



# SEASON GUIDE 2021

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3x MVP - 2018, 2019, 2020

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The 2021 Season Guide, a.k.a. "The Bible", has been put together with the hard work of NRLCEO's Commish Jamie Bradnam, Michael "Mig" Hoyle, Craig "Cappo" Caplick, Mark "The Sheriff" Rigney, and resident graphic designer Scott Beeby.

# A HAPPIER NEW YEAR?

2020 - the year when the world as we know it changed. Initially, NRLCEO coaches only had to worry about the new rules. Less penalties? Six again? You can't tackle the attacking catcher in the air... WHAT...???

BUT...

Then, it struck. No travel. No sport. No RUGBY LEAGUE. NO NRLCEO... Noooooooo!!!

Well, not quite...

In the face of COVID-19, NRLCEO halted, responded, and progressed! With the messiah PVL desperately trying to find a solution, NRLCEO wound back the clock to 2004 and Retro NRLCEO was born.



The moral to this short reflection is obvious - NRLCEO and its fans are unwavering! We are passionate and the show must go on - in some way, shape or form.

Fast forward to 2021 and the same biological threat continues to keep borders shut, ground planes, build bubbles and even has Queenslanders wearing masks!

We are on the cusp of the best time of the year - the eve of Draftmas and there is much excitement in the air. But with it comes a sense of trepidation - the concerns are many and genuine.

Will we get 25 rounds this season or will COVID and Anna Palaszczuk rear their ugly heads? Will teams have to relocate, thus giving up home ground advantages? Will the bunker actually get some calls correct?

Will NRLCEO be forced to jump in the DeLorean once more and revisit the exploits of Hazem El Masri, Andrew Johns and Darren Lockyer again? We hope not, but rest assured that in case of emergency we are ready!!!

Season 2021 shapes as a cracker if all goes to plan. Future NRLCEO God - Cameron Smith is done (it would seem) but his departure is offset by the emergence of a plethora of young draft targets.

The conundrum of the 2021 draft is real. Will Damien Cook secure his fourth successive NRLCEO MVP? Will Teddy trump him? Or will a young upstart from Melbourne step up and steal the mantle?

Whatever happens this season, we can guarantee that rugby league will be far more exciting thanks to NRLCEO. NRLCEO makes games more interesting - more fun - and there's nothing better than beating your mates on the way to claiming that often elusive title.

Win, lose, or draw, the NRLCEO team will be working hard to bring you the product that you love - the product you deserve! To all the NRLCEO coaches out there, we thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy reading the 2021 NRLCEO Season Guide as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Finally, one thing is for certain - season 2021 is going to be a rocky ride one way or another. So buckle up, enjoy the ride, and win those NRLCEO titles...

## MICK HOYLE

Founder of NRLCEO. Guru of Fantasy Footy.  
Aka the PVL of NRLCEO.



# A QUICK REFRESHER

Most people reading this are likely to be diehard NRLCEO fanatics with at least a couple years of experience. That being said, there is sure to be at least a few of you that are new to this and many more who could use a brush up on how to play.

Before we flood you with information in the rest of this season guide, take a second to look over everything below so that we're all starting off on the same foot.

## WHAT IS NRLCEO?

NRLCEO is Australia's largest promotion/relegation draft for NRL fantasy football. Where Supercoach and NRL Fantasy assign prices to each player and give you a salary cap, NRLCEO prefers the draft approach. Every player is available to be in your team, but they're all unique. CEOs (that's you and the other players in your league) take turns to pick players, but once they've been picked nobody else can use them.

## FROM YOUR FELLOW CEOs:

- "Draft 'til the end. While other people might be happy to pick up random players, you can find one or two gems."*  
- **Geoff Adams**
- "Pick with your head, not with your heart. The players you love don't necessarily get the minutes."*  
- **Brett Leslie**
- "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**
- "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**
- "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**
- "If you are the last player to pick a kicker in your competition, wait until the last round to pick them. You effectively get another top tier pick."*  
- **@JarvFromOz**

## DON'T FORGET...

### METRE EATERS (2 POINTS):

*Fullbacks: Run over 150 metres*  
*Wingers: Run over 150 metres*  
*Centres: Run over 100 metres*  
*Five-Eighths: Run over 100 metres*  
*Halfbacks: Run over 100 metres*  
*Front Rowers: Run over 150 metres*  
*Hookers: Run over 75 metres*  
*Back Rowers: Run over 125 metres*  
*Locks: Run over 150 metres*

### DOUBLE METRE EATERS (4 POINTS):

*Hookers: Run over 125 metres*  
*All other positions: Run over 200 metres*

### TRIPLE METRE EATERS (6 POINTS):

*All positions: Run over 300 metres*

### WORKHORSE (4 POINTS):

*All forwards: 40+ involvements (tackles + hitups)*

### DOUBLE WORKHORSE (8 POINTS):

*Hookers: 60+ involvements AND run over 75m*  
*Other forwards: 60+ involvements AND run over 150m*

### TRIPLE WORKHORSE (12 POINTS):

*Hookers: 70+ involvements AND run over 125m*  
*Other forwards: 70+ involvements AND run over 200m*

# AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST PROMOTION/RELEGATION DRAFT

The Legends of League Competition is our oldest public league and it is now in its eleventh year. It's the ultimate competition to pit yourself against the best of the best outside of your private leagues.

Such is the popularity of this competition that many of the teams have been returning since the first year. Still after 11 years, no team has ever won the Champions League twice. So the challenge is on for 2020 Champions Madz Mongrels and the 2019 Champions NQ All Stars as they attempt to win for a second time.

Our Legends of League tournament is Australia's biggest promotion and relegation fantasy draft tournament.

The top tier is made up of ten teams. The top four from the 2020 Champions League and the six winners of the Legends of League Division 1 competitions. They all vye for the honour of being the champion of all champions, the highest honour in the NRLCEO world.

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 get 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.



## 2020 LEGENDS OF LEAGUE WINNERS

**Champions League: Madz Mongrels**

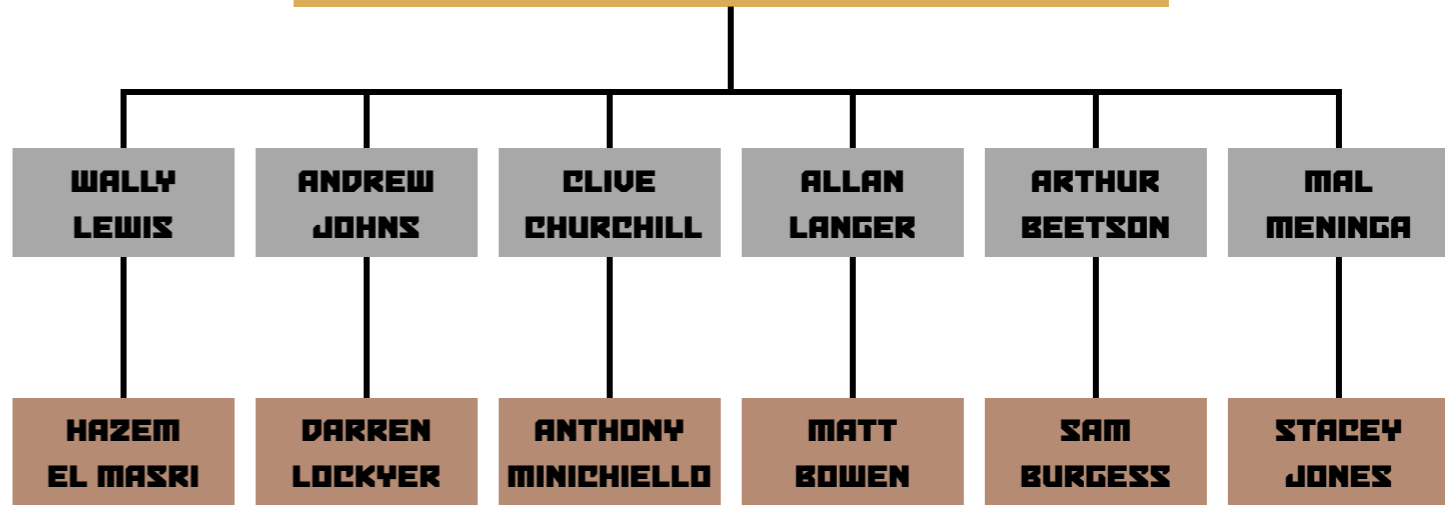
### Division 1:

- Allan Langer Cup: Wallalong EMUS*
- Andrew Johns Cup: Barn's Turbo Toothpaste*
- Arthur Beetson Cup: Green Claws*
- Clive Churchill Cup: Multiple Scorgasms*
- Mal Meninga Cup: Down Under Thunder*
- Wally Lewis Cup: Cook's Crushers*

### Division 2:

- Anthony Minichiello Sherbies*
- Darren Lockyer Cup: Bass Strait Mean Machine*
- Hazem El Masri Cup: MaxPower*
- Matty Bowen Cup: Dominant Tackle*
- Sam Burgess Cup: Die Grün-Weiße*
- Stacey Jones Cup: March Premiers*

## CHAMPION'S LEAGUE



106 PLACES

3 TIERS OF PROMOTION & RELEGATION

TROPHIES FOR EACH COMP!

\$10 ENTRY

# CHAMPIONS LEAGUE INTERVIEW

- WITH ADAM BROWNLEE

**Q. How long have you been playing NRLCEO?**

A. I have been playing NRLCEO for as long as I can remember. I began playing Fantasy NRL in 2003 in VNRL if i can remember correctly. I have not missed a season since.

**Q. Is this your greatest victory of all?**

A. This would have to be my greatest victory in NRLCEO. I have been trying to earn a spot in the Champions League for a few years. I had a few GF losses in the Legends of League along the way, so this win is very sweet, especially in my first season in Champions League.

**Q. Do you have a standard draft strategy that you follow?**

A. My standard draft strategy is probably similar to most. Early picks are of course used to build a workhorse pack. I will normally take a kicker in Round 2 or 3 (depending on what others are doing). I try to get a kicker from a team that is capable of playing finals.

I will forgo picking gun outside backs early as I can find a potential gun later in the draft, Stephen Crichton a prime example of that.



**Q. Who was your first draft pick in the Champions League and were you happy with him?**

A. My first pick this season was Damien Cook with pick #1 overall. I just couldn't go past him. His points were slightly down from the last two seasons but still ahead of the rest.

**Q. Who was the worst player you drafted in the Champions League in 2020?**

A. The worst player I drafted this season was Blake Ferguson. I carried him in my team for most of the season. Nat Butcher a close second.

**Q. What makes the Champions League different to other comps you play in?**

A. The Champions League is the best of the best. You cannot luck your way into this league. It is different to other leagues because everyone has had to earn their spot. Add to that the pressure of finishing in the top four just to stay in the league.

**Q. How was the pressure in the final few weeks?**

A. The pressure during the finals was actually huge. I went 14-2 for the season with an average of 100. I knew it would only take one bad week and I was in trouble. I actually lost in the last round before the finals as well so I was nervous. I won the major semi only scoring 80, I was relieved to get to the GF. I needed 115+ to win the GF which I managed to overcome.

**Q. How did you feel when you realised you won the Champions League?**

A. The feeling when I realised I had won was relief mostly. I did not want to waste such a good season. After that I was stoked.

**Q. If you get second pick in the draft in 2021, who will you pick?**

A. If I get second pick in this year's draft I will be happy to take Cook again if he doesn't go first pick. Otherwise I would pick Payne Haas.

**Q. Who will be your biggest rival in the Champions League in 2021?**

A. I think Jason Mills and I have developed a nice rivalry leading into next season. What an effort from him to almost be the first to go back to back. He beat me once during the regular season but I had him covered when it mattered.

**Q. In nine seasons of the Champions League, there have been nine separate winners. How do you plan on being the first ever person to win it twice?**

A. Nine seasons, Nine different winners. It's actually not a huge surprise to me that we have not had back to back winners. That will change this year. I think the trick is to not take it lightly just because you won the previous season. I'll be treating it like I haven't won it yet.

## CHAMPION'S GRAND FINAL TEAM



# SAM KASHIANO CUP

Our users have always enjoyed our public league competitions, but there are some CEOs who want to take their passion to the next level!

There are some users who want to put their skills and their money where their mouth is. Ten mad men (some syndicates) stump up \$250 each in the name of fantasy footy in the hope of winning the \$2,000 winners cheque.

**The 2020 winner was Killa Beez FC.** Coach Ross had the best team all year and was the deserving title winner and the \$2,000 cheque. After many years as the bridesmaid, he was happy to get the big win.

This competition is only for the committed. The draft is fast paced and brutal. The ruling challenges are as intense as any competition between close mates.

Unfortunately the intensity is so high that you need to commit even more than regular fantasy. You need an addiction of a modern day player has with recording all his most intimate moments on camera. No regrets.

So if you want to take part in the 2021 draft please get in touch through our social media channels and we'll let you know which cash competitions have places.

## COMPETITION RULES

SQUAD SIZE: 24

TERMINATION COUNT: 26

TERMINATION DEADLINE: Nil

TRADE DEADLINE: Start of Round 20

MAX KICKER POINTS: 13

Points: Tries (4) | Goals (2) | Workhorses (4) | Try Assists (Halves 3, Others 2) | Line Breaks (1)  
Field Goal (1) | 40/20 (1) | Sin Bin (-2) | Send off (-6)

Bench: Tries, Workhorses, and Try Assists are Half Points

Captains: Double Points

# Q&A WITH MR MONEYBAGS

**Q. What made you want to throw \$250 on the line in the name of fantasy footy?**

A. Too many beers

**Q. Is this your greatest victory of all?**

A. It's a very close second but taking out the Low Down and Dirty Cup last year is tough to beat.

**Q. Did your drafting strategy change with the money on the line?**

A. Looking back at my draft order it clearly did and not in a good way, some rookie errors chasing positional runs and I took my goal kicker way too early.

**Q. Who was your first draft pick in the Sam Ka\$hiano and were you happy with him?**

A. Payne Haas, he tailed off a little in the back half of the year but you can't complain about banking a walk up 16 points as captain each week.

**Q. Who was the worst player you drafted in the Sam Ka\$hiano in 2020?**

A. This is a competitive field with honourable mentions going to Jarrod Wallace, Murray Taulagi (don't drink and draft kids) and Paul Momirovski but the winner based on how early I took him and the fact he survived in my team until the GF was Luke Brooks.

**Q. How was the pressure in the final few weeks?**

A. A lot of nervous scrolling through late mail and team lists, Haas leaving the COVID bubble in the penultimate round didn't help either.

**Q. How did you feel when you realised you won the \$2,000?**

A. Relieved, as my wife wasn't buying the line that the \$250 was a sure thing investment.

**Q. What do you think you'll spend the cash on?**

A. A fridge full of Choc Milk stout from T-Bone Brewing and some personalised sledging for the boys from Brandon Smith on heyswys.com

**Q. Who will be your biggest rival in the Sam Ka\$hiano in 2021?**

A. It's a super competitive comp so everyone is a threat but I'm backing "Bennet and Seibold both suck" for a bounce back year.

**Q. If you had second pick in the draft (Captain Cook assumed #1), who would you pick?**

A. A few contract issues still to be sorted before this call gets made but in the interim I'll say Cameron McInnes and hope the contract year pressure keeps his metres up.

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\$250  
ENTRY



# SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING

Traditionally in our Supporters Leagues you get to pick your team from real life and draft six of their players, as well as the team's kicking points, before anyone else gets the chance. We found that some teams who typically flail down the bottom of the ladder don't always have six players worth picking, so we've decided to tweak the rules a bit.

Starting in 2021, all NRLCEO players in a Supporters League **now only pick four players** plus their team's kicking points. This should help even out the teams and make the draft that much more interesting.

*Example:*

If you have the Melbourne Storm, then you're likely to pick up Harry Grant, Ryan Papenhuyzen, Josh Addo-Carr, and perhaps Cameron Munster or Jahrome Hughes. In years gone past you wouldn't have to make that choice, and you might have thrown in an extra forward. Now, either Munster or Hughes are going to be in the draft, and the poor bastard who has the Tigers might actually have a shot!

## BRISBANE BRONCOS (TUX)

1. CARRIGAN
2. HAAS
3. TURPIN
4. MILFORD

The Milf will be back to his best in 2021. Prior to last season he had scores of 100, 93, 120, 171 and 132. More than happy to take that risk. Kotoni Staggs might have trumped him if he were playing a full season.

I don't want Lodge. He's a grub. Glad I didn't have to pick Isaako as we get the goals now anyway and outside of goal kicking he's become a ghost. Much like Corey Oates.

## CANBERRA RAIDERS (JB)

1. JACK WIGHTON
2. JOSH PAPALII
3. JOSH HODGSON
4. CHARNZE NICOLL-KLOKSTAD

The current Raiders squad is a much more defensive oriented team than the past 5-7 years which should equal workhorses galore but unfortunately the pack is stacked! The hardest thing is getting the minutes!

I opted for CNK in the end as there won't be many quality fullbacks left in the draft. I was very close to drafting George Williams who really impressed last year.

## CANTERBURY BULLDOGS (ADZ)

1. JOSH JACKSON
2. LUKE THOMPSON
3. RAYMOND FAITALA-MARINER
4. JEREMY MARSHALL-KING

My last pick is between Nick Cotric and Jeremy Marshall-King. I leant towards JMK as long as the Bulldogs haven't signed Brandon Smith before this goes to print.

I think JMK has been very solid for the last two years and hookers will be hard to get from other teams. Cotric's points will most likely drop this year as he moves to centre and to a less successful team.

## CRONULLA SHARKS (DAN)

1. BLAYKE BRAILEY
2. AIDAN TOLMAN
3. TOBY RUDOLF
4. WADE GRAHAM

This was tough. Long stacked with workhorses, this Sharks squad is VERY different these days.

Was tempted by Aaron "Flop" Woods and Sione Katoa, but in the end I had to opt for Wade Graham.

He's a frustrating NRLCEO player. He really is. But maybe, just maybe this is his year...

# SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING

## GOLD COAST TITANS (NICK)

1. AJ BRIMSON
2. TINO FA'ASUAMALEAUI
3. BRIAN KELLY
4. ASHLEY TAYLOR

A tough fourth choice with Taylor but I reckon with such a big and dominating pack in front of him, Taylor should be able to bring out his natural running game and absolutely light up the comp this year.

Also with the addition of a hopefully injury free Brimson running off him, it could turn out for quite the point scoring season for Taylor.

## MANLY SEA EAGLES (RYAN)

1. TOM TRBOJEVIC
2. JAKE TRBOJEVIC
3. DALY CHERRY-EVANS
4. CURTIS SIRONEN

Traditionally a powerhouse in this league due to a top heavy playing roster, this year leaves a bit to be desired. Beyond the Turbro's and DCE we are really thin!

I can't tell you who our wingers or hooker will be. For me it's a toss up between Sironen, Taupau and Aloiai. Even though Siro junior isn't flash he gets a workhorse more often than not and is a try threat outside DCE.

## MELBOURNE STORM (WELLSY)

1. HARRY GRANT
2. CAMERON MUNSTER
3. DALE FINUCANE
4. RYAN PAPENHUYZEN

I toiled over my last pick, and I am a terrible player and wanted to be a bit spicy, so I almost went with our big man Tui Kamikamica.

He's a beast on the field and started the season with two workhorses in 2020. Craig Bellamy believes in this bloke and I expect him to step into a more experienced role in 2021.

## NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS (SCOTT)

1. TOHU HARRIS
2. ROGER TUIVASA-SHECK
3. ADDIN FONUA-BLAKE
4. KODI NIKORIMA

As with most teams, it really felt like the Warriors had a given three players that everyone will choose and a fourth that could be anybody. I went with Nikorima to fill the slot because he had some great stats the last few years.

My other options were Maumalo and Fusitua. They both cut their 2020 season short, but previously they've seemed to take turns on who makes the Dream Team.

## NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (BEAVER)

1. KALYN PONGA
2. MITCH BARNETT
3. DAVID KLEMMER
4. BRADMAN BEST

Tyson Frizell was another consideration depending on what side of the field he plays on. Left, running off Ponga he'll be amazing. Jayden Brailey was off to a great start last year but is coming off an ACL which is a concern. Connor Watson is being groomed as a full time 13, but coming off an Achilles injury is too risky.

Pearce might miss a few rounds due to his penis.

## NTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (MIG)

1. JASON TAUMALOLO
2. VALENTINE HOLMES
3. KYLE FELDT
4. JOSH MCGUIRE

Picking a fourth player was tough. I went with McGuire's workhorse ability over the likes of Drinkwater and Robson.

I'm banking on there being plenty of halves available in the next stage of the draft.

As for Robson, he's no guarantee to workhorse as he'll probably share minutes with Cotter or Granville.

# SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING

## PARRAMATTA EELS (CHOPPER)

- 1. NATHAN BROWN
- 2. RYAN MATTERSON
- 3. MITCH MOSES
- 4. CLINTON GUTHERSON

My first three picks have left me with a hard choice for the fourth spot.

It leaves me with Clint Gutherson, Reed Mahoney, Dylan Brown, Maika Sivo and many more good players to choose from!!!

But I think I will go with King Gutho as my fourth player this year and hopefully he has a cracker season.

## PENRITH PANTHERS (SHERIFF)

- 1. NATHAN CLEARY
- 2. API KOROISAU
- 3. JAMES FISHER-HARRIS
- 4. JAROME LUAI

Luai was my last selection with both Yeo and Martin thrown in the mix, but in the end a good half is harder to find that a decent back rower. Last year there seemed to be deep options for back rowers, so I will take my chances not picking one up early. The other option was Stephen Crichton, but he will be a marked man in 2021 and will find it hard to emulate his rookie season.

## SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (AARON)

- 1. DAMIEN COOK
- 2. CAMERON MURRAY
- 3. CODY WALKER
- 4. LATRELL MITCHELL

The possibility of finding decent players amongst the undrafted players of other clubs was the major consideration in selecting the fourth position. I've been caught without a decent NRLCEO halfback in the past so Adam Reynolds was a contender.

However, Latrell Mitchell should continue to grow into the fullback role and he gets my fourth position.

## ST GEORGE DRAGONS (ROB)

- 1. CAMERON MCINNES
- 2. MATT DUFTY
- 3. PAUL VAUGHAN
- 4. ZAC LOMAX

I took Lomax as last pick as he looked good in glimpses in 2020 and can only get better.

He's also one of the only kickers so his starting position seems secure.

Significant uncertainty over outside backs and forward rotation means there may be value in Ramsey, Ravalawa, Lawrie, Sims, and Ford.

## SYDNEY ROOSTERS (BONA)

- 1. JAMES TEDESCO
- 2. ANGUS CRICHTON
- 3. JAKE FRIEND
- 4. LUKE KEARY

When you're talking about the great club of the Sydney Roosters, they are stacked with talent across the park. It's hard to leave Daniel Tupou out, especially when he is fit and ready to go.

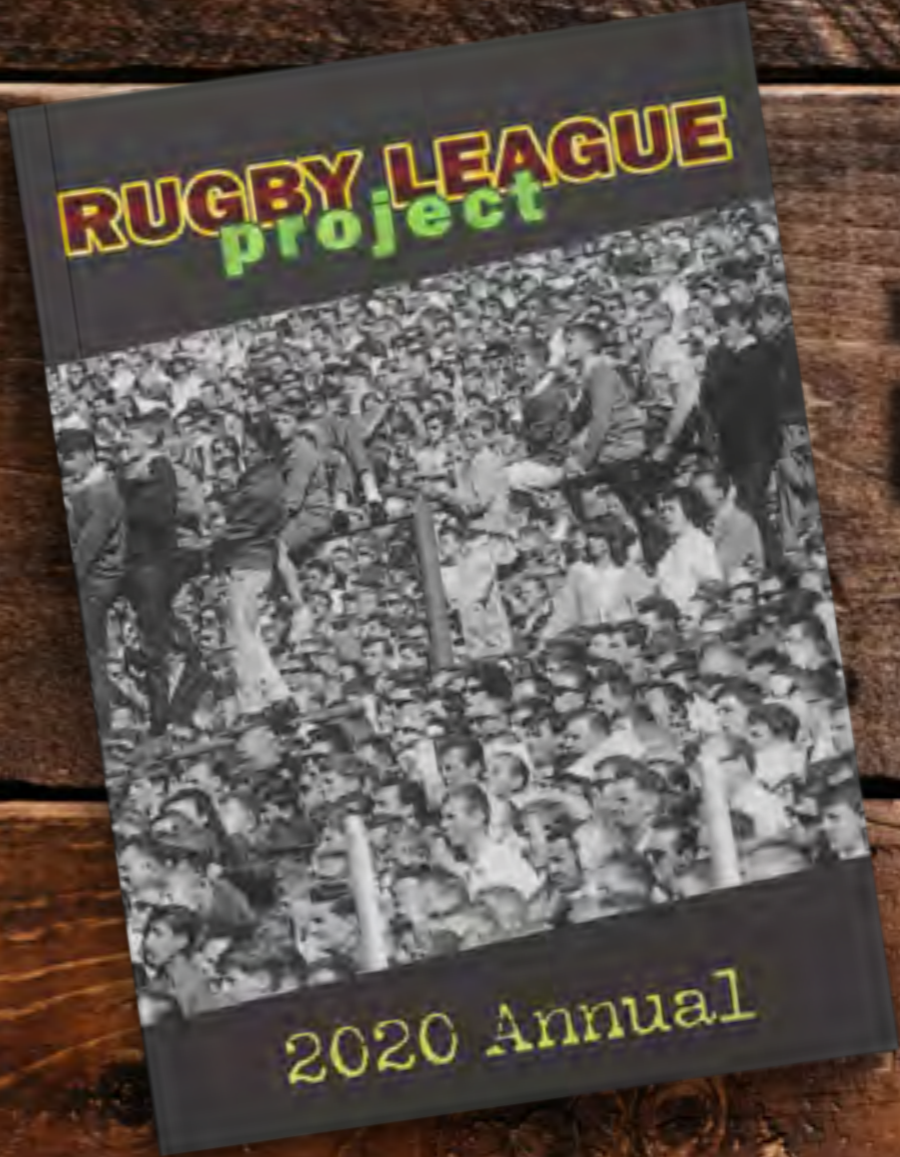
However, you absolutely need a decent half, especially with the 3-point TA criteria. I just hope it's Keary that's feeding Tupou all those tries this year.

## WESTS TIGERS (BIG T)

- 1. DAVID NOFOALUMA
- 2. LUCIANO LEILUA
- 3. JAMES TAMOU
- 4. ALEX TWAL

Bit strange when your first picked player is a winger, but Nofa really is the heart and soul of this club.

Opted to leave out Adam Douiehi as I am not 100% confident in his role as a half. The majority of his points last year was as a half. In the end I had to imagine the Tigers will be doing a lot of defence and therefore opted for three potential workhorses.



