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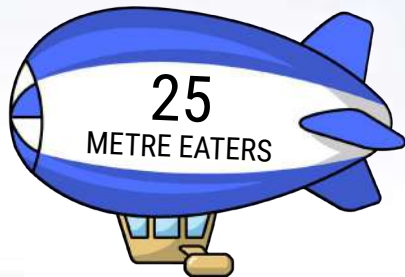
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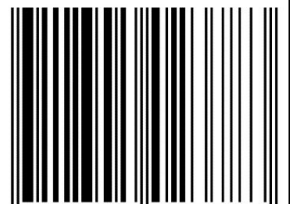
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INTRODUCTION



Welcome CEOs,

2018 marks the sixth year of producing 'The Bible' – we can't believe it! What started off as a bit of office procrastination over the Christmas period has now blossomed into what you see before you here – the ultimate asset for success in NRLCEO!

We have been busy this off-season scouring news articles, blogs and forums for any 'gold' that can be used in the draft. After all, knowledge is power and in purchasing this Guide, you have made the first step towards NRLCEO success!

We can't wait for the NRL season to kick off and as loyal NRLCEO fans, we are certain that you can't wait for your respective drafts – arguably the best time of the year!

A big thank you goes to the small NRLCEO Crew that helps put this Guide together – there's only four of us! Our graphic designer, Scott is the master of the pixel. He's given the Season Guide a real professional look. If you like his work and want to hire him for some design services, then check out bit.ly/scottbeeby to see his portfolio and get in touch.

Next is our enigma, Mig – a founder of the site and NRLCEO guru. Mig writes the majority of the Guide including hints, tips and team previews. Much to his disgust, his fellow CEOs often use his tips against him so look out for his dummies throughout the team previews!

There's the Godfather Cappo, who lives and breathes spreadsheets. If there's a stat to be had, then he's your man. The Godfather definitely has an offer too good to refuse and that's the super spreadsheet that you probably purchased with this Guide. It is worth its weight in Bitcoins!

And finally, myself, the Commish - JB. I love delegating the tasks to others but my primary role is being the social media man. I love interacting with you the fans, on Facebook, Twitter, Email, Text and even in person.

At NRLCEO, we love hearing what you love about the Guide, the website and our content. More importantly, we want to hear about additions and improvements that you want to see and feedback is always welcome (even negative stuff about the kicking points allocation!).

So please, do get in touch and let us know what you think. Good luck in your draft and may the best and most vocal team win in Season 2018!

Cheers,

The Commish

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TIPS FROM THE BOARD ROOM

We asked some fellow CEOs what they thought were the best tips to get through the draft and season ahead. Here's what they suggested:

- *"If you carry some witches hats around at your local NRL team's training session, people will just assume you're part of the club and won't question why you're there, leaving you free to scout for hours."*
- **Geoff Adams**
- *"Pick with your head, not with your heart. The players you love don't necessarily get the minutes."*
- **Brett Leslie**
- *"Draft Nathan Ross. You won't regret it!"*
- **Brandon Miley Blair**
- *"Do your research, everyone knows who the best players are and generally go early in the draft, coaches who pick up the mid round gems are the ones that will do well."*
- **Simon Fitzsimmons**
- *"Once the draft is complete, try not to be tempted by free agents. Your limited player terminations have to last the entire season."*
- **Scott Beeby**
- *"Don't follow the trend, start your own trend. E.g. if everyone is taking back rowers instead of taking a second rate backrower take the number one winger."*
- **Jeremy Claydon**
- *"Pick the best available player even if short in another position and pick centres last."*
- **Adam Hewat**
- *"Forwards win matches, backs by how much, ensure you have a good base of workhorses over a flashy backline."*
- **Geoff Adams**
- *"If a trade is too good to be true... it probably is! Always do a Google News search and check the player is not injured or dropped before you accept the trade."*
- **Jamie Bradnam**
- *"Always pick up the back up kicker at the club of your first choice kicker. Hand cuffing these players can save your season."*
- **Mark Mallard**
- *"Don't let past performance alone be the deciding factor in keeping a player. If they're having a bad season, cut them!"*
- **Alex McDonald**
- *"Pay close attention to Team List Tuesday because that's where most of the gold is."*
- **Scott Beeby**
- *"If you are the last player to pick a kicker in your competition, wait until the last round to pick your kicker. You effectively get another top tier pick."*
- **@JarvFromOz**
- *"With the changed Origin schedule this year you don't have to worry as much about your bye strategy. Go nuts on Blues and Maroons players."*
- **Scott Beeby**
- *"Draft till the end. While other people might be happy to pick up randoms towards the end, you can find one or two gems."*
- **Geoff Adams**
- *"Get to know the season guide intimately because it will be your best friend come draft day."*
- **Jamie Bradnam**



STEVE MENZIES STOLE OUR NAME...

The Beaver was one of the all-time great NRLCEO backrowers. In fact he was even named the best NRLCEO player of the last decade from 2005-2015 when we had a public vote. But that doesn't excuse him from stealing the name of our oldest tournament – the Legends of League.

Ok, we'll let him off along with Danny Buderus and Wendell Sailor since they raised a stack of cash for the Mark Hughes Foundation. We've also used many Legends names without their permission for the last eight years too...

Last year's final was won by Sylvester. Long time NRLCEO player and first time Champions League winner. You'll read more about him and his tactics on the next page.

If you haven't heard of the Legends of League tournament, then let me introduce you to Australia's biggest promotion and relegation fantasy draft tournament.

The top tier is made up of ten teams. The top four from the 2017 Champions League and the six winners of the Legends of League competitions. They all vie for the honour of being the champion of all champions.

The second tier is made up of six Legends of League competitions with eight teams in each league. The winner of each of these competitions competes in the next year's Champions League. The bottom two teams are relegated to the third tier.

The third tier is made up of six qualifying leagues. There are eight teams in each competition and the Grand Finalists of each of these competitions gets promoted to tier two the following year.

In each of these competitions the top five play-off in the finals to crown the champion of each League. It is \$10 entry per team and the winners receive an awesome trophy. There are limited places available in the tier three competitions depending on who returns.

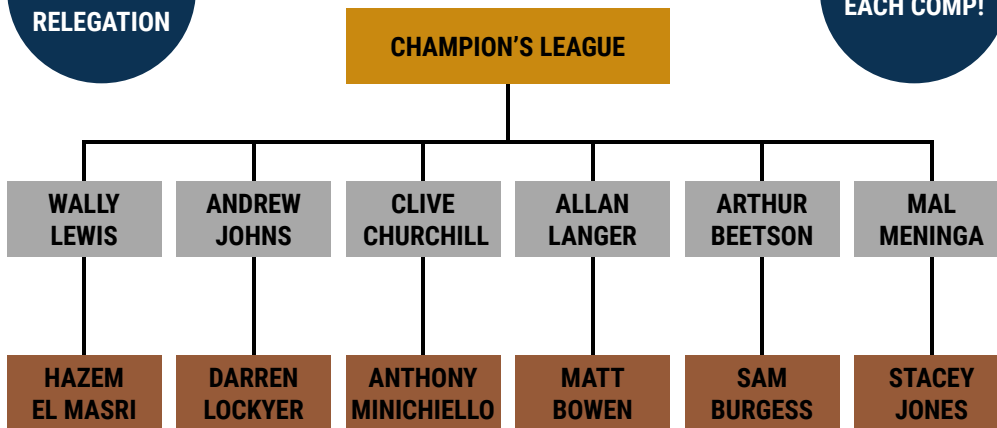


**106
PLACES**

**3 TIERS OF
PROMOTION &
RELEGATION**

**\$10
ENTRY**

**TROPHIES FOR
EACH COMP!**



THE 2017 WINNERS

Champions League Champion

Injury Brigade

Legends of League Champions

Wally Lewis Champion:
Aussiepistons

Andrew Johns Champion:
Fire Breathing Ferrets

Clive Churchill Champion:
Multiple Scorgasms

Arthur Beetson Champion:
Bucca Bulldogs

Allan Langer Champion:
Wallalong Emus

Mal Meninga Champion:
Bundy Bears

Qualifying League Champions

Hazem El Masri Champion:
Wild Ride

Darren Lockyer Champion:
Salty Baes

Sam Burgess Champion:
Just Another Burgess

Anthony Minichiello Champion:
Spider Pigs

Matt Bowen Champion:
Findre's

Stacey Jones Champion:
James Tabasco

INTERVIEW WITH THE CHAMPION

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How long have you been playing NRLCEO?

I believe I started either in 2012 or 2013 but I've been around since the Virtual NRL days!

What was your drafting strategy heading into 2017?

I like getting a top notch hooker or prop in the first round as the depth isn't there compared to backrow. After getting a bit of a forward pack I then turn my attention to the gun backs who will consistently find the chalk.

Lastly I look at which kickers are left and adjust the position I target based on the likely kicker I will get.

Who was your first draft pick and were you happy with him?

Nathan Peats was my first round pick, I said the year before I would target him as he looked like the complete package of double workhorse tries, tries and assists.

For this reason he was near the top of my draft preference list and since I left my auto pick on, he was it! He was a let down last year as his usual run of injuries struck both early and late in the season and even in games he played he never quite delivered the value I expected.

When you had a 50/50 call on picking a captain, how did you pick him?

When you have Jake Trbojevic in your side there usually isn't many 50/50 calls :) When there was a 50/50 call, I would usually go for a forward that had potential for other scoring plays other than workhorse.

Who was the worst player you drafted in 2017?

One of my last few picks was my worst however I wasn't expecting much from them. Hayne was probably my biggest let down, never lived up to the Hayne plane hype.

How was the pressure in the final few weeks? How did you handle it?

I never really felt the pressure as my team was always behind the 8 ball after my disaster opening few weeks where I was firmly at the bottom of the table. I managed to scrape into the the playoff and my goal was to win the first match to stay in CL. I knew it would be a tough ask winning the comp from 4th place so I kept my expectation down and let my players do the job on the field.

How did you feel when you realised you won the Champions League?

On top of the world, I've been trying to win the big one in NRLCEO for a number of seasons especially since I made the playoffs in the last two seasons including two years ago where I fell to Mig in the final.

Who will be your biggest rival in 2018?

The man that won't leave your sledging page empty Wallalong EMUS!!! I've been up against him since our Legends of League days so its always good getting one up over him.

Who's your #1 target player for 2018?

It's hard going past top dog Cameron Smith as #1 pick. His high kicker point may end up putting me off but for the time being he's the one.



SUPPORTERS LEAGUE

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What makes the Supporters League so much fun?

Adam: The fact you get to pick the best six from the team you support makes you a bit more invested when you watch your team play each week. Makes you really want those six you picked play well every week.

Chris: Getting to have a vested interest in the performance of your nrl team and your fantasy team. Not having to worry too much about the bye schedule is a bonus.

David: I enjoy the concept of having 'dibs' on my heroes. As a fan of a club you favour certain players, and to be able to have six of your choice first up is a bloody bonus!

Grant: The unpredictability. You feel as though you're in with a chance every game.

Jez: Supporters League puts you on your edge of your seat (especially if you're a Knights supporter) while barracking your favourite team home each week. Low scores means for close competitive games which keeps you in the game longer and sets you up for more enjoyable game then a blowout one :)

Melissa: I only watch one game each weekend and that's the Storm. Playing in this comp means I don't have to watch any other games!

What sort of players do you look for outside of your club's players?

Adam: I try fill up my forward pack as soon as possible unless there is an absolute backline gun still available. The old saying goes forwards win you the game, backs determine by how much. So, depending who my sixth pick is this year I would most probably be looking for forwards.

Chris: Players who are good value at their positions, that are either up and coming players (last year I took N.Cotric, J.Brailey and M.Dufty) or players who didn't perform the previous year due to injury but have the ability to be great (I drafted J.Waerea-Hargreaves and P.Hiku last year).

David: Any player that is a starting 13 player on a regular basis are key in my strategy. As long as they are on the field they are a chance of scoring points. They are also valuable for trades if needed.

Grant: I try to fill my team with the key positions first (hooker, second row, halves) and fortunately they tend to come from my team. Centres and wingers can be a bit more unpredictable, so you can pick up decent ones at later stages.

Jez: I look to setup my forward pack first (back rower, front row, hooker) as it sets your foundation if you have all your forwards scoring workhorses and an easy option to pick a gun forward as a captain then a risky back hoping they will do something.

Melissa: The Storm props have been average each year. Jesse Bromwich killed me. So I'll be on the lookout for a prop – if there are any left.

Who are your six picks for your team in 2018?

Adam: The six I'd pick this year would be Cameron Smith, Billy Slater, Felise Kaufusi, Dale Finucane, Suliasi Vunivalu. The sixth one would be very hard to choose, I'd either go Josh Addo-Carr or Cameron Munster.

Chris: Cam Smith, J.Bromwich, D.Finucane, F.Kaufusi, S.Vunivalu, J.Addo-Carr although it would be tempting to look at either of the Melbourne halves...

David: Simon Mannering, Shaun Johnson, Roger Tuivasa-shack, Tohu Harris, Bunty Afoa and David Fusitua.

Grant: Cam Smith - Fantasy God, Dale Finucane, Suliasi Vunivalu, Billy Slater, Josh Addo-Carr and Felise Kaufusi.

Jez: My top six are Kalyn Ponga, Connor Watson, Mitch Pearce, Mitch Barnett, Jamie Buhner and Aiden Guerra... I am hoping Ponga is the main goal kicker.

Melissa: The greatest fantasy player of all time and best looking – Cam Smith. First pick and captain every week for me every week. Then Suliasi Vunivalu is the next pick along with Josh Addo-Carr, Dale Finucane, Felise Kaufusi and of course Billy Slater.



Chris
(Storm)
Supporter League I

David
(Warriors)
Supporter League II

Melissa
(Storm)
Supporter League III



Jez
(Newcastle)
Supporter League IV

Grant
(Storm)
Supporter League V

Adam
(Raiders)
Supporter League VI

Supporters League in 2018

Our Supporters Leagues now has more people participating than the Gold Coast Titans have members! 96 teams compete in six competitions, representing their club while attempting to win their own NRL jersey (and of course the bragging rights).

How does it work?

- There are 16 teams in each competition each representing
- Each team drafts six players from their club before the draft begins
- Once every team has picked their six players a draft begins to fill a squad of 17
- The draft order is based on the reverse order of the bookies odds to win the competition (therefore Tigers gets first pick and the Roosters last) and then goes in snake order

ROOKIE WATCH

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For the purpose of this article I'm going to define a rookie as someone who has played less than half a season – 12 games or less in the top grade.

I didn't have the best strike rate with our rookies last year. I can't believe that as a Raiders supporter I didn't back **Nic Cotric!** Nevertheless I did predict a big year for young **Jayden Brailey** and he was a fantastic NRLCEO draft pick for me last year. It's still obvious **Kalyn Ponga** is going to be a star but just had a transition year. I also had big wraps on **Nat Butcher** and I still think he is going to become one of the next great workhorses. Unfortunately he spent half the season injured and therefore is still, technically, a rookie.

So who's on our radar for this year?

As far as high profile rookies go, they don't get much bigger than **Brodie Croft** replacing Cooper Cronk at the Storm. He debuted in 2016 but has played just five NRL games and should play a full season of first grade this year. With an eye for the try line, he has already scored four NRL tries and like Cooper, looks to run when it's on.

The Sea Eagles have a vacant spot in their halves at the moment and unless they sign an experience half or experiment with Dylan Walker again then I'd be having a look at **Tom Wright** if I was Trent Barrett. The rugby prodigy has only played league for two years but has bamboozled defences in the NYC scoring 18 tries and laying on 12 for others.

From a young workhorse perspective (a workfoal if you will) you can't look too far past the Tigers. Lebanon representative **Alex Twal** played nine games for the Tigers in 2017 scoring four workhorses. At the World Cup he made the fifth most tackles behind workhorse legends such as Whitehead, Smith and Graham. The unknown is how many minutes he will get with the new forward rotation.

By far the best rookie workhorse in 2017 though was **Matt Eisenhuth** (pictured). The cousin of Paul Gallen finished the season with ten workhorses and a double workhorse in just 11 games. This guy is going to be a star but with the Tigers pack improving he will get reduced minutes from Chris McQueen and Elijah Taylor.

It's a tough job to try and replace Semi Radradra. The Eels have a host of contenders including Bevan French, Jarryd Hayne, George Jennings



Tom Wright



Reed Mahoney



Matt Eisenhuth



Jack Murchie



Greg Leleisiuaio



Patrick Corrigan

and Josh Hoffman. But Brad Arthur could decide to pluck **Greg Leleisiuaio** (pictured) from NYC straight into first grade. He scored 21 tries in 22 games including 32 line breaks. He has some issues in defence which could require some time playing for Wentworth but if I hear a sniff of him in the first grade squad I'm drafting him!

The top tackler of the NSW Intrust Super Premiership was 23 year old **Brendan Attwood**. The Blacktown captain averaged 38 tackles per game with a tackle efficiency of 87% as well as averaging 81 metres per game. He's not on the radars of Sea Eagles selectors at this stage, but the Sea Eagles love a workhorse second rower and he would be great alongside Jake Trbojevic and Joel Thompson.

Leading the tackle count for the National Youth Championship last year was Eels utility/hooker **Reed Mahoney** (pictured). Despite coming off the bench in all but three games he averaged 49 involvements per match through 1,124 tackles and 199 runs in 27 games. He also managed 11 tries on his way to winning the Player of the Year award at Parramatta. He looks a great prospect and plays in a position where the Eels are not flush with depth.

The Sharks have a lock in waiting for when Paul Gallen retires. Much like Gallen starting his career off the bench for the Sharks as a 19 year old, I expect Under 20's workhorse **Billy Magoulias** to be able to do the same. A longer term drafting prospect for those in keeper leagues sniffing out a future workhorse, the Under 20's lock of the year averaged 37 tackles and 15 runs per game. He's got the engine to be a star.

The Raiders are fairly flush with back rowers but if Luke Bateman continues to be a powder puff then I won't be surprised if Ricky promotes **Jack Murchie** (pictured) to the first grade squad. Following an outstanding 2017 where he was named in the NYC Team of the Year as well as playing for the NSW and Australian Under 20's sides, he is also in the Raiders training squad. The former Milton-Ulladulla Bulldog averaged 34 involvements per game and scored eight tries in 19 games. He's hard running and quick! A bit of an Angus Crichton clone.

The Broncos front row stocks look to be in good shape if **Patrick Corrigan** can kick on as much as scouts believe he can. The physiotherapy student averaged 54 involvements per game in the 20's through 698 tackles and 383 runs in 20 games for the Baby Broncos.

SUPER LEAGUE SCOUTING

It seems like there are much more in the departure lounge than the arrivals lounge this year.

No less than 24 players are on their way from the NRL to the Super League and so far only seven are returning the other way. In an interesting sign, there is only one Englishman making his way down under this year too – and he wasn't even born in the UK!

The biggest fanfare has been around the Broncos 22 year old recruit, **Andre Savelio**. The young Brit has been likened to the body shape of SBW, but those comparisons never really end well. Just ask Karl Filiga. Sticking with the comparison though, he was born in New Zealand but moved to home country when he was just one. He has signed a two year deal with the Broncos to test himself against the world's best.

In preseason, the 188cm and 108kg power forward has tested well in the fitness stakes, despite adjusting to the heat. He has played 78 games in the Super League for St Helens, Castleford and Warrington scoring 13 tries in the process. Sadly for all you CEOs he's not exactly a workhorse in the sense of some of our other Pommy arrivals. Last year he made 411 tackles and 163 runs in 17 games to give him an average of 33 involvements per game. All but four of those appearances were off the bench as well.

The Warriors have recently had the signing of Cook Island International (is that even an honour?) **Anthony Gelling** who has spent the last six seasons in the UK. The now former Wigan Warrior scored 52 tries in 106 appearances for the club and was a colourful character both on and off the field. I think he'll be a good back-up centre for the Warriors at best. He will find it hard to break into that line-up and therefore is not on my drafting radar.

