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The 2022 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.

THE FOOTY IS BACK!!!



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- *AKA the PVL of NRLCEO* -

Welcome back to NRLCEO for 2022, and what a season it shapes up to be! Sure, Covid-19 threatens to hijack and perhaps derail another NRL season with bubbles, relocations, anti-vaxxers, and Peter V'landys all set to throw curve balls at the CEO Coach.

When it comes to NRLCEO, draft time is the most magical time of the year and maybe even more so this year, given the effects that 'Rona' has had on sporting competitions in Australia and across the globe. **Merry Draftmas everyone!**

When drafting your NRLCEO squad this year, be thankful for the experience and embrace the challenge that the draft presents. Whether you're drafting with a bunch of mates or in one of our prestigious public competitions, we all know that the emotions felt throughout the draft experience is unique and exhilarating!

This season we have two small changes that you should know about. Firstly, we've upped workhorses from four to five points in all public competitions, including the Supporters Leagues and Legends of League competitions, and to bring forwards back into relevancy in this age of Vlandys' new rules.

Second, we've increased the club fees from \$10 to \$12 sitewide. We've been with TheBench for seven years now without an increase, but unfortunately the cost of running the site continues to rise.

As you'd expect, the 2022 draft will present a whole host of challenges. Tommy Trbojevic, Cody Walker, and Reuben Garrick all broke records last season. Turbo in particular was massive as the MVP and it took a crazy array of amazing individual performances to put three-time CEO MVP Damien Cook in the shade.

Of course, Damien Cook will be back for another big season, and with names like Harry Grant, Selwyn Cobbo, and Stefano Utoikamanu emerging as genuine future superstars, the future of the NRL and NRLCEO is bright!

Speaking of NRLCEO, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who make it what it is.

JB as the Commish works tirelessly, Scotty Beeby and his artistic flair with this NRLCEO Bible, Mark Rigney and the Live Scoring Team for their weekly efforts, Bona and the Podcast Team at NRLCEO HQ for the banter, and anyone else who helps out in any way – **we salute you!!!**

To all the NRLCEO coaches out there, we thank you for your support (and feedback on social media) and we hope you enjoy reading the 2022 NRLCEO Season Guide as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Finally, no one can predict what 2022 will bring and how much more Scomo can fuck it all up - so organise those drafts, up the stakes, grab the beers, and enjoy the rugby league with NRLCEO!!

BRING ON DRAFT SEASON!

- MIG



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:

- "Edge combinations are severely underrated"
- **Michael Hanna**
- "Don't waste 10 terminations on 'hot takes' before round one kicks off"
- **Matt Paton**
- "Whoever Deano tips as his dud from Manly, I'm making that my first round pick and captain"
- **@deank88**
- "Pick the best available player even if short in another position, and pick centres last."
- **Adam Hewat**
- "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**
- "Forwards win matches, backs by how much, ensure you have a good base of workhorses over a flashy backline."
- **Geoff Adams**
- "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**

SCORING SUMMARY

METRE EATERS (2 POINTS)

Fullbacks:	Run 150m+
Wingers:	Run 150m+
Centres:	Run 100m+
Five-Eighths:	Run 100m+
Halfbacks:	Run 100m+
Front Rowers:	Run 150m+
Hookers:	Run 75m+
Back Rowers:	Run 125m+
Locks:	Run 150m+

DOUBLE METRE EATERS (4 POINTS)

Hookers:	Run 125m+
All others:	Run 200m+

TRIPLE METRE EATERS (6 POINTS)

All positions:	Run 300m+
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WORKHORSE (5 POINTS)

All forwards:	40+ tackles/hitups
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DOUBLE WORKHORSE (10 POINTS)

Hookers:	60+ tackles/hitups & 75m+
Forwards:	60+ tackles/hitups & 150m+

TRIPLE WORKHORSE (15 POINTS)

Hookers:	70+ tackles/hitups & 125m+
Forwards:	70+ tackles/hitups & 200m+

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST PROMOTION/RELEGATION DRAFT

The Legends of League Competition is our oldest public league and it is now in its twelfth 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 2021 Champions The Fighting Mongooses, 2019 Champions NQ All Stars, and the 2017 champions Injury Brigade 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 2021 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.

2021 LEGENDS OF LEAGUE WINNERS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE: The Fighting Mongooses

DIVISION 1:

ALLAN LANGER CUP: The Brailey Bunch

ANDREW JOHNS CUP: Hell Boy

ARTHUR BEETSON CUP: Daring Dragoon's

CLIVE CHURCHILL CUP: Killa Beez FC

MAL MENINGA CUP: Injury Brigade LOL

WALLY LEWIS CUP: Hewie's Heffalumps

DIVISION 2:

ANTHONY MINICHELLO MEDAL: The Fake Rolex

DARREN LOCKYER MEDAL: Tritons II

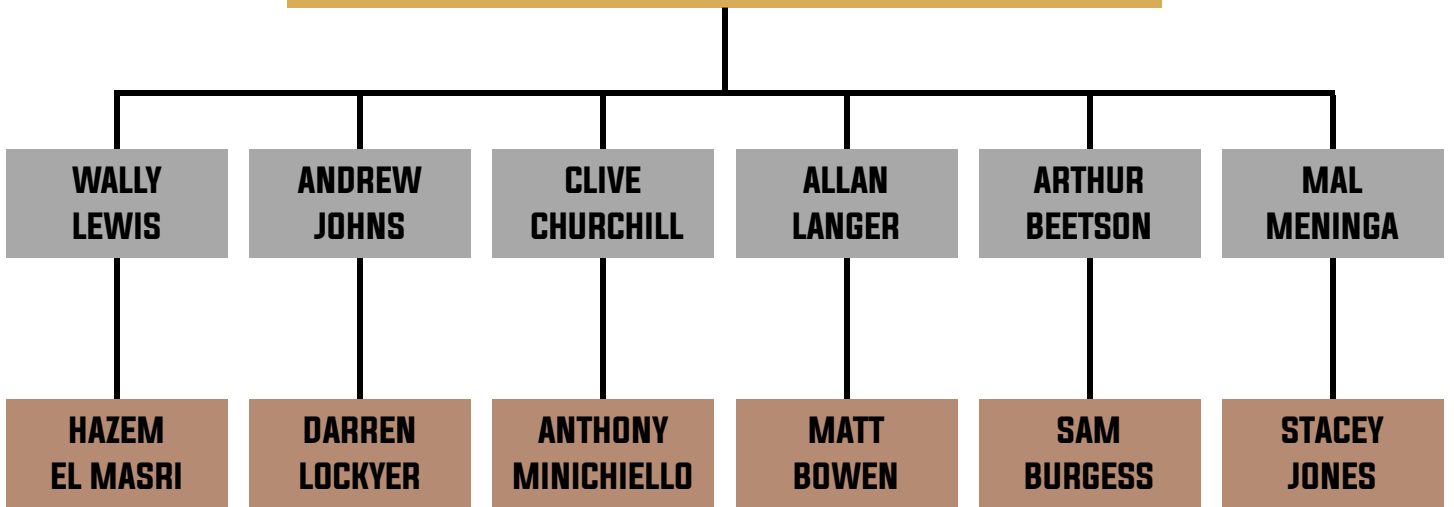
HAZEM EL MASRI MEDAL: Micko's

MATTY BOWEN MEDAL: Drunken Slurries

SAM BURGESS MEDAL: Macgyver's

STACEY JONES MEDAL: Hefty Smurfers

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



106 PLACES

3 TIERS OF PROMOTION & RELEGATION

TROPHIES FOR EACH COMP!

\$12 ENTRY



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE INTERVIEW

- WITH MICHAEL HANNA

Q. How long have you been playing NRLCEO?

A. 2011 - we had our first draft at the Spotted Cow in Toowoomba. Eight nutcases with terrible hangovers for the inaugural LCT Cup. Four of us remain from that original group and three of us were in the Champions League last year (and this year).

Q. How many times have you been in the Champions League?

A. This was my fourth attempt at the holy grail of NRLCEO.

Q. Is this your greatest victory of all?

A. It sits comfortable at number 2. The greatest of all was the Andrew Johns Final in 2019 when Nathan Cleary scored 34 points and inspired a JB Facebook rant and a very bitter message with my trophy!

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

A. Draft position makes it tricky – first pick I try and take who I think is best available and then alternate forward/back filling my spine as a priority.

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

A. Payne Haas at pick 10 – he was suspended for the first three games but did what was expected for the last half of the season.

Q. Who was the worst player you drafted in the Champions League in 2021?

A. I drafted Brenko Lee and he didn't even look like getting a start!

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

A. Very few lapses in the draft and the boys are very forward focused early looking for consistent points.

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

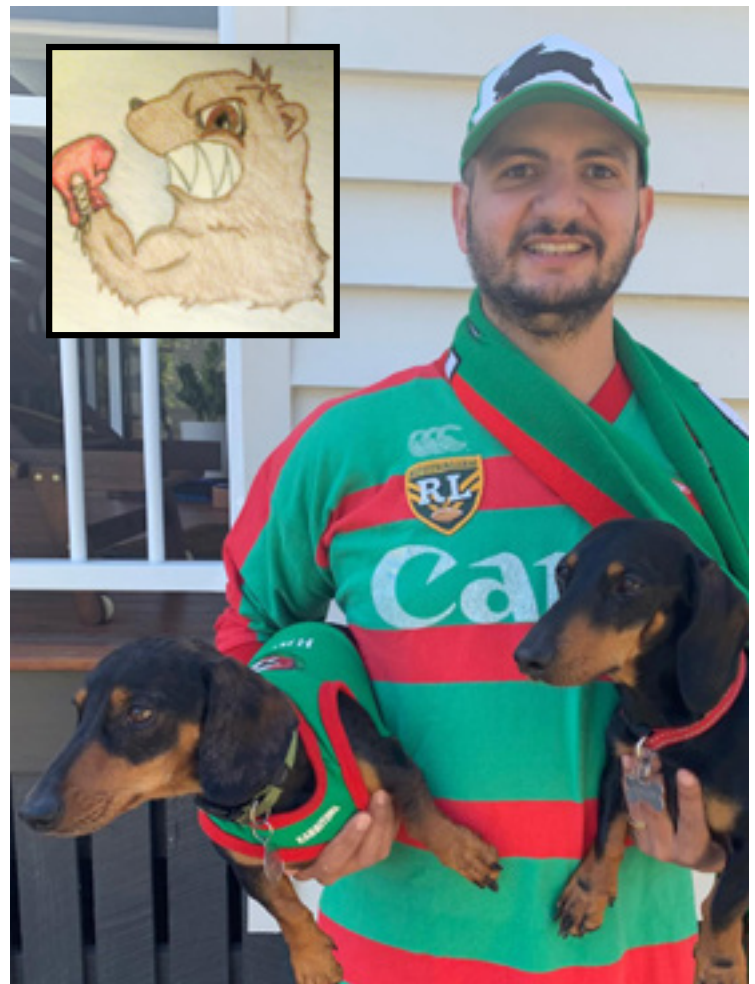
A. Was fairly confident the final was going to be Magnets (Sam Roberts) and myself – we had skipped clear riding the Manly express and were both averaging 95+ for the season. He had me the first three times we went head to head but Tommy T got me home in the final.

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

A. Relief to have finally climbed the NRLCEO Everest.

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

A. Hope that Tommy T falls to Round 8 again! Need some luck in this one to go back to back looking at the list of past champions.



Q. Who will be your biggest rival in the Champions League in 2022?

A. Is JB here this year? Simo & Happy Trails from the LCT Cup I take joy in beating but think it has to be Magnets after last year.

Q. Now that the Cook reign is over, if you get first pick in the draft in 2022, who would you pick?

A. Flip a coin between Cleary and Tommy T – Tommy gets it if you have captains.

CHAMPION'S GRAND FINAL TEAM

THIS IS WHAT GREATNESS LOOKS LIKE



SAM KASHIANO CUP

Our coaches have always enjoyed our public league competitions, but 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 2021 winner was Killa Beez FC for the second year in a row. Coach Ross deserved the title and cash prize. Is this the start of a dynasty?

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.

The Sam Kashiano Cup is full for 2022, so due to popular demand we've opened a second comp called the Mark 2K (Tookey) Cup. If you want to take part in the new draft, get in touch through our social media channels or email us at nrlceo@y7mail.com and we'll get you involved.

COMPETITION RULES

SQUAD SIZE: 24

TERMINATION COUNT: 26

TERMINATION DEADLINE: Nil

TRADE DEADLINE: Start of Round 20

MAX KICKER POINTS: 13KP

HOW TO SCORE POINTS:

Tries (4) | *Goals* (2) | *WH* (5) | *LB* (1) | *LBA* (1)

TA (Halves 3, Others 2) | *Field Goal* (1) | *40/20* (1)

Repeat Set (1) | *Sin Bin* (-2) | *Send off* (-6)

BENCH: Tries, WH, and TA are worth half

CAPTAIN: Double points

Q&A WITH MR MONEYBAGS

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

A. Had to defend the title.

Q. You won for a second year in a row! How did you manage that against the die hards in this comp?

A. I'll attribute the success to a nice little tactic I devised of putting the (C) on Turbo.

Q. Did your drafting strategy change between 2021 and 2020?

A. Not really, I just try and concentrate on players with the biggest ceilings, and hoard fullbacks.

Q. Who was your first draft pick in the Sam KaShiano and were you happy with him?

A. I took Ryan Papenhuyzen, he spent most of the year on the bench behind Turbo, so probably not. Watching his head get taken off by Tyrell Fuimaono was also a lowlight.

Q. What was the worst mistake you made in the Sam KaShiano in 2021?

A. I've erased them from my memory but if you're looking for a sub optimal call, cutting Nicho Hynes in round five wasn't ideal.

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

A. Definitely less stressful the second time around.

Q. Do you need to claim this on your taxes now that you are a full time fantasy guru?

A. I'm working on the ATO to get certified as a professional gambler, primarily so I can claim draft day expenses.

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

A. Black Rats at Magic Round.

Q. Who will be your biggest rival in the Sam KaShiano in 2022?

A. Fox League Sux will go one better this year and take the Kash.

Q. If you get first pick this season, who are you picking now that the Captain Cook reign is over?

A. With Hynes moving on It's Papenhuyzen's year. I'm expecting the first 6 rounds of 2021 to be an indicator of what he'll do this season.

CONGRATS KILLA BEEZ / ROSS!

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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 last year, 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.

If you have the Melbourne Storm for example, then you're likely to pick up Harry Grant, Ryan Papenhuyzen, perhaps Cameron Munster, and Jahrome Hughes. In years gone past you might have picked up a Bromwich and a winger as well, but now the poor bastard who has the Tigers might actually have a shot!

BRISBANE BRONCOS (TUX)

1. PAYNE HAAS

2. PATRICK CARRIGAN

3. KOTONI STAGGS

4. ADAM REYNOLDS

Haas is the best forward in the game with the biggest motor and is still four years away from his prime. Coming off an ACL it would be easy to dismiss Carrigan but he tackles himself to a standstill. Staggs is easily the most devastating ball runner in the game, and will hand cuff Reynolds who finally gives them some direction.

CANBERRA RAIDERS (JB)

1. JACK WIGHTON

2. JOSH PAPALII

3. CHARNZE NICOLL-KLOKSTAD

4. HUDSON YOUNG

What a sad state of affairs these Raiders selections are this season. There is no clear stand-out for me, and only Hudson Young (#7) and Jordan Rapana (#7) made the top spots in their positions.

I'm concerned that Papa might slow down, but he's been pumping out 80+ since 2015 so I'm going to back him in to do it again.

CANTERBURY BULLDOGS (ADZ)

1. JOSH ADDO-CARR

2. JOSH JACKSON

3. LUKE THOMPSON

4. MATT BURTON

You can't go past Addo-Carr for scoring potential. Jackson and Thompson will get you a couple of WH every week, then the last slot is a wild card.

My fourth pick is Matt Burton. Safe to say, he won't reach the heights of last year but he will feature heavily in attacking stats. Paul Vaughan and TPJ were also good options I considered.

CRONULLA SHARKS (DAN)

1. CAM MCINNES

2. WILL KENNEDY

3. NICHU HYNES

4. BLAYKE BRAILEY

Put McInnes down for a WH every week. Kennedy lit up the competition last year and Hynes could be risky, however its worth it.

Lastly, the new, faster rules are made for the younger Brailey. He should have plenty of energy to finally deliver on his attacking potential this season.

SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING

GOLD COAST TITANS (NICK)

- 1. TINO FA'ASUAMALEAUI**
- 2. DAVID FIFITA**
- 3. MOEAKI FOTUAIKA**
- 4. AJ BRIMSON**

I chose Brimmo as I reckon he will kill it in the halves this year.

Hopefully he stays injury free so that he can get a good combo going with this young spine!

I also thought about Corey Thompson's metre eaters, but Brimmo just had more to offer.

MANLY SEA EAGLES (RYAN)

- 1. TOM TRBOJEVIC**
- 2. DALY CHERRY-EVANS**
- 3. REUBEN GARRICK**
- 4. JASON SAAB**

Tom and Cherry speak for themselves and will score more points than any other NRLCEO duo.

The questions are at slots #3 and #4. Manly have no standout NRLCEO forwards, so ask yourself which players you might be kicking yourself for passing over... It has to be the top try scoring wingers for me.

MELBOURNE STORM (BRENDAN)

- 1. RYAN PAPENHUYZEN**
- 2. HARRY GRANT**
- 3. BRANDON SMITH**
- 4. JAHROME HUGHES**

This was bloody hard! This team is stacked and it felt so weird to leave Cameron Munster out but he's a frustrating CEO player.

He only had three scores in double figures. He's just not that consistent, so I opted for the consistency of Jahrome Hughes instead.

NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS (SCOTT)

- 1. REECE WALSH**
- 2. SHAUN JOHNSON**
- 3. ADDIN FONUA-BLAKE**
- 4. EUAN AITKEN**

With RTS gone and Tohu returning from his ACL injury halfway through the season, it's slim pickings at the Warriors this season.

The return of the prodigal son means Johnson is an automatic pick. Walsh and AFB had strong performances last year, and Aitken was a bit of a revelation shifting to the back row.

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS (BEAVER)

- 1. KALYN PONGA**
- 2. DANIEL SAIFITI**
- 3. MITCH BARNETT**
- 4. ENARI TUALA**

This was really tough considering how bad the Knights backline is. Ponga is the most obvious choice and should be our top scorer this year.

Saifiti and Barnett get their workhorses and not a lot more, but the increase to five points was tasty. Tuala was my last choice and based on him playing on the left outside Ponga.

NTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS (MIG)

- 1. JASON TAUMALOLO**
- 2. REECE ROBSON**
- 3. MURRAY TUALAGI**
- 4. HAMISO TABUAI-FIDOW**

Lock me in for the spoon this year unless I can find some talent in the draft. I went with 'The Hammer' with my last pick - he could do some damage with his electrifying speed! It was seriously hard to pick four CEO relevant Cows and none of the four I've picked get me excited one little bit.

It could be a loooong season for the Cowboys.

SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING

PARRAMATTA EELS (THE WORKHORSE WATCHER)

- 1. ISAIAH PAPALI'I**
- 2. REED MAHONEY**
- 3. CLINT GUTHERSON**
- 4. NATHAN BROWN**

Brown is probably your best option for the fourth spot. Not only is he more productive than someone like Ryan Matterson; covering the lock position is much harder than covering the second row.

Maika Sivo is normally worth considering but is still recovering from an ACL injury which makes him unviable for a top four spot.

