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Grand Final Match Programme

plus NSWRL & QRL Grand Final results, results & fixtures for Super League and other UK comps!

NRL Melbourne Storm v Brisbane Broncos

NRLW Sydney Roosters v Brisbane Broncos

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Our say

Our LeagueUnlimited.com contributors share their tips for Sunday's big day, plus share their favourite moment of the 2025 NRL season!

AJ LUCANTONIO (ROOSTERS)

NRL PREMIERS:	Storm by 8
CLIVE CHURCHILL MEDAL	Harry Grant
FIRST TRYSCORER	Will Warbrick
NRLW PREMIERS	Roosters by 4
STATE CHAMPIONS	Warriors by 18
BEST MOMENT OF 2025:	The Roosters upset against Penrith in Round 2 - the cracks of a dynasty began to show.

ADAM HUXTABLE (ROOSTERS)

NRL	Broncos
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Adam Reynolds
FIRST TRYSCORER	Gehamat Shibasaki
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Bears
MOMENT OF 2025	Kaeo Weekes' incredible chip'n'chase try over Papenhuyzen in magic round to send the match to golden point and ultimately give the Raiders the win

ANDREW FERGUSON (TIGERS)

NRL	Storm
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Cameron Munster
FIRST TRYSCORER	Eliesa Katoa
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	Sir Billy Boston being knighted for services to Rugby League

ANDREW JACKSON (PANTHERS)

NRL	Storm by 14
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Harry Grant
FIRST TRYSCORER	Xavier Coates
NRLW	Broncos by 10
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors by 14
MOMENT OF 2025	Sadly, I have to say it was the Mlracle in Mudgee.

ANDREW TARANTO (BULLDOGS)

NRL	Storm
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Harry Grant
FIRST TRYSCORER	Jack Howarth
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	Accor Stadium erupting when Lachlan Galvin scored his maiden Bulldogs try against Parramatta

BETH NICHOLLS (BRONCOS)

NRL	Broncos by 2
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Reece Walsh
FIRST TRYSCORER	Kotoni Staggs
NRLW	Broncos by 4
STATE CHAMPS	Bears
MOMENT OF 2025	Broncos turning their season around after a horrid loss to the Sea Eagles in Round 13, losing only two more games for the entire season, and defying odds to make it into the top four and Grand Final.

DAN NICHOLS (SHARKS)

NRL	Broncos
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Reece Walsh
FIRST TRYSCORER	Kotoni Staggs
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	Walsh's late-season surge which looks likely to deliver him both a Churchill Medal and Kangaroos jumper.

EMILE EL-AZAR (BULLDOGS)

NRL	Storm by 2
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Jahrome Hughes
FIRST TRYSCORER	Will Warbrick
NRLW	Broncos by 8
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors by 14
MOMENT OF 2025	The return of Sunday afternoon finals to weeks 2 and 3 - an absolute highlight and here's hoping it extends to the Grand Final in the next broadcast agreement.

JOSH ROBERTSON (PANTHERS)

NRL	Storm
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Ryan Papenhuyzen
FIRST TRYSCORER	Jahrome Hughes
NRLW	Broncos
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	Jarrod Cole's NRL refereerng debut after a history of heart health issues, and Darian Furner coming back to officiating after a brain tumour.

JUSTIN DAVIES (DRAGONS)

NRL	Storm by 1
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Reece Walsh
FIRST TRYSCORER	Xavier Coates
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	The madness of the Raiders v Broncos qualifying final

KELLY HOLLIS (TIGERS)

NRL	Broncos by 4
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Adam Reynolds
FIRST TRYSCORER	Kotoni Staggs
NRLW	Roosters by 6
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors by 8
MOMENT OF 2025	Taylan May's Benji-esque flick pass in the Wests Tigers' length of the field try against the Cowboys in their heritage jersey!

LACHLAN MCINTYRE (TIGERS)

NRL	Broncos
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Payne Haas
FIRST TRYSCORER	Harry Grant
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	Perth Bears gaining admission to the NRL

LUKE JOBSON (EELS)

NRL	Storm by 4
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Cameron Munster
FIRST TRYSCORER	Kotoni Staggss
NRLW	Roosters by 8
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors by 14
MOMENT OF 2025	Kaeo Weekes insane try after the missed field goal in golden point against the Panthers in Mudgee

OLIVIA T (STORM)

NRL	Storm by 6
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Cameron Munster
FIRST TRYSCORER	Harry Grant
NRLW	Broncos by 2
STATE CHAMPS	Bears by 8
MOMENT OF 2025	Going home to Melbourne to watch my Storm demolish the Warriors in Round 6 and Ryan signing my badge after the game

RHYS SULLIVAN (BRONCOS)

NRL	Broncos
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Adam Reynolds
FIRST TRYSCORER	Xavier Coates
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	Walsh nailing a 40/20 to turn the tide of the contest in the qualifying final.

ROB CROSBY (KNIGHTS)

NRL	Storm by 10
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Stefano Utoikamanu
FIRST TRYSCORER	Xavier Coates
NRLW	Roosters by 12
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors by 20
MOMENT OF 2025	In a year that Newcastle supporters would rather forget, the determination shown by rookie Fletcher Hunt to contest a bomb and score his first try against Manly embodied the simple beauty of what makes rugby league great: the bounce of the ball will eventually go your way if you keep turning up.

SAM BOURKE (BULLDOGS)

NRL	Broncos by 4
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Payne Haas
FIRST TRYSCORER	Eliesa Katoa
NRLW	Broncos by 8
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors by 14
MOMENT OF 2025	The Miracle in Mudgee - Raiders snatching a last ditch victory over Penrith

SHAWN DOLLIN (COWBOYS)

NRL	Storm
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Ryan Papenhuyzen
FIRST TRYSCORER	Brendan Piakura
NRLW	Roosters
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors
MOMENT OF 2025	Brisbane's dramatic win over Canberra in the Qualifying Final, an undeniably all-time classic match. Walsh's field goal attempt hitting the crossbar was pretty wild.

TIM COSTELLO (BULLDOGS)

NRL	Storm by 6
CHURCHILL MEDAL	Harry Grant
FIRST TRYSCORER	Eliesa Katoa
NRLW	Broncos by 2
STATE CHAMPS	Warriors by 26
MOMENT OF 2025	A record breaking 65K packing into Accor Stadium on Good Friday

Teddy Swims

Entertainment preview with Olivia T

Welcome back to another Grand Final Entertainment rundown, where this year I give you all the goss you need to keep up with the kids on American singer-songwriter Teddy Swims!

Swims (real name Jaten Dimsdale) is set to hype up the crowd this Sunday before my beloved Storm take on the Broncos. He is a Grammy nominated, multi-platinum selling and chart-topping singer that fuses RnB, pop, country and soul together effortlessly.

Along with these accolades, Swims has wrapped up the American leg of his tour – which is set to continue in Australia – and is a keynote speaker for SXSW Sydney this month. He is most definitely making the most of his time in Australia, a second home according to Swims himself.

Another thing to note, Teddy Swims is the first international performer the NRL has had in six years and is well known in the USA. This seems to be the case so that the NRL can gain more traction in America ahead of their third year in Vegas next February.

Once again I am going to try and predict a setlist, as last year went pretty well, so keep an ear out for these tracks!

Lose Control

Bad Dreams

The Door

Are you Even Real

Guilty

The first three songs you've definitely heard at the shops or on the radio, so you do know Teddy Swims, whether you'll enjoy his performance is for you to decide. For what it is worth, I do think he will cover a song, probably an Aussie classic, just to ensure a sing along.

Teddy is scheduled to perform at 5:30 AEST / 6:30 AEDT (catering to fans of both teams!) and if you really like him, you can catch him on his "I've Tried Everything But Therapy Tour" this October around Australia!



Grand Final Day
The Rundown

1:00PM	Accor Stadium gates open
1:20PM	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP kick off Warriors v Burleigh Bears
4:00PM	NRLW GRAND FINAL kick off Sydney Roosters v Brisbane Broncos
6:30PM	PRE-GAME ENTERTAINMENT Teddy Swims
7:30PM	NRL GRAND FINAL kick off Melbourne Storm v Brisbane Broncos

Who claims Clive?

Form Guide with AJ LUCANTONIO

Winning team or losing team? A half? A fullback? XXX looks at the best chances for both sides to take home the Clive Churchill Medal.

All odds listed are courtesy of Sports-Bet and correct at the time of writing. Prices will inevitably change throughout the week.

MELBOURNE STORM

1. CAM MUNSTER **$6.50**

Munster has had a spectacular season amid trying circumstances. After tragically losing his father prior to Origin III, Munster has put on a brave showing guiding the Storm to their second decider in a row. The QLD Origin captain has been on his A game throughout the finals series and will look to claim his second premiership ring.

2. HARRY GRANT **$6.50**

The Wizard of AAMI Park. Grant's long been the premier nine in the NRL. His work out of dummy half has been second to none, guiding the forwards around the park consistently. Plus, his attacking flair has been first class, constantly putting opposition on the backfoot, like he did against Brisbane in Round 23.

3. JAHROME HUGHES **$7**

One of the game's premier halfbacks this season. Hughes has had to work his way back following shoulder and arm injuries which threatened to derail his great season. The New Zealand international and last year's Dally M Medallist was instrumental in the prelim final win, scoring a sensational individual try to help guide the Storm to glory.

4. RYAN PAPENHUYZEN **$12**

After taking the gong in 2020. Papenhuyzen's career stumbled and we thought our mullet donning hero would never see the field after a spate of horrific leg injuries. But, through sheer hard work, Papenhuyzen has returned to the field and seems to have that zip back in his game. Papenhuyzen has struggled with injury this season again, but his attacking flair will be key at the back if the Storm are to get over Brisbane.

5. ELI KATOA **$20**

Katoa's partnership with Hughes will be a key portion of this game of rugby league. His work down the right edge will be crucial. Katoa has been a little quiet without Jahrome Hughes, but his work running at Ben Hunt early in the game will be key for the Storm atoning for last year's Grand Final loss.

BRISBANE BRONCOS

1. REECE WALSH **$6.50**

If there's ever a player that thrives off the vibe of a situation. It is Walsh, after a slow start and an injury, Walsh came back to form and so did the Broncos. It's as simple as this, if Walsh has ANY bit to do with this Broncos victory, he walks away with the medal and a plane trip to England for the Ashes series.

2. PAYNE HAAS **$7**

The best front rower in the game, NRL era, potentially of all time. There is not enough superlatives to describe Haas' workrate after the work he has done this season. Playing seemingly busted, Haas produced a brave 80 minute display against the Panthers, coming up with the massive kick pressure to throw Cleary off his 2-point mojo.

3. ADAM REYNOLDS **$13**

The man that accidentally started a dynasty missing the kick, to ending the dynasty with the conversion. Reynolds has been there, and done it all for Brisbane and South Sydney. Seemingly, the only thing missing from his trophy cabinet is the Clive Churchill Medal. If he can atone the sins of 2023, he may well snatch it from under the nose of Walsh.

4. PATRICK CARRIGAN **$17**

After starting the season at prop, the Broncos saw the writing on the wall and switched him back to his preferred 13 jersey. In a seemingly down season, Carrigan will need to be at his best to claim the Medal in this one. He can body the opposing pack, he did it in R27 along with Haas, so this is a big stage for him to once again dominate.

5. KOTONI STAGGS **$18**

Staggs has had a strong campaign for the Broncos. When Walsh returned, so did his amount of early ball. His mere presence on the right edge is enough to scare the daylights out of defenders. Up against Jack Howarth and Jahrome Hughes, his task will be to pick out Hughes at every turn and give that broken wrist a true test after Cronulla failed abysmally last week.

AJ'S TIPS

TOP PICKS
Storm: Grant 6.50
Broncos: Walsh 6.50

BEST VALUE
Storm: Papenhuyzen $12
Broncos: Staggs $18

BEST ROUGHIE
Storm: Utoikamanu $31
Broncos: Shibasaki $51

MY CALL:
Storm: Hughes $7
Broncos: Haas $7

Previous winners by position

Fullback - 7: Robbie O'Davis (Knights) 1997, Darren Lockyer (Broncos) 2000, Billy Slater (Storm) 2009 & 2017, Darius Boyd (Dragons) 2010, Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm) 2020, Dylan Edwards (Panthers) 2022.

Five-Eighth - 4: Cliff Lyons (Sea Eagles) 1987, Greg Inglis (Storm) 2007, Luke Keary (Roosters) 2018, Jack Wighton (Raiders) 2019

Halfback - 12: Peter Sterling (Eels) 1986, Ricky Stuart (Raiders) 1990, Allan Langer (Broncos) 1992, Geoff Toovey (Sea Eagles) 1996, Brett Kimmorley (Storm) 1999, Andrew Johns (Knights) 2001, Scott Prince (Tigers) 2005, Cooper Cronk (Storm) 2012, Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles) 2013, Johnathan Thurston (Cowboys) 2015, Nathan Cleary (Panthers) 2021 & 2023

Front-row - 3: Paul Dunn (Bulldogs) 1988, Willie Mason (Bulldogs) 2004, Brent Kite (Sea Eagles) 2008

Hooker - 2: Luke Priddis (Panthers) 2003, Shaun Berrigan (Broncos) 2006

Second-row - 4: David Furner (Raiders) 1994, Gorden Tallis (Broncos) 1998, Craig Fitzgibbon (Roosters) 2002, Luke Lewis (Sharks) 2016, Liam Martin (Panthers) 2024

Lock - 6: Bradley Clyde (Raiders)1989 & 1991, Brad Mackay (Dragons) 1993, Jim Dymock (Bulldogs) 1995, Glenn Stewart (Sea Eagles) 2011, Sam Burgess (Rabbitohs) 2014

No winger, centre or interchange player has won the Clive Churchill Medal

Dominance defined by defeat

The NRL era was forever changed in the aftermath of the 2006 Grand Final between the Melbourne Storm and Brisbane Broncos.

Having claimed six premierships over the previous 15 seasons, the Broncos have failed to add another title nearly two decades on despite a wealth of talent and resources at their disposal. The Storm, in a changing of the guard, have become the benchmark for sustained success, drawing on the heartbreak of Grand Final defeat to reach the decider 11 times in Craig Bellamy's 23 seasons as coach.

The Storm boast a remarkable record over the Broncos of 43 wins, 15 losses and a draw from 59 meetings since entering the premiership in 1998 – a record made all the more impressive by a for-and-against differential of +640 points (1,585-945). History suggests the Storm will succeed on Sunday night, but as they did 19 years ago, the Broncos will be out to win when it matters most.

2006 Grand Final
Brisbane 15
Melbourne 8

Having lost only four times during the regular season to finish eight points clear on top of the ladder, the Storm crossed through Matt King early in the second half to lock the decider up at 8-all.

A try to Brent Tate re-established the Broncos lead before a field goal from Darren Lockyer clinched the premiership to send Shane Webcke out a winner as the Storm were left to lament the heartache of defeat.

Broncos 15 (Hodges, Tate tries. Lockyer 2/2, Parker 1/2 goals. Lockyer field goal)

Storm 8 (Turner, King tries. C. Smith 0/1, Geyer 0/1 goals)

2008 Semi Final
Melbourne 16
Brisbane 14

In a pulsating epic decided by a last-gasp try, the Broncos were made to pay for an error inside their half with Greg Inglis crossing to put the Storm in front for the first time as the clock ran out.

The Broncos were lost for words in defeat, but bigger drama was to follow after the game as Storm captain Cameron Smith was suspended for a grapple tackle that saw him miss the Grand Final.

Storm 16 (Crocker, Slater, Inglis tries. C. Smith 2/3 goals)

Broncos 14 (Boyd, Kemp tries. Parker 3/3 goals)

2012, Round 24
Melbourne 19
Brisbane 18

Touted as Grand Final contenders after sitting in first and second respectively midway through the year, both teams appeared to be in free fall just weeks out from September.

With the scores locked at 18-all heading into the final ten minutes, eventual Clive Churchill Medallist Cooper Cronk stepped up with a field goal to send the Storm on the path to Grand Final glory six weeks later.

Storm 19 (Waqa 2, Cronk tries. C. Smith 3/3 goals. Cronk field goal)

Broncos 18 (Te'o 2, Hodges tries. Wallace 3/3 goals)

2021, Round 4
Melbourne 40
Brisbane 6

Good Friday turned into a great night for the Storm as Ryan Papenhuyzen crossed for four tries in the space of 11 minutes to cap a memorable outing for the reigning premiers at home.

The Storm kept the points coming in the second half while the Broncos – still reeling from the ignominy of claiming their first wooden spoon – tried to pick up the pieces under new coach Kevin Walters.

Storm 40 (Papenhuyzen 4, Jennings 2, Munster tries. Papenhuyzen 5/7, Addo-Carr 1/1 goals)

Broncos 6 (Coates try. Isaako 1/1 goal)

2025, Round 27
Brisbane 30
Melbourne 14

Reece Walsh asserted his standing as one of the true superstars of the game with a dazzling performance that guaranteed the Broncos a top four finish.

The loss capped a bleak night for the Storm with Nelson Asofa-Solomona earning a season-ending suspension and Jahrome Hughes facing a stint on the sidelines after fracturing his forearm.

Broncos 30 (Walsh 2, Piakura, Karapani tries. Walsh 7/8 goals)

Storm. 14 (Katoa, Warbrick, Meaney tries. Meaney 1/3 goals)

Rivalry: Storm v Broncos Head to Head Records

Melbourne Storm

MOST TRIES	Billy Slater (25)
MOST GOALS	Cameron Smith (115)
MOST POINTS	Cameron Smith (246)
MOST FIELD GOALS	Cooper Cronk (3)
BIGGEST WIN	48 points Storm 60 v Broncos 12 Round 23, 2022
MOST TRIES IN A MATCH	Ryan Papenhuyzen (4)
MOST GOALS IN A MATCH	Nick Meaney (10)

DEBUTANTS in MEL v BRI
Chris Essex (2000), Trent Loiero (2021), Jack Howarth (2023), Sualauvi Fa'alogo (2023), Joe Chan (2023)

Brisbane Broncos

MOST TRIES	Darren Lockyer (7)
MOST GOALS	Michael De Vere (36)
MOST POINTS	Michael De Vere (92)
MOST FIELD GOALS	Darren Lockyer (1)
BIGGEST WIN	28 points Broncos 48 v Storm 20 Round 21, 2002
MOST TRIES IN A MATCH	Josh Hoffman (3)
MOST GOALS IN A MATCH	Michael De Vere (8)

DEBUTANTS in BRI v MEL
Darren Mapp (2000), Brent Tate (2001), Alwyn Simpson (2007), Michael Spence (2010), Jordan Kahu (2013), Corey Oates (2013), Ashley Taylor (2015), Thomas Flegler (2019), TC Robati (2021), Josh Rogers (2023), Blake Mozer (2023), Benjamin Te Kura (2024)

2025 Performance

MELBOURNE STORM	
TOP POINTSCORER	Ryan Papenhuyzen (181)
TOP TRYSCORER	Xavier Coates (20)
TOP TRY-ASSISTS	Cameron Munster (23)
TOP TACKLES	Trent Loiero (845)
TOP OFFLOADS	Eliesa Katoa (40)
TOP LINEBREAKS	Grant Anderson (17)
TOP TACKLE BREAKS	Stefano Utoikamanu (96)
TOP METRES	Eliesa Katoa (3,570)
TOP POST-CONTACT METRES	Eliesa Katoa (1,461)
LONGEST WINNING STREAK	6 matches R13 v GLD – R19 v NEW
BIGGEST WIN	64 points (R10 v WST)
LONGEST LOSING STREAK	2 matches R26 v SYD – R27 v BRI
PLAYERS USED IN 2025	28
PLAYERS WHO DEBUTED AT THE CLUB	19
APPEARED IN EVERY MATCH	Tyran Wishart
2025 DEBUTANTS	Moses Leo (R5) Siulagi Tuimalatu-Brown (R18)
STRONGEST SPINE	Papenhuyzen, Munster, Hughes, Grant (9 matches)
MOST EXPERIENCED PLAYER	Cameron Munster (235 matches)

BRISBANE BRONCOS	
TOP POINTSCORER	Adam Reynolds (176)
TOP TRYSCORER	Gehamat Shibasaki (16)
TOP TRY-ASSISTS	Reece Walsh (23)
TOP TACKLES	Patrick Carrigan (875)
TOP OFFLOADS	Payne Haas (70)
TOP LINEBREAKS	Kotoni Staggs (25)
TOP TACKLE BREAKS	Payne Haas (125)
TOP METRES	Payne Haas (3,879)
TOP POST-CONTACT METRES	Payne Haas (1,562)
LONGEST WINNING STREAK	6 matches R24 v DOL – PF v PEN
BIGGEST WIN	46 points (R22 v SOU)
LONGEST LOSING STREAK	4 matches R9 v PEN – R13 v MAN
PLAYERS USED in 2025	27
PLAYERS WHO DEBUTED AT THE CLUB	16
APPEARED IN EVERY MATCH	Kobe Hetherington
2025 DEBUTANTS	Ben Talty (R18)
STRONGEST SPINE	Walsh, Hunt, Reynolds, Paix (7 matches)
MOST EXPERIENCED PLAYER	Ben Hunt (354 matches)

Rugby League played from Both Sides Now

23 players have represented Melbourne and Brisbane in first grade since 1998

Glenn Lazarus	118 games for Brisbane (1992-1997); 44 games for Melbourne (1998-1999)
Robbie Ross	12 games for Brisbane (1996); 89 games for Melbourne (1998-2003)
Russell Bawden	2 games for Brisbane (1994); 101 games for Melbourne (1998-2001)
Richard Swain	132 games for Melbourne (1998-2002); 21 games for Brisbane (2003)
Robert Tanielu	1 game for Brisbane (2002); 5 games for Melbourne (2003-2004)
Nathan Friend	1 game for Brisbane (2002); 34 games for Melbourne (2003-2006)
Dennis Scott	6 games for Brisbane (1996-1998); 19 games for Melbourne (2005)
Chris Walker	67 games for Brisbane (1999-2002); 7 games for Melbourne (2006)
Clifford Manua	4 games for Brisbane (2007); 4 games for Melbourne (2008)
Israel Folau	52 games for Melbourne (2007-2008); 39 games for Brisbane (2009-2010)
Scott Anderson	28 games for Melbourne (2007-2009); 51 games for Brisbane (2010-2013)
Lagi Setu	33 games for Brisbane (2009-2010); 7 games for Melbourne (2013)
Todd Lowrie	64 games for Melbourne (2010-2012); 18 games for Brisbane (2014)
Adam Blair	121 games for Melbourne (2006-2011); 74 games for Brisbane (2015-2017)
Tom Learoyd-Lahrs	10 games for Brisbane (2004-2005); 1 game for Melbourne (2015)
Mitchell Garbutt	9 games for Melbourne (2013-2014); 3 games for Brisbane (2015)
Sam Tagataese	18 games for Melbourne (2007-2008); 4 games for Brisbane (2018)
Richie Kennar	9 games for Melbourne (2015-2016); 14 games for Brisbane (2019-2021)
Brodie Croft	39 games for Melbourne (2016-2019); 26 games for Brisbane (2020-2021)
Billy Walters	2 games for Melbourne (2019); 97 games for Brisbane (2022-2025)
Xavier Coates	32 games for Brisbane (2019-2021); 75 games for Melbourne (2022-2025)
Brenko Lee	14 games for Melbourne (2020); 8 games for Brisbane (2022)
Tyson Smoothy	4 games for Melbourne (2021); 41 games for Brisbane (2023-2025)