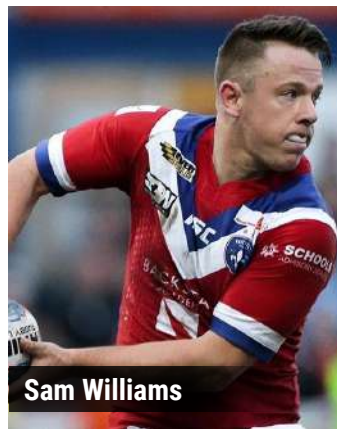
In **Sam Williams**, the Raiders are getting a very known quantity. Now back for his third stint in the nation's capital, the Cooma Stallion junior will play a back-up role at the club, but could prove even more valuable as a utility. Still only 25 and with 73 NRL games under his belt, Williams will likely find himself playing in a #14 jersey unless there are injuries to Aiden Sezer or Blake Austin. If he stays in that role then he's unlikely to have any CEO relevance whatsoever but if he has to step up into the halves due to injury or poor form then he has proven point scoring record with three tries, 13 try assists and a total of 51 NRLCEO points in 16 games in his best season in 2015.



Andre Savelio



Mahe Fonua



Sam Williams



Peta Hiku

In my mind it's hard to believe that **Mahe Fonua** is still only 25. He played four seasons for the Storm before a further two years in the Super League for Hull FC. He was quite successful over there scoring 31 tries in 58 games in total. In 2017 he made 20 appearances and scored 11 tries finishing as the ninth highest on the metres gained list with 3,189 metres making him a good option for those in Metre Eater competitions. He was also 14th on the list of tackles busts with 72. It will be a tussle for positions in the outside backs at the Tigers and they will be hoping he is more Taniela Tuiaki than Lote Tuqiri...

The signing of an international player is usually a pretty big deal, but many international careers have gone to the Warriors to fail. **Peta Hiku** was very impressive in his ten games with the Warrington Wolves after a mid-season transfer last year, scoring 11 tries in total. The club was gutted to lose him, but a return to his native New Zealand was too good to turn down. He was pretty bog average at the Panthers in 2016, but if you go back further you'll see that he scored 52 and 86 points on NRLCEO in the 2014 and 2015 seasons when he was at Manly. He even scored 17 tries in 2014, but that was playing on the wing. In the centres at the Warriors he will do well, but don't expect Solomone Kata numbers.

Former Bulldogs winger **Corey Thompson** had a great time of it over in the UK. He scored a total of 37 tries in 52 appearances for the Widnes Vikings including 27 in one Super League season which put him in the top 15 top try scorers of all time for one season. He was a solid first grade winger back here but he won't start in the Tigers best 17 at the beginning of the year. Definitely a depth player and one to keep track of but not to draft.

Former Eels firebrand **Mitch Allgood** has joined the Dragons pack via Wakefield Trinity where he made eight appearances and a further 30 for Hull KR in the Super League over three seasons. Don't even bother reading any further into this signing. He won't be in the Dragons top 17 and over two seasons at the Eels he didn't manage a single NRLCEO point in 30 appearances. He'll be behind James Graham, Paul Vaughan, Jeremy Latimore, Leeson Ah Mau and a Jacob Host of others in the front row stocks.

At the time of writing **Alex Walmsley** has not signed for the Dragons, but the rumours are still hanging around. If they do manage to get him, then he would be the only Super League signing that I would be looking to draft.

WORKHORSE WATCHER

By Geoff Adams

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This time last year Dave Taylor couldn't put a foot wrong. At the Raiders in train-and-trial capacity, Taylor was the model player who made every session, shed kilos and did enough to earn a one year deal. Fast forward to present day and with a three year, million dollar contract in his back pocket, Taylor's breach of Toronto Wolfpack protocol was so bad, it was grounds for instant dismissal. What changed? Do all footballers perform better when they're playing for a contract and how can a NRLCEO take advantage?

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

In 2017, 60% of forwards coming off contract performed better or equal to the previous season. And while that number doesn't make allowances for players who just got more opportunity it also doesn't consider injuries among those whose numbers declined (we're only somewhat scientific here at Workhorse Watch HQ).

One of the breakout stars of 2017 was **Felise Kaufusi**. The Melbourne second rower scored 20 workhorse tries after scoring just one in 2016. While Kevin Proctor's departure provided the opportunity for him to shine, the form that lead to seven workhorse tries in the opening seven games would've given the Storm hierarchy plenty of confidence in signing him to a three year deal in late April.

Speculation around **Paul Gallen's** retirement has been floated for several seasons. After winning the premiership in 2016 many thought he might call it quits. But he signed on for one more year and never ruled out another run around in 2018. His form last year made it impossible for the Sharks not to extend his deal another season with the Cronulla captain scoring 24 workhorse tries in as many games.

Andrew McCullough is one player who knows when it's contract time. McCullough's 17 workhorse tries last year was the best he's done in a season since the last time he was off contract which was back in 2015 when he scored 23. His 17 workhorses last season came in just 18 games compared to the 13 workhorse tries he scored in 19 games in 2016.

When it comes to big contracts there have been none bigger than the 10 year deal **Jason Taumalolo** signed to stay at the Cowboys. While Taumalolo signed just three weeks into the season, the hulking back rower had notched up two workhorse tries in two games (after scoring zero workhorse tries in the opening three games of the previous year) while taking his average metres per game from 166 metres in 2016 to 257.5 metres in the two games prior to inking his new deal.

And while Taumalolo's might have been the biggest contract in 2017, the most talked about was undoubtedly **Aaron Woods**. The "will he or won't he" was excruciating and after ignoring Ivan Cleary's deadline to commit to the Tigers he later signed with the Bulldogs as he amassed 20 workhorse tries in the year he was off contract, a marked improvement on the 13 he scored in 2016.



HELP ME, HELP YOU

So who can we expect to raise their stocks in 2018 in the hope of signing a lucrative new contract? There's plenty to choose from, not to mention the up and comers who aren't yet on the workhorse map, but here are the players whose stories are particularly compelling.

Whenever **Josh Papalii** is up for a new contract he makes sure he scores in double digits for workhorse tries that season. In 2013, after renegeing on a contract at Parramatta, he chose to stay with the Raiders for a further three years and finished the year with 10 workhorse tries. The following season he dropped down to just four. Although he still had a year to go on his contract in 2015, in November of that year he penned a new three year deal after scoring 10 workhorses and a career best eight tries.

This season marks the final year of **Issac Luke's** contract at the Warriors. Luke scored 12 workhorse tries last season which doesn't compare too badly to the 13 he scored in his final year at the Rabbitohs until you consider he played three more game last year compared to 2015. Furthermore his overall output last year (73 points) was down on both 2016 (91 points) and 2015 (94 points).

Ethan Lowe made his mark in the workhorse ranks back in 2015 when he scored 20 workhorse tries. In May of that season, with seven workhorse tries in eight games (including his first ever double workhorse) Lowe signed on till the end of the following year. 2016 was another highly productive one for the Goondiwindi junior scoring 19 workhorse tries prompting him to sign on for a further two season through until the end of this season. Last year was the first time in a while Lowe wasn't looking to sign a new deal and despite playing every game last season, he only managed 13 workhorse tries.

There's no telling what Parramatta's **Nathan Brown** could be capable of this year. Brown first came to my attention in 2016 when he broke through for his inaugural workhorse try and finished the season at Souths with six to his name. He signed to join the Eels and since then has gone from strength to strength. So after going from zero to six the last time he was looking for a new deal, what will he end up on this season having racked up 22 workhorse tries last year?

When **Korbin Sims** signed a two year deal with the Broncos in 2017 he was coming off 10 workhorse tries with the Knights the previous year. And while it was always going to be harder to make a mark in the Broncos' pack compared to the Knights', one solitary workhorse last season ain't gonna cut it.

Finally, the hooking role at a number of clubs remains unclear but **Cameron King** looks to have first dibs at Parramatta. With five workhorse tries in the final six rounds of 2017 and with a new contract to be earned, King could be in for a big year.

Other hookers off contract this season include **Jazz Tevaga** who struggled last year but may get more of an opportunity in the back row given the log jam at #9.

Speaking of log jams, **Mitch Rein** may not see much game time behind **Nathan Peats** but the last time he was off contract he had 26 workhorse tries for the Dragons compared to 11 the year before.

Oh and **Cameron Smith** is also off contract but I don't think we can classify him as a player who only lifts come contract time.

2017 DREAM TEAM

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Player	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	40/20s	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	SB	2017 Total
1 Tom Trbojevic	22	12	0	0	0	0	24	18	19	18	0	169
2 Jordan Rapana	23	21	0	0	0	0	15	6	24	0	0	150
3 James Roberts	23	16	0	0	0	0	20	5	14	2	0	130
4 Tim Lafai	24	7	6	0	0	0	20	12	11	17	0	120 (132)
5 Semi Radradra	24	20	0	0	0	0	16	5	22	3	0	147
6 Gareth Widdop	21	10	75	1	1	0	2	21	9	20	0	117 (267)
7 Michael Morgan	23	10	0	0	2	0	3	21	9	13	0	112
8 Paul Vaughan	23	8	0	0	0	19	14	1	9	1	0	148
9 Cameron McInnes	24	4	0	0	0	23	0	5	4	6	0	128
10 Felise Kaufusi	24	8	0	0	0	20	2	3	10	2	0	134
11 Simon Mannering	22	5	0	0	0	26	3	2	5	5	0	144
12 Jake Trbojevic	23	9	0	0	0	24	5	0	8	5	0	155
13 Paul Gallen	24	3	0	0	0	24	25	2	3	6	0	171

Points in this guide are: Tries = 4 | Workhorses = 4 | Double Workhorses = 4 | Field Goals = 1 | Try Assists = 2 | Line Breaks = 1 | Line Break Assists = 1 | Sin Bins = -2 | Send Offs = -4 (brackets includes goals (x2))

2017 TOP 100

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#	Player	Score	Position Rank
1.	P. Gallen	171	BR1
2.	T. Trbojevic	169	FB1
3.	J. Trbojevic	155	BR2
4.	J. Rapana	150	WG1
5.	P. Vaughan	148	FR1
6.	S. Mannering	144	BR3
7.	J. Taumalolo	141	BR4
8.	S.Vunivalu	140	WG2
9.	F. Kaufusi	134	BR5
10.	J. Roberts	130	CT1
11.	C. McInnes	128	HK1
12.	A. Johnston	127	WG3
13.	J. Addo-Carr	127	WG4
14.	R. T-Sheck	126	FB2
15.	M. Gillett	125	BR6
16.	A.Crichton	124	BR7
17.	C. Smith	121	HK2
18.	N. Brown	121	BR8
19.	T.Lafai	120	CT2
20.	E. Whitehead	119	BR9
21.	D. Walker	118	CT3
22.	J. McGuire	118	BR10
23.	G. Widdop	117	FE1
24.	A. Woods	117	FR2
25.	S. Burgess	116	BR11

#	Player	Score	Position Rank
26.	A. Tolman	114	FR3
27.	A. Koroisau	112	HK3
28.	M. Morgan	112	FE2
29.	C. Walker	110	FE3
30.	J. De Belin	110	BR12
31.	D. C-Evans	108	HB1
32.	J. Nightingale	108	WG5
33.	A. Fifita	106	FR4
34.	E. Taylor	105	BR13
35.	B. Slater	104	FB3
36.	T. Moga	103	CT4
37.	J. W-Hargreaves	102	FR5
38.	A. Milford	101	FE4
39.	L. Mitchell	100	CT5, WG6
40.	R. James	100	FR6
41.	J. Tedesco	98	FB4
42.	J. Hodgson	98	HK4
43.	C. Oates	97	WG7
44.	J. Wighton	96	FB5
45.	J. Leilua	96	CT6
46.	S. Bolton	96	FR7
47.	C. Hess	95	BR14
48.	J. Friend	95	HK5
49.	D. Finucane	94	BR15
50.	A. McCullough	94	HK6

#	Player	Score	Position Rank
51.	D. Fusitua	94	CT7, WG8
52.	D. Nofaaluma	94	WG9
53.	L. Keary	94	FE5
54.	M. Barnett	93	BR16
55.	M. Pearce	93	HB2
56.	B. Ferguson	92	CT8, WG9
57.	R. Leutele	90	CT9
58.	D. Tupou	89	WG10
59.	J. Thompson	88	BR17
60.	N. Cotric	88	WG11
61.	J. Papalii	87	BR18
62.	C. Gutherson	86	FB6
63.	J. Morris	86	CT10
64.	M. Jennings	86	CT11
65.	M. Lichaa	86	HK7
66.	N. Cleary	85	HB3
67.	S. Johnson	84	HB4
68.	B. Kelly	84	CT12
69.	N. Ross	84	WG12
70.	J. Graham	83	FR8
71.	J. Wallace	83	FR9
72.	A. Uate	82	WG13
73.	B. Hunt	82	HB5
74.	B. Cordner	82	BR19
75.	K. Hurrell	82	CT13

#	Player	Score	Position Rank
76.	W. Chambers	82	CT14
77.	J. Croker	81	CT15
78.	V. Holmes	81	FB7
79.	M. Taupau	81	BR20, FR10
80.	T. Peachey	80	CT16
81.	A. Taylor	78	HB6
82.	B. Lee	78	CT17
83.	T. Merrin	78	BR21
84.	A. Guerra	77	BR22
85.	M. Moylan	77	FE6
86.	D. Gagai	76	CT18
87.	D. Klemmer	75	BR23
88.	S. Feki	75	WG14
89.	A. Don	74	WG15
90.	C. Cronk	74	HB7
91.	R. Farah	74	HK8
92.	W. Graham	74	BR24
93.	W. Hopoate	74	CT19, FB8
94.	C. Munster	73	FE7
95.	M. Moses	73	HB8
96.	I. Luke	73	HK9
97.	K. Feldt	73	WG16
98.	D. W-Zelezniak	71	WG17
99.	K. Naiqama	71	WG18
100.	M. Ma'u	71	BR25

TOP PLAYERS BY POSITION



FULLBACKS	TR	ME	TA	LB	TOTAL
Tom Trbojevic	12	24	18	19	169
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck	10	24	8	14	126
Billy Slater	7	5	19	12	104
James Tedesco	5	20	9	13	98
Jack Wighton	7	12	11	11	96

FIVE EIGHTHS	TR	ME	TA	LB	TOTAL
Gareth Widdop	10	21	9	20	117
Michael Morgan	10	21	9	13	112
Cody Walker	6	20	13	19	110
Anthony Milford	7	19	9	15	101
Luke Keary	7	16	10	22	94

HALF BACKS	TR	TA	LB	LBA	TOTAL
Daly Cherry-Evans	6	22	5	18	108
Mitchell Pearce	7	16	6	19	93
Nathan Cleary	11	11	7	12	85
Shaun Johnson	4	20	9	15	84
Ben Hunt	6	17	6	13	82

HOOKERS	TR	ME	TA	LB	TOTAL
Cameron McInnes	4	23	5	6	128
Cameron Smith	2	15	15	17	121
Apisai Koroisau	3	17	6	7	112
Josh Hodgson	3	13	10	11	98
Jake Friend	3	17	5	2	95

WINGERS	TR	ME	TA	LB	TOTAL
Jordan Rapana	21	15	6	24	150
Suliasi Vunivalu	23	9	5	20	140
Alex Johnston	22	4	5	16	127
Josh Addo-Carr	19	15	1	19	127
Jason Nightingale	16	6	5	15	108
Latrell Mitchell	13	4	7	16	100
Corey Oates	13	15	1	13	97
David Fusitua	12	13	3	10	94
David Nofoaluma	8	19	3	14	94
Blake Ferguson	10	14	4	13	92

CENTRES	TR	ME	TA	LB	TOTAL
James Roberts	16	20	5	14	130
Tim Lafai	7	20	12	11	120
Dylan Walker	12	15	10	12	118
Tautau Moga	9	21	5	7	103
Latrell Mitchell	13	4	7	16	100
Joseph Leilua	10	13	7	6	96
David Fusitua	12	13	3	10	94
Blake Ferguson	10	14	4	13	92
Ricky Leutele	7	16	6	10	90
Josh Morris	9	12	6	7	86

KICKERS	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
Nathan Cleary	86	96	90%
Cameron Smith	78	100	78%
Jarrold Croker	77	94	82%
Gareth Widdop	75	93	81%
Jordan Kahu	69	87	79%

FRONT ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH	ME	TOTAL
Paul Vaughan	8	19	0	14	148
Aaron Woods	2	19	1	10	117
Aiden Tolman	1	21	4	4	114
Andrew Fifita	1	19	0	9	106
Jared W-Hargreaves	0	20	0	7	102
Ryan James	3	18	2	1	100
Scott Bolton	1	19	1	6	96
James Graham	1	14	3	3	83
Jarrold Wallace	0	15	2	7	83
Martin Taupau	1	10	0	16	81

BACK ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH	ME	TOTAL
Paul Gallen	3	22	2	25	171
Jake Trbojevic	9	22	2	5	155
Simon Mannering	5	21	5	3	144
Jason Taumalolo	3	15	1	29	141
Felise Kaufusi	8	20	0	2	134
Matt Gillett	7	19	0	0	125
Angus Crichton	7	16	1	8	124
Nathan Brown	1	19	3	11	121
Elliott Whitehead	5	18	0	2	119
Josh McGuire	3	18	3	9	118
Sam Burgess	5	17	2	7	116
Jack De Belin	2	20	1	4	110
Elijah Taylor	5	19	0	0	105
Coen Hess	12	8	0	2	95
Dale Finucane	3	17	1	2	94

Fun Fact:

Cameron Smith was 2017's most popular player. On average he was drafted sixth, beating James Graham who was eighth.

Fun Fact:

Paul Gallen was 2017's MVP on 171 points, but overall he was the 13th most popular draft pick behind J.Croker and A.Woods.

THE HOLY GRAIL

In 2018 we don't have much in the way of new functionality due to a hectic off season but we can announce a new rule change!

Introducing the TRIPLES!

Triple Metre Eaters: 300 metres or more in any position

Triple Workhorse: 70+ involvements and 175m+ for Front and Back Rowers.
60+ involvements and 125m+ for Hookers.

This is the new Holy Grail of NRLCEO. We decided that there needed to be something to strive for after your gun workhorse reaches a Double Workhorse.

So who is on the radar for these crazy new scoring options?

Roger Tuivasa-Sheck is the only player to have ever cleared 300 metres in one game. He did so twice in 2015. He has passed 250 metres eight times in his career but did not exceed 237 metres at all last year.

You would assume this is **Jason Taumalolo** territory but he didn't reach 300 once last year. He did however pass 250 metres three times with a season high 284 metres in Round 1.

Paul Gallen also passed 250 metres once with a season high 278 metres.

Let's see if anyone can clear it in 2018!

On the Triple Workhorse front however, this was achieved once last year by the NRLCEO MVP.

The oldest player in NRL, **Paul Gallen** reached the Holy Grail in Round 19 last year against the Warriors when he had an incredible 74 involvements and ran for 234 metres! These performances are exactly why we've brought in this new rule. It's definitely worth the same value as a hat-trick.



Simon Mannering came close on a few occasions. In Round 16 he had 75 involvements but fell short with the metres having just 143 metres. The next round he had 71 involvements and even close had 165 metres gained. That's a pretty crazy Close But No Cigar!

Big bad **Nathan Brown** certainly gets the metres for this scoring rate with four games above 175 metres, but each time he fell short of the involvements. The closest got was 67 involvements which is pretty bloody good!

For the Dogs, **Aiden Tolman** came close in Round 17 when he had 74 involvements but just 132 metres. It's tough to get into this club isn't it?!?! His new front row partner **Aaron Woods** came close once when he had 201 metres but couldn't get the involvements, with just 61 total.

