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✓ MESSAGE FROM THE CEO & CHAIRMAN

The Australian Rugby League Commission is pleased and proud to see NRL Magic Round Brisbane return to Suncorp Stadium in 2023.

This will be the biggest NRL Magic Round Brisbane ever – for the first time featuring the Dolphins.

Now in its fourth season, NRL Magic Round Brisbane will be a highlight for players and fans. More than 270 players will participate in front of more than 130,000 fans from around the country.

The interactive activities in the Suncorp Stadium precinct, combined with the experience of all 640 minutes of game time being at the one venue over three days, makes this round of football unique.

We would like to thank all our partners who help make NRL Magic Round Brisbane such an entertaining weekend for fans of all ages.

We also thank the Queensland Government and Tourism and Events Queensland, as well as Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Economic Development Agency, for making NRL Magic Round Brisbane possible.

Enjoy NRL Magic Round Brisbane 2023!

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Welcome to Brisbane and one of the world's premier rectangular football stadiums for NRL Magic Round 2023.

This weekend, Magic Round brings the epicentre of Australia's National Rugby League orbit to Brisbane and Suncorp Stadium.

All eight exhilarating games of Round 10 of the NRL Telstra Premiership will be played live at Suncorp Stadium for points, across three glorious days in Brisbane.

This year we're making Magic Round history with not three, but four Queensland-based teams lining up for the first time at Magic Round.

It's terrific to have the competition's newest team, the Dolphins, on the paddock this weekend at Suncorp Stadium for their Magic Round debut.

Magic Round features prominently on our *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar as a truly magical celebration of football in Rugby League heartland.

Brisbane's three-day festival of Magic Round is also a good opportunity to embrace more of Queensland's great lifestyle and explore our city's many unique, world-class visitor experiences.

There are no better places than Brisbane and Suncorp Stadium to enjoy a non-stop weekend of Australia's best Rugby League and Queensland's famous hospitality.

Stirling Hinchliffe,
Queensland Tourism and Sport Minister



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Welcome to Brisbane for the biggest weekend on the NRL calendar!

A festival of football like no other, NRL Magic Round Brisbane has grown to become one of the game's unmissable events.

This born and bred Brisbane event will once again transform the city into a three-day feast of footy, entertainment and fun, cementing our reputation as a premier sporting and events destination.

It's no surprise NRL Magic Round is a huge drawcard for Brisbane, bringing fans from across Australia and New Zealand to stay, spend and play over one magic weekend.

While in Brisbane, I encourage you to soak up the sights, sounds and delicious dining options that our vibrant city has to offer.

I hope you enjoy your stay and wish all the teams the best over a nail-biting weekend of Rugby League magic.

Adrian Schrinner
Lord Mayor of Brisbane

Magic Round Draw

Thursday, May 4



3.00pm - Precinct opens



4.00pm - Friday Match Ups
Q&A + Prize Giveaway



5.00pm - Saturday Match Ups
Q&A + Prize Giveaway



6.00pm - Sunday Match Ups
Q&A + Prize Giveaway

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Friday, May 5



4.00pm - Precinct opens



4.30pm - Gates open



6.00pm



8.05pm





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For all of the info on event entertainment, precinct locations and timings, visit the Magic Round Interactive Map.



Saturday, May 6

 1.00pm - Precinct opens


 1.30pm - Gates open


 3.00pm

 5.30pm

 7.45pm

Sunday, May 7

 12.00pm - Precinct opens

 12.30pm - Gates open

 1.50pm

 4.00pm

 6.25pm



✓ 1-100 OF MAGIC ROUND

The biggest and best moments from every NRL Magic Round Brisbane so far.