MELBOURNE STORM



BRISBANE BRONCOS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts					Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
27	20	15	60	1	181	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	1	FULLBACK	1	Reece WALSH	23	20	13	33	-	118
27	6	4	-	-	16	Will WARBRICK	2	WING	2	Josiah KARAPANI	23	12	11	-	-	44
22	15	2	-	-	8	Jack HOWARTH	3	CENTRE	3	Kotoni STAGGS	26	23	12	-	-	48
28	21	9	43	-	122	Nick MEANEY	4	CENTRE	4	Gehamat SHIBASAKI	27	24	16	-	-	64
24	21	19	-	-	80	Xavier COATES	5	WING	5	Deine MARINER	22	18	10	-	-	40
31	23	2	-	-	8	Cameron MUNSTER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Ben HUNT	35	20	2	1	1	11
30	19	7	-	-	28	Jahrome HUGHES	7	HALFBACK	7	Adam REYNOLDS	35	21	4	79	1	176
25	24	2	-	-	8	Stefano UTOIKAMANU	8	FRONT ROW	8	Corey JENSEN	31	24	1	-	-	4
27	18	5	-	-	20	Harry GRANT	9	HOOKER	9	Cory PAIX	25	22	3	-	-	12
30	25	5	-	-	20	Josh KING	10	FRONT ROW	10	Payne HAAS	25	23	3	-	-	12
25	23	2	-	-	8	Shawn BLORE	11	SECOND ROW	11	Brendan PIAKURA	23	20	2	-	-	8
25	25	13	-	-	52	Eliesa KATOA	12	SECOND ROW	12	Jordan RIKI	25	23	2	-	-	8
24	24	4	-	-	16	Trent LOIERO	13	LOCK	13	Patrick CARRIGAN	27	24	-	-	-	-
25	26	7	3	-	34	Tyran WISHART	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Ezra MAM	22	11	5	-	-	20
24	13	1	-	-	4	Ativalu LISATI	15		15	Kobe HETHERINGTON	26	26	2	-	-	8
31	23	1	-	-	4	Tui KAMIKAMICA	16		16	Xavier WILLISON	23	20	4	-	-	16
23	19	-	-	-	-	Alec MacDONALD	17		17	Tyson SMOOTHY	26	10	-	1	-	2
25	24	11	-	-	44	Grant ANDERSON	18	RESERVES	18	Jesse ARTHARS	27	18	11	-	-	44
29	13	2	-	-	8	Bronson GARLICK	19		19	Jack GOSIEWSKI	31	14	4	-	-	16
23	17	1	-	-	4	Joe CHAN	20		20	Ben TALTY	26	10	3	-	-	12
22	8	-	3	-	6	Jonah PEZET	21		21	Selwyn COBBO	23	15	6	3	-	30
22	7	4	-	-	16	Sualauvi FA'ALOGO	22		22	Jock MADDEN	25	-	-	-	-	-
67	605	-	-	-	-	Craig BELLAMY		COACHES		Michael MAGUIRE	51	259	-	-	-	-

MATCH DETAILS

Venue	Accor Stadium (Stadium Australia)	Grant ATKINS	Referee
Where	Wanngal | Sydney Olympic Park, NSW	Dave MUNRO, Chris SUTTON	Touch Judges
When	Sunday 5 October 2025 | 7:30PM AEDT	Ashley KLEIN	NRL Bunker

Live TV & Streaming: Nine Network, 9Now
Radio: ABC Sport, SEN, Triple M, Nine Radio
Live blog: LeagueUnlimited.com

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Head to head since 1998

	TOTAL	MELBOURNE	BRISBANE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	**59**	**43**	**15**	**1**
ACCOR	1	0	1	0
GRANT ATKINS	5	3	2	0
FINALS	9	6	3	0
GRAND FINALS	1	0	1	0

Last five clashes

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2023	Qual Final	**BRISBANE 26-0**	Suncorp	50197
2024	Round 5	**MELBOURNE 34-32**	AAMI	20698
2024	Round 27	**MELBOURNE 50-12**	Suncorp	35086
2025	Round 23	**MELBOURNE 22-2**	AAMI	21324
2025	Round 27	**BRISBANE 30-14**	Suncorp	44645

The thumpings

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2002	Round 21	**BRISBANE 48-20**	Olympic Park	10308
2022	Round 23	**MELBOURNE 60-12**	Suncorp	42612

2025 Record (R1-R27)

	POS	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
MELBOURNE	**2ND**	24	3	17-7-0	671	459
BRISBANE	**4TH**	24	3	15-9-0	680	508

Current form

	Round 27	Result	Finals W1	Result	Finals W3	Result
MELBOURNE	BRISBANE	L 14-30	CANTERBURY	W 26-18	CRONULLA	W 22-14
BRISBANE	MELBOURNE	W 30-14	CANBERRA	W 29-28	PENRITH	W 16-14

Things to know

- Melbourne have won 39 of their last 47 games against Brisbane (Since 2004 Finals)
- Melbourne have 11 wins from 23 finals matches played in Sydney. Brisbane have 17 wins from 34 finals games played in Sydney
- Brisbane's last Finals win in Sydney was in 2008 - they've lost all 5 finals matches in Sydney since then
- Trent Loiero (Melbourne) will play his 100th NRL game
- Nick Meaney (Melbourne) needs two goals for 350 NRL goals
- Reece Walsh (Brisbane) needs 3 tries for 50 NRL tries
- Selwyn Cobbo (Brisbane) needs 1 try for 50 NRL tries
- Ben Hunt needs 3 tries for 50 club tries for Brisbane

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GF Preview

Beth Nicholls

And then there were two... 27 home and away rounds down, three weeks of finals, and too many nail biting clashes.

Brisbane are chasing their first premiership since 2006, whilst Melbourne are looking for their first since 2020. Both are hungry for adding another trophy to their collection, but only one can come home a winner.

Finishing in second place, the Storm had a solid season, despite their spine being rocked with injuries yet again, their depth proved the difference time and time again. Floating around the top four for the entire season, Melbourne had a strong start, only losing two of their first ten games, and five of these wins saw them score over 40 points. Having their last bye in Round 15, they had a mountain to get over to get home, but they only lost three games in the final twelve games, including back to back losses to the Roosters and Broncos in Round 26 and 27. Playing the Bulldogs and Sharks in Finals Week 1 and Week 3 respectively, Melbourne had a stable finals campaign, booking the two games at the Aami Park fortress.

Bellamy names the same starting 17 that downed the Sharks in last week's preliminary final, with Grant Anderson named as 18th man, a spot that was filled by Joe Chan against the Sharks. Jonah Pezet and Sua Fa'aalogo are among the reserves, with Jahrome Hughes continuing to back up and join Harry Grant, Ryan Papenhuyzen and Cameron Munster in the spine.

After an embarrassing loss to the Sea Eagles in Round 13, it looked like the Broncos season was over, sitting in eleventh place and no form going into the second half of the season. However, they defied odds and dug deep, losing only two more of the next twelve regular season games (excluding two byes), and slid into fourth place at the end of Round 27. A nailbiting and epic finish to their qualifying final against the Raiders gave them a home preliminary final, where they got revenge and redemption against the Panthers.

Pat Carrigan's return from a one week suspension forces some changes to the side, with Tyson Smoothy dropping to the bench, which means Ben Talty is the unlucky man to drop out of the side. Maguire opted to keep with the same halves pairing from last week; Ben Hunt stays named at five-eighth and Adam Reynolds partnering him at halfback, with Cory Paix starting at hooker and Ezra Mam in the number 14 jersey.

The two sides boasted combined crowds of over 80k at the preliminary finals last week, with Suncorp Stadium nine people shy of 52.5k capacity, whilst the Storm had their second largest crowd at Aami Park with just over 29k.

These two played each other in the 2006 Grand Final, which saw Brisbane claim victory. For some more freaky stats, that year saw the Broncos also: have a five game losing streak and climb to fourth place in Round 27.

Meeting twice in 2025, in Round 22 in Melbourne and Round 27 at Brisbane, both sides boast a win from their home ground. With their final meeting on neutral ground, it's a clean slate and anyone's game, with the crowd sure to be loud with fans from both sides.

Who to watch: The match-ups all over the park are an explosion of talent.

Paps v Walshy. Hughsey v Reyno. Munster v Hunt. King v Haas. (I could go on, but at this rate I'll just name all 17 opposites).

I think the difference will be the fullbacks, when their full potential is unlocked their respective side will be almost unstoppable.

Appearing in 20 matches this year, Papenhuyzen scored fifteen tries and made six try assists, 70 tackle breaks and eleven line breaks. Missing out on the qualifying final against the Bulldogs due to concussion, Papenhuyzen returned against the Sharks last week where he scored one try, made six tackle breaks and three offloads.

Also appearing in 20 matches this year (oddly freaky, but okay), Walsh has scored thirteen tries, made 23 try assists (leading for the Broncos), along with 99 tackle breaks and nine line breaks. Against the Raiders, Walsh was the difference which led them home, coming back from his sin bin to dominate, scoring one try, kicking a 40/20 (his second for the match), making a try assist, and attempting a two-point field goal that hit the crossbar. When Walsh is on, the Broncos are on.

Favourite: Storm are slightly favoured to lift the Premiership Trophy for the fifth time.

My tip: For someone who dreamt and prayed for this Grand Final for the last twelve months it now feels like my worst nightmare... Both of these sides have the calibre and players to win, but their attitude on the field and the way they turn up will decide it all. Throughout the year the Storm played an extremely strong first half, before slightly dropping off in the second half, whilst the Broncos play an immensely strong last 20 minutes, as we've seen in their two finals matches.

I think it'll be a tight but electric game that will come down to the wire, and could truly go either way. **Brisbane by 4.**

(Also, this author is rooting for the Broncos deep down, it's been 19 years since our last premiership, splashed with two tragic Grand Final losses. Sorry Storm, but fate says it's Brisbane's year.).

MELBOURNE STORM

2025 GRAND FINALISTS PLAYER PROFILES

COACH: Craig Bellamy

Guiding Melbourne to an 11th Grand Final in his 23rd season at the helm, Bellamy shares a history with the Broncos as an assistant coach and Michael Maguire, who was part of the Storm's set-up in the late 2000s.

9. Harry Grant (captain)

Crossing for the opening try of the Grand Final twelve months ago, Grant will be hoping to join Glenn Lazarus and Cameron Smith as the only Melbourne captains to lift the Provan Summons trophy.
NRL appearances: 119 | Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

STARTING 13

1. RYAN PAPENHUYZEN
Possessing the ability to break a game open with blistering speed and support play, the Melbourne fullback displayed those very qualities to win the Clive Churchill Medal in the 2020 decider.
NRL appearances: 112
Grand Final appearances: 2 (2020, 2024)

2. WILL WARBRICK
Spending much of the season on the sidelines due to concussion, the New Zealand international has shone in September with a try in each final, including a length-of-the-field match winner against the Bulldogs.
NRL appearances: 55
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

3. JACK HOWARTH
Getting back into the team at the business end of the season, Howarth will be hoping to get his name on the scoresheet after being denied by the barest of margins in last year's decider.
NRL appearances: 32
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

4. NICK MEANEY
Providing great versatility wherever called upon across the backline, Meaney's record as a goal kicker – converting at 73 per cent this season – could be decisive in a tight encounter.
NRL appearances: 158
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

5. XAVIER COATES
Averaging just under a try per game in his fourth season at the club, Coates has proven himself to be much more than a try-scorer with 150 running metres on average this season.
NRL appearances: 107
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

6. CAMERON MUNSTER
Having led Queensland to a series win at Accor Stadium earlier this season, Munster will be aiming to do likewise at club level as he chases a third premiership ring.
NRL appearances: 235
Grand Final appearances: 5 (2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2024)

7. JAHROME HUGHES
Making a timely return from a fractured forearm to get the Storm into the decider last week, Hughes has produced 19 try-assists in 19 appearances this year.
NRL appearances: 169
Grand Final appearances: 2 (2020, 2024)

8. STEFANO UTOIKAMANU
Having the chance to go from a wooden spoon to a premiership ring in the space of a season, Utoikamanu has shone in September football and will be hoping to hit even greater heights in October.

NRL appearances: 102
Grand Final appearances: N/A

10. JOSH KING
Embodying the hard working mentality that has sustained Melbourne's success for more than two decades, a strong performance on Sunday could see King finish the season with a premiership ring and a place in the Kangaroos squad.
NRL appearances: 180
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

11. SHAWN BLORE
Making a timely return from a fracture larynx in last week's win over the Sharks, Blore could prove to be a game breaker in his second Grand Final appearance.
NRL appearances: 80
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

12. ELIESA KATOA
Developing into one of the best edge forwards in the game today under Bellamy's tutelage, Katoa leads the ranks of try-scoring forwards with 13 four-pointers this season.
NRL appearances: 117
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

13. TRENT LOIERO
After making his State of Origin debut for Queensland earlier this year, Loiero will be looking to draw on his representative experience to get the Storm over the line in his 100th first grade appearance.
NRL appearances: 99
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

INTERCHANGE

14. TYRAN WISHART
Providing invaluable cover as a playmaker, forward or outside back, Wishart has made a big impact in the finals despite limited game time.
NRL appearances: 81
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

15. ATIVALU LISATI
Becoming the latest in a long line of players to thrive in the Melbourne system, Lisati has come on in leaps and bounds since making the move from Penrith midway through last year.
NRL appearances: 14
Grand Final appearances: N/A

16. TUI KAMIKAMICA
Developing into an experienced member of Melbourne's pack eight years on from his first grade debut, Kamikamica will be aiming to make a big impact after being used sparingly in recent weeks.
NRL appearances: 137
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

17. ALEC MACDONALD
Providing reliable service off the bench with and without the ball, MacDonald is the only member of Melbourne's squad yet to score a try in 2025.
NRL appearances: 65
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2024)

RESERVES

18. GRANT ANDERSON: Missing out on a spot in the Grand Final team despite being a fixture of the backline with 11 tries in 24 appearances this season, Anderson will depart the Storm at season's end to link up with the Broncos. NRL appearances: 48 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

19. BRONSON GARLICK: Acting as a capable deputy when called upon at dummy half over the past three years, Garlick will be hoping to solidify a place in first grade when he returns to South Sydney next season. NRL appearances: 39 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

20. JOE CHAN: Showing great versatility to fill in at centre despite being predominantly known as an edge forward, Chan has thrived at Melbourne after beginning his professional career in France with Catalans. NRL appearances: 29 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

21. JONAH PEZET: Playing an integral role in getting the Storm to the decider with a star-making performance in the qualifying final win over the Bulldogs, Pezet is set to be a man in demand over the off-season with several suitors eyeing his services for a loan deal. NRL appearances: 18 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

22. SUALAUVI FA'ALOGO : Gaining a reputation as an attacking superstar in a very short span of time, Fa'alogo would likely have featured in a lot more first grade if not for a hamstring injury sustained midway through the year. NRL appearances: 22 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

MELBOURNE STORM

ROAD TO THE GRAND FINAL

Reaching the final game of the season for the 11th time in 23 seasons under coach Craig Bellamy, the Melbourne Storm have the experience to know what it takes to win a Grand Final.

Showcasing patches of unparallelled attacking football throughout the season – including a record-equalling 64-0 rout over the Wests Tigers at home – the Storm never slipped outside the top four all season while also bearing the brunt of strong representation during State of Origin. Dropping just one match between Rounds 13 to 25, back-to-back losses to finish the regular season meant the men from Melbourne would have to be satisfied with second position.

Overcoming a committed Bulldogs' side in a hard-won qualifying final with key spine players Jahrome Hughes and Ryan Papenhuyzen sitting on the sidelines, a week off proved to be the perfect preparation for a preliminary final victory over the Sharks to become the first team through to the 2025 decider. With 15 players remaining from the team that went down to the Panthers last season, the Storm will have their sights set on reversing the result and asserting their standing as the NRL's premier team.

FINISHED: 2ND
PLAYED 26, WON 19, LOST 7
FOR: 719, AGAINST: 491

ROUND 1 – STORM 56 v EELS 18
In a master versus apprentice fixture pitting Craig Bellamy against his former assistant Jason Ryles, the Storm posted eight first half tries to continue an unbeaten opening round record stretching back more than two decades.
Storm 56 (Papenhuyzen 2, Coates 2, King, Katoa, Grant, Meaney, Warbrick, Hughes tries. Meaney 8/10 goals) def Eels 18 (Tago, Penisini, Iongi tries. Lomax 3/3 goals)

ROUND 3 – STORM 30 v PANTHERS 24
On a night which saw Nathan Cleary ruled out early through concussion, the Storm kept just enough breathing space to bounce back from the disappointment of last year's Grand Final defeat.
Storm 30 (Anderson, Katoa, Coates, Wishart, Papenhuyzen tries. Meaney 3/3, Papenhuyzen 2/3 goals) def Panthers 24 (Alamoti 2, To'o 2, C. McLean tries. Alamoti 2/5 goals)

ROUND 4 – STORM 8 v DRAGONS 14
In a dour, rain-soaked affair that failed to reach any heights, the absence of Jahrome Hughes proved costly as the Storm slumped to their first loss of the season.
Storm 8 (Papenhuyzen try. Wishart 2/2 goals) lost to Dragons 14 (Holmes, Liddle tries. Holmes 3/4 goals)

ROUND 5 – STORM 48 v SEA EAGLES 24
Recording their first win on the northern beaches in five years with an avalanche of tries, former New Zealand Rugby 7's international Moses Leo made his first appearance in purple colours.
Storm 48 (Anderson 3, Utoikamanu, Munster, Papenhuyzen, Garlick, Howarth tries. Papenhuyzen 7/7, Wishart 1/1 goals) def Sea Eagles 24 (Koula 2, Saab, Faulalo tries. Garrick 4/6 goals)

ROUND 6 – STORM 42 v WARRIORS 14
Scoring six tries without response to lead 36-0 at the change of ends, the Storm cruised home to record their 17th consecutive win over the Warriors.
Storm 42 (Coates 2, King, Blore, Loiero, Grant, Anderson tries. Papenhuyzen 7/7 goals) def Warriors 14 (Halasima, Berry, Metcalf tries. Metcalf 1/3 goals)

ROUND 7 – STORM 22 v DOLPHINS 42
Good Friday was anything but for the men from Melbourne as the Dolphins fought back from a 16-2 deficit to record their first ever win over the Storm in style.
Storm 22 (Bradley 2, Coates, Papenhuyzen tries. Papenhuyzen 3/4 goals) lost to Dolphins 42 (Stone 2, Kerr, Bostock, Lemuelu, Nikorima, Farnworth tries. Isaako 7/8 goals)

ROUND 8 – STORM 24 v RABBITOHS 16
After a hard-fought opening half on ANZAC Day, the Storm finished on top to maintain their unbeaten record over the Rabbitohs in Melbourne.
Storm 24 (Papenhuyzen, Coates, Katoa, Wishart tries. Papenhuyzen 4/5 goals) def Rabbitohs 16 (Wighton 2, Bentley-Hape tries. Mitchell 2/3 goals)

ROUND 9 – STORM 18 v RAIDERS 20
The Storm looked set to get the job done in regulation time only for Kaeo Weekes to produce a moment befitting the name of Magic Round; a dangerous tackle by Trent Loiero in golden point allowed Jamal Fogarty to seal the result with a penalty goal.
Storm 18 (Anderson, Papenhuyzen, Fa'alogo tries. Papenhuyzen 3/5 goals) lost to Raiders 20 (Tamale, Timoko, Weekes tries. Fogarty 4/4 goals)

ROUND 10 – STORM 64 v WESTS TIGERS 0
Ryan Papenhuyzen collected a personal haul of 36 points as the Storm equalled their biggest ever win – ironically by the same margin against the same opposition back in 2001.
Storm 64 (Papenhuyzen 4, King, Hughes, Meaney, Asofa-Solomona, Katoa, Munster, Garlick tries. Papenhuyzen 10/11 goals) def Wests Tigers 0

ROUND 11 – STORM 26 v SHARKS 31
In a spiteful affair with their long-standing foes, the Storm clawed their way back into the contest – courtesy of a Xavier Coates hat-trick – but the Sharks did enough to be in front at the end of 80 minutes.
Storm 26 (Coates 3, Anderson, Meaney tries. Papenhuyzen 3/5 goals) lost to Sharks 31 (Atkinson 2, Mulitalo, Fonua-Blake, Iro tries. Hynes 5/6 goals. Trindall FG)

ROUND 13 – STORM 28 v TITANS 16
Hitting the front with two tries in the shadows of halftime, the Storm survived a few nervous moments in the second half to get the cash without Origin stars Harry Grant and Xavier Coates.
Storm 28 (Fa'alogo 2, Anderson 2, Wishart tries. Papenhuyzen 4/5 goals) def Titans 16 (Sami 2, Campbell tries. Campbell 2/3 goals)

ROUND 14 – STORM 38 v COWBOYS 14
Proving far too strong for their inconsistent opponents, tries either side of halftime extended the Storm's record over the Cowboys at AAMI Park to five consecutive wins.
Storm 38 (Hughes 2, Katoa, Meaney, Asofa-Solomona, Wishart tries. Papenhuyzen 7/7 goals) def Cowboys 14 (Paulo, Drinkwater, Derby tries. Drinkwater 1/3 goals)

ROUND 16 – STORM 25 v RABBITOHS 24
Four tries to Alex Johnston and a starring performance from Latrell Mitchell gave the Rabbitohs a chance to win the game in golden point, however the poise of Ryan Papenhuyzen got the Storm home with an 83rd minute field goal.
Storm 25 (Grant, Hughes, Anderson, Wishart tries. Papenhuyzen 4/4 goals. Papenhuyzen FG) def Rabbitohs 24 (Johnston 4, Munro tries. Mitchell 2/5 goals)

ROUND 17 – STORM 30 v SHARKS 6
Eliesa Katoa was at his destructive best with a try and two assists as the Storm posted three tries in the final quarter to reflect their dominance on the scoreboard.
Storm 30 (Katoa, Fa'alogo, Meaney, Hughes, Loiero tries. Papenhuyzen 4/6, Meaney 1/1 goals) def Sharks 6 (Trindall try. Hynes 1/1 goal)

ROUND 18 – STORM 26 v COWBOYS 20
Playing without five representative stars and the late withdrawal of fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen, the depth of Melbourne's roster was on full display as Victorian junior Siulagi Tuimalatu-Brown joined exclusive company in making his first grade debut.
Storm 26 (Meaney 2, Katoa, Asofa-Solomona tries. Meaney 5/5 goals) def Cowboys 20 (Derby, Purdue, Drinkwater tries. Drinkwater 3/3, Clifford 1/1 goals)

ROUND 19 – STORM 32 v KNIGHTS 14
Jahrome Hughes showcased the talent that saw him claim the 2024 Dally M Medal with four try assists as the Storm fought back from a halftime deficit to run away with a convincing win.
Storm 32 (Katoa 2, Loiero 2, Bradley 2 tries. Meaney 3/6, Pezet 1/1 goals) def Knights 14 (Young 2, Hunt tries. Hastings 1/3 goals)

ROUND 20 – STORM 16 v SEA EAGLES 18
With the match headed for golden point after Xavier Coates' third try of the night, the Sea Eagles cliched the result with a penalty goal in front of the posts after Harry Grant was ruled to have made illegal contact with Luke Brooks' leg while attempting to stop a field goal.
Storm 16 (Coates 3 tries. Meaney 2/3 goals) lost to Sea Eagles 18 (Saab, Koula, Garrick tries. Garrick 3/5 goals)

ROUND 21 – STORM 34 v ROOSTERS 30
Both sides traded tries on a night where Melbourne's big men stood tall with Josh King collecting a double and Stefano Utoikamanu crashing over for the match winner.
Storm 34 (King 2, Howarth, Grant, Meaney, Utoikamanu tries. Meaney 5/7 goals) def Roosters 30 (Tupou 2, Wong, Collins, Dockar-Clay tries. Walker 5/5 goals)

ROUND 22 – STORM 16 v EELS 10
Having thrashed the Eels in the opening round, the return fixture proved to be a much tighter affair with the scores locked at 10-all until Xavier Coates clinched the win ten minutes from time.
Storm 16 (Katoa, Kamikamica, Coates tries. Papenhuyzen 1/4, Meaney 1/1 goals) def Eels 10 (Addo-Carr, Guymer tries. Lomax 1/3 goals)

ROUND 23 – STORM 22 v BRONCOS 2
The Storm kicked off Indigenous Round with a comprehensive victory, but the story of the night was the carnage confronting the Broncos after Adam Reynolds, Ezra Mam and Selwyn Cobbo all succumbed to hamstring injuries.
Storm 22 (Coates 2, Wishart, Papenhuyzen tries. Meaney 3/4 goals) def Broncos 2 (Reynolds 1/1 goal)

ROUND 24 – STORM 22 v PANTHERS 18
An epic Grand Final rematch couldn't be decided in regulation time, so it was left to Harry Grant to seal the deal with a deceptive run from dummy half to snatch a golden point win.
Storm 22 (Coates 2, Chan, Seve, Grant tries. Meaney 1/4 goals) def Panthers 18 (Papalii, Cleary, Sorenson tries. Cleary 3/4 goals)

ROUND 25 – STORM 20 v BULLDOGS 14
The finals arrived three weeks early as the Storm outlasted the fast-finishing Bulldogs to remain a chance of snaring the minor premiership.
Storm 20 (Katoa, Papenhuyzen, Coates tries. Meaney 4/4 goal) def Bulldogs 14 (Hayward, Kikau, Kiraz tries. Crichton 1/3 goals)

ROUND 26 – STORM 10 v ROOSTERS 40
Craig Bellamy's 600th game as coach appeared to be going to script until Mark Nawaqanitawase stepped up with four tries to inspire the Roosters to a stirring victory built off 40 unanswered points.
Storm 10 (Blore, Anderson tries. Papenhuyzen 1/2 goals) lost to Roosters 40 (Nawaqanitawase 4, Wong, Toia, Tedesco tries. S. Smith 6/7 goals)

ROUND 27 – STORM 14 v BRONCOS 30
A dynamic performance from Reece Walsh saw the Broncos secure a top four finish, but of greater concern for the Storm was a fractured forearm that threatened to end Jahrome Hughes's season on the eve of the finals.
Storm 14 (Katoa, Warbrick, Meaney tries. Meaney 1/3 goals) lost to Broncos 30 (Walsh 2, Piakura, Karapani tries. Walsh 7/8 goals)

QUAL FINAL – STORM 26 v BULLDOGS 18
In a bruising encounter which saw both sides impacted by injury, young playmaker Jonah Pezet stood tall at halfback to guide the Storm into their tenth preliminary final in 11 years.
Storm 26 (Katoa, Lisati, Wishart, Warbrick tries. Meaney 3/3, Pezet 2/2 goals) def Bulldogs 18 (Sexton, Kiraz, Burton tries. Burton 3/3 goals)

PRELIM FINAL – STORM 22 v SHARKS 14
Reaping the rewards of a week off to earn a shot at Grand Final redemption, a cunning run from Harry Grant to set up Xavier Coates clinched the result with little more than five minutes on the clock.
Storm 22 (Warbrick, Hughes, Papenhuyzen, Coates tries. Meaney 3/5 goals) def Sharks 14 (Katoa 2, Iro tries. Hynes 1/3 goals)

BRISBANE BRONCOS

2025 GRAND FINALISTS

PLAYER PROFILES

COACH: Michael Maguire

Having won premierships with Wigan and South Sydney, guided New Zealand to their largest win over Australia and orchestrated a State of Origin victory from 1-0 down, Maguire will be hoping to cement his standing as one of the great modern coaches by guiding the Broncos back to the promised land.

