



SOUTH COAST GROUP 7 RUGBY LEAGUE



Grand Finals

Sunday 28th September - Centenary Field

Gameface Photography



Shellharbour Sharks Co Captain Jayden Morgan and Kiama Knights Captain Tom Angel will be leading their respective sides into battle for the coveted Artie Smith Group 7 First Grade Premiership Trophy, this Sunday 28th of September at Centenary Field.



**Better
Beer.**

REMONDIS®
WORKING FOR THE FUTURE



Historians Report

2025 Grand Final

Six New Premiers. Regardless of today's results there will be six new premiers for the 2025 season with only Milton Ulladulla in the Ladies Tag Division 1 repeating their premiership of 2024. One has to go back to 1963 and 64 when there were three competitions First, Reserve and 18's won in successive years by Albion Park first grade and Shellharbour reserve and 18's and it has never happened since. New Premiers are not unusual in Group Seven where premierships are shared around more than in many other areas and it will be the fourth time in the past ten years (2022,19 and 17) that the three grades have all changed. St Georges Basin won their first ever Regan Cup Premiership last Sunday and other new premiers were Milton Ulladulla League Tag 2 and Crookhaven Regan Cup League Tag.

First Grade. Kiama and Shellharbour have only opposed each other in two grand finals 1983 when Kiama won 38-6 and 2018 where Shellharbour won 32-12 and that was their latest premiership after winning six between 1939 and 2001. Kiama last won the premiership in 2019 defeating Jamberoo 28-14 after being runners up in the previous two seasons and breaking a drought of 34 years and that was the club's 12th top grade premiership 1925-1985. Six of the 2019 team are playing today including Cameron Vazzoler, Tom Atkins, Callum Thistlewaite, David Martin, Tom Angel and Keiran Poole, Coach was Matt Clarke. Shellharbour will have three from the 2018 team Wade Aitken, Kade Sampson and Jye Brooker and Abed Atallah is again the coach. Shellharbour are playing their third consecutive grand final.

In Reserve Grade it will be the first ever meeting of Kiama and Stingrays in a grand final and the Stingrays will be playing for their initial premiership. Kiama have won eleven premierships 1920-2022.

Again, in the Under 18's Gerringong and Berry Shoalhaven Heads will meet in their first ever grand final. Gerringong won the first ever competition in 1938 and then won four 1994-2022. Berry last won this grade in 1983 and have qualified for the grand final from the elimination semi final and looking to break a 42-year premiership drought.

Congratulations to Stingrays of Shellharbour on winning their second Club Championship with Shellharbour Sharks second. The Leo O'Dwyer Cup for most competition points in the second half of the season was a three-way tie with Albion Park Oak Flats, Gerringong and Kiama all on 14 points one point ahead of Stingrays and Shellharbour. The Park will win the Trophy on differential. They last won in 2011. The Ladies teams continue to grow and congratulations to all involved in what is now a big part of rugby league.

The 2025 season was interrupted by wet weather creating a headache for officials and clubs in re scheduling games and some clubs missing out on home games. The First Ever Magic Round played at the Artie Smith Oval Bomaderry created great interest and a big amount of publicity for the league. To all the referees and touch judges appointed for grand final day congratulations and the Group is lucky to have such an active referee's association. To Brad Moulds many thanks for compiling all the scores throughout the season keeping everyone informed of results. And to all club and group officials and volunteers who back up every season as part of teams, ground duties, canteens etc and not forgetting the great Sponsors of the Group and Clubs who play such a vital part in the game. Also to the Service Clubs who help on the gates and a word of praise to the Bar TV camera people who are out in all-weather filming the games.

Regional Competition Premiers for 2025. Canberra Queanbeyan Blues, George Tooke Shield Bungendore, Castlereagh Coolah, Central Coast Kincumber, Illawarra Western Suburbs, McCarthur (Gp 6) Camden, Peter McDonald (Gp 10-11) Dubbo CYMS, Newcastle Maitland, Hunter-Newcastle Waratah-Mayfield, Northern Rivers Lismore Marist, Woodbridge Cup Oberon, Gp 2 Nambucca Heads, Gp 3 Old Bar Beach, Gp 4 Moree Boars, Gp 9 Gundagai, Gp 16 Tathra, Gp 19 Warialdia, Gp 20 Darlington Point Coleambally, Gp 21 Singleton.

