



# ***SOUTH COAST GROUP 7 RUGBY LEAGUE***



# **FIRST GRADE MAGIC ROUND**

## **BEER FOOTY FOOD FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 31ST MAY**



*8 First Grade Teams Set for Magic Round Showdown – Kiama Knights on the Bye. The stage is set for an action-packed day as these teams prepare to leave it all on the field. Game on!*

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# Welcome to the FIRST GRADE MAGIC ROUND

To all our Group 7 Clubs, Directors, Life Members, Stakeholders, and Supporters, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our inaugural 2025 South Coast Group 7 Rugby League Magic Round that is being presented by the team at Beer, Food Footy Festival.

This year's Group 7 1st Grade competition is the most evenly balanced competition in years, with the competition Leaders sitting on 8 points and last place only 4 points, making today's fixtures vitally important to each Club's chances in securing Semi Finals spots later in the year.

From a League and Administration perspective, it's both rewarding and exciting to deliver major events like today. They are the result of long-term strategies, initiatives and shared efforts to ensure Rugby League remains the sport of choice across our South Coast region. We're not just managing a competition, we're building a culture and a future.

As of today, Round 8 - 31st of May, 2025, Group 7's numbers combined with our strongly committed, proactive and progressive Group 7 Junior League, see Registered players currently sitting at 5,387 across all ages, which is 3.5% up on last year's Total. These numbers see South Coast Group 7 Rugby League placed us as the sixth-largest competition in New South Wales. While these figures are impressive, they are not about competition or comparisons between leagues, rather, this date represents the tireless work YOU, our clubs, have poured into creating inclusive, supportive environments where Rugby League can thrive. For that, we offer our deepest thanks.

Major events simply cannot go ahead without the backing of key stakeholders within the League. A huge shout out to our Platinum sponsors Remondis, Climax Air, Kiama Leagues Club, Better Beer and the St George Illawarra Dragons who's continued contributions have allowed us to reinvest in our competition, ensuring ongoing growth and development while giving back to our clubs.

Building a strong culture always starts with strong leadership shown at the top, and that is what we have with our governing body NSWRL. To NSWRL CEO Dave Trodden, NSW Community Rugby League Manager Peter Clarke, NSWRL Southern Region Manager Nathan Hodson and the whole NSWRL organisation, we thank you for entrusting us in hosting today's event and believing in Group 7 implementing days like today, to ensure we continue to "raise the bar" for Rugby League in our associated regions.

Special recognition must go to Matt Rule and the entire Beer, Food Footy Festival team. Their experience in delivering high-quality Magic Round events across iconic Rugby League venues like Henson Park and Newcastle has brought a new level of energy and professionalism to today's showcase. With partners like BFF, we're not just hosting matches, but we're in a position to reach new markets, new fans, new sponsors, and expanding the reach of our great game.

The final and most important note of appreciation goes to the heartbeat of the Group 7, our Clubs! From the Players and Coaches, to Sports Trainers, Committees, Executive Committees, Ground Managers, Canteen Attendants, Ground Staff, BBQ Attendants and every other Volunteer in between, your dedication never goes unnoticed and is eternally appreciated.

So let's celebrate this Magic Round not just as a new tradition, but as a tribute to everything and everyone who makes Group 7 Rugby League so special.

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.**

Enjoy the footy!

*Ashton Sims*

Football Operations Manager  
South Coast Group 7 Rugby League



# ILLAWARRA MERCURY

By Agron Latifi

## ***Group Seven launches its own Magic Round, which comes with beer and food***

It was raining and gloomy during the launch, but the spirits were high heading into Group Seven rugby league's inaugural Magic Round.

The showpiece at Artie Smith Oval in Bomaderry on Saturday, May 31, is similar to the NRL's highly successful Magic Round, which happens once a year, when the NRL relocates to Brisbane for one weekend to play every match of the round.

The initiative began in 2019 and was a success, with 134,677 attending Lang Park across the four-day event.

The main difference with Magic Round in Bomaderry is that all Group Seven round games will be played over one day at the same venue.

Group Seven Rugby League football operations manager Ashton Sims has also ensured the Magic Round runs in conjunction with the Beer Footy Food Festival presented by the Good Time Beer Co.

"This concept has probably been about 18 months in the making. It was something that we've seen other competitions do and deliver really well," Sims said.