So there is no point drafting to try and target a player who will regularly score these new options for you. It's just not going to happen! This is just a new method to reward those really hard working fullbacks, back rowers and props who deserve more points for their efforts.

Until then we're all just Hunting and Collecting. On the road to the Holy Grail...

2014	2015	2016	2017
8th	2nd	5th	3rd

Premiership Odds: \$12
Premierships: 6
Bye Round: 13



The Drought Continues...

Another year and another season without a title for the glamour club. An abundance of soft draws, a bottomless Third Party Agreement pit and Origin stars galore has all amounted to nothing for the past 11 seasons and the Brisbane fans are getting restless.

Believe it or not, Ben Hunt is a huge loss for the club - Adam Blair on the other hand is not! It could be argued that the Broncos may be starting to lose their lustre on the recruitment front. Sure, they snaffled Jack Bird from under the Sharks' noses, but the reality is, the Broncos have lost plenty of talent who they really wanted to keep!

Coach Wayne Bennett has kept his cards very close to his chest this off season. For the NRLCEO Coach the guessing game around where Bird plays, directly influences the value of others - most notably Josh McGuire and Andrew McCullough. Originally, Bird was signed to play in the halves or lock. But now, the vacated left centre spot looks the most likely.

That outcome would most likely result in Josh McGuire playing at lock and not gaining front row eligibility early in the season - a rather valuable commodity that could go begging!

The other value targets in the forwards are predictable with hooker Andrew McCullough and edge defender Matt Gillett the stand out workhorses. McCullough is coming back from a busted ACL though and is a risky early target. What's more, Bennett may go full random and play Bird at #7 with Nikorima coming off the bench to support Macca.

In the backs, the Broncos love going to Milford and that's no secret. Consequently, the left edge gets plenty of ball, so Corey Oates will be a handy mid-draft pick up again.

On the other side of the field, the acceleration and speed of James Roberts can not be ignored and whoever plays in the #7 will be tasked with getting him early ball. The Flash is easily the number one centre target but shouldn't be drafted too early - after all, he's just a centre! If you're drafting centres before you've filled your pack then you're doing it wrong...

At the back, Darius Boyd loves a try assist but there are better fullback options available to draft. Boyd's 108 points in 2016 was an outlier and expecting him to return to those lofty heights is like waiting for Anthony Milford to give up McDonald's. It's not gonna happen.

Overall, the Broncos have a real look of 'meh' about them. They'll most likely finish in the top eight but an injury to Milford could be detrimental for them. Unlike previous seasons, there's far too many 'what ifs' with the Broncos starting line-up for the NRLCEO Coach...

Player Changes

Gains	• Jack Bird	• Andre Savelio
	• Patrick Mogo	
Losses	• Ben Hunt	• Benji Marshall
	• Adam Blair	• Tautau Moga
	• Jai Arrow	• Herman Ese'ese
	• Francis Molo	

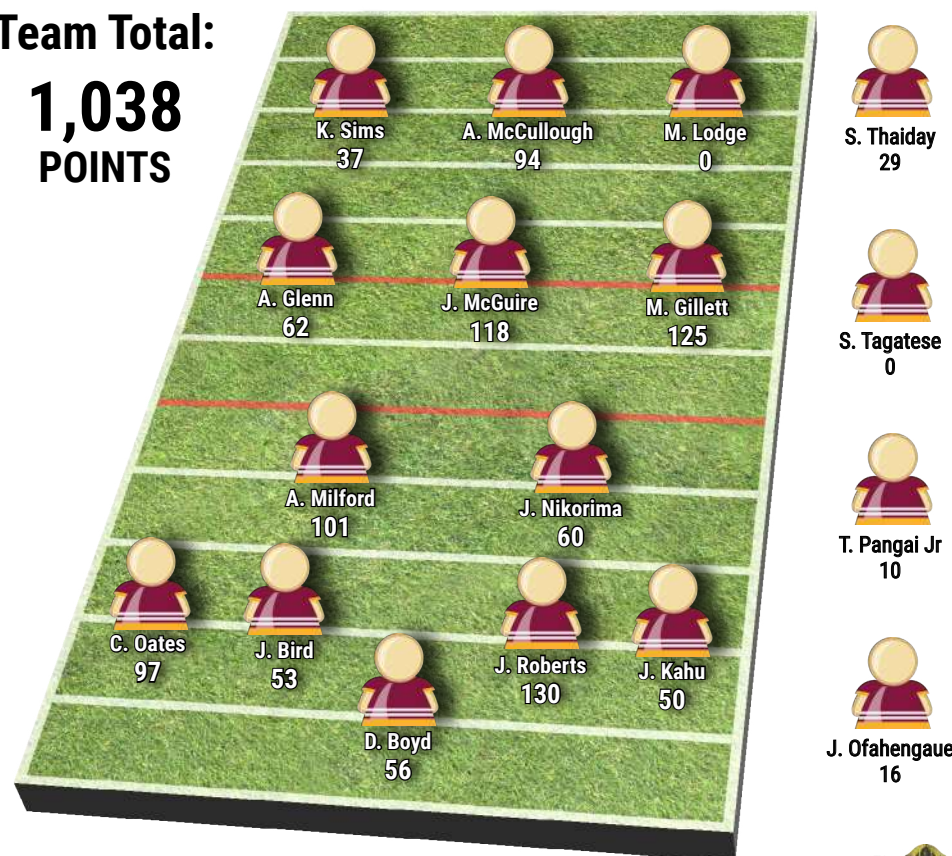


2017 MVP James Roberts

Tries: 16
Try Assists: 5
Linebreaks: 14
Line Break Assists: 2
Metre Eaters: 20

130 POINTS

Team Total:
**1,038
POINTS**



Other Players: J. Su'a, A. Savelio, P. Mago, T. Opacic

BRONCOS

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MENU



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
James Roberts	CT	23	16	0	0	20	5	14	2	130	95	91 (93)
Matt Gillett	BR	22	7	0	19	0	4	7	6	125	84	102
Josh McGuire	BR	22	3	0	21	9	1	1	1	118	109	54
Anthony Milford	FE (2 KP)	20	7	22	0	5	19	9	15	101 (145)	149 (165)	107 (115)
Corey Oates	WG	18	13	0	0	15	1	13	0	97	109	58
Andrew McCullough	HK	18	2	0	17	1	5	3	3	94	62	127
Alex Glenn	BR	24	5	0	8	1	0	8	0	62	24	81
Kodi Nikorima	HB	16	7	0	0	1	8	7	7	60	15	11
Darius Boyd	FB	19	3	0	0	4	11	4	10	56	108	36
Jack Bird	CT, BR	17	2	0	0	10	7	4	7	53	80	60
Jordan Kahu	WG (7 KP)	22	9	69	0	4	1	3	1	50 (188)	77 (141)	65 (103)
Korbin Sims	BR, FR	22	5	0	1	0	2	6	3	37	56	34
Sam Thaiday	BR	23	3	0	3	0	1	2	1	29	53	59
Joe Ofahengaue	FR	13	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	16	13	0
Tevita Pangai	BR	17	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	10	12	DNP
Jonas Pearson	WG	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	10	DNP
Jamayne Isaako	FB	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	DNP	DNP
Sam Tagataese	FR	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8
Jayden Su'a	BR	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	DNP
Patrick Mago	BR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Andre Savelio	BR	17*	4*	0	0	0	0	3*	0	19*	4*	4*
Matthew Lodge	FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Payne Haas	FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Tom Opacic	CT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0
Caleb Timu	BR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

MATT GILLETT has averaged 19 workhorses and five tries over the last three seasons.

DUD

JACK BIRD has struggled to stay on the park in recent seasons. Don't expect much...

SLEEPER

KODI NIKORIMA will fly under the radar in most drafts. Dangerous with ball in hand.

GAMBLE

You'll sell your soul drafting **MATT LODGE**, but he could just be the workhorse you need.

BULLDOGS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
7th	5th	7th	11th

Premiership Odds: \$34
Premierships: 8
Bye Round: 13



Gone to the Dogs

Hasler... gone! Graham... gone! Reynolds... goorn! There's been a major clean out at the Bulldogs with their three main men shown the door for 2018.

The Bulldogs were a major disappointment on the field last season and much of that was to do with their inability to score points. Coach Hasler getting the punt is probably for the best – he just didn't get the support from key players in the end and ultimately, his stubborn attitude not changing the attacking structure was his downfall.

Looking forward to this season, there is always value in the Doggies squad but with a new coach comes new uncertainty. Under Hasler, the front row rotation was consistently predictable which was great for NRLCEO coaches.

With Aaron Woods joining the engine room, one can only speculate how Tolman and Klemmer's minutes will be affected. Michael Lichaa has also been given a lifeline under Dean Pay and the young hooker showed exactly what he was capable of, once the Dessie shackles were broken.

When searching for workhorses, edge forwards Josh Jackson and Adam Elliott are both tireless workers but trend down late in the season – that's not a good thing when guaranteed workhorses are essential come finals time.

In the backs, PLENTY of expectation is being placed on Foran's old hammies. If he goes down (as he inevitably will), the Dogs will most like struggle as they fall back into old habits.

The much-touted move of Will Hopoate to the centres to accommodate Moses Mbye at fullback is a curious decision and one that could turn out to be a masterstroke. Expect the new custodian to get tested with some serious bombing raids in the early rounds and how he handles it, will most likely determine the Bulldogs season.

On the wings, the veteran Brett Morris and rookie Marcelo Montoya have both shown what they are capable of. Expect Montoya to be a genuine try sneak outside of Hopoate on the right edge. With 12 tries in 19 appearances for the Dogs, 19 in 18 for their NYC team and two in five for Fiji. He sure knows how to sniff a try.

Overall, the Dogs look like a franchise searching for answers. Moving heaven and earth for Foran and Woods has to be perplexing for even the most blue-eyed Canterbury fan, but the proof will be in the pudding and if the Dogs of War can rally for their new coach, a top eight spot is possible....

Player Changes

Gains	• Kieran Foran	• Fa'amanu Brown
	• Aaron Woods	• Jeremy Marshall-King
	• Clay Priest	
Losses	• James Graham	• Josh Reynolds
	• Sam Kasiano	• Tyrone Phillips
	• Craig Garvey	• Richie Kennar
	• Brad Abbey	• Tyrone Phillips



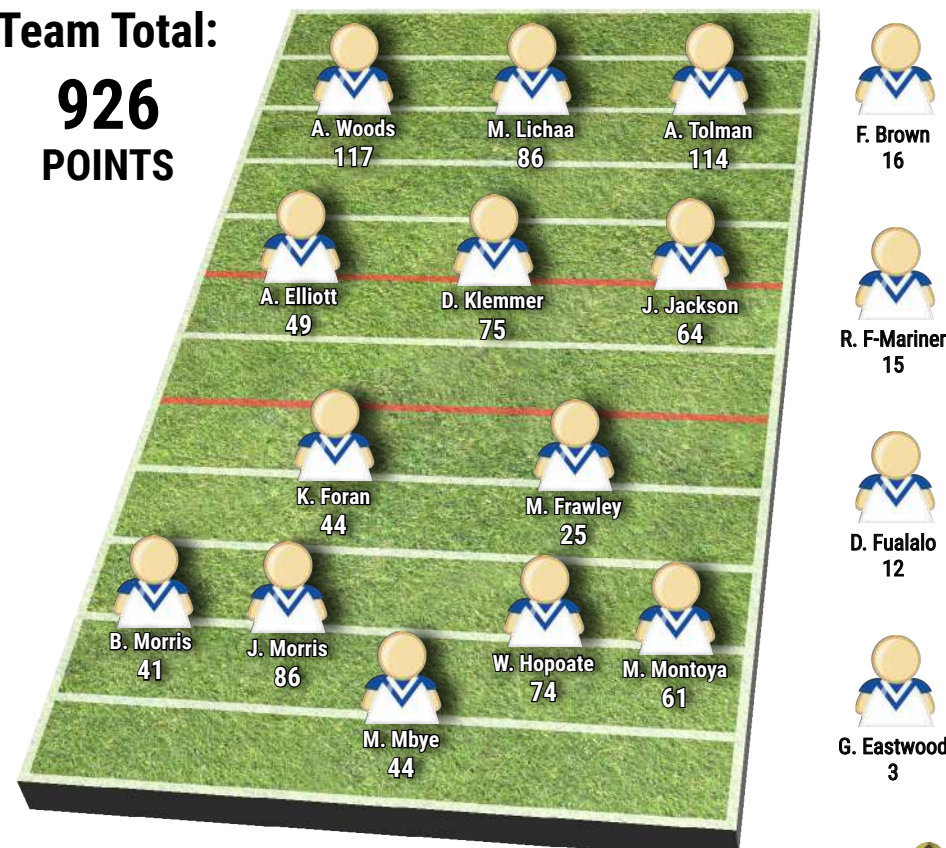
2017 MVP
Aaron Woods

Workhorses: 20
Metre Eaters: 10
Tries: 2
Tackles: 636
Run Metres: 3,310

117
POINTS

Team Total:

926
POINTS



Other Players: C. Priest, J.Marshall-King, A. Fine, Z. Woolford

BULLDOGS

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MENU



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Aaron Woods	FR	22	2	0	20	10	1	2	5	117	97	70
Aiden Tolman	FR	24	1	0	25	4	1	0	0	114	140	96
Josh Morris	CT	24	9	0	0	12	6	7	7	86	69	69
Michael Lichaa	HK	22	2	0	17	1	2	2	2	86	119	114
David Klemmer	BR	21	1	0	9	15	1	1	2	75	93	32
William Hopoate	FB, CT	18	3	0	0	13	10	3	13	74	72	27
Josh Jackson	BR	22	1	0	13	0	3	3	3	64	90	95
Marcelo Montoya	WG	20	12	0	0	1	0	13	0	61	DNP	DNP
Adam Elliott	BR	24	3	2	7	3	0	3	0	49 (53)	0	0
Kerrod Holland	WG, CT (3 KP)	13	8	24	0	3	1	7	0	47 (95)	36 (114)	0
Moses Mbye	FB, HB (5 KP)	23	2	18	1	2	7	6	8	44 (80)	98 (160)	49 (77)
Kieran Foran	FE	17	2	0	0	1	10	4	9	44	25	49 (57)
Brett Morris	WG	18	6	0	0	2	1	9	2	41	56	51
Matt Frawley	HB	19	3	0	0	0	3	3	4	25	0	0
Chase Stanley	CT (1 KP)	10	2	5	0	1	2	3	2	19 (29)	11	16
Fa'amanu Brown	FE, HK	9	2	0	0	0	1	3	3	16	8	0
Raymond Faitala-Mariner	BR	16	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	15	4	9
Danny Fualalo	FR	24	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
Greg Eastwood	BR	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	20	15
Clay Priest	FR	17	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	DNP
Francis Tualau	FR	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Asipeli Fine	BR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Andy Saunders	FR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Josh Cleeland	FE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zac Woolford	HK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

DAVID KLEMMER has double workhorses in his future in a pack missing James Graham.

DUD

KIERAN FORAN is busted. So much potential but hampered with too many injuries.

SLEEPER

Bulldogs wingers aren't on the radar for top tryscorers. Until **MARCELO MONTOYA**.

GAMBLE

MICHAEL LICHAA is a gamble that might pay out hugely. Great form at the end of 2017.

COWBOYS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
5th	3rd	4th	8th

Premiership Odds: \$5.50
Premierships: 1
Bye Round: 17



Captains Reunite

What a glory run to the Grand Final it was last season and with co-captain's Thurston and Scott both returning from injury, the 2018 season is looking promising for the Cowboys.

In other positive for the club, their roster again looks extremely settled. The addition of Kangaroo prop, Jordan McLean, is a great signing and the predicted Cowboys line up is about as settled as it gets.

For the NRLCEO coach, the pink elephant in the room is obvious – it's JT's last season! That alone should make him a lead draft candidate and adding to that, his retirement from representative football means that touch wood, he'll be there for the Cows week in, week out!

Apart from JT, the Cowboys appear have some solid draft options but upon closer inspection, they are not as juicy as they were in previous seasons.

Gavin Cooper and Ethan Lowe are both workers on their day but haven't been as consistent as in previous seasons. This is mainly due to two reasons: the Cowboy's excellent forward depth and the rapid rise in the likes of Coen Hess and of course, Jason Taumalolo.

Can Coen Hess keep up his epic scoring rate? Highly unlikely. He's going to score a lot of tries each year, but I predict closer to half a dozen than a dozen.

Lolo is a dead set weapon and as he plays more minutes, bigger stats are inevitable – look out, he is about to become an NRLCEO God!

Jake Granville will probably go low on most people's Hooker radars and although he won't go big into the 100's he is a quality pick up that won't let you down. Don't expect regular workhorses but he's got a good all-round game featuring tries and try assists.

In the backs, Michael Morgan at five-eighth is a gem. It remains to be seen if he can continue in the same vein with JT in the side but based on his form last season, Morgo is a top five-eighth draft choice.

Out wider, the likes of Feldt, Winterstein, O'Neill, Linnett and Coote all share the pies evenly between them so there are better draft prospects out there despite the Cowboy's excellent ability to score points.

Being Grand Finalists, they are all secure to start the season, but there is a plethora of young talent in Far North Queensland including Gideon Gela-Mosby and Javid Bowen.

Overall, the Cowboys again look likely to be there at the pointy end of the season. They possess class in the key positions and if they remain injury free, then you know exactly what you are going to get both in attack and defence.

Player Changes

Gains	• Jordan McLean
Losses	• Kalyn Ponga • Ray Thompson • Patrick Kaufusi • Patrick Mogo



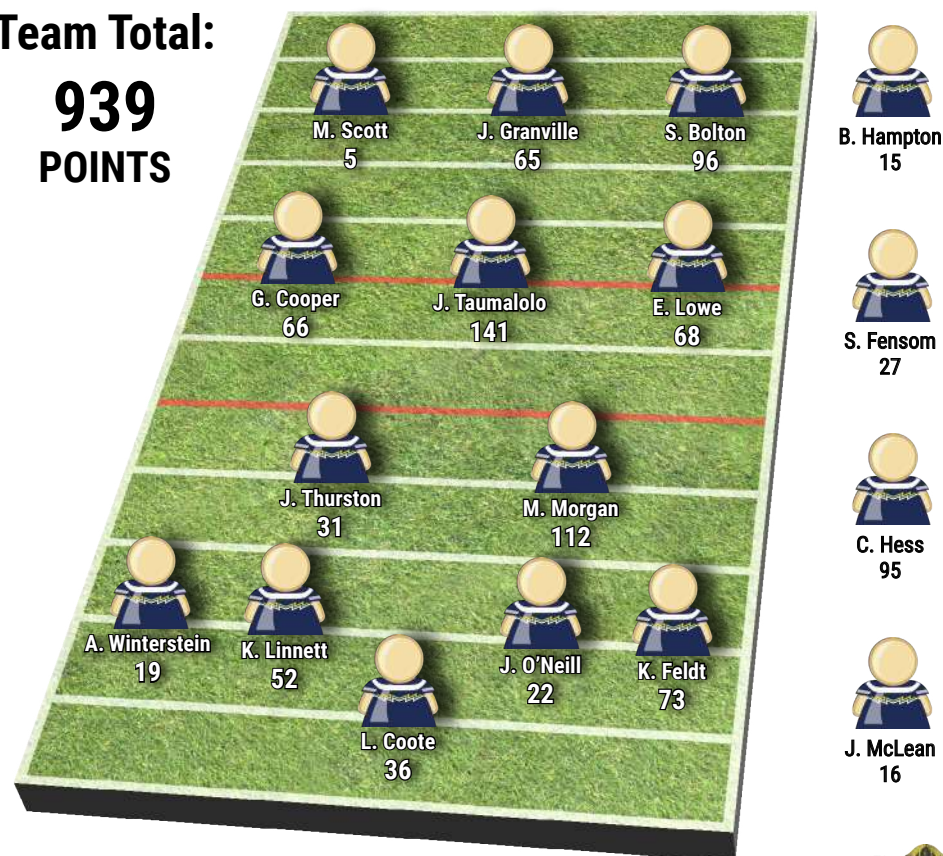
2017 MVP
Jason Taumalolo

Tries: 3
Workhorses: 16
Metre Eaters: 29
Tackles: 588
Run Metres: 4,226

141
POINTS

Team Total:

939
POINTS



Other Players: T. M-Martin, J. Asiata, J. Bowen, C. Jensen

COWBOYS

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Jason Taumalolo	BR	22	3	0	16	29	0	7	0	141	113	27
Michael Morgan	FE	23	10	0	0	3	21	9	13	112	94	89
Scott Bolton	FR	24	1	0	20	6	0	0	0	96	24	18
Coen Hess	BR	23	12	0	8	2	0	10	1	95	13	7
Kyle Feldt	WG	24	12	17	0	5	2	9	2	73 (107)	64	27 (29)
Ethan Lowe	BR (2 KP)	24	2	33	13	3	0	2	0	68 (134)	135 (149)	97 (113)
Gavin Cooper	BR	21	3	0	12	0	0	5	1	66	105	107
Jake Granville	HK	20	4	0	4	0	11	4	7	65	68	107
Kane Linnett	CT	24	4	0	0	15	0	6	0	52	68	66
Te Maire Martin	FE	15	6	0	0	0	3	7	3	40	13	0
Lachlan Coote	FB	17	2	0	0	0	8	2	9	36	69	75
Johnathan Thurston	HB (8 KP)	7	2	26	0	0	7	2	6	31 (83)	92 (268)	103 (263)
Javid Bowen	WG, CT	12	3	0	0	6	1	0	1	27	25	0
Shaun Fensom	BR, FR	17	1	0	5	1	0	1	0	27	45	127
Justin O'Neill	CT	17	1	0	0	5	2	3	1	22	66	53
Antonio Winterstein	WG	15	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	19	79	64
John Asiata	FR	24	0	0	0	0	6	0	5	17	6	14
Gideon Gela-Mosby	WG	4	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	16	0	DNP
Jordan McLean	FR	17	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	16	5	13
Ben Hampton	FE	22	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	15	14	6
Ben Spina	FR	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	12
Corey Jensen	FR	14	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	DNP	DNP
Matthew Scott	FR	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	5	25	58
Kyle Laybutt	HB	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Sam Hoare	FR	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

LOLO is a beast and in the prime of his career. He could go even better this season!