PENRITH PANTHERS (SHERIFF)

- 1. NATHAN CLEARY**
- 2. BRIAN TO'O**
- 3. JAMES FISHER-HARRIS**
- 4. ISAIAH YEO**

Nathan Cleary - no brainer. Brian To'o - for his ME alone, everything else is a bonus. JFH - big minute FR are hard to find. Fourth pick is between Yeo and Api. Yeo was consistent all year last year, and no reason that will change. Api was up and down and may share more minutes with Kenny in preparation for 2023. Yeo it is!

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (MIKEY)

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

This is the same four as last season, and why change a winning formula?

The last position is a toss of the coin between Latrell and AJ. Despite being the top try scorer last year, Latrell is far more dangerous over a full season and so gets the nod in my team. Very strong core.

ST GEORGE DRAGONS (ROB)

- 1. BEN HUNT**
- 2. ZAC LOMAX**
- 3. JACK DE BELIN**
- 4. ANDREW MCCULLOUGH**

Hunt is the primary playmaker and will be involved in plenty of try assists. Lomax is always dangerous and will be good for attacking stats.

Finally, I've gone for two safe WH options which is important with them going to five points. Keep an eye on where Mbye lands and if it impacts McCullough's minutes.

SYDNEY ROOSTERS (BONA)

- 1. JAMES TEDESCO**
- 2. LUKE KEARY**
- 3. ANGUS CRICHTON**
- 4. SAM VERRILLS**

So much excitement around the Roosters this year. Keary may start the season slowly, but he'll come good once he gets his groove back.

Quality 80 minute hookers will be hard to find this year, so even though Verrills will likely share minutes with Watson, he's pretty busy and gets a workhorse most weeks.

WESTS TIGERS (BIG T)

- 1. ALEX TWAL**
- 2. DAVID NOFOALUMA**
- 3. DAINE LAURIE**
- 4. OLIVER GILDART**

Alex Twal is coming of age, and this year Maguire will have him hitting his peak. Nofa is the man that keeps the Tigers purring through big metres and is good for a try and 20.

Daine Laurie will push your score along nicely, and Gildart is an international signing and a mildly unknown commodity in NRLCEO.

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SUPER LEAGUE SCOUTING

Last year there were just six players heading down under and this year there are only four!

With the craziness of COVID and the risk of not being able to see their families for a number of years, there is only one Brit heading to Oz and three others returning to the NRL.

Jackson Hastings left as a boy and returns to the NRL as a man. People will have plenty of views on this bloke as a bloke, but I can tell you he has matured a hell of a lot and will be an absolute asset to the Tigers for years to come.

On the pitch, Hastings had 24 tries and 74 try assists over three seasons in the Super League with Salford and Wigan. In 2021 he had four tries, 17

Jackson HASTINGS (pictured)



try assists and two field goals.

There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that he gets a starting gig at the Tigers. Worth a punt

as a low, two kicker point half.

I look forward to seeing how **Oliver Gildart** settles in at the Tigers. You can stick your "Pommy backs don't succeed in the NRL" sentiments up your arse Deano. This bloke is cut from a different cloth.

Oliver GILDART (pictured)



Statistically, he's not a world beating centre with 59 tries in 133 games for Wigan. Add another 41 try assists to that tally, as well as averaging a metre eater each game and you've got yourself a player. He has three English caps to his name and one for Great Britain but at 25 he has time on his side.

You can probably sleep on this bloke too. Most people in your drafts won't touch him because he's a centre and he's a Pom. Stash him late and you won't regret it.

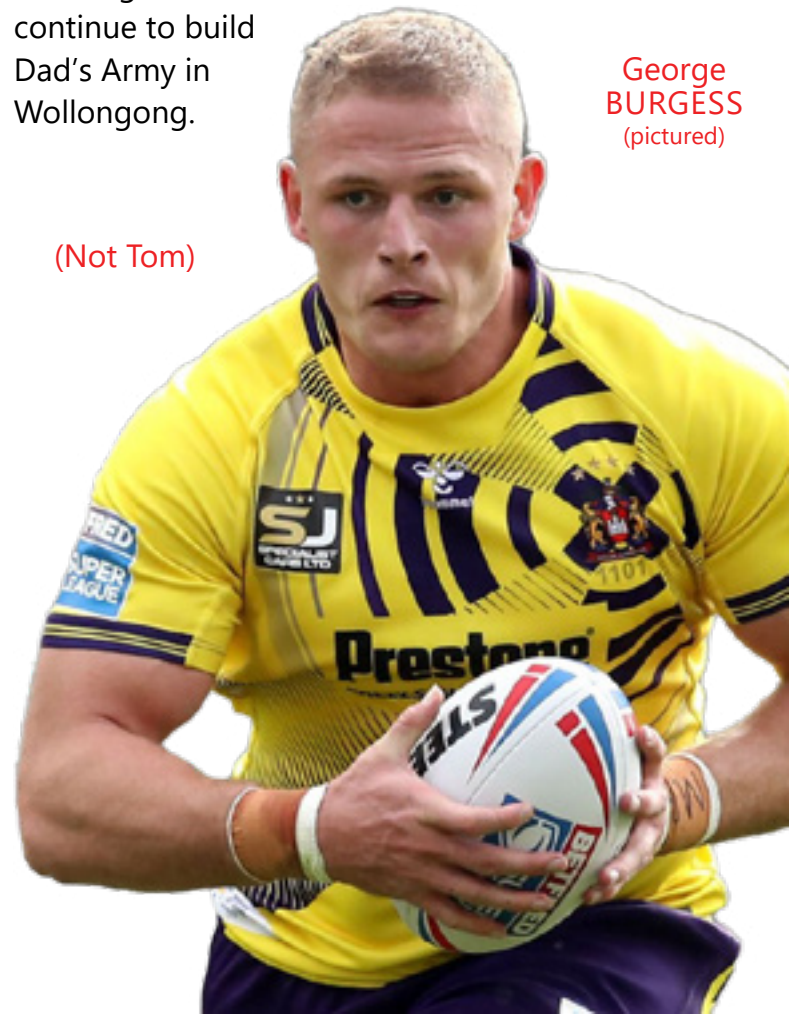
Gildart's English teammate **George Burgess** returns to Australia after an unsuccessful stint with Wigan which saw him play just eight games over two seasons after signing a big three year deal with the powerhouse.

After 150 appearances with the Bunnies, he returned to the UK as a marquee player but a hip injury stunted his plans to dominate Super League. It was an itch he needed to scratch as he went straight from a Bradford Academy player to a Bunnies player as a youngster.

Don't get too excited about drafting this big rig though, as George hasn't been NRLCEO relevant since 2015 when he made 15 workhorses. Over the next four seasons he only managed six workhorses in total!

So a nice "representative level" pick-up for the Dragons who continue to build Dad's Army in Wollongong.

George BURGESS (pictured)

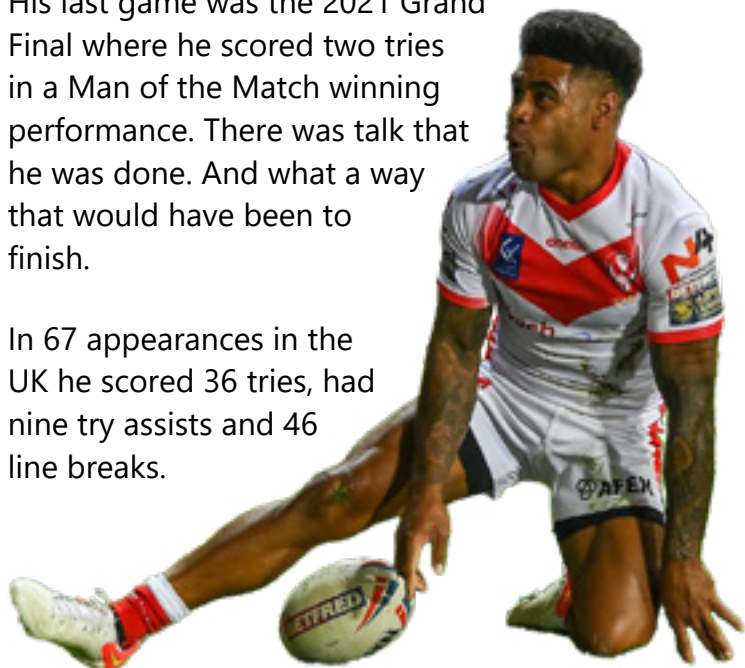


(Not Tom)

Last, but certainly not least, the Fijian King **Kevin Naiqama** returns as a 32 year old with three years of the Super League under his belt and three Premiership rings on his finger.

His last game was the 2021 Grand Final where he scored two tries in a Man of the Match winning performance. There was talk that he was done. And what a way that would have been to finish.

In 67 appearances in the UK he scored 36 tries, had nine try assists and 46 line breaks.



Kevin NAIQAMA (pictured)

Capped 19 times for Fiji, but despite playing for over a decade, he has just 178 caps to his name and therefore still has some fuel left in the tank as a Mr Fix It for the Chooks. He can play wing, centre and fullback and will likely replace Brett Morris as Trent Robinson's backline utility.

A few players of note who we previewed in last year's Super League Scouting are worth exploring though. **Dominic Young** ended up getting capped six times for the Knights and is a good chance to grab the Knights wing spot for the season too.

Dominic YOUNG (pictured)



But it's another young Englishman, **Bayley Hodgson**, that's worth keeping an eye on as a potential keeper. The nephew of Josh Hodgson is just 19 and if Ponga decides to ride with the Dolphins, could be the Knights long term fullback.

Another young Englishman, **Harry Rushton** at the Raiders is just 20 years old and is knocking all of his fitness and strength numbers out of the park in Canberra.

A back rower/middle forward, he can run for days and made a workhorse in NSW Cup in nine out of his ten appearances in 2021. The Raiders back row is stacked, but he will no doubt get his chance in this wacky COVID season.

BETRAYERS

These are the players who have jumped ship to the UK. With the number of players leaving versus the number of players returning, it's probably to watch their career slowly die.

Billy **MAGOULIAS** (Warrington)

Cade **CUST** (Wigan)

Caleb **AEKINS** (Leigh)

Curtis **SIRONEN** (St Helens)

Danny **LEVI** (Huddersfield)

David **FUSITU'A** (Leeds)

Dylan **NAPA** (Catalans)

George **WILLIAMS** (Warrington)

Jai **WHITBREAD** (Centurions)

Joey **LUSSICK** (St. Helens)

Kaide **ELLIS** (Wigan)

Kane **EVANS** (Hull FC)

Mitchell **PEARCE** (Catalans)

Nene **MACDONALD** (Leigh)

Patrick **MAGO** (Wigan)

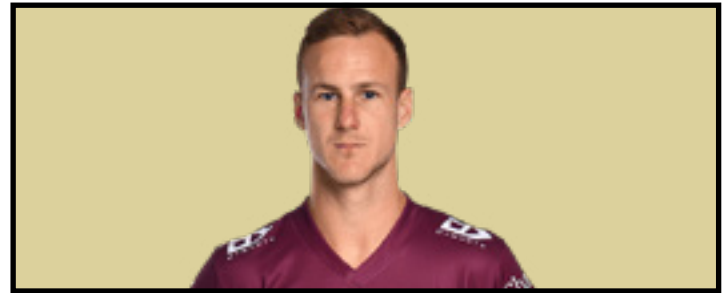
Sam **STONE** (Centurions)

Shane **WRIGHT** (Salford)

Tyrone **MAY** (Catalans)

Will **HOPOATE** (St Helens)

LAST YEAR'S DREAM TEAM



PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	GL	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	R/SET	40/20	TOTAL
T. TRBOJEVIC	FB	15	25	-	-	24	28	31	40	1	-	276
A. JOHNSTON	WG	19	27	-	-	7	4	33	-	1	-	164
C. TRACEY	CT	24	14	-	-	17	3	16	5	2	-	119
D. GAGAI	CT	20	10	-	-	15	12	13	13	-	-	118
R. GARRICK	WG	24	21	110	-	15	3	37	3	2	-	162 (382)
C. WALKER	FE	22	12	-	-	4	36	11	45	12	-	232
D. CHERRY-EVANS	HB	22	8	1	4	6	27	4	16	15	2	181 (183)
P. HAAS	FR	20	1	-	20	16	2	6	2	-	-	128
B. SMITH	HK	22	11	-	13	23	8	12	13	-	-	183
J. FISHER-HARRIS	FR	20	2	-	19	15	2	2	2	-	-	122
I. PAPALI'I	BR	23	7	-	20	18	3	6	7	-	-	159
A. CRICHTON	BR	18	9	-	17	12	2	8	4	-	-	144
M. BARNETT	LK	23	4	13	19	9	2	4	3	1	-	122 (148)

TOP PLAYERS BY POSITION

FULLBACKS	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
T. TRBOJEVIC	25	28	31	24	276
J. TEDESCO	10	2	15	23	167
W. KENNEDY	14	15	21	15	164
C. GUTHERSON	13	18	13	17	159
L. MITCHELL	13	15	16	8	139

HOOKERS	TR	TA	WH	ME	TOTAL
B. SMITH	11	8	13	23	183
D. COOK	2	13	23	11	171
R. MAHONEY	3	12	16	1	122
R. ROBSON	6	4	17	3	116
J. BRAILEY	3	4	20	1	115

WINGERS	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
A. JOHNSTON	27	4	33	7	164
R. GARRICK	21	3	37	15	162
J. ADDO-CARR	23	7	27	7	149
B. TO'O	14	2	18	34	147
J. SAAB	23	5	16	6	133
D. TUPOU	14	1	15	22	118
J. RAPANA	12	5	15	15	110
M. SIVO	17	2	17	6	103
K. MAUMALO	15	1	12	14	103
M. RAVALAWA	14	0	16	8	89

FRONT ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
P. HAAS	1	20	3/-	11/5	128
J. FISHER-HARRIS	2	19	1/-	13/2	122
M. TAUPAU	1	16	-/-	11/-	100
D. SAIFITI	3	14	-/-	11/1	97
D. KLEMMER	-	17	1/-	10/2	90
J. W-HARGREAVES	-	17	2/-	6/4	89
T. RUDOLF	1	19	-/-	3/-	87
A. TWAL	-	20	1/-	3/-	87
L. THOMPSON	3	16	1/-	4/-	86
A. TOLMAN	1	19	-/-	1/-	84

CENTRES	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
C. TRACEY	14	3	16	17	119
D. GAGAI	10	12	13	15	118
J. OLAM	11	10	11	15	117
J. MANU	10	8	14	18	115
B. KELLY	11	7	10	18	113
V. HOLMES	4	12	8	17	102
R. SMITH	14	4	11	4	92
H. FARNWORTH	3	6	10	19	77
B. PARKER	8	1	13	11	76
M. HARPER	7	5	10	10	75

BACK ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
I. PAPALI'I	7	20	1/-	17/1	159
A. CRICHTON	9	17	1/-	11/1	144
D. FIFITA	17	3	-/-	10/-	127
L. LEILUA	5	17	-/-	6/-	114
K. KOLOAMATANGI	3	12	-/-	10/1	104
T. FRIZELL	3	18	1/-	5/-	101
S. TUPOUNIUA	12	7	-/-	3/-	99
H. YOUNG	5	15	-/-	3/-	93
V. KIKAU	9	5	-/-	4/-	90
B. NIKORA	4	15	-/-	1/-	90

FIVE EIGHTHS	TR	TA	LBA	R/SET	TOTAL
C. WALKER	12	36	45	12	232
M. BURTON	16	13	9	6	167
N. HYNES	7	22	28	5	165
A. DOUIEHI	9	16	17	6	134
S. DRINKWATER	5	21	21	14	126

LOCKS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
M. BARNETT	4	19	-/-	9/-	122
C. WATSON	2	14	1/-	10/-	113
N. BROWN	1	18	-/-	4/-	105
I. YEO	2	17	-/-	2/-	96
C. MURRAY	5	12	-/-	3/-	93

HALF BACKS	TR	TA	LBA	R/SET	TOTAL
D. CHERRY-EVANS	8	27	16	15	165
N. CLEARY	10	20	17	17	160
J. HUGHES	9	20	16	11	160
S. WALKER	8	19	22	6	131
B. HUNT	5	14	8	6	93

KICKERS	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
A. REYNOLDS	112	140	80%
R. GARRICK	110	136	81%
N. CLEARY	85	100	85%
A. DOUIEHI	69	87	79%
J. FOGARTY	66	85	77%

	Rob	Jez	Joe	Matt	Scott	Mick	Adam	Nick	Dan	Will
Rd 1	CLEARY	TURBO	PAPENHUYZEN	GARRICK	TEDESCO	COOK	HAAS	MITCHELL	C. WALKER	S. WALKER
Rd 2	J. BRAILEY	KEARY	A. CRICHTON	HUGHES	GRANT	PONGA	DCE	B. SMITH	A. REYNOLDS	MAHONEY
Rd 3	TO'O	JFH	MUNSTER	MCINNES	HYNES	MURRAY	I. PAPALII	BURTON	JOHNSTON	GUTHERSON
Rd 4	FRIZELL	N. BROWN	KOROISAU	TUPOU	CARRIGAN	LUAI	JAC	D. SAIFITI	SAAB	TAUPAU
Rd 5	HARRIS	L. THOMPSON	STAGGS	KENNEDY	COATES	MOSES	SIVO	BIG TINO	S. CRICHTON	BARNETT
Rd 6	BRIMSON	OLAM	TAUMALOLO	AFB	D. FIFITA	MATTERSON	YEO	MANU	DE BELIN	R. SMITH
Rd 7	DUFTY	HODGSON	UTOIKAMANU	CURRAN	NOFOALUMA	TWAL	ROBSON	RAPANA	KOLOAMATANGI	TUPOUNIUA
Rd 8	JACKSON	BEST	J. PAPALII	ARROW	FOTUAIKA	LEILUA	KLEMMER	SCHUSTER	CAMPBELL	MARTIN
Rd 9	VAUGHAN	H. YOUNG	CAPEWELL	WELCH	JURBO	EDWARDS	WIGHTON	B. HUNT	WALSH	STAINES
Rd 10	B. KELLY	RAVALAWA	SUAALII	DRINKWATER	C. GRAHAM	B. BRAILEY	WHITEHEAD	GAGAI	MCCULLOUGH	MULITALO
Rd 11	RADLEY	K. BROMWICH	MOMIROVSKI	TAGO	FOGARTY	TAULAGI	LOMAX	RUDOLF	SLOANE	CNK

MOCK DRAFT

We assembled ten NRLCEO veterans to get an idea of what your draft might look like in 2022.