"That's why we've teamed up with the Beer Footy Food Festival guys, as we want to make sure we deliver a Magic Round that's done right from the start and to the highest of expectations.

"It's really pleasing to see the good progress we've made to this point, but obviously the hard work is certainly ahead, and we're looking forward to getting into that."

Sims said Group Seven was also looking forward to finally playing rugby league games at the recently renovated Artie Smith Oval.

"It's been an AFL and cricket ground here, and it's something that we've looked at from afar.

"Teams come and play at Bomaderry Sporting Complex across the road. You come past, look at the big lights and the new facilities and wish you could play there.

"They've played big games at the Sydney Cricket Ground for over 100 years, so we thought, let's try to use this brilliant facility we've got right here.

"I'd like to give a big shout-out to the Shoalhaven City Council, who have worked tirelessly with us to deliver four first-grade matches, all of the highest quality, here next Saturday."

The action kicks off at noon when the Berry Shoalhaven Heads Magpies play the Milton Ulladulla Bulldogs. The Jamberoo Superoos will then battle Albion Park Oak Flats Eagles at 1.45pm before the Nowra Bomaderry Jets take on the Shellharbour Sharks at 3.30pm.

The day's final contest is the mouth-watering clash between the Stingrays and Gerringong Lions to be played under lights from 5.15pm.

"The plan is to make this an annual event and grow it yearly," Sims said.

"We're going two feet in from the very start here, but we're going to review how it all went, the viewers' experience, the fans' spectacle and how the key stakeholders and our teams enjoyed the overall experience.

"We're expecting a big crowd next Saturday. It looks like the weather will be kind to us, maybe not this week, but the weather will be a bit kinder to us next week.

"At the end of the day, we just want to deliver events that haven't been done here before in Group 7. We want to go outside our comfort zone. Just because we've done it one way for so long doesn't mean we must continue doing it.

"We need to implement these programs, these events, these strategies, these actions to ensure that rugby league continues to be the stronghold here on the south coast, and also our wider regions."

Representatives from the nine Group Seven clubs were unanimous in their support for the inaugural Magic Round.

Event tickets can now be purchased from the Beer Footy Food Festival Website.



# ARTIE SMITH OVAL - 12.00PM

Referee: J Geordan Touch Judges: D Chamberlin & W Drury



**BERRY-SHOALHAVEN HEADS**

*Magpies*



**MILTON-ULLADULLA**

*Bulldogs*

1	Tyron Roberts
2	Charlie Jefferies
3	Jimmy Goring
4	Billy Hayburn
5	Sam Hood
6	Cooper Barrett
7	Danny Yates (C)
8	Ollie Parrish
9	Brad Muleman
10	Rhys Sharpe
11	Henry Parrish
12	Tue Leremia
13	Liam Quinn
14	Jarrood Griffiths
15	Charlie Parrish
16	Mitch Hickey
17	Noah Hinkley

Coaches

Danny Yates & Gavin Walsh

1	Reece Manasseh
2	Cody Lee
3	Luke Millard
4	Lachy Barr
5	Chase Lingard
6	Jake Walsh
7	Jayden Millard
8	Blake Mackey (C)
9	Riley Wooden
10	Lleyton Roach
11	Blake Halls
12	Chris Veherean
13	Ashton Robinson
14	Blake Osgood
15	Tyler Sproule
16	Steine Lofts
17	Thomas Nelson
18	Kye Farmilo

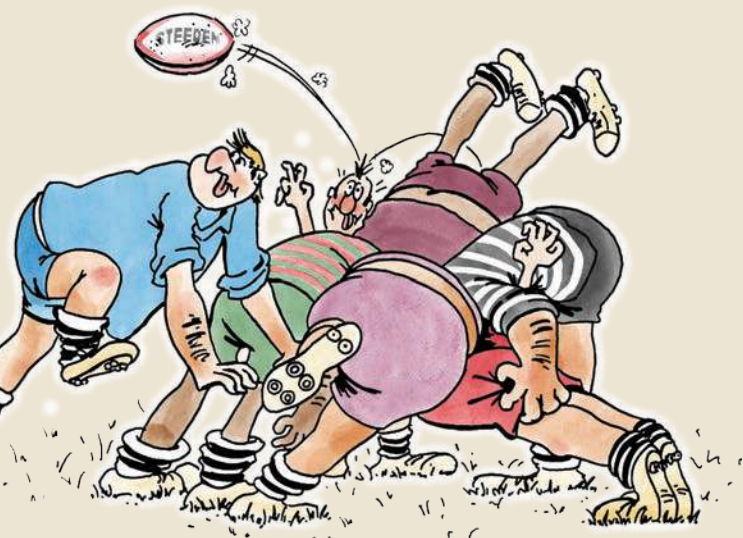
Coach:

Andy Lynch

## Match Day Preview

### Berry-Shoalhaven Heads Magpies (9th) v Milton-Ulladulla Bulldogs (7th)

To open up the 2025 Group 7 Magic Round is a Shoalhaven derby, with the Milton Ulladulla Bulldogs travelling up from the South to take on the resurgent Berry Shoalhaven Heads Magpies. Both teams are currently sitting on 4 points, just outside the Top 5, but a win today will give either team a valuable 2 points and jet them right back up near Semi Final contention. Milton will be looking to bounce back from a tough Round 6 16-0 loss to the 2023 and 2024 Runners Up, Shellharbour Sharks with crafty dummy half Riley Wooden, tough as teak lock forward Ashton Robinson and inspirational Captain Blake Mackey leading the charge. The Magpies will be feeling refreshed after having the Bye in Round 6 and with last weekend's matches postponed due to weather, but you can bet Coach Gavin Walsh will have their side prepared for this "Shoalhaven Showdown" lead by electrifying Centre/Half Billy Hayburn, talismanic English Captain Danny Yates and emerging young gun Cooper Barrett, who will be out to do whatever it takes to earn those 2 Competition points off the mighty Bulldogs and their former Super League and Great Britain Lions coach, Andy Lynch.



# ARTIE SMITH OVAL - 1.45PM

Referee: R Micallef Touch Judges: D Chamberlin & W Drury



**JAMBEROO**

*Superroos*



**ALBION PARK-OAK FLATS**

*Eagles*

1	Jack Talbott
2	Riley Plekan
3	Dreau Clark
4	Dean Watling
5	Patto Hoffman
6	Mark Asquith
7	Jono Dallas
8	Guy Rosewarn
9	Toby Peters
10	Keith Simpson
11	Jackson Kelly
12	Dean Hodgson
13	James Gilmore
14	Mason Phillips
16	Justin Check
17	Tobi Rosewarn

Coach Jono Dallas  
Matt Coelho

1	Kane Ball
2	Dallas Harrison
3	Cain Barnes
4	Jiye Ellis
5	Cooper Tunbridge
6	Jack Walsh
7	Leroy Murray
8	Toataua Porima
9	Vili Mahe
10	Josh Sainsbury
12	Zaan Weatherall
13	Nash Hooper
14	Connor Sadler
15	Sean Payne
16	Jarryd King
17	Jake Hay

Coach Joshua White

## Match Day Preview

### Jamberoo Superroos (5th) v Albion Park-Oak Flats Eagles (4th)

In another epic battle sees the 5th placed Jamberoo Superroos take on the inform and determined Albion Park Oak Flats Eagles. Coached by former NRL Players Josh White & Jason Hooper, the Eagles returned to the Finals Series for the first time since 2012 last year and will be looking to go deeper this year in their quest for the Artie Smith Premiership trophy. The Jamberoo Superroos endured a tough 2024 Season but have started this Season with a bang and will be buoyed by their last start victory, coming from behind in the 2nd half to record a 16-14 win over the Stingrays, thanks to a conversion by high flying Fullback Dean Watling with 60 seconds left on the clock. With big boppers Toataua Porima and skipper Josh Sainsbury looking to lay a strong foundation in attack for the likes of the dangerous five-eight Jack Walsh and 2024 Michael Cronin medallist, Kane Ball, the Superroos will need to be at their defensive best. To counter the strength of the Eagles forward pack, new recruit and ultra-competitive Front Rower Guy Rosewarne has been the leader of the Superroos pack and will get plenty of support from evergreen veteran James Gilmore, 2023 Michael Conin medallist Mark Asquith and arguably the most exciting young player currently in the Group 7, Jack Talbot – you can guarantee Coaches Jono Dallas and Matt Cohelo will have the men in red and green ready for battle.



