2022 GRAND FINAL

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Saturday 3rd September

Dorrien Gardens, West Perth

Fremantle Roosters vs North Beach Sea Eagles

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Todays Program

12:30pm	**Women's League Tag**	**Fremantle Roosters vs Joondalup Giants**
1:50pm	**Val Murphy Trophy**	**Fremantle Roosters vs Alkimos Tigers**
3:30pm	**Women's Premiership**	**Ellenbrook Rabbitohs vs Joondalup Giants**
5:00pm	**Premiership**	**Fremantle Roosters vs North Beach Sea Eagles**

Venue Information

Patrons are reminded that smoking/vaping is not permitted within any part of the venue as per our policy. Alcohol is not to be brought into the premises. Patrons are requested not to bring food or beverage products purchased at commercial outlets outside of the venue to the inside of Dorrien Gardens.

Also note, that there is to be no unsupervised children in the club rooms, lift and bar area at any stage throughout the day.

Please use the rubbish bins provided. The day is run by volunteers. Ensure you have followed the directions for parking around the venue.

Please try to maintain good hygiene and follow the recommended COVID guidelines.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding in this matter.

On behalf of Chairman Bob Cronin AM & all the Team at NRL WA, I would like to welcome you to Dorian Gardens for the 2022 "Fuel to Go & & Play" Senior Grand Final Day.

This is a particularly special event this year as we celebrate the remarkable 75th anniversary of Rugby League competition in Western Australia.

We would like to congratulate all the teams that will be competing today, with special accolades to the Fremantle Roosters, one of only 2 remaining foundation clubs, and the North Beach Sea Eagles, who will face off in their quest to be crowned the 2022 First Grade Premiers.

Will the Fremantle Roosters, in this their 75th year, win their first crown since 2018? Or will it be the high flying reigning Premiers, the North Beach Sea Eagles claiming back to back titles?

Likewise, in the Women's Tackle Grand Final, an intriguing battle awaits as four time Champions [2018,2019,2020,2021] the Ellenbrook Rabbitohs take on the their main rivals the Joondalup Giants who once again look to go one better.

Today we would also like to convey our sincere gratitude to all our loyal partners and sponsors, particularly Healthway, with our Healthy Lifestyles "Fuel To Go & Play" initiative, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Cash Converters, Consolidated Energy, Fleetwood, ISS, All Flags Signs & Banners, the MMM Radio Network, ISC, Dynasty & Australian Medical Supplies.

Likewise our appreciation to all the individual club sponsors, Referees and volunteers for your invaluable support today and during another long and demanding season.

We would also like to take a moment to remember those from our WA Rugby League community that have sadly passed over recent times. They have all played a part in our games proud and rich history and will be painfully missed by their loved ones and friends, but will always be remembered for their involvement and contribution to the game they loved. Gone but never forgotten.

To all the players who are competing today, play well, play fair, respect the officials and enjoy the experience and the memories. To all the families, friends and fans in attendance, thank you for supporting Rugby League in Western Australia and enjoy your NRL WA 2022 "Fuel to Go & Play" Premiership Grand Final Day.

John Sackson
General Manager
NRL WA

Ps. Please remember for good hydration, drink plenty of water today and check out the healthy food and drinks options at the canteen.

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PARENT RULES ON GAMEDAY

PLEASE DONT ...
- YELL OUT INSTRUCTIONS
- YELL AT ME
- YELL AT MY COACH
- YELL AT THE OTHER TEAM
- PUT DOWN OFFICIALS
- LOSE YOUR COOL

PLEASE DO ...
- HELP ME LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES
- REMEMBER TO LAUGH AND HAVE FUN
- REMIND ME THAT IT IS ONLY A GAME

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WE HAVE RULES IN OUR HOUSE, JUST LIKE YOU DO

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often with soap and water, or hand sanitiser

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with a tissue or your inner elbow

STAY HOME IF SICK
even with mild cold or flu-like symptoms

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especially your eyes, nose and mouth

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Women's League Tag
Grand Final