DUD

ANTONIO WINTERSTEIN scored four tries last year in a GF qualifying team. Pathetic...

SLEEPER

SCOTT BOLTON will go under the radar because of Scott & McLean. He is worth it!

GAMBLE

JT is a risk coming back from injury, but nothing will stop him in his final season.

DRAGONS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
11th	8th	11th	9th

Premiership Odds: \$21
Premierships: 1
Bye Round: 13



Jimmy G Back in a Red V

Could Ben Hunt be the missing piece of the puzzle that returns the Dragons back to a premiership force? Dragons fans are hopeful and on face value, they have assembled a team that looks pretty good on paper.

Last season, the Dragons surprised many early on but fell away in the back half of the season to just miss the finals. This season, that is not an acceptable outcome!

The Dragon's pack is one of the best in the competition. James Graham is the other headline recruit and with Paul Vaughan, the front row has a perfect mixture of power and work ethic. Graham will bring an added toughness to the pack as well as on field leadership and direction. It also puts him back in a Red V for the first time since he last played for St Helens back in 2011.

Despite the losses of Josh Dugan and Joel Thompson, the Dragons have the depth to cover them.

For the NRLCEO coach, the Dragon's pack is where it is at. Along with Graham and Vaughan, Jack de Belin adds an element of flair to the core. When given the minutes JDB will press for double workhorses more often than not.

On the edges, Tyson Frizell is dynamic and Tariq Sims looks likely to grab the position vacated by Thompson, but their workhorse value could be brought into question. Frizell is a Metre Eater tease and Tariq's involvement rate was high. If he can keep it up then he's worth a sniff.

At hooker, Cameron McInnes was one of very few 80-minute hookers last season and that alone makes him a very enticing early draft pick.

In the backs, history suggests that only Jason Nightingale and Gareth Widdop are worth consideration. However, the inclusion of Hunt opens up the other side of the field where Nene MacDonald becomes a factor.

Nene has had a ride from the Roosters to the Titans, and has now found a home in the Gong. Whilst his scoring rate of six tries in 23 appearances looks underwhelming, he had a good World Cup with PNG and is still only 23 years old.

The likely centre pairing of Tim Lafai and Euan Aitken are more than capable on their day with Lafai having a very good season last year, running off Widdop who had a career year with ball in hand.

At the back, Matt Dufty looks the goods and although a low round draft target at best, he could easily supersede all expectations if he can gel with the new look spine.

Overall, the Dragons look to be a team on the rise, but do they have the coach to take them to the next level...?

Player Changes

Gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Graham Ben Hunt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy Latimore Mitch Allgood
Losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Josh Dugan Mose Masoe Taane Milne Siliva Havili 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russell Packer Will Matthews Josh McCrone Joel Thompson



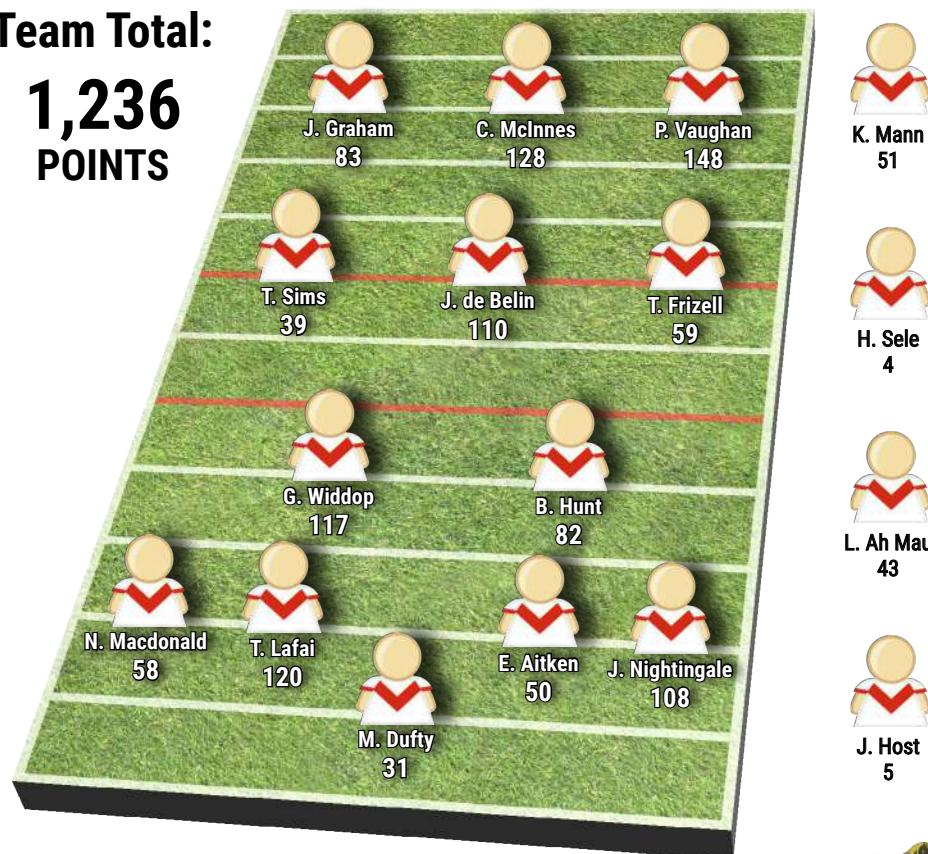
2017 MVP Paul Vaughan

Tries: 8
Workhorses: 19
Metre Eaters: 14
Tackles: 686
Run Metres: 3,289

148 POINTS

Team Total:

1,236 POINTS



Other Players: J. Field, J. Latimore, M. Allgood, L. Leilua

DRAGONS

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Paul Vaughan	FR	23	8	0	19	14	1	9	1	148	41	55
Cameron McInnes	HK	24	4	0	23	0	5	4	6	128	85	19
Tim Lafai	CT (1 KP)	24	7	6	0	20	12	11	17	120 (132)	40	30 (32)
Gareth Widdop	FE (7 KP)	21	10	75	0	2	21	9	20	117 (267)	69 (177)	81 (221)
Jack de Belin	BR	23	2	0	21	4	1	1	7	110	96	77
Jason Nightingale	WG	24	16	0	0	6	5	15	7	108	67	25
James Graham	FR	20	1	0	17	3	1	1	2	83	176	76
Ben Hunt	HB	18	6	0	1	0	17	6	13	82	104	95 (103)
Tyson Frizell	BR	22	1	0	12	0	0	5	2	59	81	78
Nene Macdonald	WG	23	6	0	0	8	4	9	1	58	85	25
Kurt Mann	CT, HB	23	7	0	0	4	1	9	4	51	60	25
Euan Aitken	CT	13	6	0	0	10	1	2	2	50	95	49
Leeson Ah Mau	FR	24	0	1	8	4	1	0	1	43 (45)	10	DNP
Tariq Sims	BR, FR	24	3	0	4	2	1	4	1	39	51	60
Matt Dufty	FB	7	3	0	0	1	3	6	5	31	0	DNP
Jacob Host	BR	11	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	9	DNP
Hame Sele	FR	15	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	DNP	DNP
Jeremy Latimore	FR	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	46
Blake Lawrie	FR	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Jai Field	FE	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Josh Ailaomai	FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP	0
Josh Kerr	FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Darren Nicholls	HB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luciano Leilua	BR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	DNP
Mitchell Allgood	FR	8*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	12*	8*

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

PAUL VAUGHAN. A workhorse front rower who can score tries. Top priority in the draft.

DUD

TYSON FRIZELL is a gun in the NRL but not in NRLCEO. Doesn't get enough workhorses.

SLEEPER

TARIQ SIMS takes over for Thompson and could get big minutes, if he can handle it.

GAMBLE

JAMES GRAHAM is getting older but is still expected to get double workhorses. Maybe?

2014	2015	2016	2017
10th	12th	14th	4th

Premiership Odds: \$12
Premierships: 4
Bye Round: 17



Prepare for Take-off

"I have a dream – to play for the Eels again!"

With those words, prodigal son, Jarryd Hayne has returned, and Parramatta fans are divided over whether the 'star recruit' is required given that they made the top four last season.

The reality is though, that Hayne has plenty to offer especially in the centre position where he is likely to partner the electric Michael Jennings. His centre combination with Jennings could be exactly what the Eels need with Brad Takairangi the unlucky guy to make way for the Plane.

The loss of Semi Radradra is of course huge. Semi got the sets started on the right foot with his strong ball carries and post contact metres. It's something that Kirisome Auva'a and Bevan French can't hope to replicate.

However, the halves combination of Corey Norman and Mitchell Moses seems to have gelled nicely and with Clint Gutherson to return early in the season from injury at fullback, the Eels still have some serious attacking strike power across the park.

In the forwards, the NRLCEO value appears to be with Nathan Brown whose epic season in 2017, will probably mean he is a genuine round one draft candidate, despite him not having dual positioning this season.

The hooker battle between Pritchard and King will probably be determined during the trials with Coach Brad Arthur likely to play his first-choice hooker for close to 80 minutes.

An 80 minute Hooker is a rare proposition these days with only the Storm and Dragons the other teams likely to not carry a spare #9 or utility on the bench. We've opted to put Kaysa Pritchard in as the strongest candidate for the role.

On the edges, Manu Ma'u and Tepai Moeroa both possess workhorse qualities but can go missing in the second half of the season.

Moeroa in particular has been the next best workhorse that never was. After three workhorses in his debut season where he played just nine games, he then scored eight workhorses in 2015, ten in 2016, and eight again in 2017. He's a tease and therefore worth nothing more than a back-up or third Back Rower picked in your team.

Up front, the Eels tend to rotate their props evenly with club stalwart, Tim Mannah a perennial 'Close But No Cigar' workhorse. The signing of Rooster, Kane Evans will only accentuate Mannah's 'mana' while other big man, Daniel Alvaro is an excellent mid-late draft option.

Overall, the Eels would be ecstatic if they are able to replicate last year's regular season. Like most top teams, they have some genuine NRLCEO stars who should be considered highly in the draft.

Player Changes

Gains	• Jarryd Hayne	• Kane Evans
Losses	• Semi Radradra	• Isaac De Gois



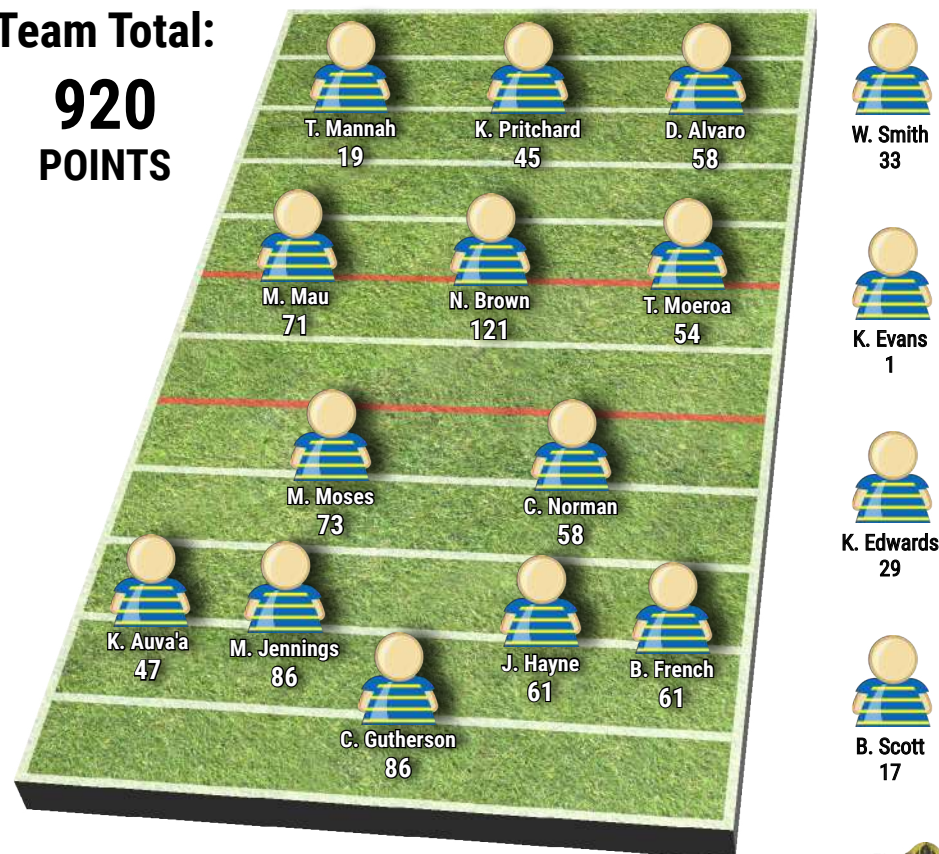
2017 MVP
Nathan Brown

Tries: 1
Workhorses: 22
Metre Eaters: 11
Tackles: 771
Run Metres: 3,087

121
POINTS

Team Total:

920
POINTS



Other Players: S. Matagi, S. Vave, T. Williams, N. Davis



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Nathan Brown	BR	23	1	0	22	11	1	2	3	121	39	3
Clinton Gutherson	FB (3 KP)	18	11	49	0	5	6	14	6	86 (196)	75	0
Michael Jennings	CT	21	9	0	0	12	5	11	5	86	67	64
Mitchell Moses	HB (6 KP)	24	4	55	0	1	16	6	16	73 (183)	92 (178)	53 (63)
Manu Ma'u	BR	22	1	0	12	4	2	1	6	71	74	73
Bevan French	WG	16	9	0	0	0	4	13	4	61	88	DNP
Jarryd Hayne	FB	17	8	0	0	2	5	8	7	61	9	DNP
Corey Norman	FE	20	3	1	0	4	12	6	6	58 (60)	54	47
Daniel Alvaro	FR	23	2	0	12	0	0	2	0	58	33	10
Tepai Moeroa	BR	20	4	0	8	0	1	3	1	54	42	37
Kirisoame Auv'a	WG	14	6	0	0	5	2	8	1	47	20	0
Kaysa Pritchard	HK	15	1	0	8	0	2	2	3	45	6	0
Brad Takairangi	CT	21	3	0	0	4	7	3	6	43	42	54
Will Smith	FB	13	4	0	1	0	4	2	5	33	1	29 (37)
Ken Edwards	BR	17	0	0	5	0	2	1	6	29	36	0
Josh Hoffman	WG	13	4	0	0	4	0	4	0	28	59	33
Cameron King	HK	9	0	0	5	0	1	0	3	26	0	0
Tim Mannah	FR	23	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	19	14	51
Beau Scott	BR	15	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	17	40	28
David Gower	BR	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20	30
Tony Williams	BR	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	17	7
Siosaia Vave	FR	17	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	15	0
Nathan Davis	CT	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	15	DNP
Suaia Matagi	FR	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	4
Kane Evans	FR	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	15	16

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

NATHAN BROWN is a tackle and running machine! He could be the next NRLCEO God.

DUD

JARRYD HAYNE has a dream... to score some tries and get Brad Arthur punted...

SLEEPER

DANIEL ALVARO has all the makings of a top-notch prop. Just needs more minutes.

GAMBLE

CLINT GUTHERSON is a trap with 3KP. A gun last year, he's coming off an injury in 2018.

KNIGHTS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
12th	16th	16th	16th

Premiership Odds: \$26
Premierships: 2
Bye Round: 17



No More Excuses

Nathan Brown has finally assembled the team he wants and the time for results is now.

Mitchell Pearce headlines an extensive list of new recruits with Knights fans likely to require a photo glossary to familiarise themselves with their new starting team.

Overall, the Knights roster looks like it possesses plenty of depth with competition for places a welcome headache for the coaching staff.

At the back, young gun Kalyn Ponga will be looking to show everyone why the hype has surrounded him since his early teenage years. A dynamic and fleet footed custodian, Ponga got blocked in his development at the Cowboys, so he'll be keen to show what he's got at the highest level with the Knights.

In the backs, Tautau Moga will likely partner Sione Mata'utia in the centres with Nathan Ross and Shaun Kenny-Dowall to benefit from more quality ball on the wings.

New pivot, Connor Watson will bring a real Rooster flavour to the halves but will be under constant pressure all season from local, Brock Lamb who played admirably in a tough season last year.

In the forwards, the Knights have an abundance of troops to call on. Buhrer, Guerra, Barnett and Fitzgibbon can all play in the backrow while up front, the signings of Lillyman, Ese'ese and Heighington will put pressure on the incumbent Saifiti brothers.

Danny Levi has developed into a quality hooker, but it is likely he'll have to juggle the duties with Buhrer and perhaps Slade Griffin until he can go the 80.

For the NRLCEO Coach, the Knights are a difficult prospect to predict. Coach Brown will demand results and with that, every player's performances will be under the microscope.

Typically, the Knights love going to their edges which means Ross and SKD could be the main beneficiaries – in recent years, scoring points has not been the Knights problem. Expect increases in back productivity but they won't be topping any positions in the NRLCEO Dream Team by the end of the year.

A further conundrum seems to revolve around who will kick goals, with Ponga the most likely at this stage if Watson beats Lamb for the start. If that's the case, he could be a great draft option with only one kicking point allocated to him.