7. Adam Reynolds (captain)

Making a timely return from a hamstring injury to guide the Broncos into the final match of the season with a match-winning conversion, Reynolds knows what it takes to win a premiership having done so alongside Michael Maguire at South Sydney in 2014. NRL appearances: 308 | Grand Final appearances: 3 (2014, 2021, 2023

STARTING 13

1. REECE WALSH
Energising the Broncos' fledgling 2025 campaign upon his return from injury mid-season, Walsh has proven during the finals that no deficit is too great to overcome when the star fullback is on song.
NRL appearances: 94
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

2. JOSIAH KARAPANI
Beginning the year with Burleigh before taking his opportunity in first grade with both hands, Karapani has revelled on the left wing with 11 tries in 12 matches to earn an upgraded two-year deal.
NRL appearances: 21
Grand Final appearances: N/A

3. KOTONI STAGGS
Scoring a crucial try last week to propel the Broncos into the final game of the season, Staggs has shown the ability to be one of the most destructive ball-carriers in the league today.
NRL appearances: 144
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

4. GEHAMAT SHIBASAKI
Enjoying one of the greatest comeback seasons in the history of rugby league after beginning the year on a train-and-trial deal, Shibasaki will be hoping to add a premiership ring alongside his Queensland jersey on Sunday evening.
NRL appearances: 54
Grand Final appearances: N/A

5. DEINE MARINER
Forcing his way back into the Brisbane backline at the expense of more experienced stars, Mariner was in the right spot at the right time to level the scores with a try in last week's win over Penrith.
NRL appearances: 45
Grand Final appearances: N/A

6. BEN HUNT
Gaining a shot at redemption a decade on from the heartbreak of losing the 2015 Grand Final, Hunt has thrived in his return to the Broncos unburdened by the weight of expectation.
NRL appearances: 354
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2015)

8. COREY JENSEN
Making a Grand Final with North Queensland in his rookie season as a first grader, Jensen will be hoping for a different result as the most experienced member of the Broncos' pack.
NRL appearances: 145
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2017)

9. CORY PAIX
Enjoying a career resurrection after spending the entirety of 2024 in reserve grade, Paix has come a long way from debuting in Brisbane's biggest ever loss during COVID.
NRL appearances: 66
Grand Final appearances: N/A

10. PAYNE HAAS
Building a reputation as the best front-rower of his generation, Haas showed he was willing to do whatever it takes to reach the big dance after playing the whole 80 minutes in last week's preliminary final.
NRL appearances: 141
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

11. BRENDAN PIAKURA
Regaining his place in the starting side after beginning the year off the bench, Piakura will line up for his second Grand Final in three years after overcoming concerns of a fractured cheekbone earlier in the finals.
NRL appearances: 53
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

12. JORDAN RIKI
Developing into a fixture of Brisbane's right edge over the course of six seasons in the top grade, Riki has increased his work-rate with and without the ball averaging over 100 running metres for the first time in his career.
NRL appearances: 112
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

13. PARTICK CARRIGAN
Returning for the decider after watching last week's win over Penrith from the sidelines due to suspension, Carrigan is the only member of Brisbane's 17 yet to score a try this season.
NRL appearances: 129
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

INTERCHANGE

14. EZRA MAM
Going within a few minutes of being crowned the Clive Churchill Medallist for his Grand Final heroics two years ago, Mam will be content just to get the win after being afforded a second chance at on-field redemption.
NRL appearances: 68
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

15. KOBE HETHERINGTON
Lining up for the final time in a Brisbane jersey on Sunday evening, Hetherington will be hoping to finish his time at the club with a premiership ring before joining Manly.
NRL appearances: 104
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

16. XAVIER WILLISON
Playing throughout the forward pack as a middle and edge player respectively, Willison will get his shot at the big dance after being overlooked for the extended squad two years ago.
NRL appearances: 50
Grand Final appearances: N/A

17. TYSON SMOOTHY
Winning a spot on the bench off the back of his efforts as a middle forward last Sunday, Smoothy will be looking to finish off his time in the NRL with a premiership ahead of a move to Wakefield in the English Super League.
NRL appearances: 45
Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

RESERVES

18. JESSE ARTHARS: Producing the game of his life in the Grand Final defeat to Penrith two years ago, Arthars began the season in prolific form with 11 tries in as many matches. NRL appearances: 98 | Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

19. JACK GOSIEWSKI: Providing reliable service for five clubs over the span of a decade, Gosiewski began the season in the starting side before injuries cruelled his career once again. NRL appearances: 88 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

20. BEN TALTY: Making a mid-season move to Brisbane after toiling away in reserve grade for half a decade, Talty has been an unsung hero, scoring three tries in ten appearances, in the Broncos' late season surge. NRL appearances: 10 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

21. SELWYN COBBO: Riding a wave of emotions after being dropped, signing with the Dolphins and being recalled only to suffer a hamstring injury, Cobbo's time at the Broncos will finish up with 49 tries in 83 appearances. NRL appearances: 83 | Grand Final appearances: 1 (2023)

22. JOCK MADDEN: Included in the extended squad despite spending the entirety of 2025 in reserve grade, Madden will return to the Wests Tigers next season to provide depth in the halves. NRL appearances: 32 | Grand Final appearances: N/A

BRISBANE BRONCOS

ROAD TO THE GRAND FINAL

Twelve months ago, the Brisbane Broncos were at a crisis point after cutting ties with coach Kevin Walters only one season on from reaching a Grand Final. Twelve months later, coach Michael Maguire has the opportunity to put the Queensland powerhouse club back on top.

Beginning the year inconsistently with stunning victories weighed down by losses leaving much to be desired, a mid-year malaise saw the side slip out of the top eight and critics take aim at Maguire's reputation for intensity. Sitting in 11th on the ladder halfway through the season, the return of Reece Walsh from injury reignited the Broncos' campaign, winning 10 of their final 12 matches to clinch a top four finish.

Prevailing in an epic qualifying final over Canberra off the back of Walsh's brilliance and a golden point field goal from Ben Hunt, the Broncos were slow out of the gate after a week off but came home strongly to knock Penrith out of the premiership race and book a place in the final match of the season. South Sydney had to wait 43 years to break their premiership drought under Michael Maguire – the Broncos will be hoping he can bring home a title that has proved elusive for 19 seasons.

FINISHED: 4TH
Played 26, Won 17, Lost 9
For: 725, Against: 550

ROUND 1 – BRONCOS 50 v ROOSTERS 14
Beginning life under new coach Michael Maguire in dynamic fashion, the decision to elevate Gehamat Shibasaki, Cory Paix and Jack Gosiewski into the starting side reaped rewards while Ben Hunt's homecoming was capped with a four-pointer.
Broncos 50 (Cobbo 3, Shibasaki, Paix, Gosiewski, B. Hunt, Walsh, Arthars tries. Reynolds 7/10 goals) def Roosters 14 (Young 2, Smith tries. Smith 1/3 goals)

ROUND 2 – BRONCOS 22 v RAIDERS 22
The Broncos were dealt a rude shock following their opening round rout with English debutant Matty Nicholson snaring a double as the Raiders backed up their success in Las Vegas with a win on home soil.
Broncos 22 (Arthars 3, Cobbo tries. Reynolds 3/4 goals) lost to Raiders 32 (Nicholson 2, Papalii, Starling, Timoko, Tamale tries. Fogarty 4/6 goals)

ROUND 3 – BRONCOS 26 v COWBOYS 16
Claiming bragging rights over their long-standing Queensland rivals, the Broncos rose in intensity midway through the second half with Payne Haas crossing for a try to seal the deal.
Broncos 26 (Gosiewski, Reynolds, Arthars, Haas tries. Reynolds 5/5 goals) def Cowboys 16 (Neame, Taulagi, Purdue tries. Drinkwater 2/3 goals)

ROUND 4 – BRONCOS 20 v DOLPHINS 12
The Battle of Brisbane was a tale of two centres as Gehamat Shibasaki continued his comeback with a double while Kotoni Staggs got in on the scoring action with a late try in his first appearance for the season.
Broncos 20 (Shibasaki 2, Paix, Staggs tries. Reynolds 2/4 goals) def Dolphins 12 (Plath, Averillo tries. Isaako 2/2 goals)

ROUND 5 – BRONCOS 46 v WESTS TIGERS 24
With both teams trading tries in a fast-paced opening half, the Broncos found a new attacking gear after halftime to run out convincing winners at home.
Broncos 46 (Arthars 2, Willison 2, Reynolds, Walters, Shibasaki tries. Reynolds 4/4, Walsh 4/4 goals. Reynolds 2pt field goal) def Wests Tigers 24 (To'a 2, L. Laulilii, Turuva, Sione Fainu tries. Koroisau 2/3, Da Silva 0/1, Doueihi 0/1 goals)

ROUND 6 – BRONCOS 16 v ROOSTERS 26
Having hit a half century against the Roosters five weeks earlier, the Broncos were ill-prepared to handle a dominant kicking performance from unknown playmaker Hugo Savala in his first starting appearance.
Broncos 16 (Cobbo, Walsh, Arthars tries. Reynolds 1/3, Walsh 1/1 goals) lost to Roosters 26 (B. Smith 2, Crichton, N. Butcher tries. S. Smith 5/5 goals)

ROUND 7 – BRONCOS 18 v WARRIORS 20
Fighting back from an 18-6 deficit with two late tries to send the match to golden point, the Broncos overpowered the kick-off out on the full allowing Luke Metcalf to snatch victory with a 50-metre penalty goal.
Broncos 18 (Walters, Arthars, Walsh tries. Reynolds 3/3 goals) lost to Warriors 20 (Halasima, Kosi, Metcalf, Niukore tries. Metcalf 2/6 goals)

ROUND 8 – BRONCOS 42 v BULLDOGS 18
Making a statement against the undefeated competition leaders in a devastating first half, the Broncos led 34-0 at the break in a spiteful affair which saw three Bulldogs players sent to the sin bin.
Broncos 42 (Mariner 2, Willison, Reynolds, Shibasaki, Arthars, Walters tries. Reynolds 4/5, Cobbo 3/3 goals) def Bulldogs 18 (Montoya, Preston, Xerri tries. Crichton 3/3 goals)

ROUND 9 – BRONCOS 8 v PANTHERS 32
Magic Round failed to live up to its name for the 'visitors' as Nathan Cleary replicated his grand final match-winner from two years earlier to breathe life into the struggling premiers' campaign.
Broncos 8 (B. Hunt try. Reynolds 2/2 goals) lost to Panthers 32 (Jenkins 2, Tago, Patea, Cleary tries. Cleary 6/6 goals)

ROUND 10 – BRONCOS 14 v RABBITOHS 22
A 14-0 halftime lead amounted to little by fulltime as Latrell Mitchell delivered on his reputation as one of the superstars of the game with an awe-inspiring two-point field goal to seal a passionate comeback in the wet.
Broncos 14 (Riki, Mariner tries. Reynolds 3/3 goals) lost to Rabbitohs 22 (Havili, Tass, Mitchell tries. Mitchell 4/4 goals. Mitchell 2pt FG)

ROUND 11 – BRONCOS 26 v DRAGONS 30
Ezra Mam made an impact in his first game back from suspension but another second half collapse saw the Broncos pushed out of the top eight for the first time all year.
Broncos 26 (Shibasaki, Mam, Staggs, Arthars tries. Reynolds 5/5 goals) lost to Dragons 30 (Sloan 2, Gutherson 2, Liddle tries. Holmes 5/6 goals)

ROUND 13 – BRONCOS 6 v SEA EAGLES 34
A year that started with such promise hit panic stations as the Broncos left the northern beaches of Sydney for the first time in more than a decade with their sixth loss in seven matches.
Broncos 6 (Mam try. Reynolds 1/1 goal) lost to Sea Eagles 34 (Faulalo 2, Olakau'atu 2, Brown, Koula tries. Garrick 5/6 goals)

ROUND 14 – BRONCOS 44 v TITANS 14
The return of Reece Walsh sparked the Broncos back to their attacking best on a memorable night which saw the club don an all-black jersey designed in partnership with the Black Dog Institute.
Broncos 44 (Shibasaki 2, Karapani 2, Walsh 2, Jensen, Staggs tries. Reynolds 6/8 goals) def Titans 14 (Khan-Pereira 2, Hau tries. Campbell 1/3 goals)

ROUND 16 – BRONCOS 34 v SHARKS 28
Facing a 16-point deficit midway through the second half, the left edge combination of Gehamat Shibasaki and Josiah Karapani crossed for two tries apiece to seal a rare Sunday afternoon game on home soil.
Broncos 34 (Shibasaki 2, Karapani 2, Paix, Mam tries. Reynolds 5/6 goals) def Sharks 28 (Kennedy 2, Talakai, Hynes, Brailey tries. Hynes 4/5 goals)

ROUND 17 – BRONCOS 26 v WARRIORS 12
In a match of contrasting fortunes, Gehamat Shibasaki bagged a brace of tries to secure his maiden Queensland jersey on the same day that Luke Metcalf's season came to an end with a devastating ACL injury.
Broncos 26 (Shibasaki 2, Staggs, Karapani tries. Reynolds 5/6 goals) def Warriors 12 (Tuivasa-Sheck, Halasima tries. Metcalf 1/1, Pompey 1/1 goals)

ROUND 18 – BRONCOS 22 v BULLDOGS 18
Missing a host of representative stars and tasked with an 18-0 deficit at the 60-minute mark, Ezra Mam turned on an attacking masterclass to pull off the unlikeliest of comebacks with four tries in the space of 15 minutes.
Broncos 22 (Karapani, Hoeter, Walters, Piakura tries. Reynolds 3/4 goals) def Bulldogs 18 (Montoya, Burton, Kikau tries. Burton 3/4 goals)

ROUND 19 – BRONCOS 26 v TITANS 14
Reserve grade journeyman Ben Talty was the unlikeliest of first try-scorers as the Broncos ran away with a close tussle courtesy of three tries in the space of ten minutes either side of halftime.
Broncos 26 (Talty, Gosiewski, Walsh, Walters tries. Reynolds 5/5 goals) def Titans 14 (J. Fifita 2 tries. Campbell 3/3 goals)

ROUND 21 – BRONCOS 20 v EELS 22
Getting a rude shock with a defeat at home against lowly opposition, Reece Walsh appeared to get the Broncos out of jail only for the bunker to rule the superstar fullback offside.
Broncos 20 (Reynolds, Hetherington, Walters tries. Reynolds 3/3, Walsh 1/1 goals) lost to Eels 22 (Lomax 2, Russell, Addo-Carr tries. Lomax 3/5 goals)

ROUND 22 – BRONCOS 60 v RABBITOHS 14
Posting 60 points in a premiership match for only the fourth time in the club's history, the Broncos were ruthless in handing the Rabbitohs a ninth straight loss.
Broncos 60 (Mam 2, Staggs 2, Mariner 2, Gosiewski, Cobbo, Talty, Walsh tries. Reynolds 10/10 goals) def Rabbitohs 14 (Bentley-Hape, Duncan, Hubner tries. Ward 1/1, Tass 0/2 goals)

ROUND 23 – BRONCOS 2 v STORM 22
The fulltime scoreboard was the least of the Broncos' worries as Adam Reynolds, Ezra Mam and Selwyn Cobbo all succumbed to hamstring injuries that threatened to derail the side's campaign.
Broncos 2 (Reynolds 1/1 goal) lost to Storm 22 (Coates 2, Wishart, Papenhuyzen tries. Meaney 3/4 goals)

ROUND 24 – BRONCOS 38 v DOLPHINS 28
In a Battle of Brisbane taking on extra importance with a place in the finals on the line, the Broncos – led by Ben Hunt stepping in at halfback – fought back from a 14-point deficit early in the second half to seal a vital win.
Broncos 38 (Staggs 2, Walsh, Mariner, Karapani, Talty tries. Walsh 7/8 goals) def Dolphins 28 (Tabuai-Fidow, Averillo, Fuller, Marshall-King tries. Isaako 6/6 goals)

ROUND 25 – BRONCOS 46 v KNIGHTS 12
Playing in front of a large crowd on Newcastle's annual Old Boys Day, Reece Walsh toyed with the home side while Ben Hunt marked his 350th career appearance in style with a rare conversion.
Broncos 46 (Mariner 2, Staggs, Karapani, Hetherington, Haas, Walsh, Shibasaki, Riki tries. Walsh 3/6, Hunt 1/2, Smoothy 1/1 goals) def Knights 12 (L. Thompson, Best tries. Cogger 2/2 goal)

ROUND 26 – BRONCOS 38 v COWBOYS 30
In a game high on attacking flair but lacking defensive grit, the Broncos flexed their attacking muscles to move back into the top four on the eve of the finals.
Broncos 38 (Shibasaki 2, Staggs, Karapani, Walsh, Walters, Haas tries. Walsh 5/7 goals) def Cowboys 30 (Valemei 2, Robson, Clifford, Burns tries. Drinkwater 5/5 goals)

ROUND 27 – BRONCOS 30 v STORM 14
Securing a guaranteed second chance with a top four finish, the strength of the Broncos' culture was vindicated after Gehamat Shibasaki was dropped for breaching team standards.
Broncos 30 (Walsh 2, Piakura, Karapani tries. Walsh 7/8 goals) def Storm 14 (Katoa, Warbrick, Meaney tries. Meaney 1/3 goals)

QUALIFYING FINAL – BRONCOS 29 v RAIDERS 28

Reece Walsh delivered on his superstar status with an all-time finals display to send the Broncos into a preliminary final after Ben Hunt nailed only the second field goal of his career in the 93rd minute of golden point.
Broncos 29 (Staggs, Mariner, Walsh, Karapani, Shibasaki tries. Walsh 4/6 goals. B. Hunt FG) def Raiders 28 (Weekes 2, Young, Kris, Strange tries. Fogarty 4/5 goals)

PRELIMINARY FINAL – BRONCOS 16 v PANTHERS 14
Fighting back from a 14-0 halftime deficit to tie the scores up via a Deine Mariner four-pointer, Adam Reynolds held his nerve with a sideline conversion to end the Panthers' dynasty and give the Broncos a shot at Grand Final glory.
Broncos 16 (Staggs, Willison, Mariner tries. Walsh 1/2, Reynolds 1/1 goals) def Panthers 14 (Alamoti 2 tries. Cleary 3/3 goals)

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The Record

Storm v Broncos

59	43	15	1585	945
Games	Won by Melbourne	Won by Brisbane	Points scored by Melbourne	Points scored by Brisbane

MEETING	YEAR	ROUND		SCORE		SCORE	VENUE
1	1998	17	Melbourne	16	Brisbane	34	ANZ Stadium, Brisbane
2	1998	Elim. PF	Melbourne	6	Brisbane	30	Sydney Football Stadium
3	1999	3	Melbourne	48	Brisbane	6	ANZ Stadium, Brisbane
4	1999	9	Melbourne	28	Brisbane	18	Olympic Park
5	2000	10	Melbourne	18	Brisbane	18	ANZ Stadium, Brisbane
6	2000	16	Melbourne	16	Brisbane	12	Olympic Park
7	2001	8	Melbourne	16	Brisbane	18	ANZ Stadium, Brisbane
8	2001	21	Melbourne	32	Brisbane	28	Colonial Stadium
9	2002	21	Melbourne	20	Brisbane	48	Olympic Park
10	2003	10	Melbourne	16	Brisbane	36	ANZ Stadium, Brisbane
11	2003	19	Melbourne	22	Brisbane	26	Olympic Park
12	2004	4	Melbourne	26	Brisbane	34	Suncorp Stadium
13	2004	Qual Final	Melbourne	31	Brisbane	14	Suncorp Stadium
14	2005	4	Melbourne	50	Brisbane	4	Olympic Park
15	2005	19	Melbourne	15	Brisbane	28	Suncorp Stadium
16	2005	Qual Final	Melbourne	24	Brisbane	18	Suncorp Stadium
17	2006	18	Melbourne	10	Brisbane	4	Olympic Park
18	2006	23	Melbourne	18	Brisbane	12	Suncorp Stadium
19	2006	Grand Final	Melbourne	8	Brisbane	15	Telstra Stadium
20	2007	7	Melbourne	28	Brisbane	18	Suncorp Stadium
21	2007	22	Melbourne	14	Brisbane	6	Olympic Park
22	2007	Qual Final	Melbourne	40	Brisbane	0	Olympic Park
23	2008	4	Melbourne	28	Brisbane	8	Olympic Park
24	2008	Semi Final	Melbourne	16	Brisbane	14	Suncorp Stadium
25	2009	2	Melbourne	14	Brisbane	16	Suncorp Stadium
26	2009	13	Melbourne	48	Brisbane	4	Olympic Park
27	2009	Prelim Final	Melbourne	40	Brisbane	10	Etihad Stadium
28	2010	9	Melbourne	14	Brisbane	36	AAMI Park
29	2011	9	Melbourne	29	Brisbane	22	Suncorp Stadium
30	2011	20	Melbourne	26	Brisbane	6	AAMI Park
31	2012	12	Melbourne	34	Brisbane	10	AAMI Park
32	2012	24	Melbourne	19	Brisbane	18	Suncorp Stadium
33	2013	4	Melbourne	32	Brisbane	26	Suncorp Stadium
34	2013	17	Melbourne	32	Brisbane	0	AAMI Park
35	2014	20	Melbourne	30	Brisbane	8	Suncorp Stadium
36	2014	26	Melbourne	22	Brisbane	12	AAMI Park
37	2015	15	Melbourne	12	Brisbane	14	AAMI Park
38	2015	26	Melbourne	15	Brisbane	8	Suncorp Stadium
39	2016	17	Melbourne	48	Brisbane	6	Suncorp Stadium
40	2016	25	Melbourne	16	Brisbane	26	AAMI Park
41	2017	3	Melbourne	14	Brisbane	12	AAMI Park
42	2017	17	Melbourne	42	Brisbane	12	Suncorp Stadium
43	2017	Prelim Final	Melbourne	30	Brisbane	0	AAMI Park
44	2018	7	Melbourne	34	Brisbane	20	Suncorp Stadium
45	2018	14	Melbourne	32	Brisbane	16	AAMI Park
46	2019	1	Melbourne	22	Brisbane	12	AAMI Park
47	2019	20	Melbourne	40	Brisbane	4	Suncorp Stadium
48	2020	11	Melbourne	46	Brisbane	8	Suncorp Stadium
49	2021	4	Melbourne	40	Brisbane	6	AAMI Park
50	2021	12	Melbourne	40	Brisbane	12	Suncorp Stadium
51	2022	15	Melbourne	32	Brisbane	20	AAMI Park
52	2022	23	Melbourne	60	Brisbane	12	Suncorp Stadium
53	2023	11	Melbourne	24	Brisbane	16	AAMI Park
54	2023	27	Melbourne	32	Brisbane	22	Suncorp Stadium
55	2023	Qual Final	Melbourne	0	Brisbane	26	Suncorp Stadium
56	2024	5	Melbourne	34	Brisbane	32	AAMI Park
57	2024	27	Melbourne	50	Brisbane	12	Suncorp Stadium
58	2025	23	Melbourne	22	Brisbane	2	AAMI Park
59	2025	27	Melbourne	14	Brisbane	30	Suncorp Stadium
60	2025	Grand Final	Melbourne	?	Brisbane	?	Accor Stadium

Melbourne Storm

Established
1998

Home Venue
AAMI Park

Most games
Cam Smith (430)



1999 2012 2017 2020

Brisbane Broncos

Established
1988

Home Venue
Suncorp Stadium

Most Games
Darren Lockyer (355)



1992 1993 1997 SL 1998 2000 2006

Grand Final Trivia

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ANSWERS SEE PAGE 18

1. Which team won the 2024 NRL Grand Final?
2. When was the only time an NRL Grand Final was played outside of Sydney?
3. Which player has scored the most points in a losing NRL Grand Final team?
4. Which player has scored the first try in an NRL Grand Final multiple times?
5. Which NRL Grand Final had the quickest first try?
6. Which NRL Grand Final had the longest first try?
7. Which premiership winning team had the most players who went on to win grand finals at other clubs?
8. Who was the most recent player to win an NRL Grand Final in their debut season?
9. How many teams have come from behind at halftime to win an NRL Grand Final?
10. Who is the only player to kick a field goal in an NRL Grand Final who wasn't named at halfback or five-eighth?
11. Which premiership winning teams had multiple interchange players score tries in an NRL Grand Final?
12. Which player has been named in the most different positions in NRL Grand Finals?
13. Which forward scored tries in NRL Grand Finals for two different clubs?
14. Who is the only forward to score multiple tries in an NRL Grand Final?
15. Which team scored two tries in the opening 10 minutes of an NRL Grand Final?
16. How long has Billy Idol been "waiting for some power" to perform at the NRL Grand Final?
17. How many captains have won an NRL Grand Final and been awarded the Clive Churchill Medal?
18. Which two Clive Churchill Medallists represented Tonga at the 2000 Rugby League World Cup?
19. What was notable about Daly Cherry-Evans and Jack Wighton being awarded the Clive Churchill Medal?
20. What is the second largest winning margin in an NRL Grand Final?



