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## Paul Carter rugby league return: Former Rooster involved in fight in Cessnock season opener

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FORMER Sydney Roosters hard man Paul Carter is piecing his life together off the field, but his on field antics remain as reckless as ever.

[In a story in the Sunday Telegraph](#), Carter spoke of his battles with drug addiction and efforts to tackle the issue in an exclusive Thai rehab centre last year.

Carter was on a downward spiral after being caught [supplying cocaine to ex-Sydney Roosters team mate Shaun Kenny-Dowall at Sydney's Ivy Nightclub in May 2017](#).

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The Roosters tore up his NRL contract, bringing his 40 game career to an abrupt and sad end.

Despite the admirable improvements to his personal life, Carter's return to rugby league via the Cessnock Goannas in the Newcastle competition showed his aggression hasn't wavered in his time away from the game.

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Carter has been involved in a number of off field incidents throughout his career.



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Playing at five-eighth in the season opener against Maitland, vision supplied by Bar TV shows Carter shooting off the line with serious intent and belting an opposing player high.

Two tackles later Carter collars his opposing half, erupting in a brawl that saw both players throw a series of haymakers before the fight was broken up by teammates.

Carter was sin-binned for 10 minutes for his role in the scuffle, with the Goannas eventually losing the match 36-0 following an inspired performance from former Raider Adam Clydsdale.

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