By Alicia Newton

- 1** Sam Walker has kicked the only field goal in three years of Magic Round action, slotting a one-pointer against the Eels last year.
- 2** Only two clubs have won all three Magic Round matches since its inception - South Sydney and the Sydney Roosters.
- 3** Three hundred and ninety-four thousand, eight hundred and eighteen (394,818) - the number of spectators who have rolled through the gates since Magic Round launched in 2019.
- 4** The number of players who have scored hat-tricks during Magic Round - Nathan Cleary, Josh Addo-Carr and Mikaele Ravalawa all getting over the line in 2021, while Selwyn Cobbo scored a treble in 2022.
- 5** Offloads produced by Josh Kerr and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak during their sides' Magic Round clashes in 2021.
- 6** The number of successful captain's challenges out of 11 during Magic Round in 2022, the Cowboys producing two in their win over Wests Tigers.
- 7** The minute Murray Taulagi produced the offload of the year to send Scott Drinkwater over the line during Magic Round last season.

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8 Linebreaks made by the South Sydney Rabbitohs in Magic Round 2022, in their win over the Warriors.

9 The inaugural Magic Round took place in Brisbane in NRL Round 9. Since then, the event has been played in Round 10.

10 Total tackle breaks made by James Tedesco during the Roosters' Magic Round win over the Cowboys in 2021.

11 Total number of one-on-one strips in Magic Round history - Dunamis Lui the chief thief with one in both 2019 and 2021.

12 Try saving tackles made by players during Magic Round in 2022 - Zac Lomax pulling off two for the Dragons.

13 Tackle breaks made by Jayden Campbell during the Titans' epic golden point win over the Dragons during Magic Round in 2022.



14 Total runs by retired great Cameron Smith during the Storm's 64-10 win over Parramatta in Magic Round 2019.

15 Number of goals missed by kickers during Magic Round in 2022.

16 Decoy runs by retired forward Chris McQueen for the Wests Tigers in their 30-4 win over the Panthers in 2019.

17 Number of players either sin-binned or sent off during Magic Round in 2021.

18 The points haul scored by Adam Reynolds in his first Magic Round in Broncos colours with a try and seven goals against the Sea Eagles.

19 Total number of intercepts made during Magic Round since 2019. There were three in the first year and eight each in both 2021 and 2022.

20 Number of goals missed during Magic Round in 2021.

21 Penalty goals kicked by all teams in Magic Round history.

22 Jake Trbojevic ran for 178 metres from 22 carries, plus 22 tackles, in Manly's big win over the Broncos in 2021.

23 Number of goals missed during Magic Round in 2019.

24 The total number of Magic Round matches played to date - set to jump to 32 after this weekend's matches.

25 Coaches that have coached a team in Magic Round since 2019.

26 The number of points Wests Tigers had racked up by half-time in 2019 after scoring four tries in 10 minutes against the Panthers.

27 Runs made by Nathan Cleary during Magic Round in 2022 a Magic Round record.

28 The points haul made by Cleary during Penrith's dominant 48-12 win over the Titans in 2021, which included three tries and eight goals.

29 The average points scored by winning teams during Magic Round in 2022.

30 Bomb kicks not defused by teams during Magic Round in 2021 with Brian To'o unsuccessful with the most on three occasions.



31 Points scored by the Roosters in their 31-24 win over Parramatta in their Magic Round clash in 2022.

32 South Sydney have remarkably scored 32 points in every Magic Round match played since 2019.

33 Average number of tackle breaks/missed tackles produced by teams during Magic Round clashes in 2022.

34 Total points scored by the Canterbury Bulldogs in Magic Round clashes between 2019-2022 - the least by a team in the NRL.

35 Tries scored from kicks in Magic Round history - the most coming in 2022 with 18.

36 The average number of points scored by winning teams during Magic Round in 2021.

37 Try-saving tackles made by NRL players across Magic Round clashes since 2019.

38 Total points scored by the Brisbane Broncos in their big win over the Sea Eagles in 2022 - the only match a team has also kept their opponents scoreless at Magic Round.

