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SNAPSHOT



GPS V EASTS | YOKU ROAD | 3:05PM

After three-straight wins, Easts are out to make a late season charge to the finals and will face their toughest test yet when they take on GPS at Yoku Road.

Rhys van Nek is back for the Tigers and makes up a strong Super Rugby contingent including Liam Wright, Seru Uru and Richie Asiata.

The reigning premiers have named an unchanged backline from the side who beat Bond last weekend, with Ben Littleton and Lachy Kirk starting in the halves and Jack Frampton at fullback.

Maile Ngauamo returns at hooker for the Gallopers, while Daniel Byrne will run on in the second row alongside Tuaina Taii Tualima.

Out wide, Emori Waqavulagi will start on the wing as Mitch Treleaven has been pushed into the number-ten jersey in place of Jason Hofmeyr.

NORTHS V UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND | HUGH COURTNEY OVAL | 3:05PM

Shaw Road will play host this weekend as Norths face the undefeated University of Queensland on Saturday.

The Eagles have proven a bit of a bogey side for the Students in recent seasons, and they'll be bolstered by a home crowd and the returns of Veresa Mataitini and Callum MacDonald.

Regular flyhalf Jacob Prideaux is out after suffering a gruesome cut last week, which sees Kyle Foxwell move from the wing to the number-ten jersey.

For the Heavies, Ben Paxton-Hall earns a start after impressing in Reserve Grade, as does young prop Lachlan Pheely.

Con Foley switches to inside-centre, with Kye Oates moving to number 13 and Mosiah Christian to the wing with Kalani Thomas occupying the scrumhalf role.

BOND UNIVERSITY V SUNNYBANK | BOND UNIVERSITY RUGBY CLUB | 3:05PM

Sunnybank face the tough road trip down the M1 this weekend to face an equally difficult Bond University outfit on the Gold Coast.

Several injuries have decimated the Bond backline in recent months, but the troops are beginning to return with Joey Fittock named to start at fullback and Dan Boardman back in action last week. The club will also welcome back former Gold Coast Breakers, Reds and Wallabies centre Lloyd Johansson to staring XV this weekend.

Junior Wallabies Zane Nonggorr, George Blake and Wilson Blyth will feature in the front row, with the Bullsharks needing a win to consolidate their spot in the top four.

Tui Nofoaiga will start in the midfield for the Bankers, while Peter Lee makes his return on the wing.

Jeffrey Faamausili starts at number-eight, with standout Sam Mataafa switching to blindside flanker, with Josh Fenner also back on the bench after recovering from an injury suffered in the Dragons Round 1 win over Easts.

SOUTHS V WESTS | CHIPSY WOOD OVAL | 3:05PM

Souths and Wests will play off for the Alec Evans Cup this weekend, with the Magpies looking to retain the silverware after a 33-24 victory over the Bulldogs in their last meeting.

Jack Farrell is back for the hosts in the backrow and he'll partner Thomas Lane and Liam Fletcher, with Brad Kelegai out.

Callum Lauder starts at hooker with Theo Fourie still unavailable, with the battle of the frontrow a key factor in this one.

Liam Usher, Ethan Dobbins and Bronson Tauakipulu will start up front for the Bulldogs, who will look to snap a four-game losing streak this weekend.

Jono Kent returns to the starting side at flyhalf, while Isaac Henry drops out due to concussion, seeing Paul ah Him take his place at inside-centre.



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QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY WOMEN'S XV FIXTURES

SATURDAY 26 JUNE

MATCH	VENUE	KICK-OFF
Bond v Sunnybank	Bond RUFC	5:00pm
Norths v UQ	Hugh Courtney Oval	5:00pm
GPS v Easts	Yoku Road	5:00pm
Souths v Wests	Chipsy Wood Oval	5:20pm

**ALL WOMEN'S PREMIER RUGBY MATCHES ARE AVAILABLE TO
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NOOSA TO THE NORTHSIDE

BY TOM PRIMMER

Former Noosa Dolphin turned Norths back-rower Will Rogers isn't the first Sunshine Coast product to make the trip down the Bruce Highway to Shaw Road.

Rogers is following in the footsteps forged by Nick Chapman, a stalwart of the Eagles community and current Australian Sevens squad member.

After vice-captaining the Dolphins to the Sunshine Coast A-Grade premiership last season, the versatile back-rower made the move south to test his game in the Allsports Physiotherapy Hospital Challenge Cup and has been a shining light in a tough season for the Eagles so far.

"You never want to become stagnant in the position you're in and I felt like I wasn't getting enough out of my footy," Rogers said.

"The Hospital Cup is the pinnacle in Queensland, it was really a no brainer to come down."

Rogers had the perfect example to follow in Chapman, who has been a standout in Premier Rugby after also making the move south in 2016.