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# SUPER LEAGUE SCOUTING

It's a very different looking group of players heading to the NRL from the Northern Hemisphere this year. Whether it is COVID related or just scouting tactics are changing. I'm not sure.

Most of the Super League recruits this year haven't even made their mark on the Super League yet. They are long term prospects. Three of them aren't yet 20 years old.

**Ben Murdoch-Masila** is the highest profile recruit from the Super League. He has spent the past five seasons in the UK for the Salford Red Devils (2016-17) and Warrington Wolves (2018-20). He has racked up 128 appearances and has scored 42 tries, which is very impressive for a big boy. But we've seen players from the Super League come over with massive try scoring strike rates and not convert that in the NRL.

He won't be NRLCEO relevant though. He wasn't a workhorse when he was younger at the Tigers and

Panthers and at 115kg, he won't become one now either. His injury affected 2020 Super League stats read 10 games, three tries, one try assist, one workhorse and zero metre eaters.

**Ben MURDOCH-MASILA**  
(pictured)



Former NRLCEO favourite **David Mead** will return to the NRL after three seasons in France for Catalans. The try scoring flyer added another 29 Super League tries to his 71 NRL tries to take his professional club career to 100 tries in total.

Despite the Broncos struggles last year, Mead will only be a depth player for the Broncos this year. A nice nostalgic name to add to the NRL but not someone worth picking up at draft time. An injury to one or two outside backs during the season though and he's worth a sniff on the waiver wire.

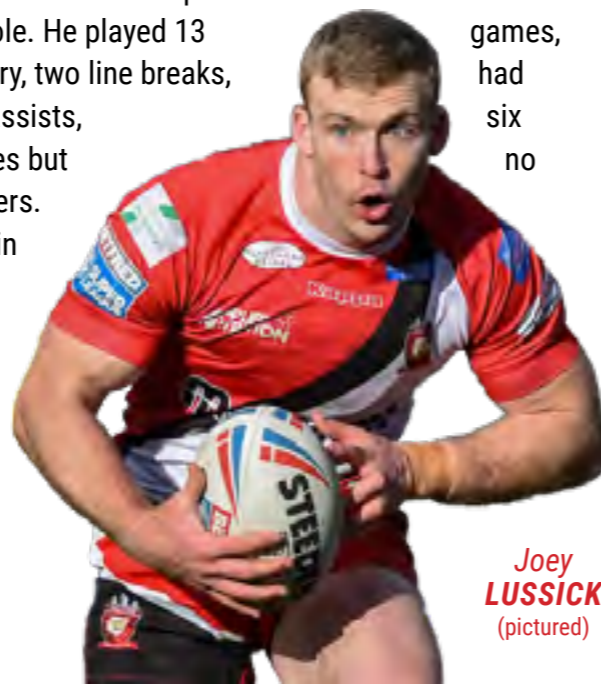


**David MEAD**  
(pictured)

The Eels have finally landed a decent back-up hooker to Reed Mahoney in the Northern Beaches born **Joey Lussick**. Ray Stone will likely start as the utility in the Eels 17, but the brother of Darcy could work his way into that role and is a better starting hooker prospect should Mahoney get injured.

Whilst he only managed one game for the Sea Eagles in 2017, Lussick has grown in maturity and stature since his move to the UK.

His stats in the Super League last year were reasonable and speak of workhorse potential with a starting role. He played 13 games, scored a try, two line breaks, had three try assists, six workhorses but no metre eaters. Although in 2019 he scored 12 tries in one season, so he can sniff out a try.



**Joey LUSSICK**  
(pictured)

The Knights have looked to the future in signing two academy guns **Bailey Hodgson** and **Dominic Young**. Both 19 years old, and both with less than two first grade appearances under their belts.

In a fascinating transition of generations, Bailey Hodgson is the nephew of Josh Hodgson.

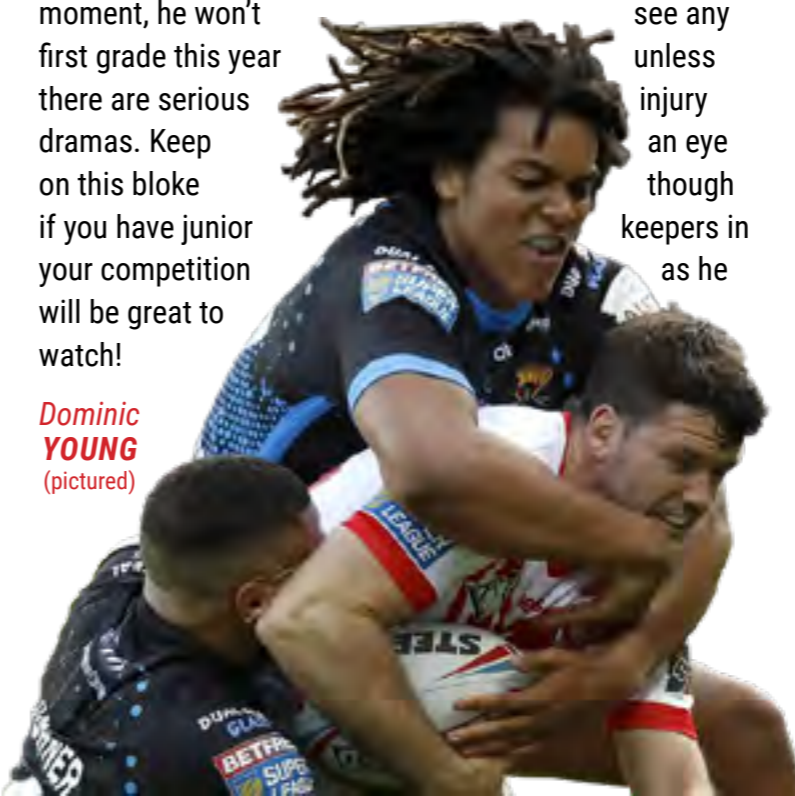
He is an exciting future prospect, but not a draft prospect for 2021. The 19 year old has signed a three year deal with the Knights, which shows they are willing to wait while he transitions to the NRL.

The fullback/centre made his debut at 18 years old for the Castleford Tigers and is an England junior international.

He will be joined by his England U19's team mate Dominic Young. The centre/winger is 198cm, 106kg and certainly stands out on the field as his dreadlocked head towers over most.

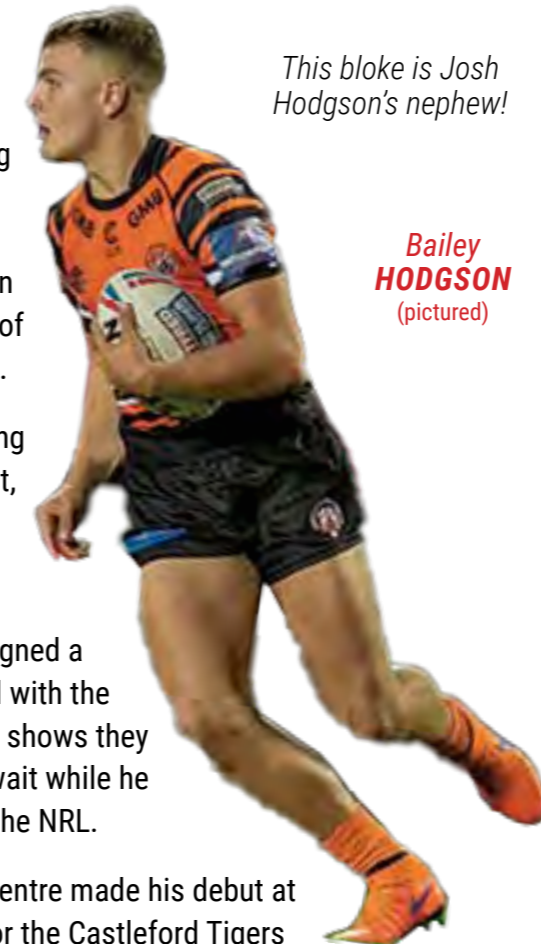
With the depth of backs in the Knights system at the moment, he won't see any first grade this year unless injury there are serious dramas. Keep an eye on this bloke though if you have junior keepers in your competition as he will be great to watch!

**Dominic YOUNG**  
(pictured)



*This bloke is Josh Hodgson's nephew!*

**Bailey HODGSON**  
(pictured)



The last English recruit is another junior international and this back rower comes with the biggest raps of them all. The Raiders had an English slot free after John Bateman returned home and have decided to invest in a long term prospect.

England Academy representative **Harry Rushton** is also just 19 years old but is already making waves as a future first grade star. At 6"3' he has the height but still has to put meat on his 98kg frame.

In his only Super League game to date he made 41 tackles and had 11 carries. He is certainly a hard working back rower - typical of what we've seen from England in recent years. He is another project player for the Raiders and will play a season of U21's before he is considered first team standard. One for the future if you play in a keeper league.



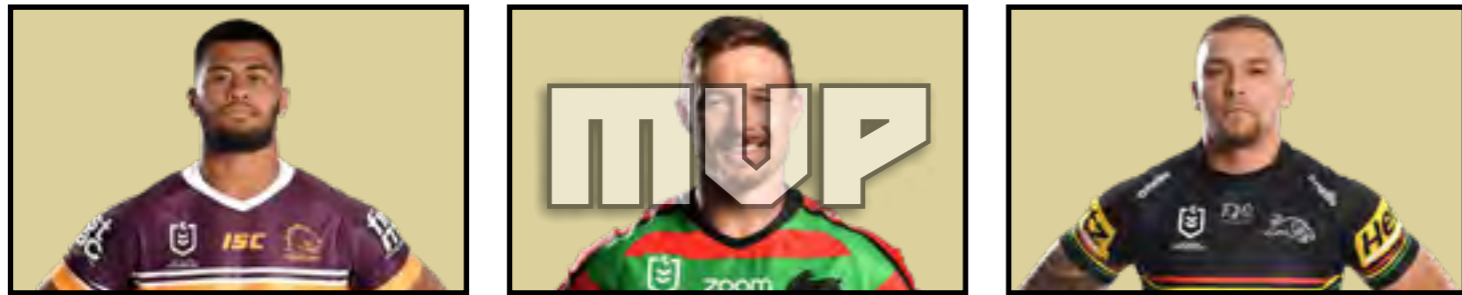
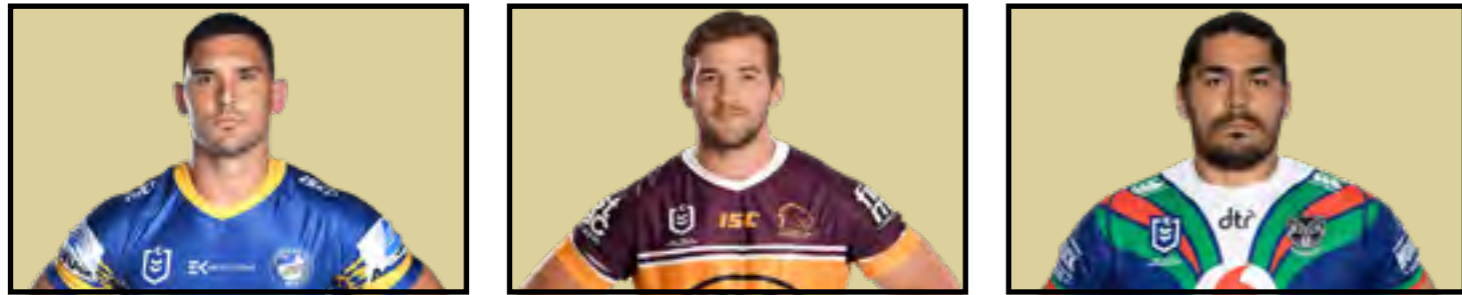
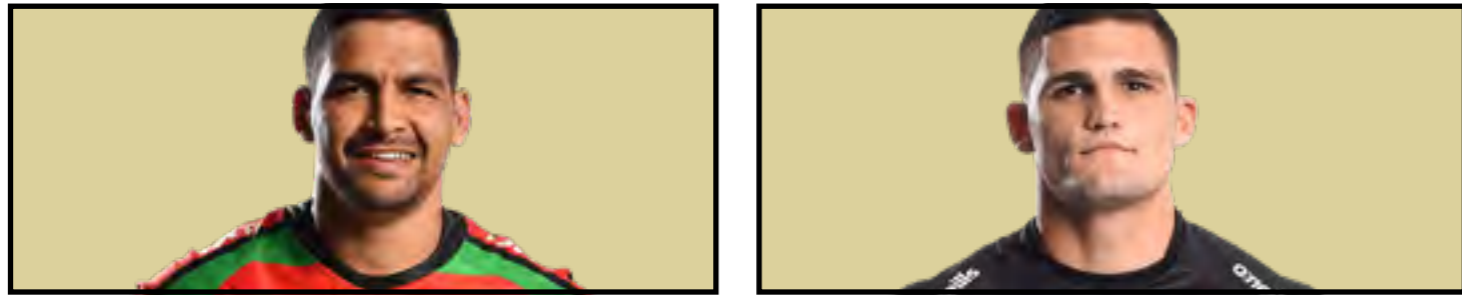
**Harry RUSHTON**  
(pictured)

## BETRAYERS

These are the players who have jumped on a plane to COVID central, UK. Who said footballers weren't smart?

- John **BATEMAN** (Wigan)
- James **GRAHAM** (St Helens)
- Joel **THOMPSON** (St Helens)
- Josh **REYNOLDS** (Hull FC)
- Elijah **TAYLOR** (Salford Red Devils)
- Ryan **HALL** (Hull KR)
- Korbin **SIMS** (Hull KR)
- Sione **MATA'UTIA** (St Helens)
- Agnatius **PAASI** (St Helens)
- Brad **TAKAIRANGI** (Hull KR)
- Chris **MCQUEEN** (Huddersfield)
- Mason **LINO** (Wakefield Trinity)
- Ricky **LEUTELE** (Huddersfield)
- Jack **COGGER** (Huddersfield)
- Jai **FIELD** (Wigan)
- Albert **VETE** (Hull KR)

# LAST YEAR'S DREAM TEAM



PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	GL	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	R/SET	40/20	TOTAL
J. TEDESCO	FB	17	8	0	0	31	15	14	20	2	0	160
D. NOFOALUMA	WG	19	17	0	0	21	7	18	3	1	0	143
S. CRICHTON	CT	19	15	7	0	10	5	12	8	3	0	113
C. GRAHAM	CT	19	13	0	0	14	3	13	2	1	0	102
A. JOHNSTON	WG	19	20	0	0	5	2	20	1	1	0	116
C. WALKER	FE	18	9	0	0	6	19	14	15	5	0	137
N. CLEARY	HB	18	4	76	1	3	17	5	19	26	4	130
P. HAAS	FR	17	1	0	25	15	1	0	2	0	0	138
D. COOK (MVP)	HK	20	3	0	32	8	3	5	4	6	0	184
J. FISHER-HARRIS	FR	20	0	0	24	18	0	0	0	0	0	132
T. HARRIS	BR	20	1	0	31	12	0	0	0	0	0	156
R. MATTERSON	BR	17	3	0	19	3	4	3	5	2	0	108
P. CARRIGAN	LK	19	0	0	29	9	0	1	1	0	0	134

# TOP PLAYERS BY POSITION

FULLBACKS	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
J. TEDESCO	8	15	14	31	160
C. GUTHERSON	7	17	7	24	143
K. PONGA	10	13	12	19	137
M. DUFTY	13	14	5	8	125
R. PAPHUYZEN	7	13	12	21	122

WINGERS	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
D. NOFOALUMA	17	7	18	21	146
A. JOHNSTON	20	2	20	5	116
K. FELDT	19	1	14	10	112
J. MANSOUR	10	4	20	15	102
J. ADDO-CARR	15	4	16	8	101
B. MORRIS	12	6	17	9	100
M. SIVO	15	2	20	3	92
D. TUPOU	11	1	11	15	89
S. KATOA	15	1	15	4	85
M. RAVALAWA	13	0	13	7	81

CENTRES	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
S. CRICHTON	15	5	12	10	113
C. GRAHAM	13	3	13	14	102
P. HIKU	8	10	5	14	96
Z. LOMAX	13	8	6	7	94
B. NADEN	12	3	6	9	86
J. MORRIS	9	7	9	6	83
J. MANU	8	5	9	8	71
E. TUALA	11	0	9	6	68
J. RAMIEN	8	1	6	12	67
K. STAGGS	10	2	11	5	67

FIVE EIGHTHS	TR	TA	LB	R/SET	TOTAL
C. WALKER	9	19	15	5	137
J. LUAI	7	22	18	13	136
L. KEARY	10	16	12	15	131
S. JOHNSON	2	22	11	15	104
J. WIGHTON	10	8	10	6	102

HALF BACKS	TR	TA	LB	R/SET	TOTAL
N. CLEARY	4	17	19	26	130
D. CHERRY-EVANS	6	22	20	9	130
J. HUGHES	7	13	6	5	90
A. REYNOLDS	6	9	12	17	87
G. WILLIAMS	4	14	6	15	86

HOOKERS	TR	TA	WH	ME	TOTAL
D. COOK	3	5	32	8	184
C. MCINNES	1	1	31	8	150
H. GRANT	3	7	23	5	141
A. KOROISAU	3	4	21	1	117
B. BRAILEY	3	6	14	0	96

FRONT ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
P. HAAS	1	25	8/0	11/4	138
J. F-HARRIS	0	24	5/1	13/5	132
D. KLEMMER	0	24	3/1	14/2	131
J. MCGUIRE	0	23	4/1	9/1	115
R. C-GILLARD	1	20	2/2	9/5	113
S. TAUKEIAHO	1	18	3/0	9/3	111
A. TOLMAN	2	22	3/1	4/1	111
J. PAPALII	4	14	1/0	7/2	97
J. TAMOU	1	17	0/0	7/0	89
J. PAULO	0	13	0/0	10/1	88

BACK ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
T. HARRIS	1	31	10/1	12/0	156
R. MATTERSON	3	18	2/0	3/0	108
T. FRIZELL	3	20	0/0	3/0	102
L. LEILUA	7	13	0/0	1/0	94
L. MARTIN	5	16	0/0	0/0	94
S. LANE	2	15	0/0	3/0	90
R. F-MARINER	6	15	0/0	0/0	89
A. CRICHTON	4	12	1/0	2/0	80
C. SIRONEN	3	13	0/0	0/1	79
J. JACKSON	1	18	0/0	0/0	79

LOCKS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
P. CARRIGAN	0	29	10/0	8/1	134
J. TAUMALOLO	2	15	3/0	12/8/1	116
N. BROWN	0	24	6/2	7/2	116
I. YEO	2	21	1/1	4/0	114
J. TRBOJEVIC	2	20	3/0	2/0	111

KICKERS	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
K. FLANAGAN	84	105	80%
A. REYNOLDS	83	96	86%
N. CLEARY	76	95	80%
Z. LOMAX	63	80	78%
J. CROKER	63	75	84%

	Joe	Jez	Rob	Matt	Mick	Will	Nick	Scott	Dan	Adam
Rd 1	COOK	GRANT	MCINNES	CLEARY	HAAS	TEDESCO	KOROISAU	CHERRY EVANS	PONGA	FISHER HARRIS
Rd 2	PAPENHUYZEN	MCGUIRE	KLEMMER	BROWN	C. WALKER	CARRIGAN	CROKER	HARRIS	J. TRBOJEVIC	TAUMALOLO
Rd 3	A. CRICHTON	KEARY	MATTERSON	S. CRICHTON	MURRAY	REYNOLDS	CAMPBELL GILLARD	FRIZELL	LUAI	MITCHELL
Rd 4	FOTUAIKA	MOSES	TUPOU	BRIMSON	T. TRBOJEVIC	JOHNSTON	HUGHES	MUNSTER	ADDO CARR	WIGHTON
Rd 5	TAYLOR	PAPALII	WILLIAMS	D. SAIFITI	MAHONEY	J. BRAILEY	GUTHERSON	TOLMAN	HODGSON	SIVO
Rd 6	B. SMITH	YEO	THOMPSON	MAUMALO	NOFOALUMA	VAUGHAN	MARTIN	DUFTY	LANE	L. LEILUA
Rd 7	B. MORRIS	BEST	FA'ASUAMALEAUI	DRINKWATER	PEARCE	JACKSON	MANSOUR	FONUUA BLAKE	FELDT	STAINES
Rd 8	TAMOU	TUIVASA SHECK	TO'O	C. GRAHAM	TAUPAU	WELCH	MILFORD	R. SMITH	NIKORA	TAUKEIAHO
Rd 9	PANGAI JR	FAITALA MARINER	BROWN	YOUNG	COATES	J. MORRIS	TAPINE	JAMES	MANU	FOGARTY
Rd 10	KATOA	OLAM	NICOLL KLOKSTAD	KATOA	K. BROMWICH	D. WALKER	B. KELLY	ARROW	LAWRIE	B. BRAILEY
Rd 11	TOWNSEND	RAPANA	C. SIRONEN	PAULO	FINUCANE	TABUAI FIDOW	HIKU	GAGAI	WOODS	FITZGIBBON

# TOP 5 DRAFT PICKS



# MOCK DRAFT

We assembled ten NRLCEO veterans to get an idea of what your draft might look like in 2021.

Rd 12	RAMIEN	FRIEND	LOMAX	FERGUSON	BROOKS	RADLEY	E. LEE	NIKORIMA	SCOTT	COTRIC
Rd 13	WAAREA HARGREAVES	EDWARDS	MURDOCH MASILA	ROBSON	ROBERTS	W. GRAHAM	D. FIFITA	RAVALAWA	GILBERT	SULI
Rd 14	TALAKAI	PROCTOR	TWAL	TUPOUNIUA	NADEN	TUALA	BARNETT	MARSHALL KING	DEARDEN	REIN
Rd 15	TEVAGA	MORGAN	BIRD	LODGE	WHITEHEAD	EGAN	TATOLA	OPACIC	HORSBURGH	SIMONNSON
Rd 16	TALAU	FUSITUA	DON	LIDDLE	NIU	MULTALO	WATSON	KIKAU	ALLAN	ALOIAI
Rd 17	BLAKE	FORD	FORAN	ELLIOTT	T. BURGESS	T. SIMS	W. HOPOATE	B. HUNT	SAMI	KAUFUSI
Rd 18	HYNES	NORMAN	J. LEILUA	B. LEE	MBYE	J. SAIFITI	NAPA	KENNEDY	LIU	RUDOLF
Rd 19	HESS	AITKEN	CAPEWELL	HARAWIRA NAERA	B. SIRONEN	MANN	SU'A	EISENHUTH	RAMSEY	D. WATENE ZELEZNAK
Rd 20	DUGAN	WALLACE	TURPIN	VALEMEI	OFAHENGAUE	MARSTERS	OKUNBOR	O'NEILL	LAM	GARNER
Rd 21	CORDNER	H. HUNT	HARPER	SCHUSTER	S. WALKER	OATES	MCCULLOUGH	SIMPKIN	STARLING	MCLEAN
Rd 22	GREEN	FARNWORTH	SUAALII	COTTER	ISAAKO	COLLINS	TAUFUA	WRIGHT	DAVEY	PEACHEY
	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach	Coach

# THE BREAKDOWN

- **Harry Grant** was unsurprisingly a Round 1 selection this year after his dynamite performances last year. He will be a top five pick in most competitions.
- **Jarrod Croker** had a very off year last season with his equal lowest try scoring year ever (five). Round 2 was an early selection and he was the third kicker off the board. Nick is banking on him having a big turnaround and the Raiders scoring more points.
- **Stephen Crichton** was picked up in Round 3 which was a shock for the group. He had a standout year last year but an early selection when you have a lot quality centres unlike other positions. He was selected as a kicking handcuff with Cleary by Matt which could justify the selection.
- **Tyson Frizell** was another one considered relatively early for his performances but considering Metre Eaters have been reduced from 150m to 125m this could increase his scoring.
- The first Tiger wasn't drafted until Round 6.
- **Ryan James** being drafted in Round 9 by Scott is a massive gamble considering his ACL injuries, but could pay off well based on his historical scoring when fit.
- **Victor Radley** dropped to Round 12 in the draft. He won't be on the top 200 list after only scoring 24 points after his injury last year after seven games, but he's so vital for the Roosters attack and defence.
- On reflection, Rob admitted that he drafted **Ben Murdoch-Masila** far too early in Round 13. He thought he should probably be in the spud pool.
- **Alex Twal** was surprisingly left to Round 14. He had an injury interrupted year in 2020 but is a rock solid workhorse when fit. He might have dropped so far due to solely being a Lock this year.
- The Lock position in general dropped quite low across the board in this draft.

# THE SEIB RAN AWAY WITH THE SPOON

2020 will go down in history for many reasons with the Broncos securing their first ever spoon being the talk of the NRL. Sure, COVID was a pain in the arse, but it would seem Broncos took social distancing far too literal with their inept ability to stop the opposition from crossing their tryline, something to behold.

Consequently, Broncos Management has 'taken control' and out goes Seibold and in comes favourite son, Kevvie Walters.

While many consider the Broncos front office to be extremely lucky to still be in control, the good news for Coach Walters is there is only one way the Broncos can go in Season 2021.

The bad news for the Broncos is their playing roster is pretty much the same – a bunch of silver spoon millennials who think it's their right to be gifted everything. Gone is David Fifita and in a coup, so is the injury prone Jack Bird.

Coach Kevvie has laid down an early ultimatum for his young tribe, with hard work and resilience high on the agenda during the off-season training.

For the NRLCEO coach, the Broncos boast two of the best forward draft targets in the NRL - Payne Haas and Patrick Carrigan. Both play massive minutes and rack up the stats accordingly. If Carrigan could kick, he'd have 'dibs' on becoming the next Corey Parker.

In the backs, the Broncos have plenty of talent but going by 2020, not many deserve to be fed. That does not include Kotoni Staggs of course, who was epic in a largely broken season. Speaking of broken, the strike centre won't be seen until midway through the season as he recovers from an ACL injury.

Overall, it will be suggested that the Broncos can't be worse in 2021. However, there's so many selection quandaries that exist before round one with the spine really needing a shake-up.

Two things are for certain though - Darius Boyd is finally gone, and you can expect to hear about million dollar man Anthony Milford training the house down in the pre-season once again.



Turning 21 in January of this year, Jordan Riki is officially a fully grown adult with a license to fuck up opposition forwards. The 190cm back rower has been waiting in the wings for a while and even made his rep debut for the Maori All Stars last year before debuting at club level.