Rd 12	SIMS	MAUMALO	FINUCANE	BIRD	SAVAGE	G. JENNINGS	LAURIE	SIMONNSON	RIKI	EGAN
Rd 13	TAUKEIAHO	HTF	FELDT	NIU	JWH	NIKORA	NADEN	KIKAU	COBBO	FARNWORTH
Rd 14	VERRILLS	AITKEN	ILIAS	RAMIENI	LIDDLE	MCGUIRE	TOLMAN	BROOKS	TPJ	COTRIC
Rd 15	DWZ	TRACEY	FITZGIBBON	L. CROKER	RCG	S. KATOA	TURPIN	WATSON	HARPER	HASTINGS
Rd 16	SULI	JMK	FORAN	MILNE	LANE	T. BURGESS	TUALA	HIKU	NICHOLLS	TATOLA
Rd 17	C. THOMPSON	LAWRIE	OATES	COLLINS	GILDART	KRIS	DUNN	MONTOYA	KENNY	SU'A
Rd 18	JAX PAULO	D. BROWN	HORSBURGH	AVERILLO	PARKER	OLAKAU'ATA	N. BUTCHER	PEACHEY	COTTER	J. COOK
Rd 19	MANSOUR	TOWNSEND	LAM	NAIQAMA	TAPINE	E. KATOA	DUNSTER	K. NIKORIMA	AMONE	J. SAIFITI
Rd 20	JR PAULO	TEVAGA	RFM	A. KELLY	MOYLAN	OPACIC	W. GRAHAM	WOODS	GARNER	SUTTON
Rd 21	LUKI	MEANEY	IKUVALU	SCHOUPP	CLUNE	ALOIAI	TALAU	KAUFUSI	HESS	H. HUNT
Rd 22	BLAKE	JOHNSON	MAY	SIMPKIN	PROCTOR	LIU	SAMI	STARLING	KAMIKAMICA	CHN
	Rob	Jez	Joe	Matt	Scott	Mick	Adam	Nick	Dan	Will

TOP 5 DRAFT PICKS



THE BREAKDOWN

- By the time the first Raiders or Tigers player was drafted in round 7, eight Storm players had already been chosen. Even the Dragons and Cowboys had a pick by then!
- **Koroisau** (Rd 4), **Matterson** (Rd 6), **Jurbo** (Rd 9), **McGuire** (Rd 14), and **Jazz** (Rd 20) were all drafted late based on their past NRLCEO reputations.
- After an injury affected season **Luke Keary** dropped to pick #19 and was given credit from many on the board when Jez snapped him up.
- For the first year in many years, there was no lock for first pick and **Nathan Cleary** got snapped up just ahead of **Tom Trbojevic**.
- **Adam Reynolds** was a surprise second round pick and it was noted by the group. Yes he's the highest percentage kicker in the competition, but he is an unknown quantity at the struggling Broncos.
- Lots of punts taken this year, which indicates teams aren't easy to predict their starting line ups.
- Halfbacks were high in demand and fullbacks and kickers went early this year. There were a lot of five-eighths left at the end of the draft, but not many halfbacks.
- The stocks on **Kalyn Ponga** have slipped to pick #15 on the back of uncertainty around whether or not he will have the kicking tee.
- There's a big difference between the first five draft picks last year and this year. Thanks to V'Landys we've gone from four forwards and a half in 2021 to five backs in 2022.
- It feels like there's a lot of players moving with a chance to flourish. Guys like Matt Burton and Nicho Hynes aren't stuck out of position anymore.
- Looks like you can sleep on front rowers and back rowers a lot more this year than any other. You can always sleep on centres.

NEW RIVALRY SNIFFING

WHAT HAPPENED

It was another disappointing season for the once glamour club, finishing low on the ladder for the second successive year.

Coach Kevvie Walters has a big job with local rivals, the Dolphins, knocking on their door. Another poor season may see Brisbanites flock to support the Dolphins in 2023.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Adam Reynolds is the signing the Broncos club had to make whilst premiership winner Kurt Capewell brings a winning culture to the club.

Veteran Ryan James will bring some experience to a young side and he showed he still has plenty of football left in him with the glimpses he showed for the Raiders and Bulldogs last season.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

With Reynolds pulling the strings, expect the outside backs to see more quality ball in 2022.

Kotoni Staggs looked set for a move to the halves and when fully fit, he's one of the most damaging players in the NRL.

ARey loses a kicking point from last season and he could be a sneaky goal kicking draft option if the Broncos return to anything close to their halcyon days.

The forwards are where it's at for the Broncos though. Payne Haas is a big minute player and a top priority draft pick.

So too is Patrick Carrigan, who will be the somewhat 'forgotten man' in the draft after serious injury cruelled his 2021. If anyone is going to nudge double workhorses consistently, it's these two.

THE MAIL

The Broncos finished off the season quite well, showing glimpses of what they're capable of. Reynolds rectifies a serious deficiency from year's past and if he gels straight away, the Broncos could be pushing for a return to the top eight.

Looking across the park, there's plenty of competition for positions with exciting youngsters Selwyn Cobbo, Jordan Riki and Tesi Niu likely to improve dramatically in 2022.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Who will partner ARey in the halves – Gamble? Kevvie Jr? Mam? Kelly???
- Can Brenko Lee break into that starting team?
- Is Jake Turpin the man to trigger the Broncos attack?
- Which young gun secures the all-important custodian job?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	'21 TOTAL	3 YR AVG	'22
HAAS, PAYNE	Front Row	20	1	2	6	2	20	16	128	143	-
REYNOLDS, ADAM	HB KP7	22	5	10	2	12	0	1	81 (254)	65	-
NIU, FANITESI	Full Back	16	8	5	7	5	0	12	80	43*	▲
FARNWORTH, HERBIE	Centre	20	3	6	10	4	0	19	77 (99)	38	-
RIKI, JORDAN	Back Row	19	3	2	4	2	12	2	72	40*	-
TURPIN, JAKE	Hooker	22	0	2	1	2	14	0	66	42	-
CAPEWELL, KURT	Back Row	19	5	1	5	1	5	2	53	46	-
ISAAKO, JAMAYNE	Winger KP2	18	6	4	9	6	0	4	56 (156)	37	▼
KELLY, ALBERT	Five Eighth	8	2	7	1	5	1	1	45	30*	▼
GAMBLE, TYSON	Five Eighth	13	1	9	0	9	0	1	42 (8)	21*	-
KENNEDY, RHYS	Front Row	17	1	2	1	2	6	2	39	18	-
OATES, COREY	Winger	14	4	0	4	0	0	9	39	49	-
CARRIGAN, PATRICK	Lock	8	0	0	0	1	6	1	27	59	▲
JAMES, RYAN	Front Row	16	3	0	4	0	3	0	26	21*	-
FLEGLER, THOMAS	Front Row	20	1	2	1	2	4	1	25	14	-
HETHERINGTON, KOBE	Lock	14	3	1	2	0	3	1	24	24*	-
STAGGS, KOTONI	Centre KP1	4	3	1	4	2	0	1	22	57	▲
COBBO, SELWYN	Winger	8	2	1	1	2	0	3	19 (23)	17*	-
PALASIA, KEENAN	Back Row	11	1	0	1	0	3	0	17	6*	-
ROBATI, TC	Back Row	14	2	0	2	1	1	0	13	12*	-
JENSEN, COREY	Front Row	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	3	-
PEREIRA, JORDAN	Winger	4	1	0	1	0	0	2	7	22	-
WILLISON, XAVIER	Back Row	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4*	-
PAIX, COREY	Hooker	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	9*	-
WALTERS, BILLY	Five Eighth	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	8*	-
PIAKURA, BRENDAN	Back Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-2*	-
LEE, BRENKO	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22*	▲
JAMES, JOSHUA	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
MAIRE MARTIN, TE	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
VUDOGO, ILIKENA	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	'21 TOTAL	3 YR AVG	'22

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

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BRONCOS

ROOKIE WATCH

Ezra Mam



Only one of the Broncos halves is a lock and with the experience of Adam Reynolds in town, the Bronx can afford to throw a bit of caution to the wind alongside him. Enter **Ezra Mam**.

The Souths Logan player of the year last season scored 13 tries and had eight try assists in 11 games and although he's still a teenager, looks ready for the top grade this season.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JORDAN RIKI (72PTS)











NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP

2022 DRAW

BRISBANE BRONCOS



NRL CEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 21

1		11/3 8:05PM*	14		11/6 7:35PM
2		20/3 6:15PM*	15		17/6 7:55PM
3		27/3 4:05PM*	16		2/7 5:30PM
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5		8/4 7:55PM	18		16/7 7:35PM
6		15/4 7:55PM	19		21/7 7:50PM
7		22/4 7:55PM	20		30/7 7:35PM
8		28/4 7:50PM	21		4/8 7:50PM
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10		13/5 8:05PM	23		19/8 7:55PM
11		19/5 7:50PM	24		25/8 7:50PM
12		27/5 7:55PM	25		3/9 5:30PM
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Times shown are in AEST.
Times marked with an asterisk are AEDT.
Check your local guides.

NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

P. Haas

J. Turpin

T. Flegler

K. Capewell

P. Carrigan

J. Riki

T. Gamble *A. Reynolds^(K)*

H. Farnworth *K. Staggs*

C. Oates

T. Niu

S. Cobbo

PLAYER GAINS

Adam Reynolds

Kurt Capewell

Ryan James

Brenko Lee

Corey Jensen

Jordan Pereira

Billy Walters

PLAYER LOSSES

Xavier Coates

Tevita Pangai Jnr

Anthony Milford

Brodie Croft

Alex Glenn

Karmichael Hunt

Ben Te'o

John Asiata

Ethan Bullemor

Richard Kennar

Jesse Arthars

ADAM REYNOLDS - 7KP

2021: 118/148 (79%)
Career: 860/1,406 (82%)

JAMAYNE ISAAKO - 2KP

2021: 50/63 (79%)
Career: 216/269 (80%)

KOTONI STAGGS - 1KP

2021: 0/0 (N/A)
Career: 32/44 (73%)

BONA'S BEST BET

Without stating the obvious, staying injury-free is the key for **Kotoni Staggs**.

He has the potential to be a superstar if he can avoid the 20 year old Instagram Life Coaches and other off field dramas.

DEANO'S DUD

Once billed as the next big thing when he replaced the reliable Andrew McCullough.

The only "big thing" **Jake Turpin** has racked up is a medical bill at the Brisbane Mater Hospital.

MIG'S MYSTERY

It's hard to go past the big fella **Payne Haas**. But questions have to be asked - is he really worth the early round draft pick when double workhorses are like hen's teeth whilst V'landysball is in play?

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BRONCOS

THE FOG RISING IN THE CAPITAL

WHAT HAPPENED

It was a case of from penthouse to the slithouse for the Raiders as they plunged from a Grand Final appearance in 2019 to a lowly 10th place finish last season.

Quite simply, their luck in winning close games evaporated in 2021 and the loss of key personnel certainly did not help their cause. Rumours of discontent continued to outline some poor performances with Coach Ricky at the epicentre of the rumblings...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Raiders have lost a whole host of fringe players – none of which will have Raiders fans crying in their milk about.

Nick Cotric returns after a failed venture to the Dogs and looks determined to prove he's a centre. Adam Elliott also comes from the Dogs and it is yet to be determined as to whether or not he's brought his fleas with him.

In positive news for Coach Ricky, he has a real player in Jamal Fogarty to help run the ship now. Fogarty will be excellent for a team that looked rudderless last year when George Williams went AWOL...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

In the backs, injury cruelled the Raiders' season. It was veteran Jordan Rapana who had a cracking season, whether it was at centre, wing, or fullback. It would be a massive call to suggest he can go better this season but with Fogarty feeding him, it's certainly possible.

In the forwards, if Hudson Young gets a fair crack, expect him to rack up the horses regularly. He can sniff out a try too.

There's other forwards who on their day are quality – Josh Papalii didn't have the best CEO season but is capable of anything, punching out 80+ scores each year. Joe Tapine can also be dynamic on his day and will be looking to lock up a starting spot for the entire season.



THE MAIL

Overall, the Raiders are a team with a relatively settled squad with the bonus of some key inclusions. Are those inclusions enough to warrant a rejuvenation up the ladder in 2022, or will they continue to struggle in attack as per 2021?

There's plenty of competition in the forwards and outside backs so be wary of Ricky doing Ricky things and changing up his selections in the search for the perfect combination...

QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- What is the final make-up of the back row?
- If fit, who partners Captain Croker in the centres?
- Can young gun Xavier Savage force his way into the starting line-up?
- Is Hodgson too old for V'Landys Ball?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	'21 TOTAL	3 YR AVG	'22
HODGSON, JOSH	Hooker	20	1	12	1	11	17	2	114	94	▼
RAPANA, JORDAN	Winger	22	12	5	15	5	0	15	110 (128)	69*	-
YOUNG, HUDSON	Back Row	19	5	0	6	0	15	3	93	61	-
FOGARTY, JAMAL	HB KP4	20	4	12	6	12	1	3	88 (220)	49*	-
WHITEHEAD, ELLIOTT	Back Row	21	4	4	5	3	13	0	85	80	-
PAPALII, JOSH	Front Row	20	4	0	5	1	13	6	78	97	-
WIGHTON, JACK	Five Eighth	21	5	10	4	9	1	2	76	76	▲
ELLIOTT, ADAM	Lock	18	2	1	3	3	15	0	76	48	▼
SUTTON, RYAN	Lock	22	2	1	2	1	13	3	71	58	-
H-NAERA, COREY	Back Row	16	4	1	4	2	11	2	66	48	-
KRIS, SEBASTIAN	Centre	22	8	3	8	2	0	4	57	54*	-
GULER, EMRE	Front Row	19	4	0	4	0	9	0	56	24	-
TAPINE, JOSEPH	Front Row	19	2	1	2	2	9	4	58	49	▲
STARLING, TOM	Hooker	18	2	4	3	3	7	2	54	37	-
WILLIAMS, SAM	HB KP1	12	4	6	3	6	0	0	51 (81)	26	-
COTRIC, NICK	Winger	14	3	1	7	0	0	7	35	46	▲
N-KLOKSTAD, CHARNZE	Full Back	8	3	2	1	2	0	6	31	70	▲
SMITH-SHIELDS, HARLEY	Winger	7	3	2	4	0	0	4	28	18*	-
HORSBURGH, COREY	LK FR	10	1	0	1	1	5	0	26	26	-
TIMOKO, MATT	Centre	16	0	2	1	3	1	6	25	21*	-
VALEMEI, SEMI	Winger	11	2	0	1	1	0	3	16	19*	-
CROKER, JARROD	Centre KP6	12	1	1	2	1	0	3	15 (91)	48	-
SAVAGE, XAVIER	Winger	3	1	0	2	0	0	2	10	10*	▲
FRAWLEY, MATT	Half Back	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3*	-
ANDERSON, ELIJAH	Winger	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
HOLA, PETER	Front Row	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1*	-
SCHNEIDER, BRAD	Half Back	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
HOPOATE, ALBERT	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2*	-
MOONEY, TREY	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	▲
RUSHTON, HARRY	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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RAIDERS

ROOKIE WATCH

Xavier Savage

After 2.5 games in the top grade last year where he already showed us the beginning of his highlights reel, **Xavier Savage** is the hottest thing in Canberra since Questacon opened their solar exhibition.



On face value there is no space in this Raiders backline for him to get a full season, but he is the next fullback or winger off the rank and will score some unbelievable tries this season.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: MATT TIMOKO (21PTS)

NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP

2022 DRAW

CANBERRA RAIDERS



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8		30/4 3:00PM	21		6/8 5:30PM
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J. Papalii J. Hodgson J. Tapine

E. Whitehead A. Elliott H. Young

J. Wighton J. Fogarty

+ J. Croker ^(K) M. Timoko

N. Cotric C. N-Klokstad J. Rapana

PLAYER GAINS

Nick Cotric
Jamal Fogarty
Adam Elliott
Peter Hola

PLAYER LOSSES

George Williams
Ryan James
Siliva Havili
Bailey Simonsson
Sia Soliola
Dunamis Lui
Curtis Scott
Caleb Aekins

JARROD CROKER - 6KP

2021: 38/42 (93%)
Career: 853/1,057 (81%)

JAMAL FOGARTY - 4KP

2021: 70/90 (78%)
Career: 79/105 (75%)

JORDAN RAPANA - 1KP

2021: 9/13 (69%)
Career: 9/13 (69%)

BONA'S BEST BET

New club, fresh start. **Jamal Fogarty** is no spring chicken, but he's built like a brick shit house and has some mongrel about him. There's also a good chance he kicks goals for most of this year.

DEANO'S DUD

Second year in a row that **Jarrold Croker** has made this list, and that officially puts him in the Darius Boyd zone! With the recruitment of Fogarty, expect the kicking tee to also part ways.

MIG'S MYSTERY

There's not many changes to this squad apart from **Fogarty**. Don't get me wrong, he's a great addition, but is he good enough to ignite the Raider's backs or are they avoidable?

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RAIDERS

NEW DOGS ON THE BLOCK

WHAT HAPPENED

Another very ordinary season with the wooden spoon returning to Belmore. Quite simply, Coach Barrett's boys looked rudderless last season with their attack looking very pedestrian and goal line defence questionable. Enter Phil Gould.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Off the back of two very poor seasons, Bulldogs management has swung the axe and put out the driftwood to burn. In comes a whole host of troops, in arguably the biggest roster change in NRL history.

In the backs, new puppies Josh Addo-Carr, Matt Burton, Matt Dufty, Brent Naden, and Braidon Burns potentially form a whole new look line of strike power.

New forwards, Paul Vaughan and Tevita Pangai Jr give the engine room some much needed post contact metres.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

With an 'out with the old, in with the new' attitude to the starting team, the Doggies are virtually impossible to predict at this stage. On paper, they host an abundance of big names but combinations rarely gel straight away.

In the forwards, Luke Thompson, Josh Jackson and Paul Vaughan have always been NRLCEO workhorse favourites.

Addo-Carr's 23 tries from last season is unlikely to be replicated in 2022, however, Matt Burton holds the key there. If he can slot seamlessly into that left edge halves position, we may find that the Fox is the go to man more than ever. With 6 KP's, if the Doggies catch fire Burton could be a pointscoring machine, especially if Flanagan can't secure a start...

THE MAIL

With the addition of some exciting recruits, the crystal ball prediction is that the Bulldogs will rise again. However, a champion team will beat a team of champions every day of the week so there's plenty of work to be done on the training paddock.

With that being said, the genuine quality of new signings suggests the Doggies will trouble a lot of teams this season and the NRLCEO draft targets will become more enticing if the pre-season displays suggest Barrett has got what it takes...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Will Josh Cook push for the starting hooker position?
- Can Kyle Flanagan silence the demons?
- Who will kick?
- Who gets first crack at right wing – Okunbor, Burns, Lumelume, or Allan?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	'21 TOTAL	3 YR AVG	'22
BURTON, MATT	FE KP6	22	16	13	26	9	0	11	167 (179)	52	-
ADDO-CARR, JOSH	Winger	21	23	7	27	1	0	7	149 (151)	114	▼
DUFTY, MATT	Full Back	17	10	12	10	13	0	9	106	78	-
THOMPSON, LUKE	Front Row	15	3	1	4	0	16	4	86	64*	-
PANGAI JUNIOR, TEVITA	Back Row	18	5	2	5	2	10	6	83	58	-
AVERILLO, JAKE	HB KP2	21	7	8	9	6	0	0	75 (127)	41*	-
JACKSON, JOSH	Lock	17	0	1	0	4	17	1	75	84	-
VAUGHAN, PAUL	Front Row	16	1	2	1	2	12	8	73	87	▲
WADDELL, COREY	Back Row	21	1	1	2	1	12	0	57	46	▼
ALLAN, COREY	Winger	18	3	3	4	4	1	3	40	29	-
SCHOUPP, AARON	Centre	13	3	0	1	0	0	13	39	39*	▲
M-KING, JEREMY	Hooker	9	1	0	1	3	7	1	38	60	-
FLANAGAN, KYLE	HB KP3	15	1	6	0	6	0	0	33 (67)	31	-
NADEN, BRENT	Centre	9	4	0	4	0	0	5	30	56	-
BURNS, BRAIDEN	Centre	13	2	3	4	1	0	5	29	23	-
BIONDI-ODO, BAILEY	Half Back	9	2	2	2	1	1	0	25	18*	▲
WAKEHAM, BRANDON	Half Back	9	0	5	2	6	0	0	24 (26)	8*	-
OKUNBOR, JAYDEN	Winger	7	5	0	4	0	0	0	24	30	-
HETHERINGTON, JACK	Front Row	17	1	1	2	1	4	1	19	8	-
KATOA, TUIPULOTU	Winger	10	2	0	3	0	0	2	15	8*	-
DOOREY, MATTHEW	Back Row	15	1	0	1	1	1	1	12	11*	-
TOPINE, JACKSON	Back Row	9	1	0	0	0	2	0	12	12*	-
LUMELUME, ISAAC	Winger	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	11	9*	-
SEUMANUFAGAI, AVA	Front Row	16	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	5*	-
MANU, FALAKIKO	Winger	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2*	-
PATOLO, CHRIS	Back Row	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1*	-
STIMSON, JOE	Back Row	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-
F-MARINER, RAYMOND	Back Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	-
ALAMOTI, PAUL	Centre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	▲
KING, MAX	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7*	-
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BULLDOGS

ROOKIE WATCH

Paul Alamoti

The Dogs have now recruited an amazing pack and there isn't a lot of space for a rookie to enter but there is a potential gap in the centres and **Paul Alamoti** looks ready to fit in alongside the fresh blood.



