

NRL CEO SEASONAL GUIDE

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The 2024 Season Guide has been put together with the hard work of NRLCEO's Commish Adam Brownlee, Michael "Mig" Hoyle, Craig "Cappo" Caplick, and resident graphic designer Scott Beeby.



THE FOOTY IS BACK!!!



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Welcome back to NRLCEO for 2024, and as always, I'm sure everyone is keen for the season to start – it's been a fucking long off-season with plenty of shit cricket and tennis to avoid...!

What a time of the year it is – you know when the Bible comes out that it is almost Draftmas – Merry Draftmas everyone and the NRLCEO Team are looking forward to another competitive season, both on the NRL and CEO field!

2024 will present a whole host of challenges not like other seasons. In his infinite wisdom, ole mate V'Landys has seen fit to split the first round and send 4 teams to Vegas – what can go wrong there? Also, let's change the drop-out rule midway through the pre-season to promote attacking footy...ok...

As you'd expect, Season 2024 is going to be unpredictable. Can the Panthers continue dominating and can the Warriors maintain their mojo? Will the Broncos bounce back from their epic GF choke or will the Roosters rise again?

We welcome the Dolphins back for another season – early on in 2023, no one could have predicted how well they would be going. And finally, who will win the spoon? The Dragons off the back of their new peptide scheme are looking good for it, but the Tigers are always lurking, eager to disappoint...

The Season - 27 rounds long again has plenty of byes with SOO having an impact yet again! To those new to NRLCEO, considering the ramifications of a 17-team competition requires more than a glance if you are to experience CEO glory this season. Reading this Bible and research will be more important than ever, if CEO success is sought...

I would like to thank all the volunteers who make NRLCEO what it is each year. Graphic Designer, Scotty Beeby (Owner of the brilliant Rugby League Merch label) and his artistic flair with this NRLCEO Bible, the Live Scoring Team for their weekly efforts, and of course Commish Adz for all his hard work behind the scenes – 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 2024 NRLCEO Season Guide as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Finally, no one can predict what this season will bring and how much more the Video Refs can fuck it all up - so organise those drafts, up the stakes, grab the beers, and enjoy Season 2024 with NRLCEO, powered by TheBench!!

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+
Bench:	Run 125m+

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

Our Legends of League tournament is Australia's biggest promotion and relegation fantasy draft competition. Each season CEO's come from far and wide to try and win their way into our elite Champion's League competition. Only 12 CEO's have ever won the Champion's League and amazingly we have still not had a two time winner.

If you are joining for the first time, you will be entered into one of the six Tier 3 competitions. You will need to win your way into the Grand Final to earn promotion to a Tier 2 competition.

Tier 2 is where things get tougher. There are more seasoned CEOs waiting here for you and the only way into Tier 1 is to win your competition. If you finish in the bottom two of your Tier 2 competition then you will be relegated back to a Tier 3 competition.

If you managed to win your Tier 2 competition then you have made it to the Champions League, the best of the best! This is one of the toughest competitions to win and you will need every bit of knowledge, nerve and decision making you can muster. The top 4 teams in the Champions League will keep their spot for the following season and they will be joined by the six new winners of the Tier 2 competitions.

Teams that are promoted or relegated will be entered into their new competition via a random draw i.e. if you are promoted from a Tier 3 comp and then relegated back to a Tier 3 comp the next season, it is likely you will be joining a different Tier 3 competition.

In each of these competitions, the top five play-off in the finals to crown the champion of each League. It is \$12 entry per team and places are limited, depending on the amount of returning teams.

2023 Legends of League Winners

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE : HEFTY SMURFERS

DIVISION 1:

ALLAN LANGER CUP: Wallalong EMUS

ANDREW JOHNS CUP: Drunken Slurries

ARTHUR BEETSON CUP: Jaws

CLIVE CHURCHILL CUP: Parramatta Tigers

MAL MENINGA CUP: Illawarra Steelers

WALLY LEWIS CUP: UC Cows

DIVISION 2:

ANTHONY MINICHELLO MEDAL: The Salary Sombreros

DARREN LOCKYER MEDAL: Sheriff Legends

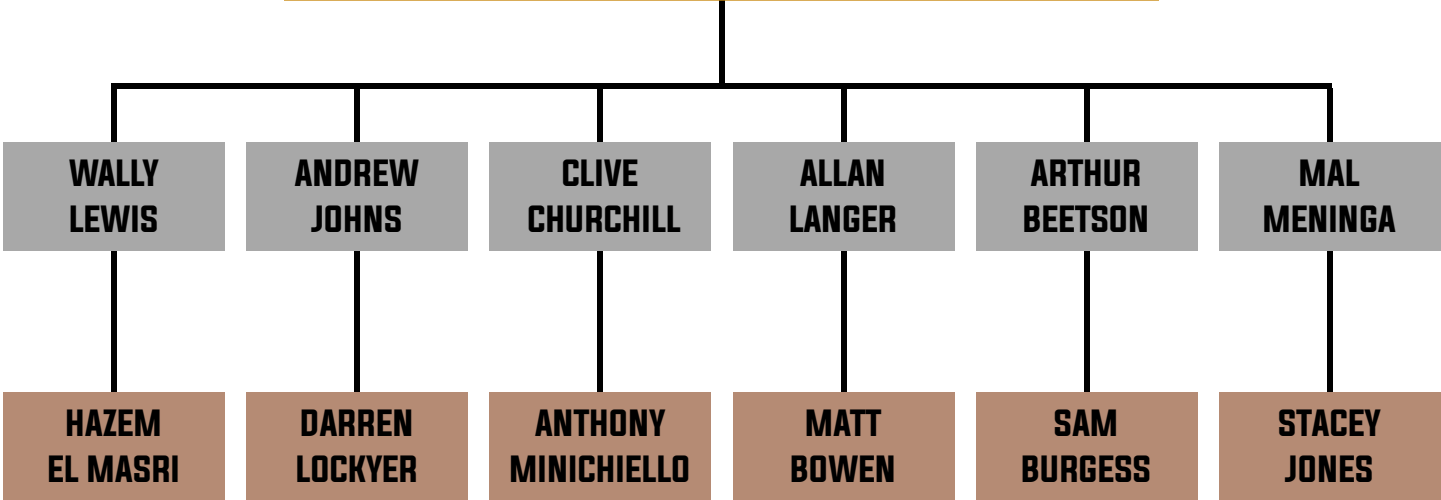
HAZEM EL MASRI MEDAL: Paul's Team

MATTY BOWEN MEDAL: Juiced Up Roos

SAM BURGESS MEDAL: Bondi Magic

STACEY JONES MEDAL: Square Bears

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



106 PLACES

3 TIERS OF PROMOTION & RELEGATION

TROPHIES FOR EACH COMP!

\$12 ENTRY



CHAMPION'S GRAND FINAL TEAM

THIS IS WHAT GREATNESS LOOKS LIKE

Another season of NRLCEO, another first time Champions League winner. Killa Beez FC set the pace, taking out the minor premiership by 8pts, while defending champ Magnets bowed out admirably in the finals.

It was Hefty Smurfers who would emerge champion after a narrow major semi final win, before dominating in the Grand Final. In 2024 there are a number of teams who are entering for the first time, only Magnets (2022 Champ) and Hefty Smurfers (2023) will get a shot to become the first two time Champion.

CHAMPION / CEO - HEFTY SMURFERS / TIM



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE INTERVIEW

- WITH TIM MALONE

1. How long have you been playing NRLCEO?

5 years. 2 years playing in only the supporters leagues. I've been in the Legends of League comps for 3 years.

2. How many seasons have you been in the CL?

This was my first time. I won the Stacey Jones comp in my first LOL season in 2021, Allan Langer comp in 2022 and now the Champions League in 2023.

3. How did you feel when you realised you had won the Champions league?

Relief! I'd spent a lot of time and effort throughout the year and it was a great personal accomplishment. In fairness, I had my share of good luck. Killer Beez were the runaway Minor Premiers, but suffered significant injuries at the wrong time which cruelled his campaign.

4. Do you have a standard draft strategy that you follow each season?

Best CEO player at all times in the draft, regardless of positions. Trust my own instincts on how successful a player will be in the coming season based on my research. Look for gold in teams that most other CEO's are avoiding.

5. Which is more valuable to you, spreadsheets or gut feel?

I'm a numbers man. I've been a gambler my whole life. Statistics and historical data form the basis of almost all of my opinions, but in saying that, nothing compares to the eye-test. It always has the final say.

6. Who did you draft in the first round and which pick did you have?

I had the last pick in the CL, which I didn't mind actually. My first 2 picks were Tommy Turbo at 10 and Jahrome Hughes at 11.

7. Who was the worst player that you drafted and how long did you hold on to them?

Justin Olam in the 9th round. He hardly touched the ball for 18 games, then got dropped by Bellamy, but I still held him hoping he'd get a reprieve. He finally got the boot after TLT in Grand Final week.

8. What would you say was your most influential strategy or decision during the 2023 season?

I drafted David Fifita in the 11th round. After Turbo went down in Origin, Fifita became my regular captain and he rarely let me down. I also got Scott Sorensen in the 2nd last draft round and that turned out to be a steal.

9. After 12 Seasons of the Champions League we have had 12 different winners, how do you plan on becoming the first CEO to win it twice?

It's highly unlikely, but I will give it a crack. I hope my luck can hold out for another season. Everyone in the CL takes it seriously and knows how to play. There are plenty of past winners in it again in 2024, as well as some great CEO's who haven't won it yet, so it won't be easy.

It's all about the draft. Get it right and that makes the rest a lot easier. The spud pool is much smaller in CL with 10 CEO's, so opportunities to make significant upgrades are less frequent than other comps.

10. What advice would you give to a rookie CEO who is starting out in the qualifying tier of the Legends of league?

Do your research! As early as you can. If you've only played NRL Fantasy or SuperCoach before, a good player in those games is not necessarily a good player in CEO. Learn the scoring system and get your draft right. Keep up to date with team changes, at TLT and on game day.

11. Who are you drafting with pick 1 in 2024?

Harry Grant, I don't think that is a hard choice. Cleary will be number 2. After that it's wide open, just like last season.



2023 ROGER TUIVASA-CHEQUE

The 2023 Roger Tuivasa-Cheque comp was hotly contested. The draft was full of banter as always and we all felt like we had a winning squad come Round 1. Barnaby's Boiz set the early pace winning their first 6 matches. The defending champions, Back Three, struggled for consistency but they were able to sneak into the finals in 5th spot.

Finger Gang took out the minor premiership thanks to a nervy 1 point win in the final round, edging out Screaming Evie. The first round of finals saw Back Three eliminated by I Just Blue Myself and Screaming Evie knock off Barnaby's Boiz. Finger Gang won their way through to the Grand Final which left Screaming Evie and Barnaby's Boiz to fight it out for the other spot. Screaming Evie would get through comfortably which meant we had the top 2 teams playing for the title and the cash.

It was all Finger Gang in the Grand Final with the combination of Crichton, DWZ, Drinkwater, and Nlkorima proving too much.

CHAMPION / CEO - FINGER GANG / JESSE

2023 SAM KASHIANO CUP

The big money prize brings the best out of our CEO's and that was certainly the case in a very close, hard fought season in the Sam Ka\$hiano Cup. Our defending champion, Danny Nutley's on the line (Cappo), did it tough and missed the finals. Square Bears and Wallalong Emus would fight it out for the minor premiership, with the EMUS getting a strong win to nab the week off.

Finals week 1 saw Moolah secure a nail biting 0.5 pt win in the elimination final to progress whilst Square Bears earned the right to tackle the Emus in week 2. Bears would emerge as a strong favourite for the title after a comfortable win in the major semi. Moolah continued their late season form with another finals win, eliminating the 3rd place Licker Licenses. Week 3 saw the EMUS take on Moolah for a spot in the Grand Final with Moolah getting their 4th win in a row in a narrow 6pt win. Unfortunately for the EMUS they went out in straight sets (unlucky Jez). In the Grand Final, Square Bears proved too strong for Moolah with a dominating 25.5 pt win to take the 2K prize!

CHAMPION / CEO - SQUARE BEARS / PETER

2023 MARK TOOKEY (2K) CUP

The 2nd season of the Mark 2K was filled with drama and despair. Going into the final round, 7 teams still had a chance to make the top 5. The defending champion Blaxland Bloodhounds led most of the way until losing in the final 2 rounds of the regular season to cough up a 2nd minor premiership. It was Emotional Savage who nabbed top spot on the back of an 8 game winning streak going into the finals.

The Qualifying final in week 1 was a Grand Final rematch from last season, with Bloodhounds proving too good for Old Res FC again. Emotional Savage held on for a narrow win in the 1st Semi-Final to book a spot in the GF. Old Res FC then dished out a lesson to The Piggies to set up another grudge match against the Bloodhounds. Third time was a charm for Old Res FC as they finally got the job done against the Commish to book a spot in the GF. Old Res FC got off to a flyer in the big dance, captaining Nicho Hynes (32), whilst DWZ (17) and Tohu Harris (10) helped them to a whopping (92.5) - (8) lead going into Saturday's games. JB and Mukesh were already booking their flights to the Bahamas as confidence was high.

However, a day can be a long time in NRLCEO terms and it proved just that, Emotional Savage came storming back to win the title (115.5) - (109.5) thanks to captain Jahrome Hughes (34), Nick Meaney (13), Will Warbrick (10) and Eli Katoa (17). It was a classic CEO grand final and it left JB and Mukesh as the bridesmaids for the second year running.

CHAMPION / CEO - EMOTIONAL SAVAGE / SAM

ROGER TUIVASA CHEQUE
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ROGER TUIVASA CHEQUE



\$100 ENTRY
\$600 FIRST PRIZE

SAM KASHIANO CUP
SAM KASHIANO CUP
SAM KASHIANO CUP



\$250 ENTRY **\$2000 FIRST PRIZE**

MARK TOOKEY CUP
MARK TOOKEY CUP
MARK TOOKEY CUP



\$250 ENTRY
\$2000 FIRST PRIZE



2023 SUPPORTERS LEAGUE REVIEW

2023 saw the Sharks dominate the supporters league with 3 titles. The Warriors and Panthers both won 2 comps each, whilst the Broncos, Raiders and Titans all won 1 each. The best scoring club overall was also the Sharks, just ahead of the Warriors, Rabbitohs, and Sea Eagles.

The closest result was in comp 5, where the Sharks edged out the Storm by +18 differential. Comps 2 and 9 were also decided by points differential.

The biggest winning margin was the Warriors in comp 6, winning it with 4 wins to spare. The most surprising stat to come out of season 2023 was the Bulldogs being the 6th highest scoring club in the overall league, yet finished 14th in the combined ladder position across all comps.

No surprise to see the Tigers do it tough, finishing last in both points scored and combined ladder.

2023 DOLPHINS COMMISH CHALLENGE

Sadly no CEO was able to get the Dolphins to a top 2 finish in 2023. A huge shout out to Zach in comp 4 who managed to finish 3rd with the Dolphins

SUPPORTERS CHAMPIONS


















TEAM	CEO	MARGIN
1 - Warriors	Brad	2pts
2 - Sharks	Tim	58 F&A
3 - Broncos	Cabeman	4pts
4 - Raiders	Sylvester	4pts
5 - Sharks	Grunz	18 F&A
6 - Warriors	Billy Spleen	9pts
7 - Titans	Theresa	2pts
8 - Sharks	Tim	6pts
9 - Panthers	Jez	94 F&A
10 - Panthers	Roof	4pts

TOP 10 SUPPORTERS TEAMS


















TEAM	CEO	POINTS
8 - Sharks	Tim	2144
9 - Bulldogs	Adz	2031
2 - Sharks	Tim	2012
2 - Cowboys	Deano	1954
7 - Bulldogs	Adz	1932
9 - Panthers	Jez	1931
1 - Storm	Czerny	1914
6 - Warriors	Billy Spleen	1903
10 - Sea Eagles	Peter	1897
5 - Sharks	Grunz	1882

2023 SUPPORTERS LEAGUE TEAMS

BY LADDER POSITION

	45	17786
	45	15017
	50	16845
	55	14960
	60	17075
	64	16831
	71	16775
	93	15249
	99	15609
	99	15581
	100	14863
	107	15319
	108	14654
	122	15793
	132	11625
	137	12766
	143	11080

BY TOTAL POINTS SCORED

	45	17786
	60	17075
	50	16845
	64	16831
	71	16775
	122	15793
	99	15609
	99	15581
	107	15319
	93	15249
	45	15017
	55	14960
	100	14863
	108	14654
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NEW RULE IN 2024 SUPPORTERS LEAGUE

We are making a slight adjustment to the draft in supporters comps. From this season:

Teams will be able to draft 'Team Goals' during the live draft.

Each team will still pick the 4 players of their choice from their club prior to the draft commencing. 'Team Goals' will be added to the draft and are able to be selected just like any player can be. Each team will only be permitted to select 1 'Team Goals'. Team Goals will be permitted to trade during the season, however every team must always have a 'Team Goals' in their squad.

SUPPORTERS LEAGUE 2024

Our Supporters League competitions are your chance to coach your real life team to victory!

You choose any four players from your team to keep. Every coach from every other team does the same, then **all remaining players become free agents**. Starting with the wooden spoon favourite, coaches take turns drafting one player at a time until you have a full squad.

Normally the Supporters League has finals during the regular NRL season like any of our other comps, but the Dolphins joining the NRL mixed things up.

With NRL teams now having 3 byes, it means finals are no longer an option. Therefore it's all about the minor premiership. The overall winner at the end of 27 rounds takes the chocolates!

2024 TIGERS COMMISH CHALLENGE

- WIN A \$100 RLM VOUCHER -

The Dolphins will be even more competitive this season so lets shift focus to the Tigers. If any CEO can take the Tigers to a top 2 finish in any of the supporters comps, that CEO will win a \$100 gift voucher to Rugby League Merch!

**If you are keen to take the challenge, get in touch
via NRLCEO social media channels.**

WHO IS YOUR #1 DRAFT PICK?

Coming into this season, most CEO coaches will agree that there are three clear choices if you're lucky enough to be drafting first. Who is your #1 pick?



HARRY GRANT - 221

22 Games
9 Tries
12 Try Assists
7 Linebreaks
16 Linebreak Assists
23 Workhorses
8 Metre Eaters
6 Repeat Sets

NATHAN CLEARY - 135 (279)

19 Games
5 Tries
18 Try Assists
6 Linebreaks
20 Linebreak Assists
72 Goals
4 Metre Eaters
18 Repeat Sets



NICHO HYNES - 173 (335)

20 Games
5 Tries
25 Try Assists
7 Linebreaks
35 Linebreak Assists
81 Goals
14 Metre Eaters
9 Repeat Sets



SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING



BRONCOS / JEREMY

I left out Walsh last season and I ended up with egg on my face, he is a must have this year. Mam proved to be a massive asset and it's scary to think he and Walsh are in their early 20's.

Haas is an automatic selection as a WH and ME beast. Carrigan is another straightforward pick who will WH most weeks.



BULLDOGS / ADZ

Mahoney was the Bulldogs MVP last year and a quality hooker is a must. Preston came out of nowhere to win the Bulldogs player of the year award.

Burton will continue to grow into a quality half, especially with more quality players being added around him. Enter Stephen Crichton who is a quality strike weapon.



COWBOYS / MIG

Robson is a guaranteed WH each week. Drinkwater is the dominant attacking force with 25 try assists in 2023.

With no obvious WH's in the pack, I went with a couple of backs who like to run.

Holmes is a beast who is always involved. I am backing Semi to get the right wing position ahead of the aging Kyle Feldt.



DOLPHINS / NICK

The Hammer will be on fire, the more he is involved the better the Dolphins will be. Herbie will get through plenty of work and bring the class and defense they have needed.

JMK can hopefully stay healthy this season, plenty of TA's and WH's coming his way. Gilbert when fit is a guaranteed WH every week, plus the occasional try.

SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING

DRAGONS / ROB

Hunt is a given and will be in the middle of anything positive for the Dragons. Rava's numbers were pretty impressive last year and will be good if he can remain injury free.

Lawrie looked good but who knows what influence Flanno will have on their forward rotation. I am going with Lomax ahead of De Belin and Liddle, especially at FE or FB.



