude	France	3	-	-	-	-
MANU, Joseph	New Zealand	5	3	-	-	12
MANU, Sika	New Zealand, Tonga	10	4	-	-	16
MANU, Willie	Tonga	9	2	-	-	8
MANUEL, Odell	NZ Maori	2	-	-	-	-
MANUMALEALI, Penani	Samoa	3	1	-	-	4
MANUOKAFOA, Manase	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
MAORI, Tu'u	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
MARABE, Larsen	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
MARANDO, Dave	USA	4	-	-	-	-
MARAYAWA, Samuela	Fiji	4	1	-	-	4
MAREE, Joshua	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
MARGALET, Thibaut	France	3	-	-	-	-
MARGINET, Patrick	France	2	-	-	-	-
MARGINET, Rémy	France	1	-	1	-	2
MARIA, Antoni	France	4	-	-	-	-
MARIANO, Frankie	Scotland	2	1	-	-	4
MAROON, Darren	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
MAROUN, Tony	Lebanon	1	1	-	-	4
MARRACQ, Henri	France	3	-	-	-	-
MARSH, Bill	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
MARSHALL, Benji	New Zealand	5	2	3	-	14
MARSHALL-KING, Jeremy	New Zealand	2	2	-	-	8
MARSOLAN, Serge	France	6	4	-	-	12
MARSTERS, Esan	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
MARSTERS, Steven	Cook Islands	3	2	5	-	18
MARTIN, Liam	Australia	5	3	-	-	12
MARTIN, Rhyse	Papua New Guinea	8	4	30	-	76
MARTIN, Te Maire	New Zealand	2	3	-	-	12
MARTYN, Tommy	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
MARTYN, Tommy	England	2	1	-	-	3
MARUM, Michael	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
MASELLA, Alfons	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
MASELLA, Martin	Tonga	5	1	-	-	4
MASOE, Mose	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
MASON, Willie	Tonga	3	2	-	-	8
MASSAM, Rob	Wales	1	1	-	-	4
MATAGI, Suaia	Samoa	6	2	-	-	8
MATAI, Steve	New Zealand	2	-	1	-	2
MATAITONGA, Nesiasi	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
MATAKAMIKAMICA, Roger	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
MATAORA, Sam	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
MATAPUKU, Joseph	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
MATA'UTIA, Peter	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
MATA'UTIA, Vila	Samoa	2	3	-	-	12
MATEO, Feleti	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
MATETE, Paul	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
MATHER, Barrie-Jon	England	2	-	-	-	-
MATHEWS, Steve	NZ Maori	1	1	-	-	4
MATHIAS, Roy	Wales	7	-	-	-	-
MATHIU, Jamie	Ireland	2	-	-	-	-

MATILLO, Michael	Papua New Guinea	8	1	-	-	4
MATULINO, Ben	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
MA'U, Manu	Tonga	5	1	-	-	4
MAUMALO, Ken	Samoa	2	1	-	-	4
MAURY, Alain	France	1	-	-	-	-
MAXWELL, Henry	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
MAY, Taylan	Samoa	4	4	-	-	16
MAY, Tyrone	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
MAYES, Johnny	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
MAYORGAS, Jean-Claude	France	3	-	-	-	-
MAZARD, Herve	France	4	-	-	-	-
MAZARE, Michael	France	1	-	-	-	-
McCAFFERY, Ken	Australia	3	2	-	-	6
McCARTHY, Bob	Australia	5	1	-	1	4
McCARTHY, Tyrone	Ireland	5	1	-	-	4
McCARTHY-SCARSBROOK, Louie	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
McCONNELL, Dave	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
McCRACKEN, Jarrod	New Zealand	2	1	-	-	4
McCURRIE, Steve	England	1	-	-	-	-
McDADE, Wayne	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
McDERMOTT, Barrie	Ireland	4	-	-	-	-
McDONALD, Abevia	Jamaica	1	-	-	-	-
McDONALD, George	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
McDONALD, Wayne	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
McDONNELL, James	Ireland	1	1	-	-	4
McDONNELL, Shannon	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
McGAHAN, Hugh	New Zealand	9	3	-	1	13
McGAW, Mark	Australia	2	2	-	-	8
McGILLVARY, Jermaine	England	6	7	-	-	28
McGINTY, Billy	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
McGREGOR, Paul	Australia	2	2	-	-	8
McGUINN, Robert	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
McGUIRE, Bruce	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
McGUIRE, Danny	England	3	2	-	-	8
McGUIRE, Josh	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
McLORUM, Mike	England, Ireland	12	1	-	-	4
McKAIN, Khamisi	Jamaica	1	-	-	-	-
McKAY, Ron	New Zealand	3	1	9	-	21
McKINNEY, Tom	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
McLEAN, Jordan	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
McLENNAN, William	New Zealand	5	1	-	-	3
McMAHON, Allan	Australia	5	4	-	-	12
McMASTER, Colin	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
McMEEKEN, Mike	England	5	1	-	-	4
McNAMARA, Steve	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
McTAGGART, Barry	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
McTIGUE, Brian	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	3
MEAD, David	Papua New Guinea	10	4	-	-	16
MEADS, Jordan	Greece	2	-	-	-	-
MEDLEY, Paul	Great Britain	2	2	-	-	8
MEDUS, Robert	France	2	-	-	-	-
MELI, Francis	Samoa	6	2	-	-	8
MENDEIKA, James	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
MENINGA, Mal	Australia	13	9	21	-	78
MENINGA, Moses	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
MENZIES, George	New Zealand	7	2	-	-	6
MENZIES, Steve	Australia	4	6	-	-	24
MERCER, Gary	New Zealand	8	3	-	-	12
MERQUEY, Jacques	France	9	2	-	-	6
MEXICO, Mark	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
MEZARD, Yves	France	1	-	-	-	-
MICHAEL, Ronan	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
MILES, Gene	Australia	4	2	-	-	8
MILFORD, Anthony	Samoa	9	3	9	-	30
MILFORD, Laloa	Samoa	4	3	-	-	12
MILLARD, Daryl	Fiji	7	-	-	-	-
MILLARD, Ryan	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
MILLER, Gavin	Australia	2	2	-	-	8
MILLS, Jared	NZ Maori	1	-	-	-	-

MILLS, Jim	Wales	5	1	-	-	3
MILLWARD, Roger	England, Great Britain	14	4	2	-	16
MILNE, Taane	Fiji	5	4	8	-	32
MILONE, Nathan	Italy	3	2	-	-	8
MINCHAM, Robert	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
MINICHIELLO, Anthony	Italy	3	1	-	-	4
MINICHIELLO, Mark	Italy	6	1	-	-	4
MINOGA, Willie	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
MISKI, Abbas	Lebanon	8	6	-	-	24
MITCHELL, Latrell	Australia	5	5	-	-	20
MITROFANOV, Mikhail	Russia	3	-	3	-	6
MITSIAS, John	Greece	3	-	-	-	-
MOA, Sam	New Zealand, Tonga	8	-	-	-	-
MOALA, Fifta	Tonga	3	3	9	-	30
MOALE, Davvy	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
MOANA, Martin	NZ Maori	3	-	-	-	-
MOCEIDREKE, Sitiveni	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
MOEROA, Tepai	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
MOHI, Mita	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
MOI, Danny	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
MOIMOI, Fufui	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
MOIR, Ian	Australia	4	3	-	-	9
MOLINER, Jacques	France	3	-	-	-	-
MOLINER, Michael	France	11	-	-	-	-
MOLY, Christophe	France	3	1	-	-	4
MOM, Mark	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
MONAGHAN, Joel	Australia	5	4	-	-	16
MONDO, Michael	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
MONI, George	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
MONS, Pascal	France	1	-	-	-	-
MONTGAILLARD, Pierre	France	3	-	-	-	-
MONTOYA, Marcelo	Fiji	5	2	-	-	8
MOORE, Billy	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
MOORE, Danny	Australia	1	2	-	-	8
MOORS, Junior	Samoa	3	1	-	-	4
MOREA, Mea	Papua New Guinea	5	1	-	-	4
MORETTI, Luca	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
MORGAN, Arnold	Great Britain	2	1	-	-	3
MORGAN, Justin	Wales	5	-	-	-	-
MORGAN, Lionel	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
MORGAN, Michael	Australia	5	2	-	-	8
MORGAN, Michael	Ireland	2	1	-	-	4
MORGAN, Mick	England	4	1	-	-	3
MORIARTY, Paul	Great Britain, Wales	6	2	-	-	8
MORKOS, Brad	Lebanon	4	1	-	-	4
MORLEY, Adrian	England	6	-	-	-	-
MORLEY, Chris	Wales	4	-	-	-	-
MORRIS, Ben	Wales	2	1	-	-	4
MORRIS, Brett	Australia	5	9	-	-	36
MORRIS, Josh	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
MORRISON, Iain	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
MORTIMER, Chris	Australia	1	1	-	-	4
MORTON, Gareth	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
MOSES, Glyn	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
MOSES, Mitchell	Lebanon	8	1	23	1	51
MOSSOP, Lee	England	1	-	-	-	-
MOSSOP, Rex	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
MOUGIOS, Nick	Greece	3	1	-	-	4
MOUJALLI, Ray	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
MOUNIS, Grégory	France	7	-	-	-	-
MOURGUE, Arthur	France	3	2	10	-	28
MOUSSARD, Michel	France	4	-	-	-	-
MOYA, Jose	France	3	-	4	-	8
MUDGEWAY, John	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
MUIR, Adam	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
MUIR, Barry	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
MULDER, Hendrik	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
MULHERN, Robbie	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
MULTALO, Ronaldo	New Zealand	4	2	-	-	8

MULLALLY, Anthony	Ireland	6	-	-	-	-
MUNRO, Don	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
MUNSTER, Cameron	Australia	7	4	-	-	16
MURDOCH-MASILA, Ben	Tonga	9	1	-	-	4
MURPHY, Alex	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	3
MURPHY, Justin	France	2	-	-	-	-
MURPHY, Mick	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
MURRAY, Cameron	Australia	5	5	-	-	20
MUSGROVE, Zane	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
MYLER, Frank	Great Britain	6	2	-	-	6
MYLER, Richard	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
MYLER, Tony	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
MYLES, Nate	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
NA'AWI, Duncan	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
NADROUKU, Noa	Fiji	3	1	-	-	4
NAHI, Chris	NZ Maori	2	-	-	-	-
NAIPO, James	Papua New Guinea	6	1	-	-	4
NAIQAMA, Kevin	Fiji	14	7	-	-	28
NAIQAMA, Wes	Fiji	8	2	25	-	58
NAISORO, Kalaveti	Fiji	4	1	-	-	4
NAJJARIN, Bilal	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
NAKE, Ioannis	Greece	1	-	-	-	-
NAKUBUWAI, Ben	Fiji	8	2	-	-	8
NAKUBUWAI, Pio	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
NALAGILAGI, Livai	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
NAMO, Sylvester	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
NANAI, Jeremiah	Australia	2	2	-	-	8
NANDYE, Jessie Joe	Papua New Guinea	6	1	-	-	4
NANYN, Mick	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
NAPA, Dylan	Cook Islands	4	-	-	-	-
NASH, Steve	England, Great Britain	11	1	-	-	3
NASSO, Raymond	Italy	3	2	-	-	8
NATOLI, Ethan	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
NAUGHTON, Albert	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
NAUQE TANI, Kaliova	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
NAVALE, Eparama	Fiji	3	1	-	-	4
NAVARRETE, Romain	France	2	-	-	-	-
NAVUGONA, Mesake	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
NAVACAKLOU, Noa	Fiji	3	-	3	-	6
NAVLOD, Scott	England	4	1	-	-	4
NECHAEV, Viktor	Russia	2	-	-	-	-
NEL, Corne	South Africa	2	-	-	-	-
NELSON, Boycie	NZ Maori	2	2	-	-	8
NEVLIN, Nick	USA	1	-	-	-	-
NEWLOVE, Paul	England, Great Britain	7	5	-	-	20
NEWTON, Clint	USA	4	2	-	-	8
NGAFFIN, Kera	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
NGAMU, Gene	New Zealand, NZ Maori	5	-	4	1	9
NGATIKAURA, Ruatapu	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
NGUTLIK, Jimmy	Papua New Guinea	3	3	-	-	12
NIANIAKAS, Theodoros	Greece	3	-	-	-	-
NICHOLLS, George	England, Great Britain	14	2	-	-	6
NICOLL-KLOKSTAD, Charnze	New Zealand	4	1	-	-	4
NIEBLING, Bryan	Australia	4	1	-	-	4
NIGHTINGALE, James	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
NIGHTINGALE, Jason	New Zealand	4	3	-	-	12
NIKAU, Tawera	New Zealand, NZ Maori	8	1	-	-	4
NIKORA, Briton	New Zealand	5	2	-	-	8
NIKORIMA, Kodi	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	4
NIU, Tesi	Tonga	2	4	-	-	16
NIUKORE, Marata	New Zealand	2	1	-	-	4
NIXON, Mark	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
NOBLE, Ian	South Africa	2	-	-	-	-
NOHRA, Charlie	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
NOILEA, Alipate	Fiji	5	-	1	-	2
NOONAN, Derek	England	2	-	-	-	-
NOOVAO, Meti	Cook Islands	1	1	-	-	4
NOOVAO-McGREAL, Moses	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-

NORMAN, Andrew	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
NORMAN, Dan	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
NORTON, Steve	England	7	1	-	-	3
NUMAPO, Bal	Papua New Guinea	9	2	11	-	30
NU'UAUSALA, Frank-Paul	New Zealand	6	3	-	-	12
OAKES, Will	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
O'CARROLL, Eamon	Ireland	4	-	-	-	-
O'CONNOR, Michael	Australia	9	9	36	-	108
O'CONNOR, Terry	Ireland	4	-	-	-	-
O'DAVIS, Robbie	Australia	3	5	-	-	20
O'DONNELL, Michael	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
OFAHENGAE, Joe	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
OFFERDAHL, Mark	USA	7	1	-	-	4
OFFIAH, Martin	England, Great Britain	11	8	-	-	32
OGDEN, Jacob	Jamaica	3	-	-	-	-
O'HAGAN, Brendan	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
O'HARA, Dane	New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-
O'HARE, Hefin	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
O'KANE, Henry	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
OKESENE, Hitro	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	4
OKUL, John	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
OLAKAU'ATU, Haumole	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
OLAM, Justin	Papua New Guinea	8	5	-	-	20
OLARI, Andrei	Russia	3	-	-	-	-
OLDS, Ollie	Wales	3	1	-	-	4
OLEDZKI, Mikolaj	England	1	-	-	-	-
OLIFF, Laurie	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
O'LOUGHLIN, Sean	England	9	2	-	-	8
O'NEIL, Colin	New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-
O'NEILL, Dennis	Great Britain	2	1	-	-	3
O'NEILL, John	Australia	8	2	-	-	6
ONGUGO, Gigmai	Papua New Guinea	3	1	-	-	4
ORCHARD, Phil	New Zealand	11	5	-	-	15
O'REGAN, Ron	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
O'REILLY, Bob	Australia	7	-	-	-	-
O'REILLY, Tom	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
O'SHEA, Kel	Australia	5	5	-	-	15
O'SHEA, Tim	South Africa	1	-	1	-	2
O'SULLIVAN, John	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
OTOOLE, Joshua	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
OTTIO, Kato	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
PACKER, Russell	New Zealand	4	1	-	-	4
PAEA, Eddie	Tonga	2	1	1	-	6
PAEA, Lopini	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
PAEA, Mickey	Tonga	4	-	-	-	-
PAGE, Luke	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
PAGLIPARI, Kes	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
PAIYO, Elias	Papua New Guinea	5	2	5	-	18
PALANGAT, Liprin	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
PALANQUE, Marc	France	3	-	-	-	-
PALISSES, Roger	France	4	-	-	-	-
PALLARES, Serge	France	1	-	-	-	-
PALUMBO, Ronny	Italy	1	1	-	-	4
PAMBRUN, Jean	France	4	-	-	-	-
PANAPA, Sam	New Zealand, Samoa	5	2	-	-	8
PANDIA, Sebastian	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
PANGAI JUNIOR, Tevita	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
PANIU, Francis	Papua New Guinea	1	-	1	-	2
PAPALI'I, Isaiah	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
PAPALII, Josh	Australia, Samoa	14	2	-	-	8
PARATA, Dean	Italy	6	1	-	-	4
PARCELL, Gary	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
PARENT, Augustin	France	2	-	-	-	-
PARKER, Corey	Australia	5	-	4	-	8
PARRY, Steve	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
PATERSON, Lee	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
PATRICK, Larne	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
PATTON, Mike	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-

PAU, Tyrone	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
PAUL, Henry	New Zealand	8	1	24	1	53
PAUL, Robbie	New Zealand	5	5	-	-	20
PAUL, Robert	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
PAULO, Joseph	Samoa, USA	10	3	8	-	28
PAULO, Junior	USA	1	-	-	-	-
PAULO, Junior	Samoa	10	2	-	-	8
PAY, Dean	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
PEACOCK, Jamie	England	8	7	-	-	28
PEARCE, Kevin	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
PEARCE, Wayne	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
PEARCE-PAUL, Kai	England	1	1	-	-	4
PEARL, John	Australia	8	3	-	-	9
PECH, Jacques	France	1	-	-	-	-
PÉLISSIER, Éloi	France	8	1	-	-	4
PELLERIN, Daniel	France	5	-	-	-	-
PELO, Dimitri	France	2	-	-	-	-
PELTIER, Ross	Jamaica	1	-	-	-	-
PENISINI, Will	Tonga	3	5	-	-	20
PENNY, Lee	Scotland	1	1	-	-	4
PERCIVAL, Mark	England	1	1	-	-	4
PERCY, Rex	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
PERELINI, Apollo	Samoa	2	1	-	-	4
PERENARA, Henry	NZ Maori	2	-	1	-	2
PEREZ, Andre	France	2	-	2	-	4
PERRETT, Mark	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
PERRETT, Sam	New Zealand	4	3	-	-	12
PERRY, Josh	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
PETERS, Keith	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
PETERSEN, Fred	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
PETERSEN, Matt	USA	4	2	-	-	8
PETERSON-ROBATI, Pride	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
PETTYBOURNE, Eddy	USA	7	-	-	-	-
PEWHAIRANGI, Api	Ireland	5	1	-	-	4
PEYROUX, Dominique	Cook Islands	6	2	-	-	8
PHILBIN, Barry	England	1	-	-	-	-
PHILBIN, Joe	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
PHILLIPS, Brett	Scotland	4	1	-	-	4
PHILLIPS, Callum	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
PHILLIPS, Gary	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
PHILLIPS, Rowland	Wales	3	1	-	-	4
PIAKURA, Brendan	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
PIAKURA, Richard	Cook Islands	3	-	3	-	6
PICKERING, Kyle	Italy	1	-	-	-	-
PICKUP, Tim	Australia	4	1	-	-	3
PIDDING, Noel	Australia	3	-	8	-	16
PIEL, John	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
PIERCE, Greg	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
PIGGINS, George	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
PILLON, Marcel	France	2	-	-	-	-
PINKNEY, Nick	England	3	2	-	-	8
PINNER, Harry	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
PITCHFORD, Steve	Great Britain	4	1	-	-	3
PITTARD, Denis	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
PITTMAN, Rea	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
PLANAS, Sebastien	France	1	1	-	-	4
PLANTE, Bernard	France	1	-	-	-	-
PLATT, Andy	England, Great Britain	11	2	-	-	8
PLATT, Michael	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
PLATZ, Lew	Australia	6	2	-	-	6
POCHING, Willie	Samoa	6	-	2	-	4
POLETTI, Louis	France	3	-	-	-	-
POLITONI, Pat	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
POLSELLI, Luke	Italy	3	1	-	-	4
PONGIA, Quentin	New Zealand	9	2	-	-	8
PONS, Cyril	France	10	3	-	-	12
POOLE, Dick	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
PORA, Rodney	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-

PORTER, Jim	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
PORTER, Reuben	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
POSTNIKOV, Vadim	Russia	2	-	-	-	-
POTTER, Ian	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
POUGEAU, Jean-Philippe	France	2	-	-	-	-
POWELL, Daryl	England, Great Britain	9	2	-	-	8
POWELL, Eugene	South Africa	4	-	-	-	-
POWELL, Roy	Great Britain	6	1	-	-	4
PRESCOTT, Alan	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
PRESCOTT, Steve	Ireland	4	1	17	-	38
PRICE, Gary	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
PRICE, Steve	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
PRIESTLEY, Craig	USA	4	1	-	-	4
PRINCE, Scott	Australia	2	2	8	-	24
PRIOR, Kevin	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
PRITCHARD, Frank	New Zealand, Samoa	6	1	-	-	4
PROCTOR, Lyndsay	New Zealand	8	1	-	-	3
PROHM, Gary	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
PROVAN, Norm	Australia	4	1	-	-	3
PRYCE, Leon	England	5	1	-	-	4
PUARA, Wartovo	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
PUECH, Maxime	France	1	-	-	-	-
PULETUA, Frank	Samoa	7	1	-	-	4
PULETUA, Tony	New Zealand, Samoa	7	1	-	-	4
PURCELL, Andrew	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
PURDHAM, Robert	England	2	-	4	-	8
PUTT, Nixon	Papua New Guinea	5	2	-	-	8
QUAGLIO, Aldo	France	3	-	-	-	-
QUAYLE, John	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
QUINNELL, Scott	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
RABOT, Jean-Luc	France	6	-	-	-	-
RADLEY, Victor	England	5	1	-	-	4
RADLINSKI, Kris	England	9	3	-	-	12
RADRADRA, Semi	Fiji	3	1	-	-	4
RAGUIN, Sébastien	France	7	1	-	-	4
RAHME, Jaxson	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
RAHME, Khalil	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
RAIWALUI, Henry	Fiji	8	4	1	-	18
RAJAB, Khaled	Lebanon	3	1	-	-	4
RAKABULA, Seteriki	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
RALPH, Josh	Wales	4	-	-	-	-
RANDALL, Terry	Australia	11	3	-	-	9
RAPANA, Jordan	Cook Islands, New Zealand	9	6	16	-	56
RAPER, Aaron	Australia	1	1	-	-	4
RAPER, John	Australia	6	2	-	-	6
RAPIRA, Sam	New Zealand	4	-	-	-	-
RASMUSSEN, Elton	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
RATCHFORD, Stefan	England	2	1	-	-	4
RATIER, Hugues	France	5	1	-	-	4
RAUDONIKIS, Tom	Australia	9	3	-	-	9
RAUHIHI, Paul	NZ Maori	3	1	-	-	4
REDDY, Rod	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
REDFEARN, David	England, Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
REEKA, David	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
REID, Tom	New Zealand	1	1	-	-	3
REIHANA, Tahī	NZ Maori	3	-	-	-	-
REILLY, Malcolm	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
REMA, Joe	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
REMIREZ, Eric	France	1	-	-	-	-
RENILSON, Charlie	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
RENNIE, Reubenn	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
RENNIE, Vincent	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
RENOUF, Steve	Australia	1	1	-	-	4
REY, Roger	France	3	-	-	-	-
RHODES, Austin	Great Britain	3	2	2	-	10
RHODES, Johnny	Australia	10	2	-	-	6
RHODES, Scott	Scotland	2	1	-	-	4
RIBOT, John	Australia	1	-	-	-	-

RICE, Joshua	USA	3	-	-	-	-
RICHARDS, Maurice	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
RICHARDS, Pat	Ireland	6	3	9	-	30
RICHTER, Makasini	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
RICKETSON, Luke	Ireland	4	1	-	-	4
RIDDELL, Jim	New Zealand	2	1	-	-	3
RIDGE, Matthew	New Zealand	6	2	23	1	55
RIETHMULLER, Joel	Italy	6	-	-	-	-
RINALDI, Francois	France	4	-	-	-	-
RINALDI, Julien	France	4	-	1	-	2
RISMAN, Bev	Great Britain	3	-	10	-	20
RIVES, André	France	3	-	-	-	-
ROACH, Steve	Australia	8	2	-	-	8
ROBARTS, Freddie	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
ROBERTS, Ben	Samoa	10	4	7	-	30
ROBERTS, Ian	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
ROBERTS, Keith	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
ROBERTS, Oliver	Ireland	3	2	-	-	8
ROBERTSON, Michael	Scotland	3	1	-	-	4
ROBINSON, Chaise	Greece	2	-	-	-	-
ROBINSON, Don	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
ROBINSON, Jason	England	4	3	-	-	12
ROBINSON, Radean	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
ROBINSON, Reece	Lebanon	4	2	-	-	8
ROBINSON, Travis	Lebanon	3	2	-	-	8
ROBY, James	England	12	1	-	-	4
ROCCI, Patrick	France	1	-	-	-	-
RODRIGUEZ, Guy	France	3	-	-	-	-
RODRIGUEZ, Sebastian	France	1	-	-	-	-
ROETS, Christiaan	Wales	3	4	-	-	16
ROGERS, Darren	England	3	2	-	-	8
ROGERS, Mat	Australia	4	4	27	-	70
ROGERS, Steve	Australia	3	2	-	-	6
ROMANO, Arthur	France	3	1	-	-	4
ROMANO, Franck	France	1	-	-	-	-
ROMANOV, Maxim	Russia	3	-	-	-	-
ROMBUK, Thomas	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
ROOSEBROUCK, Joel	France	3	1	-	-	3
ROP, Isaac	Papua New Guinea	1	1	-	-	4
ROPATI, Jerome	New Zealand	5	4	-	-	16
ROPATI, Joe	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	4
ROPATI, Tangi	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
ROPATI, Tea	New Zealand, Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
ROQICA, Junior	Fiji	9	1	-	-	4
ROSE, David	Great Britain	4	4	-	-	12
ROUCH, Mickaël	France	2	-	-	-	-
ROUGÉ, César	France	1	-	-	-	-
ROUMANOS, James	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
ROUQUEIROL, Jean	France	1	-	-	-	-
ROUSGLOU, Ioannis	Greece	1	-	-	-	-
ROWE, Peter	Wales	4	-	-	-	-
ROWLEY, Paul	England	3	2	-	-	8
RUA, Matt	New Zealand	5	1	-	-	4
RUAPORO, Raymond	Cook Islands	1	-	-	-	-
RUBIN, Ian	Russia	3	-	-	-	-
RUIZ, Andre	France	12	2	-	-	6
RUIZ, Jean	France	1	-	-	-	-
RULLIS, Joel	Russia	3	1	-	-	4
RUSH, Kieran	Jamaica	3	-	3	-	6
RUSHTON, Alan	New Zealand	3	1	-	-	3
RUSHTON, Harry	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
RUSSELL, Daniel	Papua New Guinea	4	2	-	-	8
RUSSELL, Danny	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
RUSSELL, Matthew	Scotland	10	4	-	-	16
RUTGERSON, Sean	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
SA, Setaimata	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
SAAB, Chris	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
SABATIE, Christian	France	7	-	-	-	-
SADAQUI, Teddy	France	3	-	-	-	-

SADRAU, Osea	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
SADRUGU, Taniela	Fiji	4	2	-	-	8
SAEA, Kepi	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
SAIFITI, Jacob	Fiji	5	-	-	-	-
SAIGATU, Ian	Fiji	3	1	-	-	4
SAILOR, Wendell	Australia	5	10	-	-	40
SAIT, Paul	Australia	9	2	-	-	6
SALEH, Hassan	Lebanon	3	3	-	-	12
SALEH, Nadol	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
SALEM, Chris	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
SALUSALU, Kaiava	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
SALVATORI, Craig	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
SAMAU, Smith	Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
SAMOA, Tui	USA	7	2	-	-	8
SAMPSON, Dean	England	3	1	-	-	4
SAMUEL, Anthony	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
SANDS, Jason	France	4	-	-	-	-
SANGARÉ, Justin	France	3	-	-	-	-
SANTI, Brenden	Italy	9	-	-	-	-
SAO, Ligi	Samoa	5	1	-	-	4
SARGENT, Mark	Australia	4	1	-	-	4
SA'U, Junior	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
SAUMITOU, Jean-Bernard	France	1	-	-	-	-
SAURET, Jean-Pierre	France	7	-	-	-	-
SAVE, Armand	France	2	-	-	-	-
SCHNEIDER, Kyle	Scotland	3	-	1	-	2
SCHOFIELD, Don	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
SCHOFIELD, Garry	Great Britain	12	9	-	2	38
SCHUBERT, Ian	Australia	4	7	-	-	21
SCHULTZ, Paul	New Zealand	3	3	-	-	9
SCHUSTER, John	Samoa	2	-	11	-	22
SCICCHITANO, Christian	France	1	-	-	-	-
SCOTT, David	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
SCOTT, Matthew	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
SCULTHORPE, Paul	England	1	-	-	-	-
SEAMARK, Matt	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
SEGEYARO, James	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
SÉGUIER, Paul	France	3	-	-	-	-
SELL, Sebastian	Greece	3	-	-	-	-
SELJUNI, Nafe	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
SEMRANI, Anthony	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
SENIOR, Innes	Ireland	3	1	-	-	4
SENIOR, Keith	England	8	1	-	-	4
SENIOR, Louis	Ireland	3	6	-	-	24
SERFONTEIN, Nico	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
SERRANO, Victor	France	6	-	5	-	10
SERU, Fili	Fiji	3	2	-	-	8
SETU, Lagi	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
SEUSEU, Jerry	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
SEUSEU, Terence	Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
SEVE-DERBAS, Jaleel	Lebanon	1	-	-	-	-
SHAW, Brian	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
SHAW, Darren	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
SHAW, John	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
SHEARER, Dale	Australia	7	8	-	-	36
SHELFORD, Adrian	New Zealand	4	1	-	-	4
SHELFORD, Kelly	New Zealand	4	2	4	-	16
SHEPHERD, Sonny	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
SHERIDAN, Ryan	Ireland	4	2	-	-	8
SHERLOCK, Kurt	New Zealand	2	-	3	-	6
SHIPWAY, Matt	USA	6	1	-	-	4
SHOEBOTTOM, Mick	Great Britain	6	1	-	-	3
SIMBIKEN, Jeremiah	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
SIMMONS, Royce	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
SIMMS, Eric	Australia	8	1	37	5	87
SIMON, Mickaël	France	4	-	-	-	-
SIMPSON, Andrew	Jamaica	1	-	-	-	-
SIMS, Ashton	Fiji	14	-	-	-	-
SIMS, Korbin	Fiji	6	2	-	-	8