12:30pm Kick-Off
Referee: Joe Makdessi
Touch Judges: Jim Toohey & Ben Grainger

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Fremantle Roosters		Joondalup Giants
Lauren Chambers	1	Hayley Utia
Simone Johnson	2	Frances Sparrow
Tara Smith	3	Karina Spence
Teana Louise	4	Taryn Wylie
Karen Breese	5	Elle Warren
Shanaaz Te Ahuru	6	Sarah Eames
Taylor Kerr	7	Shenae Gillmor-Spence
Tiegan Higgins	8	Jeune-Kelly Mahuru
Michelle Traynor	9	
Catlin Pears	10/23	Kaliway Hamlin
Taylavie Kelemete	11	Amiria Edwards
Kiarhnie Attwell	12	Freda Smith
	13	Jamie Redding
	14	Hayley Nepia
Tanei Daniels	15	Emma Good
	16	Amber Spence
Susan Fogg	17	Kiri Smiler
Aynslee Henry	20	Helen Steele
Rebecca Mann	19/21	Arnika Browne
Craig Blackett	**Coach**	**Kurt Lahtz**

Women's League Tag Grand Final Match Preview

Fremantle Roosters vs Joondalup Giants

Well the old foes are back at it again. While North Beach, South Perth and Rockingham have had their time in the sun this decade, the big two for league tag over the last 10 years have been the Roosters and the Giants. Going tit for tat over the course of this season, they bagged one win a piece during the regular season, before the Roosters landed a big statement win, with an 18-0 shutout against the dangerous Giants. Setup by a titanic defensive effort, the Roosters will be looking for that again this weekend in the grand final, while the Giants will be hoping their stars fire for them.

For the Roosters, they went down in extra time last year in this fixture. Losing by a penalty goal in the second period of extra time is never fun, as all your remember is the little things in the game you could have done better. But the Freo ladies won't be leaving it to chance this time. With a barrage of attacking options in their side, they can fire up from anywhere on the pitch, and can hurt you with their kicking game courtesy of Pears and Chambers. A monster offensive side, their ability to move the ball is second to none, and are brilliant to watch.

The Giants come in here off the back of a golden point victory, and the general consensus over the last couple of weeks, is that they are starting too slow. They escaped with a couple of quick late tries last weekend, and have an ace up their sleeve in kicker Amber Spence when the games get tight. But they cannot let the Roosters control the tempo and score points early. Defensively they will need to turn up from the beginning to win this one.

Key Match Up— Lauren Chambers v Hayley Utia

Lauren is back, and she knows how to win these GFs. Although injury continues to haunt the Fremantle ace, she is quick, athletic and skilful with a monster kicking game which can put the Roosters on the front foot in any situation. A fierce competitor and total Fremantle stalwart, it's a case of Fremantle Roosters till death for this girl and she plays like it.

Hayley scored a double last week, and has been in the top tier of players of this year and for good reason. Her speed off the mark is incredible and confidence is in the stratosphere. You always get the sense that a try is in the offering when she is around the ball, and the Giants will need that form for this one to take down the blue, white and red juggernaut.

Val Murphy Trophy
Grand Final

1:50pm Kick-Off
Referee: Ben Solomon
Touch Judges: Andy Devene & Tee Tangatatutai
Interchange: Jahraiah Getawan

Fremantle Roosters		Alkimos Tigers
Ruamai Erueti	1	Donovan Kahupukoro
Junior Tokoni	2	Talvinder Sidhu
Joshua Upson	3	Luke Turner
Kalani James Reti	4	Kurt Wagner
Konnor Day	5	Pilimo Moala
Logan Tranyor	6	Aaron McDonald
Te Toa Parkinson	7/14	David Martin
Loapo Ioane	8/13	Manu Rakena
Lewis Samuels	9	Sky Wanahi
David Cameron	10/8	William Akroyd
Cooper Sanders	11	Tyler Moeau
Carl Wilson	12	Conrad McAllister
Harrison Sanders	13/7	Corey Broughton
Te Haunui Parkinson	14/15	Poutaka Jones
Brad Gibson	15/23	Tewheoro Kihi
Marlo Tago	16	Kukutai Kihi
Denzel Lang	17	Glenn Wylie
Jayden Conner	18/10	Codee Pomare
Isziah Gerrard	19	Quentin Cunningham
Passi Fine	20/21	Brendon Atarau
Matt Gowland	**Coach**	**Jhai Kapea**

Val Murphy Trophy
Grand Final
Match Preview

Fremantle Roosters vs Alkimos Tigers

Okay so the Sea Eagles are not here this year, and their nemesis the Lions are also out. So it's a whole new ball game in the Val Murphy Trophy, our reserve grade competition. And this one will be a cracker. Two very big, strong and devastating sides will clash in what should be an absolute stunner to watch, with Fremantle dominating in their Major Semi final, only to watch the Tigers do the same as them, two weeks in a row to setup this showdown.