Illawarra South Coast Meged Competition Grand Final Results played at WIN Stadium. 16A Dapto 28 Wests 20, 16B Kiama 21 Shellharbour 20 (Golden Point), 15A Berry 10 Shellharbour 6, 15B Southern Highlands 22 Warilla 10, 14A Corrimall 12 Wests 10, 14B Kiama 14 Culburra 10 (Golden Point), 13A Thirroul 32 Warilla 10, 13B Helensburgh 36 Thirroul 10, Girls. 16A Wests 10 Collegians 4, 16B Milton Ulladulla 12 Kiama 10, 14A Wests 44 Stingrays of Shellharbour 8, 14B Collegians 34 Port Kembla-Berkeley 0.

Vale Angus (Gus) Miller 1925-2025). One of the South Coast greatest players Gus Miller of Berry passed away on August 4th, 2025, and hundreds of people attended his Funeral in Berry on September 2nd his 100th Birthday. A Second Row Forward Gus represented New South Wales v Queensland in 1946, 48 and 49, Country v City for seven years and played for Southern Division and or Country against all the International Touring teams (many of the games played at Wollongong Showground) Great Britain (with two wins), France, New Zealand, The Marois and the American All Stars captaining several of the teams. He won four first grade premierships with Berry the first in 1941 as a 15 year old then 1951,52 and 53. He was unlucky to miss selection in the 1948 Kangaroo Tour of England. He retired in 1957 after breaking his leg in a game at Kangaroo Valley. Gus was a Group 7 Life Member for a remarkable 65 years honoured in 1960 for his contribution as a player having never held any position in the Group. A Dairy Farmer Gus lived his 100 years in the same house and was part of the Berry Town Band for over eighty years and many other organisations in the town. Gus was a remarkable man with a great memory and wonderful sense of humour. Rest In Peace Gus.

John O'Dwyer OAM
Group 7 Historian

Knights Vs Sharks

2025 React Facility Solutions Group 7 First Grade Grand Final!!

We have now reached the pinnacle of the First Grade Season, the 2025 React Facility Solutions Group 7 Grand Final, which will feature the mighty Kiama Knights squaring off against the determined Shellharbour Sharks in a showdown that promises passion, skill, desire & Finals footy at it's absolute best!

The last time these 2 Teams met was only 2 weeks ago in the Grand Final Qualifier, in which the Knights grinded out a 22-16 victory at Ron Costello Oval. The Knights, lead by Captain Tom Angel, influential Prop Matt Nicholson and key half Sam Hooper, exploded out to a 20-0 lead after 30 mins, with the Sharks scoring an important try on the stroke of halftime, by man mountain Palu Tausala. Two Early 2nd half tries to McElhone (48th Min) and Aitken (55th Min) got the game back to 22-16 with 20 minutes to play, but the Knights' trademark grit and defensive steel held firm to keep the Sharks at bay.

The Knights have enjoyed a vital week's rest to refocus on the mission ahead, & will be buoyed by their incredible attacking display in the opening 30 mins the last time they played Shellharbour. The Knights have 6 Players in their lineup who tasted 1st Grade Premiership glory the last time Kiama hoisted the Artie Smith Trophy in 2019 (Thistlewaite, Atkins, Vazzoler, Martin, Poole & Angel) and all their experience will be called upon in the games toughest moments if the Knights are to be triumphant on Sunday.

Standing in their way and coming off a resounding 34-8 victory over the Albion Park Oak Flats Eagles in last weekend's Preliminary Final at Michael Cronin Oval, are the dangerous & relentless Shellharbour Sharks. The Sharks are making their 3rd successive Grand Final appearance in 2025, and will hungrier than ever to lift this coveted piece of silverware. The Sharks will be looking to build on last week's impressive performance in which Props Bryce Magnone and Jayden Morgan were powerful, with their NSW Country Representative – Braxton Wallace showing his class with a brilliant all-round performance and five goals from the boot.