Storm outlast Sharks to reach the Grand Final

Andrew Ferguson

The Melbourne Storm became the first team to reach the 2025 NRL Grand Final after a very hard-fought victory over a determined Sharks side.

The Sharks were outplayed for much of the first half but hung on to keep within range of the Storm, but a late try to Xavier Coates ended the Sharks October dreams.

Melbourne opened the scoring in the seventh minute after a standard sliding play to the right saw them create the extra man. Nick Meaney got a lovely flick pass away to William Warbrick, who then dived over to score in the corner. Meaney failed to convert.

The Sharks hit back just five minutes later, after receiving a penalty and back-to-back set restarts with an almost identical try, this time William Kennedy held up a pass before putting Sione Katoa over in the right corner. Nicho Hynes failed to convert.

The Storm replied in the 15th minute when Jahrome Hughes took on the line, skipped out of a tackle and raced 30 metres to score. Meaney converted from almost in front.

The Sharks responded ten minutes before halftime when a Billy Burns line break saw him get a good ball to Jesse Ramien, who then passed to Katoa, who got brought down by Jack Howarth, but he fell off the tackle and Katoa clambered over the line to score his second try. Hynes again failed to convert from the sideline.

With less than two minutes before halftime, Cameron Munster ran to the left before kicking infield off the outside of his boot. The ball rolled into the Sharks ingoal where Ryan Papenhuyzen planted it for a clever try. Meaney converted and at halftime the Storm had an 8 point lead.

Both sides were defensively stronger and more disciplined in the second half, with neither side giving the other a chance to score. In the 57th minute Briton Nikora went closest to scoring when he barged over the line, but Munster and Papenhuyzen denied him, miraculously, however he was clipped high. Hynes potted a penalty goal to reduce the margin to a converted try.

7 minutes later the Storm received a penalty deep in the Sharks half and they responded in kind, with Meaney potting a penalty goal to take the lead back out to 8.

At this stage, the Sharks defensive had really lifted another gear, keeping the Storm within their own 30m from 3 straight sets. However, with 5 minutes remaining in the game, Harry Grant darted out of dummy half, before shifting the ball left to Meaney, who gains an extra 20 metres before drawing Kennedy and passing to Xavier Coates who scored in the corner. Meaney failed to convert.

Right on fulltime, the Sharks crossed when KL Iro muscled his way across the line in a try that may not have altered the result, but was indicative of the Sharks fight for the entire game. The Sharks declined the conversion attempt, Melbourned scoring a hard fought and thus, well-earnt 22-14 victory.



22 – 14



AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri

Melbourne	22	-	14	Cronulla
Xavier COATES		**T**	**2**	**Sione KATOA**
Jahrome HUGHES				**KL IRO**
Ryan PAPENHUYZEN				
Will WARBRICK				
Nick MEANEY	**3/5**	**G**	**1/3**	**Nicho HYNES**
TEAMSHEETS				
Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	1	FB	1	William KENNEDY
Will WARBRICK	2	W	2	Sione KATOA
Jack HOWARTH	3	C	3	Jesse RAMIEN
Nick MEANEY	4	C	4	KL IRO
Xavier COATES	5	W	5	Ronaldo MULITALO
Cameron MUNSTER	6	FE	6	Braydon TRINDALL
Jahrome HUGHES	7	HB	7	Nicho HYNES
Stefano UTOIKAMANU	8	FR	8	Addin FONUA-BLAKE
Harry GRANT (c)	9	HK	9	Blayke BRAILEY (c)
Josh KING	10	FR	10	Toby RUDOLF
Shawn BLORE	15	2R	11	Billy BURNS
Eliesa KATOA	12	2R	12	Teig WILTON
Trent LOIERO	13	L	13	Jesse COLQUHOUN
Ativalu LISATI	11	B	14	Briton NIKORA
Tyran WISHART	14	B	15	Siosifa TALAKAI
Tui KAMIKAMICA	16	B	16	Oregon KAUFUSI
Alec MacDONALD	17	B	17	Braden HAMLIN-UELE
Craig BELLAMY		HC		Craig FITZGIBBON

Date: Fri, 26th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM.
Halftime: Melbourne 16-8.
Penalties: 9-all.
Referees: Ashley Klein.
Crowd: 29,233.

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Cameron Munster
2 points - KL Iro
1 points - Addin Fonua-Blake

Penrith's streak comes to an end as Brisbane come from behind late

AJ Lucantonio

Penrith's historic five straight grand final appearances have come to a crashing halt as the Broncos reversed a 14-0 deficit to defeat the Panthers 16-14 at Suncorp Stadium.

After being swamped with possession in a period of three minutes. The Panthers opened the scoring with a terrific short side raid from Dylan Edwards. After the sweep, quick hands saw Paul Alamoti score his fourth try in two games. Midway through the first half, the Broncos were punished when Xavier Willison was pinned for a cannonball tackle. The Cook Island international was placed on report and may be in doubt for next week's decider. Nathan Cleary knocked over a penalty goal to secure an 8-0 lead. Penrith had a chance to make the gap further but Casey McLean was correctly judged to be offside.

In the shadows of half-time, the Panthers crossed in contentious circumstances. A missed forward pass call which led to a high tackle penalty in the same passage proved costly for the Broncos. Another shift to the right edge of the Panthers sent Alamoti hurdling over the defenders to cross for his second try of the contest. That saw us at 14-0 heading into the sheds, a situation where Penrith were 98-0 in all NRL games. In other words, it looked like it was game over for the Broncos.

Brisbane weathered an early storm to start the second half and capitalised on some poor Penrith discipline to hit back. A clever Adam Reynolds grubber was richoshaued through the line and Kotoni Staggs won the race to the ball to score a vital try in the context of the second half. The game's fever pitch moment hit midway through the second half, when Cleary's kick was met by a strong, but legal challenge by Ezra Mam. Replays suggested Cleary threw a punch in the melee, but Grant Atkins opted to penalise the Panthers for escalating the melee.

Penrith had a lot of chances to add to their two possession lead, but on every single occaision, Brisbane's goal line defence stood tallest. Particular efforts that stood out were Tyson Smoothy's scramble on a Cleary grubber and Payne Haas' scramble (yes, he played 80 minutes). After all of that possession, a fortunate break in attack by Kotoni Staggs gave Brisbane a chance. Ben Hunt went scheming down a short side, his pass was deflected by Cleary and it went into the arms of Willison and big Willison charged over to score for the Broncos.

Despite Walsh's conversion hitting the upright, Brisbane weren't going to let that deter them. Off a knocked down pass from Talagi. Brisbane shift to the right edge, Walsh slices them, he gets a speculative offload to Deine Mariner who knuckles under to score. Reynolds took the tee off Walsh and struck the conversion perfectly to give the Broncos a lead. Penrith's final chances went astray and their bold bid to come from 17th in Round 12, to a SIXTH GF in a row came to a halt. Meanwhile, the Broncos will get a chance to write the wrongs of two years ago and look to get their first premiership since 2006.

16 – 14

Suncorp Stadium, Milton / Yuggera-Turrbal

Brisbane	16	-	14	Penrith
Deine MARINER		**T**	**2**	**Paul ALAMOTI**
Kotoni STAGGS				
Xavier WILLISON				
Adam REYNOLDS	**1/1**	**G**	**3/3**	**Nathan CLEARY**
Reece WALSH	**1/2**			
TEAMSHEETS				
Reece WALSH	1	FB	1	Dylan EDWARDS
Josiah KARAPANI	2	W	2	Paul ALAMOTI
Kotoni STAGGS	3	C	3	Izack TAGO
Gehamat SHIBASAKI	4	C	4	Casey McLEAN
Deine MARINER	5	W	5	Brian TO'O
Ben HUNT	6	FE	6	Blaize TALAGI
Adam REYNOLDS (c)	7	HB	7	Nathan CLEARY (c)
Corey JENSEN	8	FR	8	Moses LEOTA
Cory PAIX	9	HK	9	Mitch KENNY
Payne HAAS	10	FR	10	Lindsay SMITH
Brendan PIAKURA	11	2R	11	Scott SORENSEN
Jordan RIKI	12	2R	12	Liam MARTIN
Tyson SMOOTHY	13	L	13	Isaah YEO
Ezra MAM	14	B	14	Brad SCHNEIDER
Kobe HETHERINGTON	15	B	15	Liam HENRY
Xavier WILLISON	16	B	16	Isaiah PAPALI'I
Ben TALTY	17	B	17	Luke GARNER
Michael MAGUIRE		HC		Ivan CLEARY

Date: Sun, 28th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM.
Halftime: Penrith 14-0.
Penalties: Penrith 6-5.
Referee: Grant Atkins.
Crowd: 52,491.

LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Payne Haas
2 points - Paul Alamoti
1 points - Reece Walsh

NRL Finals Week 3 Match review & judiciary results

Player	Team	Grade	Charge	Base	# Offence	Early plea	Guilty / NC	Plea	Result
Trent LOIERO	Melbourne	1	Dangerous Contact	$1500	1st	$1000	$1500	Guilty - early plea	**$1000**
Xavier WILLISON	Brisbane	1	Dangerous Contact	$1500	1st	$1000	$1500	Guilty - early plea	**$1000**
Liam MARTIN	Penrith	1	Contrary Conduct	$1500	1st	$1000	$1500	Guilty - early plea	**$1000**

^ denotes 3-year incident-free discount

LeagueUnlimited.com Player of the Year standings after Finals Week 3

28 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers)

24 points - James Tedesco (Roosters), Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins)

22 points - Payne Haas (Broncos, NSW), Reece Walsh (Broncos)

20 points - Terrell May (Wests Tigers)

19 points - Jayden Campbell (Titans), Luke Metcalf (Warriors)

18 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels)

17 points - Clinton Gutherson (Dragons)

16 points - Kaeo Weekes (Raiders), Tom Dearden (Cowboys, QLD), Braydon Trindall (Sharks)

15 points - Harry Grant (Storm), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Erin Clark (Warriors), Cameron Munster (Storm, QLD)

14 points - Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Jye Gray (Rabbitohs), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Addin Fonua-Blake (Sharks)

13 points - Viliame Kikau (Bulldogs), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles)

12 points - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Eliesa Katoa (Storm), Zac Lomax (Eels, NSW), Sam Walker (Roosters)

11 points - Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Lachlan Galvin (Wests Tigers), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Jacob Preston (Bulldogs), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Paul Alamoti (Panthers)

10 points - Stephen Crichton (Bulldogs), Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Warriors), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Matt Burton (Bulldogs), Connor Tracey (Bulldogs), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Kalyn Ponga (Knights), William Kennedy (Sharks), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles)

9 points - Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Hudson Young (Raiders)

8 points - Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Keaon Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Mark Nawaqanitawase (Roosters), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Xavier Willison (Broncos), Max King (Bulldogs), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Corey Horsburgh (Raiders)

7 points - Jack Williams (Eels), Xavier Coates (Storm), Ethan Strange (Raiders), Lehi Hopoate (Sea Eagles), Beau Fermor (Titans), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Bradman Best (Knights), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos)

6 points - Sebastian Kris (Raiders), David Klemmer (Dragons), Blaize Talagi (Panthers), Ben Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Isaiah Iongi (Eels), Thomas Jenkins (Panthers), Sandon Smith (Roosters), Savelio Tamale (Raiders), Sitili Tupouniua (Bulldogs), Jarome Luai (Wests Tigers), Siosiua Taukeiaho (Sea Eagles), Moses Suli (Dragons), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Herbie Farnworth (Dolphins), Josh Addo-Carr (Eels), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Gehamat Shibasaki (Broncos, QLD)

5 points - Dean Hawkins (Eels), Nick Meaney (Storm), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Sualauvi Faalogo (Storm), Lindsay Smith (Panthers), Luke Brooks (Sea Eagles), Shawn Blore (Storm), Fletcher Sharpe (Knights), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Billy Smith (Roosters), Isaah Yeo (Panthers, NSW)

4 points - Wayde Egan (Warriors), Apisai Koroisau (Wests Tigers), Kurt Donoghoe (Dolphins), Connor Watson (Roosters), Dylan Lucas (Knights), Kyle Flanagan (Dragons), Robert Toia (Roosters), AJ Brimson (Titans), Naufahu Whyte (Roosters), Tevita Naufahu (Dolphins), Trai Fuller (Dolphins), Tallis Duncan (Rabbitohs), Casey McLean (Panthers), Phillip Sami (Titans), Jeremy Marshall-King (Dolphins), Zac Hosking (Raiders), Moses Leota (Panthers), Sione Katoa (Sharks), Jahream Bula (Wests Tigers), Ezra Mam (Broncos), Billy Burns (Sharks), Brian To'o (Panthers, NSW)

3 points - Kieran Foran (Titans), Reed Mahoney (Bulldogs), Taine Tuaupiki (Warriors), Corey Waddell (Sea Eagles), Leka Halasima (Warriors), Victor Radley (Roosters), Taylan May (Wests Tigers), Kai Pearce-Paul (Knights), Demitric Vaimauga (Warriors), Mawene Hiroti (Sharks), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Owen Pattie (Raiders), Grant Anderson (Storm), Latu Fainu (Wests Tigers), Joash Papali'i (Eels), Simi Sasagi (Raiders), Damien Cook (Dragons), Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins), Dane Gagai (Knights), Jacob Saifiti (Knights), Dylan Brown (Eels), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Daniel Saifiti (Dolphins), Jake Averillo (Dolphins), Dylan Egan (Dragons), Peter Mamouzelos (Rabbitohs), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Harry Hayes (Bulldogs), Hugo Savala (Roosters), Jacob Liddle (Dragons), Tolutau Koula (Sea Eagles), Jaxon Purdue (Cowboys), Mitchell Barnett (Warriors), Toby Sexton (Bulldogs), Isaiah Papali'i (Panthers)

2 points - Connelly Lemuelu (Dolphins), Luke Garner (Panthers), Tanah Boyd (Warriors), Cory Paix (Broncos), Ali Leiataua (Warriors), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Stefano Utoikamanu (Storm), Jaydn Su'A (Dragons), Ryan Gray (Rabbitohs), Semi Valemei (Cowboys), Eddie Ieremia-Toeava (Warriors), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Royce Hunt (Wests Tigers), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Ben Hunt (Broncos), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Bronson Xerri (Bulldogs), Jamie Humphreys (Rabbitohs), Cameron McInnes (Sharks), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Bailey Hayward (Bulldogs), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys), Keano Kini (Titans), Chris Randall (Titans), Chanel Harris-Tavita (Warriors), Josh Curran (Bulldogs), Jack Wighton (Rabbitohs), Jake Simpkin (Sea Eagles), Robert Derby (Cowboys), Jamayne Isaako (Dolphins), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Scott Sorensen (Panthers), Toby Couchman (Dragons), Luron Patea (Panthers), Jaxson Paulo (Cowboys), Starford To'a (Wests Tigers), Jackson Ford (Warriors), Blake Steep (Roosters), KL Iro (Sharks)

1 point - Siua Wong (Roosters), Clayton Faulalo (Sea Eagles), Sam Verrills (Titans), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Liam Henry (Panthers), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Tyson Gamble (Knights), Fletcher Hunt (Knights), Jordan McLean (Cowboys), David Fifita (Titans), Deine Mariner (Broncos), Ryley Smith (Eels), Daine Laurie (Panthers), Thomas Cant (Knights), Ashton Ward (Rabbitohs), Kelma Tuilagi (Eels), Samuel Healey (Warriors), John Bateman (Cowboys), Samuela Fainu (Wests Tigers), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), Jack Bostock (Dolphins), Samuel Stonestreet (Sharks), Adam Elliott (Knights), Jethro Rinakama (Bulldogs), Josh Kerr (Dolphins), James Fisher-Harris (Warriors), Billy Walters (Broncos), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Jaimin Jolliffe (Titans), Matt Nicholson (Raiders), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Francis Molo (Dolphins), Jojo Fifita (Titans), Brendan Piakura (Broncos), Tom Starling (Raiders), Oryn Keeley (Dolphins), Jeral Skelton (Wests Tigers), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Tom Gilbert (Dolphins), J'maine Hopgood (Eels), Stefano Utoikamanu (Storm), Josh King (Storm), Jack Howarth (Storm), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Griffin Neame (Cowboys), Kurt Capewell (QLD)

NRL GRAND FINAL TRIVIA - ANSWERS

1. Penrith
2. 2021 (Brisbane due to COVID-19)
3. Ezra Mam (12 points, 3 tries)
4. Ryan Hoffman (2009, 2012)
5. 1998 (Michael De Vere, 2nd minute)
6. 2003 (Luke Rooney, 31st minute)
7. Penrith, 2003 (Luke Lewis – Cronulla, Paul Whatuira – Wests Tigers, Joe Galuvao – Manly, Shane Rodney – Manly)
8. Sam Verrills (2019)
9. 5 (Brisbane, 1998; Melbourne, 1999; Canterbury-Bankstown, 2004; St George Illawarra, 2010; North Queensland, 2015)
10. Greg Inglis (2009, Centre)
11. Sydney Roosters (2002 – Chris Flannery and Bryan Fletcher); Wests Tigers (2005 – Bryce Gibbs and Todd Payten)
12. Matt Geyer, 4 (Five-Eighth – 1999, Wing – 2006, Interchange – 2007, Centre – 2008)
13. Craig Fitzgibbon (St George Illawarra, Sydney)
14. Bill Peden (2001)
15. Newcastle (2001)
16. 23 years (2002)
17. 4 (Andrew Johns – 2001, Scott Prince – 2005, Johnathan Thurston – 2015, Nathan Cleary – 2021, 2023)
18. Willie Mason (2004) and Brent Kite (2008)
19. Both were awarded despite playing on losing teams (both lost to the Roosters).
20. 28 points, 2017 (Melbourne 34 v North Queensland 6)

Team of the Year

ANALYSIS with Luke JOBSON

LeagueUnlimited.com's Best 13 of 2025

FULLBACK
James Tedesco (24 points)
Holding onto his spot from last season, the Roosters captain had an incredible 2025 that, at times, single-handedly dragged the Roosters to a finals appearance.11 tries, 22 try assists, a competition leading 164 tackle busts as well as averaging just under 200 running metres a game, Tedesco has well and truly earned his spot.
Next Best - Reece Walsh (22 points)

WINGERS
Zac Lomax (12 points)
New year, new club, same old Zac Lomax. He left the St George Illwarra Dragons to play centre for Parramatta, was sent to the wing after round three and he never looked back. While he didn't trouble the scoreboard as much in 2025, his presence on the wing for the Eels alongside his running game proved nightmarish for sides. Yet another massive NSW Blues campaign for the winger turned his first at Parramatta into a superb one.

Jacob Kiraz (8 points)
Seemingly a bit of a fix-it-man for the Bulldogs, Jacob Kiraz gets into the team of the year with yet another season that deserved representative football. 11 tries in 19 games to go with just under 100 tackle busts and a competition leading 70 offloads shows just how threatening the Lebanon international is.Here is hoping for an injury free 2026, and yet another Origin berth for for dogs winger.
Next best - Mark Nawaqanitawase, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, Ronaldo Mulitalo (8 points)

CENTRES
Paul Alamoti (11 points)
2025 could almost be considered a breakout year for Paul Alamoti, scoring 17 tries for the Panthers including five in the first two weeks of the finals. His form was that good, that poor Tom Jenkins, despite having a breakout year of his own, was dropped for Alamoti. The versatility to play almost anywhere in the backline, as well as off the bench, pulled Alamoti into a league of his own in 2025.

Stephen Crichton (10 points)
Alongside Jacob Kiraz, the Bulldogs influential skipper was neck and neck for the best player of 2025 at a rejuvenated Canterbury. Playing exclusively at centre for the first time in his Bulldogs career, he looked dangerous almost every time he touched the ball. A five game run where he had eight try assists helped the Dogs keep a top four spot in a tumultuous second half of the year.
Next best - Kotoni Staggs (7 points)

FIVE-EIGHTH
Braydon Trindall (16 points)
Having just missed out on this team last year, the Cronulla Sharks half gets into the team this season having had a brilliant 2025 to follow his breakout 2024. Plenty of talk surrounded the halves of Cronulla, and arguably it was Trindall who stood up more often than not to deliver for the Sharks. Having played every game this season for the Sharks, Trindall set himself as one of the premier five-eighth in the competition in 2025.
Next best - Cameron Munster (15 points)

HALFBACK & PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Nathan Cleary (28 points)
Could it be anyone else? The best player in the NRL this season despite a very slow start for Penrith, Nathan Cleary guided a team who was dead last after five rounds, to be oh so close to a sixth straight grand final. An incredible second half of the season (five tries, 11 try assists) saw Cleary showcase why he is the best player in the competition, if not the world.
Next best - Isaiya Katoa (24 points)

FRONT ROW
Payne Haas (22 points)
Brisbane's biggest, strongest, busiest forward yet again showed why he is the best front rower in the sport in 2025. First in tackle breaks for props, tied for first in offloads, second in post contact metres, third in total metres by any forward - honestly, Haas did it all once again. Words can not do justice as to how important Haas is for the Broncos.