Of the five matches Riki got to play last season, four were from the bench where he wasn't particularly NRLCEO relevant outside of a try and an almost workhorse. BUT in his fifth and final game of the season in round 20, Riki got the start and comfortably earned a WH with his 47 involvements. The Broncos could do worse than to pick Jordan Riki in the starting lineup.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: LACHLAN TIMM**



## BRISBANE BRONCOS

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2	19/3 7:05PM	15	17/6 7:50PM
3	27/3 4:30PM	16	4/7 2:00PM
4	2/4 8:05PM	17	BYE
5	8/4 7:50PM	18	18/7 4:05PM
6	15/4 7:50PM	19	24/7 7:35PM
7	23/4 7:55PM	20	30/7 7:55PM
8	30/4 7:55PM	21	5/8 7:50PM
9	8/5 7:35PM	22	13/8 7:55PM
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13	3/6 7:50PM		

■ HOME ■ AWAY

**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**



# 2021

DRAW

**BEST BACK**  
KOTONI STAGGS

POSITION: CENTRE

PTS N 2020 **67**

10 TRIES  
11 LINE BREAKS  
18 GOALS

**BEST FORWARD**  
PAYNE HAAS

POSITION: FR

PTS N 2020 **138**

25 WORK HORSES  
15 METRE EATERS  
1 TRY / 1 LINE BREAK

**PLAYER GAINS**

JOHN ASIATA  
DALE COPLEY  
ALBERT KELLY

ANDREW MCCULLOUGH  
DAVID MEAD

**PLAYER LOSSES**

JACK BIRD  
DARIUS BOYD  
DAVID FIFITA

SEAN O'SULLIVAN  
JOE OFAHENGAUE



TROPHIES: SIX

WINS: 60.0 %

2016: 5<sup>TH</sup>

2017: 3<sup>RD</sup>

2018: 6<sup>TH</sup>

2019: 8<sup>TH</sup>

2020: 16<sup>TH</sup>

2021 FINISH: 13<sup>TH</sup>

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON



COACHED BY - KEVIN WALTERS - ON DEBUT

## CASUALTY WARD

Kotoni Staggs      Knee      Mid-Season

## 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
289 / 38%

765

FORWARDS  
476 / 62%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Haas, Payne	Front Row	17	1	1	0	2	25	15	138	101	-
Carrigan, Patrick	Lock	19	0	0	1	1	29	9	134	50	-
Staggs, Kotoni	Centre   KP6	14	10	2	11	0	0	5	67 (103)	55	-
Pangai Junior, Tevita	Back Row	9	2	1	1	3	7	2	44	50	-
Farnworth, Herbie	Centre	19	6	0	4	1	0	7	43 (49)	21*	↑
McCullough, Andrew	Hooker	10	2	0	2	0	7	0	38	79	-
Dearden, Thomas	Half Back	12	1	6	2	5	0	1	36	7	-
Coates, Xavier	Winger	12	5	1	5	0	0	3	34	19*	-
Isaako, Jamayne	Winger   KP3	10	3	2	3	4	0	2	26 (58)	42	-
Milford, Anthony	Five Eighth	13	1	4	1	1	0	1	25	71	↑
Turpin, Jake	Hooker	6	1	1	1	1	3	0	21	33*	↑
Croft, Brodie	Half Back	14	1	2	4	3	0	0	19	32	-
Glenn, Alex	Back Row	8	0	0	0	1	4	0	17	44	-
Paix, Corey	Hooker	13	1	0	1	0	3	0	17	17*	-
Niu, Fanitesi	Full Back	6	0	2	1	3	0	4	16	13*	-
Oates, Corey	Back Row	14	2	0	2	0	1	2	16	77	↑
Kennedy, Rhys	Front Row	13	1	0	1	0	2	1	15	5	-
Copley, Dale	Centre	10	1	2	3	1	0	1	14	36	-
Flegler, Thomas	Front Row	13	0	0	0	1	2	1	11	6	-
Lodge, Matthew	Front Row	6	0	0	0	0	2	1	10	60	↑
Riki, Jordan	Back Row	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	9	9*	-
Arthars, Jesse	Winger	6	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	6	-
Bullemore, Ethan	Back Row	8	0	0	1	1	1	0	6	5*	-
Asiata, John	Lock	11	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	21	-
Hetherington, Kobe	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Kelly, Albert	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Mead, David	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Palasia, Keenan	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Piakura, Brendan	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Walsh, Reece	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

## GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**KOTONI STAGGS - 6KP**  
2020: 18/23 (78%)  
CAREER: 32/44 (73%)

**JAMAYNE ISAAKO - 3KP**  
2020: 16/22 (72%)  
CAREER: 166/206 (80%)

### MIG'S MONEY

Payne Haas has said that he wants to play less minutes with more impact in 2021. So, that means **Patrick Carrigan** will again be up for a huge season playing big minutes in the core - he could become the premier forward target in the draft and is captaincy material each week.

### DEANO'S DUD

Darius Boyd would be named here again if he was still around but luckily for the Broncos, he has finally hung up his ballet shoes. Despite many candidates, Captain **Alex Glenn** will lock up this award. He is injury prone and will struggle for minutes this year.

### BONA'S BET

**Fanitesi Niu** showed glimpses of his talent last year in a massively struggling Broncos outfit. His season ended abruptly through injury, but if he can snag the run on spot, he is the long-term Fullback the Broncos have been looking for.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

**Jordan Riki** looks like a potentially devastating player but might be in the Kikau mould for NRLCEO players. If injury strikes and he gets a start, get ready to cash in...

# CAN THE MILK MEN DELIVER?

The Mighty Milk fell to the eventual premiers in the preliminary final last season. Given their form midway through the season though, a prelim final may have superseded their expectations but no way would Ricky suggest that was the case.

Midway through the season, the Women's Weekly Bateman saga finally concluded with the Pommy backrower heading back to England. His departure will leave a sizable hole on the right edge while Nick Cotric's money move to the Dogs will also impact the right side.

However, it's not all doom and gloom in the Capital and in comes the big name of Ryan James from the Titans. Draftsters will tread warily though – many have been burned after two seasons destroyed by knee injuries - it remains to be seen if James is up for the new rigorous pace of the NRL.

For the CEO, the Raiders typically boast some strong draft prospects. Captain Croker's boots are always a valuable commodity along with his hunger for tries.

In the halves, the reigning Dally M Medallist Jack Wighton was excellent last season and his combination with George Williams turned out to be a raging success. Both are very good draft targets in their respective positions.

Up front, man mountain Josh Papalii had another wrecking ball season. Despite scoring four tries for the season, he was used sparingly by Coach Ricky and if the game is a blow out, he's the first to get a rest. That affects his workhorse and metre eating output.

Fresh off the injured list, Corey "the Horse" Horsburgh will return with the angry bloodnut's impact and passion vital for the Raiders' success. His return may push Joseph Tapine to the right edge where he'll face a battle with CHN to start each week.

At hooker, the rise of Tom Starling is not likely to put early pressure on the return of Josh Hodgson this season, but down the track, the Raiders look like they've got a Damien Cook clone on their hands – keep an eye out for the livewire rake (if he manages to beat a police charge and avoid jail time).

Overall, the Raiders have some holes that they need to fill and there's some serious competition for starting positions in the back row and on the wing. How Ricky decides to fill these gaps is anyone's guess but it could really determine who becomes a diamond in the rough, or ... a dud.

**ROOKIE WATCH** *Matt Timoko*

There are two young Raiders centres waiting in line for opportunity. Last year we highlighted Harley Smith-Shields who went on to play two first grade games. Matt Timoko is arguably the more exciting of the two prospects.

The young Kiwi also played two NRL games last year but with Croker racing the clock to play in Round 1, I expect 'Timoko time' in the left centre position. He has more pace than HSS and is a more unpredictable attacker. Something the Raiders have lacked in the centres since Joey Leilua left. With Croker returning from injury and Curtis Scott not setting the world alight, one of these young boys will get good game time.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: HARLEY SMITH-SHIELDS**

**CANBERRA RAIDERS**

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2	21/3 *6:15PM	15	19/6 5:30PM
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**NRLCEED FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**

**BEST BACK**

**JACK WIGHTON**

POSITION: FE

PTS IN 2020: **102**

10 TRIES / 8 TA  
8 LB / 10 LBA  
7 METRE EATERS

**BEST FORWARD**

**JOSH PAPALII**

POSITION: FR

PTS IN 2020: **97**

14 WORK HORSES  
9 METRE EATERS  
4 TRIES / 4 LB

**PLAYER GAINS**

CALEB AEKINS	HARRY RUSHTON
ALBERT HOPOATE	XAVIER SAVAGE
RYAN JAMES	CLAY WEBB
TREY MOONEY	

**PLAYER LOSSES**

JOHN BATEMAN	NICK COTRIC
LUKE BATEMAN	ANDRE NIKO
JJ COLLINS	MICHAEL OLDFIELD

CALEB AEKINS

RYAN JAMES

JOHN BATEMAN

NICK COTRIC

TROPHIES: THREE

WINS: 51.3 %

2016: 2<sup>ND</sup>

2017: 10<sup>TH</sup>

2018: 10<sup>TH</sup>

2019: 4<sup>TH</sup>

2020: 5<sup>TH</sup>

2021 FINISH: 5<sup>TH</sup>

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

**J. PAPALII**  
8. FRONT ROW

**J. HODGSON**  
9. HOOKER

**R. JAMES**  
10. FRONT ROW

**E. WHITEHEAD**  
11. BACK ROW

**J. TAPINE**  
13. LOCK

**C. H-NAERA**  
12. BACK ROW

**J. WIGHTON**  
6. FIVE EIGHTH

**G. WILLIAMS**  
7. HALFBACK

**J. CROKER+**  
3. CENTRE

**C. SCOTT**  
4. CENTRE

**B. SIMONSSON**  
2. WINGER

**C. N-KLOKSTAD**  
1. FULLBACK

**J. RAPANA**  
5. WINGER

**T. STARLING**  
14. RESERVE

**D. LUI**  
15. RESERVE

**H. YOUNG**  
16. RESERVE

**C. HORSBURGH**  
17. RESERVE

**COACHED BY - RICKY STUART - 50% WIN RATE**

## CASUALTY WARD

Jarrold Croker      Shoulder      Early Rounds

## 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
460 / 44%

**1051**

FORWARDS  
591 / 56%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Wighton, Jack	Five Eighth	19	10	8	8	10	0	7	102	78	-
Papalii, Josh	Front Row	19	4	1	4	1	14	9	97	105	-
Williams, George	Half Back   KP1	19	4	14	6	6	0	0	86	51*	-
N-Klokstad, Charnze	Full Back	18	7	3	4	4	0	19	81	61	-
Tapine, Joseph	Lock	18	2	2	1	2	12	6	75	56	-
Starling, Tom	Hooker	11	4	6	5	6	7	1	67	20	↓
Young, Hudson	Back Row	15	4	1	5	0	9	3	65	45*	-
Whitehead, Elliott	Back Row	19	4	4	7	5	7	0	64	85	↑
Sutton, Ryan	Front Row	16	0	0	0	0	12	2	52	34	↓
Croker, Jarrod	Centre   KP8	19	5	7	6	7	0	1	49 (175)	63	↑
Hodgson, Josh	Hooker	9	0	4	0	6	8	0	48	81	↑
Rapana, Jordan	Winger	16	2	3	5	3	0	8	38	62	-
Scott, Curtis	Centre	13	2	2	1	4	0	7	33	40	-
Lui, Dunamis	Front Row	17	2	0	2	0	5	1	32	28	-
Horsburgh, Corey	Lock	6	0	1	0	1	6	0	27	18	↑
Havili, Siliva	Hooker	20	0	0	0	3	4	3	25	35	-
Valemei, Semi	Winger	7	4	0	3	0	0	2	23	23*	-
Soliola, Iosia	Front Row	9	1	0	0	0	3	1	18	29	-
Guler, Emre	Front Row	8	1	1	1	1	2	0	16	5	↑
Aekins, Caleb	Winger	8	0	2	0	3	0	4	15	8	-
Simonsson, Bailey	Winger	7	2	0	1	0	0	1	9	30*	-
Williams, Sam	Half Back   KP1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	8 (18)	26	-
Smith-Shields, Harley	Centre	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	7*	-
Frawley, Matt	Half Back	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	5*	-
Harawira-Naera, Corey	Back Row	8	0	0	3	1	0	1	5	47	↑
Hopoate, Albert	Winger	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	-
Cook, Adam	Full Back	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
James, Ryan	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	↑
Timoko, Matt	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Rushton, Harry	Back Row	1*	0*	0*	0*	0*	1*	0	4*	DNP	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

## GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**JARROLD CROKER - 8KP**  
2020: 71/87 (82%)  
CAREER: 815/1,016 (80%)

**GEORGE WILLIAMS - 1KP**  
2020: 0/0 (N/A)  
CAREER: 69 (N/A)

**SAM WILLIAMS - 1KP**  
2020: 5/7 (71%)  
CAREER: 30/37 (81%)

### MIG'S MONEY

*Jack Wighton* was at the peak of his powers late in 2020 and there's no reason that he can't keep it going in '21. Whilst he doesn't rack up the high number of try assists of other halves, he makes up for it in tries. Loves a double too.

### DEANO'S DUD

*Jarrold Croker* - The injuries are piling up for this legend who didn't have the same impact as previous years. He scored five pies last season in a team which almost made the Grand Final again. Expect the slide to continue if he continues to run at the line with 'Darius' like speed.

### BONA'S BET

John Bateman leaves a massive hole in the Raider's Backrow. However, when the Raiders were hit with all those injuries last year, *Hudson Young* showed he is ready to step up. He even managed a Double WH last year.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

Word on the street is Bailey Simonsson doesn't exactly have the wing spot sewn up. *Semi Valemei* was very green last year in his first season in the top grade. He'll be much better for a pre-season with the top squad and could pinch the wing spot.

# BIG BAZ AND THE WAR CHEST

The Bulldogs have been very active in the market with new coach Trent Barrett stamping his authority early.

Out of the squad goes plenty of driftwood while NRLCEO royalty, Aiden Tolman, has also been moved on to the Sharks. Ok, so Tolman is a dead set plodder but his work ethic over the years has been epic for CEO coaches - his defence in the middle of the ruck will be missed.

Off the back of signing a new coach, the Dogs also welcome big name backs Kyle Flanagan, Nick Cotric, and Corey Allan. With more big signings on the horizon in season 2022, it could be suggested that the Bulldogs are set to return to the contender ranks in the near future.

For the NRLCEO Coach, a new coach brings with it some uncertainty. Captain Josh Jackson will still be the mainstay in the pack but will he play on the edge or in the core? He should workhorse each week but his attack has pretty much become non-existent for a while now.

On the left edge, RFM was a revelation in 2020 - his 15 horses coupled with six tries saw him easily exceed expectations. However, the new signings Jack Hetherington and Corey Waddell could impact on RFM's minutes, not to mention the return of Stimson and Elliott from injury.

In the backs, the Dogs are looking much better. Coach Barrett obviously identified that not scoring points in the NRL was not a good thing and has bolstered his speed men considerably - what a genius!

When looking at the probable backline, there appears to be one wing spot available. Jake Averillo is an interesting prospect and Barrett must be tempted to play him in the halves.

If that's the case, then Nick Meaney could be the man on the left wing with Okunbor out injured.

At hooker, Jeremy Marshall-King appears to be the man but don't be surprised if there's a late signing in this position. Brandon Smith or even Nathan Peats would be a great addition but those prospects are unlikely at this stage.

Overall, the Bulldogs appear to be heading in the right direction. Hopefully, for Dogs' fans, Coach Barrett can bring a sense of calm to a club that has been simmering for some time.

In terms of CEO value, the Dog's aren't an attractive prospect just yet, but that could change as the signatures continue to flow to Belmore...



Already an international for Lebanon when he was just 19 years old. This 21 year old back rower should get an opportunity at some stage this season. The Dogs have plenty of depth in their forwards, but Roumanos is a serious talent.

He'll contend with Corey Waddell and Chris Smith for the back rower spot on the bench. He is a typically hard working Bulldogs back rower in the mould of Josh Jackson.

He's not the biggest back rower at 6"2' and 103kg but he's still growing muscle.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: BRANDON WAKEHAM**



## CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS



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6		18/4	4:05PM	19		25/7	4:05PM
7		24/4	5:30PM	20		1/8	2:00PM
8		1/5	5:30PM	21		8/8	2:00PM
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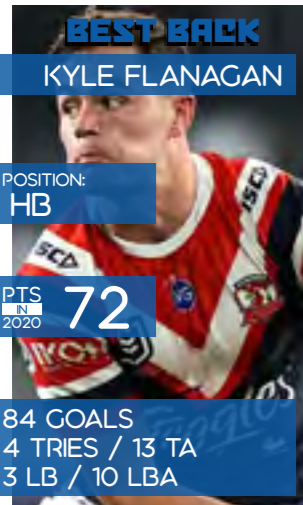
**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**



# 2021

DRAW

**BEST BACK**  
**KYLE FLANAGAN**



POSITION: HB

PTS IN 2020: **72**

84 GOALS  
4 TRIES / 13 TA  
3 LB / 10 LBA

**BEST FORWARD**  
**RAYMOND FAITALA-MARINER**



POSITION: BR

PTS IN 2020: **89**

15 WORK HORSES  
6 TRIES  
5 LINE BREAKS

- PLAYER GAINS**
- COREY ALLAN
  - CHRIS PATOLO
  - NICK COTRIC
  - KURT PICKEN
  - KYLE FLANAGAN
  - JACKSON TOPINE
  - JACK HETHERINGTON
  - COREY WADDELL
  - PAUL KARAITIANA

- PLAYER LOSSES**
- JACK COGGER
  - REIMIS SMITH
  - KIERAN FORAN
  - SAUASO SUE
  - KERROD HOLLAND
  - ISAIAH TASS
  - TIM LAFAI
  - AIDEN TOLMAN
  - MARCELO MONTOYA





# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

<b>L. THOMPSON+</b> 8. FRONT ROW	<b>J. M-KING</b> 9. HOOKER	<b>D. NAPA</b> 10. FRONT ROW	
<b>R. F-MARINER</b> 11. BACK ROW	<b>A. ELLIOTT</b> 13. LOCK	<b>J. JACKSON</b> 12. BACK ROW	
<b>J. AVERILLO</b> 6. FIVE EIGHTH	<b>K. FLANAGAN</b> 7. HALFBACK		
<b>W. HOPOATE</b> 3. CENTRE	<b>N. COTRIC</b> 4. CENTRE		
<b>N. MEANEY</b> 2. WINGER	<b>C. ALLAN</b> 1. FULLBACK	<b>D. W-ZELEZNIAK</b> 5. WINGER	
<b>B. WAKEHAM</b> 14. RESERVE	<b>J. HETHERINGTON</b> 15. RESERVE	<b>C. WADDELL</b> 16. RESERVE	<b>R. TO'OMAGA</b> 17. RESERVE

COACHED BY - TRENT BARRETT - ON DEBUT

### CASUALTY WARD

Luke Thompson	Suspension	Round 5
Jayden Okunbor	Knee	Mid-Late Season
Christian Crichton	Knee	2022

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
423 / 49%

872

FORWARDS  
449 / 51%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
F-Mariner, Raymond	Back Row	20	6	0	5	0	15	0	89	50	-
Marshall-King, Jeremy	Hooker	20	1	6	5	4	14	0	81	57	-
Flanagan, Kyle	Half Back   KP7	18	4	13	3	10	2	0	80 (248)	26	-
Jackson, Josh	Back Row	20	1	0	0	2	18	0	79	93	-
Cotric, Nick	Centre	20	12	2	10	0	0	1	65	58	-
Lewis, Lachlan	Five Eighth	13	3	7	1	5	0	0	47	26	↓
Meaney, Nick	Winger   KP2	16	6	1	8	1	0	5	46 (90)	31	-
Napa, Dylan	Front Row	17	0	0	0	0	10	2	44	37	-
Thompson, Luke	Front Row	10	0	0	2	0	9	2	42	42*	↑
Allan, Corey	Full Back	7	3	4	4	5	0	4	37	17	↑
Hopoate, William	Full Back	13	2	2	3	4	0	9	37	74	↑
Waddell, Corey	Back Row	13	1	1	1	1	6	1	34	27	-
W-Zelezniak, Dallin	Centre	19	2	2	5	1	0	9	34	38	-
Averillo, Jake	Centre   FE   KP2	13	3	3	4	2	0	3	33 (57)	28*	↑
Elliott, Adam	Lock	8	1	2	2	1	5	0	31	37	-
Okunbor, Jayden	Winger	3	1	2	2	0	0	3	16	22	-
Wakeham, Brandon	Half Back   KP1	10	0	3	0	2	0	0	12 (20)	4	-
Crichton, Christian	Winger	8	2	0	1	0	0	1	11	14	-
Doorey, Matthew	Back Row	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	11	11*	-
Katoa, Sione	Hooker	10	0	0	1	0	2	0	11	23	-
Smith, Christopher	Back Row	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	2	-
Hetherington, Jack	Back Row	7	0	0	1	0	2	0	7	3	-
Toomaga, Renouf	Back Row	17	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	2	-
W-Zelezniak, Malakai	Winger	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	10	-
Britt, Dean	Back Row	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	10	-
Ogden, Okahiki	Front Row	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	-
Stimson, Joe	Back Row	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	26	-
Harding, Tyrone	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Katoa, Tuipulotu	Winger	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Roumanos, James	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

<b>KYLE FLANAGAN - 7KP</b> 2020: 91/113 (81%) CAREER: 110/144 (76%)	<b>NICK MEANEY - 2KP</b> 2020: 22/32 (69%) CAREER: 55/75 (73%)	<b>JAKE AVERILLO - 2KP</b> 2020: 12/15 (80%) CAREER: 12/15 (80%)	<b>BRANDON WAKEHAM - 1KP</b> 2020: 4/7 (57%) CAREER: 4/7 (57%)
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### MIG'S MONEY

**Josh Jackson** has to be the mainstay in the pack again this season. He won't let you down many times with a guaranteed horse but he doesn't really offer much else...

### DEANO'S DUD

**Lachlan Lewis** - Despite being related to rugby league royalty, expect this bastard child to spend plenty of time polishing the boots for the other rubbish Dog's halves. He will be in and out of team quicker than Jarryd Hayne can get out of a taxi.

### BONA'S BET

An astute signing from Trent Barrett, **Corey Allan** filled in for Latrell Mitchell at Fullback last year, and he didn't disappoint. In 6 appearances at Fullback, he scored 4 tries, 4 try assists and 5 line break assists. Not bad for an Origin winning Fullback, huh? Latrell only scored 4 tries all season.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

Based on a small sample size, it would appear that Trent Barrett likes a running hooker. That is **Jeremy Marshall-King's** best attribute but we hardly saw it in 2020. Take the gamble that JMK will be back in 2021, and there will be double horses to show for it.

# GETTING YOUR JOHNSON OUT IN THE SHIRE

Has the Sharks' season ended before it has even started? Many would suggest so with their only real attacking weapon, Shaun Johnson out for an extended period of time with a busted achilles.

When it comes to the player market, the Sharks have been awfully quiet. Sure they've secured the services of Aiden Tolman but they've already got plenty of plod with Woods. Together, the post contact meters of the pair, will be lucky to exceed 10m each game...

There's trouble brewing in the Shire with Coach John Morris under extreme pressure from every available head coach on the market. It really is hard to predict anything but a tumultuous year for the future Perth franchise...

For the NRLCEO Coach, Blayke Brailey at hooker has shown only small glimpses of his workhorse ability. With 14 workhorses last season, young Brailey will definitely be looking to get more involved in 2021. He could be a good sneaky draft target once the top notch hookers go off the FA table.

In the engine room, the decline of Andrew Fifita has been phenomenal. Once a workhorse beast, knee injuries have grounded the big bopper with Toby Rudolf set to be the big beneficiary.

On the edges, the combination of Wade Graham and Briton Nikora can be potentially damaging in attack but are hardly perpetual workhorse material.

In the backs, it would really surprise if the likes of Dugan and Raimien in the centres trouble the scorers with any real consistency. What's more likely is Dugan going down with injury every single game...

With Chad Townsend and Matt Moylan likely to be the men pulling the strings of the Sharks' attack, it's foreseeable that no Sharks backs are worth taking a punt on early in the draft.

Sione Katoa and Ronaldo are set to suffer under the Moylan regime, so buyer beware - we've seen it all before...

Overall, the Sharks seem destined for another year of just grinding away. Points will be at a premium and the pack looks destined to be tackling a lot in 2021 and that is where the draft targets could lie.

With that being said, if Coach Morris can reinvent the Sharks' style of play, the Shark wingers have shown try scoring pedigree before. However, expect Tolman to pick up where he left off at the Bulldogs and take two hit-ups inside the attacking 20m each set - Paul Gallen would be proud...



I'm excited about 130kg dynamo Franklin Pele, but he's not going to be NRLCEO worthy. So instead we'll focus on young half/fullback Luke Metcalf.