He is a beast of a human and the word coming out of the Dogs is that he is an elite trainer as well. Has a fantastic offload and looks a lock at right centre for the future.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JAMES ROUMANOS (OPTS)

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CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS



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P. Vaughan *J. M-King* *L. Thompson*

T. Pangai Jr *J. Jackson* *R. F-Mariner*

M. Burton ^(K) *K. Flanagan*

B. Naden *A. Schoupp*

J. Addo-Carr *M. Dufty* *C. Allen*

PLAYER GAINS

Josh Addo-Carr
Matt Burton
Tevita Pangai Jnr
Paul Vaughan
Matt Dufty
Brent Naden
Josh Cook
Max King
Braidon Burns

PLAYER LOSSES

Nick Cotric
Will Hopoate
Adam Elliott
Dylan Napa
Nick Meaney
Renouf Atoni
Lachlan Lewis
Sione Katoa
Chris Smith
James Roumanos
Christon Crichton
Ofahiki Ogden

MATT BURTON - 6KP

2021: 6/9 (67%)
Career: 6/9 (67%)

KYLE FLANAGAN - 3KP

2021: 17/20 (85%)
Career: 127/164 (77%)

JAKE AVERILLO - 2KP

2021: 27/34 (79%)
Career: 39/49 (80%)

BONA'S BEST BET

Remember **Raymond Faitala-Mariner**?
He was one of the top 80 minute back rowers in 2020 until a foot injury sidelined him for the majority of 2021. He might be an excellent late pick-up in your draft.

DEANO'S DUD

Tevita Pangai Jr needs strong leadership and may not get it at a club on the rebuild. There's plenty of competition for spots in the rejuvenated Dogs pack and minutes will be hard to come by.

MIG'S MYSTERY

Matt Burton is a quality player and can kick, but there's no certainty that he kicks if Kyle Flanagan gets a starting spot. The Dogs being a new team leaves me a little concerned about going early on Burton...

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BULLDOGS

SHARKS ATTACK ALERT!

WHAT HAPPENED

The Sharks were in the top 8 for most of the season, only to falter over the final month to miss the finals in ninth position. As has become synonymous with the Sharks, scoring points was their major issue and ultimately cost them a post-season shot.

Punting the coach John Morris while the team was performing well was not a great call and probably one that Sharks Management ultimately regretted...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

There's been massive changes at Cronulla, most notably with the coach. The highly touted Craig Fitzgibbon takes the reins and with him comes a plethora of big name recruits. In a major coup (and a direct blow to their arch-rival), Dragon's ex-Captain, Cam McInnes ditches the Red V for the enemy.

Dale Finucane, Nicho Hynes, and Matt Ikuvalu have joined the club and make for an impressive list of recruits. To cater for these additions, old and frail warhorses like Josh Dugan, Aaron Woods, Shaun Johnson, and Chad Townsend have all departed the Shire.

THE MAIL

Sadly, the Sharkies look like a team on the rise. They have recruited intelligently and have looked to bolster their areas of deficiency from recent seasons.

Purely off the back of their new recruits, the Sharks seem certain to improve and Fitzgibbon already has the respect of the playing group. If the trials indicate that the Sharks have turned a corner in attack, the boots and skills of Hynes and Trindall could be prime CEO targets...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

When it comes to the Sharks, the value has usually been in the forwards. However, the back three of Sione Katoa, Ronaldo Mulitalo, and William Kennedy are electric draft worthy CEO targets - all had tasty returns in 2021.

With the addition of the creative Hynes in the halves, the Sharks look set to score more tries in 2022 and most will go to the back 3.

In the forwards, the much loved McInnes looks set for a permanent move to lock and should play 80 more often than not. Blake Brailey looks set to keep the hooking role and will continue to improve his CEO output.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Does 'Tricky' Trindall get the starting nod ahead of 'Mundane' Moylan?
- How will the core forwards rotate their game time?
- Is Nicho Hynes the player he was under the Storm system?



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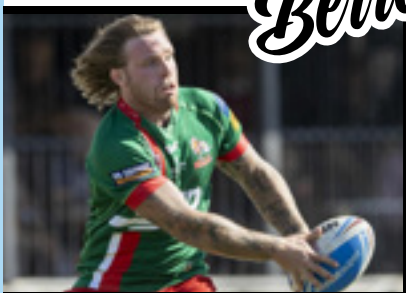
SHARKS

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HYNES, NICH0	FE KP6	22	7	22	16	28	0	11	165 (281)	44	-
KENNEDY, WILLIAM	Full Back	24	14	15	18	21	0	15	164	63	-
TRACEY, CONNOR	Centre	24	14	3	16	5	0	17	119	46	▼
BRAILEY, BLAYKE	Hooker	24	2	6	3	5	18	0	103	65	-
NIKORA, BRITON	Back Row	22	4	2	7	3	15	1	90	82	-
RUDOLF, TOBY	Front Row	24	1	0	2	1	19	3	87	73*	-
TOLMAN, AIDEN	Front Row	21	1	0	2	0	19	1	84	104	-
IKUVALU, MATT	Winger	15	12	1	15	0	0	8	82	51	-
TRINDALL, BRAYDON	HB KP3	20	4	11	4	13	0	0	73 (145)	23*	-
MULITALO, RONALDO	Winger	16	10	5	10	1	0	3	68	56	▲
KATOVA, SI	Winger	13	9	3	17	1	0	3	67	57	▲
RAMIEN, JESSE	Centre	17	5	2	7	4	0	14	61	53	-
WILLIAMS, JACK	Lock	24	2	0	2	1	10	3	57	34	-
MOYLAN, MATTHEW	Five Eighth	15	2	7	5	9	0	5	55	25	-
WILTON, TEIG	Back Row	17	2	1	0	1	6	9	53	29*	-
FINUCANE, DALE	LK FR	15	2	1	2	3	6	2	43	67	▲
HIROTI, MAWENE	Winger	15	5	2	9	1	0	5	42	25*	-
GRAHAM, WADE	Back Row	11	0	0	1	0	6	1	28	46	▲
METCALF, LUKE	Half Back	7	2	1	2	1	0	1	16	14*	-
TALAKAI, SIOSIFA	Back Row	15	1	1	1	0	0	5	13	37*	-
UELE, BRADEN	Front Row	20	1	2	1	2	0	0	11	25	-
FIFITA, ANDREW	Front Row	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	32	-
O'DONNELL, KAI	Back Row	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
HUNT, ROYCE	Front Row	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5*	-
BERRELL, JAYDEN	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
FERRIS, JACKSON	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7*	-
LUALUA, JONAIHAH	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
MCINNES, CAMERON	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152*	▲
TAUMOEPEA, JENSON	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
MILLER, LOCKY	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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ROOKIE WATCH

Jayden Berrell



I would love to see a 26 year old rookie make his mark on the NRL. After plugging away at Wynnum Manly Seagulls for the last four seasons, **Jayden Berrell** just needed an opportunity with an NRL club after winning the Player of the Year in the Queensland Cup.

A hard working hooker who would have had 10 workhorses for Wynnum last year as well as 12 tries and eight try assists. He's stuck behind Blayke Brailey (and possibly Cam McInnes) but would be a quality #14.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: LUKE METCALF (16PTS)

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CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS



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D. Finucane *B. Brailey* *A. Tolman*

W. Graham *C. McInnes* *B. Nikora*

N. Hynes ^(K) *B. Trindall*

C. Tracey *J. Ramien*

R. Mulitalo *W. Kennedy* *S. Katoa*

PLAYER GAINS

Cameron McInnes

Nicho Hynes

Dale Finucane

Matt Ikuvalu

Lachlan Miller

Jayden Berrell

PLAYER LOSSES

Shaun Johnson

Chad Townsend

Aaron Woods

Josh Dugan

Will Chambers

Billy Magoulias

Nene Macdonald

NICHO HYNES - 6KP

2021: 58/77 (75%)
Career: 62/81 (77%)

BRAYDON TRINDALL - 3KP

2021: 36/44 (82%)
Career: 40/50 (80%)

LUKE METCALF - 0KP

2021: 13/19 (68%)
Career: 13/19 (68%)

BONA'S BEST BET

Will Kennedy made his mark on NRLCEO last year. With 14 tries, 15 TAs, and 15 MEs, he's one of the top fullbacks going around. With a better Sharks team this year, we should see more in 2022.

DEANO'S DUD

Expect to see more of **Wade Graham** talking about the Sharks, rather than playing for them. He's one more hit away from retirement, so proceed with extreme caution if picking him up this year.

MIG'S MYSTERY

The rotation of the Sharks core players is going to be interesting. Does **Cam McInnes** play 80 minutes at lock or does he get a rest, especially after coming off an ACL injury?

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FREE THE TENACIOUS TITS

WHAT HAPPENED

The Titans made the finals for the first time since 2016 and went 'oh so close' to knocking out the Roosters in the first week of finals.

Whilst the Titans would have been shattered by that result, there are structures in place that would suggest that they are finally on the right track...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Titan's management and the coach, Justin Holbrook, have made some massive calls in the off-season, in-turn suggesting a style of football they are wanting to play in 2022. Gone are playmakers Ash Taylor, Tyrone Peachey and Jamal Fogarty.

No CEO relevant big names join the squad this season with Will Smith and Paul Turner providing some sort of depth in the halves. Smith may grab a utility spot on the bench.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Big Tino Fa'asuamaleau had an impressive first season with the Titans and looks set to continue his high involvement in 2022. On the edge, David Fifita is frustrating in CEO but an effective backrower.

If CEOs can look past his 'lazy' defense and lack of workhorses, he's the most dynamic edge runner in the game and of course turns into the Hulk when inside the attacking 20m..

In the backs, the Titan's look set to blood a new halves combination in AJ Brimson and Toby Sexton. It will be interesting to see how the electric Brimson handles being up front, making more tackles and calling the shots. If he succeeds, he could be a valuable Five Eighth target in the draft for years to come.

At the back, Jayden Campbell has already shown a knack for scoring tries - much like his 'old man' Preston used to do for many years!

THE MAIL

Overall, the Titans have some obvious issues. A lack of hooker depth could be a major concern with Erin Clark looking to be the man. While the team on paper is solid, they'll need more than their usual 'Titan tenacity' if they are to go deep in the finals this season.

In terms of CEO talent, what you see is what you get with the Titans. Sexton could be a sneaky kicking option if you're inclined to think that the new look spine will gel straight away...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can the blockbusting Greg Marzhew force his way into the starting team?
- Is David Fifita forever a million-dollar bench player?
- Will the Sexton-Brimson combination unlock the Titans' sleepy attack?

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FIFITA, DAVID	Back Row	21	17	2	22	3	3	10	127	34	-
KELLY, BRIAN	Centre	21	11	7	10	9	0	18	113	74	-
BRIMSON, AJ	Five Eighth	18	7	9	13	13	0	13	107	59	-
FA'ASUAMALEAUI, TINO	Lock	21	3	0	6	0	15	7	90	29	-
THOMPSON, COREY	Winger	17	8	2	15	1	0	14	81	55	-
FOTUAIKA, MOEAKI	Front Row	21	3	1	5	1	11	8	80	57	▲
WALLACE, JARROD	Front Row	24	5	4	6	11	6	0	67	61	-
HERBERT, PATRICK	Centre KP2	19	6	6	5	6	0	10	66	32	-
SAMI, PHILLIP	Winger	18	6	2	10	1	0	11	61	58	-
LIU, ISSAC	LK FR	24	1	0	2	2	12	1	58	35	▲
PROCTOR, KEVIN	Back Row	23	6	0	4	0	7	0	54	75	-
MARZHEW, GREG	Winger	8	6	0	5	0	0	11	51	0*	▼
CAMPBELL, JAYDEN	Full Back	6	5	4	2	4	0	4	42	DNP	▲
FERMOR, BEAU	Back Row	17	3	4	6	2	3	1	40	26	-
CLARK, ERIN	Hooker	20	1	3	0	6	3	0	32	10	-
JOLLIFFE, JAIMIN	Front Row	24	1	2	3	1	3	2	28	24	-
SEXTON, TOBY	HB KP6	6	1	2	1	2	0	1	19 (51)	DNP	▲
BOYD, TANAH	Half Back	7	1	2	0	5	0	1	18	2	-
MARSTERS, ESAN	Centre	13	1	0	2	1	0	3	15	65	-
SMITH, WILL	Hooker	17	1	3	0	1	0	0	14	7	-
MCINTYRE, SAMUEL	Lock	15	0	0	1	0	1	1	7	27	-
LISONE, SAM	Front Row	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	8	-
TURNER, PAUL	Half Back	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	-
BOOTH, AARON	Hooker	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	DNP	-
M-BOOTH, ISAAC	Front Row	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	-
SPRY, TREYMAIN	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	-
FARMER, DARIUS	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
GROOT, JAYLAN	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
PERE, KEA	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
ESE'ESE, HERMAN	Lock	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	46	▲
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TITANS

ROOKIE WATCH

Alofiana Khan-Pereira

If there's one position where the Titans have always struggled to find a gun, it's an out and out speedster on the wing. Anthony Don. Is Good. But he was just a plodder in reality.



So it's about time the Glitter Strip had a superstar winger and **Alofiana Khan-Pereira** looks to be that prospect. The 20 year old is already the fastest at the club and has been with the club since he was 16.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: GREG MARZHEW (51PTS)

NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP

2022 DRAW

GOLD COAST TITANS



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8		29/4 6:00PM	21		5/8 6:00PM
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M. Fotuaika E. Clark J. Wallace

K. Proctor T. Fa'asuaamaleau D. Fifita

A. Brimson T. Sexton^(K)

B. Kelly P. Herbert

P. Sami J. Campbell C. Thompson

PLAYER GAINS

Isaac Liu
Aaron Booth
Will Smith
Paul Turner

PLAYER LOSSES

Ash Taylor
Jamal Fogarty
Tyrone Peachey
Mitch Rein
Anthony Don
Jai Whitbread
Sam Stone
Jonus Pearson

TOBY SEXTON - 6KP
2021: 16/20 (80%)
Career: 16/20 (80%)

PATRICK HERBERT - 2KP
2021: 0/3 (0%)
Career: 18/28 (64%)

TANAH BOYD - 1KP
2021: 4/6 (66%)
in QLD Cup

BONA'S BEST BET

What a club man **Corey Thompson** is. He was flying last year with six tries and 11 MEs in the first eight rounds, and then injury hit. Thompson could be the beneficiary if the Titans halves can fire.

DEANO'S DUD

Don't expect **David Fifita** to bring much to the workhorse department. Coaches are wary of wasting a forward spot on a bloke who may or may not score depending on the opposition team.

MIG'S MYSTERY

The jury on the new spine is out. No one will doubt **AJ Brimson's** ability, but early indications are he's injury prone and questions have to be asked if his body is up to the extra tackling at 5/8...



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TITANS

MANLY HITS THE TURBO BOOST

WHAT HAPPENED

The infamous 'slip in the bathroom' seems like an eon ago as Tommy Trbojevic went into unprecedented beast mode to almost single handedly propel the Sea Eagles to the grand final.

Quite simply, Turbo was in a world of his own as he broke all records and many a CEO's heart as he systematically tore oppositions to threads...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

With no major CEO-relevant changes to the squad, the Sea Eagles are one of the more settled teams in the competition. Coach Des Hasler won't be changing too much from the 'give it to Tommy' style of play that worked wonders last season.

Ethan Bullemor joins the squad from the Broncos and could be an effective addition to a powerful core rotation.

THE MAIL

Quite simply - if ever there's a 'one man team', this is it. If Turbo stays injury free, the Sea Eagles will be more than a challenge for any team in the competition.

The backs look set to profit while the forwards will continue to do their job - go forward and give the halves room to weave their magic.

While Garrick broke all records with the boot last season, maybe, just maybe, he gets picked first overall in some CEO drafts this season...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Two words - Tommy Turbo. If Tommy can replicate anything near his 2021 form, he'll have another wow of a season.

If the 2021 CEO MVP fires again, Reuben Garrick is the main beneficiary and will be looked at very early in all CEO drafts. On the right wing, Jason Saab has the speed of a ferrari and looks set for another big season on the end of plenty of Turbo passes.

In the halves, Captain and playmaker, Daly Cherry-Evans calls the shots and always scores well in CEO.

In the engine room, the tremendous Sea Eagle attack means there's less workhorses in CEO. If anyone is going to make 40 involvements, Jake Trbojevic is that man, however, his stocks have dramatically declined in recent years due to his lack of running game.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Who gets the starting front row positions?
- Is Turbo still the man?
- Can Kieran Foran's body hold up for two years in a row?

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TRBOJEVIC, TOM	Full Back	15	25	28	31	40	0	24	276	119	-
CHERRY-EVANS, DALY	HB KP2	22	8	27	4	16	4	6	181 (183)	107	-
GARRICK, REUBEN	Winger KP2	24	21	3	37	3	0	15	162 (382)	90	-
SAAB, JASON	Winger	24	23	5	16	2	0	6	133	51	▼
TAUPAU, MARTIN	Front Row	23	2	1	2	4	16	11	100	86	-
TRBOJEVIC, JAKE	Lock	20	3	0	1	9	17	0	88	99	-
CROKER, LACHLAN	Hooker	24	4	7	5	8	11	0	85	33	▼
FORAN, KIERAN	Five Eighth	22	3	12	4	19	0	0	81	50	-
HARPER, MORGAN	Centre	20	7	5	10	6	1	10	79	33	-
SCHUSTER, JOSH	Back Row	18	2	10	8	8	7	4	79	0*	-
PARKER, BRAD	Centre	23	8	1	13	7	0	11	76	45	-
OLAKAU'ATA, HAUMOLE	Back Row	18	8	4	7	1	2	5	68	38*	▲
WALKER, DYLAN	Lock	17	4	3	4	4	2	7	52	38	-
KEPIE, SEAN	Front Row	17	1	1	1	1	5	4	34	16	-
LAWTON, KARL	Hooker	13	3	1	4	1	3	2	33	23	-
PASEKA, TANIELA	Front Row	21	0	1	2	2	3	5	26	25	-
BULLEMORE, ETHAN	Back Row	20	3	0	5	0	0	4	25	15*	▲
ALDIAI, JOSH	Front Row	13	0	0	0	0	5	3	24	45	▲
SIPLEY, TOAFOFOA	Front Row	20	2	0	3	1	0	1	14	4*	-
FUNA, TEVITA	Winger	9	0	0	2	0	1	1	8	19*	-
LUIS, KURT	Front Row	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	DNP	-
TRBOJEVIC, BEN	Back Row	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	▲
BOYLE, MORGAN	Front Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
DAVEY, ANDREW	Back Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3*	-
TUIPULOTU, CHRISTIAN	Winger	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3*	-
FAINU, MANASE	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59*	-
TAUFUA, JORGE	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	-
BAINBRIDGE, BILLY	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
KOULA, TOLUTAU	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
FAINU, LATU	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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SEA EAGLES

ROOKIE WATCH

Tolutau Koula



Latu Fainu is the obvious talking point here after he signed a potentially million dollar deal with the Sea Eagles but he's only 16. So let's look at the next gun out of the blocks at Manly and despite being behind Tom Trbojevic at fullback, **Tolutau Koula** is destined for first grade.