Terrell May (20 points)
One of the biggest storylines coming into 2025 was how Terrell May would perform after essentially being shafted out of the Roosters organisation in 2024. What the story now is in 2026, is how Terrell May can continue to carry the Tigers alongside Jarome Luai and Jahream Bula. Second in total metres by a forward, second in total tackles, fourth in total runs - Terrell May had a brilliant season that should be capped off with representative duties.
Next best - Addin Fonua-Blake (14 points)

HOOKER
Harry Grant (15 points)
If there is one play that proves how good Harry Grant is, it's his dummy and run try in golden point against the Panthers in round 24. While the spine of the Storm seems to be forever changing, Harry Grant is the constant man that holds it together. Four of the seven losses that the Storm suffered this year were without Harry Grant. The Melbourne hooker scored five tries, set up 12 more, was in the top ten for charge-downs in the NRL and just exudes confidence all over the park. The Australian incumbent once again proved why he is the best dummy half in the world
Next best - Blayke Brailey (14 points)

SECOND ROW
Viliame Kikau (13 points)
The Bulldogs enforcer had a wild 2025, but not in the usual way. Used less as a ball runner and more as a decoy close to the line, it meant that Kikau was more effective than ever in defense. Whilst he still scored six times in 2025, Kikau offloaded more than any second rower in the comp, had more charge downs and kick pressure acts than anyone (by far), all while improving his tackle efficiency by nearly seven percent. His presence alone in defense this year caused more headaches for teams, leading to his best season since 2021.

Eliesa Katoa (12 points)
Safer than a house in the middle of a storm, Eli Katoa has once again showcased why he is one of the best second rowers in the competition. Tied for the most tries of any forward with thirteen, averaging 140 metres a game and 32 tackles, Katoa has yet again improved on an impressive 2024 season with his best full NRL season to date.
Next best - Jacob Preston (10 points)

LOCK
Erin Clark (15 points)
Potentially the breakout star of 2025, Erin Clark turned a solid bench role at the Titans in 2025 to being the first picked Warrior all season long. Coming back to the club who gave Clark his debut nearly eight years ago, the lock forward was brilliant in the middle. He was the clubs leading tackler, leading forward in metres gained and was given high praise throughout the industry.

Next best - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (14 points)

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Isaiah Iongi (6 points)
You could quite possibly throw a deck of cards with the 2025 rookie class on the ground, pick one up and be happy with the selection here, but I've gone with Isaiah Iongi. The combination he has created with Mitchell Moses and Josah Papalii in the back end of 2025 gives Parramatta fans hope. His ability to remain calm under the high ball, break tackles and support second phase play just puts him over the still eligible Fletcher Sharpe.
Next best: Fletcher Sharpe (5 votes)

BENCH
Isaiya Katoa
Addin Fonua-Blake
Tino Fa'asuamaleaui
Reece Walsh

HOW DOES IT COMPARE?
A look back at the 2024 Team of the Year

FULLBACK	James Tedesco
WINGERS	Zac Lomax & Ronaldo Mulitalo
CENTRES	AJ Brimson, Herbie Farnworth
FIVE-EIGHTH	Matt Burton
HALFBACK	Jahrome Hughes
PROPS	Joe Tapine, Josh Curran
HOOKER	Harry Grant
SECOND ROWERS	Angus Crichton, Eliesa Katoa
LOCK	Isaah Yeo
ROOKIE	Lachlan Galvin

SYDNEY ROOSTERS



BRISBANE BRONCOS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts						Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts
25	12	1	-	-	4	Brydie PARKER	1	FULLBACK	1	Tamika UPTON	28	12	19	-	-	76
24	11	11	-	-	44	Taina NAIVIDI	2	WING	2	Kerri JOHNSON	22	12	10	-	-	40
28	12	8	-	-	32	Jessica SERGIS	3	CENTRE	3	Mele HUFANGA	30	12	7	-	-	28
29	11	7	-	-	28	Isabelle KELLY	4	CENTRE	4	Julia ROBINSON	27	11	9	-	-	36
28	7	5	-	-	20	Jayme FRESSARD	5	WING	5	Hayley MADDICK	33	12	8	-	-	32
31	8	1	-	-	4	Corban BAXTER	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Gayle BROUGHTON	29	12	2	-	-	8
25	12	1	47	1	99	Jocelyn KELLEHER	7	HALFBACK	7	Ali BRIGGINSHAW	35	12	-	-	-	-
22	12	1	-	-	4	Otesa PULE	8	FRONT ROW	8	Annetta NU'UAUSALA	30	10	2	-	-	8
25	12	3	-	-	12	Keeley DAVIS	9	HOOKER	9	Jada FERGUSON	23	12	3	-	-	12
27	12	5	-	-	20	Rima BUTLER	10	FRONT ROW	10	Brianna CLARK	30	10	1	5	-	14
19	11	2	-	-	8	Aliyah NASIO	11	SECOND ROW	11	Lauren DAM	28	10	4	-	-	16
22	12	4	-	-	16	Jasmin STRANGE	12	SECOND ROW	12	Romy TEITZEL	26	12	4	48	-	112
24	12	7	-	-	28	Olivia KERNICK	13	LOCK	13	Keilee JOSEPH	23	12	1	-	-	4
25	6	-	-	-	-	Shawden BURTON	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Destiny BRILL	22	10	3	-	-	12
24	11	2	-	-	8	Macie CARLILE	15		15	Chelsea LENARDUZZI	29	12	4	-	-	16
26	12	4	-	-	16	Mia WOOD	16		16	Shenae CIESIOLKA	28	7	-	-	-	-
20	10	-	-	-	-	Eliza LOPAMAUA	17		17	Shalom SAUASO	18	9	4	-	-	16
21	-	-	-	-	-	Jayde HERDEGEN	18	RESERVES	18	Reegan HICKS	19	4	-	-	-	-
30	11	4	-	-	16	Amber HALL	19		19	Azalleyah MAAKA	25	2	-	-	-	-
20	2	-	-	-	-	Taneisha GRAY	20		20	Bree SPREADBOROUGH	27	5	1	-	-	4
19	-	-	-	-	-	Imogen HEI	21		21	Tafito LAFAELE	24	1	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	Tavarna PAPALII	22		22	Skyla ADAMS	20	1	-	-	-	-
50	46	-	-	-	-	John STRANGE		COACHES		Scott PRINCE	45	32	-	-	-	-

MATCH DETAILS

Venue	**Accor Stadium (Stadium Australia)**	**Belinda SHARPE**	Referee
Where	**Wanngal** | **Sydney Olympic Park, NSW**	**Ethan KLEIN, Rochelle TAMARUA**	Touch Judges
When	**Sunday 5 October 2025** | **4:00PM AEDT**	**Chris BUTLER**	NRL Bunker

Live TV & Streaming: Nine Network, 9Now, Foxtel, Kayo
Radio: ABC Sport, SEN, Triple M, Nine Radio
Live blog: LeagueUnlimited.com

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

Head to head since 2018

	TOTAL	SYDNEY	BRISBANE	DRAWN
ALL MATCHES	**11**	**5**	**6**	**0**
ACCOR	3	0	3	0
BELINDA SHARPE	4	2	2	0

Last five clashes

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2022	Semi Final	**SYDNEY 22-16**	Leichhardt	2124
2022	Round 2	**SYDNEY 28-8**	Suncorp	11816
2023	Round 1	**SYDNEY 36-18**	Sunshine Coast	2832
2024	Round 2	**SYDNEY 28-12**	Allianz	2899
2025	Round 3	**SYDNEY 30-26**	Totally Workwear	1924

The thumpings

YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2018	Grand Final	**BRISBANE 34-12**	ANZ	82688
2022	Round 2	**SYDNEY 28-8**	Suncorp	11816

2025 Record (R1-11)

	POS	PLAYED	BYES	W-L-D	FOR	AGAINST
SYDNEY	**1ST**	11	0	11-0-0	366	126
BRISBANE	**2ND**	11	0	10-1-0	404	116

Current form

	Round 10	Result	Round 11	Result	Finals W2	Result
SYDNEY	CANBERRA	W 26-14	CRONULLA	W 40-10	CRONULLA	W 17-16
BRISBANE	WARRIORS	W 26-6	NORTH QLD	W 50-4	NEWCASTLE	W 30-6

Things to know

- Brisbane won the first 6 games head-to-head between these sides, now the Roosters have won the last 5.
- Roosters have won their last 17 straight games (since 1 September 2024)
- Romy Teitzel becme the first NRLW player to score 100 points in a season. Jocelyn Kelleher needs 1 point to become the second player to achieve the feat.

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GF Preview

Josh Robertson

It all comes down to this: a Grand Final that you didn't need a crystal ball to predict would be the ultimate outcome as the Minor Premiers, the Sydney Roosters, take on the Brisbane Broncos in Sunday's decider.

Coming through the season undefeated, the Sydney Roosters were two steps ahead of everyone in the competition, as they were able to blitz opponents with ease throughout the season, winning by 12 points or more in all but one of their games, which came against the Broncos early in the season. The season, though, was not all smooth sailing for the Roosters, as key injuries hampered them, testing their extra-strong depth. This included missing Tarryn Aiken for the first part of the season, an injury to Corbin Baxter, and then losing Aiken to an ACL injury at the end of the season.

Last week, the Roosters faced their strongest test in the Preliminary Final as they had to pull out a 17-16 victory over the Cronulla Sharks in Gosford last Saturday night. The tricolours put in an unusually poor performance by their standards, as errors riddled their performance, resulting in a 73% completion rate. The Roosters took a 10-6 lead into the halftime break before putting a try inside the first five minutes of the second half to extend the lead to 16-6. From there, the Roosters came under pressure late in the game when Brydie Parker was sin-binned for a professional foul and the Sharks levelled the game at 16 all. A late Jocelyn Kelleher field goal sealed the 17-16 victory.

Roosters coach John Strange has been forced into one change with New Zealand International Amber Hall in doubt for the contest with a calf injury seeing her pushed to the reserves. Aliah Nasio comes back from suspension into the second row with Taina Naividi back on the wing and Mia Wood on the bench.

Just like the Roosters, the Broncos have been dominant in the competition, winning all but one game, which was against the Roosters back in Round 3. Despite having one loss, Brisbane was the best attacking team, averaging almost 38 points per game in the regular season, and also the best defensive team, conceding just under 12 points per game during the season. The only thing stopping the Broncos from being the undefeated team was a poor first half in that game against the Roosters, which they ultimately lost.

The preliminary final performance for Brisbane looked perfect on the scoreboard, but there were plenty of red flags in their 30-6 victory over the Knights at Suncorp Stadium. Despite pure dominance on the scoreboard and in the stats, the big red flag for Scott Prince would be the error rate with the Broncos only completing at 56% with plenty of errors, which a team like the Roosters would capitalise on with ease, whereas the Knights couldn't do that, which saved the Broncos last week.

There are no injury concerns for the Broncos and no team changes giving Scott Prince no real selection headaches.

Who to watch: In a team filled with origin stars, Taina Naividi has been a star for the Roosters this season and after moving to the second row last week, she goes back to her natural wing position where she has been a star. Naividi has been a strong finisher for the Tricolours and defensively she was strong last week and could be the unsung hero for the Roosters.

Broncos superstar Ali Brigginshaw is in the sunset of her career and after an underwhelming Origin series mid-year, the Broncos captain has been strong this season and her poise and control of the game could be key for Brisbane. The Broncos will need her to be at her very best for the win.

Favourite: Despite an undefeated season from the Tricolours, the Aiken and Hall injuries have seen the Broncos surge into favouritism for their first title since 2020.

My tip: For so long I thought the Roosters, but the Broncos are jumping out as the team with the x-factor to win the Grand Final. The game will be decided in the last few minutes, and in warm conditions, it could become survival of the fittest, and I think that might just be Brisbane having played in similar conditions the week before. The impact of Ali Brigginshaw and Tamika Upton in attack might be the key.. **Broncos by 6.**

SYDNEY ROOSTERS

ROAD TO THE NRLW GRAND FINAL

with Kelly HOLLIS

The Sydney Roosters produced a flawless 2025 NRLW campaign, storming into the Grand Final on the back of an unbeaten regular season. Their consistency was unmatched as they combined attacking brilliance with defensive steel, putting every opponent to the sword across eleven rounds and the finals.

Led by a host of representative stars and guided by a settled spine, the Roosters were rarely troubled, often running up big scores while shutting down some of the competition's most dangerous attacking units. Their ability to strike through the middle, spread the ball wide, and finish opportunities clinically became the hallmark of their season.

Resilience was also on show throughout their run. When tested by heavyweight opponents like the Broncos and Sharks, the Roosters held their nerve, producing clutch plays and showing patience in big moments. Their ability to find another gear in tight contests proved critical in building their winning streak.

By the time the Preliminary Final arrived, the Roosters had established themselves as the team to beat. They overcame a spirited Sharks side in a nail-biting finish, booking their place in the Grand Final and proving they had the steel to go with their style.

FINISHED: 1ST
PLAYED 12, WON 12, LOST 0
FOR: 383, AGAINST: 142

ROUND 1 – ROOSTERS 30 v WARRIORS 6

The Roosters kicked off their campaign in front of a vocal Allianz crowd with a statement 30-6 win over the Warriors. Their attack clicked from the outset, with Naividi bagging a first-half hat-trick to set the tone. Defensively, they turned the visitors away time and again, conceding only a solitary try late in the contest. It was the perfect launchpad for what would become an unbeaten season.
Sydney 30 (T. Naividi 3, R. Butler, J. Fressard, O. Kernick tries; J. Kelleher 3 goals) defeated Warriors 6 (P. Maliepo try; P. Maliepo goal) at Allianz Stadium.

ROUND 2 – ROOSTERS 24 v DRAGONS 10

A trip to Jubilee Oval proved tricky, with the Dragons matching the Roosters' intensity early. Locked at 10-all at the break, the Roosters turned the screws in the second half, controlling possession and limiting errors. Their patient build-up eventually produced three unanswered tries, grinding down their opponents. It was a gritty win that showed their ability to win ugly as well as in style.
Sydney 24 (K. Davis, L. Fletcher, A. Hall, I. Kelly, O. Kernick tries; J. Kelleher 2 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 10 (C. Basham, T. Berry tries; R. McGregor goal) at Jubilee Stadium.

ROUND 3 – ROOSTERS 30 v BRONCOS 26

Fans were treated to a classic in Brisbane, where the Roosters and Broncos traded blow for blow in a high-scoring thriller. Momentum swung both ways before the Roosters iced the match with a late surge, holding their nerve under immense pressure. Both sides crossed for five tries apiece, but the visitors' superior goal-kicking and composure in key moments proved the difference. The result reinforced the Roosters' reputation as clutch performers.
Sydney 30 (O. Kernick 2, T. Naividi, O. Pule, J. Strange tries; J. Kelleher 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 26 (T. Upton 2, L. Dam, K. Johnson, A. Nu'uausala tries; R. Teitzel 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

ROUND 4 – ROOSTERS 42 v BULLDOGS 22

Back at home, the Roosters showed their attacking class with a 42-22 demolition of the Bulldogs. Kelly and Butler each crossed twice, highlighting the strike power across their backline. The Roosters racked up eight tries in total, with their discipline and defence keeping the Bulldogs under constant pressure. While the visitors had some joy in broken play, the Roosters were simply too clinical.
Sydney 42 (R. Butler 2, I. Kelly 2, C. Baxter, M. Carlile, J. Strange, M. Wood tries; J. Kelleher 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 22 (E. MacGregor 2, A. Quinlan, M. Tagoai tries; T. Preston 3 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

ROUND 5 – ROOSTERS 34 v TIGERS 4 (Magic Round)

Magic Round brought a dazzling performance as the Roosters dismantled the Tigers under a weather-affected game in Newcastle. Sergis and Kelly combined for four tries between them, tearing holes in the Tigers' defensive line. Despite the torrential rain and treacherous conditions, the Roosters used their possession ruthlessly, running in six tries to one. Their dominant showing left little doubt about their status as premiership favourites.
Sydney 34 (I. Kelly 2, J. Sergis 2, A. Hall, A. Nasio tries; J. Kelleher 5 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 4 (E. Bass try) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

ROUND 6 – ROOSTERS 24 v TITANS 8

On the Gold Coast, the Titans threw everything at the Roosters in the opening stages, but the competition leaders held firm. With 54% of the possession and a completion rate of 89%, not much was going to stop the Roosters. The scoreline pushed out to 24-4, with 29 minutes to go, showcasing their ability to grind teams down. It was another professional display away from home.
Sydney 24 (T. Naividi 2, K. Davis, J. Kelleher, J. Sergis tries; J. Kelleher 2 goals) defeated Gold Coast 8 (P. Hippi, P. Piliae-Rasabale tries) at Cbus Super Stadium.

ROUND 7 – ROOSTERS 30 v NEWCASTLE 14

The Roosters returned to Sydney and faced a determined Newcastle outfit looking to spring an upset. The Knights stayed in the fight for much of the first half, but sustained Roosters pressure eventually told. With four different try-scorers and a double to Tarryn Aiken, it was a demonstration of depth and balance across the park. The 30-14 win kept their unbeaten run intact.
Sydney 30 (T. Aiken 2, O. Kernick, B. Parker, J. Strange tries; J. Kelleher 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 14 (J. Kirkpatrick, G. Roche, T. Staines tries; J. Southwell goal) at polytec Stadium.

ROUND 8 – ROOSTERS 56 v EELS 12

Their most devastating performance of the year came against Parramatta, where the Roosters ran riot in a 56-12 rout. Naividi claimed her second hat-trick of the season, while Sergis added a double in a 10-try blitz. The Roosters completed at nearly 80% and dominated territory, starving the Eels of any chance to compete. It was an attacking masterclass that underlined their firepower.
Sydney 56 (T. Naividi 3, T. Aiken 2, J. Sergis 2, R. Butler, I. Kelly, A. Nasio tries; J. Kelleher 8 goals) defeated Parramatta 12 (R. Cherrington, A. Church tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

ROUND 9 – ROOSTERS 30 v COWBOYS 0

Travelling to Townsville, the Roosters produced a defensive clinic to shut out the Cowboys 30-0. Their line speed and scramble defence denied the home side any real opportunities, forcing error after error. In attack, they were efficient rather than flashy, scoring six tries off the back of relentless pressure. It was the kind of complete performance every premiership contender needs in their toolkit.
Sydney 30 (J. Sergis 2, R. Butler, J. Fressard, A. Hall, T. Naividi tries; J. Kelleher 3 goals) defeated North QLD 0 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

ROUND 10 – ROOSTERS 26 v RAIDERS 14

The Raiders arrived in Sydney intent on spoiling the Roosters' streak, and for 60 minutes they looked a chance. But with the scores tight heading into the final quarter, the Roosters found another gear. Mia Wood crossed twice to break the game open, sealing a hard-earned 26-14 victory. It was another reminder of their composure under pressure.
Sydney 26 (M. Wood 2, T. Aiken, J. Sergis, J. Strange tries; J. Kelleher 3 goals) defeated Canberra 14 (E. Simpson, Z. Temara, I. Waterman tries; Z. Temara goal) at Allianz Stadium.

ROUND 11 – ROOSTERS 40 v SHARKS 10

In a potential Grand Final preview, the Roosters flexed their muscles with a commanding 40-10 win over the Sharks. Their forwards controlled the middle third, laying the platform for Fressard to score an early double. The Roosters ran in eight tries overall, showcasing their attacking depth. It was a powerful statement heading into the finals.
Sydney 40 (J. Fressard 2, K. Davis, A. Hall, I. Kelly, O. Kernick, T. Naividi, M. Wood tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated Cronulla 10 (D. du Toit, J. Taylor tries; G. Hannaway goal) at polytec Stadium.

PRELIMINARY FINAL – ROOSTERS 17 v SHARKS 16

The Roosters faced their sternest test of the season in a thrilling preliminary final. Locked in a tense arm-wrestle throughout, both sides exchanged tries before a Kelleher field goal in the 66th minute proved decisive. The Sharks threatened late, but the Roosters' defence held strong to preserve a one-point lead. It was their narrowest margin of the year, but it booked them a deserved Grand Final berth.
Sydney 17 (M. Carlile, J. Fressard, O. Kernick tries; J. Kelleher 2 goals; J. Kelleher field goal) defeated Cronulla 16 (B. Anderson, C. Kiria-Ratu, E. Verran tries; C. Kiria-Ratu 2 goals) at polytec Stadium.

BRISBANE BRONCOS

ROAD TO THE NRLW GRAND FINAL

with Beth NICHOLLS

After an almost perfect 2025 season campaign, the Brisbane Broncos are storming into the Grand Final, hoping to win their first premiership since 2020. A year glittered and adorned with high scoring games, and strong defence, Brisbane put every side to the test this year, and nearly almost always came out on top.

Their team, filled with representatives and experienced players, always had trouble coming at you whenever you looked up, whether that was Romy Teitzel in the second-row, Chelsea Lenarduzzi from the forward pack, or Julia Robinson the ex-winger now in the centres (just to name a few strike weapons). Their developed spine was a major threat to their opponents, with Tamika Upton returning home to fullback, veteran Ali Brigginshaw at halfback, partnered with experienced Gayle Broughton at five-eighth.

Out of the eleven matches (home and away season), the Broncos held their opponents to single digit points seven times, including the Bulldogs entirely shutout in Round 9. Alongside this brilliant display of defence, was the uncanny ability to score points, have the best points differential in the competition, and scoring over 40 points five times.

Brisbane face now their biggest challenge yet, beating the Roosters in the Grand Final, the only team they failed to beat in the 2025 regular season.

FINISHED: 2ND
PLAYED 12, WON 11, LOST 1
FOR: 404, AGAINST: 116

ROUND 1 – BRONCOS 28 v TIGERS 4

The Broncos started their season on a high, putting on a big display against the Tigers at home, with a final score line of 28-4. Scoring six tries, including a double to the newly signed winger Kerri Johnson, the Broncos were hot and firing, with Romy Teitzel's goal kicking reducing the margin to 24 instead of a possible 32. Brisbane only let one try slip, with the Tigers scoring their sole try in the 23rd minute.

Brisbane 28 (K. Johnson 2, D. Brill, M. Hufanga, C. Lenarduzzi, H. Maddick tries; R. Teitzel 2 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 4 (C. Turnbull try) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

ROUND 2 – TITANS 4 v BRONCOS 44

Heading down south to take on their little sister, the Titans, was a fun day out (though the Titans wouldn't agree), but it wasn't without some controversy. Titans skipper and lock, Georgia Hale, was sin binned in the 52nd minute for a hip drop, then Broncos bench player, Reegan Hicks was sent off in the 56th minute for a dangerous tackle. Gold Coast scored their sole try two minutes after the Broncos lost Hicks, but other than that it was a Broncos avalanche, with Broncos co-captain and fullback, Tamika Upton scoring a double, kicking off her 2025 try scoring madness.

Brisbane 44 (T. Upton 2, J. Ferguson, C. Lenarduzzi, H. Maddick, J. Robinson, S. Sauaso, B. Spreadborough tries; R. Teitzel 6 goals) defeated Gold Coast 4 (J. Fogavini try) at Cbus Super Stadium.

ROUND 3 – BRONCOS 26 v ROOSTERS 30

Back at home, the Broncos took on the reigning premiers, the Roosters. A show of class and performance from both sides, with them each scoring five tries, including another double for Upton. Though in the end it was the Roosters who added the two points to their count, with the goal kicking of Jocelyn Kelleher proving to be the difference.

Sydney 30 (O. Kernick 2, T. Naividi, O. Pule, J. Strange tries; J. Kelleher 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 26 (T. Upton 2, L. Dam, K. Johnson, A. Nu'uausala tries; R. Teitzel 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

ROUND 4 – DRAGONS 6 v BRONCOS 30

Yet again the defence of the Broncos held strong, with the Dragons only crossing the line once in the 15th minute. This was combined with the continuous strike weapons of Brisbane, with five tries scored across the park, and a combined effort of Brianna Clark and Romy Teitzel doing the goal kicking.

Brisbane 30 (B. Clark, K. Johnson, C. Lenarduzzi, J. Robinson, T. Upton tries; B. Clark 3, R. Teitzel 2 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 6 (T. Berry try; R. McGregor goal) at WIN Stadium.

ROUND 5 – BRONCOS 28 v SHARKS 14

The inaugural Magic Round was another dazzling performance from the Broncos, but they started to let it slip in the second half. The first half was a Brisbane Blitz, with four tries scored, and the Sharks being held to nill. Coming out blazing in the second half, Tamika Upton scored her third for the game in the 38th minute, but then it was all Sharks. With the Cronulla side scoring three tries in a 13-minute period, but it wasn't enough to topple over the high-flying Broncos.

