

Gorden Tallis

NRL

The 'raging bull' is one of Queensland's favourite sons.

Gorden's presence on the football field and his larger than life persona make it hard to believe he only played 11 Tests for Australia. But his 20 Caps for Queensland in the State of Origin will never be forgotten. Gorden captained Australia, Queensland and the Brisbane Broncos in a career spanning 12 years.

When the proposed Super League competition was put on hold in 1995, Tallis offered to buy out the final year of his contract with St George in order to join the Broncos. The Dragons declined the offer however, and subsequent court action held him to his original contract. Having already signed a Super League contract to play with Brisbane, the fiery North Queenslander caused controversy when he was the only player who chose to sit out the 1996 season rather than play a final year with St George.

Highlights of Gorden's on field aggression include being sent off in the opening 2000 State of Origin match for verbally abusing referee Bill Harrigan and that famous photo of himself and Terry Hill arguing nose to nose.

At the end of 2003, he announced his retirement from representative football, but continued playing with the Broncos. In 2004 Tallis started to feel the effects of his neck injury and took heed of the warning signs his body was emitting. He played his last official match in the 2004 semi-final for the Brisbane Broncos, fittingly in his hometown of Townsville, against the Cowboys, which the Broncos lost. At the time of his retirement, he held the Broncos' club record of most career tries for a forward.

Gorden has been a Clive Churchill Medallist and was renowned as the best second-row forward in the world during the late nineties. Gorden is currently a commentator and pundit for the Fox Sports network, as well as an NRL Board Member.



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