SIMS, Tariq	Fiji	5	1	-	-	4
SINEL, Ray	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
SINEMAU, Korul	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
SINFIELD, Kevin	England	11	3	23	-	58
SINGLETON, Brad	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
SIO, Michael	Samoa	3	-	-	-	-
SIRONEN, Paul	Australia	8	-	-	-	-
SIRVENT, Claude	France	4	3	-	-	12
SIVO, Maika	Fiji	4	4	-	-	16
SKELTON, Sean	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
SKERRETT, Kelvin	Great Britain, Wales	8	-	-	-	-
SLAIN, Nico	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
SLATER, Billy	Australia	13	16	-	-	64
SMITH, Alan	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
SMITH, Billy	Australia	8	3	-	3	15
SMITH, Brandon	New Zealand	5	2	-	-	8
SMITH, Cameron	Australia	17	1	29	-	62
SMITH, Chris	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
SMITH, Craig	New Zealand	6	1	-	-	4
SMITH, Garry	New Zealand	6	2	-	-	6
SMITH, Jason	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
SMITH, Jeremy	NZ Maori	1	-	-	-	-
SMITH, Jeremy	New Zealand	5	1	4	-	12
SMITH, John	New Zealand	6	3	-	-	9
SMITH, Lee	England	2	3	-	-	12
SMITH, Peter	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
SMITH, Sam	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
SMITH, Stephen	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
SMITH, Tony	England	8	5	-	-	20
SMITH, Tyran	NZ Maori	3	-	-	-	-
SNEYD, Marc	England	2	1	20	-	44
SNOWDEN, Kade	Italy	2	-	-	-	-
SOGA, Opoe	Papua New Guinea	2	1	-	-	4
SOKOLOV, Petr	Russia	2	-	-	-	-
SOLBAT, Lucas	Papua New Guinea	3	1	-	-	4
SOLIOLA, Iosia	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
SOLOAI, Les	USA	3	-	-	-	-
SOLOMONA, David	Samoa	6	3	-	-	12
SOLOMONA, Se'e	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
SONGORO, Alfred	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
SOPOAGA, Tupou	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
SORENSEN, Dane	New Zealand	8	-	11	-	22
SORENSEN, Kurt	New Zealand	12	1	-	-	4
SORENSEN, Scott	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
SORENSEN, William	New Zealand	7	1	10	-	23
SORT, Romain	France	3	-	-	-	-
SOUTHERN, Paul	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
SOVATABUA, Waisale	Fiji	6	3	-	-	12
SPRINGER, Gadwin	France	2	-	-	-	-
SPRUCE, Stuart	England	2	-	-	-	-
STACUL, Cyril	France	1	-	-	-	-
STANTON, Jason	Lebanon	2	-	-	-	-
STARLING, Geoff	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
STEADMAN, Graham	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
STEEL, Jon	Scotland	2	2	-	-	8
STEIN, Lachlan	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
STEPHENSON, David	Great Britain	6	1	7	-	18
STEPHENSON, Francis	England	2	1	-	-	4
STEPHENSON, Mike	Great Britain	4	3	-	-	9
STERLING, Paul	Wales	4	1	-	-	4
STERLING, Peter	Australia	4	1	-	-	4
STEVENS, Gary	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
STEVENS, Jason	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
STEVENSON, Jeffrey	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	3
STEWART, Glenn	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
STEWART, Sam	New Zealand	7	-	-	-	-
STIRLING, Ken	New Zealand	7	2	-	-	6
STORER, James	Fiji	9	-	-	-	-
STORER, Yves	France	5	-	-	-	-

STRINGER, Mitch	Scotland	3	-	-	-	-
STRUDWICK, Ross	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
STUART, Brent	New Zealand	1	1	-	-	4
STUART, Ricky	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
SUA, Jaydn	Samoa	6	1	-	-	4
SUAALI'I, Joseph	Samoa	6	-	-	-	-
SUE, Sauaso	Samoa	4	1	-	-	4
SUE-TIN, Liam	Greece	1	-	-	-	-
SUKANAVEITA, Waisale	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
SUKKAR, Elias	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
SULLI, Moses	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
SULLIVAN, Anthony	Great Britain, Wales	9	5	-	-	20
SULLIVAN, Clive	Great Britain, Wales	11	9	-	-	27
SULLIVAN, Gary	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
SULLIVAN, Mick	Great Britain	10	5	-	-	15
SUSINO, Alec	Italy	2	-	-	-	-
SWAIN, Richard	New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-
SWANN, Anthony	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
SWANN, Logan	New Zealand	4	2	-	-	8
SWANN, Willie	Samoa	6	2	-	1	9
SVKES, Paul	England	1	-	-	-	-
SZOSTAK, Alex	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
TA'A'I, Ukuma	Tonga	4	-	-	-	-
TABUAI-FIDOW, Hamiso	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
TADULALA, Semi	Fiji	6	2	-	-	8
TAGA, Saveneca	Fiji	3	1	3	-	10
TAGALOA, Lelauloto	USA	2	-	-	-	-
TAGATAESE, Sam	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
TAGITUIMUA, Penioni	Fiji	4	2	-	-	8
TAGO, Izack	Samoa	1	1	-	-	4
TAI, Rodrick	Papua New Guinea	4	2	-	-	8
TAIA, Zeb	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
TAIT, Alan	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	4
TAIT, Roger	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
TAKAIRANGI, Brad	Cook Islands, New Zealand	10	2	-	-	8
TAKAYAWA, Amani	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
TALAKAI, Siosifa	Tonga	2	-	1	-	2
TALANDA, Fetuli	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
TALAPEAU, Albert	Samoa	1	-	-	-	-
TALAU, Willie	New Zealand, Samoa	7	6	-	-	24
TALI, Jason	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
TALIPEAU, Albert	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
TALLEC, Gael	France	5	1	-	-	4
TALLIS, Gorden	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
TALLON, Liam	Ireland	1	-	-	-	-
TAMANI, Joe	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
TAMATI, Howie	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
TAMATI, Kevin	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
TAMER, Kandy	Lebanon	3	-	-	-	-
TAMOU, James	Australia	6	1	-	-	4
TANABI, Sherwin	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
TANDY, Ryan	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
TANGATA, Adam	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
TANI, Kini	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
TANNOUS, Michael	Lebanon	3	1	-	-	4
TAPINE, Joseph	New Zealand	8	1	-	-	4
TARPO, Chris	Cook Islands	2	3	6	-	24
TASIPALE, Charbel	Lebanon	4	2	-	-	8
TASSELL, Kris	Wales	4	4	-	-	16
TATANA, Henry	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
TATE, Brent	Australia	7	2	-	-	8
TATOLA, Tevita	Tonga	3	-	-	-	-
TATUPU, Tony	Samoa	6	2	-	-	8
TAUF'AAO, Joel	Tonga	1	-	2	-	4
TAUFUA, Jorge	Tonga	3	1	-	-	4
TAUFUA, Mark	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
TAUFUA, Una	Tonga	2	2	-	-	8
TAUKAMO, Siteni	Greece	3	2	-	-	8
TAUKEIAHO, Sio Siva	Tonga	7	1	16	-	36

TAULAGI, Murray	Australia	2	2	-	-	8
TAULAPAPA, Misi	Samoa	2	2	-	-	8
TAUMAKU, Arebo	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
TAUMALOLO, Jason	Tonga	9	4	-	-	16
TAUPAU, Martin	New Zealand, Samoa	9	-	-	-	-
TAYLOR, Elijah	New Zealand	7	2	-	-	8
TAYLOR, Jared	France	3	1	-	-	4
TAYLOR, Scott	England	1	-	-	-	-
TE MATA, Karl	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
TE RANGI, Hare	NZ Maori	2	1	-	-	4
TEANBY, Jack	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
TEDESCO, James	Australia, Italy	12	8	-	-	32
TEISSEIRE, Claude	France	3	-	-	-	-
TEIXIDO, Frederic	France	6	-	-	-	-
TELA, Robert	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
TEMU, Jason	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
TENZA, Wesser	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
TE'O, Ben	Samoa	1	2	-	-	8
TEP, Joe	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
TEREPO, Peni	Tonga	5	3	-	-	12
TEROI, Aaron	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
TERRATS, Rene	France	10	1	-	-	3
TETEH, Thompson	Papua New Guinea	1	-	-	-	-
TETEVARO, Zane	Cook Islands	5	-	-	-	-
TEVAGA, Jazz	Samoa	4	1	-	-	4
THAIDAY, Sam	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
THENEGAL, Charles	France	3	-	-	-	-
THOMAS, Mark	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
THOMAS, Oscar	Scotland	2	1	-	-	4
THOMPSON, Jimmy	England, Great Britain	9	-	-	-	-
THOMPSON, Luke	England	3	1	-	-	4
THOMPSON, Marvin	Jamaica	1	-	-	-	-
THOMPSON, Ray	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
THORLEY, John	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
THORNETT, Dick	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
THURSTON, Johnathan	Australia	9	5	52	-	124
TIERNEY, Lewis	Scotland	3	1	-	-	4
TIRI, Max	Papua New Guinea	7	-	-	-	-
TISSEYRE, Marc	France	3	-	2	-	4
TITEUX, Serge	France	4	-	-	-	-
TOA, Tiri	Cook Islands	1	1	-	-	4
TOAL, Shane	Scotland	1	-	-	-	-
TOCHTERMAN-TALBOTT, Sam	USA	2	-	-	-	-
TODD, Brent	New Zealand	10	-	-	-	-
TOGA, Illiesa	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
TOKAREI, Farasiko	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
TOLOI, Tevita	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
TOMKINS, Sam	England	9	-	-	-	-
TOMLINSON, Keenen	Jamaica	3	-	-	-	-
TONGA, Esikeli	Tonga	2	1	-	-	4
TONGA, Taukolo	Tonga	1	-	-	-	-
TONGIA, Tangia	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
TONUMAIPEA, Young	Samoa	4	1	-	-	4
TO'O, Brian	Samoa	6	5	-	-	20
TOOPI, Clinton	NZ Maori	3	2	-	-	8
TOOVEY, Geoff	Australia	5	-	-	-	-
TORA, Semisi	Fiji	4	1	-	-	4
TORREILLES, Patrick	France	4	1	4	-	12
TOUJAS, Roger	France	3	-	-	-	-
TOUMA, Travis	Lebanon	3	1	-	-	4
TRACEY, Brian	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
TRAMONTANA, Joey	Italy	6	2	-	-	8
TRAMONTE, Ryan	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
TRANIER, Francis	France	4	-	-	-	-
TRBOJEVIC, Jake	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
TRBOJEVIC, Tom	Australia	2	1	-	-	4
TREASURE, David	Wales	4	1	-	-	3
TREMOUILLE, Jean-Pierre	France	4	-	-	-	-

TUAKURA, George	Cook Islands	3	-	-	-	-
TUIABAYABA, Kalaveti	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
TUIGAMALA, Va'aiga	Samoa	2	2	-	-	8
TUILAGI, Kelma	Samoa	4	-	-	-	-
TUIMAVAVE, Evarn	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
TUIMAVAVE, Paddy	New Zealand, Samoa	3	1	-	-	4
TUIMAVAVE, Tony	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
TUIVASA-SHECK, Roger	New Zealand	10	11	-	-	44
TULIATU, Robert	Greece	2	-	-	-	-
TUNKS, Peter	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
TUPOU, Anthony	Australia	5	1	-	-	4
TUPOU, Daniel	Tonga	12	8	-	-	32
TUQIRI, Lote	Fiji	3	4	5	-	26
TURNER, Derek	Great Britain	5	-	-	-	-
TURNER, George	New Zealand	5	2	-	-	6
TURNER, Glyn	Wales	4	-	-	-	-
TURNER, Ron	Australia	3	1	-	-	3
TURUVA, Sunia	Fiji	4	1	-	-	4
TUUTA, Brendon	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
TWAL, Alex	Lebanon	4	-	-	-	-
UAISELE, Etuate	Tonga	3	2	-	-	8
UASI, Kim	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
UATE, Akuila	Fiji	13	9	-	-	36
ULBERG, Paul	Cook Islands	3	1	-	-	4
ULCH, David	USA	2	-	-	-	-
UNAGI, John	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
URADOK, Jack	Papua New Guinea	3	2	-	-	8
UTAI, Matt	Samoa	3	2	-	-	8
VACCARI, Frédéric	France	3	-	-	-	-
VADON, Andre	France	1	-	-	-	-
VAEALIKI, David	New Zealand	1	2	-	-	8
VAGANA, Joe	New Zealand, Samoa	8	-	-	-	-
VAGANA, Nigel	New Zealand, Samoa	7	5	-	-	20
VAIKONA, Tevita	Tonga	5	4	-	-	16
VAINIKOLO, Lesley	New Zealand	5	9	-	-	36
VAIVAL, Junior	USA	3	1	-	-	4
VAKACEREIVALU, Joseph	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
VAKARARAWA, Niko	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
VAKATAWA, Etuate	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
VALELALA, Samu	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
VALEMEI, Semi	Fiji	4	1	-	-	4
VALENTINE, Dave	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
VALERO, Thierry	France	7	-	-	-	-
VAN DEVENTER, Kobus	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
VAN NIEKERK, Jaco	South Africa	2	-	-	-	-
VAN WYKE, Pierre	South Africa	5	-	4	-	8
VATUBUA, Jioji	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
VATUBUA, Waisale	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
VATUVEI, Manu	New Zealand, Tonga	10	8	-	-	32
VAUGHAN, Paul	Italy	6	1	-	-	4
VAUTIN, Paul	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
VAVE, Siosaia	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
VEIKOSO, Jimmy	Tonga	2	1	-	-	4
VEIVERS, Greg	Australia	6	1	-	-	3
VELLA, Michael	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
VERDES, Daniel	France	7	1	-	-	4
VERDIÉ, Gilbert	France	3	-	-	-	-
VIDOT, Daniel	Samoa	4	1	-	-	4
VIGOUROUX, Guy	France	1	-	-	-	-
VILONI, Yves	France	2	-	-	-	-
VISCAY, Robert	France	1	-	-	-	-
VISSER, Jaco	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
VONMATEIRATU, Ilisoni	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
VORON, Maurice	France	3	-	-	-	-
VOWLES, Adrian	Scotland	3	1	-	-	4
VRAHNOS, Adam	Greece	2	-	-	-	-
VULIKIJAPANI, Mitieli	Fiji	1	-	-	-	-
VUNA, Cooper	Tonga	3	3	-	-	12

VUNAKECE, Eloni	Fiji	10	2	-	-	8
VUNIVALU, Atunasia	Fiji	3	3	1	-	14
VUNIVALU, Suliasi	Fiji	5	9	1	-	38
VUNIYAYAWA, King	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
VUNIYAYAWA, Peceli	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
WABO, Charlie	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
WADDELL, Hugh	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
WAEREA-HARGREAVES, Jared	New Zealand	10	-	-	-	-
WAGAMBIE, Richard	Papua New Guinea	5	-	-	-	-
WAINE, Emmanuel	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
WAINE, Goie	Papua New Guinea	1	1	-	-	4
WAINIDROA, Ulaiasi	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
WAKEHAM, Brandon	Fiji	4	-	15	-	30
WAKEMAN, Shannon	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
WAKETSU, Bernard	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
WALKER, Adam	Scotland	4	-	-	-	-
WALKER, Alex	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
WALKER, Ant	Wales	5	1	-	-	4
WALKER, Chev	England	5	2	-	-	8
WALKER, Jayden	Italy	3	-	-	-	-
WALKER, Jonathan	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
WALKER, Rodney	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
WALLACE, AJ	Jamaica	3	-	-	-	-
WALLACE, Dick	Wales	1	-	-	-	-
WALLACE, Peter	Scotland	4	-	-	-	-
WALLACE, Wayne	New Zealand	6	2	-	-	8
WALMSLEY, Alex	England	5	1	-	-	4
WALMSLEY, Lachlan	Scotland	3	2	-	-	8
WALSH, John	England, Great Britain	7	-	-	-	-
WALTERS, Elwyn	Australia	8	1	-	-	3
WALTERS, Kerrod	Australia	3	-	-	-	-
WALTERS, Kevin	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
WALTERS, Steve	Australia	4	1	-	-	4
WANBON, Robert	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
WANE, Shaun	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
WANEGA, Ivisa	Papua New Guinea	6	-	5	-	10
WAQA, Sisi	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
WARD, David	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
WARD, Dennis	Australia	4	1	-	-	3
WARD, Kevin	Great Britain	6	-	-	-	-
WARLOW, John	Great Britain	2	-	-	-	-
WATENE, Adam	Cook Islands	2	-	-	-	-
WATENE-ZELEZNIAK, Dallin	New Zealand	4	5	2	-	24
WATKINS, David	Wales	8	-	26	-	52
WATKINS, Kallum	England	14	7	-	-	28
WATKINSON, David	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
WATMOUGH, Anthony	Australia	2	-	-	-	-
WATSON, Alex	Australia	5	3	-	-	9
WATSON, Cliff	Great Britain	7	1	-	-	3
WATSON, Dave	New Zealand	4	5	-	-	20
WATSON, Ian	Wales	3	1	-	-	4
WATTS, Basil	Great Britain	4	-	-	-	-
WATTS, Gideon	South Africa	3	1	-	-	4
WAWAVANUA, Peceli	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
WEBB, Jaco	South Africa	1	-	-	-	-
WEBCKE, Shane	Australia	6	1	-	-	4
WEBSTER, Ian	Wales	2	-	-	-	-
WEHBE, Jason	Lebanon	4	1	-	-	4
WELCH, Taylor	USA	3	1	-	-	4
WELLENS, Paul	England	9	2	-	-	8
WELLS, Harry	Australia	8	5	-	-	15
WELSBY, Jack	England	5	1	-	-	4
WESELE, Jone	Fiji	2	-	-	-	-
WEST, Graeme	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
WESTLEY, David	Papua New Guinea	2	-	-	-	-
WESTWOOD, Ben	England	7	1	-	-	4
WHARE, Dean	New Zealand	8	3	-	-	12

WHATUIRA, Paul	NZ Maori	1	-	-	-	-
WHITE, Brett	Ireland	3	-	-	-	-
WHITE, Lloyd	Wales	3	1	5	-	14
WHITEHEAD, Elliott	England	9	4	-	-	16
WHITELEY, John	Great Britain	3	-	-	-	-
WHITTAKER, John	New Zealand	11	4	-	-	12
WHITTLE, Dave	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
WIDDOP, Gareth	England	9	2	17	1	43
WIGGS, Ernie	New Zealand	3	-	12	-	24
WIGHTON, Jack	Australia	5	2	-	-	8
WIKI, Ruben	New Zealand	9	3	-	-	12
WILIAME, Brayden	Fiji	4	1	-	-	4
WILKES, Oliver	Scotland	7	2	-	-	8
WILKIE, Colin	Italy	1	-	-	-	-
WILKIN, Jon	England	3	-	-	-	-
WILKINSON, Brandan	Scotland	2	-	-	-	-
WILKINSON, Jack	Great Britain	3	1	-	-	3
WILLIAMS, Danny	Ireland	4	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMS, Darrell	New Zealand	9	4	-	-	16
WILLIAMS, David	Australia	2	4	-	-	16
WILLIAMS, Dennis	New Zealand	14	3	-	-	9
WILLIAMS, George	England	7	3	-	-	12
WILLIAMS, Gerald	South Africa	3	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMS, Jason	New Zealand	2	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMS, Rhys	Wales	8	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMS, Sonny Bill	New Zealand	5	3	-	-	12
WILLIAMS, Tony	Tonga	3	1	10	-	24
WILLIAMSON, Lionel	Australia	6	5	-	-	15
WILLICOMBE, David	Wales	6	2	-	-	6
WILSHERE, John	Papua New Guinea	7	2	16	-	40
WILSON, Frank	Wales	7	1	-	-	3
WILSON, John	France	3	2	-	-	8
WILSON, John	New Zealand	2	-	3	-	6
WINTERSTEIN, Antonio	Samoa	4	5	1	-	22
WINTERSTEIN, Frank	Samoa	2	-	-	-	-
WISHART, Rod	Australia	5	3	2	-	16
WITHERS, Michael	Ireland	4	4	-	-	16
WITTENBERG, John	Australia	4	-	-	-	-
WOLFGRAMM, Greg	Tonga	2	-	-	-	-
WOLFGRAMM, Willie	Tonga	4	3	-	-	12
WONG, Joshua	Fiji	4	-	-	-	-
WOODBURN-HALL, James	Jamaica	3	-	1	-	2
WOODS, Aaron	Australia	6	-	-	-	-
WOODS, John	Great Britain	1	-	-	-	-
WOODS, Mark	New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-
WOOLLARD, Gary	New Zealand	3	-	-	-	-
WOSNIAK, Patrick	France	1	-	-	-	-
WRIGHT, David	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
WRIGHT, Matthew	Samoa	2	1	1	-	6
WRIGHT, Owen	New Zealand	4	-	-	-	-
WRIGHT, Stuart	England, Great Britain	5	4	-	-	12
WULF, Vincent	France	4	-	-	-	-
WYNN, Peter	Australia	1	-	-	-	-
WYNN, James	France	2	-	-	-	-
YAHA, Fouad	France	5	1	-	-	4
YASA, Malakai	Fiji	3	-	-	-	-
YATES, John	New Zealand	5	-	-	-	-
YEI, McKenzie	Papua New Guinea	3	-	-	-	-
YEO, Isaah	Australia	5	2	-	-	8
YER, Nande	Papua New Guinea	4	-	-	-	-
YERE, Menzie	Papua New Guinea	4	1	-	-	4
YOUNG, Alex	Jamaica	2	-	-	-	-
YOUNG, David	Wales	3	-	-	-	-
YOUNG, Dominic	England	5	9	-	-	36
ZALDUENDO, Charles	France	7	-	-	-	-
ZAMPETIDES, Mitchell	Greece	2	-	-	-	-

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP 2021 - WOMEN'S

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WEEK 1

GROUP A: ENGLAND 72 BRAZIL 4

England have kicked off their World Cup campaign in style with a 72-4 win against debutants Brazil in Leeds.

They ran in fourteen tries in the one-sided affair. Amy Hardcastle and Courtney Winfield-Hill got hat-tricks while Tara Stanley got a double alongside kicking eight goals in the game but the moment of the game went to Natalia Momberg who got their first ever points. England started their World Cup opener with a fervor. The hosts were across the line in the first 60 seconds with Caitlin Beevers diving over on her home ground to make it 4-0. They went back to the right side for their second four-pointer. This time, it went to Tara Stanley who dummied past her defender and gave the crowd at Headingley the perfect start to the contest. The game had it's sloppy moments in the opening stages, but England once again clicked into gear with Courtney Winfield-Hill sliced through the Brazilian defence and beat the defender to the corner for 12-0. Brazil showed at points in the first half, they can trouble the English defence. They created a gap twice on the right side but Amanda Welter was taken over the sideline then another was held up over the line. Once again, Winfield-Hill was central to the point-scoring. She brushes through the defence again, again strolled to the try-line and brought it closer for Tara Stanley to convert her first of the afternoon. England finished the half with a flourish. Grace Field, Amy Hardcastle and Tara Stanley all crossed to give them a 34-0 advantage. Stanley showed off some slick footwork to pick up her second. Coming out of the break, England picked up where they left off. Francesca Goldthorp picked up the scraps to make it 40-0 then Hardcastle was the third England player to score a double with a clean run to the line. Brazil got their moment in the second half to score their first points. Patricia Oliveria showed some good slight of hand for an offload which sent Natalia Momberg in for the score at 44-4. That was a brief respite in the England point-scoring fest! Hooker Tara Jones scooted over from close range and winger Leah Bourke got her first four-pointer in England colours to add to the scoreline. There were hat-tricks for both Hardcastle and Winfield-Hill as England passed 60 points. Hardcastle just pushed through the line and scored then Winfield-Hill followed up well for her trifeacta. England finished the game in style, Olivia Wood was another who got her first four-pointer for her national side when she sliced through the defence and Stanley kicked her eighth conversion for 72-4. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

ENGLAND (W) 72 (A. Hardcastle 3, C. Winfield-Hill 3, T. Stanley 2, C. Beevers, L. Burke, G. Field, F. Goldthorp, T. Jones, L. Wood tries; T. Stanley 8 goals) **DEFEATED BRAZIL (W) 4** (N. Momberg try) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Tue, 1st November. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England (W) 34-0. Penalties: England (W) 4-2. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 8,621. **ENGLAND (W)**: Goldthorp, Beevers, Stanley, Hardcastle, Burke, Roche, Winfield-Hill; Hoyle, Jones, Wood, Molyneux, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Field, Dodd, Whitfield, Harris. **BRAZIL (W)**: Momberg, Fernandes, Medeiros, Felix, Santini; Moura, Graf; Amaral, Bodeman, Barros, Oliveira, Welter, Leal. Int: Casemiro, Barth, Prioste, Loschi de Quadros.

GROUP A: PAPUA NEW GUINEA 34 CANADA 12

The Papua New Guinea Orchids have started the Women's Rugby League World Cup in superb fashion with a dominant 34-12 victory over the Canada Ravens at Headingley Stadium in Leeds.

It was a tough opening twenty minutes where both sides tried to gain the ascendancy. As the Orchids continued to camp down the Ravens' end, the pressure eventually took its toll. An effective blind-side raid saw the Orchids take the Ravens' edge to pieces and it was Shellie Long who reaped the benefit of finishing off a tremendous blind-side attack. Canada had some quality ball of their own and made Papua New Guinea pay for some poor clean-up work on the half-hour mark. A clever grubber kick wasn't recovered by the Orchids and Petra Woods was on the spot to touch down for Canada, with Dani Frananda converting to give her side a 6-4 lead. The Orchids recovered to take the lead just before the half-time break when fullback Martha Molowia ran over the top of several Canadian defenders and managed to stay in the field of play to cross and give Papua New Guinea a slender 2-point cushion at the half. The second half began in spectacular fashion as the Orchids carried on their strong first-half finish into the second stanza. Molowia was causing all sorts of problems and it was her speed that saw her break down the left-hand side, she had way too much pace for the Canadian fullback to touch down for her second try. Papua New Guinea continued their scoring raid five minutes later when Ua Ravu caught the Ravens' defence asleep out of dummy half and the Orchids were running away with this game. Conceding three quick tries, the Canadians had to be next to score, and just before the hour mark, they were able to hit back when Megan Pakulis took a quick tap and ran through some sloppy Orchids defence and it was game on with twenty minutes to play. Inside the last twenty minutes, Papua New Guinea was able to cross for three quick tries to seal a 22-point victory. First, Essay Banu crashed over from short range when she was able to beat some fatigued Canadian defenders to extend the margin to eight points. Thirteen minutes later, the Orchids were able to expose the Ravens right-edge defence and created the numbers which saw Belinda Gwasamun crash over the top of Pakulis to seal victory for the Orchids. Two minutes later, Anika Butler rubbed salt into the Canadian wound when she raced down the sideline and outpaced the fullback to secure a first-up victory for Papua New Guinea. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W) 34 (M. Molowia 2, E. Banu, A. Butler, B. Gwasamun, S. Long, U. Ravu tries; E. Veivers 2, L. Malabag goals) **DEFEATED CANADA (W) 12** (M. Pakulis, P. Woods tries; D. Frananda 2 goals) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Tue, 1st November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Papua New Guinea (W) 8-6. Penalties: Canada (W) 7-3. Referee: Geoffrey Poumes. Crowd: 8,621. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W)**: Molowia, Butler, Gwasamun, Long, Alu; Koroi, Malabag; Albert, Aiton, Kaupa, Veivers, Banu, Ravu. Int: Reeves, Awoi, John, Kunjil. **CANADA (W)**: Gauto, Frananda, Woods, Sandboe, Mueller; Mariu, McDaid; Sargent, Fittes, Steele, Hindley, Aberg, Pakulis. Int: Tam, Maguire, Menin, Okonkwo.

GROUP B: NEW ZEALAND 46 FRANCE 0

The New Zealand Kiwi Ferns were at their dominant best securing a 46-0 victory over a gallant France side at LNER Community Stadium in York this morning.