Tommy Turbo did his apprenticeship on the wing, and Koula can do the same at centre or wing when the opportunity presents. He brained them in the juniors and scored five tries in his first five NSW Cup Games.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: BEN TRBOJEVIC (OPTS)

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2022 DRAW

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M. Taupau *L. Croker* *T. Paseka*

J. Schuster *J. Trbojevic* *H. Olakau'ata*

K. Foran *D. C-Evans*

B. Parker *M. Harper*

R. Garrick ^(K) *T. Trbojevic* *J. Saab*

PLAYER GAINS

Ethan Bullemor

PLAYER LOSSES

Curtis Sironen

Moses Suli

Cade Cust

Tevita Funa

Jack Gosiewski

Zac Saddler

REUBEN GARRICK - 8KP

2021: 121/148 (82%)
Career: 227/293 (77%)

DALY C-EVANS - 2KP

2021: 1/2 (50%)
Career: 136/189 (72%)

DYLAN WALKER - 0KP

2021: 0/0 (N/A)
Career: 42/64 (66%)

BONA'S BEST BET

The lanky **Jason Saab** has speed to burn! Saab notched up 23 tries, including five doubles and two hat tricks last year. However, his form relies heavily on Tommy Turbo's health.

DEANO'S DUD

Another footy player who wants to box but should concentrate on footy first! **Josh Aloiai** hasn't been the same since leaving the Tigers and failed to fire a shot for Manly in an injury riddled season.

MIG'S MYSTERY

Reuben Garrick is going to be a high priority kicking target in the draft, but if Tommy Turbo goes down with injury, the Sea Eagles' stocks plummet. Can Garrick once again kick his leg off?

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SEA EAGLES

OUT OF STORMY WATERS?

WHAT HAPPENED

The Storm were one of the teams to beat again last season and for a franchise who sets such lofty standards each and every year, bowing out in a closely fought preliminary final to the eventual premiers would have been a hard one to swallow.

The headache selections of 2021 are not likely to plague the Storm's season this year though, with the spine seemingly set in stone and depth never an issue for the Melbourne men.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Storm will boast a new look to their starting team with Josh Addo-Carr, Dale Finucane, Nicho Hynes, and Brenko Lee the big names who have moved on. Incoming is Xavier Coates and he's a ready made fit to replace Addo-Carr. Nick Meaney will also push for a starting spot but there's plenty of competition for that second wing position.

Coach Bellamy has a few headaches in the pack to sort out with Brandon Smith signing for the Roosters for 2023, and Nelson Asofa-Solomona and Tui Kamikamica both unlikely to play for an extended period. 'Cheese' is likely to play lock, giving Grant full rein at hooker.

THE MAIL

The Storm certainly have the cattle across the park to give the title another shake and if they can cover those key personnel losses, they'll be a draft gold mine in CEO.

If Grant plays big minutes (which looks likely), and Papenhuyzen can avoid HIA's, the Storm will score an abundance of points again in 2022.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

As usual, there's plenty to like about the Storm when it comes to priority draft targets. Smith at lock and Grant at hooker both playing big minutes is tasty for the CEO Coach. The rest of the Storm forwards tend to be rotated evenly, although, Kenny Bromwich is a better than average backrower who has his moments in the sun in CEO.

In the backs, the livewire fullback and kicker Ryan Papenhuyzen demonstrated a serious hunger for points before he got injured last season. If the Storm are going to push for another title, they'll need the halves of Jerome Hughes and Cameron Munster to stay fit and gel with Papi at the back like they showed during the first half of 2021! The centre pairing of Justin Olam and Reimis Smith are highly under-rated too with both loving a try.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Has 'The Cheese' burnt his bridges?
- Will NAS and/or Kamikamica see the field this season?
- Who fills the vacated wing positions?

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SMITH, BRANDON	Hooker	22	11	8	12	13	13	23	183	98	-
HUGHES, JAHROME	Half Back	22	9	20	20	16	0	8	160	91	-
OLAM, JUSTIN	Centre	23	11	10	11	12	0	15	117	75	▼
MUNSTER, CAMERON	FE KP1	18	7	13	7	14	0	7	113 (145)	85	-
GRANT, HARRY	Hooker	13	5	10	10	10	7	11	111	77	-
PAPENHUYZEN, RYAN	FB KP8	13	11	6	11	9	0	9	98 (180)	97	-
SMITH, REIMIS	Centre	23	14	4	11	9	0	4	92	53	-
MEANEY, NICK	Winger KP2	22	10	4	9	5	0	10	82 (92)	52	-
WELCH, CHRISTIAN	Front Row	19	1	1	1	3	14	7	80	45	▼
BROMWICH, KENNY	Back Row	19	3	5	5	4	12	0	80	92	-
KAMIKAMICA, TUI	Front Row	20	3	0	2	2	13	3	74	33	▼
JENNINGS, GEORGE	Winger	16	11	2	12	0	0	6	72	32	-
COATES, XAVIER	Winger	17	11	3	9	0	0	2	63	33	▲
KAUFUSI, FELISE	Back Row	18	3	2	4	5	7	1	55	48	-
IEREMIA, DEAN	Winger	12	6	1	4	0	0	2	34	34*	▲
EISENHUTH, THOMAS	Back Row	18	4	1	3	1	2	0	30	15	-
LEWIS, CHRIS	Back Row	23	2	1	2	1	3	0	27	19*	-
A-SOLOMONA, NELSON	Front Row	16	4	1	4	2	1	0	24	34	-
LOIERO, TRENT	Back Row	8	2	0	2	0	3	0	22	22*	-
BROMWICH, JESSE	Front Row	22	1	0	1	0	4	0	21	39	-
SEVE, MARION	Centre	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	12	20	-
KING, JOSH	Front Row	21	1	0	1	0	1	1	11	5	-
JOHNS, COOPER	Half Back	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	5*	-
MOEROA, TEPAI	Lock	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
GRANT, JORDAN	Front Row	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
HOWARTH, JACK	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	▲
WARBRICK, WILLIAM	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
NIKORIMA, JAYDEN	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
GRIFFITHS, NOAH	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
PEZET, JONAH	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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STORM

ROOKIE WATCH

Jack Howarth



This one is a real toss up between two rugby union juniors. **Jack Howarth** didn't get a run last year due to injury but was a Queensland schoolboy rugby union prodigy and **William Warbrick** is an All Black 7's player who the Storm pinched this year.

Both could be stars, but I'll opt for Howarth as the one who is more likely to debut this season. Olam has a mortgage on left centre but Howarth could overtake Reimis Smith on the right or in the back row.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JACK HOWARTH (OPTS)

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MELBOURNE STORM



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C. Munster J. Hughes

J. Olam R. Smith

N. Meaney R. Papenhuyzen^(K) X. Coates

PLAYER GAINS

Xavier Coates
Nick Meaney
Josh King
William Warbrick
Jayden Nikorima

PLAYER LOSSES

Josh Addo-Carr
Nicho Hynes
Dale Finucane
Aaron Booth
Max King
Brenko Lee
Aaron Pene

RYAN PAPENHUYZEN - 8KP

2021: 49/57 (86%)
Career: 55/69 (80%)

NICK MEANEY - 2KP

2021: 5/9 (56%)
Career: 60/84 (71%)

CAMERON MUNSTER - 1KP

2021: 16/30 (53%)
Career: 38/67 (57%)

BONA'S BEST BET

Lightning fast recruit **Xavier Coates** has already represented the Maroons. He has shown plenty of potential in a lackluster Broncos team and we all know the magic of Bellamy's coaching.

DEANO'S DUD

Cameron Munster is the new Darren Lockyer of the modern era. He gets all the accolades due to the performance of others around him. Picking up this bloke will come with considerable risk.

MIG'S MYSTERY

Everyone loves **Brandon Smith**, especially after his best season of CEO yet. But how will his early signing with the Roosters impact on his minutes this season?

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STORM

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

WHAT HAPPENED

The Warriors were as resilient as ever in 2021 and with no home games again thanks to Covid, they were a competitive outfit for most of the season.

However, it's a long season and in the end, the kiwis started to waiver in their tenacity which is completely understandable! In the end, a 12th place finish was quite remarkable given the circumstances. Sadly, it would seem that little is going to change for them in 2022 and another year of relocation is underway...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

There are few recruits coming to the club for season 2022 but the big news revolves around prodigal son, Shaun Johnson returning from the Sharks. SJ will provide some flair in attack if he can remain relatively injury free.

The 'outbox' is much, much bigger with names like David Fusitua, Leeson Ah Mau, Peta Hiku and Roger Tuivasa-Sheck all departing for greener pastures. There's a whole host of fringe starting players who are also on their way out, leaving the Warriors seemingly depleted when it comes to depth across the park.

THE MAIL

Overall, it could be another long season for the Warriors 'away from home'. There's only so long that a team can demonstrate their resilience for, and the Warriors have been admirable in most of their performances in recent seasons.

If they are to push for a top 8 finish, they'll need the likes of Johnson and Walsh to stay healthy and their young outside backs to thrive, despite their perceived lack of experience...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Looking through the Warrior's squad, there's minimal early draft targets with Tohu Harris unlikely to be ready for the start of the season. Reece Walsh is certainly a second string option at fullback for the CEO Coach and only having two kicking points could be a bonus if he gets the kicking tee!

The Warrior's backline is unpredictable but having said that, there doesn't appear to be that many options. A wing pairing of Dallin Watene-Zalezniak and Marcelo Montoya certainly doesn't get the juices flowing in CEO...

In the forwards, there'll be plenty of coaches who like the backrow of Josh Curran and Euan Aitken. Both showed plenty of CEO potential last season and look likely to get a starting spot. Wayde Egan is a sneaky option for a second string hooker as he generally plays big minutes.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Who partners Johnson in the halves?
- With Walsh the only guarantee in the backline, who impresses Coach Brown?
- Is Matt Lodge still a flog? Of course!

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EGAN, WAYDE	Hooker	20	3	8	2	10	13	1	94	55	-
WALSH, REECE	FB KP2	16	9	11	14	9	0	5	93 (135)	82*	-
HARRIS, TOHU	Lock	15	3	3	2	7	14	1	85	97	-
NIKORIMA, KODI	Five Eighth	22	4	12	7	15	0	1	84 (168)	59	▼
CURRAN, JOSH	Back Row	15	4	5	4	6	10	3	81	25	-
TAYLOR, ASHLEY	FE KP2	16	2	13	1	15	0	0	72	36	-
AITKEN, EUAN	Back Row	14	7	2	4	2	5	7	72	70	▲
W-ZELEZNIAK, DALLIN	Winger	18	9	3	7	1	0	11	70	46	-
FONUUA-BLAKE, ADDIN	Front Row	15	1	0	2	0	8	14	66	75	-
SIRONEN, BAYLEY	Lock	19	2	0	2	2	10	0	52	29	-
TEVAGA, JAZZ	Lock	24	1	1	2	4	11	0	52	61	-
LODGE, MATTHEW	Front Row	18	0	1	1	0	11	4	51	55	-
MONTOYA, MARCELO	Winger	18	5	1	8	0	0	9	49	33	-
JOHNSON, SHAUN	HB KP6	10	1	5	1	10	0	1	47 (83)	55	▲
POMPEY, ADAM	Centre	17	4	1	4	1	0	7	37	28	▲
MURDOCH-MASILA, BEN	Front Row	16	6	0	8	1	1	0	33	32*	-
ARTHARS, JESSE	Centre	11	5	1	2	5	0	1	31 (35)	15	-
KATOVA, ELIESA	Back Row	18	1	1	2	1	6	0	31	44*	-
AFOA, BUNTY	Front Row	20	2	1	2	1	4	0	29	24*	-
HARRIS-TAVITA, CHANEL	Five Eighth	11	2	2	1	2	0	0	19	23	-
BERRY, ROCCO	Centre	10	3	0	1	1	0	1	16	15*	▲
MURCHIE, JACK	Back Row	14	1	1	1	0	2	0	15	18	-
PENE, AARON	Front Row	10	0	0	1	1	1	3	12	6*	-
KOSI, EDWARD	Winger	9	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	6*	-
OTUKOLO, TANIELA	Hooker	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4*	-
VAILEA, VILIAMI	Centre	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2*	-
FREI, JACKSON	Front Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
ALE, TOM	Front Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
P-ROBATI, PRIDE	Lock	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
COOK, SAM	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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WARRIORS

ROOKIE WATCH

Taniela Otukolo

Wayde Egan doesn't have a mortgage on the hooker position and it's only a matter of time before a young gun usurps him.

I am betting that **Taniela Otukolo** will be just the player to take the reigns. He played three games off the bench last year and made a workhorse in 60 minutes but it's his running game that is most exciting. In SG Ball he scored nine tries in six games!

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JUNIOR RATUVA (OPTS)



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2022 DRAW

WARRIORS



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7	25/4 7:00PM	20	29/7 6:00PM
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A. F-Blake *W. Egan* *M. Lodge*

J. Curran *+ T. Harris* *E. Aitken*

C. H-Tavita *S. Johnson^(K)*

A. Pompey *R. Berry*

M. Montoya *R. Walsh* *D. W-Zelezniak*

PLAYER GAINS

Shaun Johnson

Ash Taylor

Jesse Arthurs

Aaron Pene

PLAYER LOSSES

Roger Tuivasa-Sheck

Chad Townsend

David Fusitu'a

Kane Evans

Leeson Ah Mau

Peta Hiku

Sean O'Sullivan

Paul Turner

Jamayne Taunoa-Brown

SHAUN JOHNSON - 6KP

2021: 18/20 (90%)

Career: 445/588 (76%)

REECE WALSH - 2KP

2021: 21/30 (70%)

Career: 21/30 (70%)

ASH TAYLOR - 2KP

2021: 0/0 (N/A)

Career: 130/191 (68%)

BONA'S BEST BET

At the back end of last year, **Euan Aitken** showed that he is an absolute workhorse when playing in the back row. If Nathan Brown continues this experiment in 2022, he'll get drafted earlier than you think.

DEANO'S DUD

Burst on the scene with a carefree attitude and an abundance of talent to burn. Fast forward a few games and **Reece Walsh** will need to reinvent himself or he can take a ticket in the Centrelink queue.

MIG'S MYSTERY

There's just too many questions that need answering when considering any Warriors early in the draft. Even the ever reliable **Tohu Harris** is coming back from serious injury this season...

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WARRIORS

PEARCE OFF, YOU'RE OUT!

WHAT HAPPENED

After easily qualifying for the finals, finishing in 7th position, the Knights were always going to be cannon fodder in the first week and that was proven correct.

Again, injury to key players hampered their season and it was a complete rollercoaster ride for Novacastians as they watched their team struggle for consistency week in, week out.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mitchell Pearce is the big departure but he missed the second half of the 2021 season anyway. Connor Watson also departs and will be a loss after finally having an injury free season.

In a positive for the Knights backline, the return of Dane Gagai is a welcomed one and should give Kalyn Ponga a solid attacking target on the right.

THE MAIL

The equation is quite simple for the Knights – if they are going to be true contenders for the title, they need the likes of Ponga and Bradman Best to start doing what they get paid to do – excite the fans!

On paper, the Knights' pack is very, very good, but without Pearce, the Knights will be relying on Jake Clifford and Adam Clune (really???) to pull the strings in offence.

Grinding out wins just isn't in the Knights' style, so all out attack is the way to go – with that being said, the Knights may struggle this season...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

When looking at the Knights, there's plenty of workhorses in that pack. Daniel Saifiti leads the way up front and is ably supported by the likes of Tyson Frizell and Mitchell Barnett. Jayden Brailey had his best season to date and is a genuine hooker target in the draft.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Who are the Knights wingers?
- Is Clune REALLY the starting halfback?
- Can Ponga and Best return to their ... erm ... best?

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BARNETT, MITCHELL	Lock	23	4	2	4	3	19	9	122 (148)	92	-
GAGAI, DANE	Centre	20	10	12	13	13	0	15	118	85	-
BRAILEY, JAYDEN	Hooker	22	3	4	5	4	20	1	115	67	▼
FRIZELL, TYSON	Back Row	18	3	1	3	2	18	5	101	89	-
SAIFITI, DANIEL	Front Row	19	3	0	4	1	14	12	97	63	-
PONGA, KALYN	FB KP2	14	8	12	7	12	0	9	94 (114)	103	▲
KLEMMER, DAVID	Front Row	20	0	0	0	0	17	12	90	112	-
TUALA, ENARI	Winger	24	10	2	13	3	0	9	78	49	-
SAIFITI, JACOB	Front Row	22	3	1	2	2	11	1	64	38	-
CLIFFORD, JAKE	FE KP6	21	3	8	6	1	0	1	62 (124)	32	-
MANN, KURT	Centre	21	3	5	3	5	2	7	58	53	-
BEST, BRADMAN	Centre	16	3	7	5	7	0	9	56	39	▲
JONES, BRODIE	Back Row	23	3	2	6	2	4	0	40	22*	-
TO'A, STARFORD	Winger	12	6	0	7	1	0	0	32	20	-
FITZGIBBON, LACHLAN	Back Row	10	3	2	5	2	3	0	31	43	-
YOUNG, DOMINIC	Winger	6	4	2	2	0	0	3	28	28*	-
HUNT, HYMEL	Winger	16	3	0	5	1	0	5	28	48	▲
CROSSLAND, PHOENIX	Half Back	11	1	4	2	6	0	0	26 (28)	7*	-
CLUNE, ADAM	Half Back	12	1	4	2	3	0	0	23	16*	-
HOY, TEX	Full Back	14	1	2	2	0	0	5	19 (31)	15*	-
RANDALL, CHRIS	Hooker	5	2	0	1	0	1	0	13	16*	-
MUSGROVE, BRAYDEN	Winger	7	1	0	2	0	0	1	8	8*	-
SASAGI, SIMI	Five Eighth	8	0	1	0	1	0	2	8	68	-
SUE, SAUASO	Front Row	22	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	7	-
JOHNS, JACK	Back Row	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4*	-
MOMOISEA, JIRAH	Front Row	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2*	-
LEE, EDRICK	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43*	-
HUTH, LUKE	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
SASAGI, NATHANAEL	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
HODGSON, BAILEY	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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KNIGHTS

ROOKIE WATCH

Jirah Momoisea

We named **Jirah Momoisea** in this spot two years ago and unfortunately he's had a nightmare run of injuries.



After overcoming those injury setbacks he made his debut in Round 23 of last year and registered his first NRLCEO points with a 154m metre eater in Round 25. He has transitioned from a back rower into a prop but has retained his speed and power. I expect him to be in the Knights top 17 this year and to learn from the Saifiti brothers and Klemmer.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: DOMINIC YOUNG (28PTS)

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D. Saifiti + J. Brailey J. Saifiti

L. Fitzgibbon M. Barnett T. Frizell

J. Clifford^(K) A. Clune

B. Best D. Gagai

E. Tuala K. Ponga D. Young

PLAYER GAINS

Dane Gagai

Adam Clune

PLAYER LOSSES

Mitchell Pearce

Connor Watson

Blake Green

Josh King

Gehamat Shibasaki

Starford To'a

JAKE CLIFFORD - 6KP

2021: 33/49 (67%)
Career: 52/77 (68%)

KALYN PONGA - 2KP

2021: 10/14 (71%)
Career: 131/181 (72%)

MITCH BARNETT - 1KP

2021: 13/16 (81%)
Career: 16/21 (76%)

BONA'S BEST BET

When **Jacob Saifiti** switched to a starting front rower last year, he averaged over 50 minutes a game and managed 11 WHs in 11 games. I can only see that increasing this year.