The 21 year old showed silky skills at the most recent 9's tournament and now returns to the Sharks where he played his junior footy. With Johnson out for a while there could be opportunity in the halves but it's more likely Metcalf gets his chance at fullback if Will Kennedy isn't setting the world alight. This one isn't a draft target, more like a free agency pick-up if he's firing in reserve grade.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: TOBY RUDOLF**



## CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS



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4		3/4 *5:30PM	17		11/7 4:05PM
5		10/4 7:35PM	18		17/7 3:00PM
6		16/4 6:00PM	19		25/7 4:05PM
7		24/4 5:30PM	20		1/8 4:05PM
8		30/4 6:00PM	21		7/8 2:00PM
9		7/5 6:00PM	22		15/8 4:05PM
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**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**



# 2021

DRAW

**BEST BACK**  
SHAUN JOHNSON



POSITION: FE

PTS N 2020: **104**

56 GOALS  
2 TRIES / 22 TA  
3 LB / 11 LBA

**BEST FORWARD**  
AIDEN TOLMAN



POSITION: FR

PTS N 2020: **111**

22 WORK HORSES  
5 METRE EATERS  
2 TRIES / 1 TA

**PLAYER GAINS**

JONIAIAH LUALUA      LUKE METCALF  
JACK MARTIN          AIDEN TOLMAN

**PLAYER LOSSES**

JAYSON BUKUYA      SCOTT SORENSEN  
CAMERON KING        BRONSON XERRI



- 2016: 3<sup>RD</sup>
- 2017: 5<sup>TH</sup>
- 2018: 4<sup>TH</sup>
- 2019: 7<sup>TH</sup>
- 2020: 8<sup>TH</sup>
- 2021 FINISH: 12<sup>TH</sup>

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

**B. HAMLIN-UELE**
**8. FRONT ROW**
**B. BRAILEY**
**9. HOOKER**
**A. WOODS**
**10. FRONT ROW**
**W. GRAHAM**
**11. BACK ROW**
**T. RUDOLF**
**13. LOCK**
**B. NIKORA**
**12. BACK ROW**
**S. JOHNSON+**
**6. FIVE EIGHTH**
**C. TOWNSEND**
**7. HALFBACK**
**J. DUGAN**
**3. CENTRE**
**J. RAMIEN**
**4. CENTRE**
**S. KATOA**
**2. WINGER**
**M. MOYLAN**
**1. FULLBACK**
**R. MULITALO**
**5. WINGER**
**C. TRACEY**
**14. RESERVE**
**J. WILLIAMS**
**15. RESERVE**
**A. FIFITA**
**16. RESERVE**
**A. TOLMAN**
**17. RESERVE**
**COACHED BY - JOHN MORRIS - 48% WIN RATE**

## CASUALTY WARD

Siosifa Talakai	Shoulder	Round 1-3
Shaun Johnson	Achilles	Round 8-10
Royce Hunt	Knee	Round 8-10
Bronson Xerri	Suspended	Indefinite

## 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

**BACKS**  
548 / 45%

**1218**
**FORWARDS**  
670 / 55%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Tolman, Aiden	Front Row	18	2	1	1	2	22	5	111	97	-
Johnson, Shaun	FE   KP6	16	2	22	3	11	0	0	104 (216)	75	↓
Brailey, Blayne	Hooker	19	3	6	3	8	14	0	96	33	-
Katoa, Si	Winger	18	15	1	15	0	0	4	85 (87)	41	-
Woods, Aaron	Front Row	20	1	1	1	4	16	6	85	67	-
Graham, Wade	Back Row	18	4	4	6	3	10	0	77	51	-
Nikora, Briton	Back Row	15	6	1	5	1	11	0	74	53	-
Kennedy, William	Full Back	16	3	12	6	16	0	5	69	18	-
Ramien, Jesse	Centre	18	8	1	6	3	0	12	67	61	-
Mulitalo, Ronaldo	Winger	15	11	2	12	0	0	3	66	51*	↑
Talakai, Siosifa	Back Row	14	4	2	3	3	5	9	64	61*	-
Rudolf, Toby	Lock	19	1	0	2	0	11	5	60	60*	↑
Uele, Braden	Front Row	20	6	0	6	1	2	3	45	25	-
Dugan, Josh	Centre	15	4	3	3	5	0	7	44	60	-
Townsend, Chad	Half Back   2KP	11	1	9	2	6	0	0	38	64	-
Tracey, Connor	Half Back	15	4	2	4	3	0	0	32	9	-
Fifita, Andrew	Front Row	11	1	0	1	0	2	2	17	71	-
Williams, Jack	Lock	17	2	0	0	0	2	0	16	16	-
Moylan, Matthew	FE   KP1	8	0	3	0	3	0	1	14 (22)	33	↑
Hunt, Royce	Front Row	14	1	0	2	0	0	2	10	5	-
Hiroti, Mawene	Winger   KP1	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	9 (17)	5	-
Magoulias, Billy	Lock	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	3	-
Trindall, Braydon	Half Back	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	7 (15)	2*	-
Ferris, Jackson	Centre	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	7*	-
Wilton, Teig	Back Row	5	0	0	1	0	1	1	7	7*	-
Macdonald, Nene	Winger	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	39	-
Metcalf, Luke	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Patterson, Kyle	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Taumoepeau, Jensen	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Vasquez, Daniel	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-

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## GOALKICKING OPTIONS

<b>SHAUN JOHNSON - 6KP</b> 2020: 56/73 (77%) CAREER: 427/568 (75%)	<b>CHAD TOWNSEND - 2KP</b> 2020: 4/5 (80%) CAREER: 123/186 (66%)	<b>MATT MOYLAN - 1KP</b> 2020: 4/4 (100%) CAREER: 33/51 (65%)	<b>MAWENE HIROTI - 1KP</b> 2020: 4/5 (80%) CAREER: 4/5 (80%)
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### MIG'S MONEY

With stocks somewhat low in the core forwards, it is reasonable to suggest that **Aiden Tolman** will be keen to impress for his new club. He may not improve on his 22 workhorses from 2020 but he is rock solid in the middle.

### DEANO'S DUD

**Matt Moylan** has a busted hammy and will always have a busted hammy. This bloke couldn't beat Sam Backo in a race without clutching the back of his leg and is a massive liability to any fantasy rugby league team. Avoid at all costs.

### BONA'S BET

Plenty to like about **Siosifa Talakai**. He's a unit, he loves to work, and he's versatile. He'll probably start from the bench, but when given a chance to slot into the Backrow, he tends to play very close to the middle, which means he loves to get his hands on the ball.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

The Sharks look set for a slide down the table with their 2021 creativity in attack directly linked to Shaun Johnson's busted achilles. With the backline spots stable, concentrate on the forwards who will be up for plenty of work. **Toby Rudolf** had a solid rookie year and should build on that in 2021.

# REMEMBER THE TITANS. FOR ONCE.

How good were the Titans going at the end of last season??

Their attacking and defensive structures were awesome to watch and Coach Holbrook had them flying on the way to five consecutive wins to finish out the season.

Going into 2021, confidence will be high, especially with the arrivals of some genuine attacking weapons. David Fifita and Tino Fa'asuamaleau headline the recruits who give the Titans some real punch in the forwards.

After a period of uncertainty, the re-emergence of Ash Taylor from becoming a rugby league myth can be largely attributed to the play of unheralded half back, Jamal Fogarty. Whilst either could take the boots this season, the Titans could be a sneaky attacking force in 2021!

For the NRLCEO Coach, history suggests that the Titans are a bit hit and miss when it comes to draft talent. The loss of perennial workhorse exponents Jai Arrow and Ryan James will leave plenty of tackles and hit ups for someone else. That man could be Moe Fotuika who is a young gun on the rise with impressive numbers over his first two seasons.

In the backs, Anthony Don is generally the go to try scorer but there were times last season when his position in the starting team was under threat.

Looking at the potential Titan's backline, there's plenty of talent but none are really sticking out when looking for a 15 try plus season. AJ Brimson is a star in the making but injuries have cruelled the early stages of his career.

The centres and wings really are a bit of lottery and the Titans will strive for consistency in these positions. Brian Kelly is very capable in the centres and Phillip Sami may thrive off his inclusion in the Maroons squad. Both have shown try scoring potential at some stage of their careers.

The forward pack is fresh with the new names likely to join the likes of Proctor, Fotuika, and Peachey to form a formidable engine.

Overall, the Titans are a team on the rise. They've been building for a long time now and look like a top eight team. Finding the right draft targets will still be a mission though...

**ROOKIE WATCH** *Greg Marzhew*



We've been singing the praises of the artist formally known as Greg Leleisiua for several years now. Yep, this is the same player but he legally changed his name just recently after the birth of his child.

There's a classic clip from the lower grades in 2017 where Leleisiua (now Marzhew) beat every defender and stepped a young Papenhuyzen so well it looked like Pap broke an ankle. Since then Papenhuyzen has debuted, won a grand final, won a Clive Churchill medal, gotten into the Origin squad, and has cemented his place at the Storm. Greg is still waiting.

So, come on Mr. Holbrook. He has the speed, the skill, and the power. #JusticeForGreg

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: (ALSO) GREG LELEISUAO**

1		13/3 2:00PM	14		12/6 3:00PM
2		19/3 7:05PM	15		20/6 4:05PM
3		28/3 5:15PM	16		3/7 5:30PM
4		3/4 6:35PM	17		BYE
5		10/4 3:00PM	18		16/7 6:00PM
6		17/4 3:00PM	19		25/7 2:00PM
7		23/4 6:00PM	20		1/8 2:00PM
8		30/4 7:55PM	21		8/8 4:05PM
9		8/5 5:30PM	22		14/8 3:00PM
10		16/5 6:25PM	23		19/8 7:50PM
11		22/5 3:00PM	24		26/8 7:50PM
12		30/5 2:00PM	25		5/9 2:00PM
13		5/6 7:35PM			

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**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**

2021 D R A W

**BEST BACK**  
**ASHLEY TAYLOR**

POSITION: FE

PTS IN 2020: **76**

36 GOALS  
3 TRIES / 12 TA  
1 LB / 13 LBA

**BEST FORWARD**  
**FA'ASUAMALEAUI**

POSITION: LK

PTS IN 2020: **86**

10 WORK HORSES  
6 METRE EATERS  
7 TRIES / 6 LB

**PLAYER GAINS**

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| HERMAN ESE'ESE      | JOJO FIFITA     |
| TINO FA'ASUAMALEAUI | PATRICK HERBERT |
| DAVID FIFITA        | SAM MCINTYRE    |

**PLAYER LOSSES**

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| JAI ARROW        | KEEGAN HIPGRAVE |
| SHANNON BOYD     | RYAN JAMES      |
| BRYCE CARTWRIGHT | NATHAN PEATS    |
| DALE COPLEY      | KALLUM WATKINS  |



- 2016: 8<sup>TH</sup>
- 2017: 15<sup>TH</sup>
- 2018: 14<sup>TH</sup>
- 2019: 16<sup>TH</sup>
- 2020: 9<sup>TH</sup>
- 2021 FINISH: 7<sup>TH</sup>

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

<b>M. FOTUAIKA</b> 8. FRONT ROW	<b>M. REIN</b> 9. HOOKER	<b>H. ESE'ESE</b> 10. FRONT ROW	
<b>D. FIFITA</b> 11. BACK ROW	<b>T. FA'ASUAMALEAUI</b> 13. LOCK	<b>K. PROCTOR</b> 12. BACK ROW	
<b>A. TAYLOR</b> 6. FIVE EIGHTH	<b>J. FOGARTY</b> 7. HALFBACK		
<b>B. KELLY</b> 3. CENTRE	<b>P. HERBERT</b> 4. CENTRE		
<b>P. SAMI</b> 2. WINGER	<b>A. BRIMSON</b> 1. FULLBACK	<b>A. DON</b> 5. WINGER	
<b>T. PEACHEY</b> 14. RESERVE	<b>S. LISONE</b> 15. RESERVE	<b>S. MCINTYRE</b> 16. RESERVE	<b>J. WALLACE</b> 17. RESERVE

COACHED BY - JUSTIN HOLBROOK - 45% WIN RATE

### CASUALTY WARD

No injuries or suspensions for round one

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
507 / 47%

1083

FORWARDS  
576 / 53%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2019 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Faasumaleaui, Tino	Lock	19	7	0	6	0	10	6	86	29	-
Fotuika, Moeaki	Front Row	18	0	0	1	0	17	9	85	57	↑
Taylor, Ashley	FE   KP6	19	3	12	1	13	0	2	76 (148)	47	-
Fogarty, Jamal	Half Back   KP2	18	3	9	2	10	1	4	74 (92)	44*	-
Brimson, AJ	Full Back	9	7	4	13	3	0	10	74	59	↑
Peachey, Tyrone	Lock	20	1	4	5	4	10	3	67	66	-
Kelly, Brian	Centre	16	6	3	7	9	0	11	66	74	-
Don, Anthony	Winger	16	10	1	9	3	0	3	60	63	-
Proctor, Kevin	Back Row	12	4	3	2	2	9	0	58	75	-
Herbert, Patrick	Centre   KP2	14	7	0	4	0	0	7	46 (52)	32*	↑
Sami, Phillip	Winger	13	7	0	7	2	0	4	45	58	-
Stone, Sam	Back Row	9	3	0	3	0	7	0	43	20	↓
Thompson, Corey	Winger	14	5	3	6	2	0	2	40	55	-
Rein, Mitch	Hooker	9	2	0	2	0	6	0	34	64	↑
Ese'ese, Herman	Lock	20	1	0	1	3	6	0	32	46	-
Fifita, David	Back Row	10	4	0	4	1	2	1	31	34	↑
Wallace, Jarrod	Front Row	17	1	0	1	3	5	1	30	61	-
Fermor, Beau	Back Row	8	2	1	6	2	2	1	28	26*	-
McIntyre, Samuel	Back Row	12	2	1	1	0	4	0	27	27*	-
Jolliffe, Jaimin	Front Row	16	0	0	0	0	5	2	24	24*	-
Spry, Treyman	Centre	5	1	3	2	1	0	2	17	16*	-
Lisone, Sam	Front Row	18	1	1	1	3	1	0	14	8	-
Clark, Erin	Hooker	10	0	1	0	1	2	0	12	10*	-
Boyd, Tanah	HB   Hooker	13	1	1	0	1	0	0	9	2	-
Whitbread, Jai	Front Row	9	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	10	-
Farmer, Darius	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Leleisiua, Greg	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Niko, Andre	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Pearson, Jonas	Winger	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	-
Sexton, Toby	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**ASHLEY TAYLOR - 6KP**  
2020: 36/54 (67%)  
CAREER: 130/191 (68%)

**JAMAL FOGARTY - 2KP**  
2020: 9/15 (60%)  
CAREER: 9/15 (60%)

**PATRICK HERBERT - 2KP**  
2020: 3/4 (75%)  
CAREER: 18/25 (72%)

### MIG'S MONEY

Will the added starch to the pack affect *Moeaki Fotuika's* minutes? Absolutely not, and he'll workhorse most weeks!

### DEANO'S DUD

*Kevin Proctor* - Usually an 80 minute workhorse guarantee, but with the arrival of some of the games young guns to Tits HQ, it's hard to see the running perm get substantial minutes on the park. Expect to see his minutes reduce this season.

### BONA'S BET

Ok, hear me out. The Titans are on the up and up. In their last 5 games of 2020, they averaged 25.6 points per game. With a solid forward pack and a pair of halves growing in confidence in 2021, *Brian Kelly* can benefit from this. He had 11 ME and 7 LB last year. I can only see him getting better this year.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

The Titan's kicker is a little uncertain in my eyes - Fogarty had the boots late in the year but Taylor has had them before. To complicate things, new recruit *Patrick Herbert*, is also a goal kicker. Pick the right one and you'll get a kicker for a decent attacking team for a potential kicking points discount.

# SILVERTAIL OR SILVERWATER?

Coach Dessie Hasler has started the mind games early with his media conferences giving nothing away this off-season.

Consequently, there's not much to go on when it comes to who will be filling the sizable gaps in the Sea Eagles starting team. Whether Manase Fainu will be headed to the Silvertails front row or Silverwater Jail will have a huge impact on the season, but we won't know until mid year.

Of course, the whole 2021 season for the Sea Eagles is weighted heavily on Tommy Trbojevic's shoulders - or should we say, hamstrings...

Tommy is an amazing talent and when fully fit and firing - an NRLCEO gun! But we've seen him go down with injury all too often and this, surely, has destroyed the faith of many an NRLCEO Coach.

When it comes to the draft, Captain DCE is easily the best halfback in NRLCEO. By a fair way too. He does however carry three kicking points this year which could be a bargain or a shackle - only time will tell...

In the forwards, the departures of Addin Fonua-Blake and Joel Thompson means there are some vacancies to be filled. Fresh from mowing lawns at the Tigers, Josh Aloiai seems to be the likely replacement in the core.

Of course, the Sea Eagle's middle is dominated by the ever consistent Jake Turbo. Interestingly, Jurbo's output last

year was disappointing and his two tries and 20 workhorses, despite being solid, was under par for the ball playing worker. Maybe, he's not a worthy round 1 draft target this year...

In the backs, Dessie has a plethora of youngsters to choose from. Jason Saab comes from the Dragons in the search for minutes. Reuben Garrick should keep a spot in the starting team but if he doesn't, the boots could fall to DCE and there is value to be had.

The centre spots are a real battle for positions with the likes of Suli, Parker, Walker, Harper, and even the youngest Trbojevic 'Burbo' all providing different characteristics and skill sets. Who Dessie goes with is a complete guess...

In the vital hooker position, the Sea Eagles are seemingly struggling. Despite being touted as the man to fill the hooking duties, it seems highly unlikely that Kieren Foran would be thrust into the unfamiliar position. Cade Cust is more likely and he doesn't provide much NRLCEO excitement.

Overall the Sea Eagles are a talented team with draft value but injuries threaten to erode confidence in their key men once again. The mystery over who fills the ultra important hooking role could be the most important piece of the Sea Eagle puzzle, and don't be surprised if there's a late signing in the wind this off-season.



We listed Josh Schuster in this slot last year and he should still be on your radar. But the youngest of the Trbojevic brothers will finally make his NRL debut this year. The Sea Eagles are notoriously weak in the centres of late and you can't expect Dylan Walker to play a whole season.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JOSH SCHUSTER**

## MANLY WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

# 2021 DRAW

1	13/3 *5:30PM	14	11/6 6:00PM
2	20/3 *5:30PM	15	20/6 4:05PM
3	26/3 *6:00PM	16	3/7 3:00PM
4	1/4 *8:05PM	17	8/7 7:50PM
5	9/4 6:00PM	18	16/7 7:55PM
6	17/4 3:00PM	19	24/7 5:30PM
7	25/4 1:45PM	20	1/8 4:05PM
8	1/5 3:00PM	21	7/8 7:35PM
9	9/5 2:00PM	22	14/8 7:35PM
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11	23/5 4:05PM	24	29/8 2:00PM
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**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**

- 2016: 13<sup>TH</sup>
- 2017: 6<sup>TH</sup>
- 2018: 15<sup>TH</sup>
- 2019: 6<sup>TH</sup>
- 2020: 13<sup>TH</sup>
- 2021 FINISH: 8<sup>TH</sup>

### BEST BACK

DALY CHERRY-EVANS

POSITION: HB

PTS IN 2020: 130

6 TRIES / 22 TA  
6 LB / 20 LBA  
9 REPEAT SETS

### BEST FORWARD

JAKE TRBOJEVIC

POSITION: LOCK

PTS IN 2020: 111

20 WORK HORSES  
2 TRIES / 5 TA  
3 LB / 6 LBA

### PLAYER GAINS

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| JOSH ALOIAI   | JASON SAAB          |
| ANDREW DAVEY  | CHRISTIAN TUIPULOTU |
| SIONE FAINU   | ALEC TUITAVAKE      |
| KIERAN FORAN  | KAE0 WEEKES         |
| TOLUTAU KOULA |                     |

### PLAYER LOSSES

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| BRENDAN ELLIOT    | ABBAS MISKI   |
| ADDIN FONUA-BLAKE | SAM SMITH     |
| ALBERT HOPOATE    | JOEL THOMPSON |
| DANNY LEVI        | COREY WADDELL |
| LUKE METCALF      | TONY WILLIAMS |



KIERAN FORAN



JASON SAAB




ADDIN FONUA-BLAKE



JOEL THOMPSON

Times shown are in AEST. Times marked with an asterisk are AEDT. Check your local guides.

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON



**M. TAUPAU**  
8. FRONT ROW

**C. CUST**  
9. HOOKER

**J. ALOIAI**  
10. FRONT ROW

**J. GOSIEWSKI**  
11. BACK ROW

**J. TRBOJEVIC**  
13. LOCK

**C. SIRONEN**  
12. BACK ROW

**K. FORAN**  
6. FIVE EIGHTH

**D. C-EVANS**  
7. HALFBACK

**D. WALKER**  
3. CENTRE

**M. SULI**  
4. CENTRE

**J. SAAB**  
2. WINGER

**T. TRBOJEVIC**  
1. FULLBACK

**R. GARRICK**  
5. WINGER

**J. SCHUSTER**  
14. RESERVE

**T. PASEKA**  
15. RESERVE

**A. DAVEY**  
16. RESERVE

**S. KEPPIE**  
17. RESERVE

COACHED BY - **DES HASLER** - 57% WIN RATE

## CASUALTY WARD

Jorge Taufua  
Manase Fainu

Achilles  
Stood Down

April  
Indefinite

## 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
530 / 55%

960

FORWARDS  
430 / 45%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Cherry-Evans, Daly	Half Back   KP3	20	6	22	6	20	0	2	130 (154)	99	-
Trbojevic, Jake	Lock	20	2	5	3	6	20	2	111	125	-
Sironen, Curtis	Back Row	18	3	3	4	1	13	2	79	54	-
Foran, Kieran	Five Eighth	14	4	12	3	11	0	2	74	41	↓
Aloiai, Josh	Front Row	18	4	0	4	0	9	3	62	41	-
Taupau, Martin	Front Row	18	2	2	1	5	10	2	62	84	↑
Paseka, Taniela	Front Row	18	3	2	5	1	3	7	48	18	-
Trbojevic, Tom	Full Back	7	4	7	4	6	0	3	46	91	↑
Funa, Tevita	Winger   KP1	12	5	2	8	5	0	4	43	38*	-
Parker, Brad	Centre	19	4	3	3	3	0	5	38	28	-
Taufua, Jorge	Winger	14	7	0	8	0	0	1	37	37	-
Gosiewski, Jack	Back Row	13	6	0	3	0	1	2	35	21	↓
Cust, Cade	FE   Hooker	10	3	3	4	3	0	1	34	24	-
Suli, Moses	Centre	13	2	1	3	1	0	8	30	36	↑
Garrick, Reuben	Winger   KP6	17	4	0	3	0	0	2	24 (106)	38	↑
Harper, Morgan	Centre	5	3	0	4	0	0	4	24	14*	-
Croker, Lachlan	Five Eighth	20	1	2	2	6	0	1	23	11*	-
Keppie, Sean	Front Row	19	0	0	1	0	2	3	15	8*	-
Walker, Dylan	Five Eighth	7	1	1	1	1	0	1	12	29	-
Olakau'ata, Haumole	Back Row	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	11	11*	-
Davey, Andrew	Back Row	9	0	1	0	1	1	0	7	3	-
Saab, Jason	Winger	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	11*	-
Tuipulotu, Christian	Winger	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	7*	-
Schuster, Josh	Five Eighth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0*	-
Anderson, Jade	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Bainbridge, Billy	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Boyle, Morgan	Front Row	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-
Fainu, Manase	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	-
Siple, Toafofoa	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-
Trbojevic, Ben	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

## GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**REUBEN GARRICK - 6KP**  
2020: 41/60 (68%)  
CAREER: 106/145 (73%)

**DALY CHERRY-EVANS - 3KP**  
2020: 12/16 (75%)  
CAREER: 135/187 (72%)

**TEVITA FUNA - 1KP**  
2020: 0/0 (N/A)  
CAREER: 0/0 (N/A)

### MIG'S MONEY

*Daly Cherry-Evans* just keeps on running the show and if Tommy T is fit, DCE will have another solid season setting up tries!

### DEANO'S DUD

*Tom Trbojevic* - Yep, you heard right. Absolute gun on his day, but make sure you draft another good fullback as anyone who does a hammy bending over to tie their shoelaces is a huge risk to any fantasy team...

### BONA'S BET

If you were drafting players based on their club loyalty, then this guy wouldn't get a look in. However, a player's morals tend to go out the window in Fantasy Footy. *Josh Aloiai* will slot straight into the Front Row position left by Fonua-Blake and be a consistent Work Horser.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

If you have the inside word on the legal system, *Manase Fainu* could be back mid-season and could be a cracking late pick up. He'll then be the only relevant hooker option but much depends on whether Jonnie Lee Cochran can get him off with the wookiee defence.

# SUNNY COAST TO SUNNY FUTURE

Even the harshest critic of the Melbourne Storm would have to admire their performances in 2020.

For years they've been suggesting that the rebuild is inevitable, and every year the Storm respond with yet another season of being a title contender.

Of course, in 2020 they took that extra step and won from their relocated home base on the Sunshine Coast - some 2,000km from Melbourne - a remarkable achievement!

Moving towards 2021 and it looks like Cam Smith has finally hung up the boots. It seems really strange to suggest that Bellamy's men won't miss a beat with the replacement on everyone's lips, Harry Grant, more than ready to step up.

It's amazing to think that this first year rookie, who is playing in the Storm system for the first time, is going to rival the three time NRLCEO MVP Damien Cook for first draft selection...

For the NRLCEO Coach, apart from Grant, the Storm forwards aren't renowned for their workhorse abilities. Felise Kaufusi has literally gone from one of the first backrowers drafted to almost undraftable in only a couple of years!

The backs are where it is seemingly at when it comes to priority draft targets.

Cam Munster is the ultimate rocks and diamonds pick up this season. If he gets the boots, he's value, but if for whatever reason he doesn't and carries the six kicker points, then history would suggest that he's typically an NRLCEO bust. Buyer beware.

At the back, Ryan Papenhuyzen has burst onto the scene with the livewire fullback proving to be close to the mould of James Tedesco. Like Munster, if he snaffles the boots, his value will sky rocket carrying just one kicker point!

With the Fox on one wing, drafters have a genuine try scoring winger in one of the best teams but the other wing could be attractive too, with Vunivalu's departure to rugby union. Reimis Smith is the likely man to fill the void and he's very capable of scoring 16+ tries this season.

Overall it's going to feel weird not having Cameron Smith as an early draft option. He's always been a regular round 1 draft target and let's be honest, 80% goal kicking, workhorse, play making hookers who never get injured don't exactly grow on trees...

One thing is certain and that is the Storm will once again be a contender in 2021. Off the back of Harry's form at the Tigers last season, the Mexicans will be looking to go B2B and truly consolidate Bellyache's legacy...

## ROOKIE WATCH *Jack Howarth*



Keep this one in your little black book. Jack Howarth was still at school when he started training with the top squad.

The young Queenslander (sound familiar?) has represented the Maroons at U18's and the Australian Schoolboys. He's a big backrower with a serious fend on him and hits bloody hard in defence.