The Roosters last year were a very improved plucky side. But this year they have gone to a whole new level. With some new blood and the ability to just play brutal smash mouth football when the occasion calls for it, they still maintain their Fremantle flair when the occasion calls for it. Add to that the fact that they have had some serious depth to add to Premiership as well this year, they whole club is in a great condition to win both premierships this weekend.

On the other side, the Tigers come into this game extremely hot. And with all the tools to get it done, along with an army of supporters at their back. Armed with Premiership quality players, they have completely swept aside the Lions and Sea Eagles on their way to the grand final and look incredibly hard to stop. I know Roosters qualified first, but the Tigers may even be the slight favourites based on the form they are bringing into this one. With everyone in town and 35 people at training, there would be some tough conversations, as the Tigers look to go from 3rd Grade to Reserve Grade Val Murphy Trophy Champs.

Key Match Up - Joshua Upson vs Tyler Moeau

Its crazy that we are talking about these two players in Val Murphy Trophy, but that is the hand we have been dealt. Big, strong and fast wider running players both of these guys could make a home in a Premiership team.

Upson is a veteran in this competition and still has a lot to give. With a wicked fend and an ability to bump off multiple defenders, you don't want to let him get away from you. A former fullback and half, if he breaks the line he might just run around the full back to score if you let him.

Moeau has come out of absolute no where. His uncle plays with the Tigers and he lives near there so just became easy for him and it's a massive pickup. He is a brute of a player and an ultimate competitor who just continues to show up on every play and is an absolute hurricane with the ball. What a matchup this is!

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TIPS TO BE A HEALTHY PLAYER...

- EAT WELL
- WARM UP & COOL DOWN
- BE A TEAM PLAYER
- STAY HYDRATED
- BE SMARTER THAN SMOKING

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Women's Premiership Grand Final Match Preview

Ellenbrook Rabbitohs vs Joondalup Giants

Well here we are 12 months later, and it's the two northern juggernauts that have turned up on Grand Final day once again. While there were plenty of teams pushing these two, with the Sea Eagles improving and the Titans the young upstarts causing some headaches, these two end up in a grudge match once again for the ages. Last years result, a 22-0 drubbing by the Rabbitohs, was underlined by a few key outs on game day, which robbed the Giants of their best chance to overthrow the Rabbitohs machine. But 2022 is a new year and can the Bunnies be stopped from going 5 in a row?

44-6 was the Major Semi Final Score. And the Bunnies really sent a message to the rest of the competition that they would keep rolling and putting it down to whoever showed up to play them in the GF. No Thompson. No Graham, and a couple of key forwards not playing. No worries for the Red and Green machine. And they are a super powerful outfit. They are big powerful hitters, with and without the ball and led by halves Clair and Turner, they just demoralize teams in contact. When your halves are just hitting that hard, it really makes you wonder how tough the Ellenbrook side is. Even the diminutive Barker out wide packs a big punch and plays well above her weight. And to make matters worse this is the most complete side the Rabbitohs have put on the field this year, with experience Barnett and brilliant youngster Hogan both relegated to the bench such is the strength of the side on the paddock.

The Giants will be ready this year. Last year key player Stephens hurt herself before kick off, but is fit and rearing for this one, and the Giants are one team who look to have timed their run to perfection. Their best two games have been in the last two weeks, with a dominant 36 point performance over the Beach in the Preliminary last weekend to soar into the Grand Final rematch everyone is waiting for. Word is it could also be coach Costello's last crack and he really wants this one before he finishes up, with 2 other goes at it just falling short in the last 5. They are also looking their strongest all year with Hamlin, Tiakia, and Morunga all available. Its no excuses as the girls go full tilt with their arch rivals, with close friends on either side of the field.

Will Ellenbrook continue their dominance in the Women's Tackle? Or can the Giants finally get up one on their arch rival on the biggest day of the year?