2025 Head to Head:

Round 3: Kiama Knights 12 Def Shellharbour Sharks 0

Round 12: Shellharbour Sharks 14 Def Kiama Knights 6

Grand Final Qualifier: Kiama Knights 22 Def Shellharbour Sharks 16

Shellharbour Top Try Scorer: Jayme McElhone – 10 Tries

Shellharbour Top Point Scorer: Braxton Wallace – 124 Points

Kiama Knights Top Try Scorer: Kye Andrews – 10 Tries

Kiama Knights Top Point Scorer: Brad Killmore – 106 Points

Will it be "3rd Time Lucky" for the Sharks in 2025? Or will the Knights claim their first Premiership in 6 Years? Clear your calendar, those household jobs can wait until next Sunday, grab your mates, grab your mates' mates and make your way to Centenary Field at 3pm, because this isn't just another ordinary game, it's the 2025 Group 7 React Facility Solutions Grand Final... and it's going to be one for the ages!!

Centenary Field - Sunday 28th September

1st Grade - 3.00pm

Referee: B Warren Touch Judges: C Spowart & J Borg

KIAMA

- 1 Brad Kilmore
- 2 Callan Thistlethwaite
- 3 Max Jennings
- 4 Kye Andrews
- 5 Tom Atkins
- 6 Sam Hooper
- 7 Cameron Vazzoler
- 8 Matt Nicholson
- 9 Daniel Martin
- 10 Taj Roberts
- 11 Keiran Poole
- 12 Tom Angel
- 13 Callum Roberts
- 14 Travis Barrett Hancock
- 15 Ryan Hodgson
- 16 Zain Mitchell Dowding
- 17 Joshua Hitchins
- 18 Callum Hodgson

Coach Matt O'Brien

SHELLHARBOUR

- 1 Jacob Seabrook
- 2 Jaxon Manukonga
- 3 Ryan James
- 4 Jayme McElhone
- 5 Jye Brooker
- 6 Kade Sampson
- 7 Braxton Wallace (c)
- 8 Bryce Magnone
- 9 Bailey Wallace
- 10 Jayden Morgan (c)
- 11 Harry Rudd
- 12 Wayde Aitken
- 13 Nick Hay
- 14 Toby Hurford
- 15 Hudson Bailey
- 16 Marty Cramp
- 17 Ethan O'Connell
- 18 Wil Patison
- 19 Malokai Tomo
- 20 Palu Tausala

Coach Abed Atallah



Knights Vs Stingrays

2025 React Facility Solutions Group 7 Reserve Grade Grand Final!!

In the 2nd fixture of the day, pits 2 of the Heavyweights of the Reserve Grade competition, the Kiama Knights and the Stingrays of Shellharbour in what will certainly be an enthralling encounter.

The Kiama Knights have been the benchmark all year, finishing the regular season as Minor Premiers with an outstanding record of 14 wins, 1 draw and just 2 losses. Just as impressive has been their defensive resilience, conceding only 160 points across the campaign, easily the best in the Reserve Grade competition.

Lead by inspirational Captain and Kiama stalwart Matt Gladman, the Knights will be looking to emulate their 2018 heroics and come away with the Walter Elliot Premiership Cup on what will be a warm afternoon at Centenary Field. Reputation will mean nothing to the Stingrays of Shellharbour after their gritty 15-14 Extra Time win in last weekend's Grand Final Qualifier at Michael Cronin Oval over cross town rivals, Shellharbour Sharks. This game was tight from start to finish, with the scores locked at 6-6 at halftime, then 14-14 at fulltime, Daniel Brady took the game by the scruff of the neck and slotted the game winning field goal, 5 mins into extra time.

The Stingrays bring strong form into the Grand Final, riding a three-game winning streak through the 2025 Finals Series. Their biggest threat is undoubtedly Jayden Harris, who has been electric all season with 24 tries and 170 points, the leading try and point scorer in Reserve Grade this year.

2025 Head-to-Head:

Round 9: Kiama Knights 24 Def Stingrays of Shellharbour 20

Round 12: Kiama Knights 24 Def Stingrays of Shellharbour 0

Top Try and Top Point Scorers:

Stingrays of Shellharbour Top Try Scorer: Jayden Harris – 24 Tries

Stingrays of Shellharbour Top Point Scorer: Jayden Harris – 170 Points

Kiama Knights Top Try Scorer: Dylan Morris – 9 Tries

Kiama Knights Top Point Scorer: Thomas Murray – 104 Points

Whether it's the Knights claiming their first title in seven years, or the Stingrays finishing their fairytale run with the Walter Elliot Reserve Grade Cup, this one is shaping up to be a classic. Kick Off is 1:15pm at Centenary Field. Get in early, find your spot, and settle in... Finals Footy doesn't get much better than this!!