39 Set restarts conceded by all teams during Magic Round in 2022 - the Roosters conceding the most with eight.

40 The Storm are the only team who have scored over 40 points twice at Magic Round.

41 Former Warriors prop Ligi Sao produced four offloads during Magic Round in 2019 to generate 41 metres for his side - the best by a player that year.

42 Metres per set average by the Sharks during Magic Round in 2019 - the best by a team for the weekend.

43 Thousand, three hundred and seventy-four - the average number of fans who attended Magic Round each day in 2022.

44 Points the Storm put on St George Illawarra in a fiery clash at Magic Round in 2021.

45 Kick return tackles made by playmakers during Magic Round in 2022 - Tom Dearden, Cody Walker and Matt Moylan leading the way with four.

46 Try assists produced by players during Magic Round in 2022, the Cowboys producing the most with six in their win over Wests Tigers.

47 Average points scored per game since Magic Round began in 2019.

48 The possession rate the Raiders had throughout their 2021 clash with Canterbury when down to 12 men and on their way to break a five-game losing streak 20-18.

49 Total number of errors made by players in their own 50-metre zone during Magic Round in 2021.

50 Total points scored by the Gold Coast Titans in Magic Round clashes between 2019-2022.

51 Tackle breaks by the Panthers in their 32-6 win over the Storm in 2022.

52 Total points scored by the Dragons in Magic Round clashes between 2019-2022.

53 Tackles made by Mitch Rein (Titans - 2019) and Lachlan Croker (Sea Eagles - 2022) - the most for any player in Magic Round history.





54 Bomb kicks defused during Magic Round in 2021 - Daine Laurie catching the most with three.

55 Tries scored by wingers in Magic Round history - Josh Addo-Carr recording the most with six.

56 Total points scored by the Newcastle Knights in Magic Round clashes between 2019-2022.

57 Tackle breaks made by

interchange players during Magic Round in 2021 - Reece Walsh coming off the bench for the Warriors with seven.

58 Total points scored by the Cronulla Sharks in Magic Round between 2019-2022.

59 Chip kicks made by playmakers in Magic Round history - Adam Reynolds with the most in a game with five.

60 The possession rate for the Sharks during their Magic Round win over the Titans in 2019.

61 The minute Joseph-Aukuso Suaali'i lit up Suncorp Stadium with a leaping effort to score his second try against the Eels in 2022.

62 Total points scored between the Rabbitohs and Warriors in 2022 - the Bunnies holding onto a two-point win after leading 24-6 at half-time.

63 The average ball in play time recorded during the golden point thriller between the Titans and Dragons in 2022 - the longest match of Magic Round recorded to date.

64 Points scored by the Melbourne Storm against Parramatta in 2019 - the most by a team in Magic Round.

65 The goal-kicking conversion rate average for all clubs during Magic Round in 2019 - a figure that has improved by 10 percent.

66 Total tries scored by teams during Magic Round in 2019.

67 Ruck infringements conceded by all teams at Magic Round since the six-again rule was implemented in 2021 - the Eels conceding the most with 10.

68 Total points scored by both the Cowboys and Eels in Magic Round between 2019-2022.

69 Errors made by teams in the opposition 50-metre zone during Magic Round in 2022 - Tino Fa'asuamaleaui recording the most with four last season.

70 Total points scored and conceded by the Brisbane Broncos in Magic Round between 2019-2022.

71 One on one tackles made by the back five from all teams during Magic Round in 2021 - Dean Whare (5), Kotoni Staggs (3) and Moses Mbye (3) recording the most.

72 Post-contact metres made by Pat Carrigan in his side's big win over the Sea Eagles last year.

73 Kick return metres from kick-offs by Roosters hardman Jared Waerea-Hargreaves - the best effort by any forward during Magic Round in 2022.



74 Total

linebreaks by teams during Magic Round in 2019 - the Storm racking up 12 in their big win over the Eels.