# ARTIE SMITH OVAL - 3.30PM

Referee: T Hobbin Touch Judges: C Spowart & T Jordan



NOWRA-BOMADERRY

*Jets*



SHELLHARBOUR

*Sharks*

1	Matty Parsons
2	Beau Luland
3	MaTori Anuntaisa
4	Braydan Omoeboh
5	Braydon Walsh
21	Dylan Farrell
7	Clyde Parsons
8	Tomasi Baravilala
9	Dylan Mitrovski
10	Zac Kershaw
11	Jameal McLeod
12	Jaydan Brody
13	Dan Pender
14	Josh Breen
15	Brayden Swain
16	Austin Thompson
17	TBA

Coach

Dylan Farrell

1	Jacob Seabrook
2	Malokai Tomo
3	Ryan James
4	Jayme McElhone
5	Jye Brooker
6	Kade Sampson
7	Braxton Wallace (C)
8	Kane Stage
9	Bailey Wallace
10	Wil Patison
11	Harry Rudd
12	Wayde Aitken
13	Nick Hay
14	Toby Hurford
15	Ethan O'Connell
16	Kody Collins
17	Hudson Bailey
18	Jaxon Manukonga
19	Palu Tausala
20	Isaac Morris

Coach

Abed Atallah



## Match Day Preview

### Nowra-Bomaderry Jets (8th) v Shellharbour Sharks (3rd) 3.30pm

The 2023 and 2024 1st Grade Runners Up, Shellharbour Sharks will be out to once again flex their premiership muscles when they take on the gritty, resilient and determined Nowra Bomaderry Jets. Lead by former NRL star Dylan Farrell and current Michael Cronin Medal leader Zac Kershaw, the Jets will come into this game feeling confident after taking the Albion Park Oak Flats Eagles the full 80 minutes in their 20-10 defeat in Round 6. The Jets have also regained their halfback and on field general, Clyde Parsons, who has showed over the past 2 Seasons, he is one of the competition's premier players and with outside back such as the slick Beau Luland, goal kicking ace Braydon Walsh and defensively sound Brayden Omoeboh, the Jets will be ready for any type of game. With a 3-2 start to the Season (including 1 Bye), the Shellharbour Sharks proven that they are the real deal once again this season, lead by 2025 NSW Country representative Braxton Wallace, leading Try Scorer John Sila, damaging centre pairing of Ryan James and Malakai Tomo and arguably the form 2nd Rower of the competition, Wayde Aitken - Abed Atallah's men will be out to take care of business in front of a vocal Magic Round crowd.

# ARTIE SMITH OVAL - 5.15PM

Referee: B Simon Touch Judges: C Spowart & T Jordan



*Stingrays*  
OF SHELLHARBOUR



GERRINGONG  
*Lions*

1	Jimmy Scott
2	Darnell Walker
3	Jack Walsh
4	Tim Lafai
5	Will Starling
6	Jake Horton
7	Hamish McLaurin
8	Matt Scott
9	Colby Smith
10	Zac Taufu
11	Tommy Warner
12	Kye Deane
13	Trey Barlow
14	Tom Earth
15	Adan Hadaya
16	Tyson Wood
17	Jake Floyd

Coach Keiran Rankmore

1	Alvin Maungaati
2	Caleb Hall
3	Toby Gumley-Quine
4	Tyrell Taione
5	James Kunkler
6	Cooper Harrison
7	Isaac Russell
8	Ben Jackson
9	Nathan Ford (C)
10	Kal Whyte
11	Jack Quine
12	Isaac Laughton
13	Jake Taylor
14	Seth Pearman
15	Tom Knox
16	Noah Parker

Coach Scott Stewart

## Match Day Preview

### Stingrays of Shellharbour (1st) v Gerringong Lions (6th)

In the final game of the evening, 22 time South Coast Group 7 Rugby League First Grade premiers Gerringong Lions take on the competition front runners and formidable, Stingrays of Shellharbour. The Lions have endured an indifferent start to the year currently sitting outside Semi Final contention in 6th, but when you boast players like 7 x time premierships winners Nathan Ford & Rixon Russell, you know they will fight tooth and nail to get the W and get their season back on track. Elusive centre Toby Gumley Quine has been one of, if not, Gerringong's finest so far this Season, with a forward pack lead by off loading specialist and long time Lions forward Jake Taylor, they will need to be at their ferocious best to topple the Stingrays. Sitting at the top of the ladder, the Stingrays are looking every bit like competition front runners, even after a heartbreaking last minute loss Vs Jamberoo in Round 6. The heart and soul of this Stingrays forward pack is their 3 x time NSW Country representative Tommy Warner, who in the absence of injured Captain Coach Keiran Rankmore, will need to be at his inspiring best to ensure the Stingrays stay atop of the ladder. He will get plenty of support in their quest for 2 points with brutal prop, Matt Scott at his barnstorming best, highly touted rookie fullback Lucas Borg, competition leading Point Scorer Hamish McLaurin and former NRL superstar and destructive centre/2nd Rower Tim Lafai - even though he's out with injury, Rankmore will have his troops motivated and ready to topple Scott Stewarts Gerringong Lions.