After a sluggish start which saw both sides shake off the cobwebs, it was the Kiwi Ferns that were able to settle quickest. It was an incredibly resilient opening 20 minutes by the French side which saw them repel the Kiwi Ferns several times. But, once the offloads started happening inside the red zone, there was little the French could do. A clever shift to the left-hand side saw the Kiwi Ferns open the French defence and it was Maddison Bartlett who crossed for the opening try after 23 minutes of play. It appeared that try shrugged off any rust that the Kiwi Ferns had brought with them to York this morning, and from there the floodgates were opening at a rapid pace. Five minutes later, a clever grubber kick from Dally M women's player of the year Raecene McGregor was expertly raked in by Apii Nicholls and the signs were ominous for the French side. Just four minutes after that effort, Amber Hall crossed off another gem of a pass from McGregor to put it down right under the posts and assert their dominance in this contest. Despite the weight of possession against them in the final 15 minutes of the first half, France continued to hang in the contest. But, the French side missed a whopping 46 tackles and some of those misses proved to be extremely costly for the side appearing in just their second-ever World Cup. On the stroke of half-time, another clever blind-side raid saw Nita Maynard link up with her other half in Autumn Stephens-Daly who put Roxy Murdoch-Masila into a yawning gap to cross for the Kiwi Ferns. This made the score-line 20-0 at half-time. The second stanza began just how the first ended for the French, unfortunately behind the try-line. The spine of Maynard, McGregor and Nicholls combined brilliantly down the right edge. It was then a simple draw and pass from the centre Shanice Parker to send winger Katelyn Vaha'akolo racing across the line down the right edge and the match had real potential to get away from the French in a big way. Eight minutes later, a cross kick from McGregor found her sister Page McGregor on the full and she was able to outmuscle her opposing centre to crash over and extend the margin out to 30 points. Six minutes later, Vaha'akolo crossed for her second in identical fashion to her first as McGregor, Nicholls and Parker all combined to put the winger over for her second try of the second stanza of footy. Some brief resistance from France stopped the score-line advancing any further until the final few minutes of play. They went close to scoring just at the hour mark, but referee Ben Thaler ruled that the French player was held-up. The final five minutes saw the Kiwi Ferns cross for two outstanding tries. Murdoch-Masila crossed for her second try before Parker stole the show racing 95 metres to score a scintillating individual effort to make the score 46-0. This match showed how far the women's game has advanced in France, with coach Vincent Baloup calling it "the best game a French women's team ever played". While Kiwi Ferns coach Ricky Henry was full of praise for the French side in his post-match assessment "Bit of a slow start for us, but give credit to the French team who came out and put it on us." **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NEW ZEALAND (W) 46 (R. Murdoch-Masila 2, K. Vaha'akolo 2, M. Bartlett, P. McGregor, A. Nicholls, A. Paris-Hall, S. Parker tries; B. Clark 4, A. Nicholls goals) **DEFEATED FRANCE (W) 0 AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM.** Date: Wed, 2nd November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: New Zealand (W) 20-0. Penalties: New Zealand (W) 5-2. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,091. **NEW ZEALAND (W):** Nicholls, Vaha'akolo, Parker, McGregor, Bartlett; Stephens-Daly, McGregor; Hill-Moana, Rota, Nu'uausala, Murdoch-Masila, Paris-Hall, Hale. Int: Maynard, Scanlan, Pule, Clark. **FRANCE (W):** Samarra, Song Puche, Pastre-Courtine, Biville, Canal; Ciria, Varela; Mansard, Ramos, Alvernhe, Akpa, Monseratt, Bessahli. Int: Kuresa, Pacull, Borak, Samarra.

GROUP B: AUSTRALIA 74 COOK ISLANDS 0

Australia kicked off their campaign with a dominant 74-0 win over Cook Islands in York.

Despite not having a warm up game, Australia didn't have any rust or wobbles as they were ruthless against Cook Islands. Sam Bremner led the way with four tries while Evania Pelite got a hat-trick alongside doubles from Tarryn Aiken and Julia Robinson in the huge win. Australia were on from the kick-off, which rolled dead and offered them the first chance. Evania Pelite finished off a move on the left hand side after a few repeat sets. Next, it was some lovely sleight of hand from Lauren Brown. She turned the ball inside for Newcastle Knights front rower Caitlin Johnston, who strolled over for the second four-pointer. Roosters star Isabelle Kelly injected herself into the game next. She brushed past the Cook Islands defence then passed it inside to Tarryn Aiken, who made it 16-0 for the Jillaroos. There was a ten minute period where Australia laid on four tries to confirm their 36-0 lead at the break. Sam Bremner followed up from a Simaima Taufa break to run away from the defence. The Jillaroos showed off how slick their attack was with a move started by Kezie Apps, it went through the hands finding Kelly again, who popped the pass to Pelite before she went over the sideline for the four-pointer. This time it was a spread to the right. Again, it was some quick hands which went to Shanae Ciesiolka who dummied the defender and rolled her way to the tryline in the one-sided first half. After finding the tryline herself, Sam Bremner - newly returned from maternity leave, rolled a kick low, which saw Broncos winger Julia Robinson dive over to make it 36-0 for the Aussies.

Cook Islands were given the best start to the second half with Australia letting the kick-off go dead. They had a few sets on the Australian line but a spilled grubber by Charlize Tumu-Makara ended their spell of possession. Australia kicked back into gear quickly. Once again, Kezie Apps was involved throwing the last pass for fullback Bremner who ran away and moved the Aussies past the 40-point mark. It was a spark from Dragons playmaker Taliah Fuimaono that got Australia their next two scores. She went herself first, scooted over from close range for her first try in Australian colours then a wonderful cut-out for Robinson to score her second. It was the Sam Bremner show for Australia! She followed up an Ali Briggingshaw line break to complete the hat-trick then made it four with a wonderful step past the Cook Islands defence for 64-0. Evania Pelite got herself a hat-trick and take Australia to 68-0. She finished off the move from a wonderful ball from Tarryn Aiken to complete the feat and show off the Australian's power. Aitken capped off the dominant performance from the Australian side with their fourteenth try. She started the move with the pass then followed up to take the inside ball and roll to the tryline. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

AUSTRALIA (W) 74 (S. Bremner 4, E. Pelite 3, T. Aiken 2, J. Robinson 2, S. Ciesiolka, T. Fuimaono, C. Johnston tries; L. Brown 6, H. Wheeler 3 goals) **DEFEATED COOK ISLANDS (W) 0 AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM.** Date: Wed, 2nd November. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Australia (W) 36-0. Penalties: Australia (W) 2-1. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 3,091. **AUSTRALIA (W):** Bremner, Robinson, Kelly, Ciesiolka, Pelite; Aiken, Briggingshaw; Johnston, Brown, Mato, Apps, Kernick, Taufa-Kautai. Int: Wheeler, Cherrington, Clydsdale, Fuimaono. **COOK ISLANDS (W):** Wiki, Koiatu, Matua, Takairangi, Rongokea; Breayley-Nati, Kiria-Ratu; Tanevesi, Dean, Ngatupuna, Tuana, Kitai, Stephens. Int: Tupou-Witchman, Natua, Tumu-Makara, Tatuava.

WEEK 2

GROUP A: ENGLAND 54 CANADA 4

England made it two-from-two to start their World Cup campaign with a 54-4 win against Canada on Saturday in Wigan.

It was another ruthless performance from the English side, led by the reigning Woman of Steel, Tara Stanley who scored a hat-trick in the 11 tries to one success which has them primed to go through the group. Coming off their huge win first up, England started off in the best possible style. It was a fabulous backline move which ended with Leah Burke finishing off in the corner after confirmation from the video. It was a scrappy opening to the contest but England found the next score. Hollie Dodds picked up a loose ball and stepped past the defence to make it 8-0 for the hosts in Wigan. Next it was the vision from Courtney Winfield-Hill for England's third four-pointer. She saw her winger wide open and kicked for Georgia Wilson to touch down in the right corner. Dodd continued her strong form in the first half. The forward ran an impressive line, brushed off the defence and scored her second four-pointer of the afternoon as England stamped their authority on the contest. England finished the half with a flourish. A pair of superb solo efforts from Francesca Goldthorp and Georgia Roche had them in a commanding position at 30-0 going into the break. Coming out of the break, Tara Stanley was feeling just fine. She picked up a quickfire double, the first came after a fantastic run from Vicky Whitfield which left her attacking a retreated defence. Her second was another solid run to add the score. Canada spent much of the first half on the back foot but they avoided being niled in this game. They created an error from the kick-off then Petra Woods stepped away from the defence to make it 40 points to 4. Not phased by having their line breached, England got back into their work and added another score. There was so much room for activities and it ended with Carrie Roberts strolling over after a good pass from Winfield-Hill. The reigning Woman of Steel made it a hat-trick and her fifth four-pointer of the tournament. Stanley sliced through on the right side and had the pace to beat the defenders to make it 50-4. It was a wonderful run from Winfield-Hill, she just weaved past the Canada defence before being caught. On the last, she was on-hand to kick wide for Burke to touch down in the left corner. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

ENGLAND (W) 54 (T. Stanley 3, L. Burke 2, H. Dodd 2, F. Goldthorp, C. Roberts, G. Roche, G. Wilson tries; T. Stanley 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANADA (W) 4** (P. Woods try) **AT DW STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 5th November. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: England (W) 30-0. Penalties: England (W) 3-2. Referee: Paki Parkinson. Crowd: 23,179. **ENGLAND (W):** Goldthorp, Wilson, Stanley,

Roberts, Burke; Roche, Winfield-Hill; Hoyle, Bennett, Travis, Dodd, Rudge, Molyneux. Int: Anderson, Whitfield, Stott, Hornby. **CANADA (W):** Gauto, Jones, Woods, Aberg, Mueller; Mariu, McDaid; Sargent, Tam, Okonkwo, Hindley, Chaboter, Pakulis. Int: Douglas, Evans, Siciliano, Steele.

GROUP A: PAPUA NEW GUINEA 70 BRAZIL 0

The Papua New Guinea Orchids have made history by securing their place in the Women's Rugby League World Cup semi-finals for the first time after downing Brazil by 70-0 in Hull this afternoon.

It was an ominous start from the Orchids who knew that a victory would assure them of a historic semi-final birth and was hell-bent on making sure they did it in a convincing fashion. The scoring began inside the first five minutes of play when Belinda Gwasamun crossed for the first of her four tries when she collected a lovely offload from Shirley Joe to touch down for PNG. Nine minutes later, Tara Moxon crossed for the Orchids second try when she finished off a beautiful movement down the right-hand side. Things were going from bad to worse for Brazil when just five minutes later, a wayward pass was intercepted by Anika Butler and it was 12-0 (all three Orchids tries were unconverted). Brazil seemed to get the message and tidied their play up and as a result, they only conceded one more try prior to halftime. Gwasamun was able to cross for her second when she broke through the defence off a scrum movement and the Orchids had an 18-0 lead at half-time with goal-kicker Lilah Malabag finally securing her first conversion of the contest. The second half was when things went up a gear for the PNG Orchids. The signs were menacing when rampaging Dragons forward Elsie Albert went straight through the middle of the Brazilian defence to charge over for PNG's fifth try of the contest. Off the ensuing set, lock forward Jessikah Reeves broke through and fooled the fullback Adriana Felix to race away to cross for PNG. The Orchids halves got in on the action in the next set of six when five-eighth Sera Koroi caught that Brazilian defence asleep at the line and it was 36-0 with just under half an hour to play. Gwasamun completed her hat-trick soon after as the Orchids shifted play to the left-hand side. From there, it was put on the toe by Malabag and the hat trick hero was able to win the race for the football. Down the right of the ground, it was very much the same song sheet, as clever football saw the Orchids link up with Moxon to cross for her second of the evening. Not content with a hat trick, Gwasamun crossed for her fourth just on the hour mark when she busted through the Brazilian defence to cross. After a brief defensive resistance, Brazil were out on their feet and unfortunately, the Orchids weren't in a forgiving mood tonight as they ran in four tries in the last fifteen minutes of play. First, Joe was able to score when Therese Aiton was able to create some second-phase play which allowed Joe to stroll through a yawning gap. Three minutes later, impressive fullback Martha Molowia joined the scorers' list when she received a pass from Joe to stroll over in the right corner. Goal kicker Malabag wanted to get in on the action, adding a try to her 7 goals from 14 attempts, before the experienced Aiton crossed to bring up the 70 point mark. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W) 70 (B. Gwasamun 4, T. Moxon 2, T. Aiton, E. Albert, A. Butler, S. Joe, S. Koroi, L. Malabag, M. Molowia, J. Reeves tries; L. Malabag 7 goals) **DEFEATED BRAZIL (W) 0 AT MKM STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 5th November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Papua New Guinea (W) 18-0. Penalties: Papua New Guinea (W) 5-3. Referee: Benjamin Casty. Crowd: 7,080. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W):** Molowia, Butler, Gwasamun, De La Cruz,

Moxon; Koro, Malabag; Albert, Joe, Awoi, Humeu, Banu, Reeves. Int: Aiton, Kaupa, Ravu, Waula. **BRAZIL (W):** Felix, Momberg, Medeiros, Welter, Santini; Moura, Santa Rita; Amaral, Bodeman, Casemiro, Oliveira, Loschi de Quadros, Prioste. Int: Barth, Barros, Silva, Trindade.

GROUP B: NEW ZEALAND 34 COOK ISLANDS 4

The New Zealand Kiwi Ferns have sealed their place in the Women's Rugby League World Cup semi-final stage with a 34-4 victory over a gallant Cook Islands side at LNER Community Stadium in York tonight.

The Kiwi Ferns came into this one as hot favourites to secure a rampaging victory against a Cook Islands side that didn't have the levels of NRLW participation on display in the New Zealand side. But, the Cook Islands side can be very proud of their display here tonight and should consider themselves a good chance against France in their final group match. It was an uphill battle from the get-go for the Cook Islands after losing co-captain and chief playmaker Kimiora Breayley-Nati to a game-ending head knock two minutes into the game. Without their attacking genius, the going was only going to get tougher. The New Zealand scoring began inside the first ten minutes when Dally M female player of the year Raecene McGregor crossed inside the first ten minutes of play after selling the defence a massive dummy to score. Five minutes later, the Kiwi Ferns added their second try of the contest when Krystal Rota crossed out wide, beating the cover defence for an eight-point lead. The Cook Islands' defence was able to hold for the most part, but they conceded one more try in the first half. Rampaging forward Amber Hall found her way to the line, beating three would-be tacklers on her way to the line to set up a 14-0 advantage. The only thing not going right for the Kiwi Ferns was goal-kicking, the first two kicks of the night were unsuccessful and it was only a 14-point lead at half-time. New Zealand started the stronger side after the break crossing for the first two tries of the second half. McGregor continued her purple patch of form during the World Cup when the Roosters half crossed for her second try when off the back of a long break, she was able to cross out of the dummy half and extend the margin for the Kiwi Ferns. This was extended minutes later when the test debutant Mele Hufanga crossed in the corner off a sweeping play and the scoreboard was beginning to blow out. But, give credit where it's due. The Cook Islands defence held in there and was able to reduce the gap with their first international try against New Zealand. Mackenzie Wiki's try in the corner 14 minutes from time gave the Cook Islands their first-ever points against the Kiwi Ferns. A professional foul by Maleyna Hunapo forced more defensive pressure upon the Cook Islands which they handled well for the most part until Hufanga collected her double nine minutes from time. Before Broncos NRLW prop Annetta Nu'uausala crashed over for her side's seventh try in the final minute to seal a 30 point victory for New Zealand. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NEW ZEALAND (W) 34 (M. Hufanga 2, R. McGregor 2, A. Nu'uausala, A. Paris-Hall, K. Rota tries; B. Clark 3 goals) DEFEATED COOK ISLANDS (W) 4 (M. Wiki try) AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM. Date: Sun, 6th November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: New Zealand (W) 14-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 3,006. **NEW ZEALAND (W):** Parker, Hufanga, Maunsell, McGregor, Bartlett; Jones, McGregor; Hill-Moana, Rota, Nu'uausala, Pule, Paris-Hall, Scanlan. Int: Maynard, Stowers, Tamarua, Clark. **COOK ISLANDS (W):** Tuana,

Wiki, Tumu-Makara, Rongokea, Tatuava; Breayley-Nati, Matua; Tanevesi, Stephens, Ngatupuna, Tupou-Witchman, Kitai, Walton. Int: Mo'ale, Harrison-Vahua, Hunapo, Matua.

GROUP B: AUSTRALIA 92 FRANCE 0

A four-try haul for Jess Sergis was among the incredible scenes as the Australian women's side strode to a record 92-0 win over France in their Group B match in York today.

Fellow backline stars Julia Robinson and Jaime Chapman picked up hat-tricks in the 17-try rout, which started in just the second minute when Shenae Ciesiolka scored. Australia would go on to score four tries in the opening ten minutes, ultimately crossing for ten tries in the first half as they cruised to an unprecedented 58-0 lead at the change of ends. The win - the biggest in Jillaroos history - was made all the more impressive by the absence of captains Sam Bremner, Ali Briggins and Kezie Apps. Chapman, along with Shaylee Bent and Keilee Joseph were handed test debuts on an ideal night for the gold and green girls. While the French women managed to stem the tide somewhat in the second half, restricting the reigning champions to just tries, it was largely to no avail. Sergis, already having bagged a hat-trick ahead of the break, went on to grab her fourth just after play resumed. Robinson's hat-trick was entire a second half affair, with tries in the 45th, 66th, and 73rd minutes. Titans young gun Evania Pelite closed out proceedings with two minutes remaining, scoring the 17th and final try which saw the Australian side past the 90-point mark.

The win holds the Jillaroos in good stead ahead of their next clash - a showdown with the Kiwi Ferns, who are also two-from-two. **TIM COSTELLO**

AUSTRALIA (W) 92 (J. Sergis 4, J. Chapman 3, J. Robinson 3, E. Pelite 2, T. Aiken, S. Ciesiolka, T. Harden, O. Kernick, E. Tonegato tries; L. Brown 10, T. Aiken, H. Wheeler goals) DEFEATED FRANCE (W) 0 AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM. Date: Sun, 6th November. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Australia (W) 58-0. Penalties: Australia (W) 6-1. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 3,006. **AUSTRALIA (W):** Tonegato, Robinson, Sergis, Chapman, Ciesiolka; Fuimaono, Aiken; Harden, Brown, Cherrington, Bent, Clydsdale, Joseph. Int: Wheeler, Kernick, Mato, Pelite. **FRANCE (W):** Samarra, Guillerot, Fourcroy, Biville, Canal; Ciria, Varela; Bernard, Ramos, Mansard, Akpa, Monseratt, Samarra. Int: Kuresa, Pacull, Borak, Michel.

WEEK 3

GROUP A: CANADA 22 BRAZIL 16

Canada has won the 'Battle of the Americans' with a thrilling 22-16 victory over Brazil in their final group match of the Women's Rugby League World Cup in Headingley.

It was Brazil that opened the scoring inside the first ten minutes when Franciny Amaral crossed in the sixth minute. Amaral got across the line as she thundered forward and slid over the line to give the Amazonas an early 6-0 advantage. They should've had a second just minutes later, but at the critical moment the movement broke down with the line in front of them. The lack of fine-tuning on the Brazilian's finishing would come back to bite when the Canadian Ravens hit back midway through the first half. Laura Mariu displayed her ball-playing skills to put

centre Ferris Sandboe over down the right-hand side of the park and it appeared that they would take the momentum of the game with them. That theory was on display four minutes later as the Ravens crossed for a second when Sarah Maguire took a short ball from Kristy Sargent to score and give Canada the lead. Sandboe should have had a second in the shadows of half-time but she spilt the ball with the line open and the Ravens went to the break up by four. Brazil started the second half strongly when Edna Santini intercepted a wayward pass from Canada's Mariu to race 90 metres to level the scores back at 10-10. However, the Ravens were able to overcome its errors quicker and Canada soon re-captured the lead. Megan Pakulis was able to burrow her way out of the dummy-half position, and after a lengthy check from the video referee, she was given the green light and it appeared they would take the momentum to get home. But without giving up the fight, Brazil were able to hang in there and level the scores back up at 16-16. Their third try of the contest came eight minutes from the end when Patricia Bodeman did what Pakulis did up the other end and burrowed her way over the line to lock the contest back level. The final moments were tense, as both sides were trying desperately to break the deadlock. Eventually, Canada broke the tie on the scoreboard with just under 90 seconds to play when Alanna Fittes crossed the stripe keeping the ball just inside the field of play. A kick ahead by Canada was eventually toed ahead once more Dani Frenada and Fittes won the race to the ball first after the ball had a bounce from heaven to secure the Ravens first win of the tournament. This was Canada's second Women's World Cup victory, after beating PNG by 22-8 in 2017. Coach Mike Castle stressed the importance of building upon this victory for the next World Cup "We have to use this momentum now and keep building the game in Canada and look forward to three years' time." Castle said. For Brazil, it was a case of heartbreak for the first-time participants. Their coach Paul Grundy was proud of his side's growth in this tournament. "I couldn't be prouder of the girls, they did exactly what we asked this time. A win would have been fantastic but the girls have a lot more in them and once they started to click it was brilliant." Grundy said. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CANADA (W) 22 (A. Fittes, S. Maguire, M. Pakulis, F. Sandboe tries; D. Frananda 3 goals) DEFEATED BRAZIL (W) 16 (F. Amaral, P. Bodeman, E. Santini tries; M. Graf 2 goals) AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM. Date: Wed, 9th November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Canada (W) 10-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 5,471. **CANADA (W):** Woods, Sandboe, Frananda, Bui, Mueller; Mariu, McDavid; Okonkwo, Fittes, Steele, Hindley, Aberg, Pakulis. Int: Sargent, Maguire, Menin, Naismith. **BRAZIL (W):** Momberg, Soares, Medeiros, Welter, Santini; Moura, Graf; Amaral, Bodeman, Casemiro, Oliveira, Loschi de Quadros, Prioste. Int: Fernandes, Leal, Barros, Jonck.

GROUP A: ENGLAND 42 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 4

England have run out 42-4 victors over Papua New Guinea in Leeds this morning.

The final clash in group A had first spot on the line, and England have made a statement in claiming it. The win means that England will meet the loser of the Australia vs New Zealand showdown in their semi-final. Papua New Guinea's tournament is still alive, although they now face a tougher route to the cup. The game started poorly for England, with Emily Rudge dropping the ball cold on the first play of the match. Papua New Guinea then forced a dropout, and continued to apply

pressure with Elsie Albert almost crashing over next to the uprights. The Orchids opened the scoring in the 4th minute through Martha Molowia on the left edge, but the unsuccessful conversion attempt saw the scoreline remain 4-0. Following the try, England began to get going. With some possession to work with, they started winning the forward battle in the middle. As a result, attacking field position was created, but they couldn't turn opportunities into points. Referee Benjamin Casty went upstairs to check whether Caitlin Beevers got the ball down for her side, but the winger had gone into touch. Only three minutes later Beevers would go into touch again, this time off an ill-advised shortside play. England kept turning the ball over, with passes just going behind players and small errors costing them opportunities. In the 24th minute, Beevers got yet another chance, but this time she was held up by some strong PNG defence. Leah Burke finally opened the English account in the 24th minute off an early kick from her halfback, Courtney Winfield-Hill. Papua New Guinea's defensive resolve seemed to weaken slightly following this, and so it was only a few minutes later that Amy Hardcastle crossed to bring the scoreline to 8-4. Some poor discipline late in the first half from the Orchids invited England back on the attack, and it was Tara Stanley who increased her team's lead just before half-time. Leading 14-4 at the break, England had wrestled their way on top despite some disappointing attacking play. Back to back penalties gave England early attacking ball in the second half, with Leah Burke crossing for her second of the game in the 46th minute. Five minutes later, Vicky Whitfield crossed the stripe to extend the English lead to 22 points. Whitfield was one of the players of the match for England, making several significant carries and line-breaks. A high tackle sin bin in the 64th minute for PNG's Carol Humeu gave Leah Burke the opportunity to score her hat-trick try. The 4-pointer came once again from a crossfield kick by her halfback, Courtney Winfield-Hill. With 13 minutes on the clock, the scoreline was threatening to get out of hand with the Orchids down to twelve players. Two late tries for England rounded out the match, with Caitlin Beevers crossing for her much awaited first try of the game, and Amy Hardcastle crossing for her second. The successful conversion from Tara Stanley on the stroke of full time capped off a comfortable 42-4 win for the English, but they have work to do before next week's semi-final. Papua New Guinea need to regroup and refocus ahead of their own impending semi-final clash. They showed patches of great resolve and teamwork, but in the end it was fatigue that wore them down. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

ENGLAND (W) 42 (L. Burke 3, A. Hardcastle 2, C. Beevers, T. Stanley, V. Whitfield tries; T. Stanley 5 goals) **DEFEATED PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W) 4** (M. Molowia try) **AT EMERALD HEADINGLEY STADIUM**. Date: Wed, 9th November. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: England (W) 14-4. Penalties: England (W) 8-1. Referee: Benjamin Casty. Crowd: 5,471. **ENGLAND (W)**: Goldthorp, Beevers, Stanley, Hardcastle, Burke, Roche, Winfield-Hill; Hoyle, Jones, Wood, Dodd, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Field, Whitfield, Travis, Bennett. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W)**: Molowia, Butler, Gwasamun, Long, Alu; Koroi, Malabag, Albert, Joe, Kaupa, Veivers, Banu, Reeves. Int: De La Cruz, Ravu, John, Humeu.

GROUP B: COOK ISLANDS 26 FRANCE 18

The Cook Islands have defeated France by 26-18 for their first victory in this Women's Rugby League World Cup after a titanic struggle at the LNER Community Stadium in York.

It was both sides' final match of the group stage, but with national pride as well as their first win of the tournament on the line. Both sides had a point to prove in this match and made their intentions known right from the opening whistle. It was the Cook Islands that opened the scoring after a tough opening 15 minutes of play. The play that led to the first try was well orchestrated, the Cook Islands had several bodies in motion before April Ngatupuna crashed over to score. Eight minutes later, France was able to capitalise on some strong field position and hit back on the scoreboard when Melanie Bianchini ran perfectly onto a lovely pass from the French captain Alice Varela. Unfortunately, goal-kicking would be a major factor in this fixture as the miss from out-wide by Elisa Ciria saw France still trailing by two points with just under fifteen minutes remaining in the first half. Three minutes later, that margin was extended out to eight points when Terehia Matua charged her way forward to the line and the French were struggling to hang in there with the opposition as they were trailing 12-4. That's the way the score would remain as both sides went into half-time. Straight after the break, the Cook Islands continued their scoring when boom youngster Mackenzie Wiki crossed the line for the second time this tournament. Wiki was able to get on the end of a lovely set play to cross in the right corner and it was beginning to be one-way traffic. But, the French side was able to hang in there and their efforts were rewarded six minutes later. A charging run down the middle was backed up by 5/8 Elisa Ciria who importantly improved the position for her conversion to reduce the gap to just six points. Cook Islands responded on the hour mark with a clever try. Alekermay Tuaana was on the receiving end of a great off-load to extend the lead for the Pacific island nation. Four minutes later though, France were able to restore some order back into the contest. Cristina Song-Puche was on the end of a clever pass from the French second rower and she was able to cross in the right corner, but once again goal-kicking haunted France's chance at a comeback. The result was put beyond doubt eight minutes from time when Tetuanui Dean crashed over from acting half. A consolation try to Ciria reduced the gap to eight but it was in vain as the Cook Islands' ladies celebrated their first win of the tournament finishing their campaign on a winning note. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

COOK ISLANDS (W) 26 (T. Dean, T. Matua, A. Ngatupuna, A. Tuaana, M. Wiki tries; K. Matua 3 goals) **DEFEATED FRANCE (W) 18** (É. Ciria 2, M. Bianchini, C. Song Puche tries; É. Ciria goal) **AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 10th November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Cook Islands (W) 12-4. Penalties: France (W) 7-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,370. **FRANCE (W)**: Guillerot, Song Puche, Bianchini, Biville, Meunier; Ciria, Varela; Mansard, Ramos, Alvernhe, Akpa, Monseratt, Samarra. Int: Samarra, Bernard, Borak, Pastre-Courtine. **COOK ISLANDS (W)**: Tuaana, Wiki, Tupou-Witchman, Tumua-Makara, Rongokea; Matua, Stephens; Tanevesi, Dean, Ngatupuna, Mo'ale, Kitai, Walton. Int: Harrison-Vahua, Dean, Matua, Dean.

GROUP B: AUSTRALIA 10 NEW ZEALAND 8

The New Zealand Kiwi Ferns were not swayed by their underdog status heading into their blockbuster clash against the Australian Jillaroos, however their spirited effort just wasn't enough to see them get the win, falling by 2 points in a scrappy match dominated by defence.

The tone was set for the match right from the opening kickoff, Brianna Clark of New Zealand getting things underway. A

communication collapse from the Jillaroos meant that the ball was allowed to bounce, and from there it sailed over the dead ball line, putting the Kiwi Ferns in prime attacking position immediately. The Rugby League gods giveth and the Rugby League gods taketh away though, as the old saying goes, and the opening play error from Australia wasn't taken advantage of as New Zealand put it down on tackle one. The Jillaroos came into the match as heavy favourites, however you wouldn't have known it if this match was the only exposure you had to either team. Back to back set restarts saw Australia march into supreme field position, but NZ produced superb defence to stop them breaching the line, and it wasn't the only time in the match they did this. The Kiwi Ferns were unable to match their defensive prowess with attacking prowess though, turning the ball over frequently and coming up with poor last tackle execution on the rare occasions they were close to the opposition line. Australia were finally able to find a way through at the 20 minute mark, with Tarryn Aiken too strong for the Kiwi Fern defence as she burrowed her way under them and got to the line. The try could've easily been the straw that broke the camel's back for NZ, however they quickly made it evident that one defensive blip didn't mean they were going to turn into the easybeats many expected they'd be prior to the match. They were able to drag Isabelle Kelly touch in goal, and used the ensuing 7 tackle set to generate momentum that would eventually become a try Apiti Nicholls, who scored by chasing through a grubber from Raecene McGregor. The conversion, although it was from right in front, was missed by Brianna Clark off the upright, which would eventually prove extremely costly as New Zealand ended up losing by two points. Both teams continued to struggle in attack, with numerous last tackle kicks sailing dead along with terrible handling by the Australians in particular, who finished with a 64% completion rate.

New Zealand would hit the lead in the 56th minute, with Mele Hufanga making a line break that would set up a left side overlap for the Kiwi Ferns, who spread it right to Autumn-Rain Stephens-Daly on the next play, the winger going over untouched. The conversion was missed again, keeping the lead at 8-6. Australia would finally string a decent period of attacking football together shortly afterwards, and it resulted in Julia Robinson being on the end of an overlap and scoring to make the score 10-8. There were question marks on the backwardness of the last pass from Jess Sergis, but the ref deemed there were no issues. That's where the score would stay for the rest of the match. New Zealand produced some more outstanding defensive efforts, in particular a try saving tackle from Amber Hall to stop what appeared to be a certain try for Shaylee Bent. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

AUSTRALIA (W) 10 (T. Aiken, J. Robinson tries; A. Briggins goal) **DEFEATED NEW ZEALAND (W) 8** (A. Nicholls, A. Stephens-Daly tries) **AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM**. Date: Thu, 10th November. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Australia (W) 6-4. Penalties: New Zealand (W) 7-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 3,370. **AUSTRALIA (W)**: Bremner, Robinson, Kelly, Sergis, Chapman; Aiken, Briggins; Johnston, Davis, Mato, Apps, Clydsdale, Taufa-Kautai. Int: Tonegato, Bent, Brown, Cherrington. **NEW ZEALAND (W)**: Nicholls, Vaha'akolo, Hufanga, McGregor, Stephens-Daly; Roache, McGregor; Clark, Rota, Nu'uasala, Murdoch-Masila, Paris-Hall, Hale. Int: Hill-Moana, Maynard, Stowers, Pule.