Women's Rugby League
Grand Final

3:30pm Kick-Off
Referee: Liam Noonan
Touch Judges: Paul Hudson & Alan Puckeridge
Interchange: Jason Miller

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Ellenbrook Rabbitohs		Joondalup Giants
Trilleen Pomare	4/1	Arnika Cave
Ariana Ruru-Hinaki	1/2	Cortney Waters
Turiti Galiki-Koiatu	2/3	Cara Lucky
Bobbie-Lee Barker	3/4	Tamara Parekura
Azhure Turner	5	Taryn Wylie
Juraea Turner	6	Elle Warren
Amiria Clark-Manahi	7	Shenae Gillmor- Spence
Aliyah Grey	8	Chanelle Edwards
Paihau Pomare	9	Tammy Byrnes
Sera Ah-Sam	10	Lana Hawkings
Natalia Tearoa	11	Hererunga Te Ao
Ariana Hira-Herangi	12	Roimata Toa-Amoa
Mahinarangi Clair	13/20	Anneka Stephens
Tiarne Barnett	14	Jeune-Kelly Mahuru
Demi Goldsworthy	15	Kiri Smiler
Tonesha Hogan	16	Freda Smith
Jaime Christensen	17	Valuese Tiakia
Huia Swannell	18/13	Kaliway Hamlin
Sandy Tau	19/23	Evie Wilson
Haylee Heremaia	20/24	Kairo Morunga
Baden Turner	**Coach**	**Brad Costello**

Women's Premiership Grand Final Match Preview - Key Match Up's

How do we split the teams? Let's look at the key match ups that will go a long way to deciding the outcome of this one.

Trilleen Pomare vs Arnika Cave

Trilleen has all the experience, ability and physicality you could want in a star inclusion. A brilliant runner of the football, she can crack a game open at any stage and is a nightmare for opposing backs one on one, and you need to make sure you tackle as a group to stop you. On the other side, Arnika has found a home at the back for the Giants just in time for this finals run. A big physical inclusion, she has great balance and temperament for the role and is a natural footballer and has seamlessly transitioned into the Joondalup side as if she always belonged there. Both game breakers, can Cave matchup against the polished Pomare?

Sera Ah-Sam vs Chanelle Edwards

The veterans in the side, they are their to lead a bunch of young brash teams out on the field. While neither is as fast or damaging as they once were, they are both still worth their weight in gold to these sides. Sera is a bullocking ball runner who tucks it under and goes for the line. A strong defender as well, she is a quiet achiever who goes about her business and shows the young players the quickest way to the try line is in a straight line. While Chanelle isn't the ball runner she once was, she's a devastating defender and can offload and play before the line with the best of them. Calm and extremely smart, she can recognise what her team needs and adjust her game to suit that. But her game has gone to another level with her good mate Stephens in lock to let her just concentrate on her own game. Both will be keys to winning this one.

Natalia Tearoa vs Roimata Toa-Amoa

Imagine losing some really good players and wondering how your going to fill the gaps, and these two just stroll into training one day. Both imposing figures on the field, it was a blessing for both teams that they wanted a crack at this rugby league thing. Tearoa is a physical player with no fear, and while doesn't mind the back row, excels at the tough stuff inside. With great strength and the uncanny ability to make contact on her terms, she makes defenders miss and off balance. Roimata is slightly different. Preferably a wider runner, she is quicker than she looks with a big fend and aims up at the 3 defender, giving halves and centres nightmares when she takes the ball at full speed. Both players have been exceptional this year and will need one more big game to help their teams.

2022 Fuel To Go & Play Perth Junior League

Grand Finals

Sunday the 21 August was the pinnacle of the Perth Junior League Competitions, held at Treeby Community & Sports Centre. The top junior teams from the competitive age groups went head to head in a showcase of our Junior Rugby League talent.

Congratulations to all the clubs and teams involved in such a great day.

Junior Premiers 2022

Girl's League Tag		Ellenbrook Rabbitohs
Under 13's Boys		Fremantle Roosters
Under 13's Girls		Ellenbrook Rabbitohs
Under 14's Boys		Kalamunda Bulldogs
Under 15's Girls		Ellenbrook Rabbitohs
Under 15's Boys		Rockingham Sharks
Under 17's Girls		Joondalup Giants
Under 17's Boys		North Beach Sea Eagles

Harmony Cup #6 Is On Its Way

October 28th, 29th & 30th

WHERE - Lark Hill Sportsplex, Port Kennedy

WHAT AGES - Men's (Comp & Social),
Womens
Masters Mens
Masters Womens
U16 Boys
U16 Girls

WHO - Over 10 different cultural communities along with some invited regional teams

The biggest event of its kind, get down to Harmony Cup. With great food, people, and enormous amount of cultural pride and some fast paced rugby league on display, you'd be crazy to miss it!