EELS / COMMISH

Gutherson is the heart of the Eels and is always involved in anything positive they do. Hopgood had an outstanding first season and certainly lived up to the preseason hype.

Moses simply because you don't want to go looking for a halfback in the draft. I expect Dylan Brown to have a huge season in 2024 after a mixed bag last year.



KNIGHTS / JEZ

The left edge for the Knights will dominate again. Best is coming off his first injury free season and Marzhev is a ME juggernaut.

Ponga is an attacking beast and he can win you a title. I will throw in Tyson Frizell as a regular WH to round out the top 4. Keep Thomas Jenkins in mind as a smokey if he gets the right wing spot.



PANTHERS / SHERIFF

Cleary picks himself. Edwards is a metre eater machine and is getting better every year.

Yeo is almost guaranteed to score a WH every week. The 4th pick is tough but I went for Fisher-Harris, he is a class above most front rowers in the game and will get you that WH or ME or both.



SUPPORTERS LEAGUE SCOUTING



RABBITOHS / MIKEY

Walker is the dominant half in a team that should score a lot of points. AJ is an ultra consistent try scorer who will hopefully get close to the record.

This will be the last year of Cook being the big minute player as Mamouzelos will start to get some minutes. Murray is another consistent performer, running off Walker and Cook.



RAIDERS / JB

The toughest year ever to pick 4 Raiders. Tapine and Young will play high minutes with high work rates. Taps is coming off a career high 150pts.

Smithies will be no frills, hard nosed and a new workhorse favourite. Seb Kris should get dual position at some point and he knows his way to the try line. He is the safest choice in the backs.



ROOSTERS / STEVE BONA

You can't have the Roosters and not pick Teddy in your top 4. The Cheese finished strong last year but his minutes depend on what role Connor Watson plays off the bench.

Young is dynamite and could be anything on the end of a successful Roosters backline. Nat Butcher is a set and forget guaranteed WH each week.



SEA EAGLES / RYAN

Manly has a clear top 4 players barring injury, there really isn't any debate about it.

Injury is the word they fear out at Brookvale, can Turbo remain on the park for a full season.

DCE is like a fine wine, Olakau'atu is transforming into a beast of a ball runner and Garrick gets involved in everything no matter what position he is playing.

SHARKS / TIM

Hynes is a must have and 2024 could be his year to take the CEO MVP title. Brailey is a guaranteed WH with some attacking stats to boot. Nikora has a great combination with Hynes on the right edge. Ronaldo racked up the tries and ME's last season and could improve again this year.



STORM / COMMISH

Grant is the MVP, Hughes is consistent and has dominated in the halves recently, although Munster is a freak and cannot be left out.

I am going with Katoa to improve on last year again, especially working up a combo with Hughes on the right side.



TIGERS / RICHO

Api is the Tigers best player. Bateman scored a WH in almost every game last year.

Papali'i looked lost at times during the season, however he still delivered well in terms of CEO scoring. Bula looks a real find and has a much higher upside than the rest of the Tigers.



TITANS / MICK BONA

AKP burst onto the scene last year with 20 tries and 29 line breaks. Brimson is now a centre and he should thrive.

Fermor is hoping to return to his 2022 form. Tino picks himself as the heart and soul of the Titans.



WARRIORS / CHRIS

Tohu is the heart and soul of the Warriors. Johnson had a blinder last season and could be as good again. Egan has the potential to be an influential hooker.

A split decision between RTS and AFB so it comes down to personal choice.



SUPER LEAGUE SCOUTING

There are only six players coming over from the Super League but there are three English young guns having a crack at the NRL with two being decent NRLCEO prospects.

There is another KP in Newcastle. The Knights may have lost the giant Dom Young, but at 6'5" and 108kg, **Kai Pearce-Paul (KPP)** cuts an imposing figure for a young man. He made his Super League debut at Wigan at just 19 years old and made his England RLWC debut against France in 2021 - scoring one try and having two assists. He's played two Tests in total and has scored two tries.

So how does he fit into this current Knights squad? Despite a preseason injury setback, I predict that he will take Lachlan Fitzgibbon's edge in the second row as he's only battling with Jed Cartwright for that spot. He's not an out and out workhorse making big tackles, but he runs a hard line and isn't scared of the tough stuff. He'll be worth a sniff as a backup backrower in case he fires.



His English backpacking roommate **Will Pryce** may take a little longer to find his feet in the NRL. The son of English legend Leon Pryce, he comes from great stock but the English success of backs in the NRL isn't even few and far between - it's worse than that. We all know it just doesn't happen.

He's played his young career so far at fullback, halfback and five-eighth but with KP at the Knights, he'll have to force his way into the halves and the Knights coaching staff see the tall lad as a five-eighth long term.

It's likely that Tyson Gamble and Jackson Hastings will get the first play at the halves positions, but Pryce could be an unknown stash late in your draft - particularly if you are in a keeper league.



The best prospect of the lot from an NRLCEO perspective is **Morgan Smithies**. The relatively unknown lock from Wigan has grown up under the wing of John Bateman but looks to have an even bigger work ethic. Canberra fans like myself will be hoping this 23 year old stays in Canberra for longer than his mentor.

He averages 37 tackles per game and 12 runs which will have workhorse watchers already licking their lips, but don't expect a lot of attacking creativity. He only has two tries in 114 appearances in the Super League and he only averages 77 metres per game from those 12 runs. How Ricky Stuart plays him is anyone's guess, but regardless of if he plays at lock (likely) or on an edge, expect him to get a lot of minutes.

This guy is a genuine workhorse and depending on the research of your league, he could be a steal in the Round 10-13. I wouldn't take him any higher than that as he doesn't have the credentials that John Bateman did when he came to the NRL, but he doesn't have the profile either so could fly under the radar in your draft.



SUPER LEAGUE SCOUTING

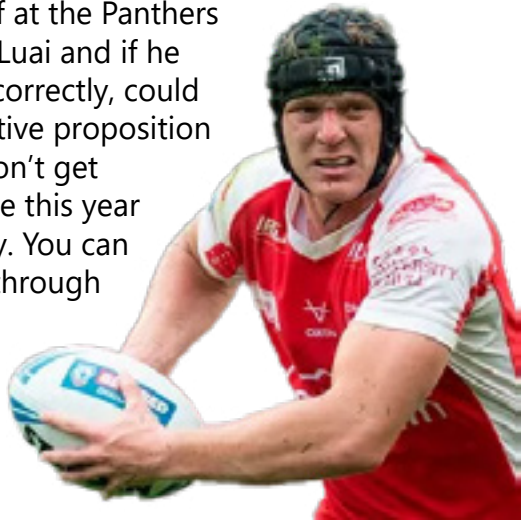
Aidan Sezer returns to the NRL as a 32 year old veteran having played the last four seasons in the Super League for the Huddersfield Giants and Leeds Rhinos.

He started off in the UK with a bang at the Giants scoring seven tries in his first season and kicking 38 goals but his time at Leeds was much quieter alongside his former Raiders mate Blake Austin where their win percentage was less than 50% together.

He did have 12 try assists last season along with three line breaks. But a concerning sign for his kicking prospects is that he was the backup behind former Bulldog Rhyse Martin and will battle for the kicking duties with Adam Doueihi (5 KP) at the Tigers. Sezer has 5 Kicking Points himself but I can't see many people in drafts scrambling for a Tigers kicker.

Another Aussie half returns down under as **Brad Schneider** returns from a fairytale half year at the Hull Kingston Rovers after the Raiders let him go early from his contract. In his 12 appearances for the Rovers, he had three tries, eight try assists, one game winning field goal and 29 goals. You can see why they wanted to hold on to him over there.

He finds himself at the Panthers behind Jarome Luai and if he plays his cards correctly, could be a very attractive proposition for 2025, but won't get much game time this year outside of injury. You can let this one go through to the keeper on draft day and grab him quickly if Luai goes down with an injury.



The last player to return home is **Thomas Mikaele**, formerly of the Tigers and Titans. There couldn't be a more irrelevant NRLCEO signing if we tried. Mikaele tried to make a Super League return in 2023 at the Titans, only made one appearance in first grade and then spent the rest of his time in Queensland Cup. It should be no different for the Cowboys this season.

There are 15 players heading to the Super League this season and we wish them all the best, but there aren't any on that list we hope will be returning to this report in 2025.

BETRAYERS

These are the players who have jumped ship to the UK. Good riddance!

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Bayley **SIRONEN** (Catalans Dragons)

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Fa'amanu **BROWN** (Hull FC)

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Herman **ESE'ESE** (Hull FC)

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Jack **MURCHIE** (Huddersfield Giants)

-

Jayden **NIKORIMA** (Catalans Dragons)

-

Kruise **LEEMING** (Wigan Warriors)

-

Lachlan **FITZGIBBON** (Warrington Wolves)

-

Lachlan **MILLER** (Leeds Rhinos)

-

Luke **THOMPSON** (Wigan Warriors)

-

Matt **FRAWLEY** (Leeds Rhinos)

-

Matt **MOYLAN** (Leigh Leopards)

-

Paul **MOMIROVSKI** (Leeds Rhinos)

-

Peta **HIKU** (Hull FC)

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Tariq **SIMS** (Catalans Dragons)

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Zane **MUSGROVE** (Warrington Wolves)

BY THE BYE

NRLCEO's have a new enemy to be on the lookout for. THE BYE! At first glance it seems harmless enough, a couple of players missing here and there, but before you know it you are out of the finals race because you didn't plan ahead.



The first thing you need to do is know your competition setup. Make sure you are aware of which NRL rounds your comp is taking as a bye round (if any).

For example, a 10 team comp, like the Champions League, where all teams play each other twice will start in Round 1 and have bye rounds in NRL rounds 13, 16 & 19 (these are the rounds where 7 NRL teams are on a bye). The finals in this setup will be run in rounds 22, 23 & 24, with the Grand Final being played in Round 25.

Our Legends of League Tier 2 and Tier 3 competitions have 8 teams in each and will play all NRL rounds 1 to 21 so that all teams will play each other 3 teams. This means that you will have to take your medicine in those bye rounds and hope for a bit of luck.

If we have a look at the NRL draw, you should be paying close attention to the teams that have byes in rounds 22 to 27 (these rounds should include every league's finals and Grand Finals).

Round 22 - Sea Eagles

Round 23 - Roosters

Round 24 - Broncos

Round 25 - Cowboys

Round 26 - Tigers

Round 27 - Warriors

When I am planning for my draft, the first thing I will be doing is trying to pick up a kicker from a team that does not have a bye in those rounds. This will ensure that when you make it to the finals (gotta think positive), you will give yourself the best chance of success.

If you are in a league that allows a decent amount of Kicker points, then make sure you at least have a backup kicker from a team not listed above. You could also look to complete a trade with another team that is perhaps out of finals contention that has a kicker that is not affected by the byes in these rounds.

When you are looking at the draft as a whole, think about drafting players from the teams that have two of their three byes in rounds 13, 16 & 19. If your comp doesn't play in those rounds then you are effectively eliminating 2 of the byes from the players you have from those teams.

By doing this in the LOL comps where we still play in these rounds, you are at least limiting the majority of your bye damage. You can look at making a couple of savvy free agency pickups to help bolster your squad for these rounds depending on your squad size.

TEAMS WITH 2 BYES IN ROUNDS 13, 16 & 19

Storm, Panthers, Broncos, Warriors & Cowboys



Another important thing to remember when drafting is to try not to draft too many players from the teams that share a bye in rounds 14, 17 & 20.

These are the rounds that have 3 teams on an NRL bye, and having too many players from those teams combined can cost you at an important time of the season.

Also try not to have your main kicker and backup kicker from teams that share a bye in those three rounds.

BY THE BYE

ROUNDS WHEN THREE NRL TEAMS HAVE A BYE

ROUND 14 - Raiders, Roosters & Dolphins

ROUND 17 - Sea Eagles, Rabbitohs & Titans

ROUND 20 - Sharks, Eels & Dragons



Something else to consider is looking at the NRL teams that complete their three byes the quickest.

Drafting players from these teams will mean you have more players available at the back end of the season, when you need them the most. This could be a significant advantage over an opposing CEO who has not bothered to plan at all.

The Titans and the Rabbitohs have their last byes in round 17 and are the ideal teams to draft from to have the most players available over the late season rounds and finals, however they share the bye in round 17 so try not to over do it or you could be giving up a win in that round.

The Dolphins are probably the most ideal team to draft from, including your kicker, as they have byes in rounds 3, 14 & 18. If you can manage to cover their absence in those rounds then you will be in a great position heading into the finals.

TEAMS WHO COMPLETE THEIR BYES EARLIEST

ROUND 17 - Titans & Rabbitohs (be aware they share a bye in Round 17)

ROUND 18 - Dolphins

ROUND 19 - Raiders, Bulldogs, Storm & Panthers

ROUND 20 - Sharks, Eels & Dragons

It is not easy trying to navigate the byes, but one thing is for sure. Those who have a plan will have an advantage over those that just try and wing it.

FIRST BYE / SECOND BYE / THIRD BYE

ROUND 1 - TIGERS

ROUND 2 - TITANS

ROUND 3 - DOLPHINS

ROUND 4 - STORM

ROUND 5 - SHARKS

ROUND 6 - PANTHERS

ROUND 7 - RABBITOHS

ROUND 8 - BULLDOGS

ROUND 9 - EELS

ROUND 10 - RAIDERS

ROUND 11 - DRAGONS

ROUND 12 - KNIGHTS

ROUND 13 - ORIGIN I

BRONCOS / RABBITOHS / SEA EAGLES / STORM / TITANS / WARRIORS / TIGERS

ROUND 14 - DOLPHINS / RAIDERS / ROOSTERS

ROUND 15 - BULLDOGS

ROUND 16 - ORIGIN II

BRONCOS / COWBOYS / DRAGONS / EELS / KNIGHTS / PANTHERS / SHARKS

ROUND 17 - RABBITOHS / SEA EAGLES / TITANS

ROUND 18 - DOLPHINS

ROUND 19 - ORIGIN III

BULLDOGS / COWBOYS / PANTHERS / RAIDERS / ROOSTERS / STORM / WARRIORS

ROUND 20 - DRAGONS / EELS / SHARKS

ROUND 21 - KNIGHTS

ROUND 22 - SEA EAGLES

ROUND 23 - ROOSTERS

ROUND 24 - BRONCOS

ROUND 25 - COWBOYS

ROUND 26 - TIGERS

ROUND 27 - WARRIORS

LAST YEAR'S DREAM TEAM



PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	GL	WH	ME	TA	LB	LBA	RS	TOTAL
GUTHERSON, C	FB	23	19	16	0	14	15	14	18	3	167
ISAAKO, J	WG	24	24	72	0	16	3	31	1	0	168
BEST, B	CT	23	13	0	1	23	15	11	17	0	156
GRAHAM, C	CT	21	16	0	0	17	5	20	9	0	137
MARZHEW, G	WG	20	20	0	0	28	0	24	0	1	161
PONGA, K	FE	18	8	40	0	13	20	21	23	4	166
JOHNSON, S	HB	23	8	71	0	0	27	10	25	22	173
FA'ASUAMALEAUI, T	FR	19	6	0	22	16	1	6	3	0	175
GRANT, H	HK	22	9	0	23	8	12	7	16	6	221
FONUA-BLAKE, A	FR	23	8	0	17	19	2	9	2	0	168
FIFITA, D	BR	22	8	0	17	16	10	9	11	0	189
NIKORA, B	BR	24	8	0	19	4	4	17	5	0	163
HOPGOOD, J	LK	24	4	0	27	3	5	4	6	0	175

TOP PLAYERS BY POSITION

FULLBACKS	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
GUTHERSON, C	19	15	14	14	167
PONGA, K	8	20	21	13	166
DRINKWATER, S	11	25	14	12	165
WALSH, R	8	21	17	11	152
TEDESCO, J	11	11	13	21	138

HOOKERS	TR	TA	WH	ME	TOTAL
GRANT, H	9	12	23	8	221
COOK, D	3	8	23	8	173
MAHONEY, R	4	9	21	1	164
ROBSON, R	2	3	23	9	161
BRAILEY, B	1	11	22	3	160

WINGERS	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
ISAAKO, J	24	3	31	16	168
MARZHEW, G	20	0	24	28	161
YOUNG, D	23	4	27	13	154
TO'O, B	17	1	18	26	145
MULITALO, R	20	5	29	7	135
RAVALAWA, M	21	0	22	14	135
K-PEREIRA, A	20	5	29	6	132
W-ZELEZNIAK, D	21	2	22	8	127
JOHNSTON, A	21	2	28	2	124
GARRICK, R	12	6	17	16	117

FRONT ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
FA'ASUAMALEAUI, T	6	22	3/0	16/3	175
FONUUA-BLAKE, A	8	17	0/0	19/4	168
TAPINE, J	1	23	2/0	12/2	150
HAAS, P	1	17	2/0	24/7	142
LAWRIE, B	2	20	1/0	4/0	119
COLLINS, L	2	19	0/0	2/0	113
KING, M	0	19	0/0	3/0	103
FOTUAIKA, M	0	17	1/0	10/0	103
COTTER, R	4	14	1/0	4/1	98
WELCH, C	2	16	0/0	1/0	91

CENTRES	TR	TA	LB	ME	TOTAL
BEST, B	13	15	11	23	156
GRAHAM, C	16	5	20	17	137
CRICHTON, S	14	12	10	15	130
TIMOKO, M	11	5	14	26	128
TALAKAI, S	5	17	8	21	126
FARNWORTH, H	13	3	12	24	121
TASS, I	9	9	9	17	117
RAMIEN, J	11	6	9	20	115
PENISINI, W	8	8	12	21	114
GAGAI, D	3	13	13	22	112

BACK ROWERS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
FIFITA, D	8	17	0/0	16/2	189
NIKORA, B	8	19	0/0	4/0	163
OLAKAU'ATU, H	10	14	0/0	10/0	161
BUTCHER, N	4	22	1/0	2/0	145
CARTWRIGHT, B	7	16	1/0	4/0	141
YOUNG, H	9	17	0/0	3/0	136
PRESTON, J	6	18	0/0	1/0	127
FORD, J	4	17	0/0	7/1	124
PAPALI'I, I	2	19	0/0	5/0	123
BATEMAN, J	2	20	1/0	4/0	122

FIVE EIGHTHS	TR	TA	LBA	RS	TOTAL
PONGA, K	8	20	23	4	166
WALKER, C	9	24	30	10	161
KEARY, L	5	18	21	9	125
NIKORIMA, K	4	19	29	5	119
MAM, E	14	9	12	4	117

LOCKS	TR	WH	DWH/TWH	ME/DME	TOTAL
HOPGOOD, J	4	27	3/0	3/0	175
YEO, I	4	21	1/0	2/0	138
CARRIGAN, P	2	18	2/0	7/0	131
MURRAY, C	4	20	1/0	1/0	131
HARRIS, T	3	18	1/0	4/0	130

HALF BACKS	TR	TA	LBA	RS	TOTAL
JOHNSON, S	8	27	25	22	173
HYNES, N	5	25	35	9	173
HUGHES, J	7	20	25	9	146
C-EVANS, D	9	20	21	16	138
CLEARY, N	5	18	20	18	135

KICKERS	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
MEANEY, N	88	110	80%
HYNES, N	81	102	79%
REYNOLDS, A	79	100	79%
ISAAKO, J	72	101	72%
CLEARY, N	72	88	82%

	Mike	Dan	Joe	Jez	Nick	Mig	Matt	Rob	Adam	Scott
Rd 1	GRANT	HYNES	CLEARY	COOK	ISAAKO	PAPENHUYZEN	PONGA	MOSES	TINO	HAAS
Rd 2	DCE	D. FIFITA	WALKER	TEDESCO	AFB	ROBSON	TURBO	MAHONEY	WALSH	MUNSTER
Rd 3	MITCHELL	DRINKWATER	JMK	TOHU	GUTHO	YEO	HUGHES	HOPGOOD	SJ	TAPINE
Rd 4	MURRAY	MARZHEW	YOUNG	BROWN	CHEESE	TO'O	MAM	KEARY	B. BRAILEY	API
Rd 5	JOHNSTON	OLAKAU'ATU	CARRIGAN	BARNETT	BURTON	NIKORA	KEAON	EDWARDS	HORSBURGH	N. BUTCHER
Rd 6	LUAI	J. KING	HAMMER	COTTER	HUNT	PAPALI'I	GILBERT	JFH	DWZ	WILTON
Rd 7	AKP	TAGO	COLLINS	BATEMAN	MATTERSON	DEARDEN	SUAALII	PRESTON	YOUNG	REYNOLDS
Rd 8	MANU	RCG	BEST	MULITALO	COBBO	TURUVA	FOTUAIKA	SIVO	GRAHAM	STAGGS
Rd 9	KATOA	BRIMSON	LAWRIE	MAY	NANAI	SAAB	EGAN	JDB	RAVALAWA	FOX
Rd 10	LEILUA	M. KING	FARNWORTH	RAMIEN	WIGHTON	TATOLA	FRIZELL	MARTIN	TIMOKO	RTS
Rd 11	UTOIKAMANU	KOULA	SU'A	FERMOR	WARBRICK	KIRAZ	TUPOU	J. BRAILEY	FORD	CURRAN

MOCK DRAFT

We assembled some of the best CEO coaches, and a few stragglers, to see what your 2024 draft might look like.