Brisbane 28 (T. Upton 3, D. Brill, J. Robinson tries; R. Teitzel 4 goals) defeated Cronulla 14 (E. Johnston, G. Ravics, G. Weekes tries; C. Kiria-Ratu goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

ROUND 6 – RAIDERS 28 v BRONCOS 44

Down in Canberra, was another strong display from the Broncos, though it was their worst show of defence for the season, having previously conceding 26 against the Roosters. Brisbane came strong right of the gates, with a double to winger Hayley Maddick in the opening ten minutes. After four tries in the opening 15-minutes to Broncos, the two sides started to play tit for tat, but the Broncos were just too good for the Raiders and snatched their fifth victory of the season.

Brisbane 44 (H. Maddick 2, G. Broughton, M. Hufanga, K. Johnson, J. Robinson, S. Sauaso, R. Teitzel tries; R. Teitzel 6 goals) defeated Canberra 28 (H. Dodd, C. Saunders, Z. Temara, M. Wiki, R. Wuruki-Hosea tries; Z. Temara 4 goals) at GIO Stadium.

ROUND 7 – BRONCOS 38 v EELS 4

Another masterclass in defence and attack comes from the Broncos back at home, with doubles scored across the park: Julia Robinson, Mele Hufanga and Romy Teitzel. In a blitz of eight tries in 53 minutes, Brisbane were electric, but missed out on another 10 points due to poor conversions, and let the Eels slip through a try in in 62nd minute, but another powerful performance from the premiership heavy weights.

Brisbane 38 (M. Hufanga 2, J. Robinson 2, R. Teitzel 2, D. Brill, H. Maddick tries; R. Teitzel 3 goals) defeated Parramatta 4 (M. Mataele try) at Suncorp Stadium.

ROUND 8 – KNIGHTS 16 v BRONCOS 46

Travelling to Newcastle, the Knights had the upper hand to start – scoring the first two tries in the opening fifteen minutes, but this didn't last. The Broncos found their groove, and were up 18-16 halftime, so still a close game. But then they crashed out of the gates in the second half, dazzling with their attack yet again, to finish with nine tries to eight different players.

Brisbane 46 (H. Maddick 2, L. Dam, M. Hufanga, K. Johnson, J. Robinson, S. Sauaso, R. Teitzel, T. Upton tries; R. Teitzel 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (T. Davison, S. Gallagher, G. Roche tries; J. Southwell 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

ROUND 9 – BRONCOS 44 v BULLDOGS 0

Back at home, the Broncos produced an absolute perfect defensive performance, shutting out the Bulldogs entirely. With twelve errors and 71% completion rate it wasn't flawless footy from Brisbane, but they still managed to score a total of nine tries, with four of them being scored by star fullback, Tamika Upton.

Brisbane 44 (T. Upton 4, G. Broughton, K. Johnson, K. Joseph, H. Maddick, J. Robinson tries; R. Teitzel 4 goals) defeated Canterbury 0 at Totally Workwear Stadium.

ROUND 10 – WARRIORS 6 v BRONCOS 26

Another week, another strong performance from the Broncos, albeit it be one of their closer score lines in a few rounds. Upton opened the scoring with two tries within seven minutes at the 19th and 26th minute, before Shalom Sauaso made it an 18-point game just before halftime. The Warriors scored next in the second half, but they couldn't keep pace with the toppling Broncos who scored another two to round up the game.

Brisbane 26 (T. Upton 2, L. Dam, M. Hufanga, S. Sauaso tries; R. Teitzel 3 goals) defeated Warriors 6 (I. Lauitiiti try; P. Maliepo goal) at FMG Stadium Waikato.

ROUND 11 – BRONCOS 50 v COWBOYS 4

In an unstoppable show, the Broncos emphasised their place in the competition, with an absolute thrashing of their little sister, the Cowboys, in what was their biggest win margin in the history of the club. Striking yet again, Upton scored another hat trick for the season, along with a plethora of tries from the outside backs and forwards, it was a show of excellence all around the field, that let the Brisbane side prepare themselves for another finals campaign.

Brisbane 50 (T. Upton 3, J. Ferguson, M. Hufanga, K. Johnson, C. Lenarduzzi, A. Nu'uausala, J. Robinson tries; R. Teitzel 7 goals) defeated North QLD 4 (J. Peters try) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

PRELIMINARY FINAL – BRONCOS 30 v KNIGHTS 6

Predecessor to the Brisbane v Penrith men's Prelim Final, the girls came out ready to strike, and did it swiftly and early. A masterclass all around the field, paired with flawless goal kicking between Clark and Teitzel. Though a poor performance in completion rate only sitting at 56% and 18 errors, so they need to lift their game if they hope to dismantle the absolute heavy weights, the Roosters, in the Grand Final.

Brisbane 30 (K. Johnson 2, L. Dam, J. Ferguson, T. Upton tries; R. Teitzel 3, B. Clark 2 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (J. Kirkpatrick try; J. Southwell goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

The Wrap: NRLW Semi Finals

17 – 16

polytec Stadium, Gosford / Darkinjung

Sydney	17	-	16	Cronulla
Macie CARLILE		**T**		**Brooke ANDERSON**
Jayme FRESSARD				**Chantay KIRIA-RATU**
Olivia KERNICK				**Emma VERRAN**
Jocelyn KELLEHER	**2/3**	**G**	**2/3**	**Chantay KIRIA-RATU**
Jocelyn KELLEHER		**FG**		
Brydie PARKER		**BIN**		
TEAMSHEETS				
Brydie PARKER	1	FB	1	Jada TAYLOR
Mia WOOD	2	W	2	Cassie STAPLES
Jessica SERGIS	3	C	3	Tiana PENITANI-GRAY (c)
Isabelle KELLY (c)	4	C	22	Annessa BIDDLE
Jayme FRESSARD	5	W	5	Georgia RAVICS
Corban BAXTER	6	FE	6	Emma VERRAN
Jocelyn KELLEHER	7	HB	7	Chantay KIRIA-RATU
Otesa PULE	8	FR	8	Ellie JOHNSTON
Keeley DAVIS	9	HK	23	Quincy DODD
Rima BUTLER	10	FR	10	Manilita TAKAPAUTOLO
Taina NAIVIDI	11	2R	11	Talei HOLMES
Jasmin STRANGE	12	2R	12	Jaydika TAFUA
Olivia KERNICK	13	L	13	Brooke ANDERSON
Shawden BURTON	14	B	9	Georgia HANNAWAY
Macie CARLILE	15	B	15	Stephanie FAULKNER
Amber HALL	16	B	16	Rhiannon BYERS
Eliza LOPAMAUA	17	B	17	Anne-Marie KIRIA-RATU
John STRANGE		HC		Tony HERMAN

Date: Sat, 27th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM.
Halftime: Sydney 10-6.
Penalties: Sydney 7-5.
Referee: Belinda Sharpe.
Crowd: 3,289.

30 – 6

Suncorp Stadium, Milton / Yuggera-Turrbal

Brisbane	30	-	6	Newcastle
Kerri JOHNSON	**2**	**T**		**Jules KIRKPATRICK**
Lauren DAM				
Jada FERGUSON				
Tamika UPTON				
Romy TEITZEL	**3/3**	**G**	**1/1**	**Jesse SOUTHWELL**
Brianna CLARK	**2/2**			
TEAMSHEETS				
Tamika UPTON (c)	1	FB	1	Botille VETTE-WELSH
Kerri JOHNSON	2	W	2	Sheridan GALLAGHER
Mele HUFANGA	3	C	3	Shanice PARKER
Julia ROBINSON	4	C	4	Tenika WILLISON
Hayley MADDICK	5	W	5	Keighley SIMPSON
Gayle BROUGHTON	6	FE	6	Georgia ROCHE
Ali BRIGGINSHAW	7	HB	7	Jesse SOUTHWELL
Annetta NU'UAUSALA	8	FR	8	Tayla PREDEBON
Jada FERGUSON	9	HK	9	Olivia HIGGINS
Brianna CLARK	10	FR	10	Tiana DAVISON
Lauren DAM	11	2R	11	Fane FINAU
Romy TEITZEL	12	2R	12	Yasmin CLYDSDALE (c)
Keilee JOSEPH	13	L	13	Kayla ROMANIUK
Destiny BRILL	14	B	14	Jules KIRKPATRICK
Chelsea LENARDUZZI	15	B	16	Sienna YEO
Shenae CIESIOLKA	16	B	17	Grace GIAMPINO
Shalom SAUASO	17	B	18	Viena TINAO
Scott PRINCE		HC		Ben JEFFRIES

Date: Sun, 28th September. Kickoff: 1:15 PM.
Halftime: Brisbane 24-6.
Penalties: 6-all.
Referee: Kasey Badger.
Crowd: 21,367.

Semi Finals Match review & judiciary results

Player	Team	Grade	Charge	Base	# Offence	Early plea	Guilty / NC	Plea	Result
Talei HOLMES	Cronulla	1	Dangerous Contact	1 match	1st	Warning	1 match	Guilty - early plea	**Warning**
Stephanie FAULKNER	Cronulla	1	Contrary Conduct	1 match	1st	Warning	1 match	Guilty - early plea	**Warning**
Tayla PREDEBON	Newcastle	1	Careless High Tackle	1 match	1st	Warning	1 match	Guilty - early plea	**Warning**

^ Rule 39A: a player can accept a $400 fine in lieu of a suspension in certain cases

NRLW Fixtures

2025 NRL Women's Telstra Premiership

12 clubs, 11 rounds. Top 6 sides qualify for finals

Round 1					
Jul-03	Thu 7:45pm	**Cronulla 16**	**Parramatta 18**	Pointsbet	1,524
4	Fri 5:40pm	**Canterbury 26**	**Newcastle 12**	Accor	9,577
5	Sat 3:15pm	**Canberra 14**	**St Geo Illa 36**	GIO	1,802
5	Sat 5:15pm	**North Qld 20**	**Gold Coast 6**	QLD C.B.	6,100
5	Sat 12:45pm	**Brisbane 28**	**W Tigers 4**	TWW	8, 112
6	Sun 11:50am	**Sydney 30**	**Warriors 6**	Allianz	6,829
Round 2					
Jul-10	Thu 7:45pm	**W Tigers 8**	**Canterbury 12**	C'town	1,504
12	Sat 12:45pm	**Canberra 6**	**Cronulla 56**	Netstrata	1,677
12	Sat 3:15pm	**St Geo Illa 10**	**Sydney 24**	Netstrata	5,829
12	Sat 5:15pm	**North Qld 6**	**Newcastle 26**	QLD C.B.	7,268
13	Sun 1:50pm	**Warriors 14**	**Parramatta 0**	Go Media	10,660
13	Sun 4:00pm	**Gold Coast 4**	**Brisbane 44**	Cbus Super	10,768
Round 3					
Jul-19	Sat 12:45pm	**Canberra 12**	**Parramatta 46**	GIO	9,989
19	Sat 3:15pm	**Canterbury 14**	**St Geo Illa 18**	Accor	12,217
19	Sat 5:15pm	**Cronulla 14**	**North Qld 16**	Pointsbet	1,686
20	Sun 11:50am	**W Tigers 12**	**Gold Coast 24**	Leichhardt	3,740
20	Sun 1:45pm	**Brisbane 26**	**Sydney 30**	TWW	1,924
20	Sun 6:15pm	**Newcastle 36**	**Warriors 20**	McD. Jones	3,348
Round 4					
Jul-26	Sat 2:45pm	**Warriors 10**	**Gold Coast 20**	Go Media	9,400
26	Sat 3:15pm	**Sydney 42**	**Canterbury 22**	Allianz	1,118
26	Sat 5:15pm	**North Qld 26**	**Canberra 0**	QLD C.B.	1,355
27	Sun 12:00pm	**Parramatta 6**	**Newcastle 30**	Tweedale	618
27	Sun 6:15pm	**Cronulla 20**	**W Tigers 16**	Pointsbet	1,864
27	Sun 1:45pm	**St Geo Illa 6**	**Brisbane 30**	WIN	1,018
Round 5	**Magic Round Newcastle**				
Aug-02	Sat 12:15pm	**Gold Coast 14**	**Canterbury 14**	McD. Jones	Day 1 5,298
2	Sat 2:15pm	**W Tigers 4**	**Sydney 34**	McD. Jones	
2	Sat 4:15pm	**Brisbane 28**	**Cronulla 14**	McD. Jones	
3	Sun 11:50am	**North Qld 6**	**Warriors 12**	McD. Jones	Day 2 6,093
3	Sun 1:45pm	**Newcastle 18**	**Canberra 0**	McD. Jones	
3	Sun 3:45pm	**Parramatta 12**	**St Geo Illa 10**	McD. Jones	
Round 6	**Indigenous Round**				
Aug-09	Sat 12:45pm	**St Geo Illa 6**	**Cronulla 20**	Netstrata	3,875
9	Sat 3:15pm	**Newcastle 30**	**W Tigers 6**	McD. Jones	1,637
9	Sat 5:15pm	**Canterbury 6**	**Warriors 34**	Accor	13,108
10	Sun 11:50am	**Gold Coast 8**	**Sydney 24**	Cbus Super	4,528
10	Sun 1:45pm	**Canberra 28**	**Brisbane 44**	GIO	1,614
10	Sun 6:15pm	**Parramatta 10**	**North Qld 14**	CommBank	1,964

Round 7	**Indigenous Round**				
Aug-16	Sat 12:45pm	**Cronulla 12**	**Gold Coast 8**	Pointsbet	2,476
16	Sat 3:15pm	**Brisbane 38**	**Parramatta 4**	Suncorp	12,812
16	Sat 7:15pm	**Warriors 16**	**Canberra 20**	Go Media	5,968
17	Sun 11:50am	**W Tigers 16**	**St Geo Illa 12**	Allianz	1,803
17	Sun 1:45pm	**Sydney 30**	**Newcastle 14**	polytec	2,294
17	Sun 6:15pm	**North Qld 22**	**Canterbury 6**	QLD C.B.	3,360
Round 8	**Country Footy Round**				
Aug-23	Sat 12:45pm	**Canterbury 24**	**Canberra 56**	Belmore	2,535
23	Sat 3:15pm	**Gold Coast 22**	**St Geo Illa 4**	Cbus Super	6,210
23	Sat 5:15pm	**Parramatta 12**	**Sydney 56**	CommBank	9,128
24	Sun 11:50am	**Newcastle 16**	**Brisbane 46**	McD. Jones	15,935
24	Sun 3:45pm	**Warriors 14**	**Cronulla 22**	Go Media	5,712
24	Sun 6:15pm	**W Tigers 8**	**North Qld 30**	Leichhardt	2,056
Round 9					
Aug-30	Sat 12:45pm	**Canberra 17**	**W Tigers 16**	GIO	14,464
30	Sat 3:15pm	**St Geo Illa 26**	**Warriors 18**	Netstrata	3,180
30	Sat 5:15pm	**North Qld 0**	**Sydney 30**	QLD C. Bank	8,031
31	Sun 11:50am	**Cronulla 19**	**Newcastle 18**	Pointsbet	2,757
31	Sun 1:45pm	**Brisbane 44**	**Canterbury 0**	TWW	1,724
31	Sun 6:15pm	**Gold Coast 26**	**Parramatta 10**	Cbus Super	633
Round 10					
Sep-05	Fri 5:40pm	**Sydney 26**	**Canberra 14**	Allianz	11,020
6	Sat 12:45pm	**St Geo Illa 14**	**North Qld 42**	WIN	7,040
6	Sat 3:15pm	**Canterbury 24**	**Cronulla 14**	Accor	12,174
7	Sun 2:00pm	**Warriors 6**	**Brisbane 26**	Go Media	7,195
7	Sun 1:45pm	**Newcastle 28**	**Gold Coast 22**	McD. Jones	2,047
7	Sun 6:15pm	**Parramatta 38**	**W Tigers 4**	CommBank	4,847
Round 11					
Sep-11	Thu 7:45pm	**Sydney 40**	**Cronulla 10**	Allianz	1,521
12	Fri 5:40pm	**Parramatta 46**	**Canterbury 14**	CommBank	803
13	Sat 12:00pm	**Brisbane 50**	**North Qld 4**	TWW	1,593
13	Sat 1:45pm	**Gold Coast 17**	**Canberra 16**	Cbus Super	1,023
14	Sun 12:00pm	**W Tigers 6**	**Warriors 44**	C'town	1,256
14	Sun 1:45pm	**Newcastle 30**	**St Geo Illa 22**	McD. Jones	2,477
Elimination Finals					
Sep-20	Sat 2:30pm	**(3) Newcastle 34**	**(6) Gold Coast 20**	McD. Jones	4,092
20	Sat 4:15pm	**(4) North Qld 18**	**(5) Cronulla 24**	QLD C.B.	5,024
Semi Finals					
Sep-27	Sat 7:45pm	**(1) Sydney 17**	**Cronulla 16**	polytec	3,289
28	Sun 1:15pm	**(2) Brisbane 30**	**Newcastle 6**	Suncorp	21,367
2025 NRLW Grand Final					
Oct-5	Sun 3:55pm	**Sydney**	**Brisbane**	Accor	



WARRIORS

BURLEIGH BEARS

Age						Age
26	Taine TUAUPIKI	1	FULLBACK	1	Nicholas O'MELEY	-
26	Setu TU	2	WING	2	Troy LEO	-
22	Ali LEIATAUA	3	CENTRE	3	Sami SAUILUMA	34
23	Moala GRAHAM-TAUFA	4	CENTRE	4	Kea PERE	25
26	Edward KOSI	5	WING	5	Mitchell WATSON	-
-	Luke HANSON	6	FIVE-EIGHTH	6	Josh ROGERS	29
25	Tanah BOYD	7	HALFBACK	7	Guy HAMILTON	30
29	Bunty AFOA	8	FRONT ROW	8	Fletcher BAKER	25
23	Samuel HEALEY	9	HOOKER	9	Paul ROACHE	26
21	Tanner STOWERS-SMITH	10	FRONT ROW	10	Matthew KOELLNER	-
-	Kayliss FATIALOFA	11	SECOND ROW	11	Adam CHRISTENSEN	-
20	Eddie IEREMIA-TOEAVA	12	SECOND ROW	12	Ewan MOORE	26
28	Kalani GOING	13	LOCK	13	Sam COSTER	32
20	Jett CLEARY	14	INTERCHANGE	14	Cole GEYER	-
-	Jason SEU SALALILO	15		15	Lorenzo MULITALO	25
26	Tom ALE	16		16	Takitau MAPAPALANGI	-
25	Freddy LUSSICK	17		17	Lochlyn SHELDON	26
28	Geronimo DOYLE	18	RESERVES	18	Jordan SCOTT	29
-	Tobias CROSBY	20		19	Blake SCOTT	25
-	Harry DURBIN	21		20	Ryan JONES	26
21	Makaia TAFUA	22		21	Bailey McCONNELL	-
-	Caelys-Paul PUTOKO	23		22	Joseph DUFFY	28
				23	Matthew EGAN	28
44	David TANGATA-TOA		COACHES		Luke BURT	44

MATCH DETAILS

Venue	**Accor Stadium (Stadium Australia)**	**Jarrod COLE**	Referee	
Where	**Wanngal | Sydney Olympic Park, NSW**	**Kieren IRONS, Nick PELGRAVE**	Touch Judges	
When	**Sunday 5 October 2025 | 1:20PM AEDT**	**Liam KENNEDY**	NRL Bunker	

Live TV & Streaming: Nine Network, 9Now
Radio: ABC Sport, SEN, Triple M, Nine Radio
Live blog: LeagueUnlimited.com

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State Champs Preview

AJ Lucantonio

Warriors look to send title away from Australia

Both minor premiers in the NSW and QLD Cup will go head-to-head in the first game of 2025 Grand Final Day as the New Zealand Warriors take on the Burleigh Bears at Accor Stadium.

2025 has been an all-conquering year for the Warriors. Finishing minor premiers by a clear seven points and only losing twice, and drawing once in 2025, the New Zealand based team dominated all that came before it throughout the season. The first week of the finals showed their complacency, as the Warriors were punished by the Dragons and had to go the long way round. However, with their NRL stars returning (Sam Healey, Tanah Boyd, Eddie Ieremia-Toeava), they easily accounted for Parramatta and got revenge on the Dragons in the decider.

On Sunday, we will get to see some exciting prospects. Taine Tuaupiki is well known among the NRL world, switching between the Cup and NRL squads this year, the energiser bunny will be a game breaker in this cup side. Kalani Going was declared the NSW Cup Player of the Year while Kayliss Fatialofa conquered all before him on the left edge. If the pack dominates, Tuaupiki and young Penrith half Luke Hanson will dominate. On the team front, David Tangata-Toa gets the same side at his disposal.

Meanwhile. Burleigh are 'veterans' of the State Championship, having played in this match in 2016 and 2019. The former was a smashing at the hands of Illawarra, the latter was a heartbreaking loss to Newtown after the boot of Magoulias struck the Bears in the final minute. In 2025, the main criticism of the Bears was their ability to play 80 minutes, on occasion, they would start fast and fade, while other times, they would start slow and finish with a wet sail.

In the grand final, they were the most complete they have been all season. The control of the halves Josh Rogers and Guy Hamilton suffocated the Devils in possession last week, while the game management of Rogers to come up with critical plays at the right moment to get Burleigh over the hump. 32-year-old Sam Coster has continued to develop as a leader, guiding the Bears through the middle, while Fletcher Baker has lifted through the middle third since his demotion. To beat the Warriors, they need to manage the game better than the NSW Cup premiers, they were the best attack in the QLD Cup, but showed a defensive edge against the Devils.

On the team front, Creedance Toia (leg) is out with Nick O'Meley at the fullback position. Sami Sauiluma comes into the centre. Kurt De Luis (jaw) is out injured with Lochlyn Sheldon onto the bench. Lorenzo Mulitalo comes onto the bench to cover Sami at centre.

Who to watch: The focus is on Sam Healey for the Warriors. His ability to turn the game with his smart, instinctful running out of dummy half is second to none. It's not unfair to say that he is the best hooker not playing regular first grade. Healey's work around the ruck will be key for the Warriors to claim the title on Sunday.

For Burleigh, the focus is on Josh Rogers. The WA-born half has been a regular at the Broncos in recent times. But, with the arrival of Tom Duffy next season, Rogers' future at the club has raised some eyebrows but he had a great man-of-the-match performance in the GF and was great all year. With Perth arriving back in the competition in 2027, a return home to be a handy depth piece for the incoming Perth Bears.

Favourite: Warriors are well deserved favourites in this game as they look to send the title away from Australia for the first time.