75 Total tries scored by teams during Magic Round in 2021.

76 Titans playmaker AJ Brimson played his 76th NRL game during Magic Round in 2022.

77 The minute Kalyn Ponga stepped Kieran Foran to help the Knights win their Magic Round clash over Canterbury in 2019.

78 Bomb kicks made by

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kickers during the 2019 Magic Round - Anthony Milford with seven while playing for the Broncos.

79 The minute Paul Gallen scored a match-winning try and kicked a conversion from in front as the Sharks beat the Titans at Suncorp Stadium in 2019.

80 Points the Sharks have conceded at Magic Round in clashes against the Titans, Rabbitohs and Raiders since 2019.

81 Selwyn Cobbo's first try against the Sea Eagles in 2022 took just 81 seconds - the fastest in Magic Round history.

82 Dummy half metres made by Damien Cook during South Sydney's 32-22 win over the Sharks in 2021.

83 Cowboys centre Valentine Holmes racked up 83 kick return metres during Magic Round in 2021 - only three players were ahead of him including Dylan Edwards in top spot with 135.

84 NRL Fantasy points racked up by Ryan Matterson in his side's 31-24 loss to the Roosters - the best by any player in Magic Round last season.

85 Metres recorded by Josh Morris in his final Magic Round match before retirement in 2021.

86 Total penalties conceded by teams during Magic Round in 2021 - the Panthers (11) and Knights (10) the biggest culprits.

87 Sea Eagles back-rower Haumole Olakau'atu produced 87.5 post-



contact metres during Magic Round in 2021.

88 The minute Jamayne Isaako broke a 16-16 deadlock to get the Titans over the line in golden point against St George Illawarra.

89 The completion rate of the North Queensland Cowboys in their Magic Round win over Wests Tigers in 2022.

90 The completion rate of the Warriors in their win over the Dragons in Magic Round, 2019, completing 30 out of 33 sets.

91 Total points scored by the Sydney Roosters in Magic Round clashes between 2019-2022.

92 Post-contact metres recorded by Broncos behemoth Payne Haas against the Sea Eagles in 2019.

93 Tackle efficiency rate of Dolphins hooker Jeremy Marshall-King in his final Magic Round match for the Bulldogs last season, from 44 tackles made.

94 The metres generated from two offloads by David Nofoaluma during Wests Tigers' big win over the

Knights in 2021.

95 Total linebreaks made during Magic Round in 2021 with the Roosters and Storm accumulating the most with 10 each.

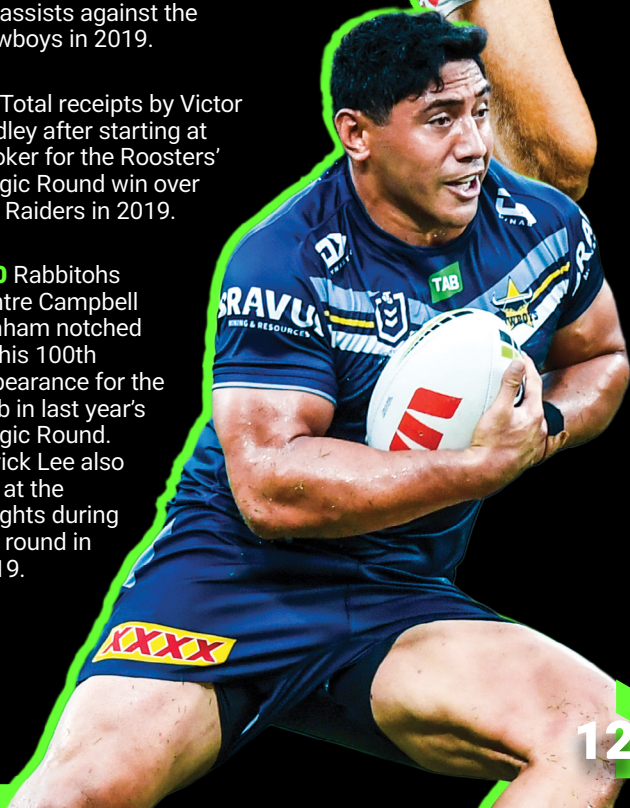
96 Total points scored by the South Sydney Rabbitohs in Magic Round between 2019-2022.