Rd 12	JC	METCALF	MUNRO	KENNEDY	KLEMMER	VALEMEI	GAGAI	COATES	WELCH	BROOKS
Rd 13	TOWNSEND	VERRILLS	LANE	JURBO	RIKI	THOMPSON	TAULAGI	TALAKAI	TRINDALL	KATOA
Rd 14	AVERILLO	SAMI	CAPEWELL	CARTWRIGHT	NIKORIMA	SORENSEN	RUDOLF	MEANEY	LOIERO	MCINNES
Rd 15	CROKER	JENKINS	RAPANA	KELLY	ILIAS	WONG	KENNY	PASEKA	FELDT	CNK
Rd 16	ARTHARS	LUKI	RADLEY	SEXTON	LEMUELU	O'SULLIVAN	ARROW	XERRI	KRIS	KPP
Rd 17	SCHUSTER	RANDALL	FAALOGO	SLOAN	STAINES	BULA	POMPEY	FLANAGAN	K. BROMWICH	CRICHTON
Rd 18	KIKAU	TAAFFE	BIRD	OATES	TAUMALOLO	E. BUTCHER	DUNCAN	PIAKURA	OLAM	PENISINI
Rd 19	D. SAIFITI	BLORE	FLEGLER	TWAL	SULI	AITKEN	JENSEN	ELLIOTT	WEEKES	LIDDLE
Rd 20	TEVAGA	WADDELL	B. SMITH	FORAN	NICHOLLS	TUPOU	TASS	SUTTON	WHITEHEAD	PAPALII
Rd 21	R. SMITH	RUSSELL	GAMBLE	CRICHTON	STARLING	TRACEY	L. FAINU	MARINER	WALLACE	NIU
Rd 22	COTRIC	HENRY	STEWART	FOGARTY	SAVAGE	RUSSELL	WATSON	MONTOYA	LUSSICK	LAYBUTT
	Mike	Dan	Joe	Jez	Nick	Mig	Matt	Rob	Adam	Scott

TOP 5 DRAFT PICKS



THE BREAKDOWN

- Three of the same top five were selected from last year, but in a different order. Cleary getting bumped down to third was a surprise to some.
- Isaako wasn't even drafted in 2023. Now he's a top five prospect, and deservedly so.
- Out of the ten first round picks, six were goalkickers. This is up from five last year.
- Fisher-Harris, the Golden Boot winner, somehow lasted until round six.
- The last NRL team to have a player drafted was the Dragons. Shocking absolutely nobody, it was Ben Hunt in round six.
- Don't just rely on player lists that are sorted by most points last season. Tuivasa-Sheck lasted until round 10, the Titans now-full time Fullback Campbell went in round 12, and English recruit Kai Pearce-Paul was picked up in round 16.
- Nobody quite knew how to draft the Roosters forwards. Robbo has so many options in one of the NRL's most stacked packs. Nat Butcher, Cheese, and Collins all went fairly early, but the likes of Wong, Crichton, Tupouniua, Radley, Leniu, and JWH all lasted deep into the draft.
- The general trends for the early rounds were:
 - Round 1** - Goalkicker (6/10)
 - Round 2** - Spine player (8/10)
 - Round 3** - Spine player (6/10)
 - Round 4** - Spine player or Wing (9/10)
 - Round 5** - Backrow or Lock (6/10)

THE UNDRAFTED

Reuben Garrick

Sam Walker

Valentine Holmes

Tanah Boyd

Zac Lomax

Sitili Tupouniua

MORE THAN HALF A CHANCE

WHAT HAPPENED

20 minutes short of a drought breaking title but Coach Kevvy will rue that last quarter of the GF forever. All season, the Broncos looked like title contenders and no one saw it coming!

9th in 2022, 14th in 2021 to 2nd on the ladder in 2023 – it was a meteoric rise. The Broncos quite simply got it right last season and they almost went the whole way...

THE MAIL

The Broncos caught lightning in a bottle last year and with minimal personnel changes this season, there's no reason why they can't do it all again.

Farnworth leaving creates an interesting conundrum for Kevvy – Oates to the wing and Arthurs to the centres is an option but there's a glut of young outside backs who are fanging to get a cracking and make the vacant centre position their own...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Herbie Farnworth and Thomas Flegler are the big names leaving – both heading to the Phins and both were in cracking form at the back end of last year.

There's not much coming in as the Broncos face the salary cap squeeze. Their main focus is now holding onto the likes of Ezra Mam and extending the shelf life of Adam Reynolds...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Plenty of fruit ripe for the picking with Payne Haas and Patty Carrigan leading the way up front.

The backs share the pies around but 'Sleepy' Cobbo in particular loves scoring in doubles but can go missing at times. Reece Walsh is lightning at the back and he provides the excitement linking the halves to the outside men.

Kotoni Staggs could be a sneaky back up kicker option if the aging ARey needs more pine time in 2024. Ezra Mam looks to be a genuine superstar of the game and with no kicking points, is a very tasty option who could fly under the draft radar...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Will they suffer a Grand Final hangover?
- Can Kevvy get them up again?
- Will another year be too much for ARey?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
WALSH, REECE	Full Back KP1	19	8	21	17	34	0	11	3	152 (156)	▲
HAAS, PAYNE	Front Row	21	1	0	2	3	17	24	0	142	-
CARRIGAN, PATRICK	Lock	20	2	4	6	7	18	7	0	131	-
MAM, EZRA	Five Eighth	22	14	9	8	12	0	6	4	117	▲
COBBO, SELWYN	Winger	21	19	2	15	0	0	12	0	117	▼
REYNOLDS, ADAM	Half Back KP7	20	5	20	2	19	0	0	10	116 (274)	▼
STAGGS, KOTONI	Centre KP2	23	12	7	9	3	0	17	1	109 (123)	-
RIKI, JORDAN	Back Row	19	5	0	3	1	7	1	0	61	-
WALTERS, BILLY	Hooker	23	4	3	6	6	2	2	0	48	-
ARTHARS, JESSE	Winger	17	8	1	14	0	0	1	0	48	-
JENSEN, COREY	Front Row	22	0	1	0	1	5	4	0	36	▲
MARINER, DEINE	Centre	13	5	3	4	0	0	2	0	34	▲
DATES, COREY	Winger	9	0	2	8	0	0	10	0	32	-
PIAKURA, BRENDAN	Back Row	10	2	1	6	0	1	2	0	25	▲
SAILOR, TRISTAN	Full Back	4	0	6	1	5	0	2	3	25	-
MADDEN, JOCK	Five Eighth	5	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	13	-
PAIX, COREY	Hooker	15	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	12	-
SMOOTHY, TYSON	Hooker	10	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	12	-
WILLISON, XAVIER	Back Row	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	-
PEREIRA, JORDAN	Winger	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	-
BAKER, FLETCHER	Front Row	13	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	-
HETHERINGTON, KOBE	Lock	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	-
HOETER, DELOUISE	Centre	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	-
HUNT, JAIYDEN	Front Row	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-
TAUPAU, MARTIN	Front Row	20	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	-
KARAPANI, JOSIAH	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
ROGERS, JOSH	Five Eighth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 (10)	-
KURA, BENJAMIN	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MOZER, BLAKE	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
???	???	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24

TR - Try TA - Try Assist LB - Line Break LBA - Line Break Assist WH - Workhorse ▲ - More Potential
ME - Metre Eater RS - Repeat Set * - Denotes Super League Stats (###) - Points incl Goals ▼ - Less Potential

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2019
8TH

2020
16TH

2021
14TH

2022
9TH

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PREDICTED
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BRONCOS

ROOKIE WATCH

Deine Mariner

Mariner could well be the Rookie of the year in 2024. He looks certain to take a wing or centre spot in the Broncos backline, probably on the wing with Cobbo moving to centre.



The 20 year old Kiwi has had huge wraps on him for some time and the Broncos have him locked up until 2027. Mariner could be amongst the NRL's top try scorers this season.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: BLAKE MOZER (OPTS)



**2024
NRL
DRAW**

01	3/3 3:30PM*	12	26/5 2:00PM		
02	14/3 8:00PM*	13	BYE		
03	21/3 8:00PM*	14	8/6 7:35PM		
04	29/3 8:05PM*	15	14/6 8:00PM		
05	4/4 8:00PM*	16	BYE		
06	12/4 8:00PM	17	29/6 3:00PM		
07	20/4 7:35PM	18	5/7 8:00PM	23	10/8 5:30PM
08	27/4 5:30PM	19	13/7 7:35PM	24	BYE
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P. Haas *B. Walters* *P. Carrigan*

B. Piakura *K. Hetherington* *J. Riki*

E. Mam *A. Reynolds^(K)*

D. Mariner *K. Staggs*

J. Arthurs *R. Walsh* *S. Cobbo*

PLAYER GAINS

Fletcher Baker

Jaiyden Hunt

PLAYER LOSSES

Herbie Farnworth

Keenan Palasia

Tom Flegler

Ethan Quai-Ward

Kurt Capewell

ADAM REYNOLDS - 7KP

2023 - 94/115 (82%)
Career - 1015/1233 (82%)

KOTONI STAGGS - 2KP

2023 - 7/15 (46%)
Career - 55/79 (69%)

REECE WALSH - 1KP

2023 - 3/5 (60%)
Career - 72/96 (75%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Deine Mariner – With the left centre spot open, look for young gun Mariner to fill that spot. In his 4 games in 2023, he scored 5 tries, so the kid knows how to find the line.

DEANO'S DUD

Selwyn Cobbo – The departure of Farnworth opens up a centre position and nobody wants a gun winger who WANTS to play centre. Don't pull the trigger too early in 2024.

MIG'S MONEY

Ezra Mam – Looks set for a massive season after his GF heroics fell just short of glory.

Arguably the #1 CEO Five Eighth...



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BRONCOS

THROW THE DOGS A BONE

WHAT HAPPENED

New recruits, new coach, new 5 year plan, new hope Nothing! It seems a long time since the Bulldogs were competitive and despite all the new signings for last season, the Bulldogs actually got worse.

Coach Ciraldo is a man under pressure – leaving the cushy Panther’s coaching box is starting to look like a big mistake. There’s plenty not right at the Bulldogs but surely this season, they can’t finish worse than 15th...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

They are one of the more active teams in the market with more big names arriving this season.

Stephen Crichton and Josh Curran will fit nicely into the starting team and with Blake Taaffe and Connor Tracey, the spine gets some much-needed quality. Tracey in particular is a very good signing but with Bronson Xerri returning from the Sharks supplement scheme, there’s selection issues for the coach.

A whole host of players have left the books, none of which, Bulldogs fans will be devastated about.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Avoid the kicker at the Dogs – it could be any of Taaffe, Crichton, and Burton. Addo-Carr is always a sneaky option but his value will decline in proportion to his attitude.

Up front Max King was great in 2023 and the Dogs look super light on in the engine room. Jacob Preston and Josh Curran are the workers and both love a pie as well. Reed Mahoney’s form was down last season and he’ll be looking to rediscover his Eels form...

THE MAIL

There are so many unknowns with this Bulldogs team and where the puzzle pieces fit won’t be known until Ciraldo names his round 1 team.

One gets the feeling that the glut of fresh faces still won’t cut the mustard and how long will it take before Crichton starts longing for his boom box days at the Panthers...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Where are their big men?
- How do the new recruits fit into the starting team?
- Can Burton find consistency?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
MAHONEY, REED	Hooker	24	4	9	4	11	21	1	4	164	-
CRICHTON, STEPHEN	Centre KP6	21	14	12	10	11	0	15	1	130 (170)	▼
PRESTON, JACOB	Back Row	20	6	0	12	3	18	1	0	127	▲
BURTON, MATT	Five Eighth KP2	23	4	15	6	14	0	4	14	105 (225)	-
KING, MAX	Front Row	23	0	0	1	1	19	3	0	103	-
KIRAZ, JACOB	Centre	19	6	3	6	7	0	17	0	77	-
CURRAN, JOSH	Back Row	21	4	1	7	1	8	1	0	68	-
ADDO-CARR, JOSH	Winger	15	11	1	11	0	0	5	0	67	-
PERHAM, HAYZE	Full Back	21	3	5	6	8	0	13	3	65	▼
EDWARDS, HARRISON	Lock	13	1	0	1	0	10	1	0	55	-
WILSON, BLAKE	Winger	11	6	4	11	1	0	3	1	51	▲
TRACEY, CONNOR	Centre	9	3	2	3	6	0	10	1	46	-
SEXTON, TOBY	Half Back	8	3	4	5	6	0	0	1	36	-
SUTTON, RYAN	Front Row	13	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	35	-
MANN, KURT	Lock	16	4	1	4	1	2	0	0	33	-
HUTCHISON, DREW	Halfback	17	4	1	6	2	2	1	0	30	-
TAAFFE, BLAKE	Full Back KP2	18	3	3	4	4	0	1	0	28 (76)	-
TURPIN, JAKE	Hooker	16	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	26	-
SALMON, JAEMAN	Five Eighth	20	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	24	-
F-MARINER, RAYMOND	Back Row	14	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	15	-
MORRIN, KURTIS	Lock	13	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	14	-
TOPINE, JACKSON	Back Row	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	-
SKELTON, JERAL	Winger	7	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	10	-
KIKAU, VILIAME	Back Row	9	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	9	▲
QUAI-WARD, ETHAN	Centre	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	8	-
OLOAPU, KARL	Five Eighth	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	6	-
KNIGHT, LIAM	Front Row	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-
XERRI, BRONSON	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
FAAMAUSILI, POASA	Front Row	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
HUGHES, SAMUEL	Front Row	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24

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BULLDOGS

ROOKIE WATCH

Blake Wilson



He burst onto the scene in Round 19 last season, scoring a hat trick against the Rabbitohs. Wilson would feature on the wing for the rest of the season adding 3 more tries. Lightning speed and good body strength, Wilson showed enough potential to become a quality finisher on the wing.

With all the new additions to the Kennel, time will tell if Wilson can lock down the other wing spot.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JERAL SKELTON (10PTS)

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M. King R. Mahoney L. Knight

V. Kikau J. Curran J. Preston

M. Burton^(K) C. Tracey

B. Xerri S. Crichton

J. Addo-Carr B. Taaffe J. Kiraz

PLAYER GAINS

Bronson Xerri
Stephen Crichton
Blake Taaffe
Jaemon Salmon
Josh Curran
Poasa Faamausili
Drew Hutchison
Kurt Mann
Connor Tracey

PLAYER LOSSES

Jake Averillo
Tevita Pangai Junior
Kyle Flanagan
Paul Alamoti
Luke Thompson
Corey Waddell
Fa'amanu Brown
Andrew Davey
Jayden Okunbor

STEPHEN CRICHTON - 6KP

2023 - 21/25 (84%)
Career - 74/94 (79%)

MATT BURTON - 2KP

2023 - 60/71 (84%)
Career - 116/147 (79%)

BLAKE TAAFFE - 2KP

2023 - 24/33 (73%)
Career - 60/80 (75%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Connor Tracey – I just like this bloke. He comes across as a hard-working journeyman. If he can get that run on centre spot, he's a good, solid player who will do anything to get over the line.

DEANO'S DUD

Matt Burton – Desperately wants to keep playing 5/8 except he provides as much spark as a wet piece of wood. I doubt moving to centre will do him any good either. Avoid!

MIG'S MONEY

Josh Curran – He deserves more and he may just get it at the Dogs. I'm expecting a BIG season from him.



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BULLDOGS

GRINDSTONE COWBOYS

WHAT HAPPENED

After an above expectation 2022 season, the Cowboys regressed last season to finish out of the top 8. Injuries to key personnel played their part but at the end of the day, they lost too many games early in the season to teams they should have beaten.

When you look at the squad, there is no way that they should be missing the 8. However, there's a big elephant in the room lurking, waiting to derail the Cowboys season before it has even started...

THE MAIL

The Cowboys season could be over before it starts and all NQ fans are eagerly awaiting some positive signing news surrounding Tom Dearden.

With Townsend slowly fading into retirement, it seems the Cows are Dearden's to run in the near future and he is a high priority signature. You generally know what you are going to get with the Cowboys – high completion rate and a grinding style of play until they earn the right to use the ball....

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Peta Hiku leaves after providing some solid service and really, the Cowboys squad is a settled one.

Jake Clifford returns to hopefully find some form and take Townsend's spot.

Viliame Vailea comes over from the Warriors and will look to take that right centre position.



CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Plenty of diamonds in the Cowboys squad with Robson and Cotter the workers in the middle.

Drinkwater at the back is a point scoring machine with the Cowboys love spreading the ball to the wingers.

Tuilagi is a great finisher while Valemei and Feldt look set to battle it out for the lucrative right wing position.

The edge front rowers need to remain fit and if they can, Nanai and Luki are great try sneaks who, if given 80 minutes will push a workhorse.

QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can they start well this season?
- Can Townsend break out of his 'safe' style of play?
- Is Tommy staying or going?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
DRINKWATER, SCOTT	Full Back KP1	21	11	25	14	32	0	12	2	165 (183)	-
ROBSON, REECE	Hooker	23	2	3	4	9	23	9	3	161	-
DEARDEN, THOMAS	Five Eighth	22	7	11	14	12	1	6	7	106	-
HOLMES, VALENTINE	Centre KP7	18	8	6	11	7	0	21	1	103 (239)	▲
FELDT, KYLE	Winger	21	13	1	16	0	0	14	1	99	▼
COTTER, REUBEN	Front Row	20	4	0	4	0	14	4	0	98	-
TAULAGI, MURRAY	Winger	20	9	6	18	4	0	12	0	92	-
TOWNSEND, CHAD	Half Back	24	2	13	1	14	0	0	14	81 (93)	▼
VALEMEI, SEMI	Winger	9	9	0	9	1	0	5	0	56	▲
MCLEAN, JORDAN	Front Row	22	1	0	1	1	9	0	0	51	-
NANAI, IEREMIA	Back Row	13	6	0	4	3	3	4	0	50	▲
LEILUA, LUCIANO	Back Row	13	2	1	0	4	6	1	0	46	-
LUKI, HEILUM	Back Row	13	3	3	5	3	2	2	0	40	-
HESS, COEN	Front Row	24	2	1	1	3	6	0	0	40	▼
NEAME, GRIFFIN	Front Row	17	1	0	1	1	5	4	0	39	▲
GOSIEWSKI, JACK	Back Row	8	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	25	-
TAUMALOLO, JASON	Lock	16	0	0	1	0	2	7	0	25	-
LAYBUTT, ZAC	Centre	4	3	1	2	2	0	3	0	24	▲
GRANVILLE, JAKE	Lock	24	0	2	1	1	3	0	1	22	-
CHESTER, TOM	Full Back	7	3	1	3	0	0	2	0	21	-
VAILEA, VILIAMI	Centre	7	1	1	1	2	0	4	0	17	-
FINEFEUIAKI, KULIKEFU	Back Row	12	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	14	-
T-BROWN, JAMAYNE	Front Row	22	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	-
MCINTYRE, SAMUEL	Back Row	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-
DERBY, ROBERT	Winger	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	-
SHIBASAKI, JAMAL	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
SULLIVAN, WIL	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
CLIFFORD, JAKE	Five Eighth KP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
BITUNGANE, MARLY	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
LAHRS, KAIDEN	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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ROWBOYS

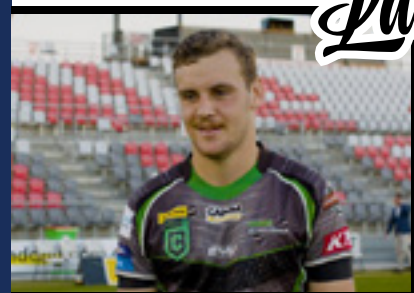
Zac Laybutt

With Peta Hiku making the move to UK, there is a centre spot up for grabs and I think Laybutt will get first crack at it.