SEMI FINALS

AUSTRALIA 82 PAPUA NEW GUINEA 0

Australia are the first team through to the Rugby League World Cup Womens final after their 82-0 win over Papua New Guinea in York tonight.

The Jillaroos were ruthless in running in 15 tries in the huge win which saw both Isabelle Kelly and Emma Tonegato score hat-tricks while Shanae Ciesiolka got herself a pair of tries in the performance masterminded by Lauren Brown.

Coming off their tense win over New Zealand in their final pool game, Australia took their time to warm into the contest against a spirited Papua New Guinea team in the semi-final.

Keeley Davis poked her nose through the defence and got the first four-pointer before Isabelle Kelly showed off her strength to bump off a defender and make it 10-0 to the reigning champions.

Australia were in full flow after their tense start. The Jillaroos ran the ball on last tackle and despite the ball hitting the turf, Emma Tonegato found Kelly for her second four-pointer.

The Jillaroos raced against the clock heading toward the break. Shaylee Bent strolled through then Tonegato was involved again to send Evania Pelite over for 24-0.

Shanae Ciesiolka showed off her speed from a scrum move, again orchestrated by Tonegato, to burn the Orchids defense and get onto the scoresheet. Roosters forward Olivia Kernick was next on the list as she pushed through the defence.

Kelly completed a wonderful first half for herself with a hat-trick. Pelite showed off her passing game with a wonderful cut-out to Jessica Sergis, who found a striding Kelly inside her for the ominous 40-0 half-time score.

The Jillaroos picked up right where they left off after the restart. Lauren Brown, who kicked four goals, started the move which saw Roosters team mates Kelly and Jessica Sergis for the latter to dive over.

They also punished any errors from the Orchids with a quickfire pair of tries. Ciesiolka was on the end of a backline move for her second then forward Tallisha Harden barged over from close range for 58-0.

Tonegato who was magnificent across the whole game, got herself a double in quick time. Her first came from some good work from Pelite but the second was all the Dragons fullback, who sliced through and had too much pace for the defence.

Papua New Guinea had some success with a short kick-off from Shellie Long. They had some sustained pressure on the Jillaroos line with Therese Aiton and Elsie Albert going close but the Aussies held firm.

The reward for not allowing their line to be breached was a full field effort from Jaime Chapman. She brushed off some tired defence and had the pace to hold off the defence to make it 76-0.

There was another hat-trick in the offing for the Jillaroos. There was a massive overlap on the left side, Tonegato just saw the space and strolled over to make it 82-0. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

AUSTRALIA (W) 82 (I. Kelly 3, E. Tonegato 3, S. Ciesiolka 2, S. Bent, J. Chapman, K. Davis, T. Harden, O. Kernick, E. Pelite, J. Sergis tries; L. Brown 9, A. Brigginsshaw 2 goals) **DEFEATED PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W) 0 AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM.** Date: Mon, 14th November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Australia (W) 40-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 7,139. **AUSTRALIA (W):** Tonegato, Ciesiolka, Kelly, Chapman, Pelite; Fuimaono, Brown; Harden, Davis, Wheeler, Bent, Kernick, Brigginsshaw. Int: Bremner, Sergis, Clydsdale, Joseph. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA (W):** De La Cruz, Butler, Gwasamun, Long, Molowia; Koroi, Malabag; Albert, Aiton, Kaupa, Awoi, Banu, Reeves. Int: Veivers, John, Kunjil, Humeu.

NEW ZEALAND 20 ENGLAND 6

New Zealand have triumphed 20-6 in York on Monday night, eliminating host nation England to reach the 2021 Women's Rugby League World Cup final in a gritty match.

The start was a surprise, with the underdog Englishwomen opening the scoring off a Francesca Goldthorp try for a 6-0 lead.

It didn't take too long for the Kiwi Ferns to strike back though, with Mele Hufanga benefiting from a strong Amber Hall run and offload to score, although the try went unconverted.

The 'away' side then cruised into the lead when Raecene McGregor picked up the ball from dummy half and stepped through the defence to score.

Leading 8-6, the Kiwi Ferns put the foot down a bit early in the second half, with Hufanga and Apii Nicholls creating a try for rookie Otesa Pule in the 46th minute. The conversion from Nicholls put NZ ahead by more than a converted try.

Already staring down a fierce battle to claw back the margin, England's task became more difficult five minutes later when Brianna Clark brushed through a gap to score close to the posts, and suddenly the Kiwi Ferns had a 20-6 advantage.

Incredibly, the Lionesses were able to stem the tide for the remaining 25-or-so minutes, but were unable to score themselves despite impressive ball control (completing at 88% for the match) and making nine errors - six less than their victorious opponents.

The victory for New Zealand sets up a mouth-watering final on Saturday at Old Trafford, where they'll face Australia in what is sure to be a tense contest after such a close-run match just last weekend. **TIM COSTELLO**

NEW ZEALAND (W) 20 (B. Clark, M. Hufanga, R. McGregor, O. Pule tries; A. Nicholls 2 goals) **DEFEATED ENGLAND (W) 6** (F. Goldthorp try; T. Stanley goal) **AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM.** Date: Mon, 14th November. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: New Zealand (W) 8-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 7,139. **ENGLAND (W):** Goldthorp, Beevers, Stanley, Hardcastle, Burke; Roche, Winfield-Hill; Hoyle, Jones, Wood, Molyneux, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Field, Dodd, Whitfield, Bennett.

NEW ZEALAND (W): Nicholls, Vaha'akolo, Hufanga, McGregor, Bartlett; Roache, McGregor; Clark, Rota, Nu'uauasala, Murdoch-Masila, Paris-Hall, Hale. Int: Hill-Moana, Maynard, Scanlan, Pule.

2021 RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - WOMEN'S FINAL

AUSTRALIA 54 NEW ZEALAND 4

A five-star performance from Australia's Ali Briginshaw was the source of Australia's comprehensive victory over New Zealand in this morning's Women's World Cup final at the historic Old Trafford in Manchester.

This World Cup final re-match from five years ago had a lot on the line. Both nations have improved exponentially since the launch and expansion of the NRLW in 2018 as well as consistent pathways to national sides.

The match got off to a strong start as the sides went set for set. But it was a strong defensive set from the Jillaroos which gave the Australians some momentum and field position. This was rewarded when a great pass from Ali Briginshaw found Jess Sergis who had too much strength for Apii Nicholls to cross for the first try of the contest.

Seven minutes later, Briginshaw again caused problems when she cut the Kiwi Ferns wide open with a big show and go. Off the ensuing tackle, it was a great shift out to the left and Tarryn Aitken found Isabelle Kelly who crossed out wide and there was some ominous signs for the Kiwi Ferns. But they were able to force some errors from the Jillaroos and slowly work into the contest by the mid-way mark of the first half. The Kiwi Ferns had some try scoring chances, but when you're playing the best in the world, you need to convert your chances when you have them.

The Jillaroos immediately made the Kiwi Ferns pay when Briginshaw again was heavily involved when Julia Robinson got a room service bounce off Ali's kick and the Jillaroos had their third try of the contest. Nine minutes later, a soft penalty conceded by Georgia Hale gave the Aussies the field position they needed, and it was Kelly again who crossed for her second try of the first half which gave Australia a 20-0 advantage at half-time.

The key difference was on display in the opening set after the break. New Zealand were going nowhere, the Australian defence was relentless and ruthless and denying the Kiwi Ferns any room to move coming out of their own end. This easy field position gave the Jillaroos their fifth try when Briginshaw provided once more as Emma Tonegato fell onto an outside-inside play to cross.

Two minutes later, it was much the same as Briginshaw sent Kezie Apps into a gap before linking up with Sergis to cross for her second try of the contest. This extended the margin to 32 points and it could've been more, only if Robinson hung onto the footy on her way to the line. But it showed the Kiwi Ferns weren't going down without a fight in this contest. But, that theory was put to bed five minutes later, the Jillaroos shifted it to the left and it was Aitken who crossed.

New Zealand got their moment of joy when Abigail Roache fooled the defence down the Australian right edge, who found Page McGregor who then got it onto Madison Bartlett who crossed for the Kiwi Ferns. The joy soon turned to despair when their star player Raecene McGregor went down in awful pain clutching at her wrist, but she was able to play on. Unfortunately, their defence was unable to hang on as Kennedy Cherrington crossed for two tries in the space of three minutes to bring up the half-century. Evania Pelite continued the scoring when she was able to fool Mele Hufanga to cross.

Australia were deserving winners of this match and showed that they are a force on the world stage even with players like Millie Boyle, Corban Baxter and Tamika Upton at home. New Zealand tried valiantly, but the class difference was on full display, but Australia have completed part one of the potential double crown at Old Trafford today. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

AUSTRALIA (W) 54 (K. Cherrington 2, I. Kelly 2, J. Sergis 2, T. Aitken, E. Pelite, J. Robinson, E. Tonegato tries; L. Brown 5, A. Briginshaw 2 goals) **DEFEATED NEW ZEALAND (W) 4** (M. Bartlett try) **AT OLD TRAFFORD.**

Date: Sat, 19th November. Kickoff: 1:15 PM. Halftime: Australia (W) 20-0. Penalties: New Zealand (W) 4-1. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 67,502.

NEW ZEALAND (W): Nicholls, Stephens-Daly, Hufanga, McGregor, Bartlett; Roache, McGregor; Clark, Rota, Nu'uauasala, Murdoch-Masila, Paris-Hall, Hale. Int: Hill-Moana, Maynard, Stowers, Pule.

AUSTRALIA (W): Bremner, Robinson, Kelly, Sergis, Pelite; Aitken, Briginshaw; Cherrington, Davis, Mato, Apps, Clydsdale, Taufua-Kautai. Int: Tonegato, Bent, Brown, Johnston.



WINNERS LIST: RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - WOMEN'S

Year	Host Nation	Champion	Final	# of teams
2000	England	NEW ZEALAND	DEF GREAT BRITAIN 26-4	3
2003	New Zealand	NEW ZEALAND	DEF NZ MAORI 58-0	9
2008	Australia	NEW ZEALAND	DEF AUSTRALIA 34-0	8
2013	England	AUSTRALIA	DEF NEW ZEALAND 22-12	4
2017	Australia	AUSTRALIA	DEF NEW ZEALAND 23-16	6
2021	England	AUSTRALIA	DEF NEW ZEALAND 54-4	8

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP - WOMEN'S ALL TIME RESULTS

Final	Qualifying Final
Semi Final	Play-Off

2000 World Cup		Winner: New Zealand			
Round	Home	Score	Away	Score	Venue
Game 1	Great Britain	12	New Zealand	22	Bankes Avenue Playing Fields
Game 2	New Zealand	10	Australia	6	John Charles Centre for Sport
Game 3	Great Britain	14	Australia	10	Ram Stadium
Semi Final	New Zealand	50	Australia	6	The Jungle
Semi Final	Great Britain	4	Australia	0	The Jungle
Final	Great Britain	4	New Zealand	26	Widlerspool

2003 World Cup		Winner: New Zealand			
Game 1	NZ Maori	24	Australia	28	Auckland
Game 2	New Zealand	68	Cook Islands	0	Auckland
Game 3	Samoa	12	Great Britain	28	Auckland
Game 4	NZ Maori	44	Niue	0	Auckland
Game 5	Samoa	44	Tonga	4	Auckland
Game 6	Cook Islands	30	Tokelau	16	Auckland
Game 7	Niue	0	Australia	58	Auckland
Game 8	New Zealand	84	Tokelau	0	Auckland
Game 9	Tonga	0	Great Britain	54	Auckland
Game 10	NZ Maori	10	Great Britain	8	Auckland
Game 11	New Zealand	44	Australia	4	Auckland
Game 12	Tokelau	28	Tonga	4	Auckland
Game 13	New Zealand	84	Samoa	0	Auckland
Game 14	Cook Islands	20	Great Britain	20	Auckland
Game 15	Niue	22	Tokelau	14	Auckland
Game 16	Samoa	12	Australia	40	Auckland
Game 17	NZ Maori	46	Cook Islands	0	Auckland
Game 18	Niue	14	Tonga	14	Auckland
Semi Final	Cook Islands	18	Tokelau	12	Auckland
Semi Final	NZ Maori	12	Australia	4	Auckland
Semi Final	New Zealand	38	Great Britain	0	Auckland
Semi Final	Niue	18	Samoa	24	Auckland
Bowl Final	Tokelau	26	Tonga	12	Auckland
Plate Final	Samoa	28	Cook Islands	18	Auckland
Final	New Zealand	58	NZ Maori	0	Auckland

2008 World Cup		Winner: New Zealand			
Game 1	Australia	60	France	0	Brisbane
Game 2	New Zealand	72	Pacific Islands	0	Brisbane
Game 3	England	72	Russia	0	Brisbane
Game 4	Tonga	0	Samoa	40	Brisbane
Game 5	Australia	72	Russia	0	Brisbane
Game 6	New Zealand	42	Tonga	4	Brisbane
Game 7	Samoa	22	Pacific Islands	26	Brisbane
Game 8	France	4	England	54	Brisbane
Game 9	Australia	22	England	4	Brisbane
Game 10	New Zealand	26	Samoa	4	Brisbane
Game 11	France	12	Russia	18	Brisbane
Game 12	Tonga	14	Pacific Islands	44	Brisbane

Playoff	Samoa	32	France	0	Brisbane
Playoff	Tonga	12	Russia	24	Brisbane
Semi Final	Australia	32	Pacific Islands	6	Brisbane
Semi Final	New Zealand	16	England	4	Brisbane
7th place Final	France	34	Tonga	4	Brisbane
5th place Final	Samoa	52	Russia	8	Brisbane
3rd place Final	England	24	Pacific Islands	0	Brisbane
Final	Australia	0	New Zealand	34	Brisbane

2013 World Cup			Winner: Australia		
Game 1	England	6	Australia	14	Tetley's Stadium
Game 2	France	0	New Zealand	88	Tetley's Stadium
Game 4	England	16	New Zealand	34	Big Fellas Stadium
Game 3	France	0	Australia	72	Big Fellas Stadium
Game 6	England	42	France	4	Love Rugby League Stadium
Game 5	New Zealand	14	Australia	6	Love Rugby League Stadium
3rd place Final	England	54	France	0	John Charles Centre for Sport
Final	Australia	22	New Zealand	12	Headingley Carnegie Stadium

2017 World Cup			Winner: Australia		
Game 1	Australia	58	Cook Islands	4	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 2	New Zealand	50	Canada	4	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 3	Papua New Guinea	8	England	36	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 4	Australia	38	England	0	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 5	New Zealand	76	Cook Islands	0	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 6	Papua New Guinea	8	Canada	22	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 7	Australia	88	Canada	0	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 9	Cook Islands	22	England	16	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Game 8	New Zealand	38	Papua New Guinea	0	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Semi Final	Australia	58	Canada	6	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Semi Final	New Zealand	52	England	4	Southern Cross Group Stadium
Final	Australia	23	New Zealand	16	Suncorp Stadium

2021 World Cup (Played in 2022)			Winner: Australia		
Game 1	England	72	Brazil	4	Leeds
Game 2	Papua New Guinea	34	Canada	12	Leeds
Game 3	New Zealand	46	France	0	York
Game 4	Australia	74	Cook Islands	0	York
Game 5	England	54	Canada	4	Wigan
Game 6	Papua New Guinea	70	Brazil	0	Hull
Game 7	New Zealand	34	Cook Islands	4	York
Game 8	Australia	92	France	0	York
Game 9	Canada	22	Brazil	16	Leeds
Game 10	England	42	Papua New Guinea	4	Leeds
Game 11	France	18	Cook Islands	26	York
Game 12	Australia	10	New Zealand	8	York
Semi Final	Australia	82	Papua New Guinea	0	York
Semi Final	England	6	New Zealand	20	York
Final	New Zealand	4	Australia	54	Trafford

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 1904-2022

Year	Date	Home	Score	Away	Score	City
1904	Apr 5th	England	3	Other Nationalities	9	Wigan
1905	Jan 2nd	England	26	Other Nationalities	11	Bradford
1906	Jan 1st	England	3	Other Nationalities	3	Wigan
1908	Jan 1st	Wales	9	New Zealand	8	Aberdare
1908	Jan 11th	England	18	New Zealand	16	Wigan
1908	Jan 25th	England	14	New Zealand	6	Leeds
1908	Feb 8th	England	6	New Zealand	18	London
1908	Feb 15th	England	5	New Zealand	8	Cheltenham
1908	Apr 20th	Wales	35	England	18	Tonypandy
1908	May 9th	Australia	10	New Zealand	11	Sydney
1908	May 30th	Australia	12	New Zealand	24	Brisbane
1908	Jun 6th	Australia	14	New Zealand	9	Sydney
1908	Dec 12th	England	22	Australia	22	London
1908	Dec 28th	England	31	Wales	7	Salford
1909	Jan 2nd	England	14	Australia	9	Huddersfield
1909	Jan 23rd	England	15	Australia	5	Newcastle
1909	Feb 3rd	England	17	Australia	17	Glasgow
1909	Feb 15th	England	6	Australia	5	Birmingham
1909	Mar 3rd	England	14	Australia	7	Liverpool
1909	Jun 12th	Australia	11	New Zealand	19	Sydney
1909	Jun 26th	Australia	10	New Zealand	5	Brisbane
1909	Jul 3rd	Australia	25	New Zealand	5	Sydney
1909	Dec 4th	England	19	Wales	13	Wakefield
1910	Apr 9th	Wales	39	England	18	Ebbw Vale
1910	Jun 18th	Australia	20	England	27	Sydney
1910	Jul 2nd	Australia	17	England	22	Brisbane
1910	Jul 30th	New Zealand	20	England	52	Auckland
1910	Dec 10th	England	39	Wales	13	Coventry
1911	Apr 1st	Wales	8	England	27	Ebbw Vale
1911	Oct 7th	Wales	20	Australia	28	Ebbw Vale
1911	Oct 18th	England	6	Australia	11	London
1911	Nov 8th	England	10	Australia	19	Newcastle
1911	Dec 6th	England	5	Australia	3	West Bridgford
1911	Dec 16th	England	11	Australia	11	Edinburgh
1912	Jan 1st	England	8	Australia	33	Birmingham
1912	Jan 20th	England	31	Wales	5	Oldham
1913	Feb 15th	Wales	16	England	40	Plymouth
1914	Feb 14th	England	16	Wales	12	St Helens
1914	Jun 27th	Australia	5	England	23	Sydney
1914	Jun 29th	Australia	12	England	7	Sydney
1914	Jul 4th	Australia	6	England	14	Sydney
1914	Aug 1st	New Zealand	13	England	16	Auckland
1919	Aug 23rd	New Zealand	21	Australia	44	Wellington
1919	Aug 30th	New Zealand	26	Australia	10	Christchurch
1919	Sep 6th	New Zealand	23	Australia	34	Auckland
1919	Sep 13th	New Zealand	2	Australia	32	Auckland
1920	Jun 26th	Australia	8	England	4	Brisbane
1920	Jul 3rd	Australia	21	England	8	Sydney
1920	Jul 10th	Australia	13	England	23	Sydney
1920	Jul 31st	New Zealand	7	England	31	Auckland
1920	Aug 7th	New Zealand	3	England	19	Christchurch
1920	Aug 14th	New Zealand	10	England	11	Wellington
1921	Jan 19th	England	35	Wales	9	Leeds
1921	Feb 5th	England	33	Other Nationalities	16	Workington
1921	Oct 1st	England	6	Australia	5	Leeds
1921	Oct 10th	England	5	Australia	4	London
1921	Nov 5th	England	2	Australia	16	Hull
1921	Dec 10th	Wales	16	Australia	21	Pontypridd
1922	Jan 14th	England	6	Australia	0	Salford
1922	Dec 11th	England	12	Wales	7	London
1923	Feb 7th	England	2	Wales	13	Wigan
1923	Nov 1st	England	18	Wales	11	Huddersfield
1924	Jun 23rd	Australia	3	England	22	Sydney
1924	Jun 28th	Australia	3	England	5	Sydney
1924	Jul 12th	Australia	21	England	11	Brisbane
1924	Aug 2nd	New Zealand	16	England	8	Auckland
1924	Aug 6th	New Zealand	13	England	11	Wellington
1924	Aug 9th	New Zealand	18	England	31	Dunedin
1924	Oct 15th	England	17	Other Nationalities	23	Leeds
1925	Feb 7th	England	27	Wales	22	Workington
1925	Sep 30th	England	18	Wales	14	Wigan
1926	Feb 4th	England	37	Other Nationalities	11	Whitehaven
1926	Apr 12th	Wales	22	England	30	Pontypridd
1926	Oct 2nd	England	28	New Zealand	20	Wigan
1926	Nov 13th	England	21	New Zealand	11	Hull
1926	Dec 4th	Wales	34	New Zealand	8	Pontypridd
1927	Jan 15th	England	32	New Zealand	17	Leeds
1927	Apr 6th	England	11	Wales	8	Salford
1928	Jan 11th	England	20	Wales	12	Wigan
1928	Jun 23rd	Australia	12	England	15	Brisbane
1928	Jul 14th	Australia	0	England	8	Sydney
1928	Jul 21st	Australia	21	England	14	Sydney
1928	Aug 4th	New Zealand	17	England	13	Auckland
1928	Aug 18th	New Zealand	5	England	13	Dunedin

1928	Aug 25th	New Zealand	5	England	6	Christchurch
1928	Nov 14th	Wales	15	England	39	Cardiff
1929	Mar 20th	England	27	Other Nationalities	20	Leeds
1929	Oct 5th	England	8	Australia	31	Hull
1929	Nov 9th	England	9	Australia	3	Leeds
1930	Jan 4th	England	0	Australia	0	Manchester
1930	Jan 15th	England	3	Australia	0	Rochdale
1930	Jan 18th	Wales	10	Australia	26	London
1930	Apr 7th	England	19	Other Nationalities	35	Halifax
1930	Oct 1st	England	31	Other Nationalities	18	St Helens
1931	Mar 18th	England	23	Wales	18	Huddersfield
1932	Jan 27th	England	19	Wales	2	Salford
1932	Jun 6th	Australia	6	England	8	Sydney
1932	Jun 18th	Australia	15	England	6	Brisbane
1932	Jul 16th	Australia	13	England	18	Sydney
1932	Jul 30th	New Zealand	9	England	24	Auckland
1932	Aug 13th	New Zealand	14	England	25	Christchurch
1932	Aug 20th	New Zealand	18	England	20	Auckland
1932	Nov 30th	England	14	Wales	13	Leeds
1933	Mar 20th	England	34	Other Nationalities	27	Workington
1933	Oct 7th	England	4	Australia	0	Manchester
1933	Nov 11th	England	7	Australia	5	Leeds
1933	Dec 16th	England	19	Australia	16	Manchester
1933	Dec 30th	Wales	19	Australia	51	London
1933	Dec 31st	England	13	Australia	63	Paris
1934	Jan 13th	England	19	Australia	14	Gateshead
1934	Apr 15th	England	32	France	21	Paris
1935	Jan 1st	France	18	Wales	11	Bordeaux
1935	Mar 28th	France	15	England	15	Paris
1935	Apr 10th	England	24	Wales	11	Liverpool
1935	Sep 28th	New Zealand	22	Australia	14	Auckland
1935	Oct 2nd	New Zealand	8	Australia	29	Auckland
1935	Oct 5th	New Zealand	8	Australia	31	Auckland
1935	Nov 23rd	Wales	41	France	7	Llanelli
1936	Feb 1st	England	14	Wales	17	Hull
1936	Feb 16th	France	7	England	25	Paris
1936	Jun 29th	Australia	24	England	8	Sydney
1936	Jul 4th	Australia	7	England	12	Brisbane
1936	Jul 18th	Australia	7	England	12	Sydney
1936	Aug 8th	New Zealand	8	England	10	Auckland
1936	Aug 15th	New Zealand	11	England	23	Auckland
1936	Nov 7th	Wales	3	England	2	Pontypridd
1936	Dec 6th	France	3	Wales	9	Paris
1937	Apr 10th	England	23	France	9	Halifax
1937	Aug 7th	New Zealand	8	Australia	12	Auckland
1937	Aug 14th	New Zealand	16	Australia	15	Auckland
1937	Oct 16th	England	5	Australia	4	Leeds
1937	Nov 13th	England	13	Australia	3	Manchester
1937	Dec 18th	England	3	Australia	13	Huddersfield
1938	Jan 1st	France	6	Australia	35	Paris
1938	Jan 16th	France	11	Australia	16	Marseille
1938	Jan 29th	England	6	Wales	7	Bradford
1938	Mar 20th	France	15	England	17	Paris
1938	Apr 2nd	Wales	18	France	2	Llanelli
1938	Nov 5th	Wales	17	England	9	Llanelli
1939	Feb 25th	England	9	France	12	St Helens
1939	Apr 16th	France	16	Wales	10	Bordeaux
1939	Dec 23rd	England	3	Wales	16	Bradford
1940	Nov 9th	England	8	Wales	5	Oldham
1941	Oct 18th	England	9	Wales	9	Bradford
1943	Feb 27th	England	15	Wales	9	Wigan
1944	Feb 26th	England	9	Wales	9	Wigan
1945	Mar 10th	England	18	Wales	8	Wigan
1945	Nov 24th	Wales	11	England	3	Swansea
1946	Feb 23rd	England	16	France	6	Manchester
1946	Mar 24th	France	19	Wales	7	Bordeaux
1946	Jun 17th	Australia	8	England	8	Sydney
1946	Jul 6th	Australia	5	England	14	Brisbane
1946	Jul 20th	Australia	7	England	20	Sydney
1946	Aug 10th	New Zealand	13	England	8	Auckland
1946	Oct 12th	England	10	Wales	13	Manchester
1946	Nov 16th	Wales	5	England	19	Swansea
1946	Dec 8th	France	0	England	3	Bordeaux
1947	Jan 18th	France	14	Wales	5	Marseille
1947	Apr 12th	Wales	17	France	15	Swansea
1947	May 17th	England	5	France	2	Leeds
1947	Sep 20th	England	8	Wales	10	Wigan
1947	Oct 4th	England	11	New Zealand	10	Leeds
1947	Oct 18th	Wales	20	New Zealand	28	Swansea
1947	Oct 25th	England	20	France	15	Huddersfield
1947	Nov 8th	England	7	New Zealand	10	Manchester
1947	Nov 23rd	France	29	Wales	21	Bordeaux
1947	Dec 6th	Wales	7	England	18	Swansea
1947	Dec 20th	England	25	New Zealand	9	Bradford
1947	Dec 28th	France	7	New Zealand	11	Paris
1948	Jan 25th	France	25	New Zealand	7	Bordeaux
1948	Mar 20th	Wales	12	France	20	Swansea
1948	Apr 11th	France	10	England	25	Marseille
1948	May 29th	Australia	19	New Zealand	21	Sydney

1948	Jun 12th	Australia	13	New Zealand	4	Brisbane
1948	Sep 22nd	England	11	Wales	5	Wigan
1948	Oct 9th	Great Britain	23	Australia	21	Leeds
1948	Oct 23rd	Wales	9	France	12	Swansea
1948	Nov 6th	Great Britain	16	Australia	7	Manchester
1948	Nov 20th	Wales	5	Australia	12	Swansea
1948	Nov 28th	France	5	England	12	Bordeaux

1949	Jan 9th	France	10	Australia	29	Marseille
1949	Jan 23rd	France	0	Australia	10	Bordeaux
1949	Jan 29th	Great Britain	23	Australia	9	Bradford
1949	Feb 5th	Wales	14	England	10	Swansea
1949	Mar 12th	England	5	France	12	London
1949	Apr 10th	France	11	Wales	0	Marseille
1949	Sep 17th	New Zealand	26	Australia	21	Wellington
1949	Sep 19th	England	7	Other Nationalities	13	Workington
1949	Oct 8th	New Zealand	10	Australia	13	Auckland
1949	Oct 22nd	Wales	5	Other Nationalities	6	Abertillery
1949	Nov 12th	Wales	16	France	8	Swansea
1949	Dec 4th	France	5	England	13	Bordeaux

1950	Jan 15th	France	8	Other Nationalities	3	Marseille
1950	Mar 1st	England	11	Wales	6	Wigan
1950	Jun 12th	Australia	4	Great Britain	6	Sydney
1950	Jul 1st	Australia	15	Great Britain	3	Brisbane
1950	Jul 22nd	Australia	5	Great Britain	2	Sydney
1950	Jul 29th	New Zealand	16	Great Britain	10	Christchurch
1950	Aug 12th	New Zealand	20	Great Britain	13	Auckland
1950	Oct 14th	Wales	4	England	22	Abertillery
1950	Nov 11th	England	14	France	9	Leeds
1950	Dec 10th	France	16	Other Nationalities	3	Bordeaux

1951	Mar 31st	Wales	21	Other Nationalities	27	Swansea
1951	Apr 11th	England	10	Other Nationalities	35	Wigan
1951	Apr 15th	France	28	Wales	13	Marseille
1951	Jun 11th	Australia	15	France	26	Sydney
1951	Jun 30th	Australia	23	France	11	Brisbane
1951	Jul 21st	Australia	14	France	35	Sydney
1951	Aug 4th	New Zealand	16	France	15	Auckland
1951	Sep 19th	England	35	Wales	11	St Helens
1951	Oct 6th	Great Britain	21	New Zealand	15	Bradford
1951	Nov 3rd	Other Nationalities	17	France	14	Hull
1951	Nov 10th	Great Britain	20	New Zealand	19	Manchester
1951	Nov 25th	France	42	England	13	Marseille
1951	Dec 1st	Wales	11	Other Nationalities	22	Abertillery
1951	Dec 7th	Wales	3	New Zealand	15	Bradford
1951	Dec 15th	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	12	Leeds
1951	Dec 23rd	France	8	New Zealand	3	Paris
1951	Dec 30th	France	17	New Zealand	7	Bordeaux