DEANO'S DUD

David Klemmer lost his starting spot in 2021 and struggled for minutes with the emergence of the Saifiti twins. Poor form combined with a bad attitude will see Klemmer continue to warm the pine.

MIG'S MYSTERY

It's fair to suggest that **Kalyn Ponga** hasn't delivered what his pay cheque suggests he should, but with only two kicking points this season, is he worth an early crack in the draft...?

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KNIGHTS

ENTER SPOONMAN

WHAT HAPPENED

Yet another season of performing below fan base expectations has the NQ club fangng for more success. Finishing in 15th was nothing short of disgusting last season with results in freefall after the questionable release of Jake Clifford to the Knights midseason.

In short, whilst the Cowboys easily avoided the spoon, 2021 was a disaster and really, not much has seemingly changed since their grand final appearance in 2017...

THE MAIL

The Cowboys look to be in for another loooooong season and with that in mind, it's hard to get excited about them when considering high priority draft targets.

Coach Payten looks set to put his faith in a large array of young blood in 2022 which could be exciting but ultimately a slow, slow burn...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Chad Townsend was recruited on a high-profile deal to sort out the Cowboys' post JT woes in the halves. However, after signing that contract, Townsend's form plummeted through the floor as he was released from the Sharks to the Warriors.

Peta Hiku is the only other 'big name' signing and with just Francis Molo leaving, the Cowboys will rely on a relatively unchanged squad – that's a scary prospect for NQ folk in 2022. Echoes of Soundgarden's 'Spoonman' could be played often this season in the Ville....

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

It remains to be seen whether Jason Taumalolo will recapture that metre-eating form of yesteryear.

At the back, Val Holmes has been disappointing to the point of losing his fullback role to the Hammer last season. On the wing, Kyle Feldt appears to be the most consistent draft target at the Cowboys, and he continues to be the go to with his finishing ability and airtime that cannot be understated.

The halves combination is a mystery with Dearden, Drinkwater, and Townsend battling it out for starting positions.

On the left edge, potentially in the centres but most likely on the wing, Murray Tuilagi has shown streaks of brilliance and an uncanny knack of finding the try line.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Who misses out on the starting halves – Dearden, Townsend, or Drinkwater?
- Can the Hammer and Holmes stay out of the rehab group for an extended period?
- Will Lolo get anywhere near back to his metre eating best up front?

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DRINKWATER, SCOTT	Five Eighth	24	5	21	2	21	2	3	134 (156)	57	-
ROBSON, REECE	Hooker	24	6	4	8	4	17	3	116	64	-
HOLMES, VALENTINE	Centre KP6	20	4	12	8	17	0	17	102 (220)	67*	-
TAULAGI, MURRAY	Winger	20	10	3	11	3	0	12	84	35	-
FELDT, KYLE	Winger	20	12	1	15	0	0	5	76	87	-
DUNN, MITCH	Back Row	20	2	4	3	4	12	0	72	36	▼
DEARDEN, THOMAS	Half Back	17	7	4	5	4	2	2	62	25	▲
TOWNSEND, CHAD	HB KP2	16	0	15	0	6	0	0	61 (129)	53	-
TAUMALOLO, JASON	Lock	15	1	0	2	0	10	8	60	102	-
TABUAI-FIDOW, HAMISO	Full Back	13	8	0	9	1	0	7	56	48*	-
HESS, COEN	Front Row	22	2	0	1	0	10	0	49	40	-
MCLEAN, JORDAN	Front Row	24	1	0	1	1	7	2	38	46	-
GRANVILLE, JAKE	Hooker	24	4	3	3	4	0	1	31	49	-
BURR, LACHLAN	Front Row	16	1	0	1	0	6	0	25	36	-
HIKU, PETA	Centre	10	1	2	0	2	0	7	25	68	▲
COTTER, REUBEN	Lock	6	0	0	0	0	4	3	22	16	▲
GILBERT, TOM	Lock	11	0	0	1	0	4	2	21	22*	-
HAMPTON, BEN	Winger	11	2	3	3	1	0	1	20	18	-
CONDON, BENJAMIN	Back Row	12	4	0	2	1	0	0	19	9*	-
LUKI, HEILUM	Back Row	11	3	0	4	0	1	0	18	18*	▲
LEUMELU, CONNELLY	Centre	16	1	2	1	3	0	2	16	11*	-
NANAI, IEREMIA	Back Row	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	11	11*	-
T-BROWN, JAMAYNE	Front Row	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	14*	-
BRADLEY, KANE	Winger	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	7*	-
ASI, DAEJARN	Centre	14	0	1	0	2	0	1	6	5*	-
MOCEIDREKE, LAITIA	Winger	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	5*	-
NEAME, GRIFFIN	Front Row	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2*	-
PERE, EMRY	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
BELL, MICHAEL	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
NAAWI, JEREMIAH	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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ROWBOYS

ROOKIE WATCH

Jeremiah Nanai

• With Sonny Bill Williams as his inspiration, the Kiwi born **Jeremiah Nanai** is a hard running back rower with a massive future.

Already with one workhorse under his belt in four games off the bench last year, we are predicting that he will get a starting gig and turn it on, unlike the plodder Mitch Dunn.

Nanai is well worth drafting.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: DAEJARN ASI (6PTS)



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NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS



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8		30/4 7:35PM	21		7/8 2:00PM
9		7/5 7:35PM	22		13/8 3:00PM
10		15/5 6:25PM	23		19/8 6:00PM
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J. McLean R. Robson J. Taumalolo

H. Luki R. Cotter J. Nanai

S. Drinkwater C. Townsend

V. Holmes^(K) P. Hiku

M. Tuilagi H. T-Fidow K. Feldt

PLAYER GAINS

Chad Townsend

Peta Hiku

Jamayne Taunoa-Brown

PLAYER LOSSES

Michael Morgan

Francis Molo

Corey Jensen

Justin O'Neill

Shane Wright

Peter Hola

Javid Bowen

VALENTINE HOLMES - 6KP

2021: 54/73 (73%)

Career: 129/176 (73%)

CHAD TOWNSEND - 2KP

2021: 34/41 (82%)

Career: 157/227 (69%)

SCOTT DRINKWATER - OKP

2021: 11/14 (79%)

Career: 11/14 (79%)

BONA'S BEST BET

The Cowboys are a frustrating team. However, **Reuben Cotter** can be a top three lock in 2022 if he stays fit, and Todd Payton plays him at lock like everyone is screaming for him to do so.

DEANO'S DUD

Dud of the year coming up for this bloke. On huge money and apart from experience, **Chad Townsend** brings a busted shoulder and bad haircut to an already struggling outfit.

MIG'S MYSTERY

The million dollar question is quite literally directed to Coach Todd Payten - Is **Jason Taumalolo** going to be the metre-eating beast we all want him to be in CEO this season...? Please!!!

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COWBOYS

WHAT HAPPENED

After finishing a below par 6th on the ladder, the Eels went oh so close to knocking over the eventual premiers, going down by just two points in a controversial semi-final.

Prior to that performance, the Eels really weren't setting the world on fire with their attack in particular, facing plenty of scrutiny.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

There's been plenty of talk about the Eels' inability to recruit or even hold onto key personnel. For this season at least, the Eels have a relatively unchanged squad. Blake Ferguson is the only big-name player to leave.

Similarly, the inbox of new player is quite empty. Consequently, what you see is what you get with the Eels and they'll perform in much the same way this season as they did in 2021.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Backrower of the year, Isaiah Papalii was a revelation for most of the season with his 20 workhorses supported impressively with his seven tries.

At the back 'King' Gutho was on fire and in everything. In the forwards, the likes of Ryan Matterson and Reed Mahoney will be looking for injury free seasons after missing large portions of 2021.

On the left edge, Maika Sivo was hampered by injury for much of the season but still racked up 17 tries. Very wary of him coming back from an ACL though...

THE MAIL

The Eels need to re-invent their attack if they are to harbour title aspirations in 2022.

Mitch Moses and Dylan Brown are entrusted with that responsibility but one has to question whether they've got it in them.

Without doubt, the Eels have plenty of reliance on Mahoney whose attack was outstanding in 2021 before injury struck.

The Eels' strength is also their weakness – a solid, unchanged squad from last season...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Has Papalii hurt his minutes by signing with the Tigers early?
- Can the Eels spine work together to ignite the attack?
- Can new recruit Bailey Simonson break into the starting line-up somewhere?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	'21 TOTAL	3 YR AVG	'22
GUTHERSON, CLINTON	FB KP2	23	13	18	13	17	0	17	159 (195)	130	-
PAPALII, ISAIAH	Back Row	23	7	3	6	7	20	18	159	95	-
MAHONEY, REED	Hooker	17	3	12	4	12	16	1	122	107	-
BROWN, NATHAN	Lock	22	1	6	3	6	18	4	105	91	-
SIVO, MAIKA	Winger	21	17	2	17	3	0	6	103	105	▼
MOSES, MITCHELL	HB KP7	20	2	15	7	6	0	1	83 (205)	68	-
LANE, SHAUN	Back Row	24	5	1	4	4	11	4	82	78	-
MATTERSON, RYAN	Back Row	16	4	4	2	4	13	3	81	103	-
C-GILLARD, REAGAN	Front Row	18	4	1	3	1	11	6	76	83	-
REIN, MITCH	Hooker	19	2	0	4	4	13	3	75	66	▼
BROWN, DYLAN	Five Eighth	19	4	3	6	3	7	4	73	58	-
PAULO, JUNIOR	Front Row	21	2	3	2	2	8	5	60	60	-
OPACIC, TOM	Centre	21	7	2	8	3	0	7	58	45	-
SIMONNSON, BAILEY	Winger	17	6	3	6	4	0	6	52	36	▲
CARTWRIGHT, BRYCE	Back Row	19	4	5	4	4	1	1	41	35	-
BLAKE, WAQA	Centre	15	5	2	3	1	0	5	36	45	-
DUNSTER, HAZE	Winger	12	3	3	5	1	0	1	26	25*	-
NIUKORE, MARATA	Lock	19	2	2	2	1	1	3	21	31	-
ARTHUR, JAKE	Five Eighth	7	2	3	1	0	0	0	19	15*	-
MAKATO, MAKAHESI	Front Row	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	12	12*	▲
KAUFUSI, OREGON	Front Row	22	1	0	0	1	1	1	11	6	-
RUSSELL, SEAN	Full Back	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	10	9*	-
PENISINI, WILL	Centre	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	10	10*	▲
STONE, RAY	Lock	10	1	0	1	0	1	0	9	5	-
RODWELL, KY	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4*	-
OGDEN, OFAHIKI	Front Row	14	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	-
PERHAM, HAYZE	Centre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-
GREIG, WIREMU	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
PARRY, ETHAN	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7*	-
RANKIN, JORDAN	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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ROOKIE WATCH

Solomone Naiduki



There are a number of wingers competing for Maika Sivo's vacant position at the start of the year, but after the Eels obsession with Fijian wingers of late, they could do worse than to pick the Fijian unit **Solomone Naiduki**.

At just 21, the big winger has moved into the top 30 and will be pushing for a run at some stage this season.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: WILL PENISINI (10PTS)

NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP

2022 DRAW

PARRAMATTA EELS



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NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

R. C-Gillard R. Mahoney J. Paulo

I. Papalii N. Brown R. Matterson

D. Brown M. Moses ^(K)

W. Blake W. Penisini

+ M. Sivo C. Gutherson H. Dunster

PLAYER GAINS

Bailey Simonsson

Mitch Rein

PLAYER LOSSES

Blake Ferguson

Joey Lussick

Michael Oldfield

Will Smith

Keegan Hipgrave

Sam Hughes

MITCH MOSES - 7KP
2021: 66/88 (75%)
Career: 369/483 (76%)

CLINT GUTHERSON - 2KP
2021: 18/25 (72%)
Career: 90/128 (70%)

JORDAN RANKIN - OKP
2021: 0/0 (N/A)
Career: 28/40 (70%)

BONA'S BEST BET

With Maika Sivo on the pine for half the year, new recruit **Bailey Simonsson** looks to slot into that left wing spot. If Gutherson, Moses, and Brown can fire, look to see Simonsson cross the paint.

DEANO'S DUD

Maika Sivo's impact was nullified to an extent in 2021, and after a very serious knee injury, Sivo's head will be anything but in the game when he returns. He is not an early draft pick this year.

MIG'S MYSTERY

Think what you like about **Ryan Matterson**, but when he's fit and playing 80 minutes he's a top priority backrow draft option. Thing is though, he's one head knock away from an extended break.

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STEELES

YEAR OF THE PANTHER 2.0

WHAT HAPPENED

It wasn't all smooth sailing but ultimately, the Panthers peaked at the right time, securing the 2021 title after a hard-fought battle with the Rabbitohs in the Grand Final.

Preceding the GF, close wins against the Eels and Storm and even a week one loss to the Rabbitohs had even the most faithful Panthers fan questioning their title credentials but in the end, it was the Year of the Panther!

PERSONNEL CHANGES

As expected, there isn't much coming into the Panthers' squad as the salary cap puts the squeeze on the defending premiers.

Plenty have left though, with gun centres Matt Burton, Paul Momirovski and Brent Naden leaving a headache for Coach Cleary at right centre.

Pangai Jr also finishes his short stint, with Kurt Capewell's exit to the Broncos likely to finally give Liam Martin the minutes he deserves on the right edge.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

The Panthers have talent across the board and therefore, are highly sought-after draft targets. In the age of V'landysball where good kickers are mint, Nathan Cleary's stocks are in abundance. Jarome Luai is also a priority Five Eighth target with backs Stephen Crichton and Brian To'o highly rated by CEO coaches.

In the forwards, James Fisher-Harris' stats were down last season but he is still a top-notch prop option. Isaah Yeo had another excellent season but the rest of the forwards were used sparingly in 2021 as the attacking juggernaut resulted in less tackles being required.

THE MAIL

The salary cap has taken a bite out of the Panthers but they certainly have enough talent to cover the losses and have a say when it comes to back to back titles. Cleary headlines the act and if his shoulder is good to go for round 1-3, he'll be the primary draft target.

Overall, the Panthers' exciting brand of rugby league means you want their backs but their ability to grind with the best teams means their forwards should not be avoided in the draft...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Is Cleary's shoulder ok, post-surgery?
- Is young gun Taylan May the man for right centre?
- Are the departures of Api Koroisau and Villiame Kikau in 2023 going to unsettle the young Panther outfit?

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CLEARY, NATHAN	HB KP9	16	10	20	8	17	2	7	168 (338)	102	-
TO'O, BRIAN	Winger	18	14	2	18	1	0	34	147	89	-
LUAI, JAROME	Five Eighth	21	2	21	4	27	0	3	123	53	-
FISHER-HARRIS, JAMES	Front Row	20	2	2	2	2	19	15	122	132	-
YEO, ISAAH	Lock	21	2	4	3	5	17	2	96	82	-
CRICHTON, STEPHEN	Centre KP1	23	8	8	2	10	0	15	92 (120)	62	-
KIKAU, VILIAME	Back Row	23	9	4	11	9	5	4	90	65	-
EDWARDS, DYLAN	Full Back	18	5	5	5	8	0	19	84	67	-
STAINES, CHARLIE	Winger	20	14	3	16	2	0	0	81	107*	-
KOROISAU, APISAI	Hooker	14	3	1	5	2	10	4	69	71	-
MARTIN, LIAM	Back Row	23	3	2	5	2	7	2	55	67	▲
LEOTA, MOSES	Front Row	22	3	0	2	0	8	2	46	31	-
KENNY, MITCHELL	Hooker	17	0	1	0	2	10	0	44	31	-
O'SULLIVAN, SEAN	Half Back	13	2	5	1	6	2	0	42	16*	-
EISENHUTH, MATT	Front Row	18	1	0	0	0	6	0	28	52	-
SORENSEN, SCOTT	Front Row	16	1	0	1	0	4	2	25	16	▲
SMITH, CHRISTOPHER	Back Row	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	16	8	-
LENIU, SPENCER	Front Row	17	1	0	1	0	0	2	9	4	-
JENNINGS, ROBERT	Winger	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	5	16	-
TAGO, IZACK	Back Row	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4*	▲
MAY, TAYLAN	Centre	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	4*	▲
HOPGOOD, J'MAINE	Lock	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2*	-
SALMON, JAEMAN	Five Eighth	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11*	-
SMITH, LINDSAY	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
CRICHTON, CHRISTIAN	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12*	-
PUA, PAEA	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
BLACKER, EDDIE	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
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	-
FALLS, KURT	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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PANTHERS

ROOKIE WATCH

Izack Tago



Able to play at both centre and on an edge back row, **Izack Tago** will play plenty of first grade this year.

He is one of those freak of nature players who averages a try a game no matter what level he plays at.

My guess is he could snap up Taylan May's centre position and from there the points will flow in that backline.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: CHARLIE STAINES (81PTS)

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2022 DRAW

PENRITH PANTHERS



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J. F-Harris A. Koroisau M. Leota

V. Kikau I. Yeo L. Martin

J. Luai N. Cleary^(K)

S. Crichton T. May

B. To'o D. Edwards C. Staines

PLAYER GAINS

Sean O'Sullivan
Chris Smith
Christian Crichton

PLAYER LOSSES

Matt Burton
Kurt Capewell
Paul Momirovski
Brent Naden
Tyrone May

NATHAN CLEARY - 9KP

2021: 94/110 (85%)
Career: 423/504 (84%)

STEPHEN CRICHTON - 1KP

2021: 14/20 (70%)
Career: 21/30 (70%)

JAROME LUAI - 0KP

2021: 0/0 (N/A)
Career: 8/11 (73%)

BONA'S BEST BET

Having to play off the bench for most of last year, **Liam Martin** only registered seven workhorses. He seems the obvious choice for the vacant back row spot, and he loves to run off Cleary close to the line.

DEANO'S DUD

Once a double workhorse candidate, **James Fisher-Harris** now struggles to get a workhorse. Reduced minutes in a team flogging the opposition is always a concern for a prop.

MIG'S MYSTERY

Ok, so you've scored first draft pick - **Nathan Cleary** is the obvious choice but with 9 kicking points and a reconstructed shoulder, is he the laydown misere for #1 pick? He is the 'Choamp' but still...

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PANTHERS

THE WAYNE'S WORLD HANGOVER

WHAT HAPPENED

It was a case of 'oh so close' as the Rabbitohs went down in a physical low scoring battle to the Panthers in the final dance. Consequently, Coach Bennett was denied a fairy tale finish to his contract at Redfern before he commenced duties at The Dolphins.

Finishing third on the ladder just two points shy of the Storm and Panthers was a fair indication of where the Rabbitohs were at and with a game focused on attacking brilliance and enthusiastic defence, they were tough to beat all season.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

It was massive news in 2021 when their captain/kicker ARey and Bennett signed on at other franchises from 2022 onwards.

Those two departures alone are huge and it's unlikely that the Rabbitohs can go one better without them. Other CEO relevant departures include Jayden Su'A, Braiden Burns, Dane Gagai, and Benji Marshall.

Again, salary cap constraints means the incoming players are minimal. Michael Chee-Kam is a handy replacement, whilst Demetriou has decided to give the mercurial Anthony Milford a lifeline (pending his court issues of course).

THE MAIL

The Rabbits have lost some serious artillery and it's hard to believe that they could be better in 2022. They'll surely miss ARey's kicking game and Bennett's tactics/antics.

Overall, there's still plenty to like at Redfern and they should be there again when the whips are cracking late in the season.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Like all the 'big teams' the Rabbitohs exhibit a whole range of exciting CEO draft targets. Leading the way is Cody Walker who had a cracking 2021. His combination with perennial CEO gun Damien Cook and Latrell Mitchell makes for plenty of points with Alex Johnston quite often the beneficiary.