He scored 8 tries in 15 games for the Blackhawks in the QRL last season, as well as 3 tries in 4 games for the Cowboys.

A genuine ball runner, Laybutt could be the fresh spark the Cowboys need after a fairly dismal 2023.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: RILEY PRICE (OPTS)



2024 NRL DRAW

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J. McLean R. Robson R. Cotter

H. Luki J. Taumalolo J. Nanai

T. Dearden C. Townsend

V. Holmes^(K) Z. Laybutt

M. Tuilagi S. Drinkwater S. Valemei

PLAYER GAINS

Jake Clifford
Viliami Vailea
Kaiden Lahrs
Thomas Mikaele

PLAYER LOSSES

James Tamou
Peta Hiku
Mitch Dunn
Ben Hampton
Brendan Elliot
Riley Price
Gehemat Shibasaki
Sylvester Namu

VALENTINE HOLMES - 7KP

2023 - 68/82 (83%)
Career - 297/380 (78%)

SCOTT DRINKWATER - 1KP

2023 - 9/10 (90%)
Career - 24/30 (80%)

JAKE CLIFFORD - 1KP

2023 - 50/71 (70%)
Career - 121/178 (68%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Semi Valemei – Thanks for your service Feldt, but there is new blood ready to take your spot. Valemei is big and fast and found the try line 9 times in his 9 games in 2023.

DEANO'S DUD

Chad Townsend – Proved yet again last season why this bloke should be in the lock up and not on a footy field. I would rather play no halfback than pick up this con. Heavy pass.

MIG'S MONEY

Scott Drinkwater – Scotty's form last season was irresistible. Should have won the Dally M easily but for a questionable suspension...



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COWBOYS

RED, RED WAYNE

WHAT HAPPENED

For the first half of the season, the Phins stunned all, sitting in the top 8 and causing upset after upset – Uncle Wayne had the misfits firing and grinding out wins despite nobody thinking they would!

However, the wheels eventually fell off – injuries and depth costing them a maiden finals spot as they ultimately slumped to 13th place on the ladder.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

As you'd expect with a new team, management has been quick to cull the deadwood and bring in some class.

Farnworth and Flegler bring some serious starch and attack which will compliment the side nicely.

Jake Averillo also joins but is a bit of a mystery where he will slot in – everything basically depends on where the Hammer lines up...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Who would have thought the Phins would have the top points scorer in the NRL in their first year?

Jamayne Isaako had a wow of a season scoring points and kicking goals at will. His 24 tries last year has him firmly in the sight of keen draftsters who like the look of the Phins this season.

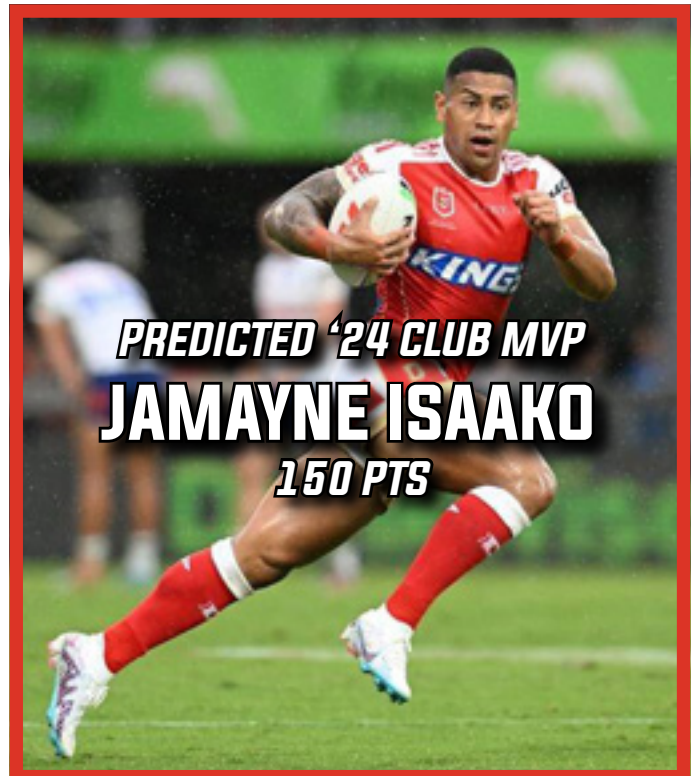
Tom Gilbert returning from injury will also be primed for a big season and is a workaholic in the middle.

THE MAIL

Coach Bennett has bolstered his depth in key areas this season and the exact make up of the starting team is tricky to predict.

There is a nice blend of youth and experience across the board. One gets the feeling that they won't be sneaking under the radar early this season and the reality is, they'll need to work harder than last year for every win.

Hammer is the key and effects so many other positions – who will play fullback is a burning question that needs answering...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Where is the Hammer best utilised in this side?
- Who plays fullback – Hammer, Averillo or Farnworth?
- Can Isaako have 2 seasons in a row without dicks for fingers...?

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ISAAKO, JAMAYNE	Winger KP8	24	24	3	31	1	0	16	0	168 (312)	▼
FARNWORTH, HERBIE	Centre	23	13	3	12	7	1	24	0	121	▲
NIKORIMA, KODI	FE Fullback	21	4	19	13	29	0	0	5	119	▼
TABUAI-FIDOW, HAMISO	Full Back	20	15	4	12	11	0	11	1	114	-
AVERILLO, JAKE	Centre KP1	24	12	8	12	11	0	8	1	104	-
M-KING, JEREMY	Hooker	15	2	8	5	8	12	2	1	100	▲
LEMUELU, CONNELLY	Back Row Centre	23	7	1	11	0	8	7	0	95	-
NICHOLLS, MARK	Front Row	21	3	0	4	2	11	2	0	75	-
AITKEN, EUAN	Centre	21	4	6	7	7	4	15	0	72	-
WALLACE, JARROD	Front Row	19	3	3	4	7	6	5	1	70	▼
BROMWICH, KENNY	Back Row	22	2	0	1	2	12	0	0	69	-
GILBERT, TOM	Lock	11	2	1	1	1	11	1	0	69	▲
KATO, ISAIYA	Five Eighth	23	2	9	2	13	0	0	10	60	▲
BROMWICH, JESSE	Front Row	21	1	1	1	3	9	0	0	55	-
NIU, FANITESI	Winger	17	5	2	10	1	0	7	1	50	-
TE WHARE, VALYNCE	Centre	13	6	1	8	1	0	7	0	49	-
O'SULLIVAN, SEAN	Half Back KP1	14	1	9	2	7	2	0	5	43 (47)	-
STONE, RAY	Lock	17	1	1	2	1	7	0	0	42	-
MILFORD, ANTHONY	Five Eighth	11	3	5	2	5	0	0	5	37	-
FLEGLER, THOMAS	Front Row	19	2	0	4	2	4	2	0	36	▲
GRAHAM, HARRISON	Hooker	6	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	16	-
BOSTOCK, JACK	Winger	4	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	14	-
JENNINGS, ROBERT	Winger	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	11	-
FULLER, TRAI	Full Back	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	8	-
KERR, JOSH	Front Row	23	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	7	-
PLATH, MAX	Lock	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	-
MCGRADY, BRAYDEN	Centre	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
KEELEY, DRYN	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TEAGUE, MASON	Lock	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
LEE, EDRIK	Winger	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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There is still quite a lack of depth in the Dolphins squad, although they have recruited extremely well. Bostock featured 4 times in 2023, scoring 2 tries.



Unlikely to make the starting 17, he will be one of the first called up when injuries occur. It's worth noting that Bostock is also a goal kicker, something the Dolphins do not have a lot of, so if Jamayne Isaako was to go down then Bostock could effectively take his role.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: ISAIAH KATOA (60PTS)

2024 NRL DRAW

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			27		8/9 4:05PM



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NRL CEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 23

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NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

J. Bromwich

J. M-King

T. Flegler

E. Aitken

T. Gilbert

F. Kaufusi

A. Milford

S. O'Sullivan

H. Farnworth

J. Averillo

T. Niu

H. T-Fidow

J. Isaako^(K)

PLAYER GAINS

Herbie Farnworth

Thomas Flegler

Jake Averillo

Oryn Keeley

James Walsh

PLAYER LOSSES

Brenko Lee

Herman Ese'ese

Poasa Faamausili

JJ Collins

Oliver Gildart

JAMAYNE ISAAKO - 8KP

2023 - 73/101 (72%)
Career - 305/390 (78%)

JAKE AVERILLO - 1KP

2023 - 0/0 (0%)
Career - 39/49 (80%)

SEAN O'SULLIVAN - 1KP

2023 - 2/2 (100%)
Career - 4/4 (100%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Isaiya Katoa – Katoa came from Penrith with big wraps, but being thrown into the five-eighth role in 2023 due to an injury, he's had to grow up fast. Look for a more experienced and settled player in 2024.

DEANO'S DUD

Valynce Te Whare – Great ability and proven try scorer, but he will need to eat all the other centres at Dolphins HQ before he gets a start in 2024.

MIG'S MONEY

Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow – The Hammer can sniff a pie and if there's a half chance, he'll take it. If he plays fullback, he's sweeter than if he stuck on one side in the centres...



THE FLANNO FIRESALE

WHAT HAPPENED

More mediocrity from the Dragons last season as they slumped to lowly 16th on the ladder after just 5 wins.

2023 saw the Dragons struggle in almost every facet – poor attack, poor defence and even worse management by the coaching staff and front of house.

Quite simply, 2024 can't be worse BUT when you look at the squad, new Coach Flanagan has plenty of work to do this off-season...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Despite all the talk about targeting off contract players, the Dragons have little to show for their endeavours. There is literally no one incoming to get excited about for Dragons fans.

Sure, they've cut A LOT of deadwood from the squad and this has freed up plenty of wasted coin BUT no one wants to come to the Dragons for massive overs!! That is a massive concern for Red V fans...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

The starting team could be anything this season as Flanagan blows up the squad and starts fresh. There's not many guaranteed starters at this stage and even Ben Hunt is on tilt and wanting out.

In terms of the draft, Blake Lawrie appears to be the best of a mediocre bunch and it could be wise to stamp the Dragons with "Avoid" if you want to do well in NRLCEO this season...

THE MAIL

Flanagan is a coach but he'll have to be a magician if he is to make the Dragons relevant this season. Sure, the Dragons boast some exciting young players but on paper, the team as a whole looks ordinary.

The attitude amongst the players will basically determine how high up the Dragons can climb on the ladder but early indications are it looks to be a long season for the Dragons...expect them to battle it out for the spoon again...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can they gel to become a better team than they are individuals?
- Will Lomax and Hunt remain happy for long?
- What is their pack going to look like?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
RAVALAWA, MIKAELE	Winger	21	21	0	22	0	0	14	1	135	▼
HUNT, BEN	Half Back	22	8	20	7	18	1	0	13	130 (140)	-
LAWRIE, BLAKE	Front Row	22	2	1	2	1	20	4	0	119	-
SLDAN, TYRELL	Full Back	23	10	8	17	8	0	7	3	96	▲
LOMAX, ZAC	Centre KP6	20	7	7	5	9	2	18	1	93 (207)	▲
LIDDLE, JACOB	Hooker	22	3	4	7	5	8	5	0	82	▼
SU'A, JAYDEN	Back Row	13	4	2	3	2	10	3	0	81	-
DE BELIN, JACK	Front Row	16	1	1	2	2	14	1	0	78	-
SULI, MOSES	Centre	22	2	7	5	10	0	19	0	75	-
BIRD, JACK	Back Row	14	2	3	0	5	6	4	1	58 (60)	-
MOLO, FRANCIS	Front Row	19	2	0	1	1	9	0	0	53	-
AMONE, JUNIOR	Five Eighth	19	1	7	3	6	0	1	6	42	-
RUSSELL, DAN	Back Row	8	0	1	1	0	7	0	0	38	▲
FEAGAI, MATHEW	Winger	24	4	2	7	1	0	2	0	32	-
SELE, HAME	Front Row	19	1	0	1	0	4	3	0	31	-
MOLO, MICHAEL	Front Row	21	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	30	-
ALLAN, COREY	Winger	19	2	3	5	4	0	0	0	23	-
COUCHMAN, TOBY	Back Row	19	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	20	▲
EISENHUTH, THOMAS	Back Row	16	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	16	▲
MURDOCH-MASILA, BEN	Back Row	21	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	16	-
FLANAGAN, KYLE	Half Back KP2	17	2	1	1	3	1	0	2	15 (29)	-
FEAGAI, MAX	Centre	6	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	10	-
COUCHMAN, RYAN	Lock	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	-
FIFITA, VILIAME	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
SHEREB, JACKSON	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TAMALE, SAVELIO	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MARSCHKE, JESSE	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TUITAVAKE, ALEC	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
RAMSEY, CODY	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
CORIC, JOSHUA	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24

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DRAGONS

ROOKIE WATCH

Toby Couchman

This kid is a genuine workhorse gun in a team that will go through a transformation under the Dragons new coach Shane Flanagan.

The Dragons will slowly become a tough, grinding team and Couchman will be well suited to that style of play.

At 20 years of age he could have a long NRLCEO career ahead of him.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: MAX FEAGAI (10PTS)



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04	 30/3 5:30PM*	15	 16/6 2:00PM
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NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

B. Lawrie

J. Liddle

H. Sele

J. Bird

J. De Belin

J. Su'a

K. Flanagan

B. Hunt

M. Suli

Z. Lomax^(K)

M. Feagai

T. Sloan

M. Ravalawa

PLAYER GAINS

Hame Sele

Kyle Flanagan

Viliami Fifita

Corey Allan

PLAYER LOSSES

Jayden Sullivan

Zane Musgrove

Josh Kerr

Jaiyden Hunt

Moses Mbye

Aaron Woods

Alexander Lobb

Billy Burns

ZAC LOMAX - 6KP

2022: 71/92 (77%)

Career: 195/249 (78%)

KYLE FLANAGAN - 2KP

2022: 0/0 (N/A)

Career: 140/204 (69%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Sione Finau – The Dragons are in for a LONG year, but one shining light is this young winger. Similar to Brian To'o, his NSW cup form is encouraging. He breaks tackles and can sniff out an intercept or two.

DEANO'S DUD

Jack Bird – Better suited to the political side of football these days as he seems to have an opinion on everything except when he will actually be playing decent footy for the Dragons. Avoid.

MIG'S MONEY

Blake Lawrie – In a forgettable team, Blake Lawrie's work ethic stands out. He's boring but he's a solid 4 points every week and you need those blokes in CEO...



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DRAGONS

MOSES NEEDS A MIRACLE

WHAT HAPPENED

It was a bust of a season with the Eels' premiership window officially shutting after a number of quality seasons before last.

Finishing outside the top 8 was a surprise but injury and poor form ultimately saw them flounder late in the season.

Coach Brad Arthur has an uphill battle to reinvent an Eels team lacking resilience when face with adversity...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

One of the more settled squads in the NRL with minimal squad changes for this season.

There's nothing coming in to bolster the Eels and really only irrelevant players have been shown the door.

The Josh Hodgson experiment did not last long and as predicted, injury has forced his retirement.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

The Eels boast a number of great draft targets. The boots of Moses are always reliable and the outside backs in Gutherson, Sivo and Penisini love crossing the stripe.

In the forwards, J'maine Hopgood is a beast at lock and gets big minutes to show off his enormous engine. On the edges, Cartwright and Matterson are also very handy.

THE MAIL

The Eels starting team is very settled but ultimately, they look a little tired, used and abused.

Seasons of hard-fought semi final battles could be taking it's toll and it's surprising they haven't gone out of their way to change it up a bit.

Plenty rests on Dylan Brown – he was pretty quiet last season and needs to rise and play to his potential week in, week out.

Overall, there's no reason why the Eels can't return to finals football in 2024...

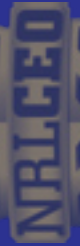


QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can they be revitalised with a fresh game plan?
- Will Dylan Brown step up?
- Is Lussick the man to trigger the Eels' attack?

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HOPGOOD, J'MAINE	Lock	24	4	5	4	6	27	3	0	175	-
GUTHERSON, CLINTON	Full Back KP2	23	19	15	14	18	0	14	3	167 (199)	-
CARTWRIGHT, BRYCE	Back Row	24	7	4	7	9	16	4	1	141	▼
MOSES, MITCHELL	Half Back KP7	19	7	15	11	12	0	4	14	121 (259)	-
SIVO, MAIKA	Winger	20	20	1	24	1	0	5	0	115	▲
PENISINI, WILL	Centre	24	8	8	12	13	1	21	1	114	-
BROWN, DYLAN	Five Eighth	17	3	16	9	13	6	11	5	109	▲
SIMONNSON, BAILEY	Centre	20	9	8	9	9	0	15	0	98	-
MATTERSON, RYAN	Lock	18	0	5	1	4	13	9	0	98	-
C-GILLARD, REAGAN	Front Row	14	3	0	3	0	10	7	0	77	-
PAULO, JUNIOR	Front Row	20	3	1	3	5	6	8	0	66	▼
RUSSELL, SEAN	Winger	17	9	0	12	0	0	2	0	52 (54)	-
HANDS, BRENDAN	Hooker	21	1	3	2	5	5	1	1	45	-
ASI, DAEJARN	Five Eighth	11	0	7	5	3	0	0	5	34	-
GREIG, WIREMU	Front Row	17	1	0	1	0	3	4	0	28	▲
TUILAGI, KELMA	Back Row	18	1	1	1	2	3	0	0	24	-
MAKATOA, MAKAHESI	Front Row	22	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	22	-
LANE, SHAUN	Back Row	10	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	21	▲
HARPER, MORGAN	Centre	9	0	1	3	4	1	4	0	17	-
LUSSICK, JOEY	Hooker	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	15	▲
DOOREY, MATTHEW	Back Row	12	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	10	-
OFAHENGAE, JOE	Front Row	22	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	10	-
OGDEN, OFAHIKI	Front Row	10	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	8	-
MORETTI, LUCA	Back Row	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
M-STEPHEN, ARTHUR	Full Back	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
MOMOISEA, JIRAH	Front Row	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	-
DUNSTER, HAZE	Winger	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-
MATAELE, TONI	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
YATES, JAYDEN	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TALAGI, BLAIZE	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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STARS

ROOKIE WATCH

Blaise Talagi



• A talented half in a similar mold as Shaun Johnson.

He will be hard pressed trying to break into the NRL via the halves, but he may be what the Eels sorely need right now and that is X-Factor.

He could play fullback or centre and add some creativity out wide to a side that has become quite stale.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: J'MAINE HOPGOOD (175PTS)

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07	 19/4 8:00PM	18	 4/7 7:50PM	23	 9/8 8:00PM
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NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

R. C-Gillard J. Lussick J. Paulo

S. Lane J. Hopgood B. Cartwright

D. Brown M. Moses ^(K)

B. Simonsson W. Penisini

M. Sivo C. Gutherson S. Russell

PLAYER GAINS

Kelma Tuilagi

Morgan Harper

Jock Brazel

PLAYER LOSSES

Jack Murchie

Josh Hodgson

Andrew Davey

Jake Arthur

Mitch Rein

MITCH MOSES - 7KP

2023 - 69/87 (79%)
Career - 533/691 (77%)

CLINT GUTHERSON - 2KP

2023 - 16/21 (76%)
Career - 114/160 (71%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Joey Lussick – He answered the Eel's SOS in 2023, and in his 5 games, he played 80 mins 3 times. He's likely to share minutes with Hands, but he could be a sneaky solid hooker option late in the draft.