97 The metres Wests Tigers travelled for their opening try against the Knights in 2021 with Tommy Talau finishing off the team effort.

98 NRL Fantasy points recorded by Damien Cook following a try and three try assists against the Cowboys in 2019.

99 Total receipts by Victor Radley after starting at hooker for the Roosters' Magic Round win over the Raiders in 2019.

100 Rabbitohs centre Campbell Graham notched up his 100th appearance for the club in last year's Magic Round. Edrick Lee also did at the Knights during the round in 2019.



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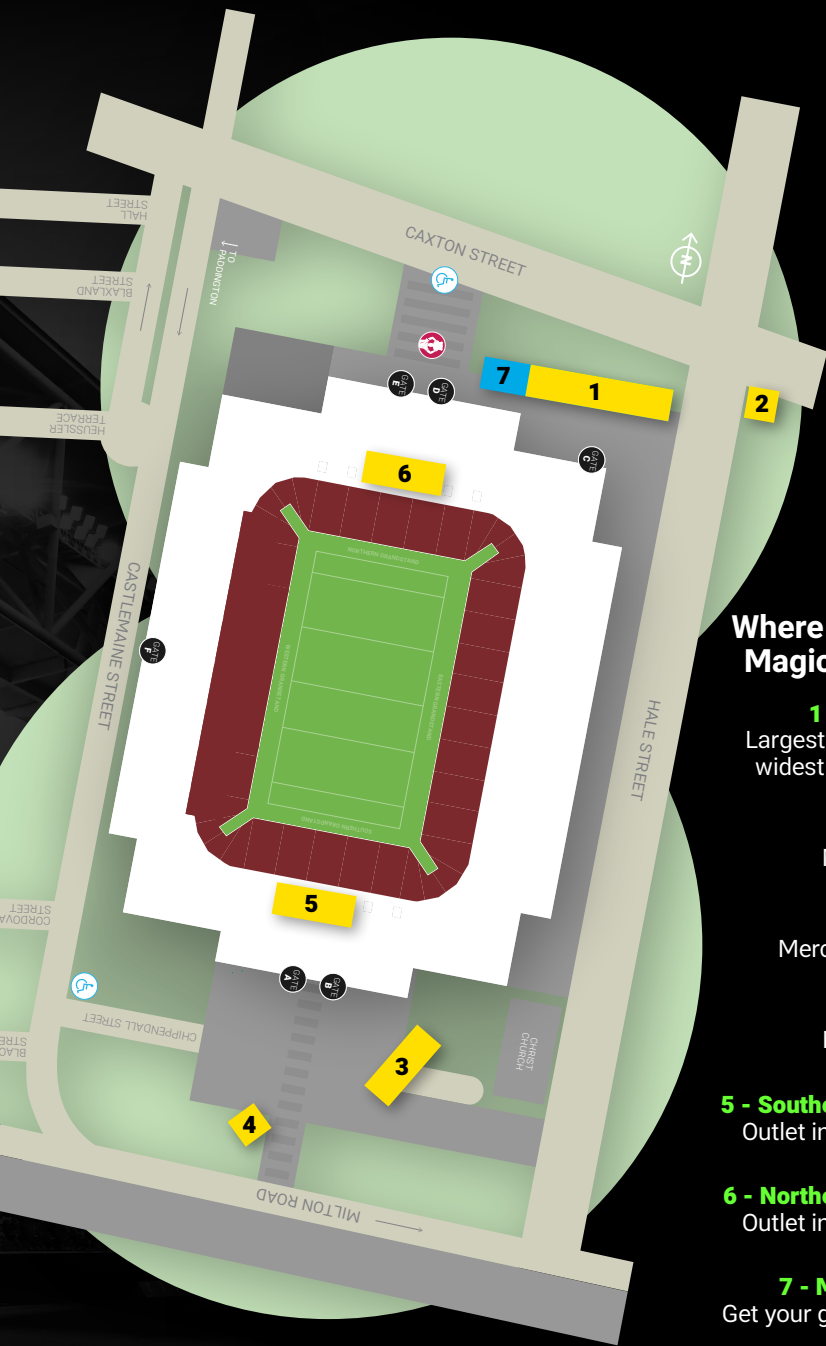


