



## SUNWOLVES AND STORMERS PREPPING FOR AN ELECTRIFYING MATCH AT THE SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB



*Photo Caption: SUNWOLVES centre Timothy Lafaele during the captain's run at the National Stadium on Friday morning ahead of the match against South Africa's Stormers on Saturday*

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**SINGAPORE, 24 MARCH 2017** – Super Rugby 2017 is back at the Singapore Sports Hub again this weekend, with the HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES and DHL Stormers gearing up for their match at the National Stadium tomorrow. The two teams played against each other at the National Stadium last year in an exciting match that saw the game end with an even score of 17-17.

Returning to the National Stadium after an exciting game with the Kings three weeks ago, SUNWOLVES Head Coach Filo Tiatia shared his thoughts on facing the Stormers again in Singapore.

“Compared to the other teams who had three or four months head start with their trainings, the SUNWOLVES only had two and a half weeks of preparation before the tournament started. We had a short time to prepare, but despite that, we performed to the best of our abilities at all the matches. The players are improving and we don’t let the losses dampen our spirits, instead we use them as an opportunity to learn, to develop and get better,” said Tiatia.

The SUNWOLVES and Stormers carried out their respective captain’s run at the National Stadium pitch today and are both eager to face each other in an exhilarating match tomorrow.

SUNWOLVES Captain Ed Quirk said, “The team played the Stormers last year and it was a draw. Although we are facing them again this year, it’s going to be a completely different scenario for both sides. There were several changes for both teams in the past year so the approach and techniques will be completely different. The team has been training vigorously for every match and we will continue to develop and grow to be a better team.”

“The captain’s run today is a good test for us to play in Singapore’s conditions – we were a little surprised by the humidity, as it made the ball difficult to handle. It has been a great two weeks for the team with new combinations out on the field. This is the youngest Stormers squad we’ve had in about 15 years, with five of our players under 20 years old. South Africa is seeing a lot of strong young players coming through and we are not afraid to have them play for Super Rugby,” said Stormers Head Coach, Robbie Fleck.

“The SUNWOLVES have dramatically improved in the last couple of weeks, and this is going to be a challenge for Stormers. We need to continue our momentum and our boys need to work hard and be confident for the game tomorrow,” Fleck added.

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](http://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).

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## **ABOUT THE UPCOMING MATCH**

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 4<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> May. The upcoming match is the second of the three matches to be held in Singapore this season.

The game between the HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES and Stormers will commence Saturday at 6.55pm at the Singapore National Stadium. It will be preceded by a curtain raiser game between the Singapore Legends and Asian Japanese Dragons Gold at 4.10pm. For more information on the 2017 Super Rugby matches in Singapore, please visit [www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby2017](http://www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby2017).

SUNWOLVES' starting line-ups: <https://sunwolves.or.jp/en/information/article/4328/>

STORMERS' starting line-ups: <http://thestormers.com/wiese-in-line-to-debut-in-singapore/>

## **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 56 players for the 2017 season, with 35 newcomers to the team, including Japan national team stars scrum-half Fumiaki Tanaka and back Kotaro Matsushima. 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) 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
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- 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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