



## HITO-COMMUNICATIONS SUNWOLVES TO FACE LAST YEAR'S FINALIST – THE LIONS

**Singapore, Thursday, 28 February 2019** – The HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES return to action at the National Stadium on Saturday, 23 March, where they will face last year's Super Rugby finalist – the LIONS. Fans are encouraged to come support the teams and celebrate SUNWOLVES' second and final home match here in Singapore this season.

To be led by Head Coach Scott Hansen, who is covering Tony Brown while he is away on national duty with Japan, the SUNWOLVES will be looking to bounce back from their defeat against the Sharks in February and aim to bring with them a concise and detailed game plan to take down a strong South African side.

The LIONS have had a solid start to their 2019 campaign with a convincing win against the Argentinian side, Jaguares, in their opening match of the season. The resolute South African side will be heading to Singapore with a win on their mind and Head Coach Swys de Bruin will name an impressive squad led by Springboks player Warren Whiteley to achieve this goal.

### WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO JAPAN

To celebrate the upcoming Super Rugby season, Singapore Sports Hub is running a lucky draw ticket promotion that will see lucky winners claim a trip for two to Japan. To participate in the lucky draw, individuals will need to purchase a Platinum, Season Pass or Category 1 Super Rugby 2019 match ticket, and the purchase of Season Pass or Platinum tickets doubles a participant's chances of winning. The prize consists of return flights to Japan for two, and two nights' accommodation, as well as two tickets to watch the Final of an international rugby match.

Standard ticket pricing starts from \$10 for tertiary students, \$29 for general admission for adults and \$15 for general admission for children. For more information, please refer to the ticketing information below or proceed to <https://www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby>.

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## **SUPER RUGBY 2019 EVENT DETAILS**

**Sides:** SUNWOLVES vs LIONS  
**Date:** 23 March 2019, Saturday  
**Time:** 6.55pm  
**Venue:** National Stadium, Singapore Sports Hub

## **TICKET INFORMATION**

Ticket Prices			
	Description	Adult	Child (3 – 17 years)
Platinum	General	S\$95.00	-
Season Pass CAT 1	General	S\$102.00	S\$59.50
	Early Bird	S\$96.00	S\$56.00
CAT 1 (Reserved Seating)	General	S\$60.00	S\$35.00
	Early Bird (15% off)	S\$51.00	S\$29.75
CAT 2 (Free Seating)	General	S\$29.00	S\$15.00
	Early Bird (15% off)	S\$24.65	S\$12.75
Family Pass (2x Adult + 2x Child)	CAT 1	S\$170.00	
	CAT 2	S\$80.00	
Tertiary Students	CAT 2	S\$10.00	

Tickets are available to purchase via the Sports Hub Tix website [www.sportshubtix.sg](http://www.sportshubtix.sg), hotline +65 3158 7888, Sports Hub Tix Box Office at Singapore Indoor Stadium, The Star Performing Arts Centre Box Office, Scotts Square Concierge Desk, and all SingPost outlets.

All tertiary student tickets must be purchased in person with a valid student pass, limit to 1 per person and can only be purchased at the Singapore Indoor Stadium Box Office, The Star Performing Arts Centre Box Office, Scotts Square Box Office and all SingPost Outlets.

## **USEFUL LINKS**

- Super Rugby match in Singapore: <https://www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby>
- Official Super Rugby Website: <http://www.sanzarrugby.com/superrugby/>
- Official SUNWOLVES website: <https://sunwolves.or.jp/>

## ABOUT SUPER RUGBY

Super Rugby is the Southern Hemisphere's pre-eminent rugby tournament, featuring 15 teams from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina and Japan.

Since the 2018 Super Rugby season, the 18-team competition reverts to a 15-team competition, consisting of three geographical conferences – the Australian conference, the New Zealand conference and the South African conference. Gone from the competition were the Force (Australia), Kings and Cheetahs (South Africa). The Jaguares remained in the now one South African Conference while the SUNWOLVES moved from one of the African conferences to the Australian conference, with four other Australian teams.

- Australian Conference: Brumbies, Rebels, Reds, Waratahs, Sunwolves
- New Zealand Conference: Blues, Chiefs, Crusaders, Highlanders, Hurricanes
- South African Conference: Bulls, Lions, Sharks, Stormers, Jaguares

## ABOUT THE HITO-COMMUNICATIONS SUNWOLVES

The HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES made their debut in the 2016 Super Rugby season and is the first Asian team in Super Rugby. Co-based in both Japan and Singapore, SUNWOLVES will be playing a total of 16 matches – eight home and eight away games. Two matches will be played at the Singapore National Stadium on 16 February 2019, Saturday, against THE SHARKS, and on 23 March 2019, against the LIONS. The SUNWOLVES scored their first win in Singapore during their June 2018 game against BULLS.