Player Changes

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| Gains | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Pearce Connor Watson Tautau Moga Slade Griffin Jacob Lillyman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kalyn Ponga Aidan Guerra Herman Ese'ese Chris Heighington |
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| Losses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dane Gagai Anthony Tupou Josh Starling Jaelen Feeny Tyler Randell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rory Kostjasyan Joe Wardle Pauli Pauli Peter Mata'utia Chanel Mata'utia |
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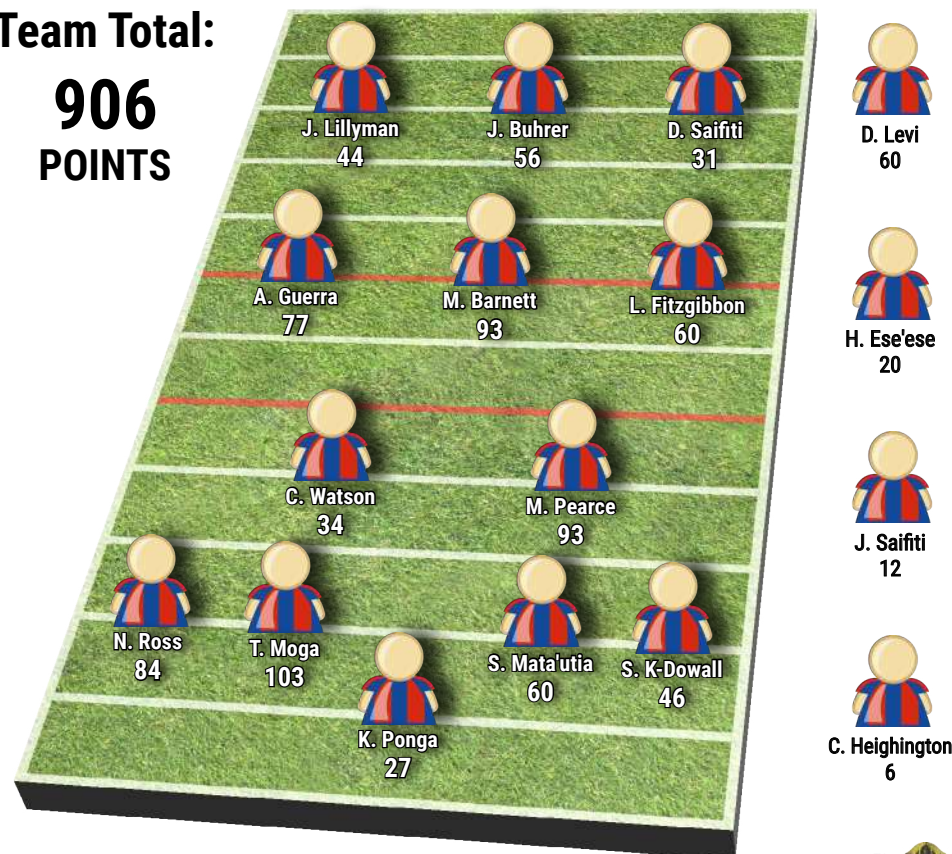
2017 MVP
Tautau Moga

Tries: 9
Try Assists: 5
Line Breaks: 7
Line Break Assists: 8
Metre Eaters: 21

103
POINTS

Team Total:

906
POINTS



Other Players: S. Griffin, S. Stone, J. King, L. Yates

KNIGHTS

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MENU



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Tautau Moga	CT	24	9	0	0	21	5	7	8	103	0	11
Mitchell Barnett	BR	22	4	0	16	0	3	3	4	93	51	0
Mitchell Pearce	HB	21	7	0	2	0	16	6	19	93	43	64
Nathan Ross	WG	20	10	0	0	13	2	13	1	84	69	9
Aidan Guerra	BR	22	4	0	14	0	0	5	0	77	90	68
Brock Lamb	FE (4 KP)	21	5	23	0	0	12	3	13	62 (108)	3	DNP
Daniel Levi	HK	24	3	0	8	0	4	4	4	60	14	14
Lachlan Fitzgibbon	BR	14	8	0	5	0	1	8	0	60	4	0
Sione Mata'utia	CT, BR	22	3	0	8	0	4	4	4	60	69	DNP
Jamie Buhrer	BR	16	1	0	11	1	1	3	1	56	79	23
Shaun Kenny-Dowall	WG, CT	15	6	0	0	8	1	2	2	46	77	63
Jacob Lillyman	FR	21	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	44	61	36
Connor Watson	FE	22	3	0	1	5	2	2	2	34	52	DNP
Daniel Saifiti	FR	23	2	0	3	3	0	4	1	31	23	DNP
Ken Sio	WG	21	5	0	0	3	0	5	0	31	0	DNP
Trent Hodgkinson	HB (5 KP)	17	1	46	0	0	8	2	8	29 (121)	43 (137)	43 (137)
Kalyn Ponga	FB (1 KP)	7	3	0	0	2	1	6	3	27	DNP	DNP
Sam Stone	BR	16	2	0	4	0	0	2	1	27	DNP	DNP
Herman Ese'ese	FR	19	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	20	0	0
Josh King	FR	15	0	0	3	0	2	1	1	18	0	DNP
Jacob Saifiti	FR	21	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	12	32	DNP
Slade Griffin	BR	11	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	11	0	0
Luke Yates	BR	19	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Chris Heighington	FR	21	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	6	10	26
Dylan Phythian	FB	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	DNP

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

NATHAN ROSS. Good looking, great attitude, and scores tries. What more do you want?

DUD

SIONE MATA'UTIA is one head knock away from retirement. Moving to centre will help.

SLEEPER

JAMIE BUHRER will pick up hooker eligibility and double workhorses are a possibility.

GAMBLE

KALYN PONGA might live up to the hype and he could even kick conversions. Handy!

PANTHERS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
4th	11th	6th	7th

Premiership Odds: \$12
Premierships: 2
Bye Round: 13



You're Boring Me Griffin

The Panthers played absolutely rubbish for most of the season last year and snuck into the top eight. However, if they play to their potential, and with the addition of Jimmy Maloney, they could go a lot better in 2018.

There has to be major question marks hovering over Coach Griffin's ability to get the best out of his young squad. One gets the impression that if his game plan embraced less structure, freeing up the likes of Wallace and Cleary, the Panthers would be a much tougher hurdle.

When looking over the squad, the mountain men will benefit from minimal squad disruptions this season. Gone is Matt Moylan and maybe, just maybe, Bryce Cartwright can get his mojo back.

For the NRLCEO Coach, it's hard to go past a 90%+ kicker in Nathan Cleary. Cleary looks likely to keep the boots over fellow sharpshooter Maloney and he is a top young player who is very capable of stuffing the stats sheet.

In the forwards, Wallace as captain, looks like he will push 80 minutes each week. Regan Campbell-Gillard is a prop on the rise as are his stats. Last season, Trent Merrin was a workhorse disappointment but expect a strong bounce back after he was overlooked for representative duties.

On the edges, Yeo and Cartwright are both capable of workhorses but not top priority targets in the draft. Cartwright in particular has tremendous potential but he needs to do the hard yards before trying his hand at circus performer.

There's also the matter of one of the finds of last year too - young Corey Harawira-Naera. There will be a tussle in the back row and whilst he should start the year, it wouldn't surprise me if he becomes a bench impact player.

In the backs, Mansauce will benefit from a shave and a full off season. Dylan Edwards at the back is maturing and will be better this season as well. The centres in Whare and Blake are also capable of scoring 10+ tries this season but are not top echelon targets at this point.

And Tyrone Peachey??? What is Griffin going to do to him (besides block him from going to the Titans)? He's fair dinkum the biggest waste of under-utilised talent and unless they can find a permanent spot for him then the only place he can go is somewhere else.

Overall, the Panthers are capable of anything but like previous seasons, we are backing a good old fashioned Griffin handbrake. Fair dinkum, that bloke is one boring dude...

Player Changes

Gains	Losses
• James Maloney • Tyrone Phillips	• Matt Moylan • Peta Hiku
	• Leilani Latu • Zach Dockar-Clay
	• Mitch Rein



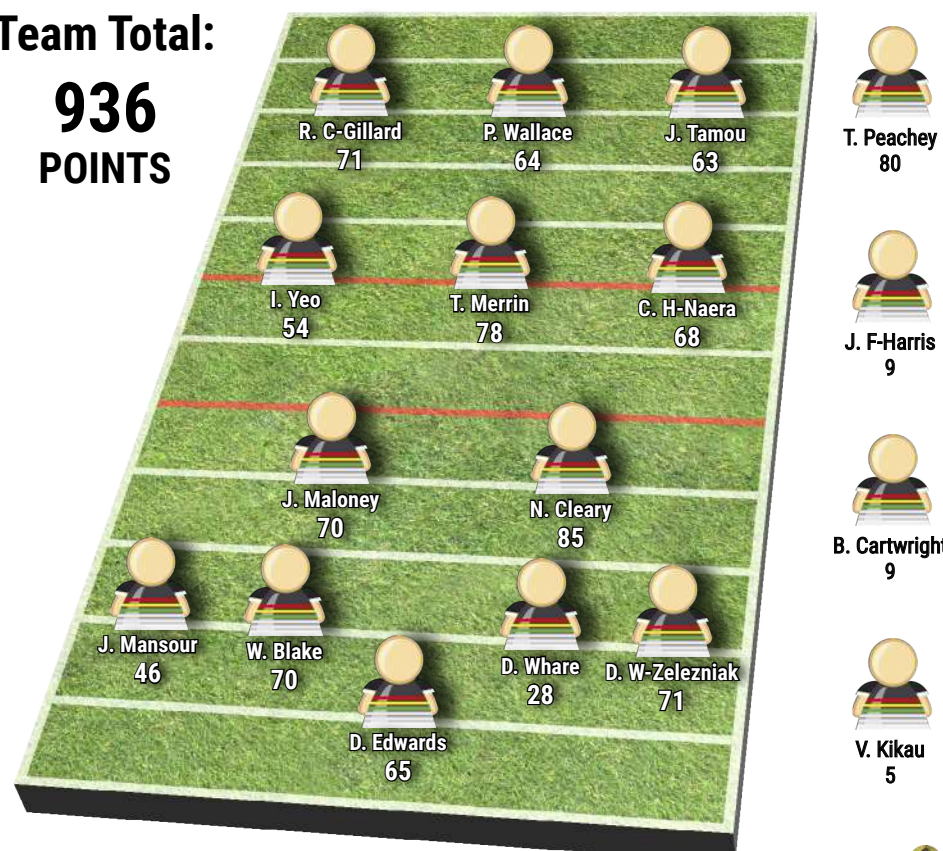
2017 MVP
Nathan Cleary

Tries: 11
Try Assists: 11
Goals: 86
Line Breaks: 11
Line Break Assists: 12

85
POINTS

Team Total:

936
POINTS



Other Players: T. Phillips+, J. Cartwright, S. Katoa, M. Leota

PANTHERS

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Nathan Cleary	HB (9 KP)	24	11	86	0	0	11	7	12	85 (257)	45 (139)	DNP
Tyrone Peachey	CT	23	7	0	1	16	3	7	3	80	94	53
Trent Merrin	BR	20	1	0	14	5	2	3	1	78	134	63
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak	WG	22	9	0	0	9	3	10	3	71	67	43
Reagan Campbell-Gillard	FR	24	2	0	11	6	1	3	2	71	21	15
James Maloney	FE (1 KP)	20	4	68	0	1	14	6	14	70 (206)	63 (225)	107 (295)
Waqa Blake	CT	23	7	0	0	7	8	9	5	70	64	30
Corey Harawira-Naera	BR	20	7	0	7	1	1	11	1	68	DNP	DNP
Dylan Edwards	FB	14	2	0	0	18	6	7	2	65	0	DNP
Peter Wallace	HK	17	2	0	12	0	1	2	4	64	85 (91)	33
James Tamou	FR	24	3	0	11	2	0	3	0	63	54	59
Isaah Yeo	BR	23	2	0	7	2	3	4	4	54	63	24
Josh Mansour	WG	13	5	0	0	9	1	6	0	46	124	33
Tyrone May	FE	7	5	0	0	1	2	5	4	35	DNP	DNP
Dean Whare	CT	16	3	0	0	2	2	4	4	28	0	45
Bryce Cartwright	BR	12	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	9	125	56
James Fisher-Harris	BR	13	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	9	59	DNP
Viliame Kikau	FR	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0
Tim Browne	FR	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	28 (34)
Sione Katoa	HK	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moses Leota	FR	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Sam McKendry	FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9
Abbas Miski	WG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Jed Cartwright	BR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Tyrone Phillips	WG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

NATHAN CLEARY is the best kicker since Hazem El Masri. You can figure out the rest...

DUD

Only one workhorse last season for **BRYCE CARTWRIGHT**. 2016 was a long time ago.

SLEEPER

REGAN CAMPBELL-GILLARD is a prop on the rise and finished the 2017 season strong.

GAMBLE

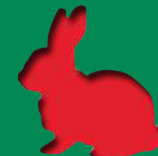
Previously known as a top five NRLCEO backrower, **TRENT MERRIN's** 2017 sucked.

RABBITOHS

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2014	2015	2016	2017
3rd	7th	12th	12th

Premiership Odds: \$17
Premierships: 21
Bye Round: 17



Position Shuffle in the Burrow

Coach Michael Maguire is gone but the last thing the Wabbits need is an easier pre-season!

Last season was pretty ordinary, with injuries playing their part to a certain extent. Captain Greg Inglis was out for the season and main play maker, Adam Reynolds was playing injured for a substantial portion of the season.

It wasn't all bad though, with Maguire unearthing some brilliant young talent among their ranks.

Edge backrower, Angus Crichton heads that list and he is a genuine superstar in the making – it's just a shame he has signed with arch rivals the Roosters for season 2019. He's committed to his own cause and representative ambitions though and now famously had his finger amputated in order to play more footy. Crichton is pure gold but risky if new coach Anthony Seibold decides he doesn't like traitors.

Another junior who has impressed is Cameron Murray who was so good he just might force a change to the Rabbitoh starting pack this season. Marquee man, Sam Burgess may need to accommodate the young workhorse with a move to the front row.

If this is the case, Surgess' value will be affected – we just aren't sure how! Sure, he'll get dual positions, but a likely rest on the pine is likely each week too...

For the NRLCEO Coach, the buck doesn't stop with Surgess. In the forwards, the hooker battle will be of massive interest to drafters. Damien Cook is a gun but Robbie Farah could stunt his NRLCEO output for one last year.

In the backs, the Rabbits are certainly capable scorers, but plenty relies on Inglis. A touted move to the centres has been doing the rounds on social media and if true, surely Alex Johnston's value decreases slightly with a move to fullback?

The rest of the Rabbitohs backline is somewhat unknown but recruit Dane Gagai will definitely play at right centre. Gagai has continually underperformed at NRLCEO level and dominated at Origin level. It's hard to see that changing too much in this squad. The wingers will come from a range of good young Redfern juniors – possibly Graham and Burns...

Overall, the Rabbitohs represent some decent value in the draft. Although Surgess is getting a few niggles these days, he is still a horse and can carry the Rabbit pack on his back. Keep an eye on that hooker battle and if Farah goes down – Cook me!!!

Player Changes

Gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dane Gagai Richie Kennar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Nicholls
Losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aaron Gray Dane Nielsen David Tyrrell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryson Goodwin Sitiveni Moceidreke



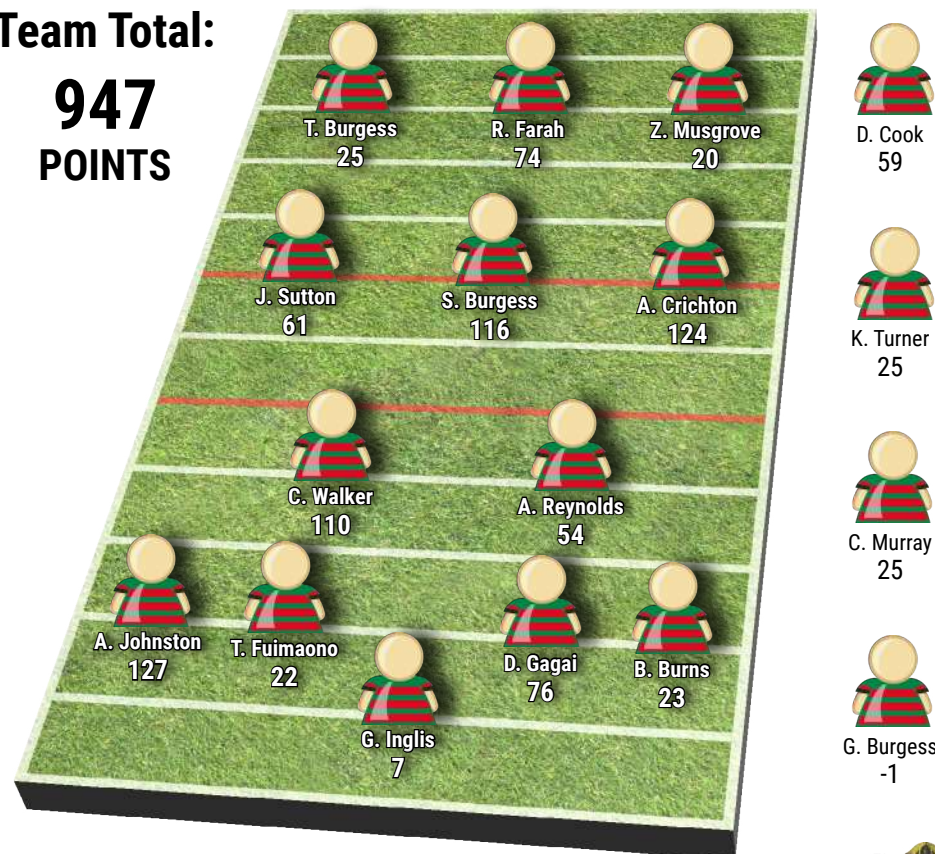
2017 MVP
Alex Johnston

Tries: 22
Try Assists: 5
Linebreaks: 16
Line Break Assists: 5
Metre Eaters: 4

127
POINTS

Team Total:

947
POINTS



Other Players: R. Kennar, M. Nicholls, H. Hunt, J. Gagan

RABBITOHS

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Alex Johnston	WG	22	22	0	0	4	5	16	5	127	63	105
Angus Crichton	BR	22	7	0	17	8	2	9	1	124	8	DNP
Sam Burgess	BR	21	5	0	19	7	2	3	3	116	166	0
Cody Walker	FE (2 KP)	24	6	0	0	7	20	13	19	110	104 (124)	0
Dane Gagai	CT	23	2	0	0	17	9	9	7	76	63	67 (71)
Robbie Farah	HK	24	2	0	7	0	10	2	16	74	50	83
John Sutton	BR	24	5	0	3	0	6	9	8	61	28	39
Damien Cook	HK	23	2	0	7	2	5	4	5	59	41	33
Adam Reynolds	HB (7 KP)	21	2	67	0	0	15	2	11	54 (188)	48 (134)	32 (134)
Robert Jennings	CT	13	5	0	0	5	2	5	1	40	0	6
Cameron Murray	BR	9	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	25	DNP	DNP
Kyle Turner	BR, FR	21	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	25	60	8
Thomas Burgess	FR	22	0	0	4	3	1	0	1	25	30	40
Braiden Burns	WG	10	4	0	0	2	0	3	0	23	DNP	DNP
Tyrell Fuimaono	CT, BR	15	2	0	1	3	1	0	2	22	0	N/A
Zane Musgrove	FR	21	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	20	4	DNP
Siosifa Talakai	CT	8	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	16	7	DNP
Jason Clark	FR	15	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	13	41	14
Hymel Hunt	CT	12	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	9	40	DNP
Greg Inglis	CT	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	88	105
Jacob Gagan	CT	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
George Burgess	FR	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	10	70
Mark Nicholls	BR	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Campbell Graham	CT	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Dean Britt	CT	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

SAM BURGESS is a stand out. He runs, tackles and sledges at 110% every week.

DUD

ROBBIE FARAH is DONE. If he starts in round one, don't expect him to stay there for long.

SLEEPER

Speaking of **DAMIAN COOK**, if he starts then he'll be double workhorsing most weeks.

GAMBLE

ANGUS CRICHTON is a gun, but has he shat in his own bed? Expect him to be a benchie.