He'll likely get some bench time this year as he transitions to the rigour of first grade and after missing a year of Queensland Cup last year.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: HARRY GRANT**

# MELBOURNE STORM

1		11/3 *8:05PM	14		13/6 2:00PM
2		18/3 *8:05PM	15		19/6 7:35PM
3		25/3 *8:05PM	16		1/7 7:50PM
4		2/4 *8:05PM	17		BYE
5		10/4 5:30PM	18		17/7 7:35PM
6		16/4 7:55PM	19		23/7 7:55PM
7		25/4 6:15PM	20		31/7 7:35PM
8		30/4 6:00PM	21		7/8 7:35PM
9		6/5 7:50PM	22		12/8 7:50PM
10		16/5 4:05PM	23		19/8 7:50PM
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13		5/6 7:35PM			

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**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**

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### BEST BACK

**RYAN PAPENHUYZEN**

POSITION: FB

PTS IN 2020: **122**

21 METRE EATERS  
7 TRIES / 13 TA  
12 LB / 9 LBA

### BEST FORWARD

**HARRY GRANT**

POSITION: HOOKER

PTS IN 2020: **141**

23 WORK HORSES  
5 METRE EATERS  
7 TA / 8 LBA

### PLAYER GAINS

<b>JAKE HOWARTH</b>	<b>REIMIS SMITH</b>
<b>GEORGE JENNINGS</b>	<b>TAGIOLUPE TIVALU</b>
<b>JONAH PEZET</b>	

### PLAYER LOSSES

<b>SANDOR EARL</b>	<b>CAM SMITH (SURELY)</b>
<b>TINO FA'ASUAMALEAUI</b>	<b>ALBERT VETE</b>
<b>RICKY LEUTELE</b>	<b>SULIASI VUNIVALU</b>
<b>PAUL MOMIROVSKI</b>	

**GEORGE JENNINGS**

**REIMIS SMITH**

**TINO FA'ASUAMALEAUI**

**SULIASI VUNIVALU**



# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

**J. BROMWICH**

8. FRONT ROW

**H. GRANT**

9. HOOKER

**C. WELCH**

10. FRONT ROW

**K. BROMWICH**

11. BACK ROW

**D. FINUCANE**

13. LOCK

**F. KAUFUSI**

12. BACK ROW

**C. MUNSTER**

6. FIVE EIGHTH

**J. HUGHES**

7. HALFBACK

**J. OLAM**

3. CENTRE

**B. LEE**

4. CENTRE

**J. ADDO-CARR**

2. WINGER

**R. PAPENHUYZEN**

1. FULLBACK

**R. SMITH**

5. WINGER

**B. SMITH**

14. RESERVE

**T. KAMIKAMICA**

15. RESERVE

**N. A-SOLOMONA**

16. RESERVE

**N. HYNES**

17. RESERVE

**COACHED BY - CRAIG BELLAMY - 69% WIN RATE**

## CASUALTY WARD

No injuries or suspensions for round one

## 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
602 / 52%

1161

FORWARDS  
559 / 48%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Grant, Harry	Hooker	15	3	7	3	8	23	5	141	66*	-
Papenhuyzen, Ryan	Full Back   KP1	17	7	13	12	9	0	21	122 (130)	68	-
Addo-Carr, Josh	Winger	18	15	4	16	1	0	8	101	101	-
Hughes, Jahrome	Half Back	16	7	13	8	6	0	2	90	66	-
Smith, Brandon	Lock   Hooker	15	3	3	4	3	9	9	80	42	↓
Munster, Cameron	FE   KP6	15	4	7	8	9	1	3	70 (82)	87	↑
Olam, Justin	Centre	18	9	1	4	2	0	11	66	42	-
Bromwich, Kenny	Back Row	18	3	4	4	4	9	0	64	75	↑
Finucane, Dale	Lock	13	1	1	1	2	11	1	55	69	↑
Kaufusi, Felise	Back Row	18	2	3	3	4	8	0	53	58	-
Welch, Christian	Front Row	16	0	0	0	0	11	2	48	24	-
Hynes, Nicho	Full Back   KP1	10	3	2	6	5	0	4	37 (45)	16*	-
Bromwich, Jesse	Front Row	16	0	1	0	1	7	3	37	46	-
Lee, Brenko	Centre	12	3	0	2	4	1	6	35	36	↑
A-Solomona, Nelson	Front Row	17	4	0	4	2	3	1	34	38	-
Jennings, George	Winger	8	3	0	4	0	0	4	24	28	-
Smith, Reimis	Winger	16	4	0	2	0	0	2	23	44	↑
Eisenhuth, Thomas	Back Row	14	1	1	1	0	2	0	15	5	-
Lewis, Chris	Back Row	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	13	13*	-
Kamikamica, Tui	Front Row	5	1	0	1	0	1	1	11	9	-
Jacks, Ryley	Half Back	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	9	23	-
Johns, Cooper	Half Back	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	9	4*	-
Seve, Marion	Centre	7	0	0	3	0	0	3	9	16	-
Lumelume, Isaac	Winger	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	4	-
King, Max	Front Row	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	11	-
Schonig, Darryn	Front Row	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4*	-
Howarth, Jack	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Ieremia, Dean	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Pene, Aaron	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Pezet, Jonah	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-

T - Try WH - Workhorse ME - Metre Eater TA - Try Assist LB - Line Break LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play \* - Played Less Than 3 Years \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats (###) - Points incl Goals

## GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**CAMERON MUNSTER - GKP**

2020: 6/8 (75%)  
CAREER: 22/37 (59%)

**RYAN PAPENHUYZEN - IKP**

2020: 4/9 (44%)  
CAREER: 6/12 (50%)

**NICHO HYNES - IKP**

2020: 4/4 (100%)  
CAREER: 4/4 (100%)

### MIG'S MONEY

Harry Grant 1.0 was a weapon for the Tigpies. Harry Grant 2.0 at the Storm will be even better. 2021 NRLCEO MVP. You heard it here first...

### DEANO'S DUD

Justin Olam can put a hit on but who cares in NRLCEO as that doesn't earn any points! Every Coach who drafted Addo-Carr would also know that you can forget try assists as this bloke can't and won't pass. Occasionally crosses the line but don't pick up as your #1, #2 or even #3 centre.

### BONA'S BET

The Storm don't buy players without doing their homework. Melbourne have unveiled some of the greatest wingers in the NRL. Reimis Smith does have some competition for the vacant wing spot, but with his raw speed and talent, and a bit of Bellamy magic, Smith can make the top 5 wingers this year.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

Vuni has gone to rugby which leaves a wing spot available. You would expect Remis Smith to steal it but maybe just maybe, Smith plays right centre meaning Isaac Lumelume is the man - he showed plenty of potential in his limited opportunities last season.

# THE FLIGHTLESS BIRDS

What a season it was from the franchise from across the ditch. Despite everything being against them, they manned up bigtime and gained some serious street cred from everyone who loves NRL.

The Warriors' on-field performances were also truly inspiring and one hopes that the loss of Coach Todd Payten doesn't dampen their spirit and resilience moving into season 2021.

When it comes to taking on a temperamental team, new Coach Nathan Brown has been there before and could be a good fit for the young team.

Looking at their roster this season, not much has changed apart from their coach. Addin Fonu-Blake is a massive inclusion and if he can stay on the park then the Warriors have secured themselves a genuine weapon up front.

For the NRLCEO Coach, Tohu Harris had a wow of a season and returned back to his halcyon Melbourne Storm days of yesteryear! When back on the field, Jazz Tevaga complimented Tohu beautifully with his tireless work ethic and offloads providing some nice second phase play for the halves and outside backs.

Speaking of backs, the Warriors possess plenty of cover with an abundance of youngsters blooded last season. You'd have to think that the likes of Maumalo and Fusitua will automatically come back into the starting team but they have genuine competition now in Pompey, Perham and the like.

At the back, RTS is always dangerous and is a top choice metre eater in the draft.

In the halves, Chanel Harris-Tevita may have come of age under the tutelage of Payten. Whether he can keep the momentum going is the million dollar question and this will impact heavily on the Warrior's ability to go well again this year.

Overall, the Warriors can be placed in the same bracket as the Titans. Both had fantastic back halves of the season and were unlucky to miss out on the finals, and both have the ability to create a stir in the NRL in 2021....



When you think exciting Warriors players you immediately turn your mind to their wingers. Ken Maumalo, David Fusitua (2016-18), Manu Vatuvei, even Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad.

So what if I was to tell you the Warriors have a Fijian winger that stands at 196cm and 110kgs. Would that excite you? It bloody excites me! Especially if they are a rotating door of players again this season.

Enter Junior Ratuva. At this stage he sits behind Maumalo, Fusitua, and Pompey, but god damn when he gets a run he is mine!!!

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: TOM ALE**

## NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS

1		13/3 *5:00PM	14		13/6 4:00PM
2		19/3 *8:00PM	15		19/6 5:00PM
3		27/3 *5:00PM	16		2/7 8:00PM
4		4/4 8:15PM	17		11/7 6:05PM
5		9/4 8:00PM	18		18/7 4:00PM
6		18/4 4:00PM	19		24/7 5:00PM
7		25/4 8:15PM	20		30/7 8:00PM
8		2/5 4:00PM	21		7/8 5:00PM
9		9/5 4:00PM	22		15/8 4:00PM
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**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**

2021 FINISH: 11<sup>TH</sup>

### BEST BACK

**KODI NIKORIMA**

POSITION: FE

PTS: 101

3 TRIES / 18 TA  
5 LB / 16 LBA  
9 RETURN SETS

### BEST FORWARD

**TOHU HARRIS**

POSITION: BR

PTS: 156

31 WORK HORSES  
12 METRE EATERS  
1 TRY / 1 LB / 3 LBA

### PLAYER GAINS

EUAN AITKEN	BEN MURDOCH-MASILA
KANE EVANS	SEAN O'SULLIVAN
ADDIN FONUA-BLAKE	BAYLEY SIRONEN
MARCELO MONTOYA	

### PLAYER LOSSES

GERARD BEALE	ADAM KEIGHRAN
ADAM BLAIR	TAANE MILNE
LACHLAN BURR	AGNATIUS PAASI
BLAKE GREEN	ISAIAH PAPALI'I
PATRICK HERBERT	NATHANIEL ROACHE



ADDIN FONUA-BLAKE



BEN MURDOCH-MASILA



ADAM BLAIR



ISAIAH PAPALI'I

TROPHIES: NONE

WINS: 45.5%

2016: 10<sup>TH</sup>

2017: 13<sup>TH</sup>

2018: 8<sup>TH</sup>

2019: 13<sup>TH</sup>

2020: 10<sup>TH</sup>

2021 FINISH: 11<sup>TH</sup>

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

**A. F-BLAKE**  
8. FRONT ROW

**W. EGAN**  
9. HOOKER

**B. M-MASILA**  
10. FRONT ROW

**E. KATOA**  
11. BACK ROW

**J. TEVAGA**  
13. LOCK

**T. HARRIS**  
12. BACK ROW

**K. NIKORIMA**  
6. FIVE EIGHTH

**C. H-TAVITA**  
7. HALFBACK

**E. AITKEN**  
3. CENTRE

**P. HIKU**  
4. CENTRE

**K. MAUMALO**  
2. WINGER

**R. T-SHECK**  
1. FULLBACK

**D. FUSITU'A**  
5. WINGER

**B. SIRONEN**  
14. RESERVE

**J. T-BROWN**  
15. RESERVE

**L. AH MAU**  
16. RESERVE

**K. EVANS**  
17. RESERVE

**COACHED BY - NATHAN BROWN - 42% WIN RATE**

### CASUALTY WARD

Karl Lawton      Achilles      Indefinite

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

**BACKS**  
517 / 49%

**1055**

**FORWARDS**  
538 / 51%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Harris, Tohu	Back Row	20	1	0	1	3	31	12	156	94	-
Nikorima, Kodi	FE   KP1	19	3	18	5	16	0	3	101 (135)	72	-
Hiku, Peta	Centre	18	8	10	5	10	1	14	100	83	↓
Tuivasa-Sheck, Roger	Full Back	18	5	3	8	1	0	25	89 (91)	103	↑
Fonua-Blake, Addin	Front Row	15	3	0	3	0	8	13	69	65	-
Aitken, Euan	Centre	17	4	2	5	1	0	17	60	77	-
Katoa, Eliesa	Back Row	13	6	1	3	2	7	0	59	57*	-
Egan, Wayne	Hooker	18	2	4	1	6	7	0	52	14	-
Tevaga, Jazz	Lock	12	1	0	2	1	8	3	43	75	↑
Pompey, Adam	Winger	13	5	2	8	1	0	3	40 (42)	24*	-
Sironen, Bayley	Back Row	17	1	2	2	2	7	0	40	12*	-
Harris-Tavita, Chanel	Half Back   KP6	15	2	7	1	3	0	0	39 (93)	19	↑
Maumalo, Ken	Winger	8	5	0	5	0	0	6	38	75	↑
Murchie, Jack	Back Row	13	3	0	3	0	5	0	35	13	-
Lawton, Karl	Hooker	18	2	0	1	0	6	0	32	19	-
Evans, Kane	Front Row	14	4	2	4	2	0	2	30	13	-
Montoya, Marcelo	Centre	10	3	0	2	0	0	6	26	23	-
T-Brown, Jamayne	Front Row	19	1	0	0	0	4	0	20	20*	-
Murdoch-Masila, Ben	Front Row	10*	3*	1*	0*	0*	1*	0*	16*	DNP	-
O'Sullivan, Sean	Half Back	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	8	2	-
Fusitua, David	Winger	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	55	↑
Perham, Hayze	Centre	8	1	1	0	1	0	0	7	2	-
Turner, Paul	Half Back	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2*	-
Afoa, Bunty	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	-
Ah Mau, Leeson	Front Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19*	-
Ale, Tom	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Cook, Sam	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Curran, Josh	Lock	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Ratuvu, Junior	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Timm, Lachlan	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

#### CHANEL HARRIS-TAVITA - EKP

2020: 27/35 (77%)  
CAREER: 51/65 (78%)

#### KODI NIKORIMA - IKP

2020: 17/27 (64%)  
CAREER: 18/29 (62%)

#### MIG'S MONEY

I love the look of Elise Katoa but it's hard to go past **Tohu Harris** after his epic 2020. With that being said, watch the knee go in round one...

#### DEANO'S DUD

**Ken Maumalo** - this bloke's attitude is rubbish. Quitting a team mid-season to go home and do nothing is exactly what your fantasy team does not need. Needs to find his backbone while at the back of the que in order to earn his spot back.

#### BONA'S BET

**Bayley Sironen** is a new face at the Warrior this year, but he comes from the Rabbitohs with massive wraps. He's definitely a worker as he averaged 43 involvements in his last 5 games in 2020. His biggest challenge is locking down a run on spot.

#### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

COVID plans for the Warriors could impact their stock again. Will the players who went home in 2020 relocate for 2021? Do more players pull out this time? Assuming full availability, the Warriors have their strongest side for a few years and they could be a drafting goldmine...

# CURSE OF THE KNIGHTS

Despite making the semi-finals, the Knight's season can be regarded as yet another failure. They were never really a team capable of knocking off one of the top 4 teams and reality struck for Coach O'Brien when his team was easily bundled out of the finals in the first week.

On paper, the Knights have some serious quality but first up this off-season, they needed to call in an exorcist to cleanse the number 9 jersey of the injury curse.

Early in the season, Jayden Brailey was an awesome recruit and his combination with Pearce and Ponga looked like a perfect launching pad for an end of season tilt. Nekminnut, anyone associated with the hooking role was goneski with O'Brien left to pick up the pieces of a shattered season.

In the backline, the combination of Bradman Best and Edrick Lee was super dangerous outside of the sweeping plays that the Pearce/Ponga connection loves so much. You could do worse than to opt for that combination in the draft.

On the right, the love really isn't there though and to be honest, the right centre and wing positions are probably up for grabs. The Knights do have depth in those areas though so it's not much of a concern.

In the forwards, Mitch Barnett loves to work and can be a try scoring sneak. Daniel Saifiti is capable of big minutes and 2020 was a breakout year for the NSW prop in CEO. David Klemmer's numbers were great last season and he continues to eat up the metres!

On the left edge, Lachlan Fitzgibbon continues to disappoint, not working enough for a horse and hardly crossing the stripe last season.

For the NRLCEO coach, Kalyn Ponga is the man but his kicking points and lack of accuracy with the boots are a massive concern for those keen on drafting him early.

The other achilles heel for the Knights is who can fill the #6 jersey? Mann and Watson have both had a crack with varying levels of success.

Overall, the Knights appear to be a team at the crossroads. Their premiership window is closing before it even started to open! Ponga is the key though. If he is in the mood and injury free, he is capable of anything but he needs help...



Dominic Young will turn heads when people see the sheer size of the lad. The 19 year old 198cm Englishman made his Super League debut at just 17. He's signed a three year contract, so this isn't a Gap Year for him to get pissed on Merewether Beach with back packers. He is the real deal.

Sure, you will point to the fact English backs haven't made it in the NRL. Established stars maybe not. But I point to Herbie Farnworth. When you start young (pun intended) maybe there's a better chance.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: BRADMAN BEST**



## NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS



1		12/3	*6:00PM
2		19/3	*6:00PM
3		28/3	*4:05PM
4		4/4	4:05PM
5		10/4	3:00PM
6		16/4	6:00PM
7		22/4	7:50PM
8		1/5	7:35PM
9		8/5	3:00PM
10		14/5	6:00PM
11		20/5	7:50PM
12		30/5	4:05PM
13		6/6	4:05PM

14		12/6	5:30PM
15		19/6	3:00PM
16		3/7	7:35PM
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18		17/7	7:35PM
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22		15/8	4:05PM
23		21/8	5:30PM
24		26/8	7:50PM
25		4/9	3:00PM



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**BEST BACK**  
KALYN PONGA



POSITION: FB

PTS 137

19 METRE EATERS  
10 TRIES / 13 TA  
12 LB / 13 LBA

**BEST FORWARD**  
DAVID KLEMMER



POSITION: FR

PTS 131

24 WORK HORSES  
16 METRE EATERS  
1 TA / 3 LBA

**PLAYER GAINS**

TYSON FRIZELL	JACK JOHNS
BLAKE GREEN	SAUASO SUE
BAILEY HODGSON	DOMINIC YOUNG

**PLAYER LOSSES**

HERMAN ESE'ESE	SIONE MATA'UTIA
TIM GLASBY	ANDREW MCCULLOUGH
AIDAN GUERRA	TAUTAU MOGA
MASON LINO	



TYSON FRIZELL



BLAKE GREEN



HERMAN ESE'ESE



AIDAN GUERRA

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<b>D. SAIFITI</b> 8. FRONT ROW	<b>J. BRAILEY</b> 9. HOOKER	<b>D. KLEMMER</b> 10. FRONT ROW	
<b>L. FITZGIBBON</b> 11. BACK ROW	<b>M. BARNETT</b> 13. LOCK	<b>T. FRIZELL</b> 12. BACK ROW	
<b>K. MANN</b> 6. FIVE EIGHTH	<b>M. PEARCE</b> 7. HALFBACK		
<b>B. BEST</b> 3. CENTRE	<b>E. TUALA</b> 4. CENTRE		
<b>E. LEE</b> 2. WINGER	<b>K. PONGA+</b> 1. FULLBACK	<b>H. HUNT</b> 5. WINGER	
<b>C. WATSON</b> 14. RESERVE	<b>J. SAIFITI</b> 15. RESERVE	<b>J. KING</b> 16. RESERVE	<b>S. SUE</b> 17. RESERVE

COACHED BY - ADAM O'BRIEN - 52% WIN RATE

### CASUALTY WARD

Kalyn Ponga	Shoulder	TBC
Blake Green	Knee	TBC

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN



PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Ponga, Kalyn	Full Back   KP6	18	10	13	12	13	0	19	137 (223)	104	-
Klemmer, David	Front Row	20	0	1	0	3	24	16	131	112	-
Mann, Kurt	Five Eighth	19	6	10	4	11	9	3	115	46	↓
Frizell, Tyson	Back Row	20	3	0	4	0	20	3	102	83	-
Pearce, Mitchell	Half Back	20	2	12	3	12	3	1	79	82	↑
Saifiti, Daniel	Front Row	13	3	0	6	0	11	8	78	53	↑
Tuala, Enari	Centre	19	11	0	9	1	0	6	68	29	-
Best, Bradman	Centre	10	7	4	6	3	0	9	64	35*	↑
Fitzgibbon, Lachlan	Back Row	16	1	4	4	1	11	1	63	64	-
Barnett, Mitchell	Lock	12	1	0	1	0	11	2	53	81	↑
Saifiti, Jacob	Front Row	20	3	0	5	0	8	2	53	18	-
Hunt, Hymel	Winger	19	6	0	6	0	0	8	46	DNP	-
Lee, Edrick	Winger	10	6	3	5	0	0	4	43	51	↑
Shibasaki, Gehamat	Centre	11	5	1	3	1	0	8	42	16	-
Green, Blake	Five Eighth	15	0	8	0	5	0	0	37	52	↓
To'a, Starford	Winger	7	4	0	4	0	0	2	24	15*	-
Randall, Chris	Hooker	6	0	3	1	2	3	0	21	19*	-
Brailey, Jayden	Hooker	2	0	2	0	1	2	0	14	45	↑
Hoy, Tex	FE   KP1	8	1	0	0	1	0	4	13 (17)	56	-
Sue, Sauaso	Front Row	15	0	0	0	1	2	0	9	6	-
Watson, Connor	FE   Hooker	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	9	59	↑
Crossland, Phoenix	Half Back	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	4*	-
Jones, Brodie	Back Row	7	0	1	0	1	1	0	7	3	-
King, Josh	Front Row	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	7	-
Johns, Jack	Back Row	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	-
Croker, Matthew	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Hodgson, Bayley	Fullback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12*	-
Momoisea, Jirah	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Sasagi, Nathanael	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Young, Dominic	Winger	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*	DNP	-

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### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**KALYN PONGA - GK**  
 2020: 46/70 (66%)  
 CAREER: 121/167 (72%)

**TEX HOY - IKP**  
 2020: 2/5 (40%)  
 CAREER: 2/5 (40%)

#### MIG'S MONEY

*Bradman Best* is a beast outside of Ponga - no second year syndrome here and only injury can stop him from scoring plenty!

#### DEANO'S DUD

*Mitchell Pearce* - Usually starts the year off well when the real playmakers in the team are fit and healthy. Generally, Pearce goes walkabout when he has to do the heavy lifting and he's the type of player who promises champagne plays but usually ends up delivering mid strength beer...

#### BONA'S BET

*Starford To'a* - Still very much a rookie with only 7 NRL matches under his belt; but there is plenty to like about Starford To'a. Coach O'Brien has been very impressed with his pre-season so far. I'm not sure the Knights will rack up big scores this year, but To'a is a winger that can find the try line.

#### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

Obviously the five-eighth role will be hotly contested between Mann and the up-and-comers. If I was to gamble though it would be on *Connor Watson*. At some stage in 2021 he will be a starting player, and when he plays big minutes he is very valuable - especially playing at hooker if Brailey goes down.

# THE METER EATER KING IN THE NORTH

It was a miserable season for the Cows – their tired, slow, and predictable brand of football finally bringing the club to its knees and Coach Green consequently given the flick.

In his place is a man with a proven early record of instilling grit and tenacity, and this is exactly what the NQ troops need. Yes, Toddy Payten returns and with him comes high expectations from the Cow's faithful.

In the playing ranks, there's really not many notable changes in personnel. Gavin Cooper's retirement leaves an available edge position and John Asiata's departure to the Broncos opens up a bench spot. Lachlan Burr comes in and brings a no frills workman-like attitude to bolster the core.

For the NRLCEO coach, the value in the Cowboys hinges on the injury prone Michael Morgan. 2021 shapes up as career defining for the co-captain who, by his own admission, has had a shocker since his 2017 heroics.

In terms of draft targets, coaches need to look no further than the best forward in the game – Jason Taumalolo. Big Lolo will be looking for a massive season after what seemed like a quiet 2020 for the metre muncher. The King of post contact metres also has the 'C' next to his name so expect a reinvigorated Lolo in 2021...

Also in the forwards, Josh McGuire presented some tidy stats last season and despite being shopped around (because he's an idiot), Moose will be looking for more of the same this season. At hooker, Reece Robson has the ability to be a top notch draft option, but it seems likely that he'll share minutes with the dynamic Reuben Cotter.

In the backs, the Cowboys possess some strike power if the halves can form any semblance of a successful partnership.

Valentine Holmes showed glimpses of 2018 last season and will continue to improve, while Kyle Feldt is always a dangerous try sneak on the right wing.

The smokey in the backline could well be 'The Hammer' in the centres. Coach Payten has indicated that he might see how the speedster goes in the new position in trials and if his defence is up to scratch, he could be in the mould of Panther's star Stephen Crichton.

Overall, the Cowboys have much to prove after they failed to adapt to the new rules in 2020. Can Coach Payten get them believing again and can Morgan stay on the field and form a partnership with the dangerous Scott Drinkwater? Expectations are high...



The Cowboys halves positions are far from locked in for 2021. Michael Morgan has been mostly missing the last two seasons and Jake Clifford is on his way out after this season. So young Daejarn Asi has a chance to slot in the halves or centres if he plays his cards right.

He'll be up against Drinkwater and Hampton but as injuries hit there'll be some shuffling to do. The Kiwi junior played six games of NRL last year and his cool and calm head impressed many.

Elsewhere, last year's rookie prediction Tom Gilbert will become a workhorse star this year.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: TOM GILBERT**

## NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

1	13/3 7:35PM	14	11/6 6:00PM
2	20/3 6:35PM	15	18/6 6:00PM
3	28/3 5:15PM	16	3/7 7:35PM
4	3/4 4:30PM	17	9/7 7:55PM
5	11/4 4:05PM	18	17/7 5:30PM
6	18/4 4:05PM	19	23/7 7:55PM
7	24/4 7:35PM	20	30/7 7:55PM
8	2/5 2:00PM	21	8/8 4:05PM
9	8/5 7:35PM	22	14/8 5:30PM
10	15/5 7:45PM	23	21/8 7:35PM
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12	28/5 6:00PM	25	4/9 5:30PM
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# 2021

DRAW

NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22

**BEST BACK**  
KYLE FELDT

POSITION: WINGER

PTS N 2020: **112**

19 TRIES / 1 TA  
14 LINE BREAKS  
10 METRE EATERS

**BEST FORWARD**  
JASON TAUMALOLO

POSITION: LOCK

PTS N 2020: **116**

22 METRE EATERS  
15 WORK HORSES  
2 TRIES / 4 LB

**PLAYER GAINS**

MICHAEL BELL	HEILUM LUKI
KANE BRADLEY	IEREMIA NANAI
LACHLAN BURR	GRIFFIN NEAME

**PLAYER LOSSES**

JOHN ASIATA	DAN RUSSELL
GAVIN COOPER	TUKIMIHIA SIMPKINS
TOM OPACIC	GARRETT SMITH



LACHLAN BURR



GRIFFIN NEAME



JOHN ASIATA



GAVIN COOPER

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<b>J. MCLEAN</b> 8. FRONT ROW	<b>R. ROBSON</b> 9. HOOKER	<b>J. MCGUIRE</b> 10. FRONT ROW	
<b>T. GILBERT</b> 11. BACK ROW	<b>J. TAUMALOLO</b> 13. LOCK	<b>M. DUNN</b> 12. BACK ROW	
<b>S. DRINKWATER</b> 6. FIVE EIGHTH		<b>M. MORGAN</b> 7. HALFBACK	
<b>J. O'NEILL</b> 3. CENTRE		<b>E. MARSTERS</b> 4. CENTRE	
<b>H. T-FIDOW</b> 2. WINGER	<b>V. HOLMES</b> 1. FULLBACK	<b>K. FELDT</b> 5. WINGER	
<b>R. COTTER</b> 14. RESERVE	<b>F. MOLO</b> 15. RESERVE	<b>C. HESS</b> 16. RESERVE	<b>L. BURR</b> 17. RESERVE

**COACHED BY - TODD PAYTEN - ON DEBUT**

### CASUALTY WARD

No injuries or suspensions for round one

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN



PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Taumalolo, Jason	Lock	16	2	0	4	0	15	22	116	126	-
McGuire, Josh	Front Row	17	0	1	0	3	23	10	115	84	-
Feldt, Kyle	Winger   KP2	20	19	1	14	0	0	10	112 (158)	91	-
Drinkwater, Scott	Five Eighth	16	2	19	3	13	0	3	97	34	-
Robson, Reece	Hooker	14	5	3	6	5	8	0	69	27	-
Holmes, Valentine	Full Back   KP6	12	4	9	6	8	0	4	57 (105)	108	↑
Hess, Coen	Back Row	15	3	0	4	0	10	0	55	55	-
Clifford, Jake	Half Back   KP1	14	3	6	3	2	0	1	50 (52)	23	↓
Molo, Francis	Front Row	20	3	1	3	1	6	3	48	21	-
Tabuai-Fidow, Hamiso	Winger	14	6	3	4	3	0	3	43	40*	↑
O'Neill, Justin	Centre	18	6	0	8	2	0	4	42	44	-
McLean, Jordan	Front Row	15	0	0	0	1	8	2	37	45	-
Marsters, Esan	Centre   KP1	12	2	2	1	2	0	10	34	65	-
Dunn, Mitch	Back Row	17	1	3	1	2	5	0	30	13	-
Cotter, Reuben	Hooker	10	0	2	0	2	5	1	28	13*	-
Morgan, Michael	Half Back	6	2	3	2	2	0	0	25	49	-
Wright, Shane	Back Row	9	0	0	0	0	6	0	24	25	-
Hampton, Ben	FE   Winger	14	4	0	3	0	0	1	23	33	-
Gilbert, Tom	Back Row	12	0	0	0	0	4	3	22	22*	↑
Burr, Lachlan	Front Row	14	0	0	0	1	3	1	15	28	-
Granville, Jake	Hooker	10	0	0	1	0	3	1	15	69	-
Leumelu, Connelly	Centre	7	1	0	1	2	0	2	11	9*	-
Asi, Daejarn	Centre	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	5*	-
Taulagi, Murray	Centre	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	8	-
Bradley, Kane	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Condon, Benjamin	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Greig, Wiremu	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Hola, Peter	Front Row	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1*	-
Jensen, Corey	Front Row	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-
Pere, Emry	Front Row	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-

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### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

<b>VAL HOLMES - 6KP</b> 2020: 24/34 (71%) CAREER: 75/103 (73%)	<b>KYLE FELDT - 2KP</b> 2020: 23/36 (64%) CAREER: 44/69 (64%)	<b>ESAN MARSTERS - 1KP</b> 2020: 0/0 (N/A) CAREER: 96/135 (71%)	<b>JAKE CLIFFORD - 1KP</b> 2020: 1/2 (50%) CAREER: 19/28 (68%)
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#### MIG'S MONEY

*Jason Taumalolo* is a double metre eating machine! Throw in a few pies and horses and he becomes a genuine round one draft target.