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- 1** Who delivered the most offloads in the 2022 season?
- 2** What was the final score of the Storm v Eels match at Magic Round 2019?
- 3** How many NRL games did Cameron Smith play?
- 4** Who has coached the most NRL games?
- 5** Who kicked the first ever 20/40?
- 6** Which player has scored the most NRL Fantasy points in a season?
- 7** Who won the 2002 NRL Grand Final?
- 8** Who has the record for most consecutive conversions?
- 9** Who scored the final try in the 1997 ARL Grand Final?
- 10** Which team holds the record for the biggest winning margin in a NRL Grand Final?

Answers

1. Tevita Pangai Junior
2. 64-10 to the Storm
3. 430
4. Wayne Bennett
5. Brandon Smith
6. Tom Trbojevic
7. Sydney Roosters
8. Hazem El Masri
9. Darren Albert
10. Sea Eagles

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Come down to the Youi Magic Kick in the precinct and test your kicking skills!



Steeden Magic Alley

The Steeden Magic Alley provides a carnival theme for fans, the opportunity to test out your throwing skills and the chance to win a Steeden ball.

Chemist Warehouse VIP Deck

The Chemist Warehouse VIP Deck will offer lucky fans an upgrade offering full catering, gift bags and an opportunity to meet with NRL legends! Head to the Chemist Warehouse zone in the precinct for your chance to win yourself some of the best seats on offer!



Harvey Norman Hub

Come and visit the Harvey Norman Hub! You can purchase limited edition personalised NRL Magic Round products, receive a free Magic Round photo, plus go into the draw for your chance to win a home entertainment pack! Stay tuned for more details on our Exclusive NRL Mums' Masterclass.

Bundy Backyard Deck

The Bundy Backyard Deck will be the ideal spot to kick back with mates from some of the best seats in the house at NRL Magic Round. Guests will receive a full food and beverage offering and the opportunity to meet and greet with NRL legends.



Bundy Pop Up Bar

There aren't too many better spots around the stadium to spend time with your crew and enjoy a Bundy. Be one of the first fans to grab a Bundy from the Bundy Pop Up Bar each day of NRL Magic Round, to win a double pass upgrade into the Bundy Backyard Deck for a selected match.

Swyftx Bitcoin Boogie

Get your groove on in the stands with the Swyftx Bitcoin Boogie. On each day, Swyftx will be giving one lucky fan with the best dance moves \$1,000 in Bitcoin to take home.



KFC Bucket Catch

At half time during selected Magic Round games, two lucky fans picked from the crowd will match up against each other on field to win KFC vouchers for some fried gold!

Powers Precinct Bar

Come and sit in the Powers Bar between matches and enjoy a drink. The Powers Bar gives you the best seat in the precinct to enjoy a drink and enjoy the Magic Round festivities.

NRL Ball Exchange

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✓ A WALK TO REMEMBER

CAXTON STREET, SUNCORP AND THE HEART OF Rugby League

By Colleen Edwards

Excited masses descend from Roma Street Station, decked out in all of their team's regalia, fuelled by the energy that funnels them towards their final destination: Suncorp Stadium.

The walk down Caxton Street is a well-worn path

for footy fans, one that builds anticipation for the gladiatorial battle ahead.

A trip down the iconic stretch of road can be an exhilarating adventure, no matter which team you support.