DEANO'S DUD

Shaun Lane – Completely fallen off the radar after a shocking 2023 season. Needs to string together some solid games or he will get to know the pine very well. Depth pick up only in the latter rounds.

MIG'S MONEY

J'Maine Hopgood – Solid as a rock, loves tackling and running, and a good honest workhorse!!!



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HANGOVER AFTER A BIG KNIGHT

WHAT HAPPENED

The Knights came from nowhere to put together a memorable season where they showed attacking brilliance and defensive nous week in, week out to finish 5th on the ladder.

This was not what we have come to expect from the Knights and it was a pleasant surprise to see them become finals relevant again making the second week of the finals.

Coach O'Brien seems to have gained the trust of his players and with Kayln Ponga and Bradman Best having career defining seasons, the Knights are back where they should be...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

With Kayln Ponga again taking the boots, he becomes a valuable commodity. In the back end of the Season 2023, his form was irresistible.

The combination of Ponga, Best, and Greg Marzhew is a good one and looks set to cause plenty of headaches if the Knights pack can continue to roll forward and give their no frills halves enough time and space to do their thing.

In the forwards, the bulk of the big names are aging and you get the feeling that they'll be rotated to preserve them. Drafting Knights forwards this season could be a no no...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

There's quite a few changes to the squad for this season with try scoring freak Dominic Young heading to the Roosters.

While there's also a whole host of fringe starters also leaving, the Knights have looked overseas to fill some gaps.

Kai Pearce-Paul and Will Pryce join the club from the Superleague and as always, are highly touted youngsters. There's starting positions available for them if they are good enough.



THE MAIL

A more settled spine should lead to going one better in 2024. The Lachlan Miller experiment is over, and Jayden Brailey is back to guide the team around at Hooker.

The Knights may have lost their biggest strike weapon in Dominic Young, but there has been plenty of talk about rookie Thomas Jenkins if he can jag the spot.

QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can they do it again or have they peaked last season?
- Will Ponga stay injury free and win the Dally M by 16 points?
- Is their pack good enough to mix it with the top teams?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
MARZHEW, GREG	Winger	20	20	0	24	0	0	28	1	161	-
BEST, BRADMAN	Centre	23	13	15	11	17	1	23	0	156	▼
PONGA, KALYN	Full Back KP6	18	8	20	21	23	0	13	4	146 (226)	▲
FRIZELL, TYSON	Back Row	20	4	1	5	0	17	4	0	116	▼
GAGAI, DANE	Centre	20	3	13	13	17	7	22	0	112 (114)	-
CROSSLAND, PHOENIX	Hooker	23	6	5	2	2	14	0	0	107	▼
GAMBLE, TYSON	Five Eighth	22	6	11	4	12	0	1	8	85 (87)	▼
HASTINGS, JACKSON	Half Back KP3	21	4	9	3	12	0	1	9	69 (101)	-
THOMPSON, LEO	Front Row	23	1	0	2	0	12	0	0	66	-
SAIFITI, DANIEL	Front Row	21	2	2	2	1	8	5	0	65	-
ELLIOTT, ADAM	Lock	16	0	1	0	3	11	0	0	60	-
SAIFITI, JACOB	Front Row	19	1	0	1	0	6	5	0	39	▲
CROKER, MATTHEW	Lock	22	3	1	0	2	4	0	0	36	-
COGGER, JACK	Five Eighth	13	0	8	1	5	0	0	5	34 (44)	-
JENKINS, THOMAS	Winger	5	5	2	6	1	0	1	0	33	-
LUCAS, DYLAN	Back Row	15	1	0	1	0	5	1	0	32	▲
TUALA, ENARI	Centre	6	3	3	2	3	0	3	0	29	-
BRAILEY, JAYDEN	Hooker	5	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	22	-
CARTWRIGHT, JED	Centre	17	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	9	-
HETHERINGTON, JACK	Front Row	24	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	9	-
JONES, BRODIE	Back Row	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	-
CANT, THOMAS	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PEARCE-PAUL, KAI	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	▲
COOPER, KIAH	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MAPAPALANGI, KRISTIAN	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
RIVETT, RYAN	Five Eighth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
BRYAN, PAUL	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TUPOUNIUA, TONI	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
ARMSTRONG, DAVID	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PRYCE, WILL	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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ROOKIE WATCH

Thomas Jenkins

Made his debut for the Panthers in Round 25 last year and looked very promising. He has made the move to the Hunter and could well find himself on the wing replacing Dom Young.

He has huge potential if he gets the early start, especially if the Knights can continue on from the style of footy they played in the 2nd half of last season.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: LOCKY MILLER (45PTS)



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06	11/4 7:50PM	17	29/6 5:30PM	
07	21/4 2:00PM	18	7/7 4:05PM	23 11/8 4:05PM
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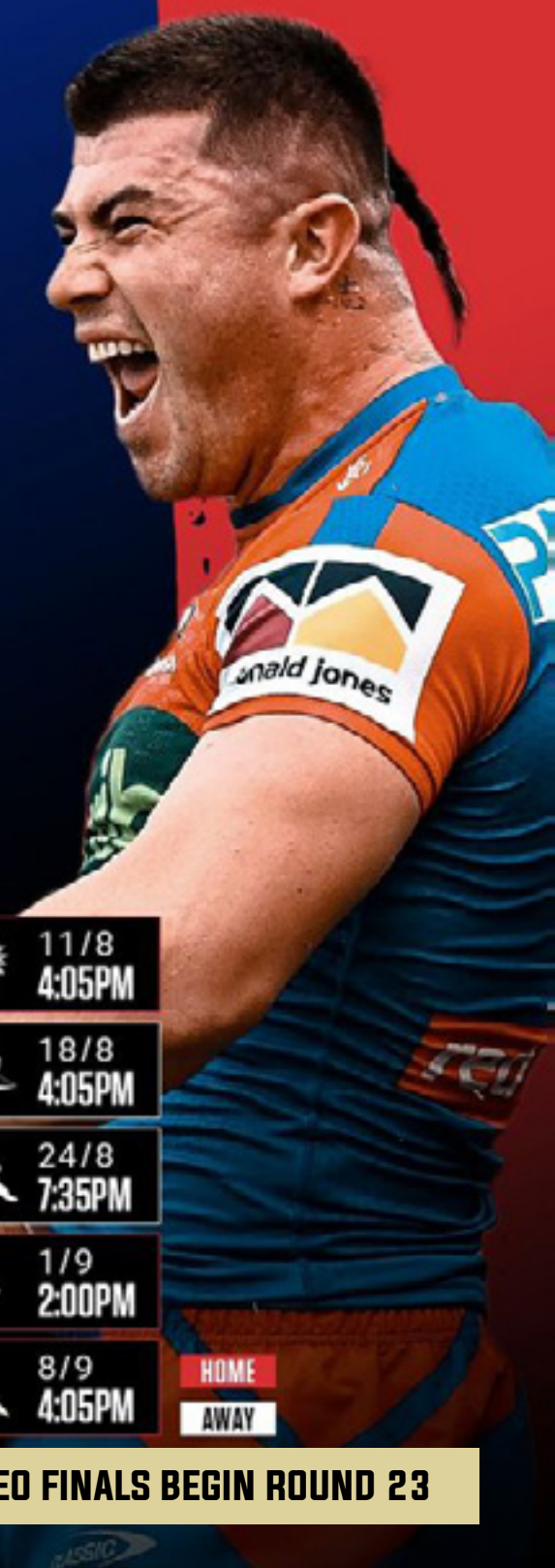
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K. Pearce-Paul A. Elliott T. Frizell

W. Pryce J. Hastings

B. Best D. Gagai

G. Marzhew K. Ponga^(K) K. Mapapalangi

PLAYER GAINS

Kai Pearce-Paul
Will Pryce
Jack Cogger
Jed Cartwright
Tom Jenkins
Zach Herring
Fletcher Sharpe

PLAYER LOSSES

Dominic Young
Lachlan Fitzgibbon
Simi Sasagi
Lachlan Miller
Fa'amanu Brown
Adam Clune
Bailey Hodgson
Kurt Mann

KALYN PONGA - 6KP

2023 - 46/60 (77%)
Career - 189/256 (74%)

JACKSON HASTINGS - 3KP

2023 - 16/28 (57%)
Career - 55/78 (71%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Dylan Lucas – With a second-row spot vacant, Dylan Lucas has the goods to fill it. He's an 80min hard running workhorse who loves to hog the ball; just ask Deano, lol.

DEANO'S DUD

Jayden Brailey – You realise you need a solid hooker after recruiting every other "quality" position, and all that is left is Brailey. Just get the axe ready as he will be injured in no time. No thank you.

MIG'S MONEY

Kalyn Ponga – It all happens around him and if he stays fit, he's a proven CEO points scorer...



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KNIGHTS

MOUNTAIN MEN ROLL ON

WHAT HAPPENED

More of the same as the Panthers cruise to the Minor and Major Premiership double, collecting their 3rd successive title along the way.

Coach Cleary has the boys humming and a happy team is a successful team and morale obviously sky high at the mountains.

Even with injury and State of Origin taking its toll on their players, the Panthers found a way to win and there is no doubt that they are in the midst of a serious dynasty....

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Panther's management has worked around the clock to keep their premiership winning squad together but sadly for them, money talks.

Stephen Crichton has left for the Dogs as well as impact bench forward Leniu.

The Panthers have been quick to sure up the depth in some areas though with Daine Laurie returning from the Tigers and highly touted young centre Paul Alamoti arriving from the Dogs.

THE MAIL

The Panthers have successfully covered the holes that key departing personnel have left, with Taylan May likely to get first crack in the centres.

Tago is likely to move to the right hand side and will form a dangerous partnership with To'o.

Overall, looking at the squad at Ivan Cleary's disposal, there's no reason why the Panthers can't do it all again in 2024, especially with Nathan Cleary continuing to take his game to a new level...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

The Panthers score plenty of points so it makes sense to target their money men in Cleary, Luai and Edwards.

The whole backline should be targeted with To'o and Turuva the beneficiaries of fast sweeping plays.

In the forwards, Captain Yeo is a beast at lock. His numbers continue to explode and he's a double workhorse man when he gets the full 80 minutes.

The forward pack is super strong with a fit Scott Sorensen a focal point in attack and a high priority draft target if looking for quality backrowers.

JFH continues to put up great stats despite the Panthers winning easily at times and the guns getting more bench time...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can anyone stop them on their day?
- Who steps up to provide the punch off the bench?
- Is Luai coming or going?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
TO'O, BRIAN	Winger	20	17	1	18	2	0	26	3	145	-
YEO, ISAAH	Lock	21	4	2	4	5	21	2	0	138	▼
CLEARY, NATHAN	Half Back KP8	19	5	18	6	20	2	4	18	135 (279)	▲
EDWARDS, DYLAN	Full Back	23	11	7	9	11	1	26	1	131 (135)	▲
SORENSEN, SCOTT	Back Row	20	4	6	9	8	13	4	0	118	-
TAGO, IZACK	Centre	13	10	6	12	3	0	14	1	96	▲
KENNY, MITCHELL	Hooker	20	0	3	0	4	17	1	1	96	-
FISHER-HARRIS, JAMES	Front Row	20	0	1	1	0	16	3	0	89	▼
TURUVA, SUNIA	Winger	23	9	1	11	0	0	17	4	87	-
PEACHEY, TYRONE	Centre	16	10	4	9	6	0	10	2	83	-
LUAI, JAROME	Five Eighth	20	3	13	8	15	0	2	3	81	-
MARTIN, LIAM	Back Row	15	5	2	5	2	7	4	0	74	-
ALAMOTI, PAUL	Centre	19	2	4	4	8	0	12	0	52 (54)	▼
LAURIE, DAINE	Full Back	13	2	5	6	7	0	4	3	42	▲
LEOTA, MOSES	Front Row	23	2	0	1	0	5	2	0	38	-
SMITH, LINDSAY	Front Row	22	0	2	1	1	5	3	0	37	▲
EISENHUTH, MATT	Front Row	12	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	17	-
LUKE, SONI	Hooker	20	1	2	1	1	0	0	6	14	-
GARNER, LUKE	Back Row	14	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	8	-
SOMMERTON, LUKE	Hooker	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
MCLEAN, JESSE	Winger	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-
GEYER, MAVRIK	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
HASSETT, HARRY	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
HENRY, LIAM	Back Row	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
LISATI, ATIVALU	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PRICE, RILEY	Back Row	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
RIKI, PRESTON	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
COLE, JACK	Five Eighth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
SCHNEIDER, BRAD	Half Back	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MAY, TAYLAN	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24

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PANTHERS

ROOKIE WATCH

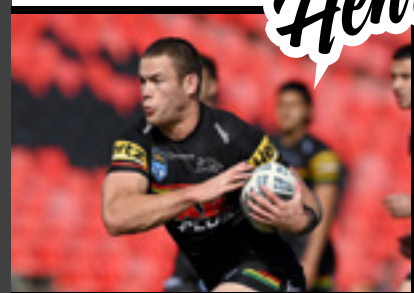
Liam Henry

The Panthers nursery just keeps on producing and they have another potential star in Liam Henry.

He averaged 156 run metres per game in NSW Cup in 2023, along with a tackle efficiency of 96%.

Henry will likely slot into Spencer Leniu's role on the bench for 2024 but mark this man down as a future workhorse gun.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: ZAC HOSKING (79PTS)



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J. F-Harris M. Kenny M. Leota

S. Sorensen I. Yeo L. Martin

J. Luai N. Cleary^(K)

I. Tago T. May

S. Turuva D. Edwards B. To'o

PLAYER GAINS

Daine Laurie
Brad Schneider
Paul Alamoti
Riley Price

PLAYER LOSSES

Stephen Crichton
Spencer Leniu
Jaemon Salmon
Jack Cogger
Tom Jenkins

NATHAN CLEARY - 8KP
2023 - 89/106 (84%)
Career - 588/699 (84%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Taylan May – More of a “bounce back” than a “break out.” In 2022, May was a scoring machine. In 2024, he’s likely to switch to the centres, but that shouldn’t stop him from finding the try line.

DEANO'S DUD

Taylan May – Not big enough to make an impact and is also coming back from a major injury. Tread carefully, as you rarely hear the term “strike centre” these days.

MIG'S MONEY

Nathan Cleary – The puppeteer who pulls the strings – he’s a class above and his performance in the GF just showed that his ceiling is high....very high....!!!



JACK & TRELL CLIMB UP THE HILL

WHAT HAPPENED

The wheels fell off in a big way last season with the Rabbits missing the finals. Talks of infighting derailed their season long before the losses piled up.

The question now has to be asked – are the Rabbits in decline after their spiral to 9th on the ladder in 2023?

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The 'big in' is Jack Wighton and the talk is he will play in the centres. That's probably his best position but the reality is, the Rabbits don't need a centre.

Sean Keppie is the other recruit as they look to bolster their engine room...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

If you could guarantee Latrell 20 games this season, he'd be a target however he's simply not reliable.

The wingers in Alex Johnston and Tyrone Munro are excellent targets with Campbell Graham looking to have a better season.

Cody Walker is getting older and seems to have lost that zip he had two years ago.

In the forwards, Captain Cam Murray is the glue that holds them together. Cooky is still a draft stud with Tatola and Koloamatangi both having value when fit and firing.

THE MAIL

Overall, so much depends on the mentality of the Bunnies big names.

If they are fragile, the Bunnies' demise will be swift. If they are up for the fight and happy, then a return to the top 8 is imminent.

Once thing is for sure, Jack Wighton in the halves is NOT the answer to the Bunny woes...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- What is the mindset of the Big Boys?
- Can the find the 'want' to mix it again with the big teams?
- Is Cooky slowly fading?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
COOK, DAMIEN	Hooker	23	3	8	4	8	23	8	2	173	▼
WALKER, CODY	Five Eighth	22	9	24	11	30	1	1	10	161	-
GRAHAM, CAMPBELL	Centre	21	16	5	20	9	0	17	0	137	▼
MURRAY, CAMERON	Lock	21	4	3	5	4	20	1	0	131	-
JOHNSTON, ALEX	Winger	23	21	2	28	3	0	2	1	124	-
KOLOMATANGI, KEAON	Back Row	17	5	2	5	6	13	10	0	120	▲
TASS, ISAIAH	Centre	23	9	9	9	16	2	17	4	117	▼
MITCHELL, LATRELL	Full Back KP7	16	9	12	4	18	0	4	5	94 (200)	-
WIGHTON, JACK	Centre	21	7	7	8	11	1	8	2	79	-
ILIAS, LACHLAN	Half Back	24	4	11	4	13	0	0	9	76 (80)	-
TATOLA, TEVITA	Front Row	15	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	54	▲
CHEE-KAM, MICHAEL	Back Row	17	1	1	1	1	9	1	0	53	-
ARROW, JAI	Back Row	14	0	0	1	0	7	4	0	44	▲
HOST, JACOB	Back Row	17	3	1	4	1	4	1	0	41	-
MILNE, TAANE	Winger	18	2	2	11	1	0	8	0	38	▼
BURGESS, THOMAS	Front Row	16	1	0	2	0	2	8	0	30	-
BURNS, BRAIDEN	Winger	10	2	2	3	3	0	5	1	29	-
KEPIE, SEAN	Front Row	20	1	0	1	0	4	2	0	27	-
MUNRO, TYRONE	Winger	4	3	1	7	0	0	1	0	23	▲
KENNER, RICHIE	Winger	8	2	2	4	3	0	1	0	21	-
THOMPSON, IZAAC	Winger	7	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	14	-
MITCHELL, SHAQUAI	Front Row	11	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	12	-
HAWKINS, DEAN	Half Back KP1	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	10 (12)	-
DUNCAN, TALLIS	Lock	8	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	8	▲
FIFITA, DAN	Front Row	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	-
MOALE, DAVVY	Front Row	18	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	-
MAMOUZELOS, PETER	Hooker	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7	-
HAVILI, SILIVA	Hooker	9	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	-
LOVETT, BEN	Lock	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	-
TSIKRIKAS, BILLY	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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RABBITOHS

ROOKIE WATCH

Tallis **Duncan**

Duncan announced himself to the rugby league world with a length of the field try in Round 19 last season.

At home in the back row, Tallis Duncan plays with plenty of passion and energy.

He will likely be used as an impact player off the bench but it won't be long before he is a regular starter.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: IZAAC THOMPSON (14PTS)



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T. Burgess *D. Cook* *T. Tatola*

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

C. Walker *L. Ilias*

J. Wighton *C. Graham*

A. Johnston *L. Mitchell* ^(K) *T. Munro*

PLAYER GAINS

Jack Wighton

Sean Keppie

Thomas Fletcher

Dion Teupa

PLAYER LOSSES

Hame Sele

Blake Taaffe

Jed Cartwright

Liam Knight

LATRELL MITCHELL - 7KP

2023 - 53/73 (73%)
Career - 335/451 (74%)

DEAN HAWKINS - 1KP

2023 - 2/3 (67%)
Career - 2/3 (67%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Tyrone Munro – The right-hand winger merry-go-round should land on Munro. An electric young talent with so much potential.

DEANO'S DUD

Isaiah Tass – A dud two years in a row. No chance of getting a game now Latrell's "Bro-friend" has found his way down the Burrow. He will be the forgotten man this season which isn't deserved.

MIG'S MONEY

Alex Johnston – If he can avoid the black hole that is Jack Wighton, then he'll score another 20 pies this season...



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RABBITOHS

OH RICKY, YOU'RE SO FINED

WHAT HAPPENED

Looking ordinary for much of the season, the Raiders snuck into the finals in 8th position only to go down by the barest of margins to the Knights in the first week. This was probably an overachievement though with defence a major issue.

Coach Ricky is almost out of excuses too. The premiership window is almost closed and he will need to reinvent his structures this season if they are to be a contender...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Joseph Tapine had an amazing season last year and at times, carried the whole team on his back.

Matt Timoko was a sensation in the centres and really, that's where it ends for the draft targets.