Chapman's efforts earned him a National Rugby Championship (NRC) call up with Brisbane City in 2019, before the Australian Sevens Program came knocking earlier this year.

For Rogers, who had been with the Dolphins since Under 10s, having an example to follow made his decision to come to Hugh Courtney Road an easy one.

"What Chappo's done is pretty self-explanatory, he's all over the media here," Rogers said.

"He's definitely a big guiding factor for me coming to Norths and hopefully we'll see a few other people make the trip down in the future."

Rogers has started at number-eight and blindside flanker for the Eagles thus far this season and has learnt some tough lessons about what it takes to make it in the Hospital Challenge Cup competition.

"It's a massive step-up," he said.

"When it comes to playing, it's such a physical step-up and the speed of the game is also a massive jump.

"Every game I've just been learning, not only from coaches and teammates but opposition too.

"Not only just the footy but the coaching as well across the board, everyone gets stuck into their strength and conditioning in the pre-season."

The electrician, who makes the 90-minute commute down the highway three times a week, has been a key part of an Eagles outfit who have pushed a number of competition heavyweights for the full 80-minutes this season without seeing the results on the scoreboard.

The side has missed backline stars Connor Chittenden and Jordan Luke for much of the year, while Chapman's late defection to chase his Olympic dream has made an already young team even less experienced for the 2021 campaign.

Despite the results, there have been plenty of positives at the Nest under new head coach Pat Byron, and Rogers and his teammates are raring to finish their season strong to lay the platform for 2022.

"Where we're sitting now on the ladder is clearly not where we planned on sitting if you asked us in pre-season, but it is what is it," Rogers said.

"The remainder of the year is just about focusing on setting a good platform that we can build on for next season and get as many of the players to stick around.

"Then we can come into 2022, hit the ground running and really push some of those top sides."

Rogers will get another test of his Premier Grade credentials this weekend when Norths face ladder-leaders the University of Queensland at Hugh Courtney Oval.

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ROMANO ON THE RISE

BY EMMA GILLIGAN

Still just four games into his Premier Grade career, Souths' young gun Andrew Romano has cemented his status as a bright prospect for the club and the Allsports Physiotherapy Hospital Challenge Cup.

The highly regarded young prop is already stamping his authority in the competition, coming off a GPS First XV premiership with Brisbane Boys College last year.

The rookie front-rower made his run-on Premier Grade debut in Round 8 against Sunnybank and has been proving his immense potential since, scoring three tries in his first three appearances.

Romano started the season in Colts but worked his way to the Premier Grade bench, just as he worked his way into both the Reds Academy and Junior Wallabies squad.

Offered a scholarship and at BBC, Romano made the move from Orange to Brisbane in 2018 to pursue his love of Rugby.

Introduced to the Rugby community by his older brother, Romano's commitment to making the most of his opportunity is told in his potential.

"When my brother was playing First Grade for school, I was always involved with Footy and his mates," Romano said.

"That's where I picked up playing. So when he left school, I started playing for the junior club at home, Orange City.

"I moved to Brisbane in 2018, I got a scholarship to BBC to play Rugby. It [BBC] was a lot different to home. My main goal was to go to school and try and make something out of Rugby and not waste the opportunity."

With fresh eyes on the field, the prop leads by example both at set piece time and around the park, despite being a new club talent.

Coming from the GPS competition to the Hospital Challenge Cup, a large contingent of BBC old boys at Souths made his decision to head to Chips Wood an easy one.

"I was tossing up between UQ and Souths, but I knew a lot of BBC boys from Souths," he says.

"Souths has always been an underdog team, and I liked that about them. They weren't just always on top and winning games. They had a lot more to them.

"It's really welcoming, I loved it. I still do love it, every game whether we win or lose it's always a good vibe after the game. There are never any dull moments at the club that's for sure."

Being a young player under the reigns of head coach Todd Dammers, Romano's physicality and defence have already been strengthened at Premier Grade level.

Dammers and the community at Souths have assisted Romano and recent schoolboys alike in transitioning to senior Rugby.

Romano has had the opportunity to develop his game stepping up to Premier Grade Rugby, and like many other players donning their club jersey, aspires to one day progress to the professional ranks.

"Todd is really good with helping the transition from school to Premier Grade and Darren Rees is like a scrum wizard; he knows his stuff. He's been helping me a lot and talking to me every day which helps.

"The physicality is the biggest thing I've found. Even playing Colts, playing straight out of school, it was unexpected. You think you're the pinnacle of Rugby playing the First XV then you get onto a Colts game and there are 20-year-olds instead of 17-year-olds and you're getting belted.

"Then you go to Premier Grade and it's a whole different ball game. Everything you do, it hurts. The physicality is the hardest thing to adapt to.

"Super Ruby is the goal for the future, to get a Super Rugby Cap and to continue the same path I'm on and just get better every week."

Romano and his fellow Magpies will be tested again when they pack down against Wests this weekend.