1952	Apr 6th	France	20	Wales	12	Bordeaux
1952	Apr 23rd	England	31	Other Nationalities	18	Wigan
1952	May 22nd	France	22	Great Britain	12	Paris
1952	Jun 9th	Australia	25	New Zealand	13	Sydney

1952	Jun 28th	Australia	25	New Zealand	49	Brisbane
1952	Jul 2nd	Australia	9	New Zealand	19	Sydney
1952	Sep 17th	England	19	Wales	8	Wigan
1952	Oct 4th	Great Britain	19	Australia	6	Leeds
1952	Oct 18th	England	12	Other Nationalities	31	Huddersfield
1952	Oct 25th	Wales	22	France	16	Leeds
1952	Nov 9th	Great Britain	21	Australia	5	Manchester
1952	Nov 23rd	France	10	Other Nationalities	29	Marseille
1952	Dec 13th	Great Britain	7	Australia	27	Bradford
1952	Dec 27th	France	12	Australia	16	Paris

1953	Jan 11th	France	5	Australia	0	Bordeaux
1953	Jan 25th	France	13	Australia	5	Lyon
1953	Apr 11th	France	13	England	15	Paris
1953	Apr 15th	Wales	18	Other Nationalities	16	Warrington
1953	May 24th	France	28	Great Britain	17	Lyon
1953	Jun 27th	New Zealand	25	Australia	5	Christchurch
1953	Jul 4th	New Zealand	12	Australia	11	Wellington
1953	Jul 18th	New Zealand	16	Australia	18	Auckland
1953	Sep 16th	England	24	Wales	5	St Helens
1953	Oct 7th	Other Nationalities	30	Wales	5	Bradford
1953	Oct 18th	France	10	Other Nationalities	15	Toulouse
1953	Nov 7th	England	7	France	5	Bradford
1953	Nov 28th	England	30	Other Nationalities	22	Wigan
1953	Dec 13th	France	23	Wales	22	Marseille

1954	Jan 9th	France	31	USA	0	Paris
1954	Apr 27th	Great Britain	17	France	8	Bradford
1954	Jun 12th	Australia	37	Great Britain	12	Sydney
1954	Jul 9th	Australia	21	Great Britain	38	Brisbane
1954	Jul 17th	Australia	20	Great Britain	16	Sydney
1954	Jul 24th	New Zealand	7	Great Britain	27	Auckland
1954	Jul 31st	New Zealand	20	Great Britain	14	Greymouth
1954	Aug 14th	New Zealand	6	Great Britain	12	Auckland
1954	Oct 30th	France	22	New Zealand	13	Paris
1954	Oct 31st	Australia	13	Great Britain	28	Lyon
1954	Nov 7th	Australia	34	New Zealand	15	Marseille
1954	Nov 7th	France	13	Great Britain	13	Toulouse
1954	Nov 11th	France	15	Australia	5	Nantes
1954	Nov 11th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	6	Bordeaux
1954	Nov 13th	France	12	Great Britain	16	Paris

1955	Jun 11th	Australia	20	France	8	Sydney
1955	Jul 2nd	Australia	28	France	29	Brisbane
1955	Jul 23rd	Australia	5	France	8	Sydney
1955	Aug 6th	New Zealand	9	France	19	Auckland
1955	Aug 13th	New Zealand	11	France	6	Auckland
1955	Sep 12th	England	16	Other Nationalities	33	Wigan
1955	Oct 8th	Great Britain	25	New Zealand	6	Manchester
1955	Oct 19th	Other Nationalities	32	France	19	Leigh
1955	Nov 12th	Great Britain	27	New Zealand	12	Bradford
1955	Dec 11th	France	17	Great Britain	5	Paris
1955	Dec 17th	Great Britain	13	New Zealand	28	Leeds

1956	Jan 8th	France	24	New Zealand	7	Toulouse
1956	Jan 15th	France	22	New Zealand	31	Lyon
1956	Jan 31st	France	24	New Zealand	3	Paris
1956	Apr 11th	Great Britain	18	France	10	Bradford
1956	May 10th	France	23	England	9	Lyon
1956	Jun 9th	Australia	12	New Zealand	9	Sydney
1956	Jun 23rd	Australia	8	New Zealand	2	Brisbane
1956	Jun 30th	Australia	31	New Zealand	14	Sydney
1956	Nov 1st	France	8	Australia	15	Paris
1956	Nov 17th	Great Britain	21	Australia	10	Wigan
1956	Dec 1st	Great Britain	9	Australia	22	Bradford
1956	Dec 15th	Great Britain	19	Australia	0	Manchester
1956	Dec 23rd	France	6	Australia	10	Bordeaux

1957	Jan 3rd	France	21	Australia	25	Lyon
1957	Jan 26th	Great Britain	45	France	12	Leeds
1957	Mar 3rd	France	19	Great Britain	19	Toulouse
1957	Apr 10th	Great Britain	29	France	14	St Helens
1957	Jun 15th	France	5	Great Britain	23	Sydney
1957	Jun 15th	Australia	25	New Zealand	5	Brisbane
1957	Jun 17th	Australia	31	Great Britain	6	Sydney
1957	Jun 17th	France	14	New Zealand	10	Brisbane
1957	Jun 22nd	Australia	26	France	9	Sydney
1957	Jun 25th	New Zealand	29	Great Britain	21	Sydney
1957	Nov 3rd	France	14	Great Britain	25	Toulouse
1957	Nov 23rd	Great Britain	44	France	15	Wigan

1958	Mar 2nd	France	9	Great Britain	23	Grenoble
1958	Jun 14th	Australia	25	Great Britain	8	Sydney
1958	Jul 5th	Australia	18	Great Britain	25	Brisbane
1958	Jul 19th	Australia	17	Great Britain	40	Sydney
1958	Jul 26th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	10	Auckland
1958	Aug 9th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	32	Auckland

1959	Mar 1st	France	25	Wales	8	Toulouse
1959	Mar 14th	Great Britain	50	France	15	Leeds
1959	Apr 5th	France	24	Great Britain	15	Grenoble
1959	Jun 13th	Australia	9	New Zealand	8	Sydney
1959	Jun 27th	Australia	38	New Zealand	10	Brisbane
1959	Jul 4th	Australia	12	New Zealand	28	Sydney
1959	Oct 17th	Great Britain	14	Australia	22	Manchester
1959	Oct 31st	France	19	Australia	20	Paris
1959	Nov 21st	Great Britain	11	Australia	10	Leeds
1959	Dec 12th	Great Britain	18	Australia	12	Wigan
1959	Dec 20th	France	2	Australia	17	Bordeaux

1960	Jan 20th	France	8	Australia	16	Roanne
1960	Jan 23rd	Italy	15	Australia	37	Padua
1960	Jan 24th	Italy	22	Australia	67	Treviso
1960	Mar 6th	France	20	Great Britain	18	Toulouse
1960	Mar 26th	Great Britain	17	France	17	St Helens
1960	Jun 11th	Australia	8	France	8	Sydney
1960	Jul 2nd	Australia	56	France	6	Brisbane
1960	Jul 16th	Australia	5	France	7	Sydney

1960	Jul 23rd	New Zealand	9	France	2	Auckland
1960	Aug 6th	New Zealand	9	France	3	Auckland
1960	Sep 24th	Australia	13	France	12	Wigan
1960	Sep 24th	Great Britain	23	New Zealand	8	Bradford
1960	Oct 1st	Australia	21	New Zealand	15	Leeds
1960	Oct 1st	Great Britain	33	France	7	Manchester
1960	Oct 8th	Great Britain	10	Australia	3	Bradford
1960	Oct 8th	New Zealand	9	France	0	Wigan
1960	Oct 13th	France	22	New Zealand	11	Paris
1960	Dec 11th	France	10	Great Britain	21	Bordeaux

1961	Jan 28th	Great Britain	27	France	8	St Helens
1961	Jul 1st	New Zealand	12	Australia	10	Auckland
1961	Jul 8th	New Zealand	8	Australia	10	Auckland
1961	Sep 30th	Great Britain	11	New Zealand	29	Leeds
1961	Oct 21st	Great Britain	23	New Zealand	10	Bradford
1961	Nov 4th	Great Britain	35	New Zealand	19	Manchester
1961	Nov 11th	France	6	New Zealand	6	Bordeaux
1961	Nov 19th	France	2	New Zealand	23	Perpignan
1961	Dec 9th	France	5	New Zealand	5	Paris

1962	Feb 17th	Great Britain	15	France	20	Wigan
1962	Mar 11th	France	23	Great Britain	13	Perpignan
1962	Jun 9th	Australia	12	Great Britain	31	Sydney
1962	Jun 30th	Australia	10	Great Britain	17	Brisbane
1962	Jul 14th	Australia	18	Great Britain	17	Sydney
1962	Jul 23rd	New Zealand	19	Great Britain	0	Auckland
1962	Aug 11th	New Zealand	27	Great Britain	8	Auckland
1962	Nov 17th	England	18	France	6	Leeds
1962	Dec 2nd	France	17	Great Britain	12	Perpignan

1963	Feb 17th	France	23	Wales	3	Toulouse
1963	Apr 3rd	Great Britain	42	France	4	Wigan
1963	Jun 8th	Australia	7	New Zealand	3	Sydney
1963	Jun 22nd	Australia	13	New Zealand	16	Brisbane
1963	Jun 29th	Australia	14	New Zealand	0	Sydney
1963	Jul 20th	Australia	34	South Africa	6	Brisbane
1963	Jul 27th	Australia	54	South Africa	21	Sydney
1963	Oct 16th	Great Britain	2	Australia	28	London
1963	Nov 9th	Great Britain	12	Australia	50	Manchester
1963	Nov 30th	Great Britain	16	Australia	5	Leeds
1963	Dec 8th	France	8	Australia	5	Bordeaux
1963	Dec 22nd	France	9	Australia	21	Toulouse

1964	Jan 18th	France	8	Australia	16	Paris
1964	Mar 8th	France	5	Great Britain	11	Perpignan
1964	Mar 18th	Great Britain	39	France	0	Leigh
1964	Jun 13th	Australia	20	France	6	Sydney
1964	Jul 4th	Australia	27	France	2	Brisbane
1964	Jul 18th	Australia	35	France	9	Sydney
1964	Jul 25th	New Zealand	24	France	16	Auckland
1964	Aug 1st	New Zealand	18	France	8	Christchurch
1964	Aug 15th	New Zealand	10	France	2	Auckland
1964	Dec 6th	France	18	Great Britain	8	Perpignan

1965	Jan 23rd	Great Britain	17	France	7	Manchester
1965	Jun 19th	New Zealand	8	Australia	13	Auckland
1965	Jun 26th	New Zealand	7	Australia	5	Auckland
1965	Sep 25th	Great Britain	7	New Zealand	2	Manchester
1965	Oct 23rd	Great Britain	15	New Zealand	9	Bradford
1965	Nov 6th	Great Britain	9	New Zealand	9	Wigan
1965	Nov 15th	France	14	New Zealand	3	Marseille
1965	Nov 28th	France	6	New Zealand	2	Perpignan
1965	Dec 12th	France	28	New Zealand	5	Toulouse

1966	Jan 16th	France	18	Great Britain	13	Perpignan
1966	Mar 5th	Great Britain	4	France	8	Wigan
1966	Jun 25th	Australia	13	Great Britain	17	Sydney
1966	Jul 16th	Australia	6	Great Britain	4	Brisbane
1966	Jul 23rd	Australia	19	Great Britain	14	Sydney
1966	Aug 6th	New Zealand	8	Great Britain	25	Auckland
1966	Aug 20th	New Zealand	14	Great Britain	22	Auckland

1967	Jan 22nd	France	13	Great Britain	16	Carcassonne
1967	Mar 4th	Great Britain	13	France	23	Wigan
1967	Jun 10th	Australia	22	New Zealand	13	Sydney
1967	Jul 1st	Australia	35	New Zealand	22	Brisbane
1967	Jul 8th	Australia	13	New Zealand	9	Sydney
1967	Oct 21st	Great Britain	16	Australia	11	Leeds
1967	Nov 3rd	Great Britain	11	Australia	17	London
1967	Dec 9th	Great Britain	3	Australia	11	Manchester
1967	Dec 17th	France	7	Australia	7	Marseille
1967	Dec 24th	France	10	Australia	3	Carcassonne

1968	Jan 7th	France	16	Australia	13	Toulouse
1968	Feb 11th	France	13	Great Britain	22	Paris
1968	Mar 2nd	Great Britain	19	France	8	Bradford
1968	May 25th	France	15	New Zealand	10	Auckland
1968	May 25th	Australia	25	Great Britain	10	Sydney
1968	Jun 1st	Australia	31	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
1968	Jun 2nd	France	7	Great Britain	2	Auckland
1968	Jun 8th	Australia	37	France	4	Brisbane
1968	Jun 8th	Great Britain	38	New Zealand	14	Sydney
1968	Jun 10th	Australia	20	France	2	Sydney
1968	Nov 7th	England	17	Wales	24	Salford
1968	Nov 30th	Great Britain	34	France	10	St Helens

1969	Feb 2nd	France	13	Great Britain	9	Toulouse
1969	Mar 9th	France	17	Wales	13	Paris
1969	Jun 1st	New Zealand	10	Australia	20	Auckland
1969	Jun 7th	New Zealand	18	Australia	14	Auckland
1969	Oct 18th	England	40	Wales	23	Leeds
1969	Oct 23rd	Wales	2	France	8	Salford
1969	Oct 25th	England	11	France	11	Wigan

1970	Jan 25th	France	11	Wales	15	Perpignan
1970	Feb 24th	England	26	Wales	7	Leeds
1970	Mar 15th	France	14	England	9	Toulouse

1970	Jun 6th	Australia	37	Great Britain	15	Brisbane
1970	Jun 20th	Australia	7	Great Britain	28	Sydney
1970	Jul 4th	Australia	17	Great Britain	21	Sydney
1970	Jul 11th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	19	Auckland
1970	Jul 19th	New Zealand	9	Great Britain	23	Christchurch
1970	Jul 25th	New Zealand	16	Great Britain	33	Auckland
1970	Oct 21st	Australia	47	New Zealand	11	Wigan
1970	Oct 24th	Great Britain	11	Australia	4	Leeds
1970	Oct 25th	France	15	New Zealand	16	Hull
1970	Oct 28th	Great Britain	6	France	0	Castleford
1970	Oct 31st	Great Britain	27	New Zealand	17	Manchester
1970	Nov 1st	France	17	Australia	15	Bradford
1970	Nov 7th	Australia	12	Great Britain	7	Leeds
1970	Nov 12th	France	4	Australia	7	Perpignan
1970	Nov 15th	France	16	New Zealand	2	Carcassonne

1971	Feb 7th	France	16	Great Britain	8	Toulouse
1971	Mar 17th	Great Britain	24	France	2	St Helens
1971	Jun 26th	New Zealand	24	Australia	3	Auckland
1971	Sep 25th	Great Britain	13	New Zealand	18	Salford
1971	Oct 16th	Great Britain	14	New Zealand	17	Castleford
1971	Nov 6th	Great Britain	12	New Zealand	3	Leeds
1971	Nov 11th	France	11	New Zealand	27	Perpignan
1971	Nov 21st	France	2	New Zealand	24	Carcassonne
1971	Nov 28th	France	3	New Zealand	3	Toulouse

1972	Feb 6th	France	9	Great Britain	10	Toulouse
1972	Mar 12th	Great Britain	45	France	10	Bradford
1972	Jul 8th	Australia	36	New Zealand	11	Sydney
1972	Jul 15th	Australia	31	New Zealand	7	Brisbane
1972	Oct 28th	France	20	New Zealand	9	Marseille
1972	Oct 29th	Great Britain	27	Australia	21	Perpignan
1972	Nov 1st	Australia	9	New Zealand	5	Paris
1972	Nov 1st	France	4	Great Britain	13	Grenoble
1972	Nov 4th	Great Britain	53	New Zealand	19	Pau
1972	Nov 5th	France	9	Australia	31	Toulouse
1972	Nov 11th	Australia	10	Great Britain	10	Lyon

1973	Nov 3rd	Great Britain	21	Australia	12	London
1973	Nov 24th	Great Britain	6	Australia	14	Leeds
1973	Dec 1st	Great Britain	5	Australia	15	Warrington
1973	Dec 9th	France	9	Australia	21	Perpignan
1973	Dec 16th	France	3	Australia	14	Toulouse

1974	Jan 20th	France	5	Great Britain	24	Grenoble
1974	Feb 17th	Great Britain	29	France	0	Wigan
1974	Jun 15th	Australia	12	Great Britain	6	Brisbane
1974	Jul 6th	Australia	11	Great Britain	16	Sydney
1974	Jul 27th	New Zealand	13	Great Britain	8	Auckland
1974	Aug 4th	New Zealand	8	Great Britain	17	Christchurch
1974	Aug 10th	New Zealand	0	Great Britain	20	Auckland

1975	Jan 19th	France	9	England	11	Perpignan
1975	Feb 16th	Wales	21	France	8	Swansea

1975	Feb 25th	England	12	Wales	8	Salford
1975	Mar 2nd	France	14	Wales	7	Toulouse
1975	Mar 16th	England	20	France	2	Leeds
1975	Jun 1st	Australia	36	New Zealand	8	Brisbane
1975	Jun 10th	England	7	Wales	12	Brisbane
1975	Jun 14th	Australia	30	Wales	13	Sydney
1975	Jun 15th	New Zealand	27	France	0	Christchurch
1975	Jun 21st	Australia	26	France	6	Brisbane
1975	Jun 21st	New Zealand	17	England	17	Auckland
1975	Jun 28th	Australia	10	England	10	Sydney
1975	Jun 28th	New Zealand	13	Wales	8	Auckland
1975	Sep 20th	Wales	16	England	22	Warrington
1975	Sep 27th	New Zealand	8	Australia	24	Auckland
1975	Oct 11th	France	2	England	48	Bordeaux
1975	Oct 17th	France	12	New Zealand	12	Marseille
1975	Oct 19th	Wales	6	Australia	18	Swansea
1975	Oct 25th	England	27	New Zealand	12	Bradford
1975	Oct 26th	France	2	Australia	41	Perpignan
1975	Nov 1st	England	16	Australia	13	Wigan
1975	Nov 2nd	Wales	25	New Zealand	24	Swansea
1975	Nov 6th	Wales	23	France	2	Salford
1975	Nov 12th	England	0	Australia	25	Leeds
1977	Jan 29th	England	2	Wales	6	Leeds
1977	Feb 20th	France	13	Wales	2	Toulouse
1977	Mar 20th	France	28	England	15	Carcassonne
1977	May 29th	New Zealand	12	Australia	27	Auckland
1977	May 29th	Papua New Guinea	37	France	6	Port Moresby
1977	Jun 5th	France	4	Great Britain	23	Auckland
1977	Jun 11th	Australia	21	France	9	Sydney
1977	Jun 12th	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	30	Christchurch
1977	Jun 18th	Australia	19	Great Britain	5	Brisbane
1977	Jun 19th	New Zealand	28	France	20	Auckland
1977	Jun 25th	Australia	13	Great Britain	12	Sydney
1978	Jan 15th	Wales	29	France	7	Widnes
1978	Mar 5th	France	11	England	13	Toulouse
1978	May 28th	England	60	Wales	13	St Helens
1978	Jun 24th	Australia	24	New Zealand	2	Sydney
1978	Jul 15th	Australia	38	New Zealand	7	Brisbane
1978	Jul 22nd	Australia	33	New Zealand	16	Sydney
1978	Jul 30th	Papua New Guinea	21	New Zealand	30	Port Moresby
1978	Oct 15th	Wales	3	Australia	8	Swansea
1978	Oct 21st	Great Britain	9	Australia	15	Wigan
1978	Nov 5th	Great Britain	18	Australia	14	Bradford
1978	Nov 18th	Great Britain	6	Australia	23	Leeds
1978	Nov 26th	France	13	Australia	10	Carcassonne
1978	Dec 10th	France	11	Australia	10	Toulouse
1979	Feb 4th	France	15	Wales	8	Narbonne
1979	Mar 16th	England	15	Wales	7	Widnes
1979	Mar 24th	England	12	France	6	Warrington
1979	Jun 16th	Australia	35	Great Britain	0	Brisbane
1979	Jun 30th	Australia	24	Great Britain	16	Sydney
1979	Jul 14th	Australia	28	Great Britain	2	Sydney
1979	Jul 21st	New Zealand	8	Great Britain	16	Auckland
1979	Aug 5th	New Zealand	7	Great Britain	22	Christchurch
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1979	Oct 14th	France	16	Papua New Guinea	9	Albi
1979	Oct 28th	France	15	Papua New Guinea	2	Carcassonne
1980	Jan 26th	Wales	7	France	21	Widnes
1980	Feb 29th	England	26	Wales	9	Hull
1980	Mar 16th	France	2	England	4	Narbonne
1980	Jun 1st	New Zealand	6	Australia	27	Auckland
1980	Jun 15th	New Zealand	6	Australia	15	Auckland
1980	Oct 18th	Great Britain	14	New Zealand	14	Wigan
1980	Nov 2nd	Great Britain	8	New Zealand	12	Bradford
1980	Nov 15th	Great Britain	10	New Zealand	2	Leeds
1980	Nov 23rd	France	6	New Zealand	5	Perpignan
1980	Dec 7th	France	3	New Zealand	11	Toulouse
1981	Jan 31st	France	23	Wales	5	Narbonne
1981	Feb 21st	England	1	France	5	Leeds
1981	Mar 18th	England	17	Wales	4	Hull
1981	Jun 7th	New Zealand	26	France	3	Auckland
1981	Jun 21st	New Zealand	25	France	2	Auckland
1981	Jul 4th	Australia	43	France	3	Sydney
1981	Jul 18th	Australia	17	France	2	Brisbane
1981	Aug 23rd	Papua New Guinea	13	France	13	Port Moresby
1981	Nov 8th	Wales	15	England	20	Cardiff
1981	Dec 6th	Great Britain	37	France	0	Hull
1981	Dec 20th	France	19	Great Britain	2	Marseille
1982	Jul 3rd	Australia	11	New Zealand	8	Brisbane
1982	Jul 17th	Australia	20	New Zealand	2	Sydney
1982	Jul 25th	Papua New Guinea	5	New Zealand	56	Port Moresby
1982	Oct 2nd	Papua New Guinea	2	Australia	38	Port Moresby
1982	Oct 24th	Wales	7	Australia	37	Cardiff
1982	Oct 30th	Great Britain	4	Australia	40	Hull
1982	Nov 20th	Great Britain	6	Australia	27	Wigan
1982	Nov 28th	Great Britain	8	Australia	32	Leeds
1982	Dec 5th	France	4	Australia	15	Avignon
1982	Dec 18th	France	9	Australia	23	Narbonne
1983	Feb 20th	France	5	Great Britain	20	Carcassonne
1983	Mar 6th	Great Britain	17	France	5	Hull
1983	Jun 12th	New Zealand	4	Australia	16	Auckland
1983	Jul 9th	Australia	12	New Zealand	19	Brisbane
1983	Oct 2nd	New Zealand	60	Papua New Guinea	20	Auckland
1984	Jan 29th	France	0	Great Britain	12	Avignon
1984	Feb 17th	Great Britain	10	France	0	Leeds
1984	Jun 9th	Australia	25	Great Britain	8	Sydney
1984	Jun 26th	Australia	18	Great Britain	6	Brisbane
1984	Jul 7th	Australia	20	Great Britain	7	Sydney
1984	Jul 14th	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	0	Auckland
1984	Jul 22nd	New Zealand	28	Great Britain	12	Christchurch

1984	Jul 28th	New Zealand	32	Great Britain	16	Auckland	1988	Jul 20th	Australia	70	Papua New Guinea	8	Wagga Wagga
1984	Aug 5th	Papua New Guinea	20	Great Britain	38	Mount Hagen	1988	Oct 9th	New Zealand	12	Australia	25	Auckland
1984	Oct 14th	Wales	9	England	28	Ebbw Vale	1988	Oct 18th	Cook Islands	19	Tokelau	10	Apia
1985	Mar 1st	Great Britain	50	France	4	Leeds	1988	Oct 18th	NZ Maori	42	American Samoa	10	Apia
1985	Mar 17th	France	24	Great Britain	16	Perpignan	1988	Oct 20th	Tonga	38	American Samoa	14	Apia
1985	Jun 18th	Australia	26	New Zealand	20	Brisbane	1988	Oct 20th	Western Samoa	52	Cook Islands	16	Apia
1985	Jun 30th	New Zealand	6	Australia	10	Auckland	1988	Oct 22nd	NZ Maori	42	Tonga	16	Apia
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1986	Jul 29th	Australia	32	New Zealand	12	Brisbane	1989	Jul 23rd	New Zealand	14	Australia	22	Auckland
1986	Aug 10th	Papua New Guinea	26	New Zealand	36	Goroka	1989	Oct 21st	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	24	Trafford
1986	Aug 17th	Papua New Guinea	24	New Zealand	22	Port Moresby	1989	Oct 28th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	6	Leeds
1986	Oct 4th	Papua New Guinea	12	Australia	62	Port Moresby	1989	Nov 11th	Great Britain	10	New Zealand	6	Wigan
1986	Oct 25th	Great Britain	16	Australia	38	Trafford	1989	Nov 19th	France	14	New Zealand	16	Carcassonne
1986	Oct 27th	Cook Islands	22	Niue	8	Avarua	1989	Dec 3rd	France	0	New Zealand	34	Carcassonne
1986	Oct 27th	Western Samoa	34	Tokelau	12	Avarua	1990	Mar 18th	France	4	Great Britain	8	Perpignan
1986	Oct 29th	Niue	16	NZ Maori	32	Avarua	1990	Apr 7th	Great Britain	18	France	25	Leeds
1986	Oct 29th	Tonga	34	Western Samoa	16	Avarua	1990	May 27th	Papua New Guinea	20	Great Britain	18	Goroka
1986	Oct 31st	Cook Islands	10	NZ Maori	32	Avarua	1990	Jun 2nd	Papua New Guinea	8	Great Britain	40	Port Moresby
1986	Oct 31st	Tokelau	22	Tonga	26	Avarua	1990	Jun 24th	New Zealand	10	Great Britain	11	Palmerston North
1986	Nov 2nd	Cook Islands	0	Western Samoa	48	Avarua	1990	Jun 27th	Australia	34	France	2	Parkes
1986	Nov 2nd	NZ Maori	27	Tonga	18	Avarua	1990	Jul 8th	New Zealand	14	Great Britain	16	Auckland
1986	Nov 4th	Tonga	4	Western Samoa	46	Avarua	1990	Jul 15th	New Zealand	21	Great Britain	18	Christchurch
1986	Nov 7th	NZ Maori	23	Western Samoa	6	Avarua	1990	Aug 5th	Papua New Guinea	4	New Zealand	36	Goroka
1986	Nov 8th	Great Britain	4	Australia	34	Leeds	1990	Aug 11th	Papua New Guinea	10	New Zealand	18	Port Moresby
1986	Nov 22nd	Great Britain	15	Australia	24	Wigan	1990	Aug 19th	New Zealand	6	Australia	24	Wellington
1986	Nov 30th	France	2	Australia	44	Perpignan	1990	Oct 21st	NZ Maori	24	Aborigines	13	Nuku'alofa
1986	Dec 13th	France	0	Australia	52	Carcassonne	1990	Oct 21st	Papua New Guinea	16	Tonga XIII	14	Nuku'alofa
1987	Jan 24th	Great Britain	52	France	4	Leeds	1990	Oct 21st	Tokelau	26	Niue	16	Nuku'alofa
1987	Feb 8th	France	10	Great Britain	20	Carcassonne	1990	Oct 21st	Western Samoa	42	Tonga	8	Nuku'alofa
1987	Jul 12th	Papua New Guinea	22	New Zealand	36	Port Moresby	1990	Oct 21st	Aborigines	unknown	Tonga XIII	unknown	Nuku'alofa
1987	Jul 21st	Australia	6	New Zealand	13	Brisbane	1990	Oct 24th	NZ Maori	46	Papua New Guinea	14	Nuku'alofa
1987	Oct 24th	Great Britain	42	Papua New Guinea	0	Wigan	1990	Oct 24th	Tonga	58	Niue	4	Nuku'alofa
1987	Nov 15th	France	21	Papua New Guinea	4	Carcassonne	1990	Oct 24th	Western Samoa	66	Tokelau	8	Nuku'alofa
1988	Jan 24th	France	14	Great Britain	28	Avignon	1990	Oct 26th	Aborigines	28	Papua New Guinea	18	Nuku'alofa
1988	Feb 6th	Great Britain	30	France	12	Leeds	1990	Oct 26th	NZ Maori	20	Tonga XIII	4	Nuku'alofa
1988	May 22nd	Papua New Guinea	22	Great Britain	42	Port Moresby	1990	Oct 26th	Tonga	26	Tokelau	10	Nuku'alofa
1988	Jun 11th	Australia	17	Great Britain	6	Sydney	1990	Oct 26th	Western Samoa	52	Niue	2	Nuku'alofa
1988	Jun 28th	Australia	34	Great Britain	14	Brisbane	1990	Oct 27th	Great Britain	19	Australia	12	London
1988	Jul 9th	Australia	12	Great Britain	26	Sydney	1990	Oct 28th	Tonga	20	NZ Maori	32	Nuku'alofa
1988	Jul 10th	New Zealand	66	Papua New Guinea	14	Auckland	1990	Oct 28th	Western Samoa	22	Aborigines	16	Nuku'alofa
1988	Jul 17th	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	10	Christchurch	1990	Oct 31st	Western Samoa	26	NZ Maori	18	Nuku'alofa
1990	Nov 10th	Great Britain	10	Australia	14	Trafford	1990	Nov 10th	Great Britain	10	Australia	14	Trafford