# MAP



**CARPARK  
PARKING**

**CRAFT BEER ZONE**

**FOOD VENDORS**

**DJ**

**PICNIC TABLES**

**INFLATABLES/  
FAMILY ZONE**



**GROUP 7  
MAGIC ROUND**

**CAMBEWARRA ROAD**

**CARPARK  
PARKING**

**GATE A - ENTRY**

**BARWON STREET ENTRANCE**

**KIOSK**

**FIRST AID**

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## FIRST GRADE TOP POINT SCORER

Hamish McLaurin 44 pts – Stingrays Of Shellharbour  
 Leroy Murray 28 pts – Albion Park Oak Flats Eagles  
 Cody Roach 22 pts – Milton Ulladulla Bulldogs  
 Dean Watling 18 pts – Jamberoo Superoos  
 Lachlan Barr 16 pts – Milton Ulladulla Bulldogs

## FIRST GRADE TOP TRY SCORER

Lachlan Barr 4 Tries – Milton Ulladulla Bulldogs  
 Toby Gumley-Quine 4 Tries – Gerringong Lions  
 Jonathan Sila 4 Tries – Shellharbour Sharks  
 Not Available 4 Tries  
 Lucas Borg 3 Tries – Stingrays Of Shellharbour

## FIRST GRADE LADDER

	P	Pts	W	D	L	B	F	A	Diff
<b>FIRST GRADE</b>									
Stingrays	6	8	4	0	2	0	160	84	76
Kiama	5	8	4	0	1	0	90	30	60
Shellharbour	5	8	3	0	2	1	106	54	52
Jamberoo	5	8	3	0	2	1	94	66	28
Albion Park	5	8	3	0	2	1	98	70	28
Gerringong	5	6	2	0	3	1	64	78	-14
Milton	6	4	2	0	4	0	66	118	-52
Nowra-Bomaderry	5	4	1	0	4	1	60	140	-80
Berry	4	4	1	0	3	1	46	144	-98



## 2025 MICHAEL CRONIN MEDAL LEADERBOARD AFTER ROUND 6



CLUB	PLAYER	POINTS
	ZAC KERSHAW	8PTS
	RILEY WOODEN	6PTS
	TOM ANGEL	6PTS
	BRAXTON WALLACE	6PTS
	COOPER HARRISON	6PTS
	TOMMY WARNER	6PTS
	COOPER BARRETT	5PTS
	RHYS KENNEDY	4PTS
	DEAN WATLING	4PTS
	CODY ROACH	4PTS



## TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND 6



PLAYERS PICKED ON 3-2-1 VOTES / \*NOT IN USUAL POSITION / \*\*G7 PICK



# FOOD VENDORS

GROUP 7  
MAGIC ROUND



**SMOKY SUES BBQ**  
(AMERICAN)



**VOLKSWURST**  
(GERMAN)



**BURGERHEAD**  
(AUSSIE BURGERS)



**AMIGOS**  
(MEXICAN)



**MAIDO OKONOMIYAKI**  
(JAPANESE)



**ZAM POTATO TWISTY**  
(MALAYSIAN)



**TUTANITAS**  
(COLUMBIAN)



**MR BOOCH**  
(AUSSIE ICECREAM)





# BREWERS LIST



1 7TH DAY BREWERY

2 BATCH

3 BETTER BEER

4 BONDI BEER

5 BRIDGE ROAD

6 CURLY LEWIS

7 DUSTY LIZARD\*

8 EKIM BREWING

9 FUDDWISER

10 HAWKES BREWING

11 LONGSTOCKING\*

12 RECKLESS

13 SAPPHIRE COAST BREWERY\*

14 THE GRIFTER BREWING

15 WILLIE THE BOATMAN

16 YOUNG HENRYS

17 YULLIS



\*LOCALS





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