Having secured their first win of the season the last time the two teams met, Souths will be looking to make it two-from-two over the Bulldogs for 2021.

With advice from Captain Luke Samoa, the seventh-placed Souths outfit have been working on their attitude and confidence, hoping it will come to light for their clash on Saturday.

"Wests have a got a few injuries which should help us out a bit. I think it's going to be a good game; it always is between Wests and Souths," Romano says.

"My feeling is that we're going to win, but I can't say what is going to happen and jinx it.

"I think it was in the Bond game and Lukey said we have to back ourselves to win, no one else is going to back us. We have to have no fear in playing any other teams. We've been playing by that the last couple games, which usually helps us out on the field."

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3:05PM



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YOKU ROAD

Jack Straker	1	John Paul Tominiko
Maile Ngauamo	2	Richie Asiata
Fred Burke	3	Rhys van Nek
Dan Byrne	4	Mitch Schneider
Tuaina Taii Tualima	5	Ben Grant
Ratu Vio Batibasaga	6	Liam Wright
Matt Gicquel	7	Tom Milosevic (c)
Michael Richards (c)	8	Seru Uru
Josh Vuta	9	Ben Littleton
Mitch Treleavan	10	Lachlan Kirk
Josh Collins	11	Lucas Niedzwiecki
Maaloga Konelio	12	Matt Smit
Douglas Rayment	13	Ethan Richards
Emori Waqavulagi	14	Shane Kennedy
Pat Nicholson	15	Jack Frampton

Shane Arnold	COACH	Mosese Rauluni
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REFEREE
Aaron Pook

AR 1
Simon Moore

AR 2
Rory Crombie

NO. 4
Lara West

COLTS 1 KICK-OFF: 12:10PM

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CHIPSY WOOD OVAL

Andrew Romano	1	Liam Usher
Callum Lauder	2	Ethan Dobbins
Phransis Sula-Siaosi	3	Bronson Tauakipulu
Reagan Leslie	4	John Martin-Stewart
Zac Munro	5	Cal Hope
Tom Lane	6	Jeremiah Skelton
Jack Farrell	7	Connor Anderson
Liam Fletcher	8	Richard Skelton
Jakob Morrison	9	Joel Atkins
Roman Prasad	10	Jono Kent
Leone Camma	11	Shea Lalagasevi
Henry Smith	12	Paul Ah Him
Michael Siaki	13	Ilaisa Droasese
Sebastian Hanna	14	Ben Navosailagi
Luke Samoa (c)	15	Cameron Phillips

Todd Dammers **COACH** Carl Marshall

REFEREE
Brett Cronan

AR 1
Callum Robertson

AR 2
Jeremy Markey

NO. 4
Andrew Macintosh

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REFEREE: JEREMY MARKEY



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HUGH COURTNEY OVAL

Kieran Fitzgibbon	1	Alex Davies
Tonga Ma'afu	2	Cameron Flavell
Paulo Leleisiuao (c)	3	Lachlan Pheely
Angus North	4	Ben Paxton-Hall
Callum MacDonald	5	Brad Kapa
Harrison Fox	6	Pat Morrey (c)
Mitch Wood	7	Will Roach
Will Rogers	8	Lona Halaholo
Connor O'Regan	9	Kalani Thomas
Kyle Foxwell	10	Brad Twidale
Veresa Mataitini	11	Mosiah Christian
Kenneth Taviri	12	Con Foley
Ryan Ah Yek	13	Kye Oates
Asher Milne	14	BJ Oates
Matt Weir	15	Mac Grealy

Pat Byron **COACH** Mick Heenan

REFEREE

Ben Dorrington-Plumb

AR 1

Charles Marshall

AR 2

Thomas Dowse

NO. 4

Martin Gofton

COLTS 1 KICK-OFF: 12:10PM

REFEREE: THOMAS DOWSE



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BOND UNIVERSITY V SUNNYBANK

BOND UNIVERSITY RUGBY CLUB

George Blake	1	Laurence Tominiko
Jack Winchester	2	Daniel Anae
Zane Nonggorr	3	Dave Feao
Wilson Blyth	4	Nesetolio Solia
Devon Henson	5	Caleb Shaples
Dylan Rowe	6	Sam Mataafa
Connor Pritchard	7	Liongi Fangupo
Declan Dineen	8	Jeffrey Faamausili
Spencer Jeans	9	Neal McNamara
James Abrosini	10	Liam McNamara (c)
Name	11	Puni Aupuni
Lloyd Johansson	12	Tui Nofoaiga
Dan Boardman	13	Josh Walker
Adam Gauder	14	Peter Lee
Joey Fittock	15	Connor Mulhearn

Grant Anderson	COACH	Sione Fukofuka
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REFEREE
Duncan Male

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AR 2
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NO. 4
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COLTS 1 KICK-OFF: 12:10PM

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