2014	2015	2016	2017
15th	10th	2nd	10th

Premiership Odds: \$19
Premierships: 3
Bye Round: 13



Get Ricky a Hooker!

Losing their star rake, Josh Hodgson for much of the season is devastating for the Green Machine whose window of Premiership opportunity appears to be closing fast.

Last season was a 'Barry Crocker' and finishing outside the top eight was inexcusable. While the starting 13 looked solid, there was a lack of depth in the squad with quality fringe players released in order to resign the big names.

This season, it's hard to see where the Raiders have improved their roster – especially with Hodgson injured for 20 rounds. They say consistency of roster can work for some, but the Storm they are not.

Halves Sezer and Austin are under extreme pressure with Sam Williams waiting for an opportunity. There has even been talk of either half sharing the hooking duties which does not bode well for their job security as playmakers.

For the NRLCEO Coach, the Raiders still have some quality draft targets. Jordan Rapana is an outstanding try scoring prospect and will be one of the first backs taken in most drafts.

Captain and kicker, Jarrod Croker is always up there when it comes to total points and together with young gun, Nick Cotric, they form a formidable left side attack. With both aiming for representative duties under the new NSW Coach Fittler, they should score very well once again.

In the forwards, the standout workhorse is Elliott Whitehead who rarely gets a rest. Furthermore, there are some murmurs that he could be shifted to the core and if this is the case, his involvements per minute will sky rocket.

One the left edge, Josh Papalii is a rocks or diamonds type player. Depending on his mood, Papa is capable of producing big stats whilst also constantly threatening the try line with his damaging running lines. He should also be hungry this season after being snubbed for Australia World Cup duties.

Overall, this is a make or break season for the Raiders. They have the roster to give the top 4 a shake but they need their halves to lift big time. There is no doubt that Ricky will be feeling the heat and don't be surprised if he pulls some positional changes in the search for a dynamic start to the season.

Player Changes

Gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie Gubb • Sam Williams • Brad Abbey • Siliva Havili 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liam Knight • Sitiveni Moceidreke • Craig Garvey
Losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Taylor • Jordan Turner • Adam Clydsdale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay Priest • Lachlan Croker



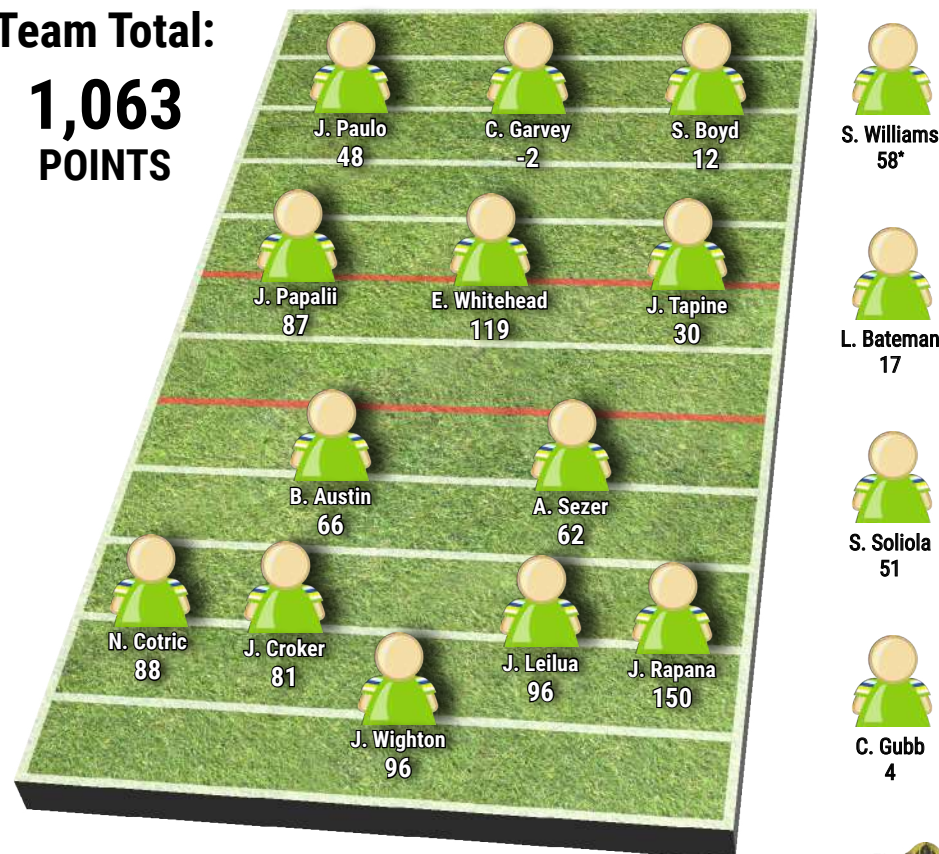
2017 MVP Jordan Rapana

Tries: 21
Try Assists: 6
Linebreaks: 24
Line Break Assists: 0
Metre Eaters: 15

150 POINTS

Team Total:

1,063 POINTS



Other Players: J. Hodgson*, M. Oldfield, D. Lui, S. Havili

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Jordan Rapana	WG	23	21	0	0	15	6	24	0	150	149	47
Elliott Whitehead	BR	23	5	0	18	2	7	5	6	119	134	DNP
Josh Hodgson	HK	23	3	0	13	0	10	3	11	98	128	88
Jack Wighton	FB	23	7	0	0	12	11	11	11	96	97	55
Joseph Leilua	CT	24	10	0	0	13	7	6	12	96	127	50
Nick Cotric	WG	24	16	0	0	2	2	15	1	88	0	DNP
Josh Papalii	BR	20	5	0	8	9	4	7	4	87	86	89
Jarrod Croker	CT (8 KP)	22	9	77	0	8	8	8	5	81 (235)	130 (338)	74 (262)
Blake Austin	FE	24	7	0	0	0	10	8	10	66	48	89
Aidan Sezer	HB (2 KP)	24	4	12	0	2	13	3	11	62 (86)	46 (52)	50 (152)
Iosia Soliola	BR	19	1	0	11	0	1	0	1	51	50	83
Junior Paulo	FR	23	1	0	3	12	2	2	2	48	19	22
Joseph Tapine	BR	22	3	0	4	0	0	3	1	30	20	11
Luke Bateman	BR	22	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	17	23	0
Shannon Boyd	FR	23	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	26	41
Michael Oldfield	WG	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	9	0
Bradley Abbey	FB	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	8 (10)	0	0
Sitiveni Moceidreke	WG, CT	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	DNP	DNP
Charlie Gubb	FR	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	9	3
Dunamis Lui	FR	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Craig Garvey	HK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	29	1
Siliva Havili	HK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	0	6
Jack Ahearn	FB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liam Knight	FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Williams	HB	19*	4*	26*	0	0	17*	8*	0	58 (110)*	16	51

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

JORDAN RAPANA is the best half of Leipana and is ready to score 20+ tries again in 2018!

DUD

Did **JOSH PAPALII** swallow a wheelie bin? Big Papa isn't workhorse material anymore...

SLEEPER

JOSEPH TAPINE showed what he is capable of in the World Cup. Will that form carry on?

GAMBLE

No Hodgson could put **JARROD CROKER's** output in jeopardy. Less points. More risk.

ROOSTERS

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2014	2015	2016	2017
1st	1st	15th	2nd

Premiership Odds: \$5
Premierships: 13
Bye Round: 17



Salary Sombrero

Wow – the Roosters have smashed the recruitment drive with the signings of James Tedesco and Cooper Cronk. Uncle Nick has certainly got the brown paper bags out and it's a credit to him!

The Roosters have lost Mitchell Pearce, Aiden Guerra and a few others but overall, their starting team looks fantastic.

However, when you buy so many marquee troops, the inevitable 'depth issue' tends to rear its ugly head. This is the case for the Roosters and a couple of injuries to key men and all of a sudden, their 'title year' could disappear rather quickly.

All that is speculation though and looking at the pack, there are some excellent draft targets. Jake Friend is a tackle everything type player and won't let you down. He even sets up a few and also went on a tear last season, scoring tries in three consecutive games!

On the edge, captain Boyd Cordner goes hard all the time and loves hitting the gap off Keary for tries. The latest talk is that he will re-sign with the Chooks before the season starts and if that's the case then watch out that he doesn't become complacent as suggested by the Workhorse Watcher earlier in this guide.

In the backs, the Roosters look like a team hungry for pies and take your pick as to who is going to score them. On the wings, Daniel Tupou and Blake Ferguson look set to prosper. Ferguson could however, be shifted into the centres to accommodate Joseph Manu. Tupou and Ferguson should profit greatly on the end of a year of Cooper Cronk cross field kicks.

James Tedesco has been an NRLCEO star for a number of years. If you are in a Metre Eater competition then get on board the Teddy Express because he is going to go very big this year. 25 tries this year for Teddy. You heard it here first.

What Coach Robinson does with Mitchell Aubusson is the question though. If he plays in the forwards or backs will determine whether blokes like Manu and Matterson leap up in value.

At lock, the battle is on between Taukeiaho and Liu. Both are worthy, but the former may just snaffle the kicking duties ahead of the wayward Latrell Mitchell who will need to practice A LOT this pre-season.

Overall, the Roosters look like the team to beat. All eyes will be on Cronk who will need to gel straight away to keep the doubters away. There is plenty of value in the Roosters team for the NRLCEO coach and like the Cowboys and Storm, it is well advised to hunt some of their big guns come draft time...

Player Changes

Gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooper Cronk James Tedesco Reece Robinson
Losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Pearce Aidan Guerra Connor Watson Kane Evans Liam Knight



2017 MVP

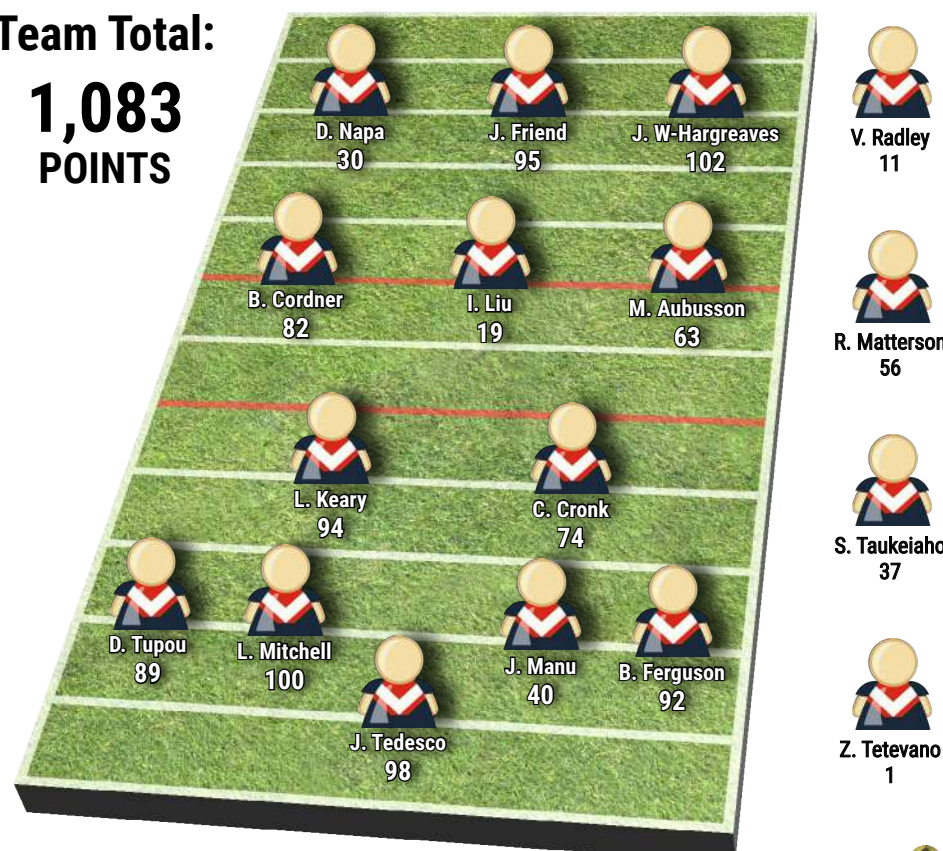
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves

Tries: 0
Workhorses: 20
Metre Eaters: 7
Tackles: 755
Metre Eaters: 3,097

102
POINTS

Team Total:

1,083
POINTS



Other Players: R. Robinson, L. Collins, N. Butcher, C. Smith

ROOSTERS

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves	FR	24	0	0	20	7	2	2	2	102	45	49
Latrell Mitchell	WG, CT (6 KP)	21	13	9	0	4	7	16	10	100 (118)	86 (110)	DNP
James Tedesco	FB	21	5	0	0	20	9	13	9	98	123	124
Jake Friend	HK	20	3	0	17	0	5	2	2	95	130	94
Luke Keary	FE	24	7	0	0	2	16	10	22	94	34	49
Blake Ferguson	WG, CT	20	10	0	0	14	4	13	3	92	109 (113)	52
Daniel Tupou	WG	19	11	0	0	10	5	13	4	89	75	86
Boyd Cordner	BR	16	4	0	12	6	0	6	0	82	83	77
Cooper Cronk	HB	19	6	0	0	0	17	4	13	74	123	68
Mitchell Aubusson	CT, BR	23	5	0	8	0	2	5	2	63	57	56
Ryan Matterson	CT, BR	21	1	0	9	5	1	2	2	56	37	0
Joseph Manu	WG, CT	17	5	0	0	2	4	6	2	40	3	DNP
Siosiu Taukeiaho	BR (2 KP)	15	1	3	6	4	0	1	0	37 (43)	67 (121)	36
Dylan Napa	FR	19	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	30	78	50
Issac Liu	BR	20	2	0	1	0	1	4	1	19	24	14
Victor Radley	HK	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	11	DNP	DNP
Willie Manu	BR	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
Zane Tetevano	FR	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	DNP
Christopher Smith	BR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindsay Collins	FR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Nat Butcher	BR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Abraham Papalii	BR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Eloni Vunakece	FR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Grant Garvey	HK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Reece Robinson	WG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Union	Union	82 (102)

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

JAMES TEDESCO will be HUGE this year. Jump on him immediately if he's available.

DUD

Much was expected of **DYLAN NAPA** in 2017, but he failed to live up to expectations.

SLEEPER

SIO TAUKEIAHO is a dormant beast who has only shown glimpses of his ability when fit.

GAMBLE

BOYD CORDNER is an awesome player but his aggressive style of play is hard to sustain.

SEA EAGLES

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2014	2015	2016	2017
2nd	9th	13th	6th

Premiership Odds: \$15
Premierships: 8
Bye Round: 17



SOS Cliffy Lyons

Despite being linked with every half on the market, the Sea Eagles have failed to replace Blake Green with a new signing. That leaves Coach Trent Barrett searching for a foil for DCE and that job could go to youngster Lachlan Croker.

Other candidates are Tom Wright, Jackson Hastings and Dylan Walker although the experiment with Walker at #6 failed miserably two seasons ago. Joel Thompson is the 'big name' recruit for the Brooky Boys and he'll provide something on that left edge that Winterstein could not - ability.

For the NRLCEO Coach, the entire Sea Eagles structure without Green revolves around Daly Cherry-Evans and the Twin Turbos. Jake had an amazing season in 2018 and despite only having single position eligibility this year, he's a definite round one draft target.

His brother Tom was not to be outdone, however, and his involvement will have Manly fans forgetting Brett Stewart very quickly. The second top scoring player of all last season scores doubles on a regular basis and if you are in a Metre Eater competition, only missed the target on four occasions.

At hooker, Api Koroisau is a genuine double workhorse target. His two kicking points may scare many in the draft, but his tireless work ethic and the lack of a quality back up hooking option should mean his stats go through the roof this season.

In the backs, Manly love, love, love going to their wings via Tommy Turbo. Taufua and Uate are the beneficiaries and can go 15+ tries each and feature in the top ten try scorers.

As mentioned previously, Walker is likely to remain out at right centre and that is where he is most dangerous. However, Manly's kicking conundrum will negatively affect Walker's value - if he kick's he will be a great centre draft option, but if he doesn't, he'll go undrafted in many competitions.

The second centre position is far from locked in. Brian Kelly is young, but his defence is letting him down heavily. There are many Manly fans calling for his head. His failure could prove Matt Wright's promotion and that could mean big things for the Sea Eagles kicking stocks. It's a conundrum!

Overall, Coach Barrett has embraced the DCE style of play and Manly are very capable of scoring big points. Last year was a surprise and they won't be able to ambush their opposition this year, so they'll have to reinvent themselves if they are to feature in the top 8 in 2018...

Player Changes

Gains	• Jack Gosiewski • Lachlan Croker • Joel Thompson
Losses	• Blake Green • Brenton Lawrence • Pita Godinet



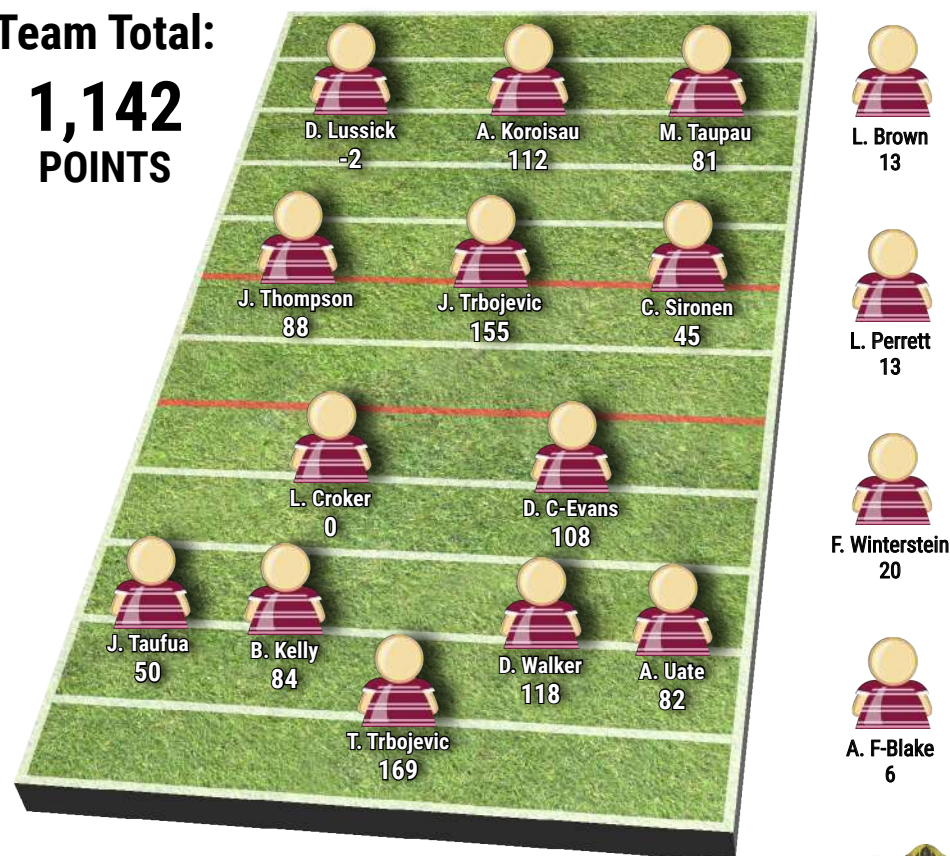
2017 MVP
Tom Trbojevic

Tries: 12
Try Assists: 18
Linebreaks: 19
Line Break Assists: 18
Metre Eaters: 24

169
POINTS

Team Total:

1,142
POINTS



Other Players: J. Hastings, M. Wright, J. Gosiewski, S. Lane

SEA EAGLES

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Tom Trbojevic	FB	22	12	0	0	24	18	19	18	169	138	37
Jake Trbojevic	BR	23	9	0	24	5	0	8	5	155	128	53
Dylan Walker	CT (5 KP)	24	12	28	0	15	10	12	8	118 (174)	53 (77)	79
Apisai Koroisau	HK (2 KP)	23	3	1	17	2	6	8	7	112 (114)	58 (60)	53 (61)
Daly Cherry-Evans	HB (1 KP)	24	6	9	2	1	22	5	18	108 (126)	75	87
Joel Thompson	BR	24	9	0	9	1	2	8	2	88	64	50
Brian Kelly	CT	22	8	0	0	10	7	12	6	84	DNP	DNP
Akuila Uate	WG	23	14	0	0	3	4	11	1	82	12	72
Martin Taupau	BR, FR	21	1	0	10	16	0	1	4	81	71	40
Jorge Taufua	WG	12	8	0	0	6	0	6	0	50	72	49
Matthew Wright	WG (2 KP)	14	6	35	0	8	0	6	0	46 (116)	22 (36)	46
Curtis Sironen	BR	15	6	0	3	0	1	5	2	45	14	13
Shaun Lane	BR	9	1	0	5	1	2	2	3	35	0	30
Frank Winterstein	BR	24	1	0	2	0	3	3	1	20	4	DNP
Lewis Brown	BR	21	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	13	22	36
Lloyd Perrett	FR	14	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	13	0	4
Brad Parker	WG	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	8	9	DNP
Addin Fonua-Blake	FR	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	6	13	DNP
Jackson Hastings	FE	11	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	5 (11)	33	11
Joey Lussick	HK	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	DNP	DNP
Darcy Lussick	FR	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	33	11
Billy Bainbridge	BR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Jarrad Kennedy	BR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Jack Gosiewski	BR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP
Lachlan Croker	FE, HB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	0	DNP

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

JAKE TRBOJEVIC is Ryan James without the prop eligibility. He'll be drafted round one.