Centenary Field - Sunday 28th September

2nd Grade - 1.15pm

Referee: T Hoobin Touch Judges: J Geordan & T Jordan

KIAMA

- | | |
|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Dylan Morris |
| 2 | Matt Morris |
| 3 | Ben Barnard |
| 4 | Jack McDonald |
| 5 | Zayne Esham |
| 6 | Tom Murray |
| 7 | Rick Nobes |
| 8 | Paul Kadwell |
| 9 | Alex Boles |
| 10 | Ashton Thurgate |
| 11 | Daniel Shiels |
| 12 | Matt Gladman |
| 13 | Jason Webb |
| 14 | Jett Rorie |
| 15 | Toby Lane |
| 16 | Josh Norris |
| 17 | Kye Sims |
| 18 | Josh Boicheski |
| 19 | Jai Smith |
| 20 | Mason Andrews |

Coach Matthew Gladman



STINGRAYS

- | | |
|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Josh Maude |
| 2 | Mason Combarcho |
| 3 | Byron Pitt |
| 4 | Claude Nagaumo |
| 5 | Dylan Rooze |
| 6 | Jayden Harris |
| 7 | Daniel Brady |
| 8 | Liam Dalton |
| 9 | Cody Mongta |
| 10 | Clint Dunn |
| 11 | Tyson Wood |
| 12 | Hone Kamaeria |
| 13 | Jake Towle |
| 14 | Tyler Johns |
| 15 | Jezza Cairns |
| 16 | Jed Gottas |
| 17 | Manaia Cairns |
| 18 | Aaron Holloway |
| 19 | Benny Wetherall |
| 20 | Steven Simona |

Coach Mathew Burke



Lions Vs Magpies

2025 React Facility Solutions Group 7 Under 18's Grand Final!!

Kicking off the first game of the day in what could arguably be the game of the day this Sunday, the 2025 React Facility Solutions Group 7 Grand Final Under 18's competition delivers a match-up steeped in history, rivalry and raw emotion. Two of Group 7's oldest clubs, the Gerringong Lions and the Berry Shoalhaven Heads Magpies will collide in a battle that promises to be a fierce & fast fixture.

Gerringong have once again flexed their Premiership muscles in 2025 by going through the Regular Season undefeated, boasting a record of 13 wins, 2 Draws and 0 Losses. Coached by former Gerringong legend Matt Quinn, this Team has quickly learned the pride it takes to wear the Blue and Red of Gerringong and what is expected of you when you cross the white line. Passion, Skill, Toughness and Integrity has gotten the Lions to this point, with some outstanding individual performances along the way from the likes of lightning quick Winger Jett Sager, electric Fullback Tyler Dolenc and tireless Lock Tyler Quinn, you can be rest assured the Lions will be primed for this clash.

Awaiting the Lions and eager to break a 42 year Premiership drought will be the Tough, Rugged, Uncompromising and Incredibly Talented Berry Shoalhaven Heads Magpies. Leading the way for them is their energetic Captain Tyson Walker who has experienced a breakout year in 2025. A local junior who made his First Grade Debut earlier in the Season, has scored 8 Tries from 10 games this year including last weekend's Golden Point Extra Time winner over the Stingrays to send the Magpies to the Grand Final. He will be well supported by livewire Fullback Jarrah Thomas, tough Front Rower Joe Bailey, Skilful Backrower Taj Barrett and the human freight train, Sonny Jamieson.