Come State of Origin time, if you wear anything blue; you may find yourself fending off a few well-directed "cockroach" barbs, while donning the blood-hued shades of maroon will have you making new friends keen to shout you a beer.

"The running of the buses" – now deemed unsafe due to the level of passion it invokes from fans – was once a rite of passage and nothing would make a player feel more alive than the Blues' bus trip down Caxton Street before an Origin match, with the strip heaving with bodies eager to either exalt or intimidate the players inside, depending on the colours they wore.

While things are arguably more civil these days, there is still plenty of atmosphere on a game night.



Queenslanders may no longer approach the Blues bus in the way they once did, but that doesn't mean they aren't still approaching their football with their fair share of good-natured banter – usually with a round of their favourite cold beverage firmly in hand.

Heading down to the stadium from the top of the street takes in many sights and conjures a rich history of Rugby League support and celebration.

Pass the Lord Alfred Hotel and the Caxton Street Pub and you'll find yourself at the NRL-owned Gamaro Hotel, with the Seafood Restaurant and MG Bar the latest place to dine and drink for all rugby league lovers. Continuing on as you wander past the wooden houses that still evoke images of an old Lang Park and the memory of the 'Frank Burge Stand', the trek down Caxton Street is like a journey through the heart and history of Brisbane itself.

It's the small strip of bitumen that has become a microcosm of the city, and of Queensland – a place that is vibrant, boisterous, cheeky and, most of all, ready to have some fun.



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Moments of Magic



Murray's Magical Try Assist

Magic Round in 2022 was the scene of arguably the most miraculous try assist witnessed in the modern game. With all but his ankles suspended in mid-air and over the sideline – and a defender driving the rest of him out of bounds at a rapid rate – Cowboys winger Murray Taulagi contorted his body and unleashed a logic-defying offload for teammate Scott Drinkwater to score. The try went on to be judged the NRL's Drinkwise Try of the Year.



Ponga's Dazzling Solo Effort

With the Knights' 2019 clash against the Bulldogs hanging in the balance, Kalyn Ponga produced some of his trademark footwork to bamboozle the defensive line and score a brilliant individual try. A goose step which transitioned into a powerful right-foot bounce left Kieran Foran clutching at thin air, and from there KP was too fast for any of the covering defenders, scoring a try which sent Suncorp Stadium into a frenzy.

RE-LIVING FOUR MOMENTS OF MAGIC

By *Corey Rosser*

Every year, NRL Magic Round Brisbane delivers its share of truly magical moments. We take a look back at some of the biggest plays and games from previous years at Suncorp Stadium.



Wests Tigers Roaring Start

Almost everything the Wests Tigers touched in the first 20 minutes of their 2019 clash with the Panthers turned to gold, as they ran in five tries in 17 minutes to set up a dominant 30-4 victory. Long-range tries to Moses Mbye and Luke Brooks were scored a minute apart, followed by strikes to Esan Marsters, Corey Thompson and Robert Jennings. It was sweet revenge for the Wests Tigers in their first game against former coach Ivan Cleary.



Raiders Defy The Odds To End Slump

Trailing 12-8 and staring down the barrel of their sixth-straight loss, things were looking grim for Canberra when prop Josh Papali'i was sent from the field for a high tackle on Bulldogs winger Tuipulotu Katoa with 20 minutes to go in their 2021 clash. But what followed was a gutsy comeback from the 12-man Raiders, who scored two tries of their own and scrambled to hold the Bulldogs to a sole four-pointer – earning them a 20-18 victory.

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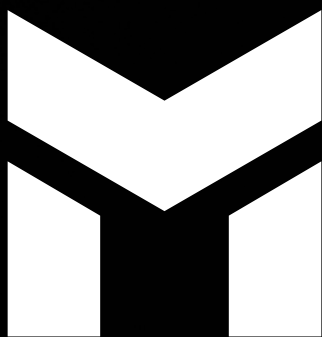
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