DUD

BRIAN KELLY can't defend and once Barrett realises, he'll be swapped for Matty Wright.

SLEEPER

APISAI KOROISAU makes 75m easily. Just needs a few more tackles for regular DWHs.

GAMBLE

DYLAN WALKER with five kicking points is a trap. Not to mention he's always injured.

SHARKS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
16th	6th	3rd	5th

Premiership Odds: \$15
Premierships: 1
Bye Round: 17



Sharks Tank to be Tested

Suddenly, the Sharks have become a recruitment haven for big names. Seriously, they are linked with every big name who comes off contract and honestly, the question must be asked - WHY!???

Matt Moylan and Josh Dugan are the big 'ins' for season 2018 and they look to replace some pretty big names. However, both are injury prone and that is always a concern.

James Maloney is a proven winner over the years (despite being the most penalised player in the NRL) and the Sharks loss is the Panthers gain. Jack Bird is the other 'big' loss as he ventures into enemy territory north of the border.

When one looks at the Sharks squad, it possesses a nice blend of youthful exuberance and experience. There's work ethic where required and speed to burn out wide.

For the NRLCEO Coach, the Sharks boast an array of draft targets, most notably, workhorses Andrew Fifita and Paul Gallen.

In a position where quality is rare, Fifita's flopping will see him reach 40 involvements easily most weeks and expect him to be a round one or two target in most drafts.

As a backrower, 48-year-old Gal continues to work like a man possessed (with peptides) and with representative duties out of the equation, Gal showed what he was capable of last season, collecting the coveted NRLCEO MVP title.

In the hooker stakes, young gun Jayden Brailey's value is hindered by James Segeyaro being on the bench. If either of them find themselves becoming an 80 minute Hooker then they will be worth their weight in gold. Whenever they played the full game solo they both workhosed with ease.

In the backs, fullback Valentine Holmes looks set for a big season after a record breaking World Cup. However, he'll need to improve his support play if he is to improve on his dismal 2017, which netted him just six pies....

In the halves, Chad Townsend is likely to be joined by Moylan who is probably going to inherit the boots this season. But given the Sharks typical grinding style of play, the 'pretty boy' may go undrafted in many competitions until he gains some trust!

Overall, the Sharks still look like a top eight team on paper, but their depth seems a little fragile. Their backs aren't likely to score bulk tries so staying away is probably a smart decision.

Player Changes

Gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Moylan • Josh Dugan • Aaron Gray
Losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Bird • Gerard Beale • Daniel Mortimer • James Maloney • Jeremy Latimore • Fa'amanu Brown • Manaia Cherrington • Chris Heighington



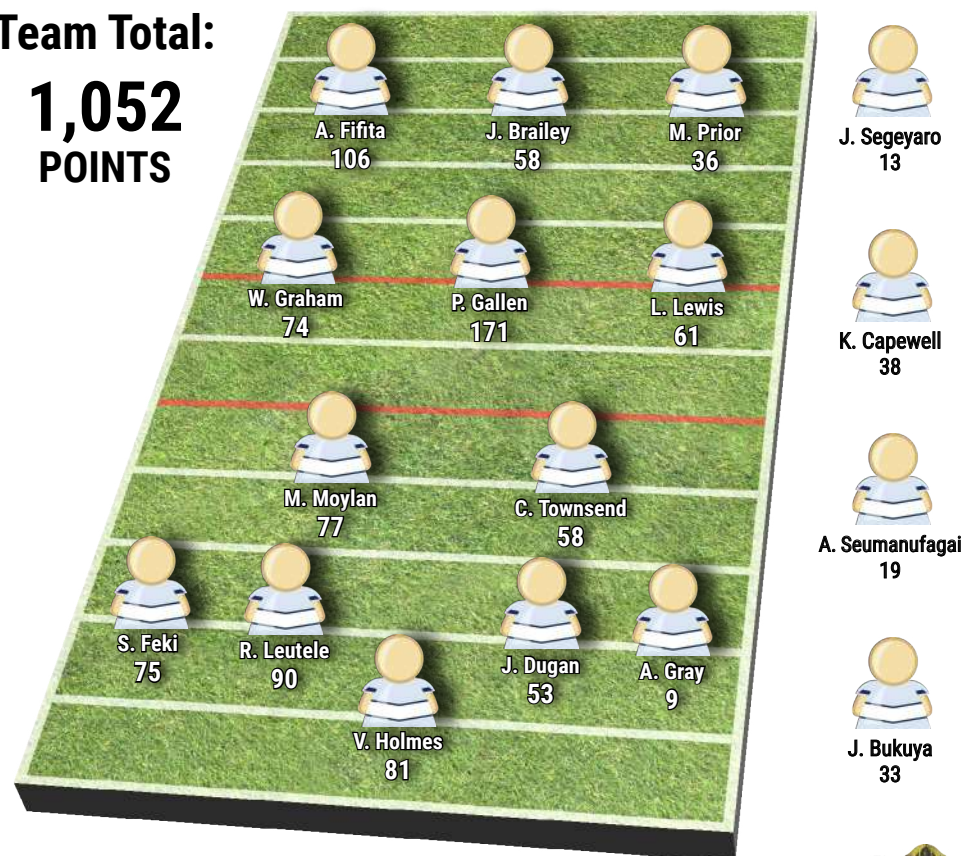
2017 MVP Paul Gallen

Workhorses: 24
Metre Eaters: 25
Tries: 3
Tackles: 773
Run Metres: 4,162

171 POINTS

Team Total:

1,052 POINTS



Other Players: E. Lee, J. Paulo, J. Ramien, B. Uele

SHARKS

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MENU



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Paul Gallen	BR	24	3	0	24	25	2	3	6	171	124	103
Andrew Fifita	FR	22	1	0	19	9	1	1	5	106	121	94
Ricky Leutele	CT	24	7	0	0	16	6	10	8	90	53	51
Valentine Holmes	FB (1 KP)	21	6	10	0	17	5	7	6	81 (101)	120 (124)	82 (104)
Matthew Moylan	FE (7 KP)	18	8	0	0	4	8	7	14	77	90	48 (88)
Sosaia Feki	WG	23	13	0	0	1	2	17	0	75	78	40
Wade Graham	BR	21	5	0	6	2	5	9	7	74	98	87
Luke Lewis	BR	22	6	0	5	1	3	7	2	61	74	91
Jayden Brailey	HK	18	4	0	9	0	1	1	3	58	0	0
Chad Townsend	HB (1 KP)	24	5	2	0	0	11	6	9	58 (62)	74 (86)	51
Josh Dugan	CT	17	3	2	0	11	3	9	4	53 (57)	64	43 (51)
Kurt Capewell	CT, BR	16	4	0	2	3	1	5	1	38	2	0
Matt Prior	FR	23	1	0	6	0	2	4	0	36	40	4
Jayson Bukuya	BR	22	3	0	4	1	0	2	1	33	44	38
Ava Seumanufagai	FR	18	2	0	3	1	0	1	0	19	30	23
Edrick Lee	WG	5	2	0	0	2	1	3	2	19	44	67
James Segeyaro	HK	11	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	13	7	DNP
Joseph Paulo	BR	11	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	13	5	6
Aaron Gray	WG, CT	9	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	9	60	41
Jesse Ramien	CT	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	DNP	DNP
Braden Uele	FR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP
Scott Sorensen	BR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kyle Flanagan	HB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Billy Magoulias	BR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Sione Katoa	W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP	DNP

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

In the hope of being very, very wrong - **PAUL GALLEN**, 2017 MVP, will keep on keeping on...

DUD

MATT MOYLAN is over-rated and has seven kicking points this season as well. Avoid.

SLEEPER

AARON GRAY has come over from the Rabbits and is a sneaky late draft option.

GAMBLE

VALENTINE HOLMES had a cracking World Cup – on the wing. He has a lot to learn at FB.

2014	2015	2016	2017
6th	4th	1st	1st

Premiership Odds: \$6.50
Premierships: 3*
Bye Round: 13



Nothing Lost, Nothing Gained

The defending champions have lost their general in Cooper Cronk but in his place, the apprentice takes over. From what we have seen of Brodie Croft so far in the NRL, the Storm are going to be just as dangerous again in 2018.

The Storm under Craig Bellamy have had a knack of producing ready made players to slot into vacated positions for years. You just have to look at their projected team and again, there doesn't appear to be any overwhelming weaknesses.

Golden Boot legend Cam Smith will steer the ship once again and is an obvious round one draft target. In fact, he's the genuine lay down misere first pick as there's really no such thing as a hard-working hooker who sets up plenty, WITH boots!

For the NRLCEO Coach, the Storm wingers are money. Vunivalu on the right and Addo-Carr on the left boast the perfect combination of athleticism and speed. It's funny actually – how can the Storm wingers be so prosperous, yet their centres be so miserly in terms of their NRLCEO points returns?

On paper Curtis Scott and Will Chambers sound like excellent draft picks in their own right. I certainly wouldn't jump at them early. The Storm attack might change in 2018 though without Cooper Cronk's accurate kicking, and if they spread it earlier then both centres will improve on their 2017 scores.

At the back, Billy Slater has well and truly returned, and some would suggest an even better player. He certainly had his try assists going last season and is still electric, causing opposing defences plenty of trouble with his blinding acceleration.

In the forwards, Dale Finucane is the no frills, worker in the pack. Tohu was the man, but he swapped to the Warriors in return for Hoffman. Felise Kaufusi on the right edge was a revelation – scoring tries and making tackles, but can he have another season like that?

Up front, could the enigma of Jesse Bromwich return to his workhorse halcyon days which made him a top NRLCEO target? You'd think he will have to work more with big men Asofa-Solomona and Kasiano not likely to play big minutes.

Overall, the Storm are a quality NRL and NRLCEO team. They grind their opponents into the ground and score plenty when their opposition finally submits. DRAFT THEM!!!

Player Changes

Gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Hoffman • Patrick Kaufusi • Sam Kasiano • Sandor Earl
Losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooper Cronk • Jordan McLean • Slade Griffin • Tohu Harris • Robbie Rochow • Mark Nicholls

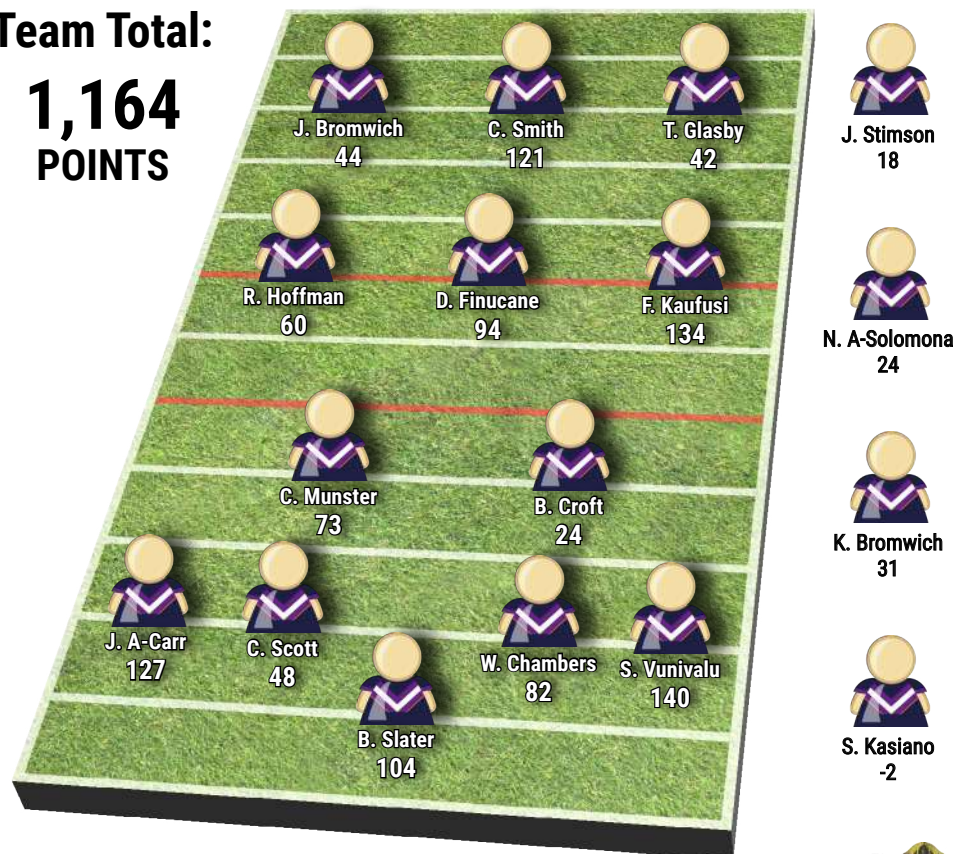


2017 MVP
Sulasi Vunivalu

Tries: 23
Try Assists: 5
Linebreaks: 20
Line Break Assists: 2
Metre Eaters: 9

140
POINTS

Team Total:
1,164
POINTS



Other Players: C. Blair, P. Kaufusi, R. Jacks, S. Earl*

STORM

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MENU



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Suliasi Vunivalu	WG	23	23	0	0	9	5	20	2	140	107	DNP
Felise Kaufusi	BR	24	8	0	20	2	3	10	2	134	24	10
Josh Addo-Carr	WG	24	19	0	0	15	1	19	0	127	37	DNP
Cameron Smith	HK (9 KP)	20	2	78	15	0	15	2	17	121 (277)	142 (308)	117 (245)
Billy Slater	FB	18	7	0	0	5	19	12	16	104	6	30
Dale Finucane	BR	23	3	1	18	2	1	3	1	94 (96)	113	64
Will Chambers	CT	20	7	0	0	13	7	8	8	82	35	61
Cameron Munster	FE (1 KP)	18	1	12	1	7	14	6	19	73 (97)	112	49
Ryan Hoffman	BR	19	6	1	6	0	2	5	3	60 (62)	54	31
Cheyse Blair	CT	13	5	0	0	10	3	4	4	54	55	12
Curtis Scott	CT	10	5	0	0	7	2	8	2	48	1	DNP
Jesse Bromwich	FR	20	1	0	6	5	1	3	3	44	105	101
Tim Glasby	FR	20	2	0	6	0	3	4	0	42	16	5
Kenny Bromwich	BR	23	2	0	5	0	0	1	2	31	26	19
Brodie Croft	HB	4	4	0	0	0	1	3	3	24	2	DNP
Nelson Asofa-Solomona	FR	23	3	0	1	1	1	2	2	24	7	7
Jahrome Hughes	FB	4	3	0	0	2	0	5	1	22	5	0
Joe Stimson	BR	15	3	1	0	0	1	3	1	18 (20)	0	0
Young Tonumaipea	WG, CT	7	2	0	0	4	0	2	0	18	19	9
Brandon Smith	HK	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	13	0	DNP
Ryley Jacks	FE	12	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	DNP	DNP
Christian Welch	FR	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	3
Sam Kasiano	FR	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	34	26
Patrick Kaufusi	FR	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tui Kamikamica	BR, FR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	DNP

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

CAMERON SMITH is the total package and the ultimate captain in NRLCEO.

DUD

He's lost the weight but **SAM KASIANO** still won't be scoring any points this year.

SLEEPER

BRODIE CROFT is a deadset Cronk clone, except he's 10 years younger!

GAMBLE

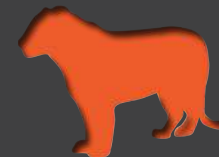
JESSE BROMWICH, scored just six workhorses in 2017. Sounds like Mannah...

TIGERS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
13th	15th	9th	14th

Premiership Odds: \$51
Premierships: 1
Bye Round: 17



Youth Policy

Forget the broom, coach Ivan Cleary has gone straight to the mini-skip with his squad and its taking shape after the big-name departures of Tedesco, Woods, Farah and co.

Tedesco and Woods in particular really hurt but at the end of the day, Tiger's management has recruited intelligently to cover those losses.

The talent and skills of the new group are wide and varied but most importantly, Cleary has put plenty of faith in his home-grown youth policy.

New to the Tigers likely starting team is Matulino, McQueen, Reynolds and Milne. While those names are hardly going to get the juices flowing, what those recruits will bring is passion and something for the young brigade to replicate.

There are plenty of youngsters who will wait in the wings for a start and once given the opportunity, expect the Tigers to look a lot different from the start of the season to the finish. Marsters and Suli are two such examples.

For the NRLCEO Coach, value is hard to find in the Tigers projected starting team as it is unclear how Cleary will utilise his new talent.

Matt McIlwrick looks to have first crack at the hooker jersey but Jacob Liddle will be keen to regain what was his before injury struck.

In the forwards, Chris Lawrence is handy but hardly draft material unless you're in a VERY deep league. McQueen is the same and only Elijah Taylor is a solid week to week workhorse proposition.

In the backs, Luke Brooks will run the show but again, he needs to have an injury free run to gain the confidence of NRLCEO coaches. Tui Lolohea will kick and play fullback and while on his day, he is a dynamic ball runner, his few performances at fullback don't exactly scream "draft me".

Of the outside backs, David Nofoaluma is the go to wing and if your competition has metre eaters, then he is your man. Nofoaluma finished fifth overall in metres run and total runs last season!

Overall, the youth policy employed by Cleary makes for an exciting season but NRLCEO wise, the Tigers are on the nose - for now. That could change however, if injury strikes.

Matt Eisenhuth and Alex Twal could be astute mid-draft prospects and if you're in a keeper league, keep an eye of them. They've both got the runs on the board so far but need the minutes in a busy back row stock in Leichardt.

