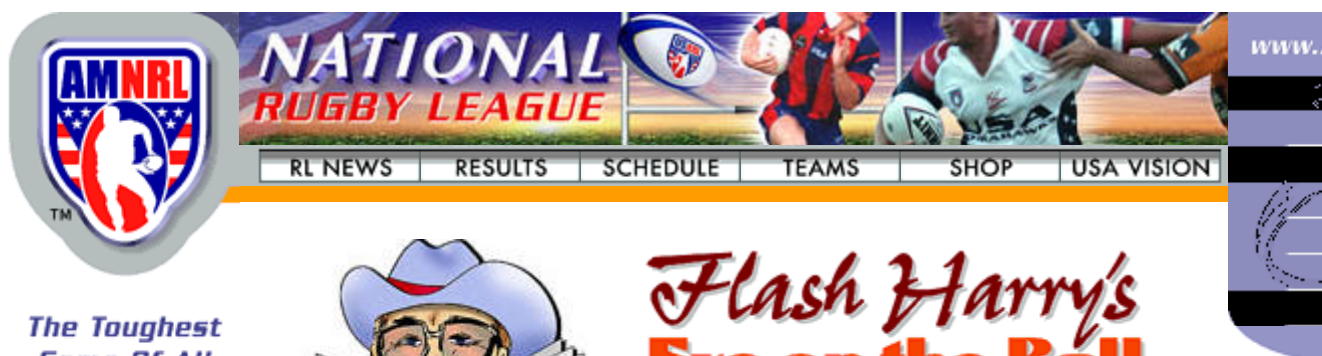




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**Flash Harry's
Eye on the Ball**

While the information is always on target, his sources remain secret.
No one is safe from the eyes and ears of Flash Harry!

**Shakespeare once wrote, 'Beware the Ides of March'.
Flash Harry now writes, 'Beware the Ire of May'.**



VS.



The season 2001 kickoff has an almost Roman Empire favor to it that makes this flash guy want to break out the old Toga!

I can hear the echoes of Ancient Rome... **'Caesar, Caesar, Caesar, Bulls, Bulls, Bulls, Fight, Fight, Fight...'**

Rugby League in the USA has seen a few of it's own versions of the rise and fall of the Roman Empire. Flash Harry has seen it all. From 'Hail Caesar' to 'Beware Brutus'.

The Bulls take on the Fight in a replay of the 2000 Championship Match that was an even contest until a Cory Sheridan interception early in the fourth quarter inspired the Bulls to make it three in a row.

In the off season the face of Rugby League in America has taken on a new look. The club teams have partnered with powerhouse professional outfits from downunder and this Thursday night at 7pm in the Glen Mills version of the Coliseum, the Philadelphia Fight come to town baring the colors and logo of their Australian club, the [South Sydney Rabbitohs](#).

The Bulls too will sport the logo of their partner club, the [Canterbury Bulldogs](#), and from the opening whistle it will be a battle of Gladiatorial proportions.



The South Sydney Rabbitohs have never been a club to back down from a good old fashioned stoush, no matter how big or fierce the opponent. In fact they are smack bang in the middle of one now in Australia as they battle to be reinstated to the premier competition in the southern hemisphere.

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The Fight will fly their colors in the northern hemisphere and I have it on good authority that the South Sydney Rabbitohs number one fan and Academy Award winner Russell Crowe, is keen to see his beloved colors in action in the USA and don't be surprised if there is a 'Maximus' sighting at various Fight matches this season.



[Russell Crowe](#)
[Rabbitohs VS Brisbane](#)
[July 17, 1999](#)

Speaking of 'Maximus', the clash of the Bulls and the Fight will bring together the two titans of US Rugby League in the form of both teams and leaders.

In the Black and Gold corner the Bulls will be lead by Shayne 'the Chief' Mains and in the Red and Green corner the Fight will be inspired by fellow international and 'roomie' Jeff 'Sergeant Slaughter' Preston.

Now Flash Harry is not one to tell tales out of school but I hear these two guys spend more time on tour with the National Team in their hotel room fighting over the remote control. Arguing over how many times they will watch 'Gladiator' and who gets to be 'Maximus' and defend the room against unwanted housemaids, tip hungry bell hops and plot the downfall of the dreaded concierge!

Beware those present at the big match because when these guys give the signal to their troops, their loyal followers will truly 'unleash all hell!'

Both teams have prepared well and the match should be a battle from start to finish. Flash Harry suspects that the outcome could hinge on a flash of brilliance from a number of match winners in both teams.

Keep an eye on 'Butch' and 'Sundance', the Cassidy brothers on the Fight squad. Both Joe and Justin have loads of skill and can turn a match in a heartbeat. The Bulls will look to their experience and big match players to steer them home.

Flash Harry can't split them and reckons this one will be a draw.

All credit to the AMNRL for continuing to develop Rugby League at all levels. They have chosen to walk the path of the true Gladiator.

When things got tough, no more lands were left to conquer and all the Flash Harrius's had latched on to a new plan, it is good to know that not all were prepared to sit back and fiddle while Rome burned!

In the words of our legend Maximus... 'What we do in life, echoes in eternity'.

See you at the Colliseum!

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