#### DEANO'S DUD

*Michael Morgan* - clearly one of the best halves, if this was 2017. These days Morgan is more well-known at the Townsville Mater Hospital than he is at Cows HQ. Nobody is impressed that you have a Ferrari in the garage if it won't even start.

#### BONA'S BET

The Cowboys aren't short on backrowers, but *Mitch Dunn* has shown that he wants that vacant Back Row spot. He's not much of a try scorer, but he did average 34 tackles in his last 5 games of 2021. Now if the Cowboys can just piss Coen Hess off!

#### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

The Cowboys seem to be shopping Josh McGuire around because they have a younger harder straighter running version in *Tom Gilbert*. Don't sleep on him, he will be playing plenty of NRL in 2021.

# THE WORKHORSES OF THE WEST

It was another disappointing season for long suffering Eels fans - the wait since 1986 has become the topic of many a meme.

Again, the highly touted Eels failed to live up to expectations, and despite finishing third on the ladder they quickly exited the finals in straight set losses to the Storm and Rabbitohs.

2021 looks like the Eels will play with a very similar squad. This is a concern as it's really up to Mitch Moses to take the Eels all the way, and he doesn't seem to have the extra attacking gears required to win a title.

For the NRLCEO coach, there's value aplenty in the Parra team.

In the forwards, Ryan Matterson is a trusty backrower who can push for double workhorses. Nathan Brown is also a big stats man but both need to cross the stripe a little more to be top echelon draft targets. Luckily he doubles up regularly.

At hooker, Reed Mahoney has dropped down a peg or two in the draft pecking order. Despite his 2020 being consistent, it was still well below expectations.

Up front, Regan Campbell-Gillard really stepped up in his first year for the club. At times last season he was a stats

beast and even chalked up two triple workhorses for his efforts. RCG could be another sneaky target mid-draft...

In the backs, the Eels are another team that love going left and left only. That favours big Sivo and he's a strong draft choice when searching for a winger. He needs to up his involvement though.

On the other wing, Fergy rarely sees the ball outside of the Matternson and Waqa Blake black hole.

In the centres, the loss of Michael Jennings to ASADA leaves a sizable hole. Tom Opacic could be the main candidate to fill it but he's certainly no Jennings.

It would be a gross oversight if Clint Gutherson wasn't mentioned. There was early talk of the gun fullback being switched to centres this year to accommodate the return of Bevan French. That didn't eventuate so fullback it is. He's always in the game and would be even more attractive if Moses decided to brush the boots...

Overall, whilst the Eels are likely to again push for a top four position, they simply have too many deficiencies to be considered a genuine threat in 2021. The good thing about the Eels is they are quite predictable when it comes to draft value, and that's a good thing in NRLCEO!



**ROOKIE WATCH** *Will Penisini*  
With the sudden departure of Michael Jennings, the left hand edge suddenly has space. The past two seasons the edge has contained Jennings and Sivo and the majority of the Eels points. Tom Opacic will have the first crack but in five seasons of first grade he hasn't cemented his position long term. He'll also be up against journeyman Michael Oldfield. Enter NSW junior Origin rep Will Penisini.

He's not a typically tall centre, but he's a tough, hard running centre in a similar style to Willie Tonga. He is down the pecking order, but at 18 has a lot of time on his side.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: ETHAN PARRY**

## PARRAMATTA EELS



1		12/3 *8:05PM	14		13/6 4:05PM
2		18/3 *8:05PM	15		20/6 2:00PM
3		27/3 *7:35PM	16		2/7 7:55PM
4		5/4 4:00PM	17	BYE	
5		11/4 8:15PM	18		16/7 6:00PM
6		17/4 7:35PM	19		22/7 7:50PM
7		23/4 7:55PM	20		29/7 7:50PM
8		1/5 5:30PM	21		6/8 7:55PM
9		7/5 7:55PM	22		14/8 7:35PM
10		16/5 1:50PM	23		21/8 7:35PM
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13		6/6 4:05PM	■ HOME ■ AWAY <b>NRL CEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22</b>		

2016: 14<sup>TH</sup>

2017: 4<sup>TH</sup>

2018: 16<sup>TH</sup>

2019: 5<sup>TH</sup>

2020: 3<sup>RD</sup>

2021 FINISH: 6<sup>TH</sup>

**BEST BACK**  
**C. GUTHERSON**



POSITION: FB

PTS IN 2020: **143**

24 METRE EATERS  
7 TRIES / 17 TA  
7 LB / 18 LBA

**BEST FORWARD**  
**NATHAN BROWN**



POSITION: LOCK

PTS IN 2020: **116**

24 WORK HORSES  
9 METRE EATERS  
2 LINE BREAK ASSISTS

### PLAYER GAINS

- |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>BRYCE CARTWRIGHT</b> | <b>MICHAEL OLDFIELD</b> |
| <b>KEEGAN HIPGRAVE</b>  | <b>TOM OPACIC</b>       |
| <b>DAVID HOLLIS</b>     | <b>ISAIAH PAPALI'I</b>  |
| <b>JOEY LUSSICK</b>     | <b>NATHANIEL ROACHE</b> |

### PLAYER LOSSES

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>DANIEL ALVARO</b> | <b>GEORGE JENNINGS</b>    |
| <b>ANDREW DAVEY</b>  | <b>ETHAN PARRY</b>        |
| <b>RHYS DAVIES</b>   | <b>JAEMAN SALMON</b>      |
| <b>KANE EVANS</b>    | <b>KYLE SCHNEIDER</b>     |
| <b>JAI FIELD</b>     | <b>BRAD TAKAIRANGI</b>    |
| <b>DAVID GOWER</b>   | <b>PENI TEREPO</b>        |
| <b>WATSON HELETA</b> | <b>STEFANO UTOIKAMANU</b> |



BRYCE CARTWRIGHT



TOM OPACIC



DANIEL ALVARO



KANE EVANS



# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

<b>R. C-GILLARD</b> 8. FRONT ROW	<b>R. MAHONEY</b> 9. HOOKER	<b>J. PAULO</b> 10. FRONT ROW	
<b>S. LANE</b> 11. BACK ROW	<b>N. BROWN</b> 13. LOCK	<b>R. MATTERSON</b> 12. BACK ROW	
<b>D. BROWN</b> 6. FIVE EIGHTH	<b>M. MOSES</b> 7. HALFBACK		
<b>T. OPACIC</b> 3. CENTRE	<b>W. BLAKE</b> 4. CENTRE		
<b>M. SIVO</b> 2. WINGER	<b>C. GUTHERSON</b> 1. FULLBACK	<b>B. FERGUSON</b> 5. WINGER	
<b>W. SMITH</b> 14. RESERVE	<b>O. KAUFUSI</b> 15. RESERVE	<b>M. NIUKORE+</b> 16. RESERVE	<b>I. PAPALI'I</b> 17. RESERVE

COACHED BY - BRAD ARTHUR - 50% WIN RATE

### CASUALTY WARD

Marata Niukore	Suspended	Round 2
Michael Jennings	Suspended	Indefinite

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN



PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEAR AVG	POTENTIAL
Gutherson, Clinton	Full Back   KP2	20	7	17	7	18	0	24	143 (167)	109	↓
Brown, Nathan	Lock	16	0	0	0	2	24	9	116	84	-
C-Gillard, Reagan	Front Row	19	1	0	1	0	20	14	113	73	-
Matterson, Ryan	Back Row	17	3	4	3	5	18	3	108	99	-
Mahoney, Reed	Hooker	19	3	3	5	4	16	0	95	77	↑
Sivo, Maika	Winger	20	15	2	20	2	0	3	92	72	↑
Lane, Shaun	Back Row	20	2	3	2	8	15	3	90	80	-
Paulo, Junior	Front Row	20	0	4	0	6	13	11	88	44	-
Brown, Dylan	Five Eighth	17	4	4	8	3	5	9	85	55*	-
Moses, Mitchell	Half Back   KP8	17	3	7	5	6	0	2	69 (167)	68	↑
Blake, Waqa	Centre	20	6	4	6	3	0	6	54	62	-
Papalii, Isaiah	Back Row	16	1	0	2	0	10	0	46	70	↑
Ferguson, Blake	Winger	19	3	0	4	0	0	11	39	99	↑
Hipgrave, Keegan	Back Row	14	3	1	3	1	3	0	28	11	-
Niukore, Marata	Lock	16	1	1	1	0	3	2	23	29	-
Opacic, Tom	Centre	5	2	2	1	4	0	1	19	31	-
Cartwright, Bryce	Back Row	7	1	0	1	1	2	0	14	26	-
Smith, Will	Hooker	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	10	7	-
Stone, Ray	Lock	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	2	-
Davies, Rhys	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Dunster, Haze	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Hollis, David	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Hughes, Samuel	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Kaufusi, Oregon	Front Row	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-
Oldfield, Michael	Centre	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	-
Parry, Ethan	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7*	-
Penisini, Will	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Rankin, Jordan	FE   KP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Roache, Nathaniel	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	-
Lussick, Joey	Hooker	13*	1*	0	2*	3*	6*	0	33*	DNP	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
 DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**MITCHELL MOSES - 8KP**  
 2020: 57/70 (81%)  
 CAREER: 303/395 (77%)

**CLINT GUTHERSON - 2KP**  
 2020: 12/18 (67%)  
 CAREER: 72/103 (70%)

**JORDAN RANKIN - 1KP**  
 2020: 0/0 (N/A)  
 CAREER: 28/40 (78%)

### MIG'S MONEY

18 horses and 3 tries was a modest return for *Ryan Matterson* in 2020. He's capable of much, much more but those numbers are still tasty and he's a solid backrow draft option.

### DEANO'S DUD

*Shaun Lane* is an unlikely nomination but with the Eels recruiting a plethora of backrowers, expect his minutes to decrease. Already struggling for a workhorse with 80mins on the field, expect his time on the pine to increase in season 2021.

### BONA'S BET

The Eels are one of the teams that will have very minimal changes to their line up in 2021. With Michael Jennings suspended indefinitely, his right centre spot is up for grabs and if *Tom Opacic* can get the first crack, he can capitalise on the Eels potent left edge attack.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

The predicted team lists will leave him on the bench but *Isaiah Papali'i* is only one injury away from a starting position. In three different positions. The versatile signing from the Warriors can play back row, front row, or lock, and last year locked in 10 workhorses.

# TAKING THE PREMIERSHIP BACK WEST

What a season it was for the 'chocolate soldiers'. Winning 17 games in a row was no mean feat, and losing to an experienced Storm team in the grand final would almost have Panthers fans content...

There's more good news for the Panthers in that their roster is relatively intact and the only big loss is James Tamou this season. Sure, Josh Mansour was given the arse, but he was on the decline anyway - well, at least his try scoring and meter eating was...

With an incident free off-season, the Panthers look well-equipped to give the premiership a red hot crack again in 2021.

For the NRLCEO Coach, the Panthers have plenty of value when it comes to the draft.

Topping the list is the 'Not Dally M Medallist' but Tik Tok extraordinaire, Nathan Cleary. 'The Chin' looks set to carve up this season. Fresh off some very disappointing GF and Origin performances, you'd think he'll learn plenty and have much to prove.

Being the best kicker in the competition combined with the licence to run the show for a genuine title challenger, Cleary should, and will be the first kicker picked across most NRLCEO competitions.

In the forwards, the Panther's pack is tasty. James Fisher-Harris will again play big minutes and chalk up the horses, especially with Tamou gone. Koroisau is a gem and on the top shelf of hookers.

In a complete surprise, Isaiah Yeo has become a top line draft target. His triple workhorse last year sent shockwaves through the NRLCEO community, and from there on he became as solid as a rock.

Speaking of solid, Liam Martin is just that, and his five tries were an added bonus.

In the backs, you'd expect there to be value and there is. Stephen Crichton has the potential to turn into an NRLCEO stud and that's a big call when talking about a centre.

The Panthers' fast style of play is great for their wingers, and youngsters Brian To'o and Charlie Staines are set to sizzle this year. Staines in particular has a great try scoring record in his short career so far, and it will be interesting to see if To'o gets moved to the left wing to accommodate the young speedster on the right.

Overall, the Panthers are a team on the rise and it's no coincidence that once Phil left everything has been smelling sweeter out west. They are in this premiership up to their whiskers and there's plenty of chocolate draft love to go around...



12 months ago I would have predicted Charlie Staines to be taking Dylan Edward's job at the back. Edwards has since come good and the Panthers have so much faith in the try scoring freak from Forbes that they have punted their long term winger Josh Mansour. He was already on your drafting radar, but we had to re-affirm that although he's scored six tries, he's still only a two game rookie.

Between him and Brian To'o the Panthers have the most exciting young wing combination in the competition. Don't expect three tries a game, but expect plenty!

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: BILLY BURNS**

## PENRITH PANTHERS

1		13/3 *7:35PM	14		11/6 7:55PM
2		20/3 *3:00PM	15		18/6 7:55PM
3		25/3 *8:05PM	16		2/7 7:55PM
4		1/4 *8:05PM	17		BYE
5		9/4 7:55PM	18		18/7 2:00PM
6		15/4 7:50PM	19		24/7 7:35PM
7		22/4 7:50PM	20		31/7 7:35PM
8		1/5 3:00PM	21		7/8 5:30PM
9		7/5 6:00PM	22		13/8 6:00PM
10		16/5 6:25PM	23		20/8 7:55PM
11		23/5 2:00PM	24		29/8 4:05PM
12		29/5 3:00PM	25		3/9 7:55PM
13		4/6 7:55PM			

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NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22

**BEST BACK**

**J. LUAI**

POSITION: FE

PTS N 2020: **136**

7 TRIES / 22 TA  
5 LB / 18 LBA  
3 METRE EATERS

**BEST FORWARD**

**J. FISHER-HARRIS**

POSITION: FR

PTS N 2020: **132**

24 WORK HORSES  
18 METRE EATERS  
3300+ RUN METRES

### PLAYER GAINS

<i>MATTHEW EISENHUTH</i>	<i>JAEMAN SALMON</i>
<i>ROBERT JENNINGS</i>	<i>SCOTT SORENSEN</i>

### PLAYER LOSSES

<i>CALEB AEKINS</i>	<i>BRAYDEN MCGRADY</i>
<i>KAIDE ELLIS</i>	<i>JAMES TAMOU</i>
<i>JACK HETHERINGTON</i>	<i>ZANE TETEVANO</i>
<i>PAT HOLLIS</i>	<i>MALAKAI WATENE-ZELEZNIK</i>
<i>JOSH MANSOUR</i>	



TROPHIES: TWO  
WINS: 43.7%

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON



**M. LEOTA**  
8. FRONT ROW

**A. KOROISAU**  
9. HOOKER

**J. F-HARRIS**  
10. FRONT ROW

**V. KIKAU**  
11. BACK ROW

**I. YEO**  
13. LOCK

**L. MARTIN**  
12. BACK ROW

**J. LUAI**  
6. FIVE EIGHTH

**N. CLEARY**  
7. HALFBACK

**S. CRICHTON**  
3. CENTRE

**T. MAY**  
4. CENTRE

**C. STAINES**  
2. WINGER

**D. EDWARDS**  
1. FULLBACK

**B. TO'O**  
5. WINGER

**K. CAPEWELL**  
14. RESERVE

**S. LENIU**  
15. RESERVE

**M. EISENHUTH**  
16. RESERVE

**B. BURNS**  
17. RESERVE

**COACHED BY - IVAN CLEARY - 50% WIN RATE**

**CASUALTY WARD**

No injuries or suspensions for round one

**2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN**



PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Luai, Jarome	Five Eighth	20	7	22	5	18	0	3	136	39	↓
Cleary, Nathan	Half Back   KP8	18	4	17	5	19	1	3	134 (286)	86	-
Fisher-Harris, James	Front Row	20	0	0	0	0	24	18	132	113	-
Koroisau, Apisai	Hooker	17	3	4	5	5	21	1	117	71	-
Yeo, Isaah	Lock	19	2	2	6	3	21	4	114	86	-
Crichton, Stephen	Centre   KP1	19	15	5	12	8	0	10	113 (127)	53*	-
Martin, Liam	Back Row	18	5	2	8	0	16	0	94	49	-
Naden, Brent	Centre	16	12	3	6	7	0	9	86	69*	↓
Edwards, Dylan	Full Back	11	4	6	2	5	0	14	63	54	↑
Eisenhuth, Matt	Lock	14	1	1	1	1	12	0	56	77	-
To'o, Brian	Winger	13	6	0	8	0	0	10	53	60*	↑
Kikau, Viliame	Back Row	17	7	1	11	5	1	1	52	63	↑
Capewell, Kurt	Back Row	6	4	1	1	0	4	0	35	38	↑
Staines, Charlie	Winger	2	6	1	7	0	0	1	35	35*	↑
Kenny, Mitchell	Hooker	5	0	0	0	1	6	1	28	26*	-
Leota, Moses	Front Row	20	0	0	1	0	6	1	27	20	-
May, Tyrone	Centre	13	0	6	1	7	1	0	25	16	-
Burton, Matt	Five Eighth	8	3	1	1	2	0	1	20	11*	-
Sorensen, Scott	Back Row	14	0	2	1	2	2	1	17	15	-
Burns, Billy	Back Row	12	2	1	4	0	0	0	14	12*	-
Jennings, Robert	Winger	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	9	53	-
Laurie, Daine	Full Back	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	7	6*	-
Whare, Dean	Centre	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	26	-
Leniu, Spencer	Front Row	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1*	-
McGrady, Brayden	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
McGrady, Glenn	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Pua, Paea	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Salmon, Jaeman	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	-
Smith, Lindsay	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
 DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

**GOALKICKING OPTIONS**

**NATHAN CLEARY - SKP**  
 2020: 86/109 (79%)  
 CAREER: 329/394 (84%)

**STEPHEN CRICHTON - IKP**  
 2020: 7/10 (70%)  
 CAREER: 7/10 (70%)

**MIG'S MONEY**

*Nathan Cleary* is young, kicks at close to 90% and the Panthers are a franchise on the rise. Expect less Tik Tok and more tries from our predicted 2021 Dally M winner as well...

**DEANO'S DUD**

*Brent Naden* - the term "white line fever" takes on a whole different meaning when talking about this bloke. He can come back from his small indiscretion, but expect to see him return via the reserves before any NRL action again. Depth pickup only.

**BONA'S BET**

With the departure of Tamou, *Moses Leota* has the potential to pick up where Tamou left off in 2020. More minutes for Leota means more Work Horses for him. Simple.

**GODFATHER'S GAMBLE**

In the forwards, *Billy Burns* has a knack of finding the tryline and could be a very useful backrower during the rep season or if injury strikes.

# CAPTAIN COOK MARCHES ON

The Rabbits made a gallant run towards last year's title, falling just short in the preliminary final to the Panthers.

Finishing 6th was probably underwhelming, but the way the Rabbits ended last season with a wet sail will have other teams watching them closely in season 2021.

Uncle Wayne has again been busy in the market, being linked to every available superstar. In a positive for the club, the outgoing players are minimal. Corey Allan leaves for the Bulldogs but the Bunnies can cover his loss easily.

In a coup from over a year ago, Origin forward Jai Arrow joins from the Titans and he will surely bolster the pack, giving them some extra creativity. Josh Mansour is the other big name signing and he should end up on the right wing, moving Gagai to centre.

For the NRLCEO Coach, the draft targets are tantalising. Three time NRLCEO MVP Damien Cook headlines the targets and he just continues to play massive minutes, avoiding injury and running big metres.

Seriously, Captain Cook's numbers are unbelievable and he's made of elastic - he simply never lets you down and will be the first player drafted in every NRLCEO competition!

Cam Murray at Lock is also an attractive draft option, but Arrow's addition to the core may force Murray to the left edge. This is a double edged sword - he'll play bigger

uninterrupted minutes and threaten the tryline more often BUT, if he gets stuck out wider, the double workhorses won't be in play.

The Rabbitohs backs is where the excitement lies. Top try scorer Alex Johnston is the danger on that left edge, especially with Latrell back, fit and firing.

Latrell of course is still learning his trade but he was looking really good before injury cruelled his season in round 16.

In the centres, young gun Campbell Graham is dangerous. His 13 tries last season was a good output and sees him ranked as the second best centre in NRLCEO.

Gagai on the other side needs to permanently change his setting to Origin Gagai so he becomes relevant at NRLCEO level!

In the halves, the Rabbitoh combination of Reynolds and Walker is close to perfection. With Reynolds' kicking game and management, and Walker's electric running, Uncle Wayne has the perfect combination at his disposal.

Overall, the red and green army from Redfern are an attractive bundle at draft time. The forwards are littered with stars and the backline on paper is one of the best in the competition. This could very well be the 'Year of the Bunny'...



We had written up a nice little piece on back rower Brock Gardner but the poor bloke suffered a ruptured achilles at training in the pre-season.

Instead, let's talk about a nightmare scenario for Rabbitohs fans and those who draft Damien Cook in NRLCEO. How do you replace Cook? With another Cook of course. Joshua Cook.

If Damien somehow, miraculously goes down injured, the Rabbits have a ready made back-up. His namesake of no relation to Damien was the U16's NSW hooker and is one of the highest rated young players in the hooking role.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: TOM AMONE**

## SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

1		11/3 *8:05PM	14		12/6 5:30PM
2		20/3 *5:30PM	15		17/6 7:50PM
3		26/3 *8:05PM	16		4/7 4:05PM
4		2/4 *4:05PM	17		9/7 7:55PM
5		8/4 7:50PM	18		18/7 6:15PM
6		17/4 5:30PM	19		24/7 3:00PM
7		23/4 6:00PM	20		31/7 3:00PM
8		29/4 7:50PM	21		6/8 7:55PM
9		6/5 7:50PM	22		14/8 3:00PM
10		15/5 5:30PM	23		20/8 7:55PM
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13		BYE			

# 2021

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NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22

HOME AWAY

**BEST BACK**

**C. WALKER**

POSITION: FE

PTS IN 2020: **137**

9 TRIES / 19 TA  
14 LB / 15 LBA  
6 METRE EATERS

**BEST FORWARD**

**D. COOK**

POSITION: HOOKER

PTS IN 2020: **184**

32 WORK HORSES  
3 TRIES / 5 TA  
4 LB / 8 LBA

**PLAYER GAINS**

JAI ARROW

JACOB HOST

JOSH MANSOUR

TAANE MILNE

TAUTAU MOGA

**PLAYER LOSSES**

COREY ALLAN

TOM AMONE

KURT DILLON

BRYSON GOODWIN

JACK JOHNS

ETHAN LOWE

JAMES ROBERTS

KY RODWELL

BAYLEY SIRONEN



TROPHIES: 21

WINS: 51.8 %

2016: 12<sup>TH</sup>

2017: 12<sup>TH</sup>

2018: 3<sup>RD</sup>

2019: 3<sup>RD</sup>

2020: 6<sup>TH</sup>

2021 FINISH: 3<sup>RD</sup>

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON

**T. BURGESS** 8. FRONT ROW

**D. COOK** 9. HOOKER

**T. TATOLA** 10. FRONT ROW

**C. MURRAY** 11. BACK ROW

**J. ARROW** 13. LOCK

**J. SU'A** 12. BACK ROW

**C. WALKER** 6. FIVE EIGHTH

**A. REYNOLDS** 7. HALFBACK

**C. GRAHAM** 3. CENTRE

**D. GAGAI** 4. CENTRE

**A. JOHNSTON** 2. WINGER

**L. MITCHELL** 1. FULLBACK

**J. MANSOUR** 5. WINGER

**L. KNIGHT** 14. RESERVE

**K. KOLOMATANGI** 15. RESERVE

**H. SELE** 16. RESERVE

**J. HOST** 17. RESERVE

COACHED BY - WAYNE BENNETT - 62% WIN RATE

### CASUALTY WARD

Taane Milne Knee Mid-Season  
Brock Gardner Achilles Indefinite

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
768 / 56%

1380

FORWARDS  
612 / 44%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Cook, Damien	Hooker	20	3	5	4	8	32	8	184	205	-
Walker, Cody	Five Eighth	18	9	19	14	15	0	6	137	122	-
Johnston, Alex	Winger	19	20	2	20	1	0	5	116	75	↓
Graham, Campbell	Centre	19	13	3	13	2	3	14	114	77	-
Murray, Cameron	Lock	20	3	4	4	7	19	0	107	97	↑
Mansour, Josh	Winger	19	10	4	20	3	0	15	102	56	↓
Reynolds, Adam	Half Back   KP8	20	6	9	5	12	0	0	87 (253)	66	-
Gagai, Dane	Winger	16	10	2	11	4	0	10	77	75	-
Burgess, Thomas	Front Row	20	2	0	3	1	12	7	75	43	-
Mitchell, Latrell	Full Back   KP2	14	4	14	3	20	0	1	68 (78)	98	↑
Tatola, Tevita	Front Row	18	1	0	2	1	13	3	65	37	-
Arrow, Jai	Lock	18	0	0	1	0	15	1	63	77	↑
Su'a, Jayden	Back Row	18	2	1	0	2	7	0	38	28	↑
Nicholls, Mark	Front Row	16	2	2	2	2	2	0	24	9	-
Paulo, Jaxson	Winger	10	2	3	5	2	0	1	24	21*	-
Host, Jacob	Back Row	11	2	0	3	0	3	0	23	19	-
Burns, Braiden	Centre	8	2	0	1	1	0	4	19	18	-
Knight, Liam	Front Row	16	0	0	0	0	3	2	16	19	-
Moga, Tautau	Centre	4	0	1	0	4	0	4	14	10	-
Koloamatangi, Keaon	Front Row	11	0	0	0	0	1	3	10	10*	-
Marsters, Steve	Centre	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	9	4	-
Mago, Patrick	Lock	12	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	2	-
Sele, Hame	Front Row	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	-
Dargan, Troy	Half Back	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Cartwright, Jed	Back Row	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Cook, Joshua	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Gardner, Brock	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Hawkins, Dean	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Milne, Taane	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-
N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

T - Try WH - Workhorse ME - Metre Eater TA - Try Assist LB - Line Break LBA - Line Break Assist  
DNP - Did Not Play \* - Played Less Than 3 Years \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats (###) - Points incl Goals

### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**ADAM REYNOLDS - 8KP**  
2020: 98/115 (85%)  
CAREER: 742/899 (83%)

**LATRELL MITCHELL - 2KP**  
2020: 5/8 (63%)  
CAREER: 214/289 (74%)

### MIG'S MONEY

*Damien Cook* going for four straight NRLCEO MVP's - can he do it? Yup. Sigh...