THE MAIL

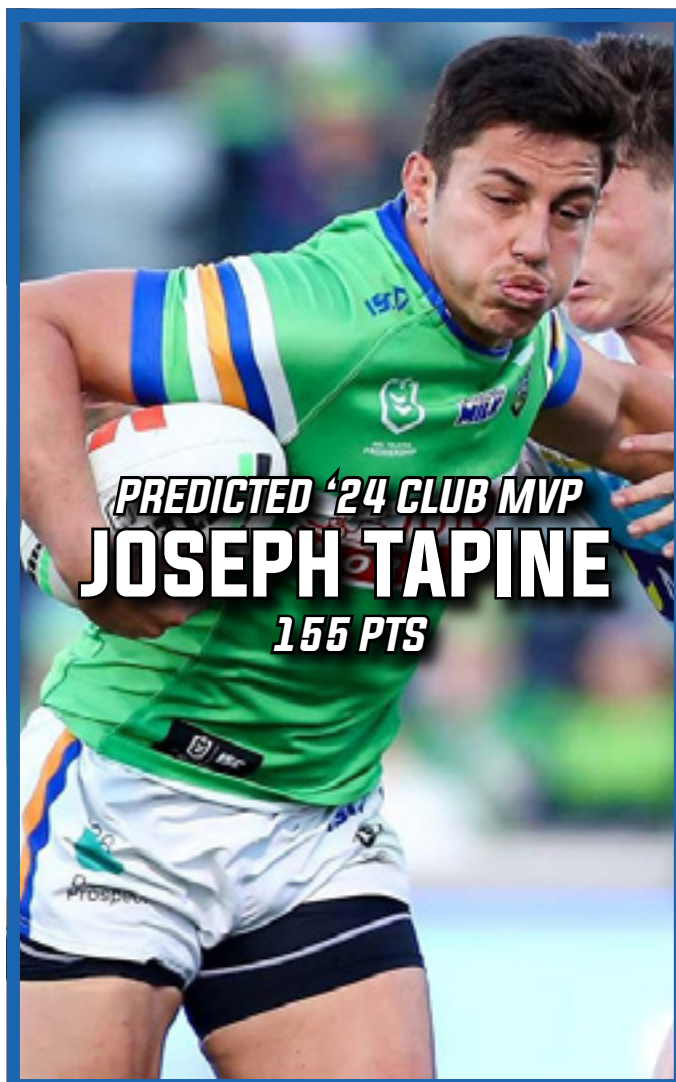
Don't get me wrong, the Raiders are full of 'good' players but the whole squad just looks 'used' and 'tired'.

The Raiders really need Xavier Savage to kick on as he is the livewire that they need but even then it's hard to see the Raiders 'doing a Knights' and surprising anyone this year.

It looks to be a case of same ole, same ole – it's boooooorrrrrrr Ricky.....

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Not much to talk about here. Kaeo Weekes comes from Manly and looks likely to take Wighton's spot. Jarrod Croker has retired and a range of top 30 squad players have moved on.



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can Ricky reinvent the wheel?
- Is Kaeo Weekes' kicking game good enough at this level?
- Can an older and experienced pack still cut it?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
TAPINE, JOSEPH	Front Row	23	1	1	1	3	23	12	1	150	-
YOUNG, HUDSON	Back Row	23	9	2	7	2	17	3	2	136	-
TIMOKO, MATT	Centre	24	11	5	14	9	1	26	1	128	▼
HORSBURGH, COREY	Lock	22	3	1	4	1	20	2	0	121	-
WHITEHEAD, ELLIOTT	Back Row	22	3	2	2	7	17	0	1	111	▼
FOGARTY, JAMAL	Half Back KP6	23	3	14	5	8	0	1	17	89 (137)	-
RAPANA, JORDAN	Winger KP1	20	11	9	14	8	0	3	3	89	-
HOSKING, ZAC	Back Row	20	3	3	4	3	10	2	0	79	-
HOPOATE, ALBERT	Winger	21	8	1	11	1	0	14	0	74	-
PAPALII, JOSH	Front Row	18	2	0	2	2	9	6	0	69	▼
KRIS, SEBASTIAN	Full Back	20	7	2	8	3	0	14	0	65	▲
STARLING, TOM	Hooker	22	2	5	3	4	4	0	2	45	-
WOOLFORD, ZAC	Hooker	19	0	5	0	6	5	0	3	44	-
GULER, EMRE	Front Row	24	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	30	-
COTRIC, NICK	Winger	13	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	14	-
H-NAERA, COREY	Back Row	9	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	13 (17)	-
SAULO, PASAMI	Front Row	22	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	11	-
MOONEY, TREY	Lock	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	-
SAVAGE, XAVIER	Full Back	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	▲
MARIOTA, ATA	Front Row	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
WEEKES, KAEO	Full Back	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	▲
LEVI, DANIEL	Hooker	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	-
SCHILLER, JAMES	Winger	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-
HOLA, PETER	Front Row	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
STRANGE, ETHAN	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TREVILYAN, ADRIAN	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PURU, HOHEPA	Lock	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
SASAGI, SIMI	Five Eighth	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
SMITHIES, MORGAN	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
STEWART, CHEVY	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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RAIDERS

ROOKIE WATCH

Chewy
Stewart

The Raiders are seemingly in a rebuilding phase which means plenty of opportunity for a young gun like Stewart.



He was favoured at fullback in NSW Cup over Xavier Savage in 2023, scoring 9 tries as well as being a handy goal kicker.

Expect big things from this kid.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: ALBERT HOPOATE (74PTS)

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J. Papalii *Z. Woolford* *J. Tapine*

H. Young *C. Horsburgh* *E. Whitehead*

K. Weekes *J. Fogarty*^(K)

S. Kris *M. Timoko*

N. Cotric *X. Savage* *J. Rapana*

PLAYER GAINS

Simi Sasagi

Kaeo Weekes

Morgan Smithies

Jordan Martin

Noah Martin

Vena Patuki-Case

PLAYER LOSSES

Jack Wighton

Matt Frawley

Jarrod Croker

Semi Valemei

Brad Schneider

Zane Dunford

JAMAL FOGARTY - 6KP

2023 - 28/32 (88%)
Career - 159/203 (78%)

JORDAN RAPANA - 1KP

2023 - 0/0 (0%)
Career - 16/23 (70%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Seb Kris – 2024 is the year he bounces back to his 2022 form. There is the potential he will hold dual C/FB positions which is handy. His biggest challenge is staying out of the judiciary.

DEANO'S DUD

Jamal Fogarty – The Raiders lost Wighton and recruited diddly squat. Expect a mountain of pressure to be on his shoulders. Not getting any younger and goal kicking is on the way out. Pass.

MIG'S MONEY

Matt Timoko – I'm expecting Timoko to become one of the best centres in the comp, but if centres don't float your boat then Tapine is your man...



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RAIDERS

THE BUTCHERING OF BONDI

WHAT HAPPENED

A train wreck of a season by the Roosters' standards and they only just snuck into the finals in the final round of the season and bowed out in the second week of the finals.

Throughout the season, injuries to key personnel hampered their cohesion. Selection dilemmas were rife in the backline and ultimately, Coach Trent Robinson was fumbling for answers at times...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

The Roosters are stacked with draft targets but ultimately, burning an early pick on them means they'd better be in form!

Tedesco, Smith and Walker all need to rediscover their NRLCEO form of yesteryear.

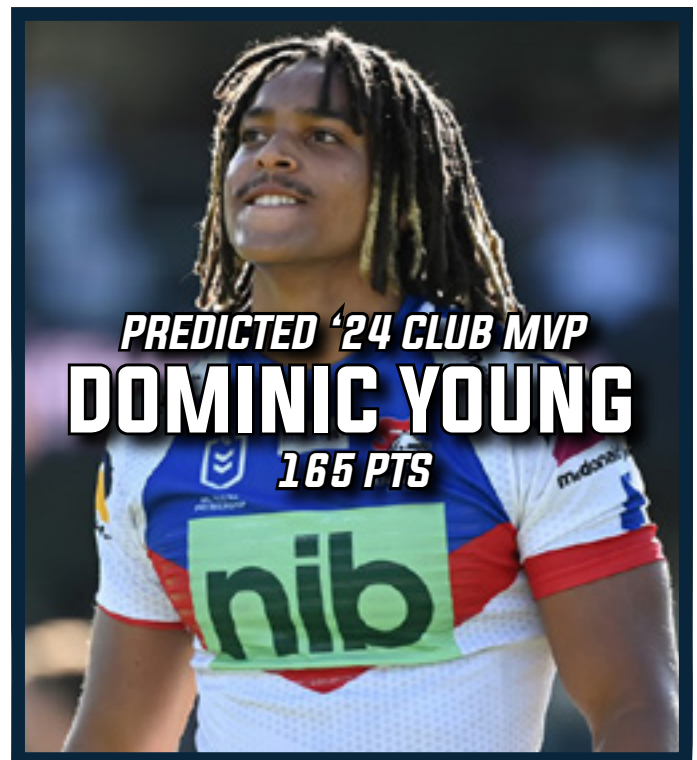
If Joey Manu makes the unlikely shift to fullback, he would be the first drafted.

In the forwards, if given the minutes, the Butcher Boys are workers capable of crossing the stripe often. The wingers looks ready to reap the rewards if the halves can gel...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Dom Young comes in and bolsters and already impressive backline while Spencer Leniu comes from the dark side to give some serious punch in the middle.

A whole host of fringe/support players have left, none of which were likely to start in a stacked Roosters team this season.



THE MAIL

On paper, the Roosters should be pushing for the title, but the Teddy conundrum is a valid one. He looks tired and his ball playing skills are not up to the modern game.

Plenty relies on the big investment of "The Cheese". If he can get fit then he is the man to trigger the attack.

At the end of the day, with a squad like this, the Roosters will be looking at top 4 and nothing else!

QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can Cheese get out of the fat group?
- Will Teddy rediscover a passing game?
- Can Radley stay on the field more often than not?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
YOUNG, DOMINIC	Winger	23	23	4	27	2	0	13	1	154	-
BUTCHER, NAT	Back Row	22	4	2	8	4	22	2	1	145	▼
TEDESCO, JAMES	Full Back	20	11	11	13	11	0	21	6	138	-
KEARY, LUKE	Five Eighth	24	5	18	8	21	1	5	9	125 (131)	▼
COLLINS, LINDSAY	Front Row	23	2	0	3	2	19	2	1	113	-
TUPOU, DANIEL	Winger	18	10	2	11	1	0	19	0	94	-
RADLEY, VICTOR	Lock	19	2	1	3	4	16	0	0	91	-
BUTCHER, EGAN	Back Row	19	2	2	5	0	14	1	0	87	-
MANU, JOSEPH	Centre	20	7	6	6	8	3	16	2	86	▲
SMITH, BRANDON	Hooker	19	2	2	4	2	10	7	2	82	▲
SUAALII, JOSEPH	Winger KP2	20	8	2	13	4	0	11	0	75 (167)	▲
W-HARGREAVES, JARED	Front Row	20	0	1	0	2	11	3	0	61	▼
SMITH, BILLY	Centre	14	4	4	5	10	1	10	1	60	-
WALKER, SAM	Half Back KP7	8	3	4	5	4	0	1	5	40 (74)	▲
PAUGA, FETALAIGA	Winger	8	3	1	4	1	0	5	0	29	-
SMITH, SANDON	Half Back	12	0	5	3	4	0	0	4	27 (41)	-
WONG, SIUA	Back Row	9	2	0	4	0	3	0	0	27	▲
MAY, TERRELL	Front Row	15	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	25	-
CRICHTON, ANGUS	Back Row	11	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	17	-
TUPOUNIUA, SITILI	Back Row	8	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	17	-
LENIU, SPENCER	Front Row	18	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	13	-
WHYTE, NAUFAHU	Back Row	11	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	12	-
ANDERSON, JADE	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
DOCKAR-CLAY, ZACH	Hooker	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
FITTLER, ZACH	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
H-SCHUSTER, TAVITA	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
NAPA, DYLAN	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MARSCHKE, BEN	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
WATSON, CONNOR	Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MURPHY, LEWIS	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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ROOSTERS

ROOKIE WATCH

Robert Toia

The Roosters squad looks fairly settled after a lacklustre 2023. Toia is one player who could emerge and grab some minutes this season.

This 183cm, 100kg kiwi beast has all the attributes to make a fist of the NRL, which is why he was picked in the QLD Under 19's team. If Billy Smith goes down again then we could see Toia earlier than expected.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: SIUA WONG (27PTS)



2024 NRL DRAW

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06	11/4 7:50PM	17	30/6 6:15PM
07	18/4 7:50PM	18	7/7 2:00PM
08	25/4 4:00PM	19	BYE
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NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

L. Collins B. Smith J. W-Hargreaves

S. Wong V. Radley N. Butcher

L. Keary S. Walker^(K)

J. Suaalii J. Manu

D. Tupou J. Tedesco D. Young

PLAYER GAINS

Dominic Young
Spencer Leniu
Lewis Murphy
Ethan Roberts
Alex Young
Ethan Steep

PLAYER LOSSES

Corey Allan
Fletcher Baker
Jaxson Paulo
Matt Lodge
Paul Momirovski
Jake Turpin
Drew Hutchison
Nathan Brown
Thomas Deakin
Elie El-Zakhem
Taku Hau Tapuha
Vuate Karawalevu

SAM WALKER - 7KP

2023 - 20/26 (77%)
Career - 134/186 (72%)

JOSEPH SUAALII - 2KP

2023 - 46/59 (78%)
Career - 46/59 (78%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Siuu Wong – You don't get a contract extension until the end of 2026 at the Roosters for no reason. Wong is an exciting prospect, but he will have plenty of competition in the second row.

DEANO'S DUD

JWH – This old cock keeps producing but needs more rub downs than an Asian massage parlour. Barring injury to the starting props, JWH will happily warm the bench. Spud pool pick up only.

MIG'S MONEY

Nat Butcher – Nat is a gun and it doesn't matter where he plays, if he is in the starting team – he'll score CEO points.



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ROOSTERS

THOMAS THE TANKED ENGINE

WHAT HAPPENED

Turbo was firing before State Of Origin and so were the Sea Eagles. Then Turbo blew a gasket mid-season after 10 tries, 8 try assists and just 2100m and the Sea Eagles were a write off... again season ovah....

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Some big names come in with Luke Brooks and Tommy Talau escaping the tiger Shitshow. The former in particular will have plenty to prove and can he (with DCE's help) finally guide his team to a finals appearance?

Plenty of youngsters have left, the most notable being Kaeo Weekes to the Raiders and the highly touted Fainu boys to the Tigers.

THE MAIL

Everything good that the Sea Eagles do revolves around Turbo and if there was ever a one man team, the Sea Eagles are it.

Having said that, the media have touted a shift to the centres for their injury plagued strike weapon but will Seibold pull the trigger on that?

Overall, the Jekyll & Hyde Sea Eagles look set for another roller coaster season in 2024 but it's hard to see them testing the more fancied teams...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Fit Trbojevic – get him ASAP but drafter beware... Lurking in the shadows is a player who proved to be a potentially game winning fullback in Koula – his stats were epic in the back end of last season!

Of course, the wingers in Saab and Garrick loves scoring tries and both players' value explodes with Turbo fit.

In the forwards, Guacamole Olakau'atu is turning into a very handy try scoring, back rower. He'll pick up the workhorse at a rate of 50% too – that's not bad!



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can Turbo stay out of the injury ward?
- Will Brooks compliment DCE?
- Where does Schuster fit into this team?

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24
OLAKAU'ATU, HAUMOLE	Back Row	24	10	6	12	7	14	10	2	161	-
CHERRY-EVANS, DALY	Half Back KP1	22	9	20	8	21	1	7	16	138 (178)	▼
GARRICK, REUBEN	Winger KP7	21	12	6	17	6	0	16	2	117 (243)	-
CROKER, LACHLAN	Hooker	23	6	4	6	5	13	0	2	114	▼
TRBOJEVIC, TOM	Fullback	11	10	9	6	15	0	13	0	105	▲
SAAB, JASON	Winger	19	14	5	21	1	0	7	2	104	-
WADDELL, COREY	Lock	22	4	1	3	1	14	4	0	98	-
KOULA, TOLUTAU	Centre	19	8	6	11	7	0	16	0	92	▲
TRBOJEVIC, JAKE	Lock	18	1	0	0	0	17	0	1	90	-
PASEKA, TANIELA	Front Row	18	0	1	3	1	11	8	0	77	-
BROOKS, LUKE	Halfback KP1	16	3	6	6	6	1	6	6	64 (70)	▲
SCHUSTER, JOSH	Five Eighth	15	2	12	1	9	0	0	5	59	-
PAULO, JAXSON	Winger	12	6	1	8	1	0	6	0	47	-
WAKEHAM, BRANDON	Half Back	15	2	6	2	7	0	1	9	47 (101)	-
PARKER, BRAD	Centre	19	5	3	6	5	0	3	0	43	-
SIPLEY, TOAFOFOA	Front Row	17	2	0	4	1	5	4	0	42	-
BULLEMORE, ETHAN	Back Row	23	1	1	0	1	4	5	1	38	-
ALDIAI, JOSH	Front Row	16	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	28	-
TALAU, TOMMY	Centre	13	1	5	2	5	0	2	1	26	▲
TUIPULOTU, CHRISTIAN	Winger	12	2	0	8	1	0	1	0	19	-
TRBOJEVIC, BEN	Back Row	12	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	15	-
ARTHUR, JAKE	Five Eighth	22	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	14	-
LODGE, MATTHEW	Front Row	12	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	12	-
T-VAEGA, RAYMOND	Winger	7	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	12	-
WOODS, AARON	Front Row	16	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	11	-
BROWN, NATHAN	Lock	10	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	9	-
CONDON, BENJAMIN	Back Row	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
LAWTON, KARL	Back Row	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	-
TONG, GORDON	Hooker	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5 (7)	-
MATTERSON, DEAN	Lock	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-
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SEA EAGLES

ROOKIE WATCH

Gordon Chan-Kum Tong

Manly has lacked spark out of dummy half for many years now and they may have found an answer. Tong is an instinctive player who likes to run the ball and create opportunities.

With Lachlan Croker re-signing for 2 more years, it leaves Tong limited to a bench role and relying on his attacking stats to get his NRLCEO points.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: KAEO WEEKES (4PTS)



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09	3/5 6:00PM	20	21/7 4:05PM
10	9/5 7:50PM	21	27/7 7:35PM
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J. Aloiai L. Croker T. Paseka

J. Schuster J. Trbojevic H. Olakau'atu

L. Brooks D. C-Evans

B. Parker T. Koula

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

PLAYER GAINS

Luke Brooks
Tommy Talau
Jaxson Paulo
Aitasi James
Corey Waddell
Matt Lodge
Nathan Brown
Bailey Hodgson

PLAYER LOSSES

Latu Fainu
Samuela Fainu
Kelma Tuilagi
Morgan Harper
Sean Keppie
Kao Weekes

REUBEN GARRICK - 7KP

2023 - 63/83 (76%)
Career - 347/451 (77%)

DALY CHERRY-EVANS - 1KP

2023 - 20/26 (77%)
Career - 171/236 (72%)

LUKE BROOKS - 1KP

2023 - 3/3 (100%)
Career - 23/33 (70%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Tolu Koula – Koula has a decent set of wheels on him. The kid can run! With a healthy Turbo back and a rejuvenated Brooks in the halves, look for Koula to reap the benefits.

DEANO'S DUD

Brad Parker – A lot of youth are knocking on the door at Manly and this ranga has outlived his time there. He is one injury away from going to Super League. Stay away!

MIG'S MONEY

Haumole Olakau'atu – Haumole Guacamole is set to explode, and off the back of his try scoring prowess his new-found work ethic and 80 minutes each game is a bonus!



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SEA EAGLES

FITZY'S BLOOD IN THE WATER

WHAT HAPPENED

At times last season, The Sharks looked like title contenders but injury and sporadic form ultimately ended their season in the first week of the finals.