Let The Battle Begin.....

The Fuel To Go & Play Premiership Grand Final will follow in the footsteps of the thrillers, rollercoasters and nail-biters that have been a part of Rugby League history in Western Australia for the past 70+ years.

Year	Club	Year	Club	Year	Club
1948	South Perth	**1973**	South Perth	**1998**	North Beach
1949	Perth	**1974**	North Beach	**1999**	Canning
1950	Fremantle	**1975**	South Perth	**2000**	Joondalup
1951	Perth	**1976**	Fremantle	**2001**	North Beach
1952	South Perth	**1977**	Fremantle	**2002**	South Perth
1953	South Perth	**1978**	Canning	**2003**	North Beach
1954	South Perth	**1979**	Mosman-Cottesloe	**2004**	South Perth
1955	Cottesloe	**1980**	North Beach	**2005**	South Perth
1956	Victoria Park	**1981**	Mosman-Cottesloe/Fremantle	**2006**	North Beach
1957	South Perth	**1982**	South Perth	**2007**	North Beach
1958	South Perth	**1983**	South Perth	**2008**	South Perth
1959	Victoria Park	**1984**	North Beach	**2009**	South Perth
1960	Victoria Park	**1985**	North Beach	**2010**	South Perth
1961	Fremantle	**1986**	Applecross	**2011**	South Perth
1962	Victoria Park	**1987**	Belmont	**2012**	North Beach
1963	Fremantle	**1988**	Belmont	**2013**	North Beach
1964	Applecross	**1989**	Belmont	**2014**	South Perth
1965	Applecross	**1990**	Canning	**2015**	Fremantle
1966	Applecross	**1991**	Canning	**2016**	North Beach
1967	Applecross	**1992**	Applecross	**2017**	Fremantle
1968	Victoria Park	**1993**	Rockingham	**2018**	Fremantle
1969	Applecross	**1994**	Canning	**2019**	Fremantle
1970	Applecross	**1995**	Belmont	**2020**	Joondalup
1971	North Beach	**1996**	South Perth	**2021**	North Beach
1972	Applecross	**1997**	Fremantle	**2022**	?????

Premiership Grand Final Match Preview

Fremantle Roosters vs North Beach Sea Eagles

And here we are! The cream rises to the top and it's the Fremantle Roosters taking on the North Beach Sea Eagles in this years Premiership decider. It's a repeat of the 2018 and 2019 games, but the seasons are slightly different contrasts. In those years, the Sea Eagles were the minor premiers and dominated the season, while the Roosters looked the side to beat from about the mid way point this year, and ended up the minor premiers. North Beach would rather forgot those years as well. While they were in the Grand Final those years, the contest was basically over at halftime in both games with the Roosters jumping out of the blocks to setup massive leads.

This season the Roosters have been on a mission. Finding more continuity and depth than they have in almost a decade, they are the hot favourites. Coach Edwards is on a mission, and they are fitter, stronger and more well drilled than they ever have been and will be primed for this one. They got straight into the grand final courtesy of a dominant performance over the Sharks in the Major Semi-Final, but there was no time to relax and have the week off. They trained hard the whole way through and will be leaving nothing to chance as they look to chase another title to add to their trophy cabinet. Led by Delane Edwards and their dependable captain Duane Butler this year, they are a huge effort team and everyone is reflecting they aren't just a flashy side now. They can grind you hard out of games as well. Again, underrated halfback Sonny Kerr has been a key member this season with his kicking game a huge element of their team play.

The Sea Eagles shocked the competition when they went down to the Shark Tank last week and stole the cookies from right underneath the Rockingham faithful and booked themselves a ticket to the Grand Final. A gutsy performance last week, and a clinical performance against the Lions in the finals week 1, the Sea Eagles have got improvement left in them. But the big thing that has helped is their desperation and desire. It was evident in the dying stages last week how much they wanted that game against Rockingham, and being led by hard man Kieran Tarrant and the new guy Kayd Donkin, they are super confident and will back themselves 100% this weekend as they go in as true under dogs? Can they do it again and ambush a great Fremantle Roosters team? Only time will tell.

