



HITO-COMMUNICATIONS SUNWOLVES AND VODACOM BULLS EAGER FOR ACTION AT THE SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

Singapore, 25 March 2016 – One of the latest additions to Super Rugby, the HITO-Communications Sunwolves are ready for their second match at their adopted home venue, the Singapore Sports Hub tomorrow, against three-time Super Rugby champions, South Africa's Vodacom Bulls.

The Sunwolves, currently ranked seventh in the South-African group, signaled their intentions to in the pre-match conference held today. Former All Blacks hooker and Sunwolves Head Coach Mark Hammett shared his thoughts on the team's chances saying, "Each game, we've had lessons. For the first game, we had a short time, but we battled. We still need to make improvements, but we're showing progress. Against the Bulls, we performed really well from an attack perspective against the Rebels, but systematically we struggled. There's a sense that we're a bit tired after the last game, but we've been working very hard systematically. All players are 100 per cent fit"

Both teams took to the pitch during their respective captain's runs and the players look confident ahead of their game on Saturday.

Team lineups were announced during the pre-match press conferences today, and the Sunwolves have an added home advantage, having played a match in Singapore two weeks ago. Nonetheless, veteran hooker and Sunwolves team captain Shota Horie said, "We're in really good condition. Every player in the squad is motivated and fit for tomorrow. We had our captains run and every player was up for it, and we're ready. We're more used to the weather and heat now. It actually feels a little bit cooler

The Sunwolves, have made five changes. Winger Akihito Yamada moves sides, and Viliami Lolohea, Kaito Shigeno, Tomas Leonardi and Liaki Moli all start.

The visiting Bulls coach Nollis Marais has rotated some of his players. Nollis has handed first starts to Tian Schoeman, Jason Jenkins and Lizo Gqoboka in his run-on team after they all featured off the bench against the Sharks.

The match is the second of three to be held in Singapore this season as part of a deal that will see the Sunwolves play a minimum of three matches at the Singapore Sports Hub each year till 2020. On 12 March the HITO-Communications Sunwolves played against the Toyota CHEETAHS and they will return on 14 May to face the high-flying DHL STORMERS. Tickets are available at www.sportshubtix.com.sg.

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