1990	Nov 24th	Great Britain	0	Australia	14	Leeds	1992	Oct 28th	Western Samoa	44	Aborigines	26	Auckland
1990	Dec 2nd	France	4	Australia	60	Avignon	1992	Oct 31st	NZ Maori	44	Aborigines	12	Auckland
1990	Dec 9th	France	10	Australia	34	Perpignan	1992	Oct 31st	Western Samoa	18	Tonga	14	Auckland
1991	Jan 27th	France	10	Great Britain	45	Perpignan	1992	Nov 27th	Wales	11	England	36	Swansea
1991	Feb 16th	Great Britain	60	France	4	Leeds	1992	Dec 13th	France	18	Wales	19	Perpignan
1991	Jun 13th	New Zealand	60	France	6	Auckland	1993	Mar 7th	France	6	Great Britain	48	Carcassonne
1991	Jun 23rd	New Zealand	32	France	10	Christchurch	1993	Apr 2nd	Great Britain	72	France	6	Leeds
1991	Jul 3rd	Australia	8	New Zealand	24	Melbourne	1993	Jun 5th	Russia	14	France	30	Moscow
1991	Jul 7th	Papua New Guinea	18	France	20	Goroka	1993	Jun 12th	Moldova	14	France	34	Kishinev
1991	Jul 24th	Australia	44	New Zealand	0	Sydney	1993	Jun 19th	Papua New Guinea	35	Fiji	24	Port Moresby
1991	Jul 31st	Australia	40	New Zealand	12	Brisbane	1993	Jun 20th	New Zealand	14	Australia	14	Auckland
1991	Oct 6th	Papua New Guinea	2	Australia	58	Goroka	1993	Jun 25th	New Zealand	8	Australia	16	Palmerston North
1991	Oct 13th	Papua New Guinea	6	Australia	40	Port Moresby	1993	Jun 30th	Australia	16	New Zealand	4	Brisbane
1991	Oct 27th	France	26	Russia	6	Lyon	1993	Oct 4th	Wales	19	New Zealand	24	Swansea
1991	Oct 27th	Wales	68	Papua New Guinea	0	Swansea	1993	Oct 16th	Great Britain	17	New Zealand	0	London
1991	Nov 9th	Great Britain	56	Papua New Guinea	4	Wigan	1993	Oct 30th	Great Britain	29	New Zealand	12	Wigan
1991	Nov 24th	France	28	Papua New Guinea	14	Carcassonne	1993	Nov 6th	Great Britain	29	New Zealand	10	Leeds
1992	Feb 16th	France	12	Great Britain	30	Perpignan	1993	Nov 21st	France	11	New Zealand	36	Carcassonne
1992	Mar 7th	Great Britain	36	France	0	Hull	1994	Mar 4th	Wales	13	France	12	Cardiff
1992	Mar 22nd	Wales	35	France	6	Swansea	1994	Mar 20th	France	4	Great Britain	12	Carcassonne
1992	May 31st	Papua New Guinea	14	Great Britain	20	Port Moresby	1994	Jun 9th	USA	22	Canada	0	Atlantic City
1992	Jun 4th	France	38	C.I.S.	4	Lyon	1994	Jun 26th	Papua New Guinea	29	France	22	Port Moresby
1992	Jun 12th	Australia	22	Great Britain	6	Sydney	1994	Jul 6th	Australia	58	France	0	Sydney
1992	Jun 18th	C.I.S.	8	France	28	Moscow	1994	Jul 9th	Fiji	20	France	12	Suva
1992	Jun 26th	Australia	10	Great Britain	33	Melbourne	1994	Aug 20th	USA	12	Russia	19	San Francisco
1992	Jul 3rd	Australia	16	Great Britain	10	Brisbane	1994	Oct 1st	Canada	10	USA	22	Toronto
1992	Jul 5th	New Zealand	66	Papua New Guinea	10	Auckland	1994	Oct 16th	Papua New Guinea	12	New Zealand	28	Goroka
1992	Jul 12th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	14	Palmerston North	1994	Oct 21st	Fiji	14	Western Samoa	16	Suva
1992	Jul 15th	Australia	36	Papua New Guinea	14	Townsville	1994	Oct 21st	Rotuma	17	Cook Islands	10	Suva
1992	Jul 19th	New Zealand	16	Great Britain	19	Auckland	1994	Oct 22nd	Aborigines	64	Niue	10	Suva
1992	Oct 17th	American Samoa	26	Tokelau	18	Auckland	1994	Oct 22nd	Fiji Pres. XIII	16	NZ Maori	28	Suva
1992	Oct 17th	NZ Maori	36	Aborigines	24	Auckland	1994	Oct 22nd	Great Britain	8	Australia	4	London
1992	Oct 18th	Tonga	24	Niue	8	Auckland	1994	Oct 25th	Fiji	19	Cook Islands	11	Suva
1992	Oct 18th	Western Samoa	32	Fiji	18	Auckland	1994	Oct 25th	Western Samoa	30	American Samoa	10	Suva
1992	Oct 19th	Aborigines	46	Tokelau	18	Auckland	1994	Oct 26th	Fiji Pres. XIII	12	Aborigines	50	Suva
1992	Oct 19th	NZ Maori	84	Norfolk Island	8	Auckland	1994	Oct 26th	Tonga	28	NZ Maori	8	Suva
1992	Oct 20th	Cook Islands	23	Niue	22	Auckland	1994	Oct 27th	Papua New Guinea	16	New Zealand	30	Port Moresby
1992	Oct 20th	Western Samoa	20	Tonga	12	Auckland	1994	Oct 28th	Cook Islands	22	American Samoa	20	Suva
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1992	Oct 24th	American Samoa	94	Norfolk Island	2	Huntly	1994	Nov 2nd	Fiji	16	American Samoa	14	Suva
1992	Oct 24th	Great Britain	6	Australia	10	London	1994	Nov 2nd	Western Samoa	50	Rotuma	14	Suva
1992	Oct 24th	NZ Maori	38	Tokelau	14	Huntly	1994	Nov 3rd	Aborigines	34	Tonga	16	Suva
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1992	Oct 24th	Western Samoa	66	Cook Islands	12	Auckland	1994	Nov 4th	Rotuma	32	American Samoa	32	Suva
1992	Oct 26th	Aborigines	32	American Samoa	14	Whangarei	1994	Nov 4th	Western Samoa	60	Cook Islands	0	Suva
1992	Oct 26th	Fiji	58	Cook Islands	6	Auckland	1994	Nov 5th	Aborigines	38	NZ Maori	20	Suva
1992	Oct 26th	Tokelau	44	Norfolk Island	8	Whangarei	1994	Nov 5th	Great Britain	8	Australia	38	Trafford
1992	Oct 26th	Western Samoa	41	Niue	28	Auckland	1994	Nov 5th	Tonga	58	Niue	12	Suva
1992	Oct 28th	NZ Maori	6	Tonga	18	Auckland	1994	Nov 9th	Fiji	21	Aborigines	20	Suva

1994	Nov 9th	Tonga	34	Western Samoa	16	Suva	1996	Oct 5th	New Zealand	62	Papua New Guinea	8	Rotorua
1994	Nov 11th	Western Samoa	29	Aborigines	22	Suva	1996	Oct 6th	PNG (NRL)	6	Australia	52	Port Moresby
1994	Nov 12th	Fiji	11	Tonga	34	Suva	1996	Oct 11th	New Zealand	64	Papua New Guinea	0	Palmerston North
1994	Nov 20th	Great Britain	4	Australia	23	Leeds	1996	Oct 18th	New Zealand	17	Great Britain	12	Auckland
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1996	Nov 1st	New Zealand	32	Great Britain	12	Christchurch	1997	Jan 1st	USA	50	Canada	10	Philadelphia
1995	Feb 1st	Wales	18	England	16	Cardiff	1997	Apr 25th	Australia (SL)	34	New Zealand	22	Sydney
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1995	Mar 5th	France	10	Wales	22	Carcassonne	1997	May 11th	NZ Maori	46	Tonga	10	Auckland
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1995	Aug 13th	Scotland	22	Ireland	26	Dublin	1997	May 15th	New Zealand XIII	46	Cook Islands	2	Auckland
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1995	Oct 18th	Scotland	38	USA	16	Northampton	1998	Oct 7th	NZ Maori	23	Tonga	12	Port Moresby
1995	Oct 20th	Ireland	42	Morocco	6	Dewsbury	1998	Oct 7th	Papua New Guinea	46	Cook Islands	6	Port Moresby
1995	Oct 20th	Russia	28	USA	26	Warrington	1998	Oct 9th	Australia	30	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
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1996	Jun 5th	France	14	Wales	34	Carcassonne	1998	Oct 18th	Papua New Guinea	54	Tonga	12	Port Moresby
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1996	Jul 8th	Papua New Guinea	56	Tonga	19	Port Moresby	1998	Nov 11th	France	26	Scotland	22	Perpignan
1996	Jul 10th	Tonga	22	Western Samoa	17	Nuku'alofa	1998	Nov 14th	Great Britain	23	New Zealand	23	Watford
1996	Jul 12th	Australia	84	Fiji (NRL)	14	Newcastle	1998	Nov 15th	Japan	28	Lebanon	52	Fukuoka
1996	Aug 6th	Scotland	26	Ireland	6	Glasgow	1998	Nov 18th	Scotland	10	Ireland	17	Glasgow
1996	Sep 28th	Papua New Guinea	30	Great Britain	32	Lae							
1996	Oct 5th	Fiji	4	Great Britain	72	Nadi							

1999	Apr 23rd	Australia	20	New Zealand	14	Sydney
1999	Jul 28th	Fiji	10	Samoa	6	Suva
1999	Jul 30th	Tonga	42	Cook Islands	4	Nuku'alofa
1999	Jul 31st	Fiji	22	Samoa	16	Suva
1999	Aug 3rd	Tonga	28	Cook Islands	13	Nuku'alofa
1999	Aug 4th	Fiji	30	Samoa	4	Suva
1999	Aug 4th	Tonga	34	Cook Islands	4	Nuku'alofa
1999	Oct 13th	France	20	England	28	Carcassonne
1999	Oct 15th	New Zealand	24	Australia	22	Auckland
1999	Oct 15th	Wales	17	Ireland	24	Swansea
1999	Oct 22nd	Australia	42	Great Britain	6	Brisbane
1999	Oct 22nd	New Zealand	74	Tonga	0	Auckland
1999	Oct 22nd	Scotland	36	Wales	16	Glasgow
1999	Oct 23rd	England	50	France	20	Hull
1999	Oct 29th	New Zealand	26	Great Britain	4	Auckland
1999	Oct 31st	Ireland	31	Scotland	10	Dublin
1999	Nov 5th	New Zealand	20	Australia	22	Auckland
1999	Nov 9th	USA	54	Japan	0	Kissimmee
1999	Nov 11th	France	80	Morocco	8	Perpignan
1999	Nov 11th	Italy	16	Lebanon	36	Perpignan
1999	Nov 11th	Japan	14	Canada	0	Kissimmee
1999	Nov 14th	France	38	Lebanon	24	Toulouse
1999	Nov 14th	Italy	34	Morocco	0	Toulouse
1999	Nov 15th	USA	68	Canada	0	Kissimmee
1999	Nov 17th	France	10	Italy	14	Avignon
1999	Nov 17th	Lebanon	104	Morocco	0	Avignon
1999	Nov 21st	USA	8	Lebanon	62	Kissimmee

2000	Apr 21st	Australia	52	New Zealand	0	Sydney
2000	May 27th	Tonga	23	Fiji	20	Nuku'alofa
2000	Jun 3rd	Fiji	10	Tonga	6	Suva
2000	Jul 3rd	France	82	Russia	0	Unknown
2000	Oct 7th	Australia	82	Papua New Guinea	0	Townsville
2000	Oct 28th	France	20	Papua New Guinea	23	Paris
2000	Oct 28th	Ireland	30	Samoa	16	Belfast
2000	Oct 28th	Tonga	66	South Africa	18	Paris
2000	Oct 28th	England	2	Australia	22	London
2000	Oct 29th	Wales	38	Cook Islands	6	Wrexham
2000	Oct 29th	Fiji	38	Russia	12	Hull
2000	Oct 29th	New Zealand	64	Lebanon	0	Gloucester
2000	Oct 29th	Scotland	16	NZ Maori	17	Glasgow
2000	Nov 1st	Australia	66	Fiji	8	Gateshead
2000	Nov 1st	France	28	Tonga	8	Carcassonne
2000	Nov 1st	Ireland	18	Scotland	6	Dublin
2000	Nov 1st	Samoa	21	NZ Maori	16	Workington
2000	Nov 1st	England	76	Russia	4	St Helens
2000	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	84	Cook Islands	10	Reading
2000	Nov 2nd	Papua New Guinea	16	South Africa	0	Toulouse
2000	Nov 2nd	Wales	24	Lebanon	22	Llanelli
2000	Nov 4th	Ireland	30	NZ Maori	16	Dublin
2000	Nov 4th	England	66	Fiji	10	Leeds
2000	Nov 4th	Australia	110	Russia	4	Hull
2000	Nov 5th	France	56	South Africa	6	Toulouse

2000	Nov 5th	Wales	18	New Zealand	58	Cardiff
2000	Nov 5th	Cook Islands	22	Lebanon	22	Cardiff
2000	Nov 5th	Scotland	12	Samoa	20	Edinburgh
2000	Nov 6th	Papua New Guinea	30	Tonga	22	Toulouse
2000	Nov 11th	Australia	66	Samoa	10	Watford
2000	Nov 11th	England	26	Ireland	16	Leeds
2000	Nov 12th	New Zealand	54	France	6	Castleford
2000	Nov 12th	Wales	22	Papua New Guinea	8	Widnes
2000	Nov 13th	BARLA	60	Morocco	2	Featherstone
2000	Nov 13th	USA	52	Canada	10	Oxford
2000	Nov 15th	Italy	66	Canada	6	Bradford
2000	Nov 15th	Morocco	12	Japan	8	Hull
2000	Nov 17th	BARLA	54	Japan	0	Whitehaven
2000	Nov 17th	Italy	40	USA	16	Halifax
2000	Nov 18th	England	6	New Zealand	49	Bolton
2000	Nov 19th	Australia	46	Wales	22	Huddersfield
2000	Nov 20th	Canada	28	Japan	12	Wigan
2000	Nov 20th	USA	50	Morocco	10	Wigan
2000	Nov 20th	BARLA	20	Italy	18	Dewsbury
2000	Nov 25th	Australia	40	New Zealand	12	Trafford

2001	Apr 1st	USA	56	Canada	6	Philadelphia
2001	Jun 10th	New Zealand	36	France	0	Auckland
2001	Jun 17th	Papua New Guinea	16	France	27	Port Moresby
2001	Jun 20th	Papua New Guinea	34	France	24	Goroka
2001	Jun 26th	France	56	Ireland	16	Albi
2001	Jul 3rd	France	20	Scotland	42	Lézignan
2001	Jul 13th	New Zealand	10	Australia	28	Wellington
2001	Jul 29th	Wales	33	England	42	Wrexham
2001	Oct 7th	Papua New Guinea	12	Australia	54	Port Moresby
2001	Oct 26th	France	12	Great Britain	42	Agen
2001	Nov 11th	Great Britain	20	Australia	12	Huddersfield
2001	Nov 17th	Great Britain	12	Australia	40	Bolton
2001	Nov 24th	Great Britain	8	Australia	28	Wigan

2002	Jun 1st	USA	26	Japan	10	Philadelphia
2002	Jul 12th	Australia	64	Great Britain	10	Sydney
2002	Oct 12th	New Zealand	24	Australia	32	Wellington
2002	Nov 2nd	Lebanon	36	France	6	Tripoli
2002	Nov 3rd	Wales	22	New Zealand	50	Cardiff
2002	Nov 9th	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	30	Blackburn
2002	Nov 16th	Great Britain	14	New Zealand	14	Huddersfield
2002	Nov 23rd	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	10	Wigan
2002	Nov 30th	France	10	New Zealand	36	Perpignan

2003	May 6th	Russia	44	USA	14	Moscow
2003	May 9th	Russia	12	France	29	Moscow
2003	Jun 27th	USA	78	Japan	6	Philadelphia
2003	Jul 25th	Australia	48	New Zealand	6	Sydney
2003	Sep 27th	Italy	26	Greece	24	Sydney
2003	Oct 18th	New Zealand	30	Australia	16	Auckland
2003	Oct 19th	France	72	Morocco	0	Tripoli
2003	Oct 19th	Lebanon	102	Serbia	0	Tripoli
2003	Oct 22nd	France	120	Serbia	0	Beirut

2003	Oct 22nd	Lebanon	60	Morocco	0	Beirut
2003	Oct 25th	Morocco	58	Serbia	4	Tripoli
2003	Oct 25th	Lebanon	26	France	18	Tripoli
2003	Oct 26th	Scotland	22	Ireland	24	Glasgow
2003	Oct 26th	Wales	74	Russia	4	Port Talbot
2003	Nov 1st	Ireland	18	France	26	Dublin
2003	Nov 2nd	English League	102	Russia	0	Bradford
2003	Nov 2nd	Wales	4	Australia	76	Bridgend
2003	Nov 8th	Great Britain	18	Australia	22	Wigan
2003	Nov 9th	France	6	Scotland	8	Avignon
2003	Nov 9th	English League	22	Wales	4	Leeds
2003	Nov 15th	Great Britain	20	Australia	23	Hull
2003	Nov 16th	English League	68	France	6	Warrington
2003	Nov 22nd	Great Britain	12	Australia	18	Huddersfield

2004	Apr 23rd	Australia	37	New Zealand	10	Newcastle
2004	May 10th	Ireland	74	USA	16	Moscow
2004	May 16th	Russia	64	Ireland	6	Moscow
2004	Aug 8th	Netherlands	24	Serbia	14	Rotterdam
2004	Aug 17th	Cook Islands	36	Fiji	24	Auckland
2004	Aug 27th	Cook Islands	22	Fiji	14	Auckland
2004	Oct 2nd	Italy	58	Greece	14	Sydney
2004	Oct 2nd	France	46	Morocco	6	Tripoli
2004	Oct 2nd	Lebanon	64	Serbia	6	Tripoli
2004	Oct 4th	Tonga	38	Cook Islands	30	Auckland
2004	Oct 5th	France	18	Serbia	4	Tripoli
2004	Oct 5th	Lebanon	48	Morocco	14	Tripoli
2004	Oct 9th	Serbia	20	Morocco	20	Tripoli
2004	Oct 9th	Lebanon	42	France	14	Tripoli
2004	Oct 16th	New Zealand	16	Australia	16	Auckland
2004	Oct 16th	Russia	10	France	58	Moscow
2004	Oct 17th	Tonga	56	Fiji	6	Auckland
2004	Oct 17th	Wales	12	Ireland	25	Port Talbot
2004	Oct 17th	NZ Maori	54	Niue	4	Auckland
2004	Oct 19th	Samoa	36	Niue	18	Auckland
2004	Oct 19th	Cook Islands	18	Tonga	10	Auckland
2004	Oct 21st	NZ Maori	70	Samoa	10	Auckland
2004	Oct 21st	Cook Islands	20	Fiji	12	Auckland
2004	Oct 23rd	Australia	32	New Zealand	12	London
2004	Oct 23rd	Fiji	34	Niue	24	Auckland
2004	Oct 23rd	Cook Islands	46	NZ Maori	4	Auckland
2004	Oct 24th	Russia	4	England	98	Moscow
2004	Oct 24th	Scotland	30	Wales	22	Glasgow
2004	Oct 29th	Ireland	43	Scotland	10	Dublin
2004	Oct 30th	France	4	England	42	Avignon
2004	Oct 30th	Great Britain	8	Australia	12	Oldham
2004	Nov 6th	Great Britain	22	New Zealand	12	Huddersfield
2004	Nov 7th	England	36	Ireland	12	Warrington
2004	Nov 11th	France	20	New Zealand	24	Carcassonne
2004	Nov 13th	Great Britain	24	Australia	12	Wigan
2004	Nov 20th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	24	Hull
2004	Nov 27th	Great Britain	4	Australia	44	Leeds

2005	Apr 22nd	Australia	32	New Zealand	16	Brisbane
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2005	Apr 29th	Netherlands	14	Georgia	34	Rotterdam
2005	Jun 18th	Serbia	10	Netherlands	26	Belgrade
2005	Jul 24th	Georgia	44	Serbia	12	Tbilisi
2005	Oct 7th	Tonga	34	Samoa	20	Nuku'alofa
2005	Oct 8th	Malta	24	Greece	22	Sydney
2005	Oct 15th	Australia	28	New Zealand	38	Sydney
2005	Oct 16th	France	80	Russia	0	Arles
2005	Oct 16th	Wales	22	Scotland	14	Bridgend
2005	Oct 21st	New Zealand	26	Australia	28	Auckland
2005	Oct 23rd	England	22	France	12	Leeds
2005	Oct 23rd	Scotland	6	Ireland	12	Glasgow
2005	Oct 23rd	Russia	48	Georgia	14	Moscow
2005	Oct 29th	Ireland	10	Wales	31	Dublin
2005	Oct 30th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	42	London
2005	Oct 30th	Georgia	0	France	60	Tbilisi
2005	Nov 5th	France	38	Wales	16	Carcassonne
2005	Nov 6th	Great Britain	6	Australia	20	Wigan
2005	Nov 12th	Great Britain	38	New Zealand	12	Huddersfield
2005	Nov 12th	France	12	Australia	44	Perpignan
2005	Nov 18th	France	22	New Zealand	38	Toulouse
2005	Nov 19th	Great Britain	14	Australia	26	Hull
2005	Nov 27th	Australia	0	New Zealand	24	Leeds

2006	Jan 26th	USA	40	Japan	10	Philadelphia
2006	Feb 23rd	Fiji	26	Samoa	4	Auckland
2006	Feb 23rd	Tonga	64	Tokelau	0	Auckland
2006	Feb 26th	Fiji	40	Cook Islands	16	Auckland
2006	Feb 26th	NZ Maori	14	Tonga	42	Auckland
2006	Mar 2nd	Cook Islands	44	Samoa	0	Auckland
2006	Mar 2nd	NZ Maori	64	Tokelau	4	Auckland
2006	Mar 5th	NZ Maori	40	Cook Islands	14	Auckland
2006	Mar 5th	Tokelau	34	Samoa	28	Auckland
2006	Mar 7th	Tonga	22	Fiji	4	Auckland
2006	Apr 28th	Netherlands	14	Russia	40	Rotterdam
2006	May 5th	Australia	50	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
2006	May 13th	Serbia	10	Georgia	45	Belgrade
2006	May 26th	Georgia	57	Netherlands	16	Tbilisi
2006	Jun 4th	Serbia	6	Russia	44	Belgrade
2006	Jun 12th	Italy	6	South Africa	76	Rome
2006	Jun 13th	Italy	20	South Africa	60	Rome
2006	Jun 17th	Netherlands	38	Serbia	26	Rotterdam
2006	Jun 22nd	Russia	24	Georgia	0	Moscow
2006	Jun 28th	Great Britain	46	New Zealand	14	St Helens
2006	Jul 22nd	Germany	38	Estonia	24	Tallinn
2006	Aug 4th	Netherlands	34	Czech Republic	28	Rotterdam
2006	Aug 12th	Czech Republic	28	Serbia	36	Prague
2006	Sep 29th	Samoa	30	Fiji	28	Campbelltown
2006	Sep 29th	Tonga	56	Cook Islands	14	Campbelltown
2006	Oct 4th	Fiji	30	Tonga	28	Sydney
2006	Oct 4th	Samoa	46	Cook Islands	6	Sydney
2006	Oct 7th	Fiji	40	Cook Islands	4	Sydney
2006	Oct 8th	Lebanon	36	Malta	10	Sydney
2006	Oct 14th	New Zealand	18	Australia	30	Auckland
2006	Oct 21st	Australia	20	New Zealand	15	Melbourne

2006	Oct 22nd	Russia	12	Ireland	50	Moscow	2008	Oct 5th	Lebanon	20	Serbia	14	Bhandoun
2006	Oct 22nd	Samoa	10	Tonga	18	Leeds	2008	Oct 10th	England	74	Wales	0	Doncaster
2006	Oct 22nd	England	26	France	10	Leeds	2008	Oct 18th	New Zealand	56	Tonga	8	Auckland
2006	Oct 28th	Greece	44	Serbia	26	Athens	2008	Oct 25th	England	32	Papua New Guinea	22	Townsville
2006	Oct 28th	USA	54	Japan	18	Philadelphia	2008	Oct 26th	Scotland	18	France	36	Canberra
2006	Oct 28th	Lebanon	22	Russia	8	London	2008	Oct 26th	Australia	30	New Zealand	6	Sydney
2006	Oct 28th	New Zealand	18	Great Britain	14	Christchurch	2008	Oct 27th	Tonga	22	Ireland	20	Sydney
2006	Oct 29th	Wales	14	Scotland	21	Bridgend	2008	Oct 31st	Samoa	20	Tonga	12	Sydney
2006	Oct 29th	England	40	Tonga	18	London	2008	Nov 1st	Fiji	42	France	6	Wollongong
2006	Oct 29th	France	28	Samoa	6	Colomiers	2008	Nov 1st	New Zealand	48	Papua New Guinea	6	Gold Coast
2006	Nov 4th	Australia	12	Great Britain	23	Sydney	2008	Nov 2nd	Australia	52	England	4	Melbourne
2006	Nov 5th	France	10	Tonga	48	Castres	2008	Nov 5th	Ireland	34	Samoa	16	Sydney
2006	Nov 5th	Ireland	18	Lebanon	18	Dublin	2008	Nov 5th	Scotland	18	Fiji	16	Gosford
2006	Nov 5th	England	38	Samoa	14	Hull	2008	Nov 8th	Scotland	0	Tonga	48	Rockhampton
2006	Nov 11th	New Zealand	34	Great Britain	4	Wellington	2008	Nov 8th	England	24	New Zealand	36	Newcastle
2006	Nov 12th	England	32	Tonga	14	Widnes	2008	Nov 9th	France	10	Samoa	42	Sydney
2006	Nov 18th	Australia	33	Great Britain	10	Brisbane	2008	Nov 9th	Papua New Guinea	6	Australia	46	Townsville
2006	Nov 25th	Australia	16	New Zealand	12	Sydney	2008	Nov 10th	Fiji	30	Ireland	14	Gold Coast
2007	Jan 25th	Fiji	50	Cook Islands	12	Coffs Harbour	2008	Nov 15th	New Zealand	32	England	22	Brisbane
2007	Jan 25th	Malta	82	Japan	0	Coffs Harbour	2008	Nov 16th	Australia	52	Fiji	0	Sydney
2007	Apr 20th	Australia	30	New Zealand	6	Brisbane	2008	Nov 23rd	Australia	20	New Zealand	34	Brisbane
2007	Jun 22nd	Great Britain	42	France	14	Leeds	2009	May 8th	Australia	38	New Zealand	10	Brisbane
2007	Jul 7th	Germany	6	Serbia	38	Karlsruhe	2009	Jun 6th	Morocco	32	Italy	10	Paris
2007	Aug 4th	Czech Republic	22	Germany	44	Prague	2009	Jun 13th	France	12	England	66	Paris
2007	Aug 18th	Serbia	56	Czech Republic	16	Belgrade	2009	Jul 4th	Czech Republic	30	Germany	4	Olomouc
2007	Oct 13th	New Zealand	0	Australia	58	Wellington	2009	Jul 11th	Italy	38	Czech Republic	8	Venice
2007	Oct 19th	Tonga	14	Fiji	12	Nuku'alofa	2009	Jul 18th	Germany	30	Italy	42	Cologne
2007	Oct 20th	Ireland	58	Russia	18	Dublin	2009	Jul 22nd	Papua New Guinea	54	Fiji	10	Port Moresby
2007	Oct 21st	Estonia	38	Latvia	54	Tallinn	2009	Jul 24th	Latvia	6	Ukraine	40	Riga
2007	Oct 27th	France	46	Scotland	16	Perpignan	2009	Jul 25th	Papua New Guinea	14	Fiji	2	Port Moresby
2007	Oct 27th	Russia	0	Lebanon	48	Naro-Fominsk	2009	Jul 26th	Estonia	0	Ukraine	86	Riga
2007	Oct 27th	Great Britain	20	New Zealand	14	Huddersfield	2009	Aug 8th	Estonia	4	Latvia	74	Tallinn
2007	Nov 2nd	Ireland	16	Lebanon	16	Dewsbury	2009	Aug 15th	Morocco	46	Belgium	12	Béziers
2007	Nov 3rd	France	38	Papua New Guinea	26	Avignon	2009	Oct 14th	New Zealand	40	Tonga	24	Rotorua
2007	Nov 3rd	Great Britain	44	New Zealand	0	Hull	2009	Oct 17th	Greece	34	Italy	14	Sydney
2007	Nov 4th	Scotland	16	Wales	18	Glasgow	2009	Oct 17th	Wales	12	England	48	Bridgend
2007	Nov 9th	Samoa	42	USA	10	Widnes	2009	Oct 17th	Italy	0	Scotland	104	Padua
2007	Nov 9th	Wales	26	Lebanon	50	Widnes	2009	Oct 17th	Cook Islands	22	Samoa	20	Cairns
2007	Nov 10th	France	22	Papua New Guinea	16	Bordeaux	2009	Oct 18th	Ireland	82	Serbia	0	Tullamore
2007	Nov 10th	Great Britain	28	New Zealand	22	Wigan	2009	Oct 23rd	England	34	France	12	Doncaster
2007	Nov 14th	Lebanon	16	Samoa	38	Featherstone	2009	Oct 24th	Cook Islands	24	Fiji	22	Port Moresby
2007	Nov 17th	France	14	New Zealand	22	Paris	2009	Oct 24th	Serbia	8	Wales	88	Smederevo
2008	Feb 23rd	Morocco	44	Serbia	6	Paris	2009	Oct 24th	Australia	20	New Zealand	20	London
2008	May 9th	Australia	28	New Zealand	12	Sydney	2009	Oct 24th	Lebanon	86	Italy	0	Tripoli
2008	Jun 13th	Italy	58	Germany	26	Padua	2009	Oct 25th	Papua New Guinea	44	Tonga	14	Port Moresby
2008	Jun 27th	France	8	England	56	Toulouse	2009	Oct 31st	Fiji	26	Tonga	16	Port Moresby
2008	Jun 28th	Estonia	10	Latvia	48	Tallinn	2009	Oct 31st	England	16	Australia	26	Wigan
2008	Jul 12th	Czech Republic	18	Italy	38	Prague	2009	Oct 31st	France	12	New Zealand	62	Toulouse
2008	Aug 3rd	Germany	62	Czech Republic	20	Karlsruhe	2009	Nov 1st	Papua New Guinea	42	Cook Islands	14	Port Moresby
2008	Aug 3rd	Latvia	62	Estonia	10	Riga	2009	Nov 1st	Wales	42	Ireland	12	Pontypridd
2008	Sep 20th	Serbia	4	Russia	30	Novi Sad	2009	Nov 1st	Scotland	22	Lebanon	10	Glasgow
2008	Sep 28th	Russia	80	Lebanon	0	Naro-Fominsk	2009	Nov 7th	France	4	Australia	42	Paris
							2009	Nov 7th	England	20	New Zealand	12	Huddersfield