Premiership
Grand Final

5:00pm Kick-Off
Referee: Scott Spittles
Touch Judges: Nathan Benn & Rob McKay
In Goal Judges: Jahraiah Getawan & David Wallis
Interchange: Sean Terrell & Jeff Wenman

Fremantle Roosters		North Beach Sea Eagles
Tuakana Rangihaeata	1	Bailey Miller
Regy Manu	2	Ryan Woolley
Wiremu Paki	3	Kani Solomon
Delane Edwards	4	Jayden De Vorms
Kerrod Hignett	5	Kahan Joyce-Vaughan
Paora Kemp	6	Cairo Takarangi
Robert Kerr	7	Jeremy Wallace
Onisomo Tagicakibau	8	Brody Whitehead
Blake Hignett	9	Justin Buckley
Taka Peneha	10	Te-Relli Whaanga
Jesse Day	11	Kayd Donkin
Mitchell Kerr	12	Kieran Tarrant
Duane Butler	13	Adam Roy
Joseph Po'uhila	14	Regan Burley
Simon Tabakanaca	15	Jason Godecke
Ezra Taomia	16	Shane Gillham
Bjorn Crotty	17	Trent Trotter
Ritchie Hicks	18	Charlie Lumb
Alan Cowan	19	Nathan Roa

Delane Edwards	Coach	Phil Douche'

Premiership Captains

Duane Butler - Fremantle Roosters - Lock

Kind of a cross between Mr Reliable and the Energizer bunny, Duane has gone out and led the Roosters with a scary worth ethic this year. Regularly leading the tackle and hit up count in numerous games, he has been able to use the get behind me boys approach when on the field this year. Never one to ask anyone to do anything he wouldn't do himself, he puts his hand up for tough carries and decoy runs alike, not shirking any of the one percenters, he can actually play almost anywhere on the field as well. Quick enough for the backs and skillful enough to play in the halves, he has a complete skillset that compliments his big heart and smart play. One of the genuine nice guys off the field as well, he is well liked amongst the NRL WA players and always features heavily when it comes to the players player votes. One of the most under appreciated players in the game, he has been an amazing servant to the Roosters and WA for a long time.

Cairo Takarangi - North Beach Sea Eagles - five-eight

I'm not sure if this is the 4th or 5th time Cairo has come out of retirement, but lets just say his comeback tour is putting John Farnham to shame. All that aside, his career has mirrored one of his idols the great Benji Marshall. Electric and undeniable early in his career, he was also very erratic with consistency marring his performances. But as he has matured his game has become among the elite controlling halves, while still maintaining parts of his flair and stepping game. Another well like person off the field, the entrepreneur has started multiple business ventures including the ever popular "Hories Tell Stories" podcast which is gaining international recognition. He finally got a premiership last year, after a few failed attempts, and would love to get one back off the Roosters, who broke North Beach hearts in 2018 and 2019. A game breaker still, he could be the difference this weekend.

Premiership Grand Final
Match Preview - Key Match Up's

How do we split the teams? Let's look at the key match ups that will go a long way to deciding the outcome of this one.

Tuakana Rangihaeata vs Bailey Millar

Tuakana has solidified himself as one of the premier players in this competition, finding a home at fullback. Coming in a few years ago as a talented yet raw youngster, he has blossomed under one of the games best in Fremantle and has taken his chance at the back with both hands. His opposite in this game, is probably a mirror of where he was at a few years ago. Bailey has raw talent in spades. Lighting quick and with great balance, he is very raw and needs to continue to put that polish to create a complete game. But both teams will need their respective fullbacks to fire if they are going to compete in this one. While Rangihaeata will be involved in almost every play while the clock is ticking, Millar still fades in and out of games. Can he make more of an influence this weekend?

Onisimo Tagicakibau vs Brody Whitehead

You must win the battle up front first before your skill players and dominant wide players can get going, and these two in the engine room will be right up for this one. Two of the most underrated prop forwards in the game, they aren't the biggest guys in the world, but they show up and get through the work. Onisimo is ultra valued by his team. 140 metres and 20 tackles is considered the standard for premier props, and he beats both totals on a weekly basis. Similarly, Brody Whitehead gets through the work for beach, but he also can steal a try if teams aren't careful. Its a lot to be said for forwards who can steal you a cheap hitup try and in grand finals they are worth their weight in gold. The clash between them tomorrow will be crucial.

