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📷 Lindsay Collins of the Roosters. (AAP Image/Dave Hunt)

# Brothers junior rugby league club product Lindsay Collins shines for Roosters in NRL win over Souths

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Brothers junior rugby league club product Lindsay Collins stood and delivered on the NRL's biggest stage with a powerhouse burst for the Roosters against Souths during last night's preliminary final win.

The grandson of former Kangaroo Lionel Williamson tore into the giant Souths pack on Saturday evening to help his side into Sunday's grand final against the



## Melbourne Storm.

Tall and powerful, Collins, 22, produced a dynamic burst in attack and defence midway through the second half to stamp himself as a player to be reckoned with at NRL level.




📷 Collins, right, forces the ball from Sam Burgess. (AAP Image/Dan Himbrechts)

Although he has played well in a handful of other appearances for the Roosters this season, Saturday night was his coming of age at this level.

Those who have followed Collins closely would not be surprised to see him impact against the league's biggest forward pack.







📷 Roosters Lindsay Collins celebrates after scoring his first try earlier in the season. Picture: Brett Costello

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A schoolboy prodigy at Padua College, Collins was signed as a 16-year-old by the Brisbane Broncos from the Stafford-based Brothers club.

While at school the talented sportsman continued to play rugby union for Padua while also dabbling in Aussie rules.

Indeed so impressive was he as a rugby flanker that he was placed in an ARU development squad while the Brisbane Lions also invited him into rookie Australian football camps.



📷 Collins at Padua College.

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But league was his first sporting love and the sport won out over the rival codes, with the Broncos first to his signature.

The Broncos placed him in their system associated with the Norths club where Collins played Cyril Connell Cup (under 16s) and Mal Meninga Cup (under 18s).





📷 Queensland's Lindsay Collins. Queensland playing for the under 18s. Pic Peter Wallis

A state under 18 and under 20 Queensland representative, Collins then impressed in the Broncos under 20 system before the Roosters signed him on a three-year contract at the end of 2016.

He played two NRL matches last season but his development continued at pace this season in the star-studded Roosters club and such is his promise that entry into a Queensland State of Origin development squad would seem assured.



📷 Collins on the charge against Gold Coast. (Photo by Chris Hyde/Getty Images)

Unlike his grandson, Williamson played wing and represented Australia in 11 Tests between 1968-74.







📷 Collins grand father Lionel Williamson playing for Australia against Great Britain.

Williamson emerged out of the North Queensland sugar cane town of Innisfail, a team so laden with past and present league identities that town folk could name an all-time side to match it with any league district.

Now the emergence of Williamson's grandson is another notch in the proud tradition of the Brothers club whose last junior to star for the Roosters was David Shillington, ironically a Padua old boy and current junior coach at Brothers.

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