



HITO-COMMUNICATIONS SUNWOLVES OPEN THEIR 2019 SEASON AT THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL STADIUM

Tickets for the matches are on sale from tomorrow!

Singapore, Friday, 30 November 2018 – Tickets to see the HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES in action during the 2019 Mitsubishi Estate Super Rugby season will go on sale tomorrow, 1 December. Singapore’s adopted home team is set to return to Singapore to play two respective matches in 2019, including their first match of the season. On Saturday, 16 February, the SUNWOLVES will take on THE SHARKS at the Singapore National Stadium, and fans are encouraged to come out and support the teams and celebrate the opening match of the season. Saturday, 23 March, marks the SUNWOLVES match against the LIONS, their second and final match in Singapore. Members of the public can enjoy an early-bird discount of 15 percent for Category 1 and 2 tickets from 1 December 2018 to 15 January 2019.

Singapore Sports Hub Chief Commercial Officer Adam Firth said, “We’re thrilled to again host the Sunwolves in 2019. The two matches will give Singapore rugby fans the chance to experience top class Super Rugby up close in a fun environment. The Sunwolves have just enjoyed their best season to date, including a historic first-up win in Singapore and so I encourage Singapore’s ‘Wolf Pack’ to come down to the National Stadium and cheer-on the Sunwolves in 2019.”

The SUNWOLVES in this 2019 season is led by Head Coach Tony Brown, who is also the Assistant Head Coach for the Japanese National Team. The SUNWOLVES have recently announced their initial 2019 squad line-up with returning players such as Edward Quirk, Hayden Parker and Fumiaki Tanaka, and welcoming new members such as Dan Pryor, Phil Burleigh and Rene Ranger to the team. They recently unveiled their new team slogan, ‘*We Are The Pack*’.

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 a lucky winner 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. The chances of winning are doubled with the purchase of Season Pass or Platinum tickets. The prize consists of a pair of return flights to Japan, two nights’ accommodation and two tickets to watch an international rugby match in 2019.

Standard ticket pricing starts from \$10 for tertiary students, \$29 for general admission for adults (Category 2) and \$15 for general admission for children (Category 2). 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 THE SHARKS
Date: 16 February 2019, Saturday
Time: 6.55pm
Venue: National Stadium, Singapore Sports Hub

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TICKET INFORMATION

| Ticket Prices | | | |
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| | 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 will be available from 1 December 2018, Saturday via the Sports Hub Tix website 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 |

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| 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 | MITSUBISHI JUKO Sagamihara Dynabors | 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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