2009	Nov 8th	Italy	42	Serbia	14	Bridgend
2009	Nov 8th	Ireland	16	Lebanon	40	Bridgend
2009	Nov 8th	Wales	28	Scotland	16	Bridgend
2009	Nov 14th	USA	37	Jamaica	22	Jacksonville
2009	Nov 14th	England	16	Australia	46	Leeds

2010	May 7th	Australia	12	New Zealand	8	Melbourne
2010	Jun 2nd	Samoa	4	Fiji	24	Apia
2010	Jun 4th	Malta	30	Norway	20	Hamrun
2010	Jun 12th	England	60	France	6	Leigh
2010	Jun 26th	Czech Republic	4	Serbia	56	Prague
2010	Jun 27th	Russia	52	Ukraine	14	Naro-Fominsk
2010	Jul 3rd	Serbia	40	Germany	14	Belgrade
2010	Jul 17th	Germany	96	Czech Republic	0	Kaiserslautern
2010	Jul 31st	Latvia	4	Russia	54	Riga
2010	Sep 18th	Ukraine	112	Latvia	0	Kharkiv
2010	Sep 19th	USA	22	Canada	16	Toronto
2010	Oct 9th	France	58	Ireland	24	Avignon
2010	Oct 10th	Scotland	22	Wales	60	Glasgow
2010	Oct 16th	France	26	Scotland	12	Albi
2010	Oct 16th	New Zealand	50	Samoa	6	Auckland
2010	Oct 17th	Wales	31	Ireland	30	Neath
2010	Oct 23rd	France	11	Wales	12	Albi
2010	Oct 23rd	New Zealand	24	England	10	Wellington
2010	Oct 24th	Ireland	22	Scotland	42	Dublin
2010	Oct 24th	Samoa	22	Tonga	6	Sydney
2010	Oct 24th	Australia	42	Papua New Guinea	0	Sydney
2010	Oct 30th	Sweden	20	Norway	20	Gothenburg
2010	Oct 30th	New Zealand	76	Papua New Guinea	12	Rotorua
2010	Oct 31st	Australia	34	England	14	Melbourne
2010	Nov 6th	England	36	Papua New Guinea	10	Auckland
2010	Nov 6th	New Zealand	20	Australia	34	Auckland
2010	Nov 13th	Australia	12	New Zealand	16	Brisbane
2010	Nov 16th	USA	36	Jamaica	26	Jacksonville
2010	Nov 18th	Jamaica	32	Canada	12	Jacksonville
2010	Nov 20th	USA	46	Canada	12	Jacksonville

2011	Apr 22nd	Germany	6	Serbia	90	Kaiserslautern
2011	May 6th	Australia	20	New Zealand	10	Gold Coast
2011	Jun 29th	Morocco	4	Lebanon	72	Unknown
2011	Jul 2nd	Morocco	0	Lebanon	78	Unknown
2011	Jul 9th	Norway	32	Germany	28	Oslo
2011	Jul 23rd	Germany	36	Malta	12	Kaiserslautern
2011	Jul 23rd	Hungary	16	Czech Republic	38	Kecskemét
2011	Jul 31st	Canada	40	Jamaica	10	Markham
2011	Aug 27th	USA	18	Canada	2	Philadelphia
2011	Sep 2nd	Malta	64	Norway	24	St Julian's
2011	Sep 10th	Ukraine	4	Russia	36	Kharkiv
2011	Sep 18th	Canada	18	USA	16	Markham
2011	Sep 30th	Serbia	10	Ukraine	4	Belgrade
2011	Oct 2nd	Denmark	28	Norway	8	Copenhagen
2011	Oct 9th	Canada	22	South Africa	36	Markham
2011	Oct 15th	USA	40	South Africa	4	Camden
2011	Oct 16th	Lebanon	96	Serbia	4	Tripoli

2011	Oct 16th	Scotland	26	Ireland	6	Glasgow
2011	Oct 16th	Italy	92	Russia	6	Padua
2011	Oct 16th	Australia	42	New Zealand	6	Newcastle
2011	Oct 19th	South Africa	6	Jamaica	20	Camden
2011	Oct 21st	France	18	England	32	Avignon
2011	Oct 22nd	Russia	0	Lebanon	32	Vereya
2011	Oct 23rd	Serbia	6	Italy	52	Belgrade
2011	Oct 23rd	USA	40	Jamaica	4	Camden
2011	Oct 26th	Papua New Guinea	12	Fiji	26	Mount Hagen
2011	Oct 28th	Australia	26	New Zealand	12	Warrington
2011	Oct 29th	Serbia	28	Russia	36	Belgrade
2011	Oct 29th	England	42	Wales	4	Leigh
2011	Oct 29th	Italy	19	Lebanon	19	Belgrade
2011	Oct 29th	France	46	Scotland	10	Perpignan
2011	Nov 5th	Ireland	16	France	34	Limerick
2011	Nov 5th	Wales	0	New Zealand	36	London
2011	Nov 5th	England	20	Australia	36	London
2011	Nov 5th	Papua New Guinea	26	Fiji	0	Port Moresby
2011	Nov 12th	England	28	New Zealand	6	Hull
2011	Nov 13th	Wales	14	Australia	56	Wrexham
2011	Nov 19th	England	8	Australia	30	Leeds

2012	Apr 20th	New Zealand	12	Australia	20	Auckland
2012	Apr 28th	Denmark	122	Sweden	8	Copenhagen
2012	May 12th	Germany	25	Serbia	24	Karlsruhe
2012	May 19th	Germany	26	Russia	32	Karlsruhe
2012	Jun 9th	Serbia	24	Italy	18	Belgrade
2012	Jun 16th	Wales	16	France	28	Wrexham
2012	Jul 7th	Italy	72	Germany	10	Bologna
2012	Jul 14th	Czech Republic	42	Hungary	16	Prague
2012	Jul 21st	Canada	18	Jamaica	12	Toronto
2012	Jul 28th	Sweden	10	Norway	36	Stockholm
2012	Aug 4th	Norway	36	Denmark	6	Oslo
2012	Aug 11th	Canada	36	Lebanon	18	Toronto
2012	Sep 8th	Russia	32	Italy	18	Naro-Fominsk
2012	Sep 8th	Canada	24	USA	28	Toronto
2012	Sep 22nd	Russia	21	Serbia	20	Naro-Fominsk
2012	Sep 22nd	USA	36	Canada	14	Fairfield
2012	Sep 29th	Denmark	12	Malta	74	Copenhagen
2012	Oct 7th	Cook Islands	28	Lebanon	24	Sydney
2012	Oct 13th	Australia	18	New Zealand	10	Townsville
2012	Oct 14th	Scotland	18	Ireland	30	Edinburgh
2012	Oct 19th	Ireland	4	England Knights	56	Belfast
2012	Oct 20th	France	20	Wales	6	Lens
2012	Oct 27th	Wales	12	England	80	Wrexham
2012	Oct 28th	Scotland	24	England Knights	62	Edinburgh
2012	Nov 3rd	England	44	France	6	Hull
2012	Nov 11th	England	48	France	4	Eccles

2013	Apr 19th	Australia	32	New Zealand	12	Canberra
2013	Apr 20th	Samoa	4	Tonga	36	Sydney
2013	May 4th	Germany	28	Netherlands	22	Karlsruhe
2013	May 18th	Serbia	46	Germany	10	Belgrade
2013	May 25th	Serbia	10	Russia	24	Belgrade

2013	Jun 29th	Italy	38	Russia	18	Monseice
2013	Jun 29th	Netherlands	6	Belgium	22	Rotterdam
2013	Jul 6th	Ukraine	42	Norway	14	Kharkiv
2013	Jul 6th	Canada	36	USA	20	Toronto
2013	Jul 13th	Norway	26	Czech Republic	14	Oslo
2013	Jul 20th	Canada	38	Jamaica	14	Toronto
2013	Jul 20th	Norway	22	Sweden	40	Oslo
2013	Jul 27th	Germany	30	Italy	66	Karlsruhe
2013	Aug 3rd	Sweden	38	Denmark	12	Stockholm
2013	Aug 10th	Russia	30	Germany	0	Naro-Fominsk
2013	Aug 17th	Denmark	60	Norway	10	Copenhagen
2013	Aug 24th	USA	44	Canada	16	Philadelphia
2013	Sep 7th	Canada	20	USA	28	Toronto
2013	Sep 14th	Italy	32	Serbia	20	Monseice
2013	Sep 28th	Czech Republic	4	Ukraine	68	Prague
2013	Sep 28th	Canada	22	USA	30	Toronto
2013	Oct 18th	France	18	USA	22	Perpignan
2013	Oct 19th	Lebanon	34	Fiji	4	Sydney
2013	Oct 26th	Australia	28	England	20	Cardiff
2013	Oct 26th	Wales	16	Italy	32	Cardiff
2013	Oct 27th	Hungary	0	Greece	90	Budapest
2013	Oct 27th	Papua New Guinea	8	France	9	Hull
2013	Oct 27th	New Zealand	42	Samoa	24	Warrington
2013	Oct 28th	Fiji	32	Ireland	14	Rochdale
2013	Oct 29th	Tonga	24	Scotland	26	Workington
2013	Oct 30th	USA	32	Cook Islands	20	Bristol
2013	Nov 1st	New Zealand	48	France	0	Avignon
2013	Nov 2nd	England	42	Ireland	0	Huddersfield
2013	Nov 2nd	Australia	34	Fiji	2	St Helens
2013	Nov 3rd	Wales	16	USA	24	Wrexham
2013	Nov 3rd	Scotland	30	Italy	30	Workington
2013	Nov 4th	Papua New Guinea	4	Samoa	38	Hull
2013	Nov 5th	Tonga	22	Cook Islands	16	Leigh
2013	Nov 7th	Scotland	22	USA	8	Eccles
2013	Nov 8th	New Zealand	56	Papua New Guinea	10	Leeds
2013	Nov 9th	England	34	Fiji	12	Hull
2013	Nov 9th	Australia	50	Ireland	0	Limerick
2013	Nov 10th	Wales	24	Cook Islands	28	Neath
2013	Nov 10th	Tonga	16	Italy	0	Halifax
2013	Nov 11th	France	6	Samoa	22	Perpignan
2013	Nov 15th	New Zealand	40	Scotland	4	Leeds
2013	Nov 16th	Australia	62	USA	0	Wrexham
2013	Nov 16th	England	34	France	6	Wigan
2013	Nov 17th	Samoa	4	Fiji	22	Warrington
2013	Nov 23rd	England	18	New Zealand	20	London
2013	Nov 23rd	Australia	64	Fiji	0	London
2013	Nov 30th	Australia	34	New Zealand	2	Trafford

2014	May 2nd	Australia	30	New Zealand	18	Sydney
2014	May 3rd	Netherlands	16	Germany	70	Rotterdam
2014	May 3rd	Samoa	32	Fiji	16	Sydney
2014	May 17th	Serbia	40	Ukraine	14	Niš
2014	May 24th	Russia	24	Ukraine	18	Vereya
2014	May 24th	Belgium	10	Spain	12	Brussels

2014	Jun 8th	Spain	54	Belgium	10	Valencia
2014	Jun 21st	Russia	20	Serbia	6	Naro-Fominsk
2014	Jun 28th	Malta	18	Greece	32	St Julian's
2014	Jun 28th	Belgium	32	Netherlands	16	Brussels
2014	Jun 28th	Norway	10	Denmark	16	Oslo
2014	Jul 5th	Italy	54	Ukraine	12	Trieste
2014	Jul 12th	Czech Republic	8	Malta	34	Havlichkuv Brod
2014	Jul 19th	Canada	24	Jamaica	20	Toronto
2014	Jul 19th	USA	18	Samoa	12	Philadelphia
2014	Jul 26th	Italy	22	Russia	18	Trieste
2014	Aug 10th	Canada	52	USA	14	Toronto
2014	Aug 16th	Denmark	44	Sweden	6	Copenhagen
2014	Aug 28th	Sweden	24	Norway	12	Stockholm
2014	Sep 20th	Serbia	45	Italy	6	Belgrade
2014	Oct 11th	Greece	68	Czech Republic	16	Athens
2014	Oct 17th	Bosnia-Herz.	4	Greece	58	Belgrade
2014	Oct 17th	Serbia	50	Hungary	0	Belgrade
2014	Oct 17th	Wales	18	Scotland	42	Workington
2014	Oct 18th	Ireland	22	France	12	Dublin
2014	Oct 19th	Hungary	6	Bosnia-Herz.	32	Belgrade
2014	Oct 19th	Papua New Guinea	32	Tonga	18	Lae
2014	Oct 19th	Fiji	40	Lebanon	28	Sydney
2014	Oct 19th	Serbia	22	Greece	50	Belgrade
2014	Oct 25th	Ireland	4	Scotland	25	Dublin
2014	Oct 25th	France	42	Wales	22	Albi
2014	Oct 25th	England	32	Samoa	26	Brisbane
2014	Oct 25th	Australia	12	New Zealand	30	Brisbane
2014	Oct 31st	Scotland	22	France	38	Edinburgh
2014	Nov 1st	New Zealand	14	Samoa	12	Whangarei
2014	Nov 2nd	Wales	14	Ireland	46	Wrexham
2014	Nov 2nd	Australia	16	England	12	Melbourne
2014	Nov 8th	New Zealand	16	England	14	Dunedin
2014	Nov 9th	Australia	44	Samoa	18	Wollongong
2014	Nov 15th	New Zealand	22	Australia	18	Wellington

2015	Apr 18th	Belgium	50	Czech Republic	12	Brussels
2015	May 2nd	Netherlands	12	Belgium	60	Rotterdam
2015	May 2nd	Fiji	22	Papua New Guinea	10	Gold Coast
2015	May 2nd	Samoa	18	Tonga	16	Gold Coast
2015	May 3rd	Lebanon	34	Malta	16	Sydney
2015	May 3rd	Australia	12	New Zealand	26	Brisbane
2015	May 9th	Latvia	12	Spain	32	Riga
2015	May 16th	Serbia	20	Russia	15	Belgrade
2015	May 22nd	France	68	Serbia	8	Perpignan
2015	May 24th	Sweden	16	Denmark	30	Belgrade
2015	Jun 6th	Spain	16	Germany	32	Valencia
2015	Jun 13th	Denmark	24	Norway	12	Copenhagen
2015	Jun 20th	Germany	46	Netherlands	12	Karlsruhe
2015	Jun 20th	Italy	14	Serbia	21	Trieste
2015	Jun 21st	Belgium	34	Malta	35	Leeds
2015	Jul 4th	Ukraine	20	Russia	34	Belgrade
2015	Jul 12th	Ireland	34	Belgium	0	Dublin
2015	Jul 18th	Ukraine	12	Italy	40	Kyiv
2015	Jul 25th	Czech Republic	12	Sweden	40	Havlichkuv Brod

2015	Aug 29th	Serbia	16	Ireland	24	Belgrade
2015	Sep 5th	Malta	22	Ireland	34	St Julian's
2015	Sep 12th	Russia	26	Italy	6	Moscow
2015	Sep 12th	Ukraine	4	Serbia	64	Lviv
2015	Sep 20th	USA	28	Canada	36	Philadelphia
2015	Sep 26th	Spain	40	Malta	30	Valencia
2015	Oct 3rd	Czech Republic	14	Belgium	4	Havichkuv Brod
2015	Oct 10th	Malta	30	Greece	0	Marsa
2015	Oct 16th	Wales	18	Scotland	12	Wrexham
2015	Oct 17th	Greece	4	Spain	76	Athens
2015	Oct 17th	Norway	30	Sweden	20	Oslo
2015	Oct 17th	France	31	Ireland	14	Albi
2015	Oct 17th	Tonga	28	Cook Islands	8	Campbelltown
2015	Oct 18th	USA	28	Canada	34	Philadelphia
2015	Oct 23rd	Scotland	22	Ireland	24	Edinburgh
2015	Oct 24th	England	84	France	4	Leigh
2015	Oct 25th	South Africa	12	Lebanon	40	Pretoria
2015	Oct 30th	Wales	14	France	6	Cardiff
2015	Oct 31st	South Africa	16	Lebanon	50	Pretoria
2015	Nov 1st	England	26	New Zealand	12	Hull
2015	Nov 7th	England	2	New Zealand	9	London
2015	Nov 7th	France	32	Scotland	18	Roanne
2015	Nov 7th	Ireland	4	Wales	30	Dublin
2015	Nov 14th	England	20	New Zealand	14	Wigan
2015	Dec 4th	USA	20	Jamaica	14	Jacksonville
2015	Dec 8th	Canada	18	Jamaica	18	Stanford
2015	Dec 12th	USA	34	Canada	24	Jacksonville

2016	May 6th	Australia	16	New Zealand	0	Newcastle
2016	May 7th	Papua New Guinea	24	Fiji	22	Sydney
2016	May 7th	Samoa	18	Tonga	6	Sydney
2016	May 8th	Cook Islands	30	Lebanon	20	Sydney
2016	Jun 12th	Italy	22	Lebanon	26	Catania
2016	Jun 25th	Ukraine	46	Czech Republic	6	Lviv
2016	Jul 16th	Canada	38	Jamaica	2	Hempstead
2016	Jul 16th	Sweden	24	Norway	40	Stockholm
2016	Jul 23rd	USA	54	Jamaica	4	Philadelphia
2016	Aug 6th	Germany	12	Belgium	26	Dortmund
2016	Aug 7th	Denmark	50	Sweden	18	Copenhagen
2016	Aug 13th	Netherlands	6	Germany	8	Rotterdam
2016	Sep 3rd	Belgium	36	Netherlands	12	Brussels
2016	Sep 24th	Czech Republic	12	Norway	6	Krupka
2016	Sep 24th	Spain	4	Serbia	64	Valencia
2016	Sep 24th	Canada	8	USA	14	Toronto
2016	Oct 1st	USA	20	Canada	14	Philadelphia
2016	Oct 8th	Czech Republic	12	Ukraine	62	Prague
2016	Oct 8th	Ireland	58	Malta	10	Dublin
2016	Oct 8th	Samoa	18	Fiji	20	Apia
2016	Oct 15th	Russia	40	Spain	6	Moscow
2016	Oct 15th	Wales	50	Serbia	0	Llanelli
2016	Oct 15th	Australia	26	New Zealand	6	Perth
2016	Oct 16th	Ireland	16	Jamaica	68	Dublin
2016	Oct 21st	Wales	16	Jamaica	16	Wakefield
2016	Oct 22nd	France	6	England	40	Avignon

2016	Oct 22nd	Spain	6	Ireland	46	Valencia
2016	Oct 22nd	Serbia	14	Italy	62	Belgrade
2016	Oct 28th	Scotland	12	Australia	54	Hull
2016	Oct 29th	England	16	New Zealand	17	Huddersfield
2016	Oct 29th	Italy	14	Wales	20	Monza
2016	Oct 30th	Ireland	70	Russia	16	Dublin
2016	Nov 4th	Italy	76	Russia	0	Leigh
2016	Nov 5th	England	38	Scotland	12	Coventry
2016	Nov 5th	New Zealand	8	Australia	14	Coventry
2016	Nov 11th	Scotland	18	New Zealand	18	Workington
2016	Nov 13th	England	18	Australia	36	London
2016	Nov 20th	Australia	34	New Zealand	8	Liverpool

2017	May 5th	Australia	30	New Zealand	12	Canberra
2017	May 6th	Cook Islands	22	Papua New Guinea	32	Campbelltown
2017	May 6th	Tonga	26	Fiji	24	Campbelltown
2017	May 6th	England	30	Samoa	10	Campbelltown
2017	May 6th	Lebanon	24	Malta	4	Sydney
2017	Jun 3rd	Lebanon	6	Italy	4	Beirut
2017	Jun 10th	Italy	94	Spain	4	Turin
2017	Jun 17th	Norway	38	Sweden	18	Oslo
2017	Jul 22nd	Hungary	6	Czech Republic	26	Budapest
2017	Jul 22nd	USA	48	Jamaica	6	Jacksonville
2017	Aug 19th	Denmark	24	Norway	46	Copenhagen
2017	Aug 26th	Germany	18	Netherlands	30	Munster
2017	Aug 29th	Jamaica	28	Canada	14	Kingston
2017	Sep 9th	Netherlands	28	Sweden	24	Amsterdam
2017	Sep 16th	Canada	18	USA	36	Toronto
2017	Oct 6th	Greece	68	Bulgaria	8	Belgrade
2017	Oct 8th	Serbia	50	Greece	8	Belgrade
2017	Oct 8th	Malta	24	Italy	24	Sydney
2017	Oct 10th	Serbia	50	Bulgaria	20	Belgrade
2017	Oct 13th	France	34	Jamaica	12	Perpignan
2017	Oct 14th	Malta	48	Hungary	16	Sydney
2017	Oct 21st	Czech Republic	26	Norway	30	Krupka
2017	Oct 27th	Australia	18	England	4	Melbourne
2017	Oct 28th	Papua New Guinea	50	Wales	6	Port Moresby
2017	Oct 28th	Fiji	58	USA	12	Townsville
2017	Oct 28th	New Zealand	38	Samoa	8	Auckland
2017	Oct 29th	Ireland	36	Italy	12	Cairns
2017	Oct 29th	France	18	Lebanon	29	Canberra
2017	Oct 29th	Scotland	4	Tonga	50	Cairns
2017	Nov 3rd	Australia	52	France	6	Canberra
2017	Nov 4th	New Zealand	74	Scotland	6	Christchurch
2017	Nov 4th	Samoa	18	Tonga	32	Hamilton
2017	Nov 4th	England	29	Lebanon	10	Sydney
2017	Nov 5th	Italy	46	USA	0	Townsville
2017	Nov 5th	Papua New Guinea	14	Ireland	6	Port Moresby
2017	Nov 5th	Fiji	72	Wales	6	Townsville
2017	Nov 10th	Fiji	38	Italy	10	Canberra
2017	Nov 11th	Samoa	14	Scotland	14	Cairns
2017	Nov 11th	New Zealand	22	Tonga	28	Hamilton
2017	Nov 11th	Australia	34	Lebanon	0	Sydney
2017	Nov 12th	Papua New Guinea	64	USA	0	Port Moresby

2017	Nov 12th	Wales	6	Ireland	34	Perth
2017	Nov 12th	England	36	France	6	Perth
2017	Nov 17th	Chile	54	Brazil	8	Los Angeles
2017	Nov 17th	Australia	46	Samoa	0	Darwin
2017	Nov 18th	Colombia	22	Brazil	18	Los Angeles
2017	Nov 18th	Tonga	24	Lebanon	22	Christchurch
2017	Nov 18th	New Zealand	2	Fiji	4	Wellington
2017	Nov 19th	England	36	Papua New Guinea	6	Melbourne
2017	Nov 24th	Australia	54	Fiji	6	Brisbane
2017	Nov 25th	Tonga	18	England	20	Auckland
2017	Dec 2nd	Australia	6	England	0	Brisbane

2018	Feb 18th	Malta	40	Hungary	28	Sydney
2018	Jun 16th	Czech Republic	20	Norway	12	Prague
2018	Jun 23rd	Papua New Guinea	26	Fiji	14	Campbelltown
2018	Jun 23rd	Tonga	38	Samoa	22	Campbelltown
2018	Jun 24th	England	36	New Zealand	18	Denver
2018	Jun 24th	Malta	24	South Africa	30	Sydney
2018	Jun 30th	Hungary	0	Ireland	70	Budapest
2018	Jun 30th	Malta	22	Ukraine	34	Marsa
2018	Jul 14th	Czech Republic	64	Hungary	10	Chrudim
2018	Aug 25th	Germany	24	Czech Republic	4	Munster
2018	Sep 1st	Norway	76	Poland	0	Stavanger
2018	Sep 1st	Netherlands	38	Germany	22	Rotterdam
2018	Sep 8th	Ukraine	26	Greece	28	Kharkiv
2018	Sep 15th	Norway	40	Germany	22	Porsgrunn
2018	Sep 15th	Greece	60	Malta	4	Athens
2018	Sep 22nd	Sweden	4	Netherlands	24	Gothenburg
2018	Sep 28th	Poland	32	Hungary	0	Sydney
2018	Oct 1st	Malta	36	Philippines	10	Windsor
2018	Oct 1st	Solomon Is	22	Turkey	30	Windsor
2018	Oct 1st	Hungary	20	Greece	18	Windsor
2018	Oct 4th	Malta	16	Niue	26	Sydney
2018	Oct 4th	Japan	0	Turkey	60	Sydney
2018	Oct 4th	Hong Kong	6	Poland	62	Sydney
2018	Oct 4th	Hungary	18	Vanuatu	13	Sydney
2018	Oct 6th	Spain	32	Russia	24	Valencia
2018	Oct 7th	Philippines	12	Niue	24	Sydney
2018	Oct 7th	Solomon Is	32	Hong Kong	12	Sydney
2018	Oct 7th	Japan	6	Poland	58	Sydney
2018	Oct 7th	Greece	38	Vanuatu	0	Sydney
2018	Oct 9th	Solomon Is	44	Japan	22	Windsor
2018	Oct 10th	Niue	16	Greece	8	Sydney
2018	Oct 10th	Hungary	10	Malta	20	Sydney
2018	Oct 10th	Philippines	29	Turkey	16	Sydney
2018	Oct 10th	Vanuatu	4	Poland	44	Sydney
2018	Oct 11th	Hong Kong	30	Japan	32	Windsor
2018	Oct 12th	Italy	18	South Africa	8	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Russia	36	Serbia	18	Vereya
2018	Oct 13th	Sweden	6	Norway	46	Gothenburg
2018	Oct 13th	Turkey	27	Vanuatu	26	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Greece	26	Hungary	18	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Philippines	10	Poland	14	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Malta	24	Niue	16	Sydney

2018	Oct 13th	Solomon Is	56	Hong Kong	14	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	New Zealand	26	Australia	24	Auckland
2018	Oct 17th	England	44	France	6	Leigh
2018	Oct 20th	Serbia	24	Spain	20	Belgrade
2018	Oct 20th	Australia	34	Tonga	16	Auckland
2018	Oct 27th	England	18	New Zealand	16	Hull
2018	Oct 27th	Ireland	36	Scotland	10	Dublin
2018	Oct 27th	France	54	Wales	18	Carcassonne
2018	Nov 3rd	Ireland	10	France	24	Dublin
2018	Nov 3rd	Scotland	12	Wales	50	Edinburgh
2018	Nov 4th	England	20	New Zealand	14	Liverpool
2018	Nov 10th	France	28	Scotland	10	Carcassonne
2018	Nov 11th	England	0	New Zealand	34	Leeds
2018	Nov 11th	Wales	40	Ireland	8	Wrexham
2018	Nov 13th	Jamaica	38	Canada	8	Jacksonville
2018	Nov 13th	USA	62	Chile	0	Jacksonville
2018	Nov 17th	Canada	62	Chile	12	Jacksonville
2018	Nov 17th	USA	10	Jamaica	16	Jacksonville
2018	Nov 23rd	Brazil	52	Colombia	14	São Paulo

2019	May 18th	Greece	56	Norway	26	London
2019	Jun 21st	Cook Islands	66	South Africa	6	Sydney
2019	Jun 22nd	Jamaica	26	USA	24	Kingston
2019	Jun 22nd	Fiji	58	Lebanon	14	Sydney
2019	Jun 22nd	New Zealand	34	Tonga	14	Auckland
2019	Jun 22nd	Papua New Guinea	6	Samoa	24	Sydney
2019	Sep 14th	Turkey	24	Greece	38	Istanbul
2019	Sep 14th	Germany	18	Netherlands	56	Bremen
2019	Sep 21st	Serbia	36	Canada	8	Belgrade
2019	Sep 28th	Poland	34	Czech Republic	18	Lodz
2019	Sep 29th	Fiji	16	Lebanon	42	Sydney
2019	Oct 2nd	Nigeria	25	Ghana	12	Lagos
2019	Oct 2nd	Cameroon	4	Morocco	8	Lagos
2019	Oct 5th	Ghana	10	Cameroon	4	Lagos
2019	Oct 5th	Nigeria	38	Morocco	10	Lagos
2019	Oct 12th	Malta	23	Italy	20	Sydney
2019	Oct 12th	Poland	16	Sweden	50	Lodz
2019	Oct 19th	Poland	0	Norway	68	Lodz
2019	Oct 25th	Australia	26	New Zealand	4	Wollongong
2019	Oct 26th	Malta	28	Turkey	12	Sydney
2019	Oct 26th	Scotland	86	Serbia	0	Glasgow
2019	Oct 26th	Spain	8	Ireland	42	Valencia
2019	Oct 26th	Tonga Invitational	14	Great Britain	6	Hamilton
2019	Nov 1st	Greece	24	Scotland	42	London
2019	Nov 2nd	Samoa	18	Fiji	44	Auckland
2019	Nov 2nd	Italy	34	Spain	4	Lignano Sabbiadoro
2019	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	8	Auckland
2019	Nov 2nd	Tonga Invitational	16	Australia	12	Auckland
2019	Nov 9th	Serbia	6	Greece	82	Belgrade
2019	Nov 9th	Fiji	22	Papua New Guinea	20	Christchurch
2019	Nov 9th	Ireland	25	Italy	4	Dublin
2019	Nov 9th	New Zealand	23	Great Britain	8	Christchurch
2019	Nov 16th	USA	16	Cook Islands	38	Jacksonville
2019	Nov 16th	Papua New Guinea	28	Great Britain	10	Port Moresby