Coach Fitzgibbon had a number of selection conundrums and Nicho's post representative season decline in form hampered their push for the title...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

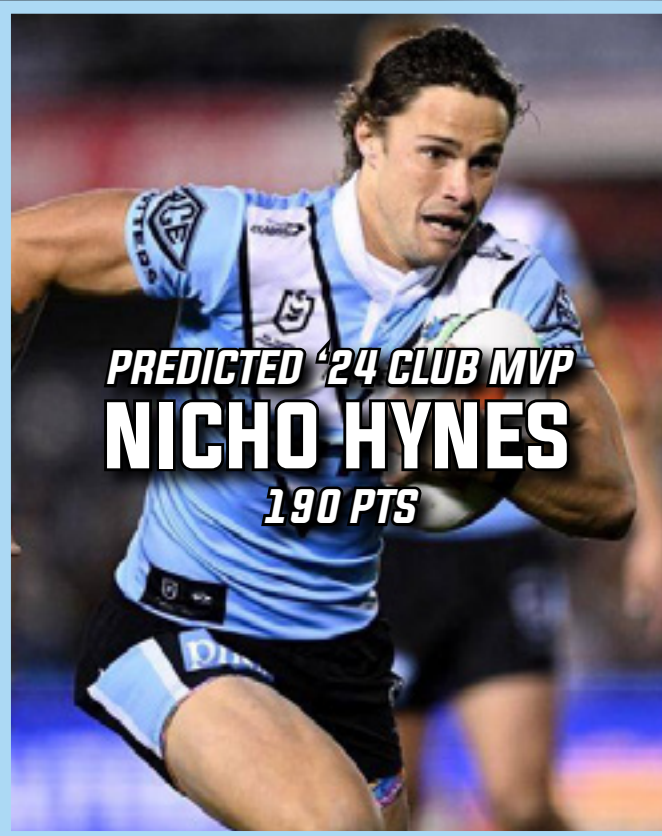
The Sharks' backrowers in particular are quite a target – Wilton and Nikora are both strike weapons in attack and rack up the stats in defence.

The wingers historically are well utilised and there's no reason why Ronaldo and Katoa can't rack up the pies again this season. Of course, the main man is Nicho Hynes and he's a genuine early draft target if you believe in the Sharks.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Not much going on in terms of squad changes. Billy Burns is the only notable addition with Wade Graham finally hanging up the boots.

Matt Moylan also departs after hanging around for too long and in an actual loss for the club, Connor Tracey's departure to the Dogs will impact on the Sharks' backline depth...



THE MAIL

The Sharks have a very stable squad and for that reason, you know what you are going to get from them.

They do look a little light up front which means their style of play could revolve more around the using Cam McInnes for more time in a 'small agile forwards' style where the ball gets moved around a lot.

Really, there's no reason why the Sharks won't feature again in the finals but, do they have what it takes to take their game to the next level – that will depend on how the spine (with Trindall at FE) gels with Kennedy's return...

QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- How does the Finucane/McInnes combination work this season?
- Can Trindall and Hynes work well together?
- Will Kennedy and Wilton be the same players after serious injuries?

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HYNES, NICH0	Half Back KP7	20	5	25	7	35	0	14	9	173 (335)	▲
NIKORA, BRITON	Back Row	24	8	4	17	5	19	4	0	163	▼
BRAILEY, BLAYKE	Hooker	24	1	11	2	14	22	3	2	160	-
MULITALO, RONALDO	Winger	22	20	5	29	1	0	7	1	135	-
TALAKAI, SIOSIFA	Centre	21	5	17	8	22	0	21	0	126 (128)	-
RAMIEN, JESSE	Centre	24	11	6	9	10	0	20	0	115	-
WILTON, TEIG	Back Row	17	6	0	5	1	15	4	0	113	▲
KENNEDY, WILLIAM	Full Back	19	14	7	11	6	0	10	1	108	-
MCINNES, CAMERON	Lock	22	3	1	4	3	17	1	0	108	-
KATOA, SI	Winger	24	12	1	19	1	0	5	1	81	-
BURNS, BILLY	Back Row	13	3	2	3	1	7	1	0	57	▼
WILLIAMS, JACK	Lock	23	2	0	5	0	7	4	0	56	-
TRINDALL, BRAYDON	Five Eighth KP2	18	4	6	1	6	0	0	3	47 (73)	▲
FINUCANE, DALE	Lock	13	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	38	▼
RUDOLF, TOBY	Front Row	14	1	0	2	0	6	0	0	36	▲
HAZLETON, THOMAS	Front Row	18	3	0	5	0	3	0	0	32	-
HUNT, ROYCE	Front Row	19	3	0	4	0	0	3	0	20	-
UELE, BRADEN	Front Row	20	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	8	-
COLQUHOUN, JESSE	Back Row	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	-
HIROTI, MAWENE	Winger	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
ATKINSON, DANIEL	Half Back	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
BERRELL, JAYDEN	Hooker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
DYKES, KADE	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
GABRAEL, MICHAEL	Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
IRO, KAYAL	Centre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
KAUFUSI, OREGON	Front Row	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
PURU, NIWHAI	Half Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
STONESTREET, SAMUEL	Winger	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TAPUHA, TUKU	Front Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TAUKAMO, SITENI	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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SHARKS

ROOKIE WATCH

Kayal Iro



Iro was our prediction last year and he did not end up playing any NRL in 2023. Surely coach Fitzgibbon will thrust him into the NRL this season on the back of another solid season for Newtown in the NSW Cup.

There has been talk suggesting Siosifa Talakai will move back to the bench and with the departure of Connor Tracey to the Bulldogs, this should finally be Iro's time to shine.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: KAYAL IRO (OPTS)

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T. Rudolf *B. Brailey* *D. Finucane*

T. Wilton *C. McInnes* *B. Nikora*

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

S. Talakai *J. Ramien*

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

PLAYER GAINS

Billy Burns

Michael Gabrael

Dylan Coutts

Liam Ison

PLAYER LOSSES

Wade Graham

Matt Ikuvalu

Matt Moylan

Tuku Hau Tapuha

Connor Tracey

NICHO HYNES - 7KP

2023 - 83/105 (79%)

Career - 228/298 (77%)

BRAYDON TRINDALL - 2KP

2023 - 13/18 (72%)

Career - 55/74 (74%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Kayal Iro – No real changes to the Sharks line-up in 2024, but if 21-year-old Iro can push Talakai to the bench, look for a player with the size and speed to devastate some backline defences in 2024.

DEANO'S DUD

Jesse Ramien – Had a decent year last season but other teams have worked him out. There are plenty of young guns deserving of a shot, so expect Ramien to get the tap this season. Hard pass.

MIG'S MONEY

Briton Nikora – scores tries and plays minutes big enough to get the horse. He's a tidy package!



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SHARKS

PAPI DON'T PREACH

WHAT HAPPENED

It was another season where the Storm were more than competitive – this is despite having a centre pairing of Tonumaiepa and Seve for the back half of the season!

Ultimately, one got the feeling that the Storm weren't the team to take the title but, they were still better than most, finishing the season in third and going down to the Premiers in the preliminary final...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Like a lot of teams this season, there's really not much doing in the recruitment stakes.

No names coming in and busted dead wood leaving. There's plenty of coin tied up in the Storm spine so there's very little wiggle room in one set of the Storm's books...

THE MAIL

As usual, the Storm will be there when the whips are cracking but with Munster and Hughes another year older, the Storm premiership window could be slowly closing.

Papi holds the key and if he is fit, then the Storm can go to the required next level. The no frills forward pack also needs to do their job and one gets the feeling that this could be their achilles heel in 2024 – they rely far too much on the brilliance of their spine...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Harry Grant leads all runners in the draft and will be the first hooker drafted thanks to his back-to-back NRLCEO MVP's. It has to be said though, that Harry hasn't reached his ceiling yet which is frightening really...

In terms of the backs, Jahrome Hughes and Cam Munster are good options without kicking points. Will Warbrick and Xavier Coates are dynamic wingers and love to score in doubles.

The big question mark revolves around Ryan Papenhuyzen who is currently in the midst of a horror injury run. If he can somehow stay on the field in 2024, then he's an obvious draft target (with massive risk though).



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Are the Storm still good enough to mix it with the best?
- Where will Bellamy utilise NAS?
- Can the spine carry the rest yet again...?

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GRANT, HARRY	Hooker	22	9	12	7	16	23	8	6	221	-
HUGHES, JAHROME	Halfback	20	7	20	12	25	0	6	9	146	▼
KING, JOSH	Lock	23	3	1	2	2	21	2	0	127	-
LOIERO, TRENT	Back Row	23	2	1	2	2	19	4	0	117	▼
MUNSTER, CAMERON	Five Eighth	19	8	13	13	6	2	9	5	115 (117)	▲
KATOA, ELIESA	Back Row	18	6	5	12	5	11	4	0	114	▲
MEANEY, NICK	Full Back KP3	22	10	11	9	11	0	11	1	105 (281)	▼
WARBRICK, WILLIAM	Winger	22	16	1	18	2	0	7	0	100	▲
COATES, XAVIER	Winger	20	16	4	11	0	0	7	1	98	-
WELCH, CHRISTIAN	Front Row	22	2	0	2	1	16	1	0	91	-
SMITH, REIMIS	Centre	21	5	6	4	10	0	3	0	50	-
KAMIKAMICA, TUI	Front Row	19	1	1	0	1	7	1	0	42	-
A-SOLOMONA, NELSON	Front Row	17	3	0	6	0	2	4	0	36	-
PEZET, JONAH	Half Back	7	2	6	1	5	0	0	3	35 (39)	-
SEVE, MARION	Centre	7	2	2	4	1	0	6	0	29	-
TONUMAIPEA, YOUNG	Centre	8	3	1	5	6	0	3	0	29	-
BLORE, SHAWN	Back Row	15	1	0	4	0	2	1	1	21	▲
ANDERSON, GRANT	Winger	11	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	14	-
WISHART, TYRAN	Half Back	15	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	13	-
FAALOGO, SUALAUVI	Full Back	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	▲
GARLICK, BRONSON	Hooker	22	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	9	-
PAPENHUYZEN, RYAN	Full Back KP6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6 (14)	-
HOWARTH, JACK	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	-
LEWIS, CHRIS	Back Row	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	-
PENE, AARON	Front Row	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	-
MACDONALD, ALEC	Lock	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-
MOEROA, TEPAI	Lock	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-
CHAN, JOE	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
IEREMIA, DEAN	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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ROOKIE WATCH

Sualawi Faalogo

It was a super impressive display from Faalogo in the Pacific Test Series in 2023.

He is very quick and evasive and looks like a real talent. Hard to see him replacing Ryan Papenhuyzen at this stage but he may get an opportunity from the bench in 2024 and be a great attacking weapon for Craig Bellamy.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JOE CHAN (OPTS)



2024 NRL DRAW

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07	18/4 7:50PM	18	6/7 5:30PM
08	25/4 7:50PM	19	BYE
09	4/5 5:30PM	20	20/7 7:35PM
10	11/5 7:35PM	21	26/7 8:00PM
11	19/5 4:05PM	22	3/8 5:30PM
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T. Kamikamica H. Grant C. Welch

T. Loiero N. A-Solomona E. Katoa

C. Munster J. Hughes

M. Seve R. Smith

X. Coates R. Papenhuyzen W. Warbrick

PLAYER GAINS

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PLAYER LOSSES

Tariq Sims

Jayden Nikorima

George Jennings

Jordan Grant

Tom Eisenhuth

RYAN PAPENHUYZEN - 6KP

2023 - 4/6 (67%)

Career - 100/127 (79%)

NICK MEANEY - 3KP

2023 - 91/116 (78%)

Career - 199/268 (74%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Sualauvi Faalogo – Plenty of hype about this kid. He's only seen one NRL match against a reserve-grade Broncos, but he is a pocket rocket. Stuck behind Papi, but we all know his recent luck.

DEANO'S DUD

Nick Meaney – Would I draft him? "Yes", but as backup only and in the latter rounds. Covers multiple positions but will need an injury or two to lock down a spot this year.

MIG'S MONEY

Harry Grant – the reigning MVP hasn't reached his ceiling yet which is scary. Will be the first player drafted in 90% of competitions...



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WHAT HAPPENED

100% shitshow. On the field, off the field, in the front office and in the coaching box.

Honestly, the best thing about the Tigers is the hot chick who works the stats in the coach's box.

Seriously though, the Tigers are a basket case and Benji has his work cut out for him if they are to avoid back-to-back spoons.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Luke Brooks OUT! Yes - you read right! The Tigers will field a new-look halves pairing in Jayden Sullivan and Aidan Sezer in 2024.

That will be exciting for Tiger's fans and now I guess we'll really know if Brooks was the real issue or just the scapegoat!

The highly touted Fainu brothers join from Manly but that's basically it for the Tigers. Leaving are the likes of Ofahengaue, Maumalo, Talau and Laurie – not major losses really.

THE MAIL

Overall, the Tigers do look better but there's so many questions that really can't be answered until we see what the new look halves bring to the equation.

No Adam Doueihi is again a major concern but the reality with him is, the Tigers haven't had him fully fit for ages now anyway! Stay off socoal media too, Adam...

It looks to be another long season for the Tigers. They'll have a better week now and then but ultimately, they'll be cannon fodder for most...

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Hmmmm – ok, so the backrowers are hard workers but even Papalii's numbers declined last season. Bateman was solid enough to warrant a round 5 pick. Api Korisau will pull the strings as usual, and as the Tigers typically do a lot of tackling, so too does Api.

In the backs, the major offensive weapon is young gun Jahream Bula. He was dynamic in attack and made Daine Laurie look pedestrian! The rest of the backline could be anything. There are big wraps on Junior Tupou and his strike rate is quite good too!



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Can the new halves pairing gel straight away – they need to!
- How long will the players buy into Benji's philosophy?
- With a decent forward pack, can the backs man up defensively?

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KOROISAU, APISAI	Hooker	21	6	8	5	10	11	5	3	123 (159)	▲
PAPALII, ISAIAH	Back Row	23	2	2	3	2	19	5	1	123	-
BATEMAN, JOHN	Back Row	20	2	1	1	3	20	4	0	122	▼
KLEMMER, DAVID	Front Row	24	1	0	2	0	14	6	0	88	▼
UTOIKAMANU, STEFANO	Front Row	21	2	1	3	0	13	1	0	80	▲
BULA, JAHREAM	Full Back	18	5	7	8	10	0	12	2	78	▲
TWAL, ALEX	Front Row	22	1	0	1	0	13	4	0	76	-
TO'A, STARFORD	Centre	20	7	2	10	3	0	14	1	74	-
TUPOU, JUNIOR	Winger	22	6	2	18	3	0	6	1	62	▲
OLAM, JUSTIN	Centre	16	5	2	5	3	0	13	1	57	-
POLE, FONUA	Lock	23	4	0	2	0	6	1	0	50	-
KEPADA, ASU	Centre	22	5	0	5	6	0	4	0	39	-
SIMPKIN, JAKE	Hooker	20	2	1	3	2	4	0	2	37	-
STAINES, CHARLIE	Winger	9	3	1	2	3	0	6	0	31	-
SULLIVAN, JAYDEN	Five Eighth	12	3	3	4	4	0	0	4	31 (37)	-
DOUIEHI, ADAM	Five Eighth KP5	6	1	1	2	1	0	4	3	21 (45)	-
NADEN, BRENT	Centre	9	2	2	2	1	0	4	0	21	-
SEYFARTH, ALEX	Back Row	17	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	8	-
REILLY, TRISTON	Centre	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	-
CASEY, DECLAN	Winger	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	-
SMITH, WILL	Five Eighth	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	-
FAINU, SAMUELA	Back Row	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	-
FAINU, SIONE	Front Row	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	-
FELEDY, JOSH	Centre	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-
ALAIMALO, SOLOMON	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
FAINU, LATU	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MATAMUA, JUSTIN	Lock	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
SEZER, AIDAN	Half Back KP5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
DA SILVA, TALLYN	Hooker	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
FREEBAIRN, THOMAS	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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Feledy was given a taste of NRL at the end of 2023 and did not look out of his depth. With the loss of Tommy Talau to Manly, there is a centre spot up for grabs and Feledy could be the man to fill it.

He has a knack for finding the try line and I think he will get an opportunity early in the season ahead of Brent Naden.

Fun fact: Our rookie pick for last year, Justin Matamua, scored 0 points, but that was an improvement on his -2 the year before.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: JUSTIN MATAMUA (OPTS)

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D. Klemmer A. Koroisau S. Utoikamanu

J. Bateman F. Pole I. Papali'i

J. Sullivan A. Sezer

B. Naden S. To'a

J. Tupou J. Bula C. Staines

PLAYER GAINS

Latu Fainu
Samuela Fainu
Jayden Sullivan
Aiden Sezer
Alexander Lobb
Solomon Alaimalo

PLAYER LOSSES

Luke Brooks
Tommy Talau
Daine Laurie
Aitasi James
Ken Maumalo
Joe Ofahengaue

ADAM DOUIEHI - 5KP
2023 - 12/16 (75%)
Career - 129/174 (74%)

AIDAN SEZER - 5KP
2023 - 2/3 (67%)
Career - 179/218 (82%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Jahreem Bula – The Tigers see Bula as their long-term fullback, and why not? He had a breakout debut season in 2023, so look for him to go to the next level in 2024 with a proper pre-season under his belt.

DEANO'S DUD

Isaiah Papali'i – In 2024, Benji will want everyone to play like he did regardless of position so I would be looking elsewhere for quality second rowers as the Tigers try to work their way out of Spoonville.

MIG'S MONEY

John Bateman – Bateman is solid as a rock. Plays big minutes, is durable and crosses the stripe regularly enough to warrant being one of the first backrowers drafted...



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TIGERS

ANOTHER TITANIC STRUGGLE

WHAT HAPPENED

Another dud of a season for Titans fans (all 3 of them) as the rollercoaster that is the Titans continued to disappoint.

On paper, they are a much better team than their 14th placed finish. New coach Des Hasler will need to pull out all the quirky tricks if he is to get these guys into the top 8.

The positive Dessy is, they have all the tools, they just need to learn how to use them...

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Only really Keenan Palasia comes into the Titans side and he could jag a starting spot if Tino drops back to lock. Outgoing is a whole host of players who really won't impact on the Titans at all.

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

Surprisingly, the Titans are oozing with draft targets. Their wingers were outstanding in CEO with Khan-Periera crossing the stripe 20 times in his maiden season. Phillip Sami averaged 20 runs a game and is always good for metre eaters!

In the forwards, the Tino-Fifita combination was at its best in 2023. Both players had career best seasons with Fifita in particular impressing with his work ethic. Mo Fotuiaka was also a revelation up front with a renewed propensity for work seeing him rack up the workhorses!

THE MAIL

How to unlock the Titans remains the eternal question for the Coach. They have the cattle but at the end of the day, the results simply aren't forthcoming.

Coach Dessy will have to change it up and that could start with Jayden Campbell and AJ Brimson. Both have to be in the side somewhere and Campbell's form in particular has numerous other clubs sniffing for his signature.

Overall, it's hard to see Dessy changing the mindset straight away. However, if they can get their spine selections right straight away, the Titans have the team and unpredictability to make their mark in 2024...



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Where dos Campbell and Brimson fit in this team?
- Can Fifita have another big season?
- Will the halves of Foran and Boyd be good enough to unlock this team?