2025 Head-to-Head:
Round 1: Gerringong Lions 16 Def Berry Magpies 12
Round 10: Gerringong Lions 18 Drew Berry Magpies 18

Top Try and Top Point Scorers:
Gerringong Lions Top Try Scorer: Jett Sager – 15 Tries
Gerringong Lions Top Point Scorer: Tyler Dolenc – 104 Points
Berry Magpies Top Try Scorer: Jarrah Thomas – 10 Tries
Berry Magpies Top Point Scorer: Luke Butler – 124 Points

This Grand Final has all the feels or being more than another Grand Final, It's the battle of 2 of the oldest Clubs in Group 7. For the Lions, it's a chance to cement one of the great Under 18 seasons. For the Magpies, it's the opportunity to overcome four decades of near misses and heartbreak. Will it be the Lions to add another Under 18 Premiership Trophy to their cabinet? Or will the Magpies draw inspiration from the 1983 Team, who also came from 4th Spot in '83, to claim that elusive U18 Premiership and take bragging rights over their local rivals?

What ever you had planned for Sunday, cancel them!! Get to the Centenary Field at 11:30am, because this has all the marking of going right to the wire... or another Extra Time extravaganza!!

Centenary Field - Sunday 28th September

Under 18's - 11.30am

Referee: B Simon Touch Judges: P Hadfield & M Bonnie

GERRINGONG

- 1 Tyler Dolenc
- 2 Jett Sager
- 3 Jacob Booker
- 4 Josh Bender
- 5 Sam Le
- 6 Jayden Smith
- 7 Henry Clare
- 8 Jai Butler
- 9 Tom Cronin
- 10 Nate Smith
- 11 Samuel Mclean
- 12 Patrick Wall
- 13 Tyler Quinn
- 14 Zane Woolley
- 15 Ashton Jeffers
- 16 Ashton Dudgeon
- 17 Jett Parker
- 18 Riley Sheppeard
- 19 Sonny Myers
- 20 Kynan Good
- 21 Haiden Taylor
- 22 Wyland Hall
- 23 Tully Alchin

Coach Matt Quinn



BERRY SHOALHAVEN HEADS

- 1 Jarrah Thomas
- 2 Tullee Gardener
- 3 Sonny Jamieson
- 4 Lucas Mak
- 5 Taris Butler
- 6 Luke Butler
- 7 Tyson Walker
- 8 Joey Bailey
- 9 Dylan Stewart
- 10 Noah Hinkley
- 11 Taj Barrett
- 12 Noah Watson
- 13 Wyl Brandon
- 14 Tahj Webb
- 15 Lucas McLead
- 16 Brody Neasby
- 17 Dylan George
- 18 Noah Walker
- 19 Marcus Grima
- 20 Kael Christopher

Coach Kane Barrett





**DYO WITH OUR KIT
BUILDER PRO**

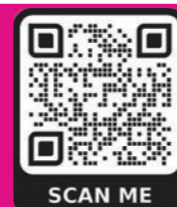


GROUP 7 REFEREES ASSOCIATION

**THE GROUP 7 REFEREES ASSOCIATION WOULD
LIKE TO THANK ITS SPONSORS FOR THE 2025
SEASON**



**BECOME A REFEREE IN 2026!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST**



Better Beer.

**Proudly Australian
Made & Owned.**

**Proud Sponsors of
Group 7 Rugby League**



Head to the Group 7 website to download a copy of your
weekly program, view results, catch up on news etc.

www.group7.com.au



REMONDIS®
WORKING FOR THE FUTURE

Need reliable
waste disposal?
Can do.

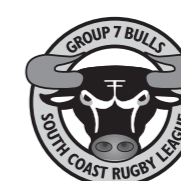
Here in the Illawarra, REMONDIS proudly provide
solid and liquid waste collection, recycling and
disposal solutions to the region's homes, businesses
and councils.

Our Services

- _ General waste removal
- _ Co-mingled recycling
- _ Liquid waste
- _ Huge range of bins



T 13 73 73 // remondis-australia.com.au



**SOUTH COAST
League 7**

ADMISSION PRICES

**ADULTS \$15
CONCESSION \$10
KIDS UNDER 16 FREE**



**Proudly servicing
the Illawarra and
the South Coast**

Call us for a free quote

Idris Wais: 0459 823 959

Paul Nilon: 0431 686 156

Shaun Timmins: 0411 041 851



**COMMERCIAL
CLEANING**



**END OF LEASE
CLEANING**



**MAINTENANCE
& HANDYMAN**



**LAWNS &
LANDSCAPING**



**DEMOLITION
CLEANING**



**RUBBISH
REMOVAL**



**HIGH PRESSURE
CLEANING**



**RESIDENTIAL
CLEANING**