On the right, Jaxson Paulo is a try sneak and Campbell Graham is an excellent hole runner in the centres.

In the forwards, newly appointed captain, Cam Murray is the man. Big minutes in the core and running at tired forwards at the end of each half are his forte. Keon Koloamatangi also plays big minutes and loves a try on the edge. Under Bennett, the middle forwards were rotated sparingly in 2021 so expect the same from Demetriou.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Will Cody Walker still be the same player without ARey?
- Does Coach Demetriou have the Bennett effect?
- Will Latrell fit nicely into left centre with Blake Taaffe the fullback...?

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WALKER, CODY	Five Eighth	22	12	36	11	45	0	4	232	131	▼
COOK, DAMIEN	Hooker	21	2	13	9	13	23	11	171	184	-
JOHNSTON, ALEX	Winger	19	27	4	33	0	0	7	164	101	-
MITCHELL, LATRELL	FB KP7	17	13	15	16	25	0	8	139 (153)	99	-
KOLOMATANGI, KEAON	Back Row	20	3	6	7	3	12	11	104	56*	-
MURRAY, CAMERON	Lock	17	5	3	5	7	12	3	93	106	▲
MILFORD, ANTHONY	Five Eighth	12	2	11	8	8	0	3	73	60	-
BURGESS, THOMAS	Front Row	23	4	0	6	0	7	11	72	56	-
GRAHAM, CAMPBELL	Centre	18	8	4	9	3	0	10	72	85	-
ARROW, JAI	BR FR	21	2	0	2	0	11	8	70	69	-
NICHOLLS, MARK	Front Row	24	3	0	2	0	9	5	60	29	-
MANSOUR, JOSH	Winger	12	10	0	13	1	0	3	60	62	▼
MILNE, TAANE	Centre	12	8	0	10	1	0	6	56	28*	-
TATOLA, TEVITA	Front Row	18	0	1	0	2	10	5	54	54	-
PAULO, JAXSON	Winger	9	6	1	6	0	0	1	35	28*	-
HOST, JACOB	Back Row	18	1	1	1	0	3	0	17	25	-
CHEE-KAM, MICHAEL	Back Row	19	1	2	1	2	0	3	17	23	-
TAAFFE, BLAKE	FB KP2	9	1	2	0	2	0	2	15 (19)	12*	▲
SELE, HAME	Front Row	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	8*	-
KNIGHT, LIAM	Front Row	12	0	0	0	0	2	1	10	20	-
MAMOUZELOS, PETER	Hooker	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	8*	-
CARTWRIGHT, JED	Back Row	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	-
ILIAS, LACHLAN	Half Back	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4*	▲
HAVILI, SILIVA	Hooker	12	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	18	-
HAWKINS, DEAN	HB KP1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	DNP	-
MARSTERS, STEVE	Centre	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4*	-
MOALE, DAVVY	Front Row	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
TASS, ISAIAH	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
BIJORAC, ZANE	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
CAMPAGNOLO, JACK	FE KP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
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RABBITOHS

ROOKIE WATCH

Terrell Kalo Kalo

Word on the street is the Rabbitohs weren't entirely upset about losing the Suaalii tug-of-war because they knew they had **Terrell Kalo Kalo** coming through the ranks.

Capable of playing anywhere in the back five, his highlights reels have him dominating juniors from fullback, but some judges are tipping him to claim the left centre spot off Taane Milne. He's worth a punt late in the draft.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JOSH COOK (OPTS)



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K. Koloamatangi *C. Murray* *J. Arrow*

C. Walker *L. Ilias*

T. Milne *C. Graham*

A. Johnston *L. Mitchell* ^(K) *J. Paulo*

PLAYER GAINS

Isaiah Tass
Michael Chee Kam
Siliva Havili

PLAYER LOSSES

Adam Reynolds
Dane Gagai
Jaydn Su'A
Benji Marshall
Braidon Burns
Patrick Mago
Josh Cook
Troy Dargan
Steven Marsters
Tautau Moga

LATRELL MITCHELL - 7KP

2021: 7/11 (64%)
Career: 221/300 (74%)

BLAKE TAAFFE - 2KP

2021: 6/12 (50%)
Career: 6/12 (50%)

DEAN HAWKINS - 1KP

2021: 24/30 (80%)
in NSW Cup

BONA'S BEST BET

Incredibly, at 31 years young, towards the back end of the season, **Mark Nicholls** became a CEO workhorse. He was given the captaincy and used his time on the field to bust his arse.

DEANO'S DUD

Big bopper always on the cusp of a workhorse and generally falls short. The Bunnies will smash teams this year and that means less work for the big boys like **Tom Burgess**.

MIG'S MYSTERY

What a season **Cody Walker** had last year, but can he be the same player with ARey not there to take the pressure off? Walker will be a marked man in 2022, but he's got plenty in his arsenal.

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RABBITOHS

21 PROPS - ALL BBQING ALONE

WHAT HAPPENED

Quite simply, Paul Vaughan and 'BBQ-gate' had the same impact on the Dragons season as an atomic bomb.

Entrenched in the top eight and exceeding expectations midway through the season, the Dragons' ladder position plummeted off the back of some serious ill-discipline. Consequently, the Dragons have been very active in free agency.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Captain Cam McInnes didn't play a minute due to a pre-season ACL and he won't be there this year either after signing with the Sharks!

Paul Vaughan, Corey Norman, and Matt Dufty are the big names who have found a home elsewhere, while a number of fringe players also leave, clearing up plenty of salary cap space.

Consequently, St Merge Management has moved swiftly and signed some troops in key positions. George Burgess returns to the NRL and with Francis Molo, Moses Mbye, Jayden Su'A, and Moses Suli they have added some nice depth that gives Coach Griffin some selection headaches.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Whilst Ben Hunt's efforts steering the ship have been admirable, young Junior Amone could be the man to help him out.

The Dragons forwards have always been considered their strength and McCullough is one of Coach Hook's favourites. Jack De Belin's return saw him play big minutes in the middle and is a clear draft target to the 'morally weak' CEO coach...

On the right edge, Lomax and Ravalawa love running the ball. The jury is still out on Ramsay – is he good enough for the NRL, let alone a starting spot?

THE MAIL

Overall, the collateral effect from the best BBQ ever looks set to continue for another season.

The Dragons possess some serious young talent in Tyrell Sloan, the Feagai Brothers, and of course Amone but they are going to have to mature real quick if the Dragons are going to push for a top eight spot. Sloan in particular looks to be a great prospect, BUT he's a Dragons back...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- The Dragons are stacked in the front row – who starts?
- Can Cody Ramsey bulk up this off-season and keep his starting spot?
- Will the Dragons become NRLCEO relevant by discovering some attacking prowess?

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HUNT, BEN	Half Back	15	5	14	10	8	1	2	97	84	-
MCCULLOUGH, ANDREW	Hooker	21	0	4	1	6	20	0	97	72	-
BIRD, JACK	Lock	22	4	9	5	10	4	12	90 (102)	60*	-
RAVALAWA, MIKAELE	Winger	16	14	0	16	0	0	8	89	78	-
SIMS, TARIQ	Back Row	21	4	1	5	0	15	1	83	56	▼
MCGUIRE, JOSH	Lock	17	2	0	2	0	16	0	70	84	-
WOODS, AARON	Front Row	24	3	1	2	1	11	2	65	64	-
MBYE, MOSES	FE KP2	22	1	13	2	15	1	0	64	35	-
LAWRIE, BLAKE	Front Row	21	0	0	0	2	15	1	64	76	-
SU'A, JAYDEN	Back Row	21	5	1	3	0	8	3	59	35	-
KERR, JOSH	Front Row	20	2	2	2	2	9	2	56	29	-
DE BELIN, JACK	LK FR	11	0	2	0	3	10	0	47	44*	▲
LOMAX, ZAC	Centre KP7	12	4	4	2	7	1	4	46 (116)	54	▲
BURNS, BILLY	Back Row	16	2	4	3	2	4	0	37	20	-
RAMSEY, CODY	Winger	19	6	1	7	1	0	1	36	24*	▲
SULI, MOSES	Centre	19	3	0	5	3	0	7	34	38	▲
FEAGAI, MATHEW	Winger	8	3	1	7	0	0	6	33	33*	-
SLOAN, TYRELL	Full Back	5	6	2	2	3	0	0	33	30*	-
ALVARO, DANIEL	Front Row	19	0	0	1	0	7	0	29	19	-
AMONE, JUNIOR	Five Eighth	13	3	2	1	3	0	0	23	17*	-
FUIMAONO, TYRELL	Back Row	17	1	0	1	0	5	0	19	16*	-
SULLIVAN, JAYDEN	Five Eighth	5	2	1	2	0	1	0	18	9*	-
MOLO, FRANCIS	Front Row	19	1	0	2	1	2	1	17	27	-
FORD, JACKSON	Back Row	15	0	0	0	0	4	0	16	19	-
FEAGAI, MAX	Centre	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	11	6*	-
GOSIEWSKI, JACK	Back Row	6	0	1	0	1	2	0	11	22	-
FAAMAUSILI, POASA	Front Row	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-
HUNT, JAIYDEN	Front Row	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
MOGA, TAUTAU	Centre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	-
BURGESS, GEORGE	Front Row	0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0**	DNP	-
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DRAGONS

ROOKIE WATCH

Josh Coric



He's behind a glutton of props to start the season including Francis Molo, George Burgess, Aaron Woods and JDB, but it's a long season and this year will see more depth covered than ever before.

Josh Coric is a young prop with big wraps on him. He is a good size and is really powerful. He can play prop and lock, and is bound to make his first grade debut this season.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: CODY RAMSEY (36PTS)

NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP

2022 DRAW

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NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

G. Burgess *A. McCullough* *J. De Belin*

T. Sims *J. Bird* *J. Su'A*

J. Amone *B. Hunt*

M. Suli *Z. Lomax^(K)*

C. Ramsey *T. Sloan* *M. Ravalawa*

PLAYER GAINS

Jaydn Su'A
George Burgess
Moses Mbye
Moses Suli
Aaron Woods
Jack Gosiewski
Tautau Moga
Francis Molo

PLAYER LOSSES

Cameron McInnes
Matt Dufty
Paul Vaughan
Corey Norman
Jordan Pereira
Adam Clune
Kaide Ellis
Brayden Wiliame
Gerard Beale

ZAC LOMAX - 7KP
2021: 35/45 (78%)
Career: 124/157 (79%)

MOSES Mbye - 2KP
2021: 0/0 (N/A)
Career: 140/204 (68%)

JACK BIRD - 0KP
2021: 6/8 (75%)
Career: 6/9 (67%)

BONA'S BEST BET

Touted as a future Origin player, **Zac Lomax** had a 2021 season I'm sure he'd like to forget. Look for a bounce-back year from the young centre. Hopefully he stays injury and BBQ free.

DEANO'S DUD

Tariq Sims had a surprisingly good year in 2021 and as a result, the Dragons wanted him gone. Hard working forwards are not what the Dragons want apparently.

MIG'S MYSTERY

In the 30 man squad, the Dragons possess about 21 front rowers, most of whom are on the wrong side of 30. **Jack De Belin** is one of those and expect the core players to be rotated a lot this season.

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TEDESCO, JAMES	Full Back	20	8	22	15	22	0	23	167 (177)	154	-
CRICHTON, ANGUS	Back Row	18	9	2	8	4	17	12	144	106	-
WALKER, SAM	HB KP6	20	8	19	8	22	0	2	131 (177)	84*	-
TUPOU, DANIEL	Winger	24	14	1	15	1	0	22	118	109	-
MANU, JOSEPH	Centre	23	10	8	14	8	0	18	115	79	-
WATSON, CONNOR	Lock	24	2	7	3	11	14	10	113	69	-
TUPOUNIUA, SITILI	Back Row	22	12	1	14	4	7	3	99	54	-
W-HARGREAVES, JARED	Front Row	21	0	0	0	3	17	10	89	76	-
HUTCHISON, DREW	Five Eighth	18	3	10	6	9	1	1	68	20	▼
TAUKEIAHO, SIOSIUA	FR KP1	20	0	2	1	3	13	5	68	81	-
MOMIROVSKI, PAUL	Centre	18	6	6	7	5	0	8	64	46	-
RADLEY, VICTOR	Lock	14	1	3	6	7	11	0	61	57	-
VERRILLS, SAM	Hooker	13	1	4	1	4	9	0	54	29	▲
BUTCHER, NAT	Lock	18	2	1	2	0	9	1	51	53	-
LAM, LACHLAN	Half Back	18	3	5	3	5	0	0	38	12	▼
KEARY, LUKE	Five Eighth	3	0	7	1	4	0	1	28	75	▲
KEIGHRAN, ADAM	Centre KP2	16	4	1	5	2	0	1	27 (87)	17	-
ATONI, RENOUF	Back Row	14	2	0	2	0	4	0	26	10	-
BUTCHER, EGAN	Back Row	14	1	0	0	2	3	2	23	20*	▲
COLLINS, LINDSAY	Front Row	6	1	2	2	0	2	1	20	23	-
BAKER, FLETCHER	Front Row	18	2	0	1	0	0	3	15	15*	-
MARSCHKE, BEN	Hooker	12	1	1	1	1	2	0	12	11*	-
SMITH, BILLY	Centre	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	11	12*	-
SUAALII, JOSEPH	Winger	8	1	1	1	0	0	2	11	11*	▲
LUSSICK, FREDDY	Hooker	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	4*	-
THOMAS, BEN	Front Row	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	DNP	-
ABBEY, BRADLEY	Winger	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	-
TAPUHA, TUKU	Front Row	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
FIFITA, DAN	Front Row	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4	-2*	-
NAIQAMA, KEVIN	CT WG	25**		0	4**	0	0	0	44**	DNP	-
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ROOSTERS

ROOKIE WATCH

Ronald Volkman



There aren't many gaps in this Roosters line-up to fit a rookie into. Joseph Suaalii has the right wing locked up and the main gap is with the left centre position, which could be taken by Billy Smith if fit, but keep an eye on **Ronald Volkman** for the future.

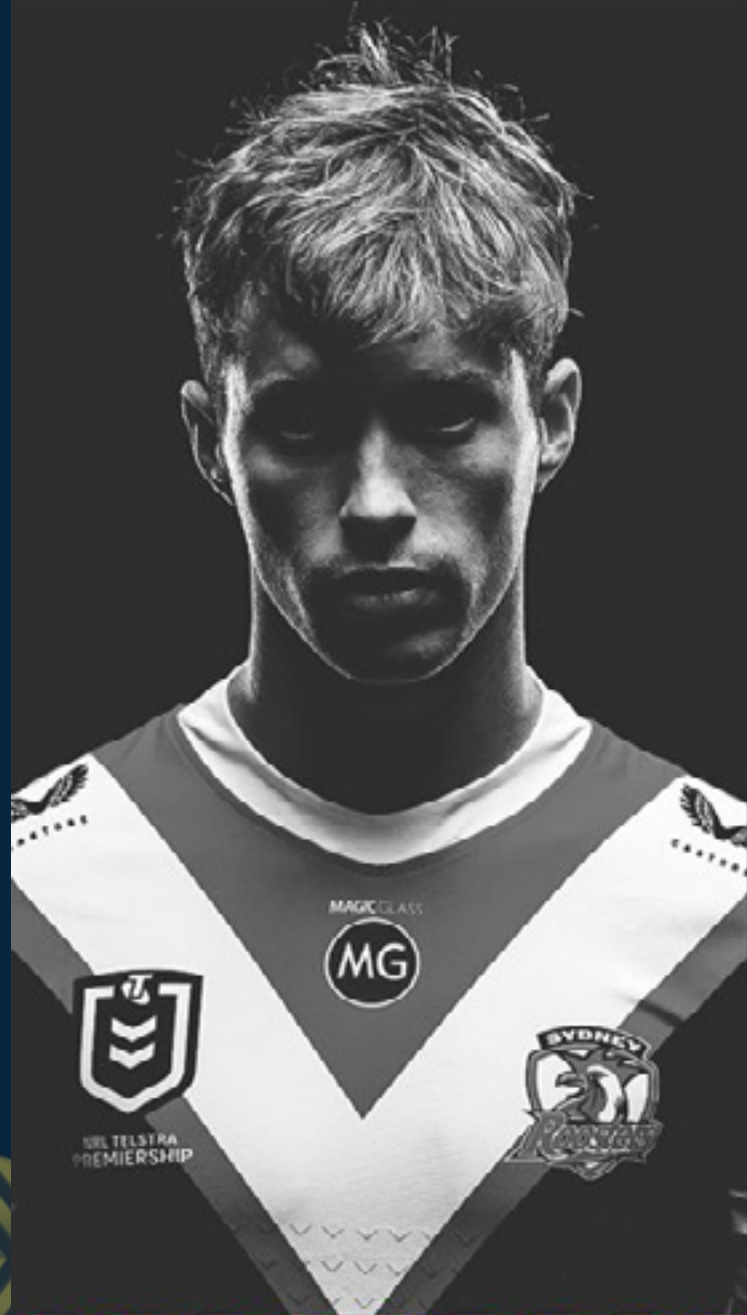
The young playmaker will be stuck behind Sam Walker and Luke Keary, but the school boy star had league and union chasing him. We'll soon find out why.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: SAM WALKER (131PTS)

NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP

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S. Taukeiaho *S. Verrills* *J. W-Hargreaves*

A. Crichton *V. Radley* *S. Tupouniua*

L. Keary *S. Walker^(K)*

K. Naiqama *J. Manu*

D. Tupou *J. Tedesco* *J. Suaalii*

PLAYER GAINS

Connor Watson
Paul Momirovski
Kevin Naiqama
Renouf Atoni

PLAYER LOSSES

Boyd Cordner
Brett Morris
Josh Morris
Jake Friend
Isaac Liu
Dale Copley
Matt Ikuvalu

SAM WALKER - 6KP

2021: 23/43 (53%)
Career: 23/43 (53%)

ADAM KEIGHRAN - 2KP

2021: 35/48 (73%)
Career: 44/58 (76%)

SIOSIUA TAUKEIAHO - 1KP

2021: 22/28 (79%)
Career: 63/86 (73%)

BONA'S BEST BET

With spots in the backline on offer, **Paul Momirovski** could be someone who flies under the radar during the draft. If he kicks goals, he could be the NRL top points scorer for 2022.

DEANO'S DUD

Hard to figure out how an 80 min back rower struggles to get a workhorse each week in a team missing most of its starting pack. That sums up **Sitili Tupouniua's** 2021 season, and expect more in 2022.

MIG'S MYSTERY

It's a massive draft conundrum - who kicks for the Roosters? If it's **Sam Walker** then he's a valuable draft target. If he doesn't have the boots, is he draft-worthy? And who kicks for the Roosters...?



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TIGER TOWN TROUBLES...

WHAT HAPPENED

It was another rollercoaster season for the Tiges, with the highlight being their documentary "Tiger Town" and the lowlight being the 38-0 thrashing at the hands of the Bulldogs in the final round.

Finishing 13th definitely told the story, but a major injury to their best player late in the season was ultimately the straw that broke the camel's back...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

As usual, the Tigers are linked to every player on the open market but don't actually sign any of them. From the Titans comes the enigmatic Tyron Peachey, while Jackson Hastings and Oliver Gildart join from the Super League.

Hastings is an intriguing signing and appears to have a more mature head on his shoulders these days.

A host of forgettable contracts have been thrown off the books as the Tigers try to get their salary cap in order. Russell Packer, Moses M'Bye and BJ Leilua were all on massive coin and failed to deliver big time - good riddance!

THE MAIL

There's plenty of questions that need to be answered when it comes to the starting team, but if the Tigers were to make the 8 it would be a massive shock.