2020	Sep 26th	Netherlands	20	Germany	18	Zwolle
2021	Jun 6th	Bosnia-Herz.	4	Serbia	50	Bosnia
2021	Jun 19th	Bulgaria	16	Serbia	28	Sofia
2021	Oct 3rd	Serbia	66	Russia	10	Kragujevac
2021	Oct 6th	Russia	18	Ukraine	96	Belgrade
2021	Oct 9th	Serbia	54	Ukraine	18	Belgrade
2021	Oct 14th	Czech Republic	40	Malta	16	Bodrum
2021	Oct 14th	Turkey	18	Netherlands	40	Bodrum
2021	Oct 17th	Czech Republic	10	Netherlands	36	Bodrum
2021	Oct 17th	Malta	12	Turkey	36	Bodrum
2021	Oct 23rd	France	10	England	30	Perpignan
2021	Oct 24th	Jamaica	30	Scotland	30	Featherstone
2022	Jun 19th	France	34	Wales	10	Albi
2022	Jun 22nd	Lebanon	30	Malta	14	Sydney
2022	Jun 25th	New Zealand	26	Tonga	6	Auckland
2022	Jun 25th	Samoa	42	Cook Islands	12	Campbelltown
2022	Jun 25th	Papua New Guinea	24	Fiji	14	Campbelltown
2022	Sep 17th	Spain	30	Netherlands	36	Madrid
2022	Sep 25th	Turkey	38	Bulgaria	16	Istanbul
2022	Sep 27th	Ghana	26	Kenya	6	Accra
2022	Sep 27th	Nigeria	36	Cameroon	2	Accra
2022	Oct 1st	Kenya	16	Cameroon	0	Accra
2022	Oct 1st	Ghana	4	Nigeria	30	Accra
2022	Oct 8th	Bulgaria	6	Malta	50	Sofia
2022	Oct 8th	Netherlands	24	Germany	29	Rotterdam
2022	Oct 9th	El Salvador	24	Japan	26	Sydney
2022	Oct 15th	England	60	Samoa	6	Newcastle
2022	Oct 15th	Australia	42	Fiji	8	Leeds
2022	Oct 16th	Scotland	4	Italy	28	Newcastle
2022	Oct 16th	Jamaica	2	Ireland	48	Leeds
2022	Oct 16th	New Zealand	34	Lebanon	12	Warrington
2022	Oct 17th	France	34	Greece	12	Doncaster
2022	Oct 18th	Tonga	24	Papua New Guinea	18	St Helens
2022	Oct 19th	Wales	12	Cook Islands	18	Leigh
2022	Oct 21st	Australia	84	Scotland	0	Coventry
2022	Oct 22nd	Fiji	60	Italy	4	Newcastle
2022	Oct 22nd	England	42	France	18	Bolton
2022	Oct 22nd	New Zealand	68	Jamaica	6	Hull
2022	Oct 23rd	Lebanon	32	Ireland	14	Leigh
2022	Oct 23rd	Samoa	72	Greece	4	Doncaster
2022	Oct 23rd	Philippines	32	Malta	22	Cabramatta
2022	Oct 24th	Tonga	32	Wales	6	St Helens
2022	Oct 25th	Papua New Guinea	32	Cook Islands	16	Warrington
2022	Oct 28th	New Zealand	48	Ireland	10	Leeds
2022	Oct 29th	England	94	Greece	4	Sheffield
2022	Oct 29th	Fiji	30	Scotland	14	Newcastle
2022	Oct 29th	Australia	66	Italy	6	St Helens
2022	Oct 30th	Lebanon	74	Jamaica	12	Leigh
2022	Oct 30th	Tonga	92	Cook Islands	10	Middlesbrough
2022	Oct 30th	Samoa	62	France	4	Warrington
2022	Oct 31st	Papua New Guinea	36	Wales	0	Doncaster
2022	Nov 4th	Australia	48	Lebanon	4	Huddersfield
2022	Nov 5th	England	46	Papua New Guinea	6	Wigan
2022	Nov 5th	New Zealand	24	Fiji	18	Hull
2022	Nov 6th	Tonga	18	Samoa	20	Warrington
2022	Nov 11th	Australia	16	New Zealand	14	Leeds
2022	Nov 12th	England	26	Samoa	27	London
2022	Nov 12th	Poland	22	Norway	18	London
2022	Nov 19th	Australia	30	Samoa	10	Trafford
2022	Nov 26th	Brazil	20	Chile	18	Jerico
2022	Nov 27th	Colombia	14	Chile	34	Jerico
2022	Nov 28th	Colombia	0	Brazil	56	Jerico

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 1995-2022

Year	Date	Home	Away	City
1995	Jul 1st	Australia	14 New Zealand	18 Sydney
1995	Jul 8th	Australia	6 New Zealand	14 Canberra
1996	Jul 21st	Australia	16 Great Britain	14 Canberra
1996	Jul 28th	Australia	12 Great Britain	18 Brisbane
1996	Aug 3rd	Australia	18 Great Britain	20 Sydney
1997	Sep 20th	New Zealand	34 Australia	26 Lower Hutt
1997	Sep 24th	New Zealand	40 Australia	16 Auckland
1998	Aug 23rd	New Zealand	28 Great Britain	6 Rotorua
1998	Aug 29th	New Zealand	44 Great Britain	0 Christchurch
1998	Sep 4th	New Zealand	34 Great Britain	2 Auckland
1998	Sep 19th	Fiji	0 Australia	68 Suva

1998	Sep 26th	Fiji	0 Australia	52 Suva
1999	Sep 23rd	Australia	10 New Zealand	20 Sydney
1999	Sep 27th	Australia	22 New Zealand	20 Sydney
1999	Oct 29th	New Zealand	26 Australia	14 Auckland
2000	Nov 7th	Great Britain	12 New Zealand	22 Wigan
2000	Nov 11th	New Zealand	10 Australia	6 Hunslet
2000	Nov 14th	Great Britain	14 Australia	10 Dewsbury
2000	Nov 18th	New Zealand	50 Australia	6 Castleford
2000	Nov 21st	Great Britain	4 Australia	0 Castleford
2000	Nov 24th	Great Britain	4 New Zealand	26 Warrington
2001	Sep 22nd	New Zealand	42 Australia	8 Auckland

2002	Jul 14th	Australia	16	Great Britain	26	Sydney
2002	Jul 20th	Australia	14	Great Britain	10	Brisbane
2002	Jul 27th	Australia	14	Great Britain	5	Canberra
2002	Oct 5th	New Zealand	36	Maori	10	Auckland
2003	Aug 8th	Australia	20	Maori	14	Brisbane
2003	Sep 28th	Maori	24	Australia	28	Auckland
2003	Sep 28th	New Zealand	68	Cook Islands	0	Auckland
2003	Sep 28th	Samoa	12	Great Britain	28	Auckland
2003	Sep 30th	Cook Islands	30	Tokelau	16	Auckland
2003	Sep 30th	Maori	44	Niue	0	Auckland
2003	Sep 30th	Samoa	44	Tonga	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 2nd	New Zealand	84	Tokelau	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 2nd	Niue	0	Australia	58	Auckland
2003	Oct 2nd	Tonga	0	Great Britain	54	Auckland
2003	Oct 4th	Maori	10	Great Britain	8	Auckland
2003	Oct 4th	New Zealand	44	Australia	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 4th	Tokelau	28	Tonga	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 6th	Cook Islands	20	Great Britain	20	Auckland
2003	Oct 6th	New Zealand	84	Samoa	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 6th	Niue	22	Tokelau	14	Auckland
2003	Oct 8th	Maori	46	Cook Islands	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 8th	Niue	14	Tonga	14	Auckland
2003	Oct 8th	Samoa	12	Australia	40	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	Cook Islands	18	Tokelau	12	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	Maori	12	Australia	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	New Zealand	38	Great Britain	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	Niue	18	Samoa	24	Auckland
2003	Oct 12th	New Zealand	58	Maori	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 12th	Samoa	28	Cook Islands	18	Auckland
2003	Oct 12th	Tokelau	26	Tonga	12	Auckland
2004	Aug 14th	Australia	12	New Zealand	38	Ipswich
2004	Aug 21st	Australia	10	New Zealand	30	Brisbane
2006	Jul 1st	Maori	12	New Zealand	50	Rotorua
2007	Jul 7th	France	Unknown	England	Unknown	Albi
2007	Oct 31st	Maori	16	Australia	20	Rotorua
2007	Nov 3rd	Maori	20	Australia	4	Rotorua
2008	Jul 13th	England	Unknown	France	Unknown	Widnes
2008	Nov 6th	Australia	60	France	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 6th	England	72	Russia	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 6th	New Zealand	72	Pacific Islands	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 6th	Tonga	0	Samoa	40	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	Australia	72	Russia	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	France	4	England	54	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	New Zealand	42	Tonga	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	Samoa	22	Pacific Islands	26	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	Australia	22	England	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	France	12	Russia	18	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	New Zealand	26	Samoa	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	Tonga	14	Pacific Islands	44	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	Australia	32	Pacific Islands	6	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	New Zealand	16	England	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	Samoa	32	France	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	Tonga	12	Russia	24	Brisbane
2008	Nov 14th	England	24	Pacific Islands	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 14th	France	34	Tonga	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 14th	Samoa	52	Russia	8	Brisbane
2008	Nov 15th	Australia	0	New Zealand	34	Brisbane
2009	Jul 18th	France	8	England	28	Toulouse
2009	Jul 25th	France	0	England	36	Toulouse
2009	Sep 16th	Maori	18	Australia	14	Auckland
2009	Sep 29th	New Zealand	16	Australia	18	Auckland
2010	Jul 10th	England	40	France	8	Telford
2010	Oct 10th	New Zealand	44	England	6	Whangarei
2010	Oct 16th	New Zealand	38	England	6	Auckland
2011	Jul 2nd	France	6	England	40	Avignon
2011	Jul 6th	France	6	England	56	Avignon
2011	Sep 3rd	Samoa	14	Australia	42	Apia
2012	Jun 15th	England	48	France	0	Bradford
2013	Jul 5th	England	6	Australia	14	Dewsbury
2013	Jul 5th	France	0	New Zealand	88	Dewsbury
2013	Jul 8th	England	16	New Zealand	34	Featherstone
2013	Jul 8th	France	0	Australia	72	Featherstone
2013	Jul 11th	England	42	France	4	Batley
2013	Jul 11th	New Zealand	14	Australia	6	Batley
2013	Jul 13th	England	54	France	0	Hunslet
2013	Jul 14th	Australia	22	New Zealand	12	Leeds
2014	Nov 9th	Australia	8	New Zealand	12	Wollongong
2015	May 3rd	Australia	22	New Zealand	14	Brisbane
2015	Jun 17th	France	4	England	24	Agen
2015	Jun 20th	France	14	England	14	Bordeaux
2016	May 6th	Australia	16	New Zealand	26	Newcastle
2016	Oct 22nd	France	6	England	36	Avignon
2017	May 5th	Australia	14	New Zealand	4	Canberra
2017	Jun 21st	France	16	England	26	Perpignan
2017	Jun 24th	France	8	England	14	Perpignan
2017	Nov 4th	Maori	12	New Zealand	32	Hamilton
2017	Nov 16th	Australia	58	Cook Islands	4	Sydney
2017	Nov 16th	New Zealand	50	Canada	4	Sydney

2017	Nov 16th	Papua New Guinea	8	England	36	Sydney					
2017	Nov 19th	Australia	38	England	0	Sydney					
2017	Nov 19th	New Zealand	76	Cook Islands	0	Sydney					
2017	Nov 19th	Papua New Guinea	8	Canada	22	Sydney					
2017	Nov 22nd	Australia	88	Canada	0	Sydney					
2017	Nov 22nd	Cook Islands	22	England	16	Sydney					
2017	Nov 22nd	New Zealand	38	Papua New Guinea	0	Sydney					
2017	Nov 26th	Australia	58	Canada	6	Sydney					
2017	Nov 26th	New Zealand	52	England	4	Sydney					
2017	Dec 2nd	Australia	23	New Zealand	16	Brisbane					
2018	Oct 13th	New Zealand	24	Australia	26	Auckland					
2018	Oct 27th	France	4	England	54	Carcassonne					
2018	Nov 10th	France	60	Italy	0	Carcassonne					
2018	Nov 25th	Brazil	48	Argentina	0	São Paulo					
2019	May 18th	Turkey	18	Italy	14	Istanbul					
2019	Jun 22nd	Fiji	28	Papua New Guinea	0	Sydney					
2019	Jun 22nd	Italy	26	Serbia	0	Lignano Sabbiadoro					
2019	Jun 22nd	New Zealand	46	Samoa	8	Auckland					
2019	Sep 14th	Serbia	6	Canada	34	Belgrade					
2019	Sep 14th	Turkey	40	Greece	4	Istanbul					
2019	Sep 21st	Serbia	4	Canada	26	Belgrade					
2019	Sep 28th	Turkey	0	France	54	Istanbul					
2019	Oct 25th	Australia	28	New Zealand	8	Sydney					
2019	Nov 9th	Papua New Guinea	10	England	24	Goroka					
2019	Nov 16th	Papua New Guinea	20	England	16	Port Moresby					
2020	Nov 7th	New Zealand	28	Samoa	8	Auckland					
2020	Nov 7th	Niue	8	Tonga	66	Auckland					
2021	Jun 25th	England	60	Wales	0	Warrington					
2021	Oct 17th	Wales	24	Ireland	26	Llandudno					
2021	Oct 23rd	France	4	England	40	Perpignan					
2022	Apr 16th	Canada	42	USA	10	Burnaby					
2022	Jun 11th	Italy	6	Ireland	30	Udine					
2022	Jun 12th	Wales	6	England	32	Cardiff					
2022	Jun 18th	England	36	France	10	Warrington					
2022	Jun 19th	Wales	60	Italy	0	Cardiff					
2022	Jun 25th	New Zealand	50	Tonga	12	Auckland					
2022	Sep 25th	Turkey	4	Greece	8	Istanbul					
2022	Oct 2nd	Greece	28	Serbia	0	Athens					
2022	Oct 8th	Ireland	4	Wales	44	Dublin					
2022	Oct 23rd	Philippines	0	Malta	6	Sydney					
2022	Oct 25th	Ireland	6	Canada	8	Wigan					
2022	Nov 1st	England	72	Brazil	4	Leeds					
2022	Nov 1st	Papua New Guinea	34	Canada	12	Leeds					
2022	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	46	France	0	York					
2022	Nov 2nd	Australia	74	Cook Islands	0	York					
2022	Nov 5th	England	54	Canada	4	Wigan					
2022	Nov 5th	Papua New Guinea	70	Brazil	0	Hull					
2022	Nov 6th	New Zealand	34	Cook Islands	4	York					
2022	Nov 6th	Australia	92	France	0	York					
2022	Nov 9th	Canada	22	Brazil	16	Leeds					
2022	Nov 9th	England	42	Papua New Guinea	4	Leeds					
2022	Nov 10th	France	18	Cook Islands	26	York					
2022	Nov 10th	Australia	10	New Zealand	8	York					
2022	Nov 14th	Australia	82	Papua New Guinea	0	York					
2022	Nov 14th	England	6	New Zealand	20	York					
2022	Nov 19th	New Zealand	4	Australia	54	Trafford					
2022	Nov 25th	Serbia	24	Turkey	16	Belgrade					

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE 2022 WRAP

After 2 of the leanest years in International Rugby League competition, 2022 more than made up for it. The Men's, Women's, Wheelchair and PDRL (Physical Disability Rugby League) World Cups all took place in England throughout October and November, with Australia claiming top honours, as well as the World #1 ranking in both the Men's and Women's Cups, while England won the Wheelchair and the inaugural PDRL World Cup's.

The PDRL had Australian comedian Adam Hills as its spokesperson. Hills had been a huge driving force behind the establishing of a Warrington Wolves PDRL side and his form was good enough to earn him a place in Australia's PDRL side.

Away from the World Cups, the Middle East Africa Championships were held in September, with Nigeria claiming their second title after a convincing victory over Ghana in the final. Kenya accounted for Cameroon in the play-off for the other 2 places.

In November, the South American Championships were played, with Brazil taking the glory after defeating both their opponents, Colombia and Chile.

The Women's European Championship B was held, containing a North and South division. Wales won the North division from Ireland and Italy while Greece won the South from Turkey and Serbia.

A host of one-off full internationals were also played throughout the year in what was a jam-packed calendar.

WORLD RANKINGS AS AT DECEMBER 2022

Late in the year, following the World Cup, the IRL updated the men's and women's international rankings:

Rank	Men's
1	Australia
2	New Zealand
3	Samoa
4	England
5	Tonga
6	Papua New Guinea
7	Fiji
8	Lebanon
9	France
10	Wales
11	Ireland
12	Cook Islands
13	Jamaica
14	Italy
15	Serbia
16	Greece
17	Scotland

Rank	Men's
18	Netherlands
19	Malta
20	Turkey
21	Germany
22	Brazil
23	Chile
24	Nigeria
25	South Africa
26	Ghana
27	Czech Republic
28	Ukraine
29	Philippines
30	Poland
31	Cameroon
32	Kenya
33	Spain
34	Bulgaria

Rank	Men's
35	Norway
36	Colombia
37	Hungary
38	United States
39	Montenegro
40	Bosnia and Herzegovina
41	Solomon Islands
42	Sweden
43	Morocco
44	Canada
45	Japan
46	Vanuatu
47	El Salvador
48	Belgium
49	Denmark
50	Latvia
51	Argentina

Rank	Women's
1	Australia
2	New Zealand
3	England
4	Papua New Guinea
5	France
6	Canada
7	Wales
8	Serbia
9	Turkey
10	Tonga
11	Cook Islands
12	Fiji
13	Italy
14	Ireland
15	United States
16	Samoa
17	Brazil
18	Greece
19	Lebanon

Round 25	AUG 17-20		BYE: Brisbane	Round 7	MAR 30-APR 2		Round 18	JUL 7-9			
THU	7:50	NQL v CRO	QLD Country Bank	THU	8:00	LEI v WIG	LSV Stadium	FRI	7:45	WAK v WIG	Be Well Support
FRI	6:00	WAR v MAN	Mt Smart	FRI	8:00	HKR v LEE	Sewell Group Craven	FRI	8:00	HKR v HUL	Sewell Group Craven
	8:00	PAR v SYD	Commbank Stadium		8:00	STH v WAK	Totally Wicked		8:00	CAS v LEI	Mend-A-Hose
SAT	3:00	WST v DOL	Commbank Stadium	SAT	1:00	WAR v HUL	Halliwel Jones		8:00	WAR v STH	Halliwel Jones
	5:30	GLD v PEN	Cbus Super		4:00	CAT v CAS	Gilbert Brutus	SAT	6:00	CAT v HUD	Gilbert Brutus
	7:35	SGI v MEL	WIN Stadium	SUN	3:00	SAL v HUD	AJ Bell	SUN	3:00	SAL v LEE	AJ Bell
SUN	2:00	NEW v SOU	McDonald Jones	Round 8	APR 6-9			Round 19	JUL 14-16		
	4:05	CAN v CBY	GIO Stadium	THU	8:00	CAS v WAK	Mend-A-Hose	FRI	7:45	HUD v WAK	John Smith's
Round 26	AUG 24-27		BYE: Souths	FRI	12:30	HUL v HKR	MKM Stadium	FRI	8:00	STH v CAT	Totally Wicked
THU	7:50	PEN v PAR	Bluebet Stadium		3:00	WIG v STH	DW Stadium		8:00	WIG v WAR	DW Stadium
FRI	6:00	WAR v SGI	Mt Smart	SAT	2:30	LEI v SAL	LSV Stadium		8:00	LEE v HKR	Headingley
	8:00	DOL v NQL	Suncorp Stadium	SUN	4:00	CAT v WAR	Gilbert Brutus	SAT	3:00	HUL v CAS	MKM Stadium
SAT	3:00	MEL v GLD	AAMI Park		6:00	LEE v HUD	Headingley	SUN	3:00	SAL v LEI	AJ Bell
	5:30	SYD v WST	Allianz Stadium	Round 9				Round 20	JUL 28-30		
	7:35	CAN v BRI	GIO Stadium	THU	8:00	SAL v CAS	AJ Bell	FRI	7:45	HUD v HUL	John Smith's
SUN	2:00	CBY v MAN	Accor Stadium	FRI	7:45	HUD v CAS	John Smith's	FRI	8:00	STH v LEE	Totally Wicked
	4:05	NEW v CRO	McDonald Jones		8:00	LEE v HUL	Headingley		8:00	HKR v CAS	Sewell Group Craven
Round 27	AUG 31-SEP 3		BYE: Parramatta		8:00	HKR v STH	Sewell Group Craven		8:00	WIG v LEI	DW Stadium
THU	7:50	BRI v MEL	Suncorp Stadium	SUN	8:00	WAR v WIG	Halliwel Jones	SAT	6:00	CAT v SAL	Gilbert Brutus
FRI	6:00	MAN v WST	4 Pines Park		3:00	WAK v LEI	Be Well Support	SUN	3:00	WAK v WAR	Be Well Support
	8:00	SOU v SYD	Accor Stadium	Round 10	APR 20-23			Round 21	AUG 4-6		
SAT	3:00	DOL v WAR	Suncorp Stadium	THU	8:00	STH v WAR	Totally Wicked	FRI	8:00	WIG v HKR	DW Stadium
	5:30	PEN v NQL	Bluebet Stadium	FRI	8:00	CAS v HKR	Mend-A-Hose		8:00	CAS v HUL	Mend-A-Hose
	7:35	SGI v NEW	Netstrata Jubilee		8:00	LEI v LEE	LSV Stadium		8:00	WAR v CAT	Halliwel Jones
SUN	2:00	GLD v CBY	Cbus Super	SUN	3:00	SAL v CAT	AJ Bell	SUN	3:00	SAL v STH	AJ Bell
	4:05	CRO v CAN	Pointsbet Stadium		3:00	HUL v HUD	MKM Stadium		3:00	HUL v WAK	MKM Stadium
					3:00	WIG v WAK	DW Stadium		3:00	LEE v LEI	Headingley

2023 SUPER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Round 1	FEB 17-20			Round 11	MAY 4-5			Round 22	AUG 18-20		
THU	8:00	WAR v LEE	Halliwel Jones	THU	8:00	HUL v WIG	MKM Stadium	FRI	7:45	HUD v SAL	John Smith's
FRI	7:30	WAK v CAT	Be Well Support	FRI	7:00	CAT v STH	Gilber Brutus	FRI	8:00	STH v HKR	Totally Wicked
	8:00	LEI v SAL	LSV Stadium		8:00	WAR v WAK	Halliwel Jones		8:00	WIG v HUL	DW Stadium
SAT	1:00	HKR v WIG	Sewell Group Craven		8:00	HKR v HUD	Sewell Group	SAT	3:00	LEI v CAT	LSV Stadium
SUN	3:00	HUL v CAS	MKM Stadium		8:00	LEI v CAS	LSV Stadium	SUN	3:00	WAK v CAS	Be Well Support
TBC		STH v HUD	Totally Wicked		8:00	LEE v SAL	Headingley		3:00	LEE v WAR	Headingley
Round 2	FEB 24-26			Round 12	MAY 11-12			Round 23	AUG 25-27		
FRI	7:45	HUD v WAR	John Smith's	THU	8:00	WAK v HUL	Be Well Support	FRI	7:45	HUD v LEE	John Smith's
	8:00	SAL v HKR	AJ Bell	FRI	7:45	HUD v LEI	John Smith's		8:00	HKR v LEI	Sewell Group Craven
	8:00	LEE v HUL	Headingley		8:00	CAS v CAT	Mend-A-Hose		8:00	CAS v STH	Mend-a-Hose
	8:00	WIG v WAK	DW Stadium		8:00	WAR v HKR	Halliwel Jones	SAT	3:00	HUL v WAR	MKM Stadium
SAT	5:00	CAT v LEI	Gilbert Brutus	SAT	1:00	WIG v LEE	DW Stadium		6:00	CAT v WIG	Gilbert Brutus
SUN	3:00	CAS v STH	Mend-A-Hose		8:00	STH v SAL	Totally Wicked	SUN	3:00	SAL v WAK	AJ Bell
Round 3	MAR 2-3			Round 13	MAY 25-28			Round 24	SEP 1-3		
THU	8:00	WAR v SAL	Halliwel Jones	THU	8:00	HKR v WIG	Sewell Group Craven	FRI	8:00	HKR v CAT	Sewell Group Craven
FRI	6:00	CAT v HUL	Gilbert Brutus	FRI	6:00	CAT v WAK	Gilbert Brutus		8:00	WIG v SAL	DW Stadium
	7:45	WAK v HUD	Be Well Support		7:45	HUD v CAS	John Smith's		8:00	LEI v HUD	LSV Stadium
	8:00	CAS v WIG	Mend-A-Hose		8:00	LEE v STH	Headingley	SAT	3:00	HUL v LEE	MKM Stadium
	8:00	HKR v LEI	Sewell Group Craven	SUN	8:00	LEI v WAR	LSV Stadium		3:00	WAR v CAS	Halliwel Jones
	8:00	STH v LEE	Totally Wicked		3:00	SAL v HUL	AJ Bell	SUN	3:00	WAK v STH	Be Well Support
Round 4	MAR 9-11			Round 14	JUN 3-4	Magic Weekend		Round 25	SEP 8-10		
THU	8:00	WIG v CAT	DW Stadium	SAT	1:30	SAL v HKR	St. James' Park	FRI	7:30	WAK v CAT	Be Well Support
FRI	8:00	HUD v CAS	John Smith's		3:45	WIG v CAT	St. James' Park		7:45	HUD v HKR	John Smith's
	8:00	LEI v STH	LSV Stadium	SUN	6:00	LEE v CAS	St. James' Park		8:00	LEE v WIG	Headingley
	8:00	LEE v WAK	Headingley		12:30	WAK v LEI	St. James' Park		8:00	STH v LEI	Totally Wicked
	8:00	HKR v WAR	Sewell Group Craven		2:45	STH v HUD	St. James' Park		8:00	CAS v HUL	Mend-a-Hose
SAT	3:00	HUL v SAL	MKM Stadium		5:00	HUL v WAR	St. James' Park	SUN	3:00	SAL v WAR	AJ Bell
Round 5	MAR 16-19			Round 15	JUN 9-11			Round 26	SEP 15-16		
THU	8:00	CAS v LEE	Mend-A-Hose	FRI	8:00	STH v WIG	Totally Wicked	FRI	8:00	HKR v SAL	Sewell Group Craven
FRI	7:45	HUD v WIG	John Smith's		8:00	LEI v HUL	LSV Stadium		8:00	WIG v CAS	DW Stadium
	8:00	WAR v LEI	Halliwel Jones	SAT	3:00	CAS v SAL	Mend-A-Hose		8:00	LEI v WAK	LSV Stadium
	8:00	STH v HUL	Totally Wicked		4:00	WAR v HUD	Halliwel Jones		8:00	WAR v STH	Halliwel Jones
SAT	5:00	CAT v HKR	Gilbert Brutus	SUN	3:00	CAT v HKR	Gilbert Brutus	SAT	3:00	HUL v HUD	MKM Stadium
SUN	3:00	SAL v WAK	AJ Bell		3:00	WAK v LEE	Be Well Support		6:00	CAT v LEE	Gilbert Brutus
Round 6	MAR 23-25			Round 16	JUN 23-25			Round 27	SEP 22		
THU	8:00	HUD v STH	John Smith's	FRI	8:00	HKR v WAK	Sewell Group Craven	FRI	8:00	HUD v WAR	John Smith's
FRI	8:00	WAK v HKR	Be Well		8:00	LEE v HUD	Headingley		8:00	STH v HUL	Totally Wicked
	8:00	CAS v WAR	Mend-A-Hose	SAT	8:00	CAS v WAR	Mend-A-Hose		8:00	SAL v CAT	AJ Bell
	8:00	WIG v SAL	DW Stadium		3:00	HUL v STH	MKM Stadium		8:00	WAK v HKR	Be Well Support
SAT	1:00	LEE v CAT	Headingley	SUN	6:00	CAT v LEI	Gilbert Brutus		8:00	LEE v CAS	Headingley
	3:00	HUL v LEI	MKM Stadium		3:00	SAL v WIG	AJ Bell		8:00	LEI v WIG	LSV Stadium
Round 7	JUN 30-JUL 1			Round 17	JUN 30-JUL 1						
FRI	7:45	WAK v SAL	Be Well Support	FRI	7:45	WAK v SAL	Be Well Support				
	8:00	STH v CAS	Totally Wicked Stadium		8:00	STH v CAS	Totally Wicked Stadium				
	8:00	LEI v HKR	LSV Stadium		8:00	LEI v HKR	LSV Stadium				
	8:00	WAR v LEE	Halliwel Jones		8:00	WAR v LEE	Halliwel Jones				
	8:00	WIG v HUD	DW Stadium		8:00	WIG v HUD	DW Stadium				
SAT	3:00	HUL v CAT	MKM Stadium		3:00	HUL v CAT	MKM Stadium				



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