My tip: It is incredibly hard to vote against the Warriors this year. Regular viewers of the Lower Grade Wrap program know how highly I rate this team in terms of the best reserve grade sides we have seen in recent history. They are great across both facets of the football and Burleigh will have to do their best. The Bears can unsettle the Warriors, but they need to take advantage of opportunities against the Warriors strong defence.. **Warriors by 14.**

Teamlist information thanks to

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Dally M wrap

NRL

Dally M Medal (NRL Player of the Year): James Tedesco (Sydney Roosters)

1. James Tedesco (Roosters)	67
2. Nathan Cleary (Panthers)	45
3. Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins)	44
4. Payne Haas (Broncos)	44
5. Blayke Brailey (Sharks)	42
6. Tom Dearden (Cowboys)	42
7. Reece Walsh (Broncos)	41
8. Luke Metcalf (Warriors)	40
9. Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)	39
10. Will Kennedy (Sharks)	37

Coach of the Year: Ricky Stuart (Canberra Raiders)
Captain of the Year: James Tedesco (Sydney Roosters)
Rookie of the Year: Robert Toia (Sydney Roosters)
Provan Summons Medal: Zac Lomax (Parramatta Eels)
Try of the Year - Mark Nawaqanitawase (Sydney Roosters) v Bulldogs
Tackle of the Year - Ethan Strange (Canberra Raiders) v Bulldogs
Ken Stephen Medal - Kieran Foran (Gold Coast Titans)
Top Pointscorer - Jamayne Isaako (Dolphins)
Ken Irvine Award for Top Tryscorer - Mark Nawaqanitawase (Sydney)
Peter Frilingos Headline Moment of the Year: The Miracle in Mudgee - Canberra Raiders

Fullback: James Tedesco (Sydney Roosters)
Wingers: Mark Nawaqanitawase (Sydney Roosters), Xavier Coates (Melbourne Storm)
Centres: Stephen Crichton (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), Kotoni Staggs (Brisbane Broncos)
Five-eighth: Ethan Strange (Canberra Raiders)
Halfback: Nathan Cleary (Penrith Panthers)
Hooker: Blayke Brailey (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks)
Props: Addin Fonua-Blake (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks), Payne Haas (Brisbane Broncos)
Second Rowers: Eli Katoa (Melbourne Storm), Hudson Young (Canberra Raiders)
Lock: Erin Clark (Warriors)

NRLW

Dally M Medal (NRLW Player of the Year): Tamika Upton (Brisbane Broncos)

1. Tamika Upton (Broncos)	35
2. Julia Robinson (Broncos)	32
3. Jesse Southwell (Knights)	31
4. Isabelle Kelly (Roosters)	29
5. Rachael Pearson (Eels)	24
6. Jakiya Whitfeld (Cowboys)	22
7. Yasmin Clydsdale (Knights)	21
8. Emma Verran (Sharks)	20
9. Tarryn Aiken (Roosters)	18
10. Olivia Kernick (Roosters)	17

Coach of the Year: John Strange (Sydney Roosters)
Captain of the Year: Isabelle Kelly (Sydney Roosters)
Rookie of the Year: Shalom Sauaso (Brisbane Broncos)
Provan-Summons Medal: Isabelle Kelly (Sydney Roosters)
Try of the Year - Indie Bostock (St George Illawarra Dragons) v Raiders
Tackle of the Year - Ivana Lauiti'iti (Warriors) v Wests Tigers
Veronica White Medal - Rhiannon Byers (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks)
Top Pointscorer - Romy Teitzel (Brisbane Broncos)
Top Tryscorer - Tamika Upton (Brisbane Broncos)

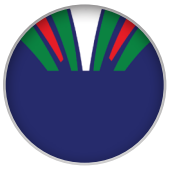
Fullback: Tamika Upton (Brisbane Broncos)
Wingers: Payton Takimoana (Warriors), Sheridan Gallagher (Newcastle Knights0
Centres: Isabelle Kelly (Sydney Roosters), Julia Robinson (Brisbane Broncos)
Five-eighth: Gayle Broughton (Brisbane Broncos)
Halfback: Jesse Southwell (Newcastle Knights)
Hooker: Emma Manzelmann (North Queensland Cowboys)
Props: Ellie Johnston (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks), Jessika Ellison (Gold Coast Titans)
Second Rowers: Romy Teitzel (Brisbane Broncos), Yasmin Clydsdale (Newcastle Knights)
Lock: Olivia Kernick (Sydney Roosters)

NSWRL Grand Final results

Knock On Effect NSW Cup Grand Final



12 – 30

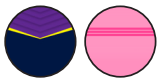


Commbank Stadium, Parramatta / Burramattagal

St Geo Illa	12	-	30	Warriors
Hayden BUCHANAN		**T**	**2**	**Setu TU**
Haele FINAU				**Moala GRAHAM-TAUFA**
				Samuel HEALEY
				Eddie IEREMIA-TOEAVA
Jonah GLOVER	**2/2**	**G**	**5/6**	**Tanah BOYD**
Lachlan ILIAS		**BIN**		
TEAMSHEETS				
Cody RAMSEY (c)	1	FB	1	Taine TUAUPIKI
Mathew FEAGAI	2	W	2	Setu TU
Hayden BUCHANAN	3	C	3	Ali LEIATAUA
Tyler PECKHAM-HARRIS	4	C	4	Moala GRAHAM-TAUFA
Jesse WILLIAMS	5	W	5	Edward KOSI
Jonah GLOVER	6	FE	6	Luke HANSON
Lachlan ILIAS	7	HB	7	Tanah BOYD
Blake LAWRIE	8	FR	8	Bunty AFOA
Connor MUHLEISEN	9	HK	9	Samuel HEALEY
Hame SELE	16	FR	10	Tanner STOWERS-SMITH
Raymond FAITALA-MARINER	11	2R	11	Kayliss FATIALOFA
Nicholas TSOUGRANIS	12	2R	12	Eddie IEREMIA-TOEAVA
Jacob WEBSTER	13	L	13	Kalani GOING (c)
Ben MURDOCH-MASILA	10	B	15	Jason SEU SALALILO
Haele FINAU	14	B	16	Tom ALE
Ryan HUTCHINSON	15	B	17	Jett CLEARY
Cyrus STANLEY-TRAILL	17	B	22	Freddy LUSSICK
Willie TALAU		HC		David TANGATA-TOA

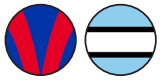
Date: Sun, 28th September. Kickoff: 3:15 PM.
Halftime: Warriors 16-6.
Penalties: St Geo Illa 4-2
Referee: Damian Brady.

2025 U21 Jersey Flegg Cup Grand Final



Melbourne Storm 38 (Tries: Hugo Peel 2, Dylan Brettle, Mitchell Jennings, Liam Williams, Cooper Clarke; Goals: Eli Morris 7/7) **defeated Penrith Panthers 16** (Tries: Jirah Liddiard 2, Jenson Tuaoi; Goals: Jirah Liddiard 2/3) **at Commbank Stadium, Parramatta / Burramattagal**.
Date: Sun, 28th September. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Melbourne 20-10. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
Melbourne: Peel, Murgha, Jennings, Williams, Tuimalatu-Brown, Morris, Brettle, Newton-Whare, Satrick, Abell, Conn, Langkilde-Fale, Hinchey; INT: Bowden, Blundell, Clarke, Huen
Penrith: Edgar, Liddiard, Faeamani, Patea, Murphy, Lamont, Bunting, Vailalo, Tuaoi, Hansen, Wigmore, Armstrong, Scanlon; INT: Raven, Galuvao, Lemoto, Moran

2025 Harvey Norman Women's Premiership Grand Final



Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 18 (Tries: Monique Donovan, Koffi Brookfield, Dominique Du Toit; Goals: Ella Ropata 3/3) **def Newcastle Knights 12** (Tries: Kayla Henderson, Tyla Brown, Charley Lahmert) **at Commbank Stadium, Parramatta / Burramattagal**
Date: Sun, 28th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 18-4. Referee: Brandon Mani.
Newcastle: White, Henderson, Shaw, Spain, Brown, Morris, Harvey, Kukutai, Ollerton, McArthur, Buller, Reid, Ahsam; INT: Lahmert, Darcy, Paki, Montgomery
Cronulla: Vasilovski, Caine, Donovan, Du Toit, Willey, Ropata, Herman, Carter, Brookfield, Kelly-Sines, Samson, Isemonger, Davis-Welsh; INT: Filipo, Ingram, Fakalelu, Leilua

Boyd brilliance steers Warriors to first ever NSW Cup

NSWRL.com.au match report - Tom Gibbs

The Warriors have become the first team outside NSW to claim The Knock-On Effect NSW Cup, backing up their Minor Premiership status with a 30-12 victory over St George Illawarra Dragons in today's Grand Final at CommBank Stadium.

Both sides picked up early tries before the Warriors ran in two more in quick succession just before the break. But while the Dragons were next to score to start the second half, the Warriors turned things around and stepped up a gear on the way to an 18-point win.

"It's unreal, especially with the bunch of boys we've got," Warriors captain Kalani Going said. "We got to send off a few of the old boys, what a way to send them off.

"Super proud of the effort and a great game from the Dragons as well. We'll be celebrating tonight.

"It was unreal to look up at the clock towards the end. It was real important we still played to the whistle.

"But yeah, unreal. I am sort of on a bit of a buzz right now."

In the Dragons' opening set they managed to get a midfield bomb away off the boot Lachlan Ilias with halves partner Jonah Glover chasing through, forcing a Warriors knock-on after some deliberation from the video referee.

Despite the Dragons earning prime field position with a scrum 10 metres from the try-line and in front of the uprights, the Warriors did well to turn them away.

At the 10-minute mark Warriors halfback and eventual Player of the Match Tanah Boyd suddenly had his side on the attack, after a booming, would-be 40/20 found touch despite the best efforts of Mat Feagai to keep the ball in play. The Minor Premiers struck first within a few tackles when centre Moala Graham-Taufa snuck over from dummy-half to lead 4-0.

St George Illawarra didn't take long to respond when hooker Connor Muhleisen opted to take on the short side, before Ilias laid on a short ball for centre Hayden Buchanan who zigzagged around Taine Tuaupiki to score beside the posts. Five-eighth Jonah Glover added the extra two and put his side ahead 6-4.

Not long after that involvement Muhleisen's afternoon prematurely came to end, going to ground with a suspected knee injury before being replaced by No.14 Haele Finau.

The next big break came with about 10 minutes to go in the half after Boyd's torpedo kick bounced awkwardly in the lap of Dragons centre Tyler Peckham-Harris, who burst through to the halfway line with footwork and speed only to lose possession in the eventual tackle.

The Warriors followed up with their second try of the afternoon, Boyd lofting a kick from close range and 15 metres in from touch for winger Setu Tu to leap above the back. The halfback converted from in front for a 10-6 advantage.

The Warriors then produced a short side raid of their own to extend the lead even further, this time with Sam Healey looking in and turning back out for Boyd to put second-rower Eddie Ierema-Toeava through a gap. Fittingly, he found Healey back in support to finish off the try as Boyd's conversion brought the half-time score to 16-6.

The Dragons needed to score first in the second half and did exactly that after building some pressure on the Warriors' goal-line. By the 47th minute it was Finau, the Muhleisen substitute, who managed a try from dummy-half to help lessen the deficit to 16-12.

The momentum swung back in the Warriors' favour when Kayliss Fatialofa found open pasture from a break on halfway, passing off for Tuaupiki who couldn't find support on his outside.

That led to a sin bin for Ilias after he was deemed to have tackled support runner Freddy Lussick without the ball. Boyd added another two points from in front to improve the lead to 18-12.

In the 52nd minute the Warriors took advantage of the extra man as Tu bagged a double down the right edge. Shifting wide from 10 metres out, the ball found the grasp of the dangerous Ali Leiataua who delivered a one-armed pass for Tu to score untouched. With Boyd's conversion they led 24-12.

Within a few minutes the Warriors were in for another four-pointer, Boyd once again in the thick of the action directing a pinpoint grubber for Ieremia-Toeava to touch down. He left the field immediately after sustaining an injury in the act of scoring, before Boyd converted to increase the margin to 30-12.

The final 20 minutes remained scoreless while the Dragons pushed to fight back without success, but as the clock ticked down the Warriors soaked up what was an historic day for the Auckland-based club.

QRL Grand Final results

Hostplus Cup Grand Final

22 – 8

Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi

Burleigh	22	-	8	Norths
Adam CHRISTENSEN		**T**		**Jordan LIPP**
Troy LEO				
Josh ROGERS				
Sami SAUILUMA				
Josh ROGERS	**3/4**	**G**	**2/2**	**Sean O'SULLIVAN**
TEAMSHEETS				
Creedence TOIA	1	FB	1	Matthew MILSON
Troy LEO	2	W	2	Tony TUMUSA
Nicholas O'MELEY	3	C	3	Jordan LIPP
Kea PERE	4	C	4	Jacob GAGAN
Mitchell WATSON	5	W	5	Manase KAHO
Josh ROGERS	6	FE	6	Jack AHEARN
Guy HAMILTON	7	HB	7	Sean O'SULLIVAN
Fletcher BAKER	8	FR	8	Peter HOLA
Paul ROACHE	9	HK	9	Kierran MOSELEY (c)
Matthew KOELLNER	10	FR	10	Sebastian SU'A
Adam CHRISTENSEN	11	2R	11	Jackson SHEREB
Ewan MOORE	12	2R	12	Kenny BROMWICH
Sam COSTER (c)	13	L	13	James FLACK
Cole GEYER	14	B	14	Lauloto SALEI
Sami SAUILUMA	15	B	17	Brody TAMARUA
Takitau MAPAPALANGI	16	B	19	Sam ELLIOTT
Kurt DE LUIS	17	B	20	Ben NAKUBUWAI
Luke BURT		HC		Rohan SMITH

Date: Sat, 27th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM.
Halftime: Burleigh 10-8.
Penalties: Burleigh 4-3.
Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Burleigh claim first title since 2019

QRL.com.au match report - QRL media

The Burleigh Bears are the 2025 Hostplus Cup premiers after grinding out a 22–8 victory over the Norths Devils at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe.

It was a grand final full of momentum shifts, with Burleigh showing resilience and composure when the contest was in the balance.

The Bears set the tone early. Their forwards won the middle exchanges, paving the way for Adam Christensen to power over in the 18th minute.

Six minutes later, Sami Sauiluma extended the advantage, finishing a sweeping movement for a 10–2 lead.

Yet Burleigh's momentum stalled when fullback Creedence Toia, one of their most reliable weapons this season was forced off injured.

Sensing opportunity, the Devils hit back. Jordan Lipp crossed in the 36th minute, and with Sean O'Sullivan landing a penalty and conversion, Norths dragged the scoreline back to 10–8 at halftime.

The match was poised, and the Devils carried belief into the second stanza.

Norths began the half with energy, hammering Burleigh's line through repeated sets. Their forwards drove hard, and their halves probed for gaps, but the Bears' defensive wall refused to budge.

Each stop seemed to drain the Devils' momentum and lift Burleigh's confidence.

The turning point came on the hour mark. After absorbing so much pressure, the Bears struck with precision, sending Troy Leo over in the corner. It gave them breathing space at 16–8, and from there, they grew stronger.

Josh Rogers, calm and assured all night, iced the contest in the 70th minute with a decisive solo try. Adding the conversion, he finished with 10 points and the player of the match medal.

Burleigh's ability to adapt without Toia and close out the contest with defensive grit highlighted the depth in their squad.

For the Devils, the result was a bitter pill. They had their chances, particularly in the first 15 minutes after the break, but could not land the blow that might have changed the game's course.

In the end, the Bears' second-half shutout told the story. They absorbed pressure, took their moments, and lifted when the game demanded it most. Their 22–8 victory etched them into the 2025 record books as worthy champions.

2025 Women's BMD Premiership Grand Final

Brisbane Tigers 22 (Tries: Tahlia Marshall 2, India Seeto, Enah Desic; Goals: Enah Desic 3/4) **defeated Burleigh Bears 6** (Tries: Bella Thompson; Goals: Zara Canfield 1/1) **at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi**.
Date: Sat, 27th September. Kickoff: 2:05 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 22-6. Referee: Hamish Kleijn.
Brisbane: 1. Tahlia Marshall 2. Courtney Robinson 3. Namoe Gesa 4. Aleksandra Tunufai 5. Saupo-Mina Toeleiu 6. Evelyn Roberts 7. Enah Desic 8. Kayleen Takai 9. Kelsey Parkin 10. Jenny David 11. Estanoa Faitala-Mariner 12. Narikah Orchard 13. India Seeto; INT: 14. Leilani Taofinuu 15. Lorren Ieli 16. Malaela Sua 17. Porche John
Burleigh: 1. Jasmin Morrissey 16. Bella Thompson 3. Shaianne McGlone 4. Deleni Paitai 5. Lailee Phillips 6. Memory Paitai 7. Moana Cook 17. Eta Sikahele 9. Teaghan Hartigan 19. Barbra Auva'a 10. Zara Canfield 21. Kaitlyn Phillips 13. Sade Schaumkel; INT: 8. Gabrielle Lolohea 11. Ebony Laing 14. Lailee Phillips 20. Elizabeth Ngahe

1st Eliminator (3 v 6)

Leigh 26 Wakefield 10



Leigh advance to face old foe Wigan

A determined performance from the Leigh Leopards has seen them eliminate newly promoted Wakefield by 14 points, however, the game was overshadowed by an on-field complaint against Leigh's Lachlan Lam.

The Leopards started with furious intent in the opening ten minutes. A nice movement down the right corridor saw Bailey Hodgson find space. After putting Umaya Hanley through a gap, the potential England bolter put Keenan Brand away in the corner to score the first try. Midway through the half, the Lam show was in full effect with terrific evasion catching Trinity off guard, Hanley had a chance to finish off a movement but terrific scramble denied the Leopards a second try.

The hosts didn't need to wait long though. In the same set of six, experienced campaigner Isaac Liu stepped through some pedestrian middle defence to score next to the posts and open up a 12-0 advantage. Minutes later under a weight of Leigh possession, Wakefield's defence opened up, an Edwin Ipape grubber was blocked, and Lam quickly found Josh Charnley to score in the corner to lead 18-0 at the break.

Wakefield had to answer back after half-time and they were rewarded. Some last tackle scrambling saw Mike McMeeken fire a long cut-out pass to hit Jayden Myers on the chest to score. Leigh added a penalty goal to make it 20-4.

The Leopards sealed the match just after the hour mark, some great forward tip on from Joe Ofahengaue found Alec Tuitavake to score and put Wakefield out of reach. The visitors managed a consolation try through Cameron Scott but it was Leigh that won the right to play Wigan.

The major talking point is Lam being placed on report for an alleged comment made to Wakefield's Mason Lino. Lino made an on-field complaint against Lam and it's now up to the RFL Disciplinary Panel to determine if any further action is required. **- AJ Lucantonio**

Leigh Sports Village Stadium, Leigh

Leigh	26	-	10	Wakefield
Keanan BRAND		**T**		**Jayden MYERS**
Josh CHARNLEY				**Cameron SCOTT**
Isaac LIU				
Alec TUITAVAKE				
Gareth O'BRIEN	**5/5**	**G**	**1/2**	**Mason LINO**
TEAMSHEETS				
Bailey HODGSON	24	FB	23	Josh ROURKE
Keanan BRAND	18	W	30	Jayden MYERS
Tesi NIU	3	C	3	Cameron SCOTT
Umyla HANLEY	4	C	19	Oliver PRATT
Josh CHARNLEY	5	W	5	Tom JOHNSTONE
Gareth O'BRIEN	6	FE	6	Jacob TRUEMAN
Lachlan LAM	7	HB	20	Mason LINO
Joe OFAHENGAUE	32	FR	8	Mike McMEEKEN (c)
Edwin IPAPE	9	HK	9	Liam HOOD
Robbie MULHERN	10	FR	31	Caius FAATILI
Frankie HALTON	11	2R	12	Josh GRIFFIN
Owen TROUT	8	2R	17	Matthew STORTON
Isaac LIU	13	L	13	Jay PITTS
Jack HUGHES	12	B	10	Ky RODWELL
Alec TUITAVAKE	15	B	11	Seth NIKOTEMO
Matt DAVIS	16	B	16	Renouf ATONI
Brad DWYER	17	B	28	Harvey SMITH
Adrian LAM		HC		Daryl POWELL

Date: Fri, 26th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM.
Halftime: Leigh 18-0.
Penalties: Wakefield Trinity 2-1.
Referee: Liam Moore.
Crowd: 10,011.

2nd Eliminator (4 v 5)

St Helens 16 Leeds 14



'Wide to Wright' snatches Saints semi berth

St Helens won 16-14 against Leeds in their semi-final contest at AMT Headingley Stadium on Saturday night.

The Saints triumphed in a thriller which set up a clash against League Leader Shield winners Hull KR next weekend.

It was the Rhinos who were the first side to get on the scoreboard. They stripped the numbers on the left and Chris Hankinson walked in.

St Helens responded with a spectacular effort of their own. Jack Welsby put up a high kick that Morgan Knowles gathered, kicked again for Jonny Lomax to touch down. In a tight contest, points were at a premium. Keenan Palasia offloaded for the ball and it found it's way to James McDonnell to score.

Neither side could pile on any more points in the first half and Leeds took a 12-6 lead into the sheds.

That pattern continued in the second half and the contest remained in the balance headed into the final quarter of the game. Leeds extended their lead to eight from the boot. Jake Connor was clipped high and he dusted himself off to raise the flags.

St Helens refused to go quietly into the night. They ran the ball on last with five minutes to go and Jon Bennison stretched out to give them a flicker of hope at 14-12.

They continued to throw caution to the wind and give the ball air. It looked like the chance had gone but Leeds were pinged for offside.

That gave St Helens one last shot. Lomax punted the ball deep into Rhinos territory and the phase 'Never write off the Saints' rang true again. There were over a dozen offloads to keep the ball alive - including a remarkable flick pass from Tristan Sailor - and it created numbers on the left where Shane Wright sliced through for a memorable winner. **- Justin Davies**

AMT Headingley Stadium, Leeds

Leeds	14	-	16	St Helens
Chris HANKINSON		**T**		**Jon BENNISON**
James McDONNELL				**Jonny LOMAX**
				Shane WRIGHT
Jake CONNOR	**3/3**	**G**	**1/2**	**Jon BENNISON**
			1/1	**Mark PERCIVAL**
TEAMSHEETS				
Lachlan MILLER	1	FB	6	Tristan SAILOR
Ryan HALL	5	W	5	Jon BENNISON
Harry NEWMAN	3	C	26	Harry ROBERTSON
Ash HANDLEY (c)	4	C	4	Mark PERCIVAL
Chris HANKINSON	31	W	36	Deon CROSS
Brodie CROFT	6	FE	1	Jack WELSBY
Jake CONNOR	18	HB	7	Jonny LOMAX (c)
Mikolaj OLEDZKI	8	FR	8	Alex WALMSLEY
Jarrod O'CONNOR	14	HK	9	Daryl CLARK
Keenan PALASIA	10	FR	10	Matty LEES
Morgan GANNON	16	2R	11	Curtis SIRONEN
James McDONNELL	12	2R	16	Matt WHITLEY
Kallum WATKINS (c)	28	L	13	Morgan KNOWLES
James BENTLEY	11	B	14	Moses MBYE
Sam LISONE	15	B	15	James BELL
Cooper JENKINS	17	B	19	George DELANEY
Tom HOLROYD	19	B	37	Shane WRIGHT
Brad ARTHUR		HC		Paul WELLENS

Date: Sat, 27th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM.
Halftime: Leeds 12-6.
Penalties: Leeds 6-5.
Referee: Jack Smith.
Crowd: 11,108.

Playoffs - Semi Finals

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER

2nd Semi Final (2nd v Higher Ranked EF winner)
WIGAN WARRIORS V LEIGH LEOPARDS at The Brick Community Stadium.
Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Referee: Chris Kendall.

Tale of the tape - Wigan v Leigh in 2025:

Super League	R1	Leigh 1-0	The Brick
Super League	R11	Wigan 36-28	The Brick
Super League	R17	Leigh 18-8	LSV Stadium

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER

1st Semi Final (1st v Lower Ranked EF Winner)
HULL KR V ST HELENS at Sewell Group Craven Park.
Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Referee: Liam MOORE.

Tale of the tape - Hull KR v St Helens in 2025:

Super League	R4	Hull KR 20-10	Totally Wicked
Super League	R15	Hull KR 34-4	S.G. Craven Park
Super League	R24	Hull KR 12-8	S.G. Craven Park



2025 Betfred Championship

Playoffs - Semi Finals

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

YORK KNIGHTS 30 (T. Mata'afa 2, K. Buchanan, S. Galeano, B. Jones-Bishop tries; L. Harris 5 goals) **DEFEATED HALIFAX PANTHERS 18** (B. Crooks, B. Douglas, A. Johnson tries; G. Whitby 3 goals) **AT LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM**.
Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: York 16-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Tom Grant.
York: Mata'afa, Jones-Bishop, Buchanan, Field, Galeano; Hingano, Harris (C); Martin, McShane, Antrobus, Dee, Bailey, Thompson. Int: Santi, Cook, Hudson, Clark.
Halifax: Nofoaluma, Tibbs, Johnson, Crooks (C), Graham; Jouffret, Whitby; Douglas, O'Brien, Dixon, McCarron, Fairbank, Davies. Int: Inman, Calcott, Graham, Cowen.

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

TOULOUSE 24 (O. Ashall-Bott 2, R. Rennie, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRADFORD 20** (J. Okunbor 2, W. Blake, M. Gee tries; L. Hooley 2 goals) **AT STADE ERNEST WALLON**.
Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 16-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Aaron Moore.
Crowd: 3,245.
Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Marcon, Laguerre; Lacans, Shorrocks; Belmas, Hands, Butler, Jussaume, Stefani, Marion (C). Int: Cator, Bretherton, Roumanos, Wallace.
Bradford: Hooley, Okunbor, Blake, Armitage, Taufua; Keyes, Holmes; Lawrence (C), Souter, Bayliss-Brow, Fulton, Gee, Hallas. Int: Lilley, Musgrove, Scurr, Hill.

2025 Betfred Championship Grand Final

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

YORK KNIGHTS V TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE at LNER Community Stadium.
Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Referee: Tom GRANT.