The more likely scenario is they'll continue the erratic performances that fans have become accustomed to, and they'll struggle to create pressure in attack or demonstrate resilience in defence....

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

With Adam Douiehi injured for the first third of the season, the CEO early draft targets are minimal. Alex Twal is a handy workhorse but remarkably, hasn't scored a try in his 89 game NRL career.

Jacob Liddle scored well at hooker in 2021 - 14 workhorses and 6 tries was a pretty solid return! Up front, youngster Stefano Utoikamanu came of age late last season and his numbers were impressive.

On the wings, David Nofaluma and Ken Maumalo offer good CEO returns as the Tigers do like spreading the ball early in attack. Both are big metre-eaters as well, bolstering their draft worthiness.

In the halves, Hastings or Luke Brooks will score better than usual, simply because one of them will get the boots while Douiehi recovers...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- With 75% of starting positions seemingly up for grabs, who is going to step up and impress Madge?
- Where does their best player, Adam Douiehi start?

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DOUIEHI, ADAM	FE KP6	20	9	16	9	17	0	9	134 (272)	62	-
LEILUA, LUCIANO	Back Row	24	5	2	6	6	17	6	114	81	▼
LIDDLE, JACOB	Hooker	21	6	6	8	8	14	3	114	42	-
MAUMALO, KEN	Winger	21	15	1	12	0	0	14	103	93	-
TWAL, ALEX	Front Row	23	0	0	1	0	20	3	87	71	-
NOFOALUMA, DAVID	Winger	24	13	3	10	2	0	8	87	94	-
BROOKS, LUKE	Half Back	24	1	17	7	11	0	2	85 (99)	69	-
LAURIE, DAINE	Full Back	19	7	8	10	11	0	8	83	38*	-
PEACHEY, TYRONE	Lock	21	5	8	7	6	3	1	74	56	▲
TALAU, TOMMY	Centre	22	11	2	13	3	0	2	67	37	-
UTOIKAMANU, STEFANO	Front Row	21	6	0	4	0	8	1	62	31*	-
GARNER, LUKE	Back Row	18	5	2	6	3	5	0	53	56	-
OFAHENGAUE, JOE	Lock	23	1	0	1	0	8	1	37	31	▲
TAMOU, JAMES	Front Row	19	2	0	2	0	5	1	32	77	-
ROBERTS, JAMES	Centre	12	3	1	3	1	0	2	22	26	-
SIMPKIN, JAKE	Hooker	9	2	1	2	1	2	0	21	20*	-
BLORE, SHAWN	Back Row	13	0	0	0	0	5	0	16	8*	▲
SEYFARTH, ALEX	Lock	13	1	0	0	0	1	1	10	5*	-
CINI, ZACHARY	Winger	8	1	0	2	0	0	2	10	10*	-
TUILAGI, KELMA	Back Row	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	10	10*	-
PAUGA, FETALAIGA	Centre	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	7	7*	-
KEPADA, ASU	Winger	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	6	16*	-
MUSGROVE, ZANE	Front Row	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	5*	-
MIKAELE, THOMAS	Front Row	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	-
AMONE, TOM	Front Row	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
SIMPKINS, TUKIMIHIA	Back Row	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
MADDEN, JOCK	Half Back	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNP	-
HOFFMAN, REECE	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7*	-
HASTINGS, JACKSON	FE KP2	25**	4**	18**	5**	0	0	0	75**	DNP	-
GILDART, OLIVER	Centre	15**	4**	1**	4**	0	0	0	22**	DNP	-
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TIGERS

ROOKIE WATCH

Justin Matamua

A product of their Campbelltown nursery, **Justin Matamua** has captained the Tigers SG Ball side and has been a part of the NSW Future Blues camps.



Last season he came off the bench in the City vs Country U18's game and scored a hat-trick to earn himself the man of the match title! He is a powerfully built lock and a very strong runner of the footy. He also has great hands after playing a bit in the halves in the juniors too.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JAKE SIMPKIN (21PTS)

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S. Blore A. Twal L. Leilua

J. Hastings L. Brooks

+ T. Talau + A. Douiehi^(K)

K. Maumalo D. Laurie D. Nofoaluma

PLAYER GAINS

Jackson Hastings
Oliver Gildart
Tyrone Peachey
Junior Tupou
Starford To'a

PLAYER LOSSES

Moses Mbye
Joey Leilua
Billy Walters
Michael Chee Kam
Russell Packer
Tom Amone
Zac Cini

ADAM DOUIEHI - 6KP

2021: 23/43 (53%)
Career: 23/43 (53%)

JACKSON HASTINGS - 2KP

2021: 1/2 (50%)
in Super League

LUKE BROOKS - OKP

2021: 7/9 (78%)
Career: 7/9 (78%)

BONA'S BEST BET

The Tigers aren't short of players who can play front row, but none of the others have the motor of **Stefano Utoikamanu**. Look for him to take his game to the next level this year.

DEANO'S DUD

Oliver Gildart is another rubbish Pommy back engaged to ply their trade in an equally crappy team. I would not expect much from him... Avoid him like he'll avoid soap!

MIG'S MYSTERY

CEO coaches love the way **Adam Douiehi** plays but he's more value at Five Eighth than in the centres. Given that he's out injured, Luke Brooks or Jackson Hastings look to be cheap kicking options.

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DRAFT DAY CHEAT SHEETS

NRLCEO TOP 200 FROM 2021

PLAYER NAME	2021 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
TRBOJEVIC , TOM	276	1	FB1
WALKER , CODY	232	2	FE1
SMITH , BRANDON	183	3	HK1
CHERRY-EVANS , DALY	181	4	HB1
COOK , DAMIEN	171	5	HK2
CLEARY , NATHAN	168	6	HB2
BURTON , MATT	167	7	FE2
TEDESCO , JAMES	167	8	FB2
HYNES , NICH0	165	9	FE3
KENNEDY , WILLIAM	164	10	FB3
JOHNSTON , ALEX	164	11	WG1
GARRICK , REUBEN	162	12	WG2
HUGHES , JAHROME	160	13	HB3
GUTHERSON , CLINTON	159	14	FB4
PAPALII , ISAIAH	159	15	BR1
ADDO-CARR , JOSH	149	16	WG3
TO'O , BRIAN	147	17	WG4
CRICHTON , ANGUS	144	18	BR2
MITCHELL , LATRELL	139	19	FB5
DOUIEHI , ADAM	134	20	FE4
DRINKWATER , SCOTT	134	21	FE5
SAAB , JASON	133	22	WG5
WALKER , SAM	131	23	HB4
HAAS , PAYNE	128	24	FR1
FIFITA , DAVID	127	25	BR3
LUAI , JAROME	123	26	FE6
BARNETT , MITCHELL	122	27	LK1
FISHER-HARRIS , JAMES	122	28	FR2
MAHONEY , REED	122	29	HK3
TRACEY , CONNOR	119	30	CT1
TUPOU , DANIEL	118	31	WG6
GAGAI , DANE	118	32	CT2
OLAM , JUSTIN	117	33	CT3
ROBSON , REECE	116	34	HK4
BRAILEY , JAYDEN	115	35	HK5
MANU , JOSEPH	115	36	CT4
HODGSON , JOSH	114	37	HK6
LEILUA , LUCIANO	114	38	BR4
LIDDLE , JACOB	114	39	HK7
MUNSTER , CAMERON	113	40	FE7
KELLY , BRIAN	113	41	CT5
WATSON , CONNOR	113	42	LK2
GRANT , HARRY	111	43	HK8
RAPANA , JORDAN	110	44	WG7
BRIMSON , AJ	107	45	FE8
DUFTY , MATT	106	46	FB6
BROWN , NATHAN	105	47	LK3
KOLOAMATANGI , KEAON	104	48	BR5
BRAILEY , BLAYKE	103	49	HK9
SIVO , MAIKA	103	50	WG8

PLAYER NAME	2021 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
MAUMALO , KEN	103	51	WG9
HOLMES , VALENTINE	102	52	CT6
FRIZELL , TYSON	101	53	BR6
TAUPAU , MARTIN	100	54	FR3
TUPOUNIUA , SITILI	99	55	BR7
PAPENHUYZEN , RYAN	98	56	FB7
HUNT , BEN	97	57	HB5
SAIFITI , DANIEL	97	58	FR4
MCCULLOUGH , ANDREW	97	59	HK10
YEO , ISAIAH	96	60	LK4
PONGA , KALYN	94	61	FB8
EGAN , WAYDE	94	62	HK11
WALSH , REECE	93	63	FB9
MURRAY , CAMERON	93	64	LK5
YOUNG , HUDSON	93	65	BR8
CRICHTON , STEPHEN	92	66	CT7
SMITH , REIMIS	92	67	CT8
BIRD , JACK	90	68	LK6
NIKORA , BRITON	90	69	BR9
FA'ASUAMALEAUI , TINO	90	70	LK7
KLEMMER , DAVID	90	71	FR5
KIKAU , VILIAME	90	72	BR10
RAVALAWA , MIKAELE	89	73	WG10
W-HARGREAVES , JARED	89	74	FR6
FOGARTY , JAMAL	88	75	HB6
TRBOJEVIC , JAKE	88	76	LK8
RUDOLF , TOBY	87	77	FR7
TWAL , ALEX	87	78	FR8
NOFOALUMA , DAVID	87	79	WG11
THOMPSON , LUKE	86	80	FR9
BROOKS , LUKE	85	81	HB7
CROKER , LACHLAN	85	82	HK12
HARRIS , TOHU	85	83	LK9
WHITEHEAD , ELLIOTT	85	84	BR11
NIKORIMA , KODI	84	85	FE9
TOLMAN , AIDEN	84	86	FR10
TAULAGI , MURRAY	84	87	WG12
EDWARDS , DYLAN	84	88	FB10
MOSES , MITCHELL	83	89	HB8
SIMS , TARIQ	83	90	BR12
MATTERSON , RYAN	83	91	BR13
LAURIE , DAINE	83	92	FB11
PANGAI JUNIOR , TEVITA	83	93	BR14
MEANEY , NICK	82	94	WG13
IKUVALU , MATT	82	95	WG14
LANE , SHAUN	82	96	BR15
REYNOLDS , ADAM	81	97	HB9
FORAN , KIERAN	81	98	FE10
STAINES , CHARLIE	81	99	WG15
CURRAN , JOSH	81	100	BR16

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PLAYER NAME	2021 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
THOMPSON , COREY	81	101	WG16
WELCH , CHRISTIAN	80	102	FR11
BROMWICH , KENNY	80	103	BR17
FOTUAIKA , MOEAKI	80	104	FR12
PAPALII , JOSH	80	105	FR13
NIU , FANITESI	80	106	FB12
HARPER , MORGAN	79	107	CT9
SCHUSTER , JOSH	79	108	BR18
TUALA , ENARI	78	109	WG17
FARNWORTH , HERBIE	77	110	CT10
ELLIOTT , ADAM	76	111	LK10
FELDT , KYLE	76	112	WG18
C-GILLARD , REAGAN	76	113	FR14
WIGHTON , JACK	76	114	FE11
PARKER , BRAD	76	115	CT11
AVERILLO , JAKE	75	116	HB10
REIN , MITCH	75	117	HK13
JACKSON , JOSH	75	118	LK11
KAMIKAMICA , TUI	74	119	FR15
PEACHEY , TYRONE	74	120	LK12
TRINDALL , BRAYDON	73	121	HB11
MILFORD , ANTHONY	73	122	FE12
BROWN , DYLAN	73	123	FE13
VAUGHAN , PAUL	73	124	FR16
TAYLOR , ASHLEY	72	125	FE14
BURGESS , THOMAS	72	126	FR17
JENNINGS , GEORGE	72	127	WG19
AITKEN , EUAN	72	128	BR19
GRAHAM , CAMPBELL	72	129	CT12
DUNN , MITCH	72	130	BR20
RIKI , JORDAN	72	131	BR21
SUTTON , RYAN	71	132	LK13
MCGUIRE , JOSH	70	133	LK14
ARROW , JAI	70	134	BR22 FR18
W-ZELEZNIAK , DALLIN	70	135	WG20
KOROISAU , APISAI	69	136	HK14
MULITALO , RONALDO	68	137	WG21
HUTCHISON , DREW	68	138	FE15
H-NAERA , COREY	68	139	BR23
TAUKEIAHO , SIOSIUA	68	140	FR19
OLAKAU'ATA , HAUMOLE	68	141	BR24
KATOA , SI	67	142	WG22
TALAU , TOMMY	67	143	CT13
WALLACE , JARROD	67	144	FR20
FONUUA-BLAKE , ADDIN	66	145	FR21
HERBERT , PATRICK	66	146	CT14
TURPIN , JAKE	66	147	HK15
WOODS , AARON	65	148	FR22
MBYE , MOSES	64	149	FE16
SAIFITI , JACOB	64	150	FR23

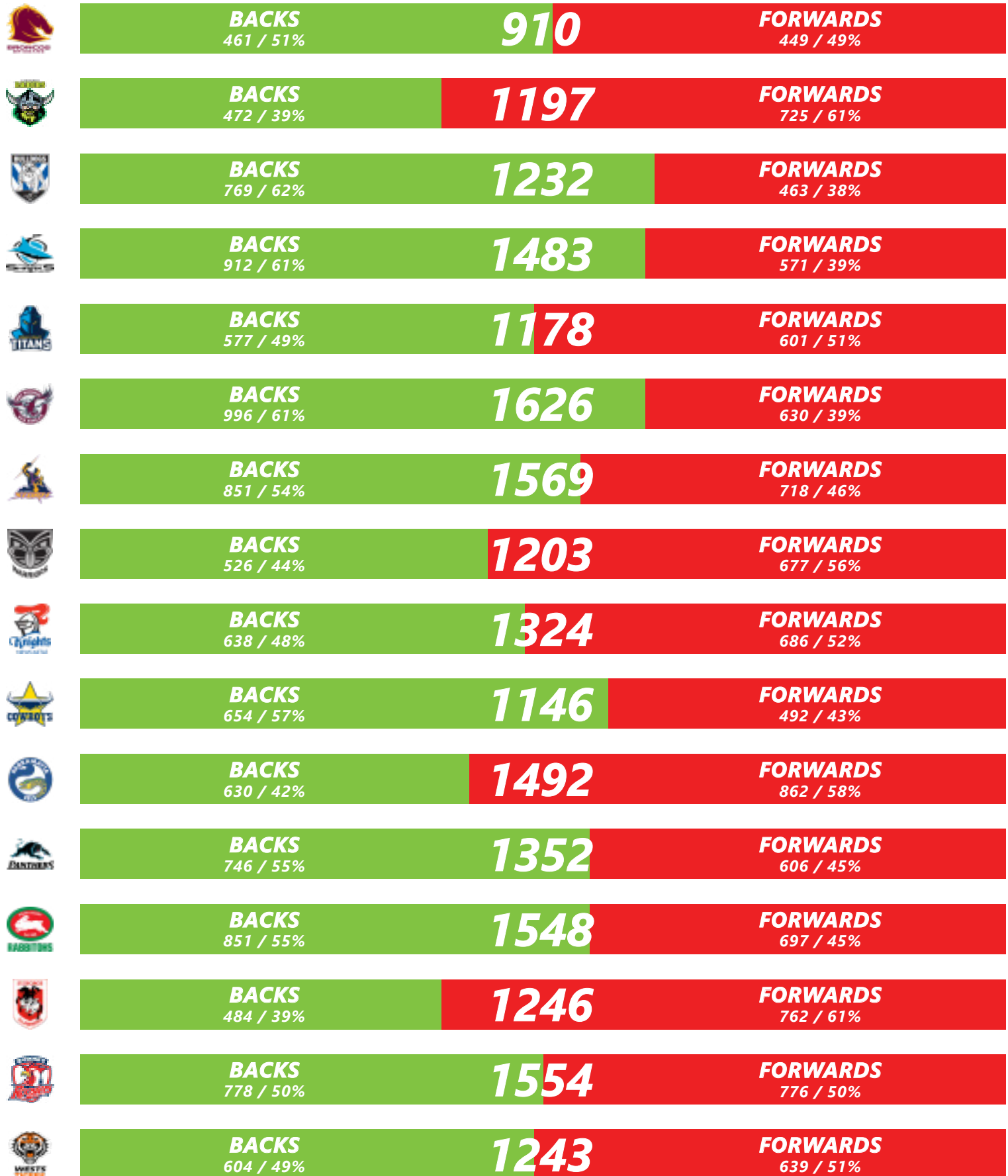
PLAYER NAME	2021 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
LAWRIE , BLAKE	64	151	FR24
MOMIROVSKI , PAUL	64	152	CT15
COATES , XAVIER	63	153	WG23
CLIFFORD , JAKE	62	154	FE17
UTOIKAMANU , STEFANO	62	155	FR25
DEARDEN , THOMAS	62	156	HB12
TOWNSEND , CHAD	61	157	HB13
RAMIEN , JESSE	61	158	CT16
RADLEY , VICTOR	61	159	LK15
SAMI , PHILLIP	61	160	WG23
TAUMALOLO , JASON	60	161	LK16
NICHOLLS , MARK	60	162	FR26
MANSOUR , JOSH	60	163	WG24
PAULO , JUNIOR	60	164	FR27
SU'A , JAYDEN	59	165	BR25
LIU , ISSAC	58	166	LK17 FR28
OPACIC , TOM	58	167	CT16
MANN , KURT	58	168	CT17
TAPINE , JOSEPH	58	169	FR29
WILLIAMS , JACK	57	170	LK18
KRIS , SEBASTIAN	57	171	CT18
WADDELL , COREY	57	172	BR26
ISAAKO , JAMAYNE	56	173	WG25
GULER , EMRE	56	174	FR30
TABUAI-FIDOW , HAMISO	56	175	FB13
MILNE , TAANE	56	176	CT19
KERR , JOSH	56	177	FR31
BEST , BRADMAN	56	178	CT20
MOYLAN , MATTHEW	55	179	FE18
MARTIN , LIAM	55	180	BR27
KAUFUSI , FELISE	55	181	BR28
TATOLA , TEVITA	54	182	FR32
VERRILLS , SAM	54	183	HK16
PROCTOR , KEVIN	54	184	BR29
STARLING , TOM	54	185	HK17
CAPEWELL , KURT	53	186	BR30
WILTON , TEIG	53	187	BR31
GARNER , LUKE	53	188	BR32
SIRONEN , BAYLEY	52	189	LK19
TEVAGA , JAZZ	52	190	LK20
SIMONNISON , BAILEY	52	191	WG26
WALKER , DYLAN	52	192	LK21
WILLIAMS , SAM	51	193	HB14
LODGE , MATTHEW	51	194	FR33
BUTCHER , NAT	51	195	LK22
MARZHEW , GREG	51	196	WG27
HESS , COEN	49	197	FR34
MONTOYA , MARCELO	49	198	WG28
JOHNSON , SHAUN	47	199	HB15
DE BELIN , JACK	47	200	LK23 FR35

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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 Raiders, Warriors, Eels, and Dragons score most of their points through the middle, while others like the Cowboys and Sea Eagles score dominantly in their backs.

The Dogs and Sharks are skewed towards the backs due to their recruitment of high scoring NRLCEO players.



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FINAL TEAM & DRAFT PREFERENCES

FINAL TEAM

FB

W

C

C

W

FE

HB

FR

HK

FR

BR

BR

LK

BENCH
(FORWARD)

BENCH
(FORWARD)

BENCH
(BACK)

BENCH
(BACK)

RESERVE

RESERVE

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DRAFT PREFERENCES

FULL BACKS

WINGERS

CENTRES

FIVE EIGHTHS

HALFBACKS

FRONT ROWERS

HOOKERS

BACK ROWERS

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