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FIFITA, DAVID	Back Row	22	8	10	9	11	17	16	0	189	▼
FA'ASUAMALEAUI, TINO	Front Row	19	6	1	6	3	22	16	0	175	-
K-PEREIRA, ALOFIANA	Winger	24	20	5	29	0	0	6	1	132	-
KELLY, BRIAN	Centre	22	6	9	8	19	0	19	0	107	-
SAMI, PHILLIP	Winger	22	11	2	13	0	0	22	0	105	▲
FOTUAIKA, MOEAKI	Front Row	21	0	1	0	2	17	10	0	103	-
RANDALL, CHRIS	Hooker	22	4	1	8	1	9	2	0	76	▼
BRIMSON, AJ	Centre	14	4	12	9	10	0	6	3	74	▲
CAMPBELL, JAYDEN	Full Back	22	5	3	10	7	0	10	3	66 (76)	▲
BOYD, TANAH	Half Back KP6	21	2	10	3	6	0	0	14	62 (200)	-
FORAN, KIERAN	Five Eighth	20	6	5	6	11	0	1	3	62	-
VERRILLS, SAM	Hooker	11	1	4	1	4	7	1	0	54	-
STIMSON, JOE	Back Row	24	2	0	2	0	6	0	0	40	-
SCHOUPP, AARON	Centre	19	2	1	0	4	0	10	0	32 (34)	-
LIU, ISSAC	Front Row	23	1	3	1	5	3	0	0	31	-
FIFITA, SOSEFO	Winger	17	3	0	6	1	1	2	0	23	-
PALASIA, KEENAN	Front Row	18	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	23	▲
CLARK, ERIN	Lock	20	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	22	-
HAAS, KLESE	Back Row	18	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	21	-
JOLLIFFE, JAIMIN	Front Row	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	20	-
FA'ASUAMALEAUI, ISZAC	Front Row	15	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	12	-
KINI, KEANO	Winger	9	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	9	-
WEAVER, THOMAS	Half Back	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	9 (11)	-
SMITH-SHIELDS, HARLEY	Winger	7	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	7	-
ALLICK, JACOB	Back Row	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	-
FERMOR, BEAU	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
FORAN, RYAN	Back Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
FRANCIS, TONY	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
GROOT, JAYLAN	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
MAUMALO, KEN	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
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TITANS

ROOKIE WATCH

Thomas Weaver

I am not convinced that Tanah Boyd can be the Titans long term halfback. If results don't go their way early in 2024, I suspect Weaver will be given his chance.



Weaver managed 12 try assists for the Seagulls in the Qld Cup last year and was given a chance in the NRL in the final 3 rounds. Coach Hasler has already stated that Kieran Foran will not be moving to halfback so that leaves Weaver and Boyd to fight it out.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: SOSEFO 'JOJO' FIFITA (23PTS)

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B. Fermor T. Fa'asuamaleaui D. Fifita

K. Foran T. Boyd

B. Kelly A. Schoupp

A. Khan-Pereira A. Brimson P. Sami

PLAYER GAINS

Keenan Palasia

Harley Smith-Shields

PLAYER LOSSES

Kruise Leeming

Aaron Booth

Patrick Herbert

Sam McIntyre

Thomas Mikaele

Toby Sexton

TANAH BOYD - 6KP
2023 - 69/86 (80%)
Career - 92/114 (81%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Jayden Campbell – JC is an out-and-out fullback. We've seen glimpses of what he can do. He's electric on his feet and, much like his dad, plays above his weight. Come on Des, give the kid a go!

DEANO'S DUD

AJ Brimson - He was a decent 5/8, a very good fullback, and the Titans are even considering him at centre! Good to have as depth but I wouldn't bank on playing him for more than a quarter of the season.

MIG'S MONEY

Tino Fa'asuamaleaui – What a beast. Workhorses every week and chips in for the odd pie or two. Just a weapon in CEO...



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TITANS

IT'S BUSINESS TIME

WHAT HAPPENED

The Warriors exceeded all expectations – possibly even their own – as they excited home fans with some dazzling footy!

Shaun Johnson was on absolute fire and new Coach Andrew Webster has all the Cuzzy Bros buying into his philosophy! What a season it was as they secured a top 4 position on the ladder with 16 wins!!

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The big offseason news surrounded gun prop AFB wanted out, despite a career defining season. Warriors management was able to pour water on that fire and have him for one last season.

There's not much other movement in the squad. Kurt Capewell comes from the Broncos in a 'strange move'. Harris-Tevita and Tuivasa-Scheck both return from hiatus and bolster the squad nicely.

Josh Curran is the only real loss, but they never really utilised him to his potential anyway...

THE MAIL

If the Warriors can keep the mojo flowing into 2024, then they are a team to watch. The critics would suggest their ceiling can't possibly get any higher than last year though and that's fair enough.

Either way, at home, the Warriors will be very hard to beat, especially if the halves combinations of Johnson and Metcalf can maximise their time together.

All in all, if you're backing the Warriors to go well again, there's draft-worthy troops in the squad!

CEO DRAFT TARGETS

The 2023 Warriors proved there was a lot to like draft-wise. Will the 2024 Warriors deliver the same?

SJ was a weapon and remained relatively fit although he relinquished the boots at the backend of the season.

The real surprise was the resurgence of DWZ who was the beneficiary of a backline sweep that was almost impossible to stop.

In the forwards, AFB and Tohu were beasts in the core. There was value in Wayde Egan too.

The edge forwards were also a surprise – Jackson Ford in particular found a nice spot on the left edge!



QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED DURING THE TRIALS:

- Where does RTS fit into this team?
- Can the Warriors do it again?
- Will SJ remain fit and dominate again in 2024?

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JOHNSON, SHAUN	Half Back KP6	23	8	27	10	25	0	0	22	173 (315)	▼
FONUVA-BLAKE, ADDIN	Front Row	23	8	2	9	2	17	19	0	168	▲
HARRIS, TOHU	Lock	20	3	4	4	8	18	4	0	130	▼
W-ZELEZNIAK, DALLIN	Winger	17	21	2	22	0	0	8	1	127	▼
FORD, JACKSON	Back Row	21	4	1	8	1	17	7	0	124	-
EGAN, WAYDE	Hooker	20	5	5	6	10	12	4	2	116	-
CAPEWELL, KURT	Back Row	21	6	4	8	4	12	1	0	106	▼
N-KLOKSTAD, CHARNZE	Full Back	20	6	6	7	11	0	20	0	94	-
POMPEY, ADAM	Centre KP3	24	5	9	9	16	0	10	1	84 (110)	-
MONTOYA, MARCELO	Winger	24	9	1	16	1	0	14	0	83	-
BARNETT, MITCHELL	Front Row	12	2	1	6	1	11	5	0	80	▲
WALKER, DYLAN	Lock	21	2	4	3	12	5	4	0	62	-
NIUKORE, MARATA	Back Row	19	3	2	6	1	8	3	0	61	-
METCALF, LUKE	Five Eighth	12	6	3	6	6	0	2	0	49 (51)	▲
BERRY, ROCCO	Centre	13	2	8	4	8	0	3	0	42	-
KOSI, EDWARD	Winger	11	5	0	5	0	0	1	0	27	-
TEVAGA, JAZZ	Lock	8	1	0	1	0	3	2	0	24	-
ALE, TOM	Front Row	19	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	19	-
LUSSICK, FREDDY	Hooker	19	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	18	-
MARTIN, TE MAIRE	Five Eighth	6	0	2	1	7	0	0	2	16	-
AFOA, BUNTY	Front Row	21	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	15	-
TUAUPIKI, TAINE	Full Back	13	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	8	-
LEIATAUA, ALI	Centre	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-
GOING, KALANI	Back Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
GRAHAM-TAUFA, MOALA	Winger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
HARRIS-TAVITA, CHANEL	Five Eighth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
KEPU, VALINGI	Front Row	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
ROACHE, PAUL	Hooker	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TUIVASA-SHECK, ROGER	Full Back	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	▲
SIFAKULA, DEMITRIC	Lock	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-
PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES	TR	TA	LB	LBA	WH	ME	RS	'23 TOTAL	'24

TR - Try TA - Try Assist LB - Line Break LBA - Line Break Assist WH - Workhorse ▲ - More Potential
ME - Metre Eater RS - Repeat Set * - Denotes Super League Stats (###) - Points incl Goals ▼ - Less Potential



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ROOKIE WATCH

Ali Peiataua

This 20 year old Kiwi beast could develop a cult following amongst Warriors fans.

He scored 10 tries in 16 matches for the Warriors in the NSW Cup last season and was given a taste of NRL in round 15.

The Warriors lack size in their backline and this kid could be the next Siosifa Talakai.

LAST YEAR'S PREDICTION: EDWARD KOSI (27PTS)



  **2024
NRL
DRAW**

01	 8/3 6:00PM*	12	 26/5 4:05PM		
02	 16/3 7:35PM*	13	BYE		
03	 22/3 6:00PM*	14	 8/6 5:30PM		
04	 31/3 4:05PM*	15	 15/6 5:30PM		
05	 6/4 3:00PM*	16	 22/6 3:00PM		
06	 13/4 3:00PM	17	 29/6 3:00PM		
07	 19/4 6:00PM	18	 6/7 3:00PM	23	 11/8 2:00PM
08	 25/4 2:00PM	19	BYE	24	 16/8 6:00PM
09	 5/5 2:00PM	20	 19/7 8:00PM	25	 23/8 6:00PM
10	 12/5 2:00PM	21	 26/7 6:00PM	26	 31/8 7:35PM
11	 19/5 1:50PM	22	 2/8 6:00PM	27	BYE

HOME
AWAY

NRL CEO FINALS BEGIN ROUND 23



*TIMES ARE SHOWN IN AEST

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NRL CEO'S BEST STARTING 13

A. F-Blake *W. Egan* *M. Barnett*

J. Ford *T. Harris* *M. Niukore*

L. Metcalf *S. Johnson* ^(K)

A. Pompey *R. T-Sheck*

M. Montoya *CNK* *D. W-Zelezniak*

PLAYER GAINS

Roger Tuivasa-Sheck

Chanel Harris-Tavita

Kurt Capewell

Patrick Moimoi

Sanele Aukusitino

Selumuela Halasima

PLAYER LOSSES

Viliami Vailea

Bayley Sironen

Brayden Wiliame

Josh Curran

Ronald Volkman

SHAUN JOHNSON - 6KP

2023 - 71/89 (80%)
Career - 530/695 (76%)

ADAM POMPEY - 3KP

2023 - 20/28 (71%)
Career - 21/31 (68%)

BONA'S BREAKOUT

Roger Tuivasa-Sheck – It's strange to see RTS as a breakout player to watch, but we know how good he is, and when he has the ball in hand, he is up there with the most dynamic player in the NRL.

DEANO'S DUD

Te Maire Martin – Should occupy a bench spot, so pick up as depth only as he could be handy if there are any long term injuries in the Warriors preferred halves, but that is a big if.

MIG'S MONEY

Tohu Harris – Tohu just keeps on going, despite ongoing knee concerns. He's a double workhorse threat more often than not and you have to admire his leadership on the field.



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WARRIORS

DRAFT DAY CHEAT SHEETS

NRL CEO TOP 200 FROM 2023

PLAYER NAME	2023 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
GRANT , Harry	221	1	HK1
FIFITA , David	189	2	BR1
HOPGOOD , J'maine	175	3	LK1
FA'ASUAMALEAUI , Tino	175	4	FR1
JOHNSON , Shaun	173	5	HB1
HYNES , Nicho	173	6	HB2
COOK , Damien	173	7	HK2
ISAAKO , Jamayne	168	8	WG1
FONUWA-BLAKE , Addin	168	9	FR2
GUTHERSON , Clinton	167	10	FB1
DRINKWATER , Scott	165	11	FB2
MAHONEY , Reed	164	12	HK3
NIKORA , Briton	163	13	BR2
WALKER , Cody	161	14	FE1
ROBSON , Reece	161	15	HK4
OLAKAU'ATU , Haumole	161	16	BR3
MARZHEW , Greg	161	17	WG2
BRAILEY , Blayke	160	18	HK5
BEST , Bradman	156	19	CT1
YOUNG , Dominic	154	20	WG3
WALSH , Reece	152	21	FB3
TAPINE , Joseph	150	22	FR3
PONGA , Kalyn	146	23	FB4
HUGHES , Jahrome	146	24	HB3
TO'O , Brian	145	25	WG4
BUTCHER , Nat	145	26	BR4
HAAS , Payne	142	27	FR4
CARTWRIGHT , Bryce	141	28	BR5
YEO , Isaah	138	29	LK2
TEDESCO , James	138	30	FB5
CHERRY-EVANS , Daly	138	31	HB4
GRAHAM , Campbell	137	32	CT2
YOUNG , Hudson	136	33	BR6
RAVALAWA , Mikaele	135	34	WG5
MULITALO , Ronaldo	135	35	WG6
CLEARY , Nathan	135	36	HB5
KHAN-PEREIRA , Alofiana	132	37	WG7
MURRAY , Cameron	131	38	LK3
EDWARDS , Dylan	131	39	FB6
CARRIGAN , Patrick	131	40	LK4
HUNT , Ben	130	41	HB6
HARRIS , Tohu	130	42	LK5
CRICHTON , Stephen	130	43	CT3
TIMOKO , Matt	128	44	CT4
W-ZELEZNIAK , Dallin	127	45	WG8
PRESTON , Jacob	127	46	BR7
KING , Josh	127	47	LK6
TALAKAI , Siosifa	126	48	CT5
KEARY , Luke	125	49	FE2
JOHNSTON , Alex	124	50	WG9

PLAYER NAME	2023 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
FORD , Jackson	124	51	BR8
PAPALII , Isaiah	123	52	BR9
KOROISAU , Apisai	123	53	HK6
BATEMAN , John	122	54	BR10
MOSES , Mitchell	121	55	HB7
HORSBURGH , Corey	121	56	LK7
FARNWORTH , Herbie	121	57	CT6
KOLOAMATANGI , Keaon	120	58	BR11
NIKORIMA , Kodi	119	59	FE3 FB7
LAWRIE , Blake	119	60	FR5
SORENSEN , Scott	118	61	BR12
TASS , Isaiah	117	62	CT7
MAM , Ezra	117	63	FE4
LOIERO , Trent	117	64	BR13
GARRICK , Reuben	117	65	WG10
COBBO , Selwyn	117	66	WG11
REYNOLDS , Adam	116	67	HB8
FRIZELL , Tyson	116	68	BR14
EGAN , Wayde	116	69	HK7
SIVO , Maika	115	70	WG12
RAMIEN , Jesse	115	71	CT8
MUNSTER , Cameron	115	72	FE5
TABUAI-FIDOW , Hamiso	114	73	FB8
PENISINI , Will	114	74	CT9
KATOA , Eliesa	114	75	BR15
CROKER , Lachlan	114	76	HK8
WILTON , Teig	113	77	BR16
COLLINS , Lindsay	113	78	FR6
GAGAI , Dane	112	79	CT10
WHITEHEAD , Elliott	111	80	BR17
STAGGS , Kotoni	109	81	CT11
BROWN , Dylan	109	82	FE6
MCINNES , Cameron	108	83	LK8
KENNEDY , William	108	84	FB9
KELLY , Brian	107	85	CT12
CROSSLAND , Phoenix	107	86	HK9
DEARDEN , Thomas	106	87	FE7
CAPEWELL , Kurt	106	88	BR18
TRBOJEVIC , Tom	105	89	FB10
SAMI , Phillip	105	90	WG13
MEANEY , Nick	105	91	FB11
BURTON , Matt	105	92	FE8
SAAB , Jason	104	93	WG14
AVERILLO , Jake	104	94	CT13
KING , Max	103	95	FR7
HOLMES , Valentine	103	96	CT14
FOTUAIKA , Moeaki	103	97	FR8
WARBRICK , William	100	98	WG15
MARSHALL-KING , Jeremy	100	99	HK10
FELDT , Kyle	99	100	WG16

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WADDELL , Corey	98	101	LK9
SIMONNSON , Bailey	98	102	CT15
MATTERSON , Ryan	98	103	LK10
COTTER , Reuben	98	104	FR9
COATES , Xavier	98	105	WG17
TAGO , Izack	96	106	CT16
SLOAN , Tyrell	96	107	FB12
KENNY , Mitchell	96	108	HK11
LEMUELU , Connelly	95	109	BR19 CT17
TUPOU , Daniel	94	110	WG18
N-KLOKSTAD , Charnze	94	111	FB13
MITCHELL , Latrell	94	112	FB14
LOMAX , Zac	93	113	CT18
TAULAGI , Murray	92	114	WG19
KOULA , Tolutau	92	115	CT19
WELCH , Christian	91	116	FR10
RADLEY , Victor	91	117	LK11
TRBOJEVIC , Jake	90	118	LK12
RAPANA , Jordan	89	119	WG20
FOGARTY , Jamal	89	120	HB9
FISHER-HARRIS , James	89	121	FR11
KLEMMER , David	88	122	FR12
TURUVA , Sunia	87	123	WG21
BUTCHER , Egan	87	124	BR20
MANU , Joseph	86	125	CT20
GAMBLE , Tyson	85	126	FE9
POMPEY , Adam	84	127	CT21
PEACHEY , Tyrone	83	128	CT22
MONTOYA , Marcelo	83	129	WG22
SMITH , Brandon	82	130	HK12
LIDDLE , Jacob	82	131	HK13
TOWNSEND , Chad	81	132	HB10
SU'A , Jayden	81	133	BR21
LUAI , Jarome	81	134	FE10
KATOA , Si	81	135	WG23
UTOIKAMANU , Stefano	80	136	FR13
BARNETT , Mitchell	80	137	FR14
WIGHTON , Jack	79	138	CT23
HOSKING , Zac	79	139	BR22
DE BELIN , Jack	78	140	FR15
BULA , Jahream	78	141	FB15
PASEKA , Taniela	77	142	FR16
KIRAZ , Jacob	77	143	CT24
C-GILLARD , Reagan	77	144	FR17
TWAL , Alex	76	145	FR18
RANDALL , Chris	76	146	HK14
ILIAS , Lachlan	76	147	HB11
SULI , Moses	75	148	CT25
SUAALII , Joseph	75	149	WG24
NICHOLLS , Mark	75	150	FR19

PLAYER NAME	2023 SCORE	OVERALL RANK	POSITION RANK
TO'A , Starford	74	151	CT26
MARTIN , Liam	74	152	BR23
HOPOATE , Albert	74	153	WG25
BRIMSON , AJ	74	154	CT27
AITEN , Euan	72	155	CT28
WALLACE , Jarrod	70	156	FR20
PAPALII , Josh	69	157	FR21
HASTINGS , Jackson	69	158	HB12
GILBERT , Tom	69	159	LK13
BROMWICH , Kenny	69	160	BR24
CURRAN , Josh	68	161	BR25
ADDO-CARR , Josh	67	162	WG26
THOMPSON , Leo	66	163	FR22
PAULO , Junior	66	164	FR23
CAMPBELL , Jayden	66	165	FB16
SAIFITI , Daniel	65	166	FR24
PERHAM , Hayze	65	167	FB17
KRIS , Sebastian	65	168	FB18
BROOKS , Luke	64	169	HB13
WALKER , Dylan	62	170	LK14
TUPOU , Junior	62	171	WG27
FORAN , Kieran	62	172	FE11
BOYD , Tanah	62	173	HB14
W-HARGREAVES , Jared	61	174	FR25
RIKI , Jordan	61	175	BR26
NIUKORE , Marata	61	176	BR27
SMITH , Billy	60	177	CT29
KATOA , Isaiya	60	178	FE12
ELLIOTT , Adam	60	179	LK15
SCHUSTER , Josh	59	180	FE13
BIRD , Jack	58	181	BR28
OLAM , Justin	57	182	CT30
BURNS , Billy	57	183	BR29
WILLIAMS , Jack	56	184	LK16
VALEMEI , Semi	56	185	WG28
EDWARDS , Harrison	55	186	LK17
BROMWICH , Jesse	55	187	FR26
VERRILLS , Sam	54	188	HK15
TATOLA , Tevita	54	189	FR27
MOLO , Francis	53	190	FR28
CHEE-KAM , Michael	53	191	BR30
RUSSELL , Sean	52	192	WG29
ALAMOTI , Paul	52	193	CT31
WILSON , Blake	51	194	WG30
MCLEAN , Jordan	51	195	FR29
SMITH , Reimis	50	196	CT32
POLE , Fonua	50	197	LK18
NIU , Fanitesi	50	198	WG31
NANAI , Ieremia	50	199	BR31
WHARE , Valynce	49	200	CT33

DRAFT DAY CHEAT SHEETS

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.



DRAFT DAY CHEAT SHEETS

FINAL TEAM & DRAFT PREFERENCES

FINAL TEAM

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C

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FE

HB

FR

HK

FR

BR

BR

LK

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(FORWARD)

BENCH
(FORWARD)

BENCH
(BACK)

BENCH
(BACK)

RESERVE

RESERVE

RESERVE

RESERVE

RESERVE

DRAFT PREFERENCES

FULL BACKS

WINGERS

CENTRES

FIVE EIGHTHS

HALFBACKS

FRONT ROWERS

HOOKERS

BACK ROWERS

LOCKS

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