### **HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES 2019 Squads**

No.	Position	Name	Club Team in Japan/Club Team Record	Birth place	D/O/ B	cm/kg	SUNWOLVES Cap	SR Cap	Test Cap (Japan)
1	PR	Keita INAGAKI	PANASONIC Wild Knights	Niigata, Japan	1990/6/2	186cm/116kg	24	25	25
2	PR	Asaeli Ai VALU	PANASONIC Wild Knights	Tonga	1989/5/7	187cm/115kg	1	1	5
3	PR	Jiwon KOO	HONDA Heat	Korea	1994/7/20	183cm/122kg	14	14	7
4	PR	Hencus VAN WYK	Munakata SANIX Blues	South Africa	1992/3/2	183cm/115kg	10	15	0
5	PR	Craig MILLAR	PANASONIC Wild Knights	New Zealand	1990/10/29	186cm/116kg	16	26	0
6	HO	Atsushi SAKATE	PANASONIC Wild Knights	Kyoto, Japan	1993/6/21	180cm/104kg	10	10	13
7	HO	Jaba BREGVADZE	2018- Sunwolves (SR) International Record : Georgia 54	Georgia	1987/4/23	180cm/108kg	11	11	0
8	HO	Shota HORIE	PANASONIC Wild Knights	Osaka, Japan	1986/1/21	180cm/104kg	23	42	58
9	LO	Grant HATTINGH	KOBE STEEL Kobelco Steelers	South Africa	1990/10/3	201cm/116kg	11	66	0
10	LO	Kazuki HIMENO	TOYOTA Verblitz	Aichi, Japan	1994/7/27	187cm/108kg	11	11	9
11	FL	Tui HENDRIK	2015-17 Reds (SR) 2013- SUNTORY Sungoliath	New Zealand	1987/12/13	189cm/108kg	0	30	43
12	LO	James MOORE	Munakata SANIX Blues	Australia	1993/6/11	195cm/102kg	11	11	0
13	LO	Tom ROWE	2016-2018 Otago (Mitre 10)	New Zealand	1985/1/1	195cm/110kg	0	0	0

14	FL	Edward QUIRK	CANON Eagles	Australia	1991/8/28	191cm/109kg	37	76	0
15	FL	Dan PRYOR	2012 Blues (SR) 2015-18 Highlanders (SR) 2018- Munakata SANIX Blues	New Zealand	1988/4/14	191cm/103kg	0	35	0
16	FL	Michael LEITCH	TOSHIBA Brave Lupus	New Zealand	1988/10/7	190cm/110kg	8	42	59
17	No.8	Pieter LABUSCHAGNE	KUBOTA Spears	South Africa	1989/1/11	189cm/105kg	7	56	0
18	SH	Kaito SHIGENO	TOYOTA Verblitz	Osaka,Japan	1990/11/21	170cm/78kg	20	20	7
19	SH	Fumiaki TANAKA	PANASONIC Wild Knights	Kyoto,Japan	1985/1/3	166cm/72kg	19	65	69
20	SH	Yutaka NAGARE	SUNTORY Sungoliath	Fukuoka,Japan	1992/9/4	166cm/71kg	13	13	15
21	SO	Hayden PARKER	KOBE STEEL Kobelco Steelers	New Zealand	1990/11/19	175cm/82kg	13	43	0
22	SO	Rikiya MATSUDA	PANASONIC Wild Knights	Kyoto,Japan	1994/5/3	181cm/92kg	5	5	16
23	CTB	Ryoto NAKAMURA	SUNTORY Sungoliath	Kagoshima,Japan	1991/6/3	178cm/92kg	9	9	16
24	CTB	Phil BURLEIGH	2010 Chiefs (SR) 2012-2014 Highlanders (SR) 2014-2018 Edinburgh Rugby (Pro14) International Record: Scotland 1	New Zealand	1986/10/22	182cm/93kg	0	36	0
25	CTB	Michael LITTLE	2013-2015 Montpellier (Top14) 2009-13,16-17 Blues (SR) 2017-18 Stade Rochelais (Top 14) 2018- HINO Red Dolphins International Record : New Zealand 6	New Zealand	1993/3/14	183cm/89kg	13	13	0
26	CTB/WTB	Rene RANGER	2013-2015 Montpellier (Top14) 2009-13,16-17 Blues (SR) 2017-18 Stade Rochelais (Top 14) 2018- HINO Red Dolphins International Record : New Zealand 6	New Zealand	1986/9/30	183cm/102kg	0	76	0
27	WTB	Lomano Lava LEMEKI	HONDA Heat	New Zealand	1989/1/20	177cm/92kg	7	7	8
28	FB	Jason EMERY	Munakata SANIX Blues	New Zealand	1993/9/21	176cm/86kg	8	43	0
29	FB	Gerhard van den HEEVER	KUBOTA Spears	South Africa	1989/4/13	192cm/102kg	2	59	0

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