### DEANO'S DUD

*Braiden Burns* - this bloke looked the goods for a quarter of the season until he injured his chicken legs. Lacks the secret herbs and spices to be a mainstay in the Bunny's hot and spicy backline.

### BONA'S BET

*Keaon Koloamatangi* will start from the bench this year, but his involvement per minute ratio is very close to 1. Therefore, if he can get more minutes on the field in 2021, he has the potential to be a consistent Work Horse.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

There are plenty of better front rowers in the competition, but you could do worse than draft *Tom Burgess* as your back-up prop. He won't be high on the radar of others, but he has increased his workrate in the past few years as he lays the platform with Tevita Tatola.

# NO MORE MR NICE GUY

It was another forgettable season for the Red V and Paul MacGregor finally paid the price.

Sure, he was a lovely bloke, but geez the Dragons failed to show anything at times. In fact there were many moments last season in which it looked like they hadn't even trained together.

Consequently, in comes Anthony Griffin and his boring arse interviews. If the Dragons are looking for a coach that puts his team to sleep at half time, they've found their man.

On a serious note, 'Hook' has a massive job to do - the Dragons squad on paper is way better than the team that has been nothing but embarrassing over the last couple of seasons...

For the NRLCEO Coach, the Dragons possess a gem in Cameron McInnes. This bloke gives 120% every week and has the stats to match. So it makes sense that Dragon's management would sabotage their season by not offering him a contract and sounding out Andrew McCullough (insert facepalm here).

There's value in some of the other forwards as well. Big boppers Paul Vaughan and Blake Lawrie have great engines

and Vaughan in particular is a handy try scorer.

On the edges, Tariq Sims is average and the departure of Tyson Frizell leaves a position vacant to someone. There's rumours Jack Bird could be that man, but Jackson Ford seems more likely at this stage.

Now, it's fast becoming tradition to avoid Dragons backs. Zac Lomax is bucking that trend and if the Dragons could actually score, he might become a valuable kicker.

The wingers Ravalawa and Periera are more than capable but are their jobs secure? Speaking of job security, Matt Dufty at the back is facing all sorts of pressure from young guns like Cody Ramsey.

Of course, the misfiring Dragons attack can be directly linked to the inability of Ben Hunt and Corey Norman. Both are dead set potatoes on their day and Hunt earning a million dollars each season belies belief.

Overall, IF and it is a massive IF, the halves can get it together for any period of time, the Dragons have the squad to make the top eight and cause some headaches. But, the reality is they won't and the likes of Hunt and Dufty will face the Hook in more ways than one...



Call us lame for labelling Cody Ramsey in this, but he's the one. We could name the Fegai brothers, but we'll be honest - we're not sure which one is better.

Ramsey is a long term prospect for the Dragons and he will play a lot of first grade this year. It's likely he'll get first crack at the right wing spot outside Zac Lomax. There was plenty of media hype on Ramsey after his 9's debut and credit to him - he delivered. Wing is where he'll start but with the rumours surrounding Matt Dufty not being offered a contract, Griffin may fancy Ramsey as his long term fullback.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JASON SAAB**

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

1	14/3 *6:15PM	14	14/6 4:00PM
2	20/3 *7:35PM	15	19/6 5:30PM
3	26/3 *6:00PM	16	2/7 6:00PM
4	4/4 4:05PM	17	BYE
5	11/4 6:15PM	18	16/7 7:55PM
6	18/4 2:00PM	19	25/7 2:00PM
7	25/4 4:05PM	20	31/7 3:00PM
8	2/5 4:05PM	21	6/8 6:00PM
9	9/5 4:05PM	22	13/8 6:00PM
10	16/5 4:05PM	23	22/8 2:00PM
11	21/5 7:55PM	24	28/8 3:00PM
12	28/5 7:55PM	25	4/9 7:35PM
13	3/6 7:50PM		

2021 D R A W

■ HOME ■ AWAY

NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22

**BEST BACK**  
M. DUFTY

POSITION: FULL BACK

PTS N 2020 **125**

13 TRIES / 14 TA  
5 LB / 17 LBA  
8 METRE EATERS

**BEST FORWARD**  
C. MCINNES

POSITION: HOOKER

PTS N 2020 **150**

31 WORK HORSES  
8 METRE EATERS  
2 LB / 2 LBA

**PLAYER GAINS**

DANIEL ALVARO  
JUNIOR AMONE  
JACK BIRD

KAIDE ELLIS  
POASA FAAMAUSILI  
TYRELL SLOAN

**PLAYER LOSSES**

EUAN AITKEN  
TYSON FRIZELL  
JAMES GRAHAM  
JACOB HOST  
TIM LAFAI

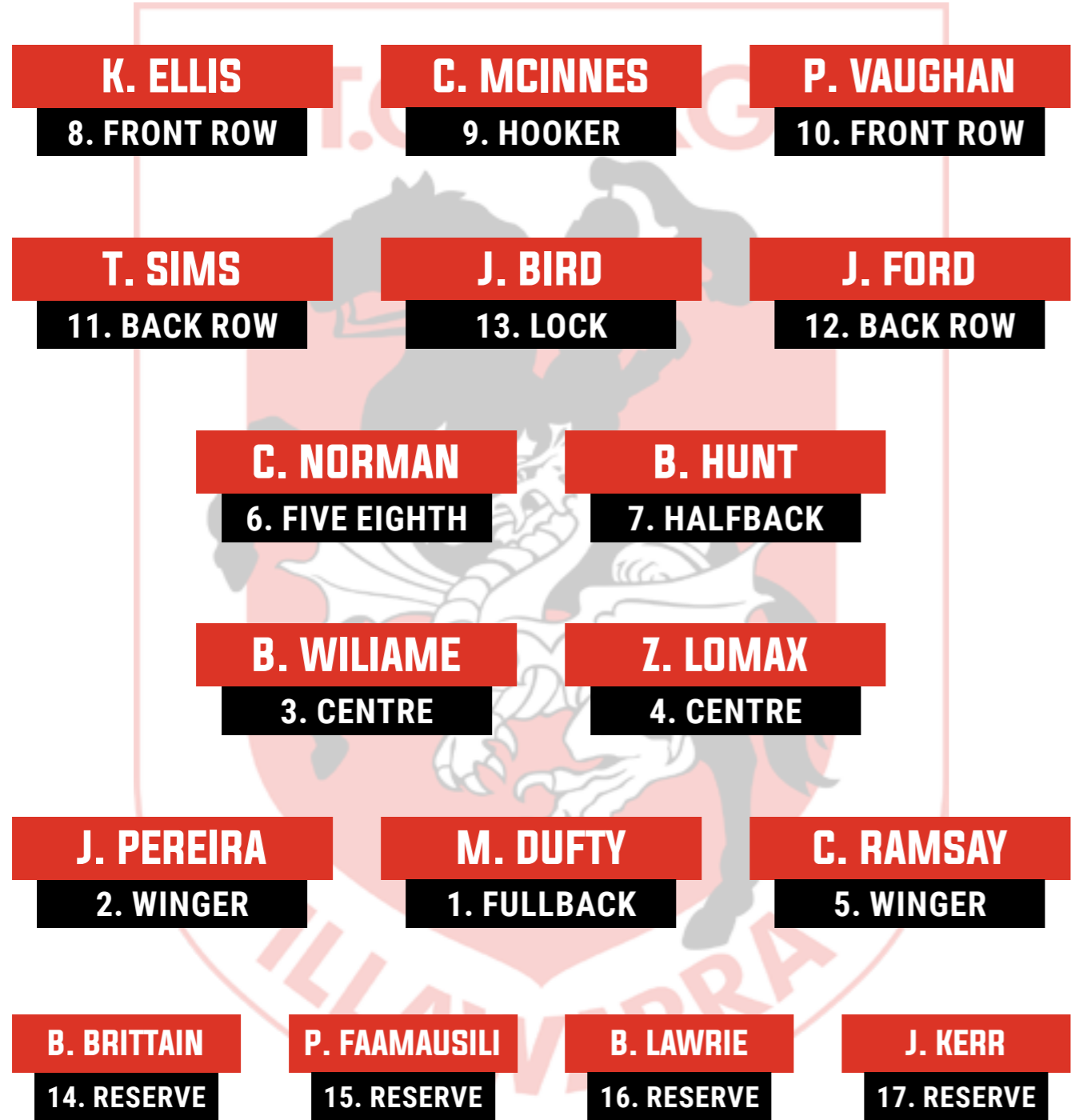
JOE LOVODUA  
ISSAC LUKE  
JASON SAAB  
TRISTAN SAILOR  
KORBIN SIMS



TROPHIES: ONE  
WINS: 50.3%

2016: 11TH  
2017: 9TH  
2018: 7TH  
2019: 15TH  
2020: 12TH  
2021 FINISH: 15TH

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON



COACHED BY - ANTHONY GRIFFIN - 55% WIN RATE

## CASUALTY WARD

Jack de Belin    Stood Down    Indefinite

## 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
559 / 58%

971

FORWARDS  
412 / 42%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
McInnes, Cameron	Hooker	18	1	1	2	2	31	8	150	150	-
Dufty, Matt	Full Back	18	13	14	5	17	0	8	125	82	-
Lomax, Zac	Centre   KP7	20	13	8	6	6	0	7	94 (220)	42	-
Hunt, Ben	Half Back	19	1	8	3	8	11	0	91	89	-
Lawrie, Blake	Front Row	20	0	0	0	0	18	6	84	55	-
Ravalawa, Mikaele	Winger	16	13	0	13	2	0	7	81	49	-
Norman, Corey	FE   KP1	18	5	6	6	10	0	4	78	71	-
Vaughan, Paul	Front Row	15	0	0	0	0	15	9	78	88	↑
Clune, Adam	Half Back	15	0	6	2	7	0	1	37	17*	-
Pereira, Jordan	Winger	15	1	1	6	0	0	8	28	25	-
Kerr, Josh	Front Row	20	2	0	2	0	4	0	26	11	-
Ford, Jackson	Back Row	12	0	0	0	1	6	0	25	20*	-
Sims, Tariq	Back Row	9	0	0	0	0	4	1	18	54	↑
Ramsey, Cody	Winger	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	13	13*	↑
Fuimaono, Tyrell	Back Row	16	1	0	0	0	2	0	12	6	-
Wiliame, Brayden	Centre	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	8*	-
Merrin, Trent	Front Row	14	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	6*	-
Alvaro, Daniel	Front Row	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	23	-
Ellis, Kaide	Front Row	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	-
Faamausili, Poasa	Front Row	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	-
Sullivan, Jayden	Half Back	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2*	-
Brittain, Billy	Hooker	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-
Bird, Jack	Lock   Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	↑
Blacker, Eddie	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	-
De Belin, Jack	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	-
Feagai, Mathew	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Feagai, Max	Centre	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Lomax, Hayden	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Sauni-Esau, Shaun	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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DNP - Did Not Play    \* - Played Less Than 3 Years    \*\* - Denotes Super League Stats    (###) - Points incl Goals

## GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**ZAC LOMAX - 7KP**  
2020: 63/80 (79%)  
CAREER: 89/112 (79%)

**COREY NORMAN - 1KP**  
2020: 0/0 (N/A)  
CAREER: 14/24 (58%)

### MIG'S MONEY

*Cameron McInnes* is a great NRLCEO player and leads from the front. Captaincy material in the hooking role and may even snaffle dual positioning if the new coach doesn't rate Hunt in the halves...

### DEANO'S DUD

*Ben Hunt* - did you know dinosaurs weren't all extinct? Drogosaurus Hunt shows about as much interest in football as a vegan does in a butcher. The Dragons are a mess and expect this Drogosaurus to become extinct from a majority of fantasy line ups...

### BONA'S BET

Another player that may benefit from a team member moving clubs is *Jackson Ford*. He was biding his time on the bench last year, and in 2021 he would be the obvious choice to fill the vacant Backrow position. With only 17 games under his belt, don't be fooled, he can play.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

The name *Jack Bird* is synonymous with the word 'gamble'. The Broncos took a gamble on JB and it didn't pay off. The Dragons are hoping a move back to his spiritual home where he absolutely dominated the juniors will lift him. No one else will punt on him. Will you?

# RESETTING ROBBO'S ROOSTERS

For the first time in years, Coach Trent Robinson has to pick up the pieces and come up with some answers for his underperforming squad.

This sounds harsh but at the end of 2020, Robinson's Roosters were well off the mark, and that showed after they were bundled out of the finals in straight sets by the Panthers and Raiders.

However, despite that hiccup the Roosters still boast one of the most talented line-ups in the competition.

The off-season change in personnel is minimal and they should welcome back their creative Lock Victor Radley from injury. Radley is so important to the Roosters' style of attack and he'll be such a welcomed return for Robinson. He won't appear on the top 200 list, so you better hope the rest of your comp has forgotten about him at draft time.

In negative news, Captain Boyd Cordner looks set to miss some extended game time due to excessive head knocks. This is not good and his draft value seems set to fall dramatically - if it was ever that high anyway.

For the NRLCEO Coach, the man at the back is just that - THE MAN. Yes, James Tedesco is a gun and needs no introduction. He simply has to be the first fullback and maybe even the first back picked up in the draft.

The Rooster's backline is always attractive and this year is no different. The Morris brothers keep on scoring tries and Daniel Tupou is a handy mid level wing target.

In the halves and running the show, Luke Keary is dynamic. It's really a case of 'horses for courses' as to which Five Eighth gets picked up first between Keary and Cody Walker in the draft.

The Roosters boast a range of draft targets in the forwards. Angus Crichton is a popular backrow target, but it has to be suggested that he hasn't justified his high price tag since moving from the Bunnies. It was his first full season scoring under 100 NRLCEO points last year.

Jake Friend is another solid performer in NRLCEO but like Cordner, head knocks and injury are starting to take their toll on the tackling machine.

Overall, the Roosters will be there again in season 2021. There's a few conundrums that Robinson has to address this year though, and much hinges around who gets the halfback spot.

At this stage it looks like Lachlan Lam is the man but who kicks for the Roosters is one of the biggest queries for CEO Coaches at this point in time...



Joseph Suaalii is the name in the media but there isn't a spot for him in the backline until the Morris twins retire. Instead, we like the look and prospects of young Sam Walker.

The son of former NRL player Ben Walker, Sam has all the skills but until now has only played against kids. There is a clear gap in the halfback slot at the Rooster and Lachlan Lam or Adam Keighran haven't shown me enough to suggest they will own the position. If Radley is back to his ball playing best there's a good chance they can carry Walker long term and not just in and out of first grade.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: CHRISTIAN TUIPULOTU**

SYDNEY  
**ROOSTERS**

1		13/3 *5:30PM	14		12/6 3:00PM
2		21/3 *4:05PM	15		18/6 7:55PM
3		26/3 *8:05PM	16		1/7 7:50PM
4		4/4 6:15PM	17		10/7 7:35PM
5		10/4 7:35PM	18		17/7 5:30PM
6		16/4 7:55PM	19		23/7 6:00PM
7		25/4 4:05PM	20		29/7 7:50PM
8		1/5 7:35PM	21		7/8 5:30PM
9		7/5 7:55PM	22		13/8 7:55PM
10		15/5 7:45PM	23		22/8 2:00PM
11		22/5 5:30PM	24		27/8 7:55PM
12		29/5 7:35PM	25		2/9 7:50PM
13		BYE			

Six matches at the SCG are sub

**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**

**BEST BACK**  
**J. TEDESCO**

POSITION:  
FULL BACK

PTS  
2020 **160**

31 METRE EATERS  
8 TRIES / 15 TA  
14 LB / 20 LBA

**BEST FORWARD**  
**S. TAUKEIAHO**

POSITION:  
FRONT ROW

PTS  
2020 **111**

18 WORK HORSES  
12 METRE EATERS  
3 TA / 4 LBA

**PLAYER GAINS**

**TUKU HAU TAPUHA**  
**ADAM KEIGHRAN**

**JOSEPH SUAALII**  
**NAUFAHU WHYTE**

**PLAYER LOSSES**

**MITCHELL AUBUSSON**  
**POASA FAAMAUSILI**  
**KYLE FLANAGAN**

**RYAN HALL**  
**CHRISTIAN TUIPULOTU**  
**SONNY BILL WILLIAMS**



ADAM KEIGHRAN      JOSEPH SUAALII      MITCHELL AUBUSSON      KYLE FLANAGAN

- 2016: 15<sup>TH</sup>
- 2017: 2<sup>ND</sup>
- 2018: 1<sup>ST</sup>
- 2019: 2<sup>ND</sup>
- 2020: 4<sup>TH</sup>
- 2021 FINISH: 2<sup>ND</sup>



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<b>J. W-HARGREAVES</b> 8. FRONT ROW	<b>J. FRIEND</b> 9. HOOKER	<b>S. TAUKEIAHO</b> 10. FRONT ROW	
<b>B. CORDNER</b> 11. BACK ROW	<b>V. RADLEY+</b> 13. LOCK	<b>A. CRICHTON</b> 12. BACK ROW	
<b>L. KEARY</b> 6. FIVE EIGHTH	<b>L. LAM</b> 7. HALFBACK		
<b>J. MORRIS</b> 3. CENTRE	<b>J. MANU</b> 4. CENTRE		
<b>D. TUPOU</b> 2. WINGER	<b>J. TEDESCO</b> 1. FULLBACK	<b>B. MORRIS</b> 5. WINGER	
<b>N. BUTCHER</b> 14. RESERVE	<b>L. COLLINS</b> 15. RESERVE	<b>I. LIU</b> 16. RESERVE	<b>S. TUPOUNUIA</b> 17. RESERVE

**COACHED BY - TRENT ROBINSON - 65% WIN RATE**

### CASUALTY WARD

Victor Radley	Knee	Early Rounds
Sam Verrills	Knee	Early Rounds

### 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

<b>BACKS</b> 729 / 55%	1321	<b>FORWARDS</b> 591 / 45%
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PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Tedesco, James	Full Back	17	8	15	14	20	0	31	160	151	-
Keary, Luke	Five Eighth	18	10	16	6	12	0	4	131	96	-
Taukeiaho, Siosua	Front Row   KP6	18	1	3	1	4	18	12	111 (117)	76	-
Morris, Brett	Winger	16	12	6	17	4	0	9	100	67	↓
Tupou, Daniel	Winger	13	11	1	11	2	0	15	89	88	↑
Morris, Josh	Centre	17	9	7	9	12	0	6	83	81	↓
Crichton, Angus	Back Row	13	4	2	5	3	12	2	80	99	↑
Friend, Jake	Hooker	18	1	2	2	7	15	0	80	67	-
Manu, Joseph	Centre   KP2	19	8	5	9	5	0	8	71	69	-
W-Hargreaves, Jared	Front Row	16	1	0	0	0	11	7	62	67	-
Tupouniua, Sitili	Back Row	18	5	3	4	1	5	2	55	22	-
Ikuvalu, Matt	Winger	10	7	0	6	2	0	9	54	36*	↓
Butcher, Nat	Lock	17	1	0	2	0	10	1	48	39	-
Collins, Lindsay	Front Row	19	1	1	2	0	8	4	48	18	↑
Liu, Issac	Front Row	17	1	3	3	1	6	2	42	35	-
Cordner, Boyd	Back Row	11	2	2	2	1	4	3	37	60	-
Radley, Victor	Lock	7	1	1	2	0	3	2	24	55	↑
Keighran, Adam	FE   KP2	3	3	1	2	1	0	0	18	9	-
Hutchison, Drew	Five Eighth	6	1	2	1	1	0	0	12	8*	-
Lam, Lachlan	Half Back	7	0	1	2	2	1	0	11	6*	-
Lussick, Freddy	Hooker	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	4*	-
Bailey, Max	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Baker, Fletcher	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Butcher, Egan	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Fifita, Dan	Front Row	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
H-Walters, Lathan	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Smith, Billy	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	-
Suaalii, Joseph	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Verrills, Sam	Hooker	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19*	↑
Walker, Sam	Half Back   KP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-

T - Try    WH - Workhorse    ME - Metre Eater    TA - Try Assist    LB - Line Break    LBA - Line Break Assist  
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### GOALKICKING OPTIONS

<b>SIO TAUKEIAHO - 6KP</b> 2020: 3/4 (75%) CAREER: 41/58 (71%)	<b>ADAM KEIGHRAN - 2KP</b> 2020: 0/0 (N/A) CAREER: 9/10 (90%)	<b>JOSEPH MANU - 1KP</b> 2020: 0/0 (N/A) CAREER: 0/0 (N/A)	<b>SAM WALKER - 1KP</b> 2020: 0/0 (N/A) CAREER: 0/0 (N/A)
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#### MIG'S MONEY

*James Tedesco* is an NRLCEO scoring machine in the custodian role. Tries, assists, and metre eaters – he's got it all and will be the first non-kicking back picked in most comps!

#### DEANO'S DUD

*Boyd Cordner* – a tough and hard leader who keeps giving himself a concussion every time he sneezes. I wouldn't rely on this bloke getting many workhorses unless he lowers his baseline cognition test at the start of the season...

#### BONA'S BET

With a winning State of Origin series under his belt, *Lindsay Collins* is oozing confidence. He only knows one way to run, and that's straight and hard. He'll play mostly off the bench this year, but if he starts, he's a definite Workhorse. Just has to work on those dick fingers.

#### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

The forgotten man by all, but the rise of *Billy Smith* was the reason that Latrell was allowed to leave. There probably isn't a spot in the best 17 for Smith in 2021, but Trent Robinson rotates his squad regularly during the year and he is only one injury away from getting the call up.

# 9TH WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT

It was another disappointing season for the Tigpies and they couldn't even finish in their beloved 9th place last year, settling for a lowly 11th.

Coach Madge Maguire has some serious headaches and most seem to stem from the inability of the front office to get their shit together. Seriously, the Tigers are the worst run team in the competition and the disharmony shows on the field with some performances.

Looking to 2021, Benji has been punted and there are numerous others who deserve to be. Whoever thought offering Moses M'Bye 800k a year was a good idea needs serious help...

On paper the Tigers have a youthful look about them this season. The King of Plod, Elijah Taylor, is gone too so maybe the squad is heading in the right direction now...

For the NRLCEO Coach, the draft value in the Tigers is scattered, like gold in the Kimberleys.

David Nofoaluma was the number one winger from last season but can he do it again? Sure, he'll continue to eat up the metres but there has to be serious doubt as to whether he can chalk up another 17 tries without Benji feeding him.

The rest of the Tigers back positions are up for grabs. Jimmy the Jet joins the squad but he hasn't been relevant for a while now.

The Tigers are really going to miss Harry Grant but Jacob Liddle finally gets his chance. Can he avoid injury and finally take the opportunity before McInnes signs on the dotted line?

James Tamou is a good signing and gives them some stability up front. Alex Twal is an NRLCEO favourite but doesn't really threaten the tryline too often. He's a worker though, and won't let anyone down...

The Tigers have some quality young forwards but they don't have time to settle in - they need to fire up from the first whistle of the season. Shawn Blore is an example of a young player with big wraps, and he and Luciano Leilua should make up a dynamic backrow pairing.

The real issue for the Tigers lies in the halves. Adam Douehi looks promising and had a really good back half of the season. Luke Brooks on the other hand, is playing for his career.

There's some ominous records hovering over Brooks and none of them are ones he wants to be remembered for. Quite simply, he needs to take control and be better in all facets of the game.

Overall, the Tigers will continue to struggle until they can sort out their spine. They do have some draft worthy targets but they are the ultimate risk vs reward team...

**ROOKIE WATCH** *Jake Simpkin*

Jacob Liddle has been the 'next best thing' since Robbie Farah was on the decline. I'm not going out on a limb here to say that I think he offers very Liddle to the Tigers future. The Tigers looked their best with a running #9 in Harry Grant last year. How they weep losing him.

Luckily for the Tigers they may just have the next best Queensland rake in their ranks. In Jake Simpkin's only game for Queensland U18's he scored a try and made 41 tackles for a workhorse. He's got the class. He just needs the opportunity.

**LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: TOMMY TALAU**

## WESTS TIGERS

1	14/3 *4:05PM	14	13/6 4:05PM
2	21/3 *4:05PM	15	19/6 7:35PM
3	28/3 *4:05PM	16	4/7 4:05PM
4	5/4 4:00PM	17	BYE
5	11/4 4:05PM	18	18/7 4:05PM
6	17/4 5:30PM	19	24/7 5:30PM
7	25/4 1:45PM	20	30/7 6:00PM
8	2/5 4:05PM	21	8/8 2:00PM
9	8/5 5:30PM	22	14/8 5:30PM
10	14/5 6:00PM	23	21/8 3:00PM
11	21/5 6:00PM	24	29/8 4:05PM
12	28/5 7:55PM	25	5/9 4:05PM
13	4/6 7:55PM		

■ HOME ■ AWAY

**NRLCEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 22**

**2021 DRAW**

**BEST BACK**  
**D. NOFOALUMA**

POSITION: WINGER

PTS IN 2020: **146**

21 METRE EATERS  
17 TRIES / 7 TA  
18 LB / 3 LBA

**BEST FORWARD**  
**L. LEILUA**

POSITION: BACK ROW

PTS IN 2020: **94**

13 WORK HORSES  
7 TRIES / 2 TA  
5 LB / 3 LBA

**PLAYER GAINS**

<i>WILLIAM KEI</i>	<i>JAMES TAMOU</i>
<i>JOE OFAHENGAUE</i>	<i>KELMA TUILAGI</i>
<i>JAMES ROBERTS</i>	<i>STEFANO UTOIKAMANU</i>
<i>TUKIMIHI SIMPKINS</i>	

**PLAYER LOSSES**

<i>JOSH ALOIAI</i>	<i>BENJI MARSHALL</i>
<i>KANE BRADLEY</i>	<i>SAM MCINTYRE</i>
<i>OLIVER CLARK</i>	<i>CHRIS MCQUEEN</i>
<i>MATTHEW EISENHUTH</i>	<i>JOSH REYNOLDS</i>
<i>HARRY GRANT</i>	<i>DYLAN SMITH</i>
<i>ROBERT JENNINGS</i>	<i>ELIJAH TAYLOR</i>
<i>CHRIS LAWRENCE</i>	

**JAMES ROBERTS**

**JAMES TAMOU**

**HARRY GRANT**

**BENJI MARSHALL**

TROPHIES: ONE

WINS: 43.3%

2016: 9<sup>TH</sup>

2017: 14<sup>TH</sup>

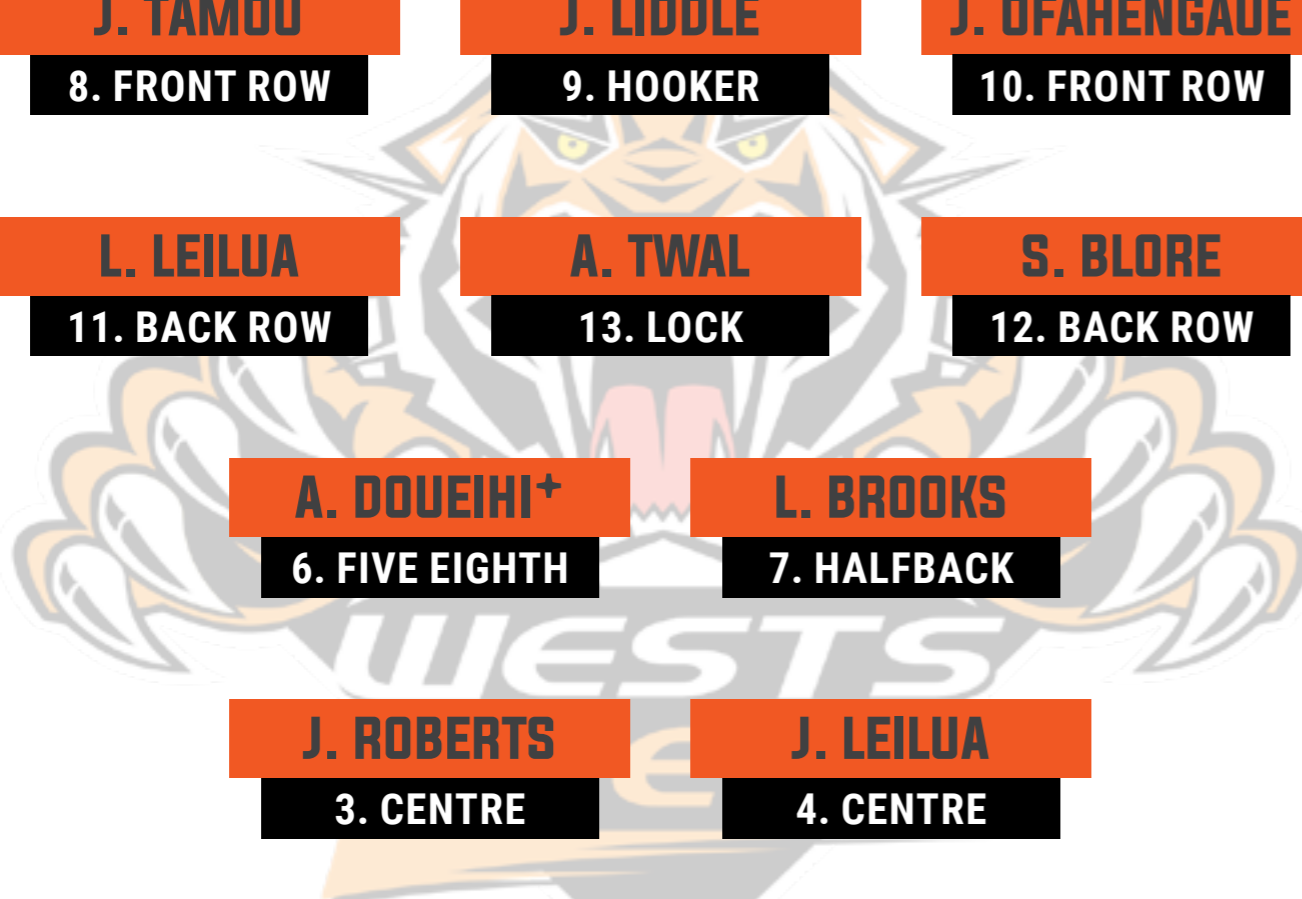
2018: 9<sup>TH</sup>

2019: 9<sup>TH</sup>

2020: 11<sup>TH</sup>

2021 FINISH: 16<sup>TH</sup>

# STRONGEST POSSIBLE TEAM FOR THE 2021 NRL SEASON



**J. TAMOU**  
8. FRONT ROW

**J. LIDDLE**  
9. HOOKER

**J. OFAHENGAUE**  
10. FRONT ROW

**L. LEILUA**  
11. BACK ROW

**A. TVAL**  
13. LOCK

**S. BLORE**  
12. BACK ROW

**A. DOUEIHI+**  
6. FIVE EIGHTH

**L. BROOKS**  
7. HALFBACK

**J. ROBERTS**  
3. CENTRE

**J. LEILUA**  
4. CENTRE

**T. TALAU**  
2. WINGER

**M. MBYE**  
1. FULLBACK

**D. NOFOALUMA**  
5. WINGER

**M. CHEE-KAM**  
14. RESERVE

**T. MIKAELE**  
15. RESERVE

**S. UTOIKAMANU**  
16. RESERVE

**L. GARNER**  
17. RESERVE

COACHED BY - MICHAEL MAGUIRE - 52% WIN RATE

## CASUALTY WARD

Adam Doueihi	Suspension	Round 2
Billy Walters	Knee	Indefinite

## 2020 POINTS BREAKDOWN

BACKS  
518 / 59%

876

FORWARDS  
358 / 41%

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	2020 TOTAL	3YEARAVG	POTENTIAL
Nofoaluma, David	Winger	20	17	7	18	3	0	21	146	84	-
Douiehi, Adam	FE   KP6	20	6	7	8	8	0	17	95 (127)	37	-
Leilua, Luciano	Back Row	20	7	2	5	3	13	1	94	59	-
Tamou, James	Front Row	19	1	1	1	1	17	7	89	79	-
Garner, Luke	Back Row	17	6	0	7	0	9	0	65	40	-
Brooks, Luke	Half Back	17	4	3	4	7	0	3	47	80	↑
Talau, Tommy	Winger	12	8	0	9	0	0	3	47	24*	↑
Mbye, Moses	Full Back   KP2	15	4	7	5	5	1	1	46 (104)	52	-
Leilua, Joseph	Centre	14	4	4	3	5	0	6	43	59	-
Twal, Alex	Lock	12	0	0	1	0	11	0	43	55	↑
Walters, Billy	Five Eighth	8	1	3	0	3	3	0	29	7	-
Kepaoa, Asu	Winger	5	4	1	6	0	0	1	26	26*	-
Momirovski, Paul	Centre   KP2	6	4	1	2	1	0	1	23	26	-
Ofahengaue, Joe	Front Row	15	0	0	1	0	5	0	21	43	-
Liddle, Jacob	Hooker	6	1	0	1	0	2	2	17	9	-
Mikaele, Thomas	Front Row	18	0	0	0	0	3	0	12	4	-
Packer, Russell	Front Row	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	10	14	-
Roberts, James	Centre	6	1	1	3	0	0	2	9	43	↑
Hoffman, Reece	Winger	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	7*	-
Musgrove, Zane	Front Row	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	3	-
Chee-Kam, Michael	Back Row	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	37	-
Blore, Shawn	Back Row	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Cini, Zachary	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Clark, Oliver	Front Row	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-
Madden, Jock	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Seyfarth, Alex	Back Row	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
Simpkin, Jake	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Simpkins, Tukimihia	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Tuilagai, Kelma	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
Utoikamanu, Stefano	Front Row	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-

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## GOALKICKING OPTIONS

**ADAM DOUEIHI - 6KP**  
2020: 16/24 (67%)  
CAREER: 26/40 (65%)

**MOSES MBYE - 2KP**  
2020: 29/45 (64%)  
CAREER: 140/204 (69%)

**PAUL MOMIROVSKI - 2KP**  
2020: 0/0 (N/A)  
CAREER: 21/28 (75%)

### MIG'S MONEY

*David Nofoaluma* had a wow of a 2020 and there's no reason why his constant running and metre eaters can't get him into the Dream Team again in 2021.

### DEANO'S DUD

*Joey Leilua* - there comes a time when a bloke needs to give himself an all mighty uppercut and throw himself out the door by the collar! BJ's hot head makes a boiled kettle look cold. Stay away as he will end up costing you -2, if not -6, points a game from his childish meltdowns and ill-discipline.

### BONA'S BET

It's 'do or die' for *Jacob Liddle* this year. With a horrible history of season-ending injuries, he has the opportunity to pick up where Harry Grant left off. If Madge McGuire goes with 4 forwards on the bench, Liddle will be a solid Hooker option in your team.

### GODFATHER'S GAMBLE

It's tough to find a roughie in this squad. *Shaun Blore* had huge wraps at Penrith before injuries cruelled his development. A Madge preseason could be just what he needs to steal a back row berth.

# DRAFT DAY CHEAT SHEETS

## NRLCED TOP 200 FROM 2020

PLAYER NAME	2020 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
<b>COOK</b> , Damien	184	1	HK1
<b>TEDESCO</b> , James	160	2	FB1
<b>HARRIS</b> , Tohu	156	3	BR1
<b>MCINNES</b> , Cameron	150	4	HK2
<b>NOFOALUMA</b> , David	146	5	WG1
<b>GUTHERSON</b> , Clinton	143	6	FB2
<b>GRANT</b> , Harry	141	7	HK3
<b>HAAS</b> , Payne	138	8	FR1
<b>PONGA</b> , Kalyn	137	9	FB3
<b>WALKER</b> , Cody	137	10	FE1
<b>LUAI</b> , Jarome	136	11	FE2
<b>CARRIGAN</b> , Patrick	134	12	LK1
<b>CLEARY</b> , Nathan	134	13	HB1
<b>F-HARRIS</b> , James	132	14	FR2
<b>KLEMMER</b> , David	131	15	FR3
<b>KEARY</b> , Luke	131	16	FE3
<b>CHERRY-EVANS</b> , Daly	130	17	HB2
<b>DUFTY</b> , Matt	125	18	FB4
<b>PAPENHUYZEN</b> , Ryan	122	19	FB5
<b>KOROISAU</b> , Apisai	117	20	HK4
<b>TAUMALOLO</b> , Jason	116	21	LK2
<b>JOHNSTON</b> , Alex	116	22	WG2
<b>BROWN</b> , Nathan	116	23	LK3
<b>MCGUIRE</b> , Josh	115	24	FR4
<b>MANN</b> , Kurt	115	25	FE4
<b>YEO</b> , Isaah	114	26	LK4
<b>GRAHAM</b> , Campbell	114	27	CT1
<b>C-GILLARD</b> , Reagan	113	28	FR5
<b>CRICHTON</b> , Stephen	113	29	CT2
<b>FELDT</b> , Kyle	112	30	WG3
<b>TOLMAN</b> , Aiden	111	31	FR6
<b>TAUKEIAHO</b> , Siosiaua	111	32	FR7
<b>TRBOJEVIC</b> , Jake	111	33	LK5
<b>MATTERSON</b> , Ryan	108	34	BR2
<b>MURRAY</b> , Cameron	107	35	LK6
<b>JOHNSON</b> , Shaun	104	36	FE5
<b>MANSOUR</b> , Josh	102	37	WG4
<b>FRIZELL</b> , Tyson	102	38	BR3
<b>WIGHTON</b> , Jack	102	39	FE6
<b>ADDO-CARR</b> , Josh	101	40	WG5
<b>NIKORIMA</b> , Kodi	101	41	FE7
<b>MORRIS</b> , Brett	100	42	WG6
<b>HIKU</b> , Peta	100	43	CT3
<b>PAPALII</b> , Josh	97	44	FR8
<b>DRINKWATER</b> , Scott	97	45	FE8
<b>BRAILEY</b> , Blayke	96	46	HK5
<b>MAHONEY</b> , Reed	95	47	HK6
<b>DOUIEHI</b> , Adam	95	48	FE9
<b>LEILUA</b> , Luciano	94	49	BR4
<b>LOMAX</b> , Zac	94	50	CT4

PLAYER NAME	2020 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
<b>MARTIN</b> , Liam	94	51	BR5
<b>SIVO</b> , Maika	92	52	WG7
<b>HUNT</b> , Ben	91	53	HB3
<b>LANE</b> , Shaun	90	54	BR6
<b>HUGHES</b> , Jahrome	90	55	HB4
<b>TAMOU</b> , James	89	56	FR9
<b>TUPOU</b> , Daniel	89	57	WG8
<b>T-SHECK</b> , Roger	89	58	FB6
<b>F-MARINER</b> , Raymond	89	59	BR7
<b>PAULO</b> , Junior	88	60	FR10
<b>REYNOLDS</b> , Adam	87	61	HB5
<b>FA'ASUAMALEAUI</b> , Tino	86	62	LK7
<b>NADEN</b> , Brent	86	63	CT5
<b>WILLIAMS</b> , George	86	64	HB6
<b>WOODS</b> , Aaron	85	65	FR11
<b>KATOA</b> , Si	85	66	WG9
<b>FOTUAIKA</b> , Moeaki	85	67	FR12
<b>BROWN</b> , Dylan	85	68	FE10
<b>LAWRIE</b> , Blake	84	69	FR13
<b>MORRIS</b> , Josh	83	70	CT6
<b>N-KLOKSTAD</b> , Charnze	81	71	FB7
<b>M-KING</b> , Jeremy	81	72	HK7
<b>RAVALAWA</b> , Mikaele	81	73	WG10
<b>FRIEND</b> , Jake	80	74	HK8
<b>CRICHTON</b> , Angus	80	75	BR8
<b>SMITH</b> , Brandon	80	76	LK8   HK9
<b>FLANAGAN</b> , Kyle	80	77	HB7
<b>JACKSON</b> , Josh	79	78	BR9
<b>SIRONEN</b> , Curtis	79	79	BR10
<b>PEARCE</b> , Mitchell	79	80	HB8
<b>VAUGHAN</b> , Paul	78	81	FR14
<b>SAIFITI</b> , Daniel	78	82	FR15
<b>NORMAN</b> , Corey	78	83	FE11
<b>GRAHAM</b> , Wade	77	84	BR11
<b>GAGAI</b> , Dane	77	85	CT7   WG11
<b>TAYLOR</b> , Ashley	76	86	FE12
<b>BURGESS</b> , Thomas	75	87	FR16
<b>TAPINE</b> , Joseph	75	88	LK9
<b>BRIMSON</b> , AJ	74	89	FB8
<b>NIKORA</b> , Briton	74	90	BR12
<b>FOGARTY</b> , Jamal	74	91	HB9
<b>FORAN</b> , Kieran	74	92	FE13
<b>MANU</b> , Joseph	71	93	CT8
<b>MUNSTER</b> , Cameron	70	94	FE14
<b>FONU-BLAKE</b> , Addin	69	95	FR17
<b>ROBSON</b> , Reece	69	96	HK10
<b>KENNEDY</b> , William	69	97	FB9
<b>MOSES</b> , Mitchell	69	98	HB10
<b>MITCHELL</b> , Latrell	68	99	FB10
<b>TUALA</b> , Enari	68	100	CT9

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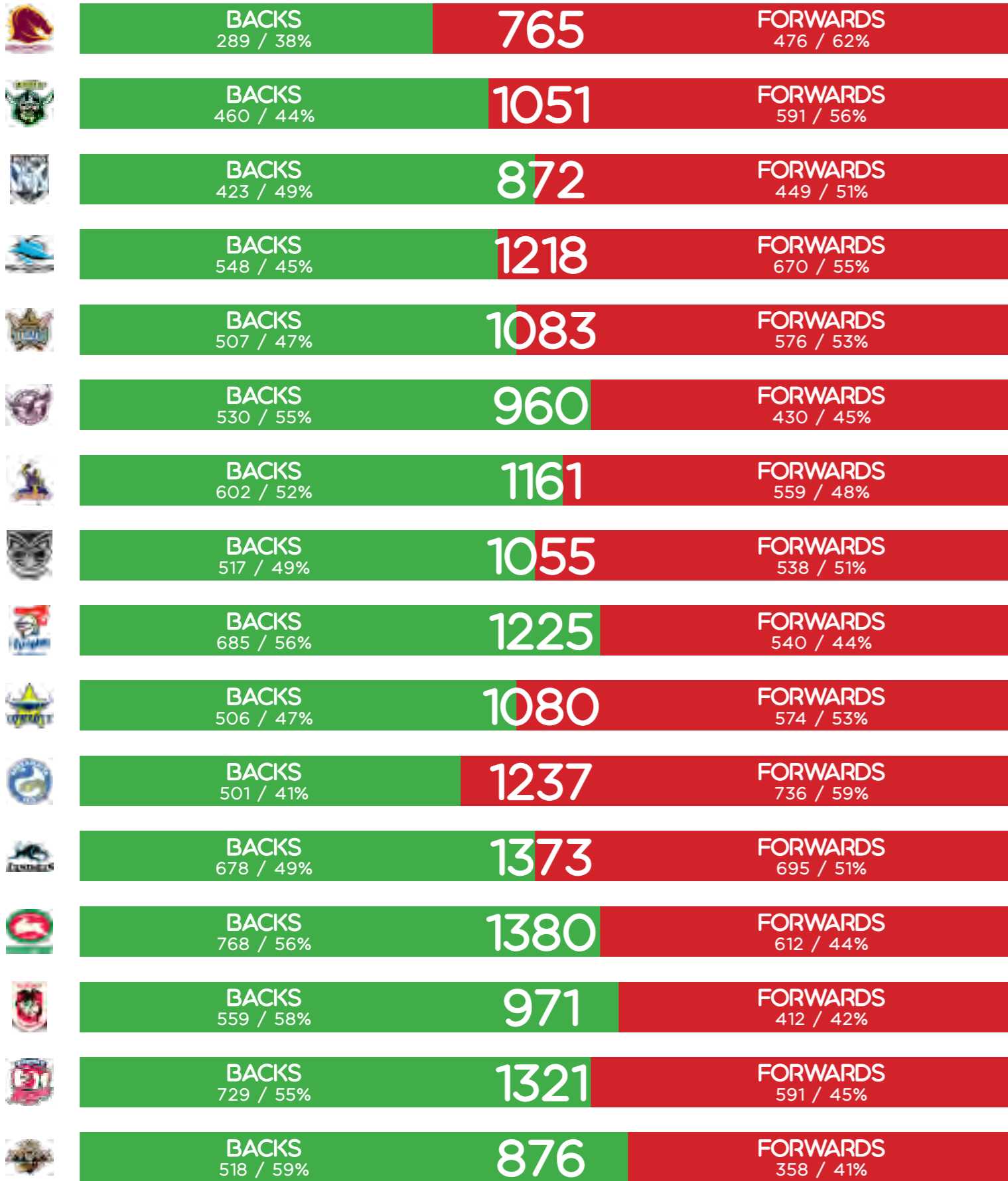
PLAYER NAME	2020 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
<b>PEACHEY</b> , Tyrone	67	101	LK10
<b>RAMIEN</b> , Jesse	67	102	CT10
<b>STAGGS</b> , Kotoni	67	103	CT11
<b>STARLING</b> , Tom	67	104	HK11
<b>KELLY</b> , Brian	66	105	CT12
<b>OLAM</b> , Justin	66	106	CT13
<b>MULITALO</b> , Ronaldo	66	107	WG12
<b>COTRIC</b> , Nick	65	108	CT14
<b>TATOLA</b> , Tevita	65	109	FR18
<b>GARNER</b> , Luke	65	110	BR13
<b>YOUNG</b> , Hudson	65	111	BR14
<b>BROMWICH</b> , Kenny	64	112	BR15
<b>WHITEHEAD</b> , Elliott	64	113	BR16
<b>TALAKAI</b> , Siosifa	64	114	BR17
<b>BEST</b> , Bradman	64	115	CT15
<b>FITZGIBBON</b> , Lachlan	63	116	BR18
<b>ARROW</b> , Jai	63	117	LK11
<b>EDWARDS</b> , Dylan	63	118	FB11
<b>W-HARGREAVES</b> , Jared	62	119	FR19
<b>TAUPAU</b> , Martin	62	120	FR20
<b>ALOIAI</b> , Josh	62	121	FR21
<b>DON</b> , Anthony	60	122	WG13
<b>AITKEN</b> , Euan	60	123	CT16
<b>RUDOLF</b> , Toby	60	124	LK12
<b>KATOA</b> , Eliesa	59	125	BR19
<b>PROCTOR</b> , Kevin	58	126	BR20
<b>HOLMES</b> , Valentine	57	127	FB12
<b>EISENHUTH</b> , Matt	56	128	LK13
<b>FINUCANE</b> , Dale	55	129	LK14
<b>HESS</b> , Coen	55	130	BR21
<b>TUPOUNIUA</b> , Sitili	55	131	BR22
<b>BLAKE</b> , Waqa	54	132	CT17
<b>IKUVALU</b> , Matt	54	133	WG14
<b>KAUFUSI</b> , Felise	53	134	BR23
<b>BARNETT</b> , Mitchell	53	135	LK15
<b>SAIFITI</b> , Jacob	53	136	FR22
<b>TO'O</b> , Brian	53	137	WG15
<b>KIKAU</b> , Viliame	52	138	BR24
<b>EGAN</b> , Wayde	52	139	HK12
<b>SUTTON</b> , Ryan	52	140	FR23
<b>CLIFFORD</b> , Jake	50	141	HB11
<b>CROKER</b> , Jarrod	49	142	CT18
<b>MOLO</b> , Francis	48	143	FR24
<b>HODGSON</b> , Josh	48	144	HK13
<b>WELCH</b> , Christian	48	145	FR25
<b>BUTCHER</b> , Nat	48	146	LK16
<b>PASEKA</b> , Taniela	48	147	FR26
<b>COLLINS</b> , Lindsay	48	148	FR27
<b>TALAU</b> , Tommy	47	149	WG16
<b>BROOKS</b> , Luke	47	150	HB12

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<b>LEWIS</b> , Lachlan	47	151	FE15
<b>HUNT</b> , Hymel	46	152	WG17
<b>MBYE</b> , Moses	46	153	FB13
<b>TRBOJEVIC</b> , Tom	46	154	FB14
<b>PAPALII</b> , Isaiah	46	155	BR25
<b>MEANEY</b> , Nick	46	156	WG18
<b>HERBERT</b> , Patrick	46	157	CT19
<b>UELE</b> , Braden	45	158	FR28
<b>SAMI</b> , Phillip	45	159	WG19
<b>DUGAN</b> , Josh	44	160	CT20
<b>NAPA</b> , Dylan	44	161	FR29
<b>PANGAI JR</b> , Tevita	44	162	BR26
<b>LEILUA</b> , Joseph	43	163	CT21
<b>LEE</b> , Edrick	43	164	WG20
<b>TEVAGA</b> , Jazz	43	165	LK17
<b>TWAL</b> , Alex	43	166	LK18
<b>STONE</b> , Sam	43	167	BR27
<b>FUNA</b> , Tevita	43	168	WG21
<b>FARNWORTH</b> , Herbie	43	169	CT22
<b>T-FIDOW</b> , Hamiso	43	170	WG22
<b>O'NEILL</b> , Justin	42	171	CT23
<b>LIU</b> , Issac	42	172	FR30
<b>SHIBASAKI</b> , Gehamat	42	173	CT24
<b>THOMPSON</b> , Luke	42	174	FR31
<b>THOMPSON</b> , Corey	40	175	WG23
<b>SIRONEN</b> , Bayley	40	176	BR28
<b>POMPEY</b> , Adam	40	177	WG24
<b>FERGUSON</b> , Blake	39	178	WG25
<b>H-TAVITA</b> , Chanel	39	179	HB13
<b>MCCULLOUGH</b> , Andrew	38	180	HK14
<b>RAPANA</b> , Jordan	38	181	WG26
<b>MAUMALO</b> , Ken	38	182	WG27
<b>SU'A</b> , Jayden	38	183	BR29
<b>PARKER</b> , Brad	38	184	CT25
<b>TOWNSEND</b> , Chad	38	185	HB14
<b>TAUFUA</b> , Jorge	37	186	WG28
<b>CORDNER</b> , Boyd	37	187	BR30
<b>BROMWICH</b> , Jesse	37	188	FR32
<b>MCLEAN</b> , Jordan	37	189	FR33
<b>HOPOATE</b> , William	37	190	FB15
<b>ALLAN</b> , Corey	37	191	FB16
<b>HYNES</b> , Nicho	37	192	FB17
<b>CLUNE</b> , Adam	37	193	HB15
<b>GREEN</b> , Blake	37	194	FE16
<b>DEARDEN</b> , Thomas	36	195	HB16
<b>LEE</b> , Brenko	35	196	CT26
<b>CAPEWELL</b> , Kurt	35	197	BR31
<b>GOSIEWSKI</b> , Jack	35	198	BR32
<b>MURCHIE</b> , Jack	35	199	BR33
<b>STAINES</b> , Charlie	35	200	WG29

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## POINTS BREAKDOWN - CLUB BY CLUB

We've analysed each club's NRLCEO points scored from last season to work out where their points came from. Some teams like the Broncos get most of their points through the middle, while others like the Dragons (surprisingly) give the edge to the backs.



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## FINAL TEAM & DRAFT PREFERENCES

FINAL TEAM	DRAFT PREFERENCES
FB	FULL BACKS
WG	WINGERS
CT	
CT	
WG	CENTRES
FE	
HB	
FR	FIVE EIGHTHS
HK	
FR	
BR	HALFBACKS
BR	
LK	
BENCH (FORWARD)	FRONT ROWERS
BENCH (FORWARD)	
BENCH (BACK)	
BENCH (BACK)	HOOKERS
BENCH (BACK)	
RESERVE	
RESERVE	BACK ROWERS
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RESERVE	LOCKS
RESERVE	

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