



SUNWOLVES AND KINGS SET TO FACE-OFF AT THE SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB



From left: SUNWOLVES captain Ed Quirk and scrum half Keisuke Uchida in the final training session ahead of the match on Saturday

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SINGAPORE, 3 MARCH 2017 – Singapore’s adopted home team, the HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES, and South Africa’s Southern Kings are set to face off at the National Stadium tomorrow. The two teams played against each other at Port Elizabeth last year, where the Kings won by a close margin of 33 – 28. It was a tight game for both teams during the match, and Kings eventually sealed the win with a late try.

The SUNWOLVES, who played three exciting matches in Singapore last year, declared their intention to come back stronger this year, and are hunting for their first win at their second home in Saturday’s match. At the pre-match conference held today, SUNWOLVES’ head coach, former All Black Filo Tiatia shared his outlook for this season, “SUNWOLVES is a young franchise, and we are working to make sure we get over the challenges of a new team in this tournament. It is our second year playing in Super Rugby and we are definitely well prepared. There will be higher expectations for our team this season, but we are ready for that. We are really excited to play in Singapore again and can’t wait for tomorrow.”

Both the SUNWOLVES and Kings took to the pitch during their respective captain's runs and both teams looked equally confident and eager for their game on Saturday. SUNWOLVES captain Ed Quirk said, "SUNWOLVES is very new, the statistics are not showing yet but it's a growing process, just like a business. I hope for SUNWOLVES to be in Super Rugby for a long time. All of us are growing, on and off the field and the team is in for a long tour which is good for us, especially for the new guys. It's a fresh week for us - last week was last week. We love to be back in Singapore, it is our second home and we have well adapted to the conditions here. Seeing the trophy in front of us today is definitely driving the team for tomorrow's match."

"We are excited to be here in Singapore and the team is adjusting quite well despite the change of climate. It is a great opportunity to be playing in Super Rugby and we are focusing on the team's preparation for tomorrow's match. The team learned a lot from last year and with the addition of new players this year, our priority is on our game play. Our team plays with passion and we know that if we want great results, we have to be ready to face the challenges and we have to work hard," said Deon Davids, the Kings' head coach.

Tickets for the 2017 Super Rugby matches in Singapore are priced from \$30 onwards and can be purchased via the Sports Hub Tix website www.sportshubtix.sg, hotline +65 3158 7888, Sports Hub Tix Box Office at Singapore Indoor Stadium and all SingPost outlets (see Appendix A for ticketing information).

This year, Singapore will host three of the SUNWOLVES Super Rugby 2017 home matches at the National Stadium against South Africa's Kings, Stormers and Sharks, starting with the first match on 4th March, 25th March and 20th May. For more information on the 2017 Super Rugby matches in Singapore, please visit www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby2017.

ABOUT THE UPCOMING MATCH

The first match between the HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES and Kings will commence Saturday at 6.55pm at the Singapore National Stadium. It will be preceded by a curtain raiser game between the Wanderers RFC and Bucks RFC, who will be playing at the Singapore National League Premiership Final at 3:35pm.

SUNWOLVES' starting line-up: <https://sunwolves.or.jp/en/information/article/4304/>

Southern Kings' starting line-up: <http://www.skings.co.za/southern-kings-announce-team-for-sunwolves/>

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ABOUT SUPER RUGBY

Super Rugby is the Southern Hemisphere's pre-eminent rugby tournament, featuring 18 teams from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina and Japan.

In 2016, the evolution of Super Rugby continued with three new sides introduced to an expanded four-conference model that boosts the rivalry and passion of previous seasons, driving Super Rugby into an exciting new era. The Kings from South Africa returned to the fray, along with new teams: the Jaguares from Argentina; and the SUNWOLVES from Japan.

ABOUT THE HITO-COMMUNICATIONS SUNWOLVES

The HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES is the first Asian team in the expanded Super Rugby league and is co-based in both Japan and Singapore. In the upcoming 2017 Super Rugby matches, SUNWOLVES will be playing a total of 15 matches, with three out of seven of their home matches at the Singapore National Stadium – against the Kings (4 March 2017), the Stormers (25 March 2017) and the Sharks (20 May 2017).

SUNWOLVES has 54 players for the 2017 season, with 33 newcomers to the team, including Japan national team stars scrum-half Fumiaki Tanaka and back Kotaro Matsushima. Among these 33 newcomers, 21 have earned caps for Japan or other Super Rugby teams.

21 players, including this season's co-captains Ed Quirk and Harumichi Tatekawa, hooker Shota Horie, locks Hitoshi Ono and Liaki Moli, stand-off Yu Tamura, backs Derek Carpenter and Riaan Viljoen returned from last season's SUNWOLVES team.

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APPENDIX A – TICKETING INFORMATION

a) PLATINUM TICKET

	CAT 1 (Reserved Seating)
Standard (Adult)	S\$95.00

Entitlements:

- RESERVED seating in Section 113 right on the halfway line with the BEST VIEW!
- EXCLUSIVE HOSPITALITY AREA right behind your seats to mingle with your friends
- 2 FREE Tiger beers
- Priority queue at Food & Beverage stand located behind Section 113
- FREE Match Day Program Booklet
- FREE SUNWOLVES headband
- Access through the Premium Entrance Gate 6

*Platinum tickets are ONLY available for Game 1 and 2

b) 3 GAME SEASON PASS

	CAT 1	CAT 2
Standard (Adult)*	S\$180.00 S\$153.00	--
Child** (3-17 years)	S\$105.00 \$89.25	--
Family Package (2 Adult + 2 Child)	--	--

*Standard (Adult) Season Pass is available at 15% discount ($S\$180 - 15\% = S\153) and for CAT 1 tickets only.

**Child Season Pass is available at 15% discount ($S\$105 - 15\% = S\89.25) and for CAT 1 tickets only.

c) SINGLE GAME TICKET

	CAT 1	CAT 2
Standard (Adult)	S\$60.00	S\$30.00
Child (3-17 years)	S\$35.00	S\$15.00
Family Package (2 Adult + 2 Child)	--	S\$80.00

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ABOUT SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

The Singapore Sports Hub is Singapore's premier sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub with integrated community programming.

Consisting of a unique cluster development of integrated world-class sports facilities within the city, it plays a critical role in accelerating the development of sports industry, excellence and participation, and will take sports to the next level in Singapore.

Located on a 35-hectare site in Kallang, the Singapore Sports Hub includes the following facilities:

- A new 55,000-capacity National Stadium with a retractable roof and movable tiered seating
- The iconic Singapore Indoor Stadium
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that meets FINA standards
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which is scalable and flexible in layout
- Water Sports Centre featuring kayaking and canoeing
- 41,000 sq m Kallang Wave Mall, including indoor climbing wall and Splash-N-Surf facility (Kids Water Playground, Stingray and Lazy River)
- 100PLUS Promenade that encircles the National Stadium
- Singapore Youth Olympic Museum & Singapore Sports Museum
- Sports Hub Library
- Shimano Cycling World
- Daily community facilities and activities, including beach volleyball, hard courts (futsal, basketball and netball) lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park and running & cycling paths

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