Tale of the tape - York v Toulouse in 2025:

Championship	R2	Toulouse 7-6	LNER
Championship	R23	York 16-8	Minimes



2025 Betfred Women's Super League Grand Final

Totally Wicked Stadium, St Helens

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

WIGAN WARRIORS V ST HELENS
Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Referee: Tara JONES

Tale of the tape - Wigan v St Helens in 2025:
Challenge Cup Final: Wigan 42-6 at Wembley
WSL Round 6: 22-all draw at Robin Park Arena
WSL Round 13: Wigan 24-20 at Totally Wicked Stadium



2025 NRL Telstra Premiership

17 clubs, 27 rounds. Top 8 sides qualify for finals

Round 1					
Mar-01	Sat 4:00pm	**Canberra 30**	**Warriors 8**	Allegiant	45,209
1	Sat 8:30pm	**Penrith 28**	**Cronulla 22**		
6	Thu 8:00pm	**Sydney 14**	**Brisbane 50**	Allianz	23,226
7	Fri 6:00pm	**Wests Tigers 8**	**Newcastle 10**	C'town	13,160
7	Fri 8:05pm	**Souths 16**	**Dolphins 14**	Commbank	6,738
8	Sat 5:30pm	**St Geo Illa 20**	**Canterbury 28**	Netstrata	16,211
8	Sat 7:35pm	**Manly 42**	**North Qld 12**	4 Pines	17,375
9	Sun 4:05pm	**Melbourne 56**	**Parramatta 18**	AAMI	23,369
Bye: Gold Coast					
Round 2					
Mar-13	Thu 8:00pm	**Newcastle 26**	**Dolphins 12**	McD. Jones	18,531
14	Fri 8:00pm	**Warriors 36**	**Manly 16**	Go Media	21,212
14	Fri 8:00pm	**Penrith 32**	**Sydney 38**	CommBank	12,180
15	Sat 3:00pm	**St Geo Illa 24**	**Souths 25**	WIN	16,111
15	Sat 4:30pm	**North Qld 12**	**Cronulla 36**	QLD C. Bank	18,714
15	Sat 7:35pm	**Canberra 32**	**Brisbane 22**	GIO	18,884
16	Sun 4:05pm	**Parramatta 6**	**Wests Tigers 32**	CommBank	18,362
16	Sun 6:15pm	**Canterbury 40**	**Gold Coast 24**	Belmore	17,892
Bye: Melbourne					
Round 3					
Mar-20	Thu 8:00pm	**Melbourne 30**	**Penrith 24**	AAMI	17,586
21	Fri 8:00pm	**Warriors 14**	**Sydney 6**	Go Media	23,219
21	Fri 7:00pm	**Brisbane 26**	**North Qld 16**	Suncorp	45,318
22	Sat 3:00pm	**Cronulla 27**	**Souths 12**	Pointsbet	14,320
22	Sat 4:30pm	**Dolphins 18**	**Wests Tigers 30**	Kayo	10,023
22	Sat 6:35pm	**Gold Coast 26**	**Newcastle 6**	Cbus Super	14,602
23	Sun 4:05pm	**Parramatta 8**	**Canterbury 16**	CommBank	24,059
23	Sun 6:15pm	**Manly 40**	**Canberra 12**	4 Pines	16,125
Bye: St Geo Illa					
Round 4					
Mar-27	Thu 8:00pm	**Souths 28**	**Penrith 18**	Accor	10,029
28	Fri 6:00pm	**Sydney 12**	**Gold Coast 30**	Allianz	14,101
28	Fri 7:00pm	**Dolphins 12**	**Brisbane 20**	Suncorp	44,278
29	Sat 3:00pm	**St Geo Illa 14**	**Melbourne 8**	Netstrata	6,211
29	Sat 4:30pm	**North Qld 30**	**Canberra 20**	QLD C. Bank	15,897
29	Sat 7:35pm	**Cronulla 6**	**Canterbury 20**	Pointsbet	11,703
30	Sun 4:05pm	**Manly 26**	**Parramatta 12**	4 Pines	17,286
30	Sun 6:15pm	**Wests Tigers 24**	**Warriors 26**	C'town	12,020
Bye: Newcastle					
Round 5	**Multicultural Round**				
Apr-03	Thu 8:00pm	**Canberra 24**	**Cronulla 20**	GIO	10,914
4	Fri 6:00pm	**Penrith 18**	**North Qld 22**	CommBank	10,320
4	Fri 8:00pm	**Souths 20**	**Sydney 14**	Accor	22,114
5	Sat 3:00pm	**Parramatta 23**	**St Geo Illa 22**	CommBank	19,302
5	Sat 4:30pm	**Gold Coast 10**	**Dolphins 36**	Cbus Super	13,167
5	Sat 6:35pm	**Brisbane 46**	**Wests Tigers 24**	Suncorp	41,011
6	Sun 4:05pm	**Manly 24**	**Melbourne 48**	4 Pines	17,346
6	Sun 6:15pm	**Canterbury 20**	**Newcastle 0**	Accor	24,113
Bye: Warriors					
Round 6					
Apr-10	Thu 7:50pm	**Dolphins 30**	**Penrith 12**	Suncorp	19,103
11	Fri 6:00pm	**St Geo Illa 38**	**Gold Coast 16**	WIN	8,510
11	Fri 8:00pm	**Brisbane 16**	**Sydney 26**	Suncorp	40,814
12	Sat 1:00pm	**Cronulla 24**	**Manly 18**	Optus	31,347
12	Sat 3:30pm	**Souths 16**	**North Qld 24**		
12	Sat 7:05pm	**Parramatta 12**	**Canberra 50**	TIO	9,556
13	Sun 2:00pm	**Melbourne 42**	**Warriors 14**	AAMI	26,427
13	Sun 4:05pm	**Newcastle 4**	**Wests Tigers 20**	McD. Jones	25,960
Bye: Canterbury					
Round 7	**Easter**				
17	Thu 7:50pm	**Manly 18**	**St Geo Illa 20**	4 Pines	17254
18	Fri 4:05pm	**Canterbury 32**	**Souths 0**	Accor	65305
18	Fri 8:00pm	**Dolphins 42**	**Melbourne 22**	Suncorp	28024
19	Sat 7:30pm	**Warriors 20**	**Brisbane 18**	Go Media	22395
19	Sat 7:35pm	**Sydney 12**	**Penrith 40**	Allianz	20373
20	Sun 2:00pm	**Gold Coast 20**	**Canberra 30**	Cbus Super	15089
20	Sun 4:05pm	**Newcastle 14**	**Cronulla 34**	McD. Jones	24248
21	Mon 4:00pm	**Wests Tigers 22**	**Parramatta 38**	CommBank	26145
Bye: North Qld					

Round 8	**ANZAC Round**				
Apr-24	Thu 7:50pm	**Brisbane 42**	**Canterbury 18**	Suncorp	40,233
25	Fri 4:00pm	**Sydney 46**	**St Geo Illa 18**	Allianz	41,021
25	Fri 8:05pm	**Warriors 26**	**Newcastle 12**	Apollo	17,095
25	Fri 8:10pm	**Melbourne 24**	**Souths 16**	AAMI	26,010
26	Sat 5:30pm	**North Qld 50**	**Gold Coast 18**	QLD C. Bank	20,349
26	Sat 7:35pm	**Penrith 10**	**Manly 26**	CommBank	14,534
27	Sun 2:00pm	**Canberra 40**	**Dolphins 28**	GIO	15,686
27	Sun 4:05pm	**Wests Tigers 20**	**Cronulla 18**	Leichhardt	14,812
Bye: Parramatta					
Round 9	**Magic Round Brisbane**				
May-02	Fri 6:00pm	**Cronulla 28**	**Parramatta 18**	Suncorp	Day 1 48,359
2	Fri 8:05pm	**Sydney 36**	**Dolphins 26**	Suncorp	
3	Sat 3:00pm	**Souths 4**	**Newcastle 30**	Suncorp	Day 2 50,658
3	Sat 5:30pm	**Warriors 30**	**North Qld 26**	Suncorp	
3	Sat 7:35pm	**Wests Tigers 34**	**St Geo Illa 28**	Suncorp	
4	Sun 1:45pm	**Gold Coast 18**	**Canterbury 38**	Suncorp	Day 3 50,309
4	Sun 4:05pm	**Penrith 32**	**Brisbane 8**	Suncorp	
4	Sun 6:25pm	**Melbourne 18**	**Canberra 20**	Suncorp	
Bye: Manly					
Round 10	**Women in League Round**				
May-08	Thu 7:50pm	**Parramatta 16**	**Dolphins 20**	CommBank	11,214
9	Fri 6:00pm	**Newcastle 20**	**Gold Coast 24**	McD. Jones	15,193
9	Fri 8:00pm	**Souths 22**	**Brisbane 14**	Accor	13,747
10	Sat 3:00pm	**Canberra 32**	**Canterbury 20**	GIO	23,827
10	Sat 5:30pm	**St Geo Illa 14**	**Warriors 15**	WIN	12,919
10	Sat 7:35pm	**North Qld 30**	**Penrith 30**	QLD C. Bank	19,324
11	Sun 2:00pm	**Melbourne 64**	**Wests Tigers 0**	AAMI	17,376
11	Sun 4:05pm	**Manly 14**	**Cronulla 30**	4 Pines	15,823
Bye: Sydney					
Round 11					
May-16	Fri 6:00pm	**Newcastle 6**	**Parramatta 28**	McD. Jones	20,125
16	Fri 8:00pm	**Canterbury 24**	**Sydney 20**	Accor	30,166
17	Sat 3:00pm	**Dolphins 12**	**Warriors 16**	Suncorp	32,165
17	Sat 5:30pm	**North Qld 6**	**Manly 24**	QLD C. Bank	18,965
17	Sat 7:35pm	**Cronulla 31**	**Melbourne 26**	Pointsbet	11,570
18	Sun 2:00pm	**Brisbane 26**	**St Geo Illa 30**	Suncorp	38,016
18	Sun 4:05pm	**Canberra 40**	**Gold Coast 24**	GIO	9,650
18	Sun 6:15pm	**Wests Tigers 12**	**Souths 22**	C'town	11,102
Bye: Penrith					
Round 12					
May-22	Thu 7:50pm	**Canterbury 8**	**Dolphins 44**	Accor	10,412
23	Fri 8:00pm	**Parramatta 30**	**Manly 10**	CommBank	13,425
24	Sat 5:30pm	**Penrith 6**	**Newcastle 25**	Carrington	12,000
24	Sat 7:35pm	**Sydney 42**	**Cronulla 16**	Industree	13,399
25	Sun 6:05pm	**Warriors 10**	**Canberra 16**	Go Media	26,512
Bye: Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne, North Qld, St Geo Illa, Souths, Wests Tigers					
Round 13					
May-30	Fri 8:00pm	**St Geo Illa 20**	**Newcastle 6**	Netstrata	10,411
31	Sat 3:00pm	**Gold Coast 16**	**Melbourne 28**	Cbus Super	13,509
31	Sat 5:30pm	**North Qld 32**	**Wests Tigers 28**	QLD C. Bank	17,470
31	Sat 7:35pm	**Manly 34**	**Brisbane 6**	4 Pines	17,375
Jun-01	Sun 2:00pm	**Souths 30**	**Warriors 36**	Accor	16,237
1	Sun 4:05pm	**Penrith 18**	**Parramatta 10**	CommBank	21,282
1	Sun 6:15pm	**Sydney 24**	**Canberra 26**	Allianz	17,223
Bye: Canterbury, Cronulla, Dolphins					
Round 14					
Jun-05	Thu 7:50pm	**Newcastle 26**	**Manly 22**	McD. Jones	16,027
6	Fri 6:00pm	**Melbourne 38**	**North Qld 14**	AAMI	19,096
6	Fri 8:00pm	**Dolphins 56**	**St Geo Illa 6**	Suncorp	19,513
7	Sat 5:30pm	**Cronulla 10**	**Warriors 40**	Pointsbet	13,727
7	Sat 7:35pm	**Brisbane 44**	**Gold Coast 14**	Suncorp	39,884
8	Sun 2:00pm	**Canberra 36**	**Souths 12**	GIO	19,438
8	Sun 4:05pm	**Wests Tigers 14**	**Penrith 18**	CommBank	17,708
9	Mon 4:00pm	**Canterbury 30**	**Parramatta 12**	Accor	59,878
Bye: Sydney					
Round 15					
Jun-12	Thu 7:50pm	**Cronulla 30**	**St Geo Illa 18**	Pointsbet	8,573
13	Fri 8:00pm	**Gold Coast 28**	**Manly 8**	Cbus Super	13,708
14	Sat 5:30pm	**Newcastle 8**	**Sydney 12**	McD. Jones	24,849
14	Sat 7:35pm	**North Qld 4**	**Dolphins 58**	QLD C. Bank	18,343
15	Sun 4:05pm	**Souths 18**	**Canterbury 24**	Accor	23,871
Bye: Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Parramatta, Penrith, Warriors, Wests Tigers					

Round 16					
Jun-20	Fri 8:00pm	**Wests Tigers 12**	**Canberra 16**	C'town	9,328
21	Sat 5:00pm	**Warriors 18**	**Penrith 28**	Go Media	25,012
21	Sat 3:30pm	**Dolphins 20**	**Newcastle 26**	HBF	10,077
21	Sat 7:35pm	**Souths 24**	**Melbourne 25**	Accor	10,093
22	Sun 2:00pm	**Brisbane 34**	**Cronulla 28**	Suncorp	39,042
22	Sun 4:05pm	**Sydney 42**	**North Qld 8**	Allianz	21,143
22	Sun 6:15pm	**Parramatta 36**	**Gold Coast 20**	CommBank	8,074
Bye: Canterbury, Manly, St Geo Illa					
Round 17	**Beanie for Brain Cancer Round**				
Jun-26	Thu 7:50pm	**Penrith 8**	**Canberry 6**	CommBank	16,738
27	Fri 6:00pm	**Manly 28**	**Wests Tigers 10**	4 Pines	17,055
27	Fri 8:00pm	**Newcastle 18**	**Canberra 22**	McD. Jones	17,527
28	Sat 3:00pm	**Brisbane 26**	**Warriors 12**	Suncorp	43,424
28	Sat 5:30pm	**St Geo Illa 34**	**Parramatta 20**	WIN	18,191
28	Sat 7:50pm	**Dolphins 50**	**Souths 28**	Suncorp	22,041
29	Sun 2:00pm	**Melbourne 30**	**Cronulla 6**	AAMI	21,933
29	Sun 4:05pm	**Gold Coast 24**	**North Qld 30**	Cbus Super	13,382
Bye: Sydney					
Round 18					
Jul-04	Fri 8:00pm	**Canterbury 18**	**Brisbane 22**	Accor	25,234
5	Sat 5:30pm	**Canberra 28**	**St Geo Illa 24**	GIO	15,932
5	Sat 7:35pm	**North Qld 20**	**Melbourne 26**	QLD C. Bank	20,383
6	Sun 2:00pm	**Sydney 28**	**Wests Tigers 30**	Allianz	24,311
6	Sun 4:05pm	**Manly 30**	**Souths 12**	4 Pines	17,298
Bye: Cronulla, Dolphins, Gold Coast, Newcastle, Parramatta, Penrith, Warriors					
Round 19					
Jul-11	Fri 8:00pm	**Cronulla 24**	**Dolphins 12**	Pointsbet	9,658
12	Sat 3:00pm	**Newcastle 14**	**Melbourne 32**	McD. Jones	21,107
12	Sat 5:30pm	**St Geo Illa 24**	**Sydney 31**	Netstrata	13,856
12	Sat 7:35pm	**North Qld 8**	**Canterbury 12**	QLD C. Bank	18,778
13	Sun 4:00pm	**Warriors 34**	**Wests Tigers 14**	Go Media	24,112
13	Sun 4:05pm	**Parramatta 10**	**Penrith 32**	CommBank	22,792
13	Sun 6:15pm	**Gold Coast 14**	**Brisbane 26**	Cbus Super	24,553
Bye: Canberra, Manly, Souths					
Round 20					
Jul-17	Thu 7:50pm	**Dolphins 43**	**North Qld 24**	Suncorp	23,172
18	Fri 6:00pm	**Cronulla 31**	**Sydney 18**	Pointsbet	11,846
18	Fri 8:00pm	**Penrith 30**	**Souths 10**	CommBank	11,836
19	Sat 3:00pm	**Canberra 40**	**Parramatta 16**	GIO	20,751
19	Sat 5:30pm	**Canterbury 20**	**St Geo Illa 18**	Accor	30,115
19	Sat 7:35pm	**Melbourne 16**	**Manly 18**	AAMI	19,011
20	Sun 2:00pm	**Wests Tigers 21**	**Gold Coast 20**	Leichhardt	16,073
20	Sun 4:05pm	**Newcastle 15**	**Warriors 20**	McD. Jones	21,117
Bye: Brisbane					
Round 21					
Jul-24	Thu 7:50pm	**Sydney 30**	**Melbourne 34**	Allianz	13,991
25	Fri 6:00pm	**North Qld 38**	**St Geo Illa 32**	QLD C. Bank	16,020
25	Fri 8:00pm	**Brisbane 20**	**Parramatta 22**	Suncorp	39,057
26	Sat 5:00pm	**Warriors 16**	**Gold Coast 24**	Go Media	24,212
26	Sat 5:30pm	**Penrith 36**	**Wests Tigers 2**	CommBank	16,753
26	Sat 7:35pm	**Souths 12**	**Cronulla 14**	Industree	13,986
27	Sun 2:00pm	**Canberra 44**	**Newcastle 18**	GIO	11,068
27	Sun 4:05pm	**Canterbury 42**	**Manly 4**	Allianz	25,801
Bye: Dolphins					
Round 22					
Jul-31	Thu 7:50pm	**Parramatta 10**	**Melbourne 16**	CommBank	9,402
Aug-01	Fri 8:00pm	**Warriors 18**	**Dolphins 20**	Go Media	23,012
1	Fri 8:00pm	**Brisbane 60**	**Souths 14**	Suncorp	38,430
2	Sat 3:00pm	**Gold Coast 26**	**Penrith 30**	Cbus Super	18,174
2	Sat 5:30pm	**St Geo Illa 18**	**Canberra 12**	WIN	8,567
2	Sat 7:35pm	**Manly 4**	**Sydney 20**	4 Pines	12,478
3	Sun 2:00pm	**Wests Tigers 28**	**Canterbury 14**	CommBank	17,423
3	Sun 4:05pm	**Cronulla 32**	**North Qld 12**	Pointsbet	6,321
Bye: Newcastle					

Round 23	**Indigenous Round**				
Aug-07	Thu 7:50pm	**Melbourne 22**	**Brisbane 2**	AAMI	21,324
8	Fri 6:00pm	**Newcastle 12**	**Penrith 48**	McD. Jones	20,197
8	Fri 8:00pm	**Canberra 28**	**Manly 12**	GIO	14,527
9	Sat 3:00pm	**St Geo Illa 22**	**Cronulla 14**	Netstrata	11,861
9	Sat 5:30pm	**Dolphins 12**	**Sydney 64**	Suncorp	24,117
9	Sat 7:35pm	**Canterbury 32**	**Warriors 14**	Accor	25,377
10	Sun 2:00pm	**Gold Coast 18**	**Souths 20**	Cbus Super	14,957
10	Sun 4:05pm	**Parramatta 19**	**North Qld 18**	CommBank	11,562
Bye: Wests Tigers					
Round 24	**Indigenous Round**				
Aug-14	Thu 7:50pm	**Penrith 18**	**Melbourne 22**	CommBank	12,869
15	Fri 8:00pm	**Warriors 14**	**St Geo Illa 10**	Go Media	23,276
15	Fri 8:00pm	**Sydney 32**	**Canterbury 12**	Allianz	31,399
16	Sat 3:00pm	**Cronulla 54**	**Gold Coast 22**	Pointsbet	10,112
16	Sat 5:30pm	**Brisbane 38**	**Dolphins 28**	Suncorp	44,350
16	Sat 7:35pm	**Souths 20**	**Parramatta 16**	Allianz	21,395
17	Sun 2:00pm	**Wests Tigers 26**	**Manly 12**	Allianz	13,105
17	Sun 4:05pm	**North Qld 38**	**Newcastle 4**	QLD C. Bank	16,640
Bye: Canberra					
Round 25	**Country Footy Round**				
Aug-21	Thu 7:50pm	**Souths 40**	**St Geo Illa 0**	Accor	7,213
22	Fri 6:00pm	**Penrith 16**	**Canberra 20**	Glen Willow	9,925
22	Fri 8:00pm	**Melbourne 20**	**Canterbury 14**	AAMI	25,693
23	Sat 3:00pm	**Manly 58**	**Dolphins 30**	4 Pines	14,172
23	Sat 5:30pm	**Gold Coast 18**	**Warriors 32**	Cbus Super	23,271
23	Sat 7:35pm	**Parramatta 30**	**Sydney 10**	CommBank	19,741
24	Sun 2:00pm	**Newcastle 12**	**Brisbane 46**	McD. Jones	25,814
24	Sun 4:05pm	**Wests Tigers 28**	**North Qld 34**	Leichhardt	16,055
Bye: Cronulla					
Round 26					
Aug-28	Thu 7:50pm	**Canterbury 28**	**Penrith 4**	Accor	23,597
29	Fri 8:00pm	**Warriors 22**	**Parramatta 26**	Go Media	25,012
29	Fri 8:00pm	**Melbourne 10**	**Sydney 40**	AAMI	21,155
30	Sat 3:00pm	**Canberra 24**	**Wests Tigers 10**	GIO	23,746
30	Sat 5:30pm	**St Geo Illa 24**	**Manly 40**	Netstrata	9,769
30	Sat 7:35pm	**North Qld 30**	**Brisbane 38**	QLD C. Bank	22,903
31	Sun 2:00pm	**Cronulla 40**	**Newcastle 16**	Pointsbet	12,234
31	Sun 4:05pm	**Dolphins 36**	**Gold Coast 30**	Suncorp	19,305
Bye: Souths					
Round 27					
Sep-04	Thu 7:50pm	**Brisbane 30**	**Melbourne 14**	Suncorp	44,645
5	Fri 6:00pm	**Manly 27**	**Warriors 26**	4 Pines	17,172
5	Fri 8:00pm	**Sydney 36**	**Souths 6**	Allianz	41,604
6	Sat 3:00pm	**St Geo Illa 20**	**Penrith 40**	WIN	17,442
6	Sat 5:30pm	**Gold Coast 36**	**Wests Tigers 28**	Cbus Super	16,093
6	Sat 7:35pm	**Canterbury 6**	**Cronulla 24**	Accor	30,368
7	Sun 2:00pm	**Dolphins 62**	**Canberra 24**	Kayo	10,023
7	Sun 4:05pm	**Parramatta 66**	**Newcastle 10**	CommBank	23,359
Bye: North Qld					

2025 NRL FINALS SERIES

Qualifying & Elimination Finals					
Sep-12	QF2 Fri 7:50pm	**(2) Melbourne 26**	**(3) Canterbury 18**	AAMI	22,117
13	EF2 Sat 4:05pm	**(6) Warriors 8**	**(7) Penrith 24**	Go Media	24,524
13	EF1 Sat 7:50pm	**(5) Cronulla 20**	**(8) Sydney 10**	Sharks	12,842
14	QF1 Sun 4:05pm	**(1) Canberra 28**	**(4) Brisbane 29**	GIO	25,523
Semi Finals					
Sep-20	SF1 Sat 7:50pm	**Canberra 12**	**Cronulla 32**	GIO	24,322
21	SF2 Sun 4:05pm	**Canterbury 26**	**Penrith 46**	Accor	56,872
Preliminary Finals					
Sep-26	PF2 Fri 7:50pm	**Melbourne 22**	**Cronulla 14**	AAMI	29,233
28	PF1 Sun 4:05pm	**Brisbane 16**	**Penrith 14**	Suncorp	52,491
2025 NRL Grand Final					
Oct 5	Sun 7:30pm	**Melbourne**	**Brisbane**	Accor	

2025 Ampol State of Origin

Mens and Womens three-game series

2025 Ampol Women's State of Origin Series - NSW won series 2-1					
May-01	Thu 7:45pm	**QLD 12**	**NSW 32**	Suncorp	26,022
15	Thu 7:45pm	**NSW 26**	**QLD 6**	Allianz	16,026
29	Thu 7:45pm	**NSW 14**	**QLD 18**	McD Jones	21,912

2025 Ampol Men's State of Origin Series - QLD won series 2-1					
May-29	Wed 8:05pm	**QLD 6**	**NSW 18**	Suncorp	52,483
Jun-18	Wed 8:05pm	**NSW 24**	**QLD 26**	Optus	57,203
Jul-9	Wed 8:05pm	**NSW 12**	**QLD 24**	Accor	80,256