Player Changes

Gains	Losses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Reynolds • Russell Packer • Chris McQueen • Taane Milne • Pita Godinet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benji Marshall • Ben Matulino • Mahe Fonua • Corey Thompson • Robbie Rochow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benji Marshall • Ava Seumanufagai • Jordan Rankin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Woods



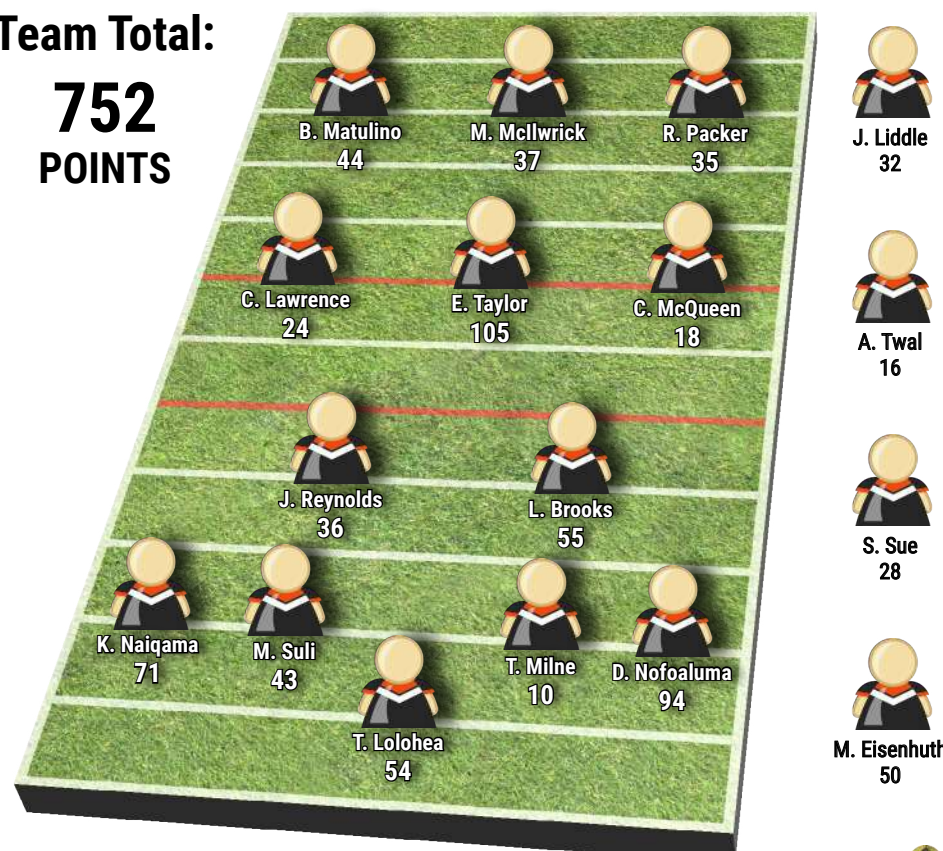
2017 MVP
Elijah Taylor

Tries: 5
Workhorses: 19
Metre Eaters: 0
Tackles: 921
Run Metres: 1,062

105
POINTS

Team Total:

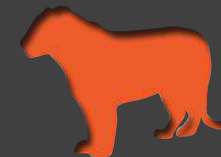
752
POINTS



Other Players: B. Marshall, M. W-Zelezniak, M. Chee Kam, J. Aloiai

TIGERS

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MENU



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Elijah Taylor	BR	21	5	0	19	0	2	3	2	105	78	84
David Nofoaluma	WG	24	8	0	0	19	3	14	4	94	93	36
Kevin Naiqama	CT, WG	23	9	0	0	9	4	5	4	71	99	64
Luke Brooks	HB	17	4	0	0	3	9	9	6	55	76	90
Tuimoala Lolohea	FB (6 KP)	17	5	38	0	2	8	5	9	54 (130)	82 (92)	78 (100)
Matt Eisenhuth	BR	11	0	0	11	1	1	0	2	50	DNP	DNP
Ben Matulino	FR	16	1	0	9	1	0	1	1	44	68	64
Moses Suli	CT	16	2	0	0	11	3	5	2	43	DNP	DNP
Matt McIlwrick	HK	23	2	0	4	0	3	4	3	37	0	5
Josh Reynolds	FE	17	5	0	0	2	2	3	5	36	85	38
Malakai Watene-Zelezniak	WG	14	6	0	0	3	1	4	0	36	DNP	DNP
Esan Marsters	CT	13	5	0	0	0	3	4	5	35	0	DNP
Russell Packer	FR	19	1	0	6	1	1	2	1	35	15	0
Jacob Liddle	HK	13	3	0	3	0	1	4	2	32	0	DNP
Sauaso Sue	BR, FR	22	4	0	2	0	0	3	1	28	35	38
Benji Marshall	FE (1 KP)	10	1	0	0	2	4	1	8	25	48	81
Chris Lawrence	BR	14	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	24	61	32
Josh Aloiai	BR	15	2	0	3	0	0	2	1	23	16	DNP
Chris McQueen	BR	13	2	0	0	1	2	2	2	18	74	42
Alex Twal	FR	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
Michael Chee-Kam	CT, BR	22	1	0	1	0	2	2	2	16	1	0
Tim Grant	FR	19	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	48	17
Taane Milne	CT (1 KP)	13	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	10	20	DNP
Robbie Rochow	BR, FR	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	12
Mahe Fonua	WG	20*	11*	0	0	0	3*	17*	0	67*	32*	27

DNP = Did Not Play * Denotes Super League Stats + Denotes Injury

STUD

ELIJAH TAYLOR is an Ivan Cleary favourite and his high work rate is great in NRLCEO.

DUD

THE TIGERS PACK, outside of Taylor, won't get NRLCEO coaches excited this year.

SLEEPER

What will get NRLCEO coaches excited are **THE TIGER CUBS** like Eisenhuth and Twal.

GAMBLE

If the Tigers fire up **TUIMOALA LOLOHEA** could be a good option, but they'll be rubbish.

2014	2015	2016	2017
14th	14th	8th	15th

Premiership Odds: \$51
Premierships: 0
Bye Round: 13



Rein In, Drain Out

The Hayne Plane has been cleared to f&k off, so now the Titans can return to where they were before he rocked up – semi-final contenders.

Titans Management have put the cleaners though the squad and the side will be barely recognisable at various stages throughout the season.

That is not necessarily a terrible thing as there is plenty of competition for starting spots and new blood will be working hard to impress new coach, Garth Brennan.

The early talk from Brennan suggests that workhorse and try machine Ryan James, is considering a switch to the edge and this could go either way for his stats. On the one hand, he'll become an 80-minute player who threatens the stripe more often but on the other hand, he won't be exposed to the work that he would normally do in the core.

The other forward positions are intriguing. Nathan Peats is normally gold, but enter the signing of Mitch Rein and suddenly, Brennan could be planning to give his star hooker a rest.

The make up of the rest of the pack is anyone's guess. Jarrod Wallace will be one prop, Leilani Latu should be the other and if Jai Arrow is given the start at lock, expect him to load the stats sheet with involvements. Kevin Proctor will play on the right edge and will be keen to have a better season than his injury/drug effected last season.

In the backs, everything will be conducted through half Ash Taylor – he's the money man. The signing of Michael Gordon is exactly what the doctor ordered, and he'll provide some much-needed stability in the custodian role as well as an accurate kicking boot to add the extras.

The Hurrellcane on the right edge could be a nice late draft pick up and once Anthony Don returns from injury, he is always a try scoring specialist and a good lower draft pick that everyone forgets.

The only way I will be interested in the Titans left centre position will be if they manage to snaffle Tyrone Peachey from the Panthers.

Overall, the Titans are predicted to be a real hot and cold team this season. They very rarely get blown away in games as their defence is often resolute, so workhorses are always high. To become a top team, they need to find the try line with more regularity and the buck stops with Taylor on that one...

Player Changes

Gains	• Jai Arrow	• Brendan Elliot
	• Mitch Rein	• Leilani Latu
Losses	• Chris McQueen	• Leivaha Pulu
	• Tyrone Roberts	• Nathaniel Peteru
	• Daniel Vidot	• Jarryd Hayne



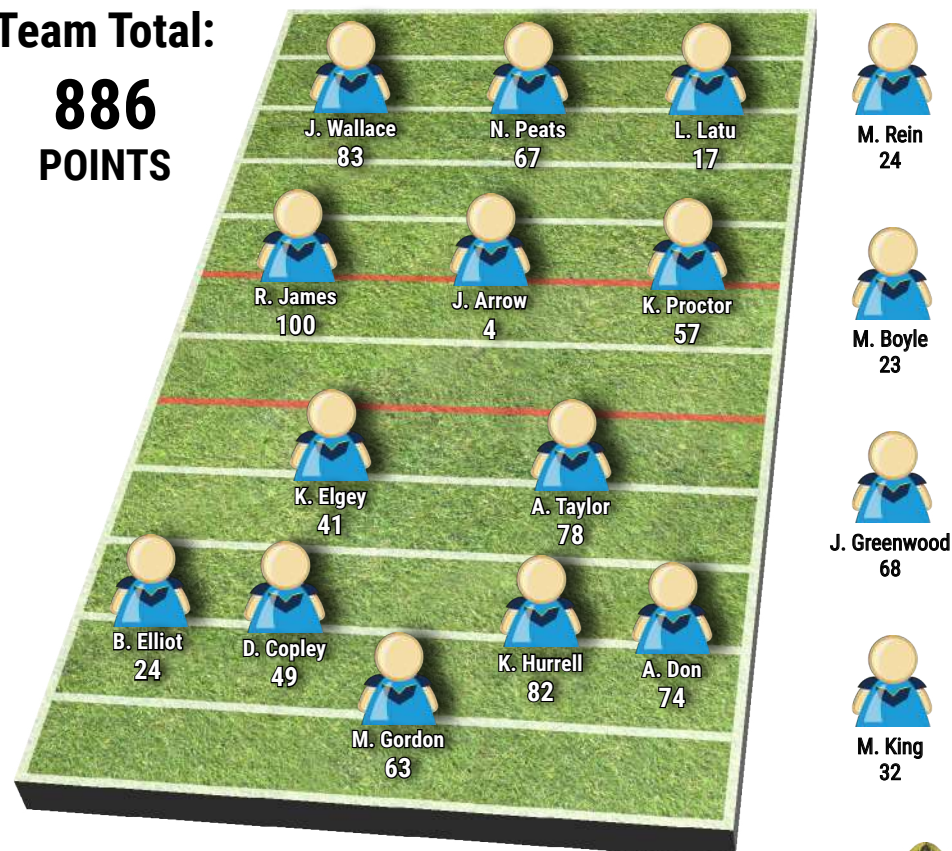
2017 MVP
Ryan James

Tries: 3
Workhorses: 20
Metre Eaters: 1
Tackles: 838
Run Metres: 2,275

100
POINTS

Team Total:

886
POINTS



Other Players: K. Lawton, P. Politoni, J. Stockwell, N. R-Davies

TITANS

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MENU



Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Ryan James	FR	22	3	0	20	1	0	4	2	100	170	73
Jarrold Wallace	FR	21	0	0	17	7	0	0	1	83	23	28
Konrad Hurrell	CT	16	9	0	0	15	2	7	5	82	44	27
Ashley Taylor	HB (3 KP)	24	5	38	0	1	21	4	8	78 (151)	62 (114)	0
Brenko Lee	CT	18	3	0	0	11	12	10	12	78	46	5
Anthony Don	WG	20	12	0	0	3	5	9	1	74	58	63
Joe Greenwood	BR	22	4	0	10	0	3	3	3	68	DNP	DNP
Nathan Peats	HK	15	0	0	12	0	6	0	7	67	89	112
Michael Gordon	WG (7 KP)	20	7	66	0	5	6	6	7	63 (197)	54 (196)	33 (169)
Kevin Proctor	BR	16	3	0	9	0	2	1	4	57	98	78
Dale Copley	CT	19	5	0	0	4	5	7	4	49	41	6
Kane Elgey	FE	19	7	8	0	0	2	5	4	41 (57)	0	63 (83)
Max King	BR	16	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	32	DNP	DNP
Brendan Elliot	CT, WG	12	4	0	0	0	1	5	1	24	33	37
Mitch Rein	HK	5	2	0	3	0	1	1	1	24	132	86
Morgan Boyle	FR	15	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	23	DNP	DNP
Karl Lawton	CT	11	2	0	1	0	1	4	0	18	0	DNP
Leilani Latu	FR	19	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	17	40	1
Pat Politoni	HK	5	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	16	DNP	DNP
Jack Stockwell	FR	10	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	14	12	12
Tyrone Roberts-Davis	WG	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	DNP	DNP
Phillip Sami	WG	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	DNP	DNP
Jai Arrow	BR	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	8	0
Blake Leary	BR	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	DNP	DNP
John Olive	CT	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	DNP

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

RYAN JAMES is a prop, who may play backrow, who works hard, and scores tries.

DUD

KANE ELGEY hasn't been the same since his injury in 2016. Can he fire up to help Taylor?

SLEEPER

JAI ARROW is a stats slut and he just needs a start. Worth a sneaky round 12 pick-up...

GAMBLE

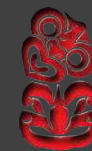
NATHAN PEATS now has Mitch Rein breathing down his neck. Could be risky.

WARRIORS

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MENU

2014	2015	2016	2017
9th	13th	10th	13th

Premiership Odds: \$41
Premierships: 0
Bye Round: 13



Season Surprise

The Warriors – what are they going to dish up this season?

On paper, they look very good again, especially with the signing of Blake Green – a perfect foil for Shaun Johnson. SJ has been particularly disappointing over the past two seasons where ultimately, his injuries have been a great excuse for poor Warrior's performances.

The loss of big names Bodene Thompson, Ben Matulino, Kieran Foran and Ryan Hoffman have been intelligently handled by Warriors Management – that's not something you hear every day!!!

Tohu Harris joins the team and will bring some professionalism and big game experience to the pack. Adam Blair does the same and should settle in nicely where his ill-discipline will fit right in...

As mention above, Blake Green is exactly what the Warriors need. He'll direct the troops around which will allow Johnson to chime in with the flashy stuff.

For the NRLCEO Coach, if you're into metre eaters then they don't come much better than RTS. On the wing David Fusitua could have a huge season if the Warriors fire.

In the forwards, Harris is the obvious workhorse and on the other edge Bunty Afoa could be a genuine steal late in the draft. The Warriors are going to do a lot of tackling, so their big minute edge forwards are good targets.

At lock, Simon Mannering was a beast last year. Tries, combined with double workhorses saw Mannering become the number one backrower last season and again see him drafted high in 2018. With the introduction of the Triple Workhorse, he is one of the best candidates to reach the Holy Grail!

The Warrior's front row tends to consist of big men who are rotated well. With Lillyman and Matulino gone, someone will need to step up and make the hard yards and tackles – who that will be is a guessing game at this stage though.

Overall, the Warriors possess some genuine high-quality, early round draft targets. They will again be considered a very dangerous team, especially when playing over 'the ditch' and when they click, they will trouble the best teams in the competition. How often will that be though...

Player Changes

Gains	• Adam Blair	• Tohu Harris
	• Gerard Beale	• Leivaha Pulu
	• Peta Hiku	• Manaia Cherrington
	• Blake Green	
Losses	• Kieran Foran	• Manu Vatuvei
	• Ben Matulino	• Bureta Faraimo
	• Charlie Gubb	• Ryan Hoffman
	• Jacob Lillyman	• Bodene Thompson



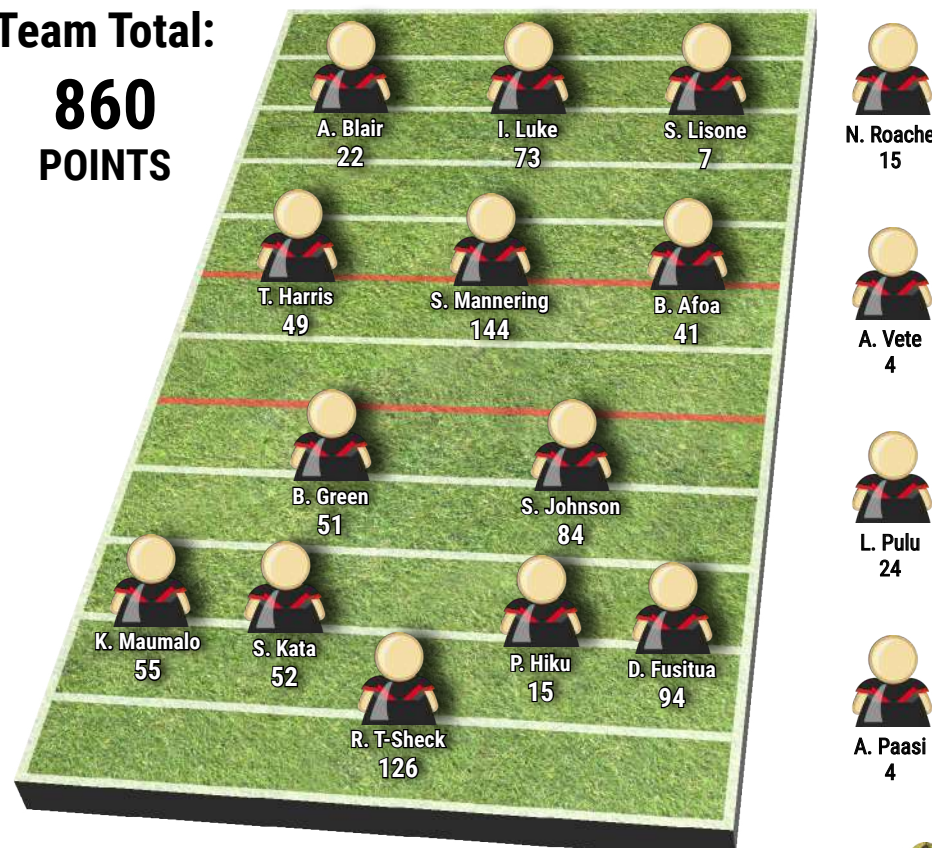
2017 MVP Simon Mannering

Tries: 5
Workhorses: 26
Metre Eaters: 3
Tackles: 984
Run Metres: 2,450

144 POINTS

Team Total:

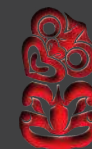
860 POINTS



Other Players: G. Beale*, B. Ayshford, A. Hingano, L. Sao

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Player	Position	Games	Tries	Goals	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Simon Mannering	BR	22	5	0	26	3	2	5	5	144	110	107
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck	FB	23	10	0	0	24	8	14	8	126	36	92
David Fusitua	WG, CT	24	12	0	0	13	3	10	4	94	90	16
Shaun Johnson	HB (7 KP)	18	4	45	0	1	20	9	15	84 (174)	116 (200)	75 (171)
Issac Luke	HK (2 KP)	23	1	17	12	2	3	4	7	73 (107)	91 (147)	90 (128)
Ken Maumalo	WG	23	7	0	0	11	0	5	0	55	11	6
Solomone Kata	CT	19	5	0	0	8	3	8	2	52	112	64
Blake Green	FE	23	3	0	0	0	11	2	12	51	50	76
Tohu Harris	BR	11	3	0	7	1	1	5	2	49	133 (137)	103 (109)
Gerard Beale	WG, CT	20	7	0	0	6	1	5	1	48	76	31
Blake Ayshford	CT	21	5	0	0	1	6	4	7	45	75	3
Bunty Afoa	BR	17	1	0	9	0	0	1	0	41	18	DNP
Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad	WG	7	7	0	0	3	0	4	0	38	0	0
Leivaha Pulu	BR	22	4	0	0	0	1	5	1	24	9	0
Adam Blair	FR	24	1	0	4	0	1	1	1	22	18	44
James Gavet	FR	13	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	20	2	0
Ata Hingano	FE	14	1	0	0	0	2	5	3	16	4 (6)	DNP
Nathaniel Roache	HK	12	1	0	0	2	1	4	1	15	5	DNP
Peta Hiku	WG	9	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	15	37	57 (63)
Mason Lino	HB	6	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	7 (11)	0	0
Sam Lisone	FR	23	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	7	DNP	DNP
Isaiah Papalii	BR	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	DNP	DNP
Agnatius Paasi	FR	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	49	18
Albert Vete	FR	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	18	5
Ligi Sao	FR	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14

DNP = Did Not Play

* Denotes Super League Stats

+ Denotes Injury

STUD

SIMON MANNERING is the glue that holds the Warrior's pack together.

DUD

ISAAC LUKE is on the outer and expect Nathaniel Roache to eat into his minutes.

SLEEPER

BUNTY AFOA is the likely man to take over the left edge from Bodene Thompson.

GAMBLE

SHAUN JOHNSON is a gem - when he feels like it! Rocks or diamonds personafied.

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