Joseph Po'uhila vs Jayden De Vorms

The big man out in the centres has made some massive statements in the last few weeks of competition and its up to defensive centre De Vorms to keep him quiet. A very interesting matchup. Joseph is a big, powerful and incredibly fast centre, with all the natural ability in the world you would want. His 5 try performance in round 15 had everyone in amazement over his physical gifts. But he meets someone who will fancy himself here. De Vorms is not a complicated guy by any stretch. He runs a good line, and has nice ball handling skills. But he has always been one of the better defensive players in the competition for a long time, and his timing and tackle technique are first rate, and he has the speed to stay with the big man. Could be the most crucial matchup of the day.

SEPTEMBER 29TH TO OCTOBER 2ND 2022

Junior State Championships

WHERE - Charlottes Vineyard Sports Pavilion, Ellenbrook

WHAT AGES - U15s Boys & Girls, U13s Boys & Girls

WHO - Northern Fusion, Southern Pride, South-West Dolphins, North West Reds, SSWA Invitational Schools

Get down and watch the best from our U13s and U15s ages battle off for their regions in 4 high quality days of representative rugby league to finish the season!

Volunteer Spotlight

Angela Terrell - Registrar & All Round Legend

Angela is ingrained in Rugby League in WA, and her work with the South Perth Lions cannot be understated. Registrar for the club, along with managing teams, sorting out meals, committee members and just generally not having a life outside the club all leads to her being recognized. She is the first two time winner of volunteer of the year for the NRL WA and the competition would be worse off without her. The better half of her partner Sean, who is a statesmen in our competition as well, they are one of the enduring families in the culture of the NRL WA. We salute you Angela and thank you so much.

Lynette Wikaira - Sports Trainer & Mum To All

Aunty Lynette is well known among everyone, but particularly to the players in the NRL WA competition. While she is technically in a volunteer capacity for the Giants, players from all sides ask for her on gameday and wander into the Giants changeroom looking for aunty to do their strapping. Not ashamed to admit it, but she is also one of the NRL WA's goto people for sports trainers, especially with touring sides. An ultra professional, she doesn't just take care of the guys on the field. People in the stands fainting, anyone that needs to go to the hospital or if your just looking for a cup of coffee, she usually has everything you need behind an orange shirt. Legend.

Steve Revere - President & Leader Into The Future

Being a President of a club is one of the most imposing jobs in Rugby League. The buck stop with you and you need to find the right line between decision maker and team mate. But Steve has been amazing this season for the Roosters. A new home, with new people and lots of new and old committee members to deal with, he has just taken it in his stride and gotten on with it. A person who always fights for the Fremantle club and tries his best to provide for those around him, he has delivered in a massive way in 2022, culminating in 3 senior teams in the GF, the return of women's tackle, and hosting some big events. We salute you and your team Steve for an amazing 2022

Ken Allen Awards Night

Player Of The Year Award Winners

Women's League Tag	Shanaaz Te Ahuru - Fremantle Roosters
Val Murphy Trophy	Shane Toka - North Beach Sea Eagles
Women's Premiership	Samantha Wood - Kwinana Titans

Player's Player Award

Women's Premiership	Mahinarangi Clair
Men's Premiership	Keelyn Tuuta-Edwards

Team Of The Year - Women's

Fullback	Sinead Loundes	Hooker	Samantha Wood
Winger	Jeune-Kelly Mahuru	Front Row	Cherysh Leaf
Centre	Tamika Jones	Second Row	Heather Matoe
Five-Eight	Mahinarangi Clair	Lock	Anneka Stephens
Halfback	Melissa-Jane Buchanan	Coach	Ed Easter

Team Of The Year - Men's

Fullback	Tuakana Rangihaeata	Hooker	Andrew Jeffrey
Winger	Travis Haney	Front Row	Joell Irvine
Centre	Quintin Fui	Second Row	Payden Porter
Five-Eight	Paora Kemp	Lock	Keelyn Tuuta-Edwards
Halfback	Ed Proudler	Coach	Delane Edwards

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