



SUNWOLVES IGNITES PASSION IN RUGBY WITH KIDS CLINIC



Photo Caption: SUNWOLVES prop, Yasuo Yamaji, demonstrating basic rugby skills during the kids clinic.

SINGAPORE, 4 MARCH 2017 – Four of HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES players held a rugby coaching clinic at the Yio Chu Kang Stadium today before their first match against the Kings. Close to 130 children, aged between 6 and 16, from different local rugby clubs, namely the Centaurs Rugby, Singapore Dragons Junior Rugby Club, SSC Rugby Academy, Tanglin Rugby Club, and the Titans RFC, attended the session.

The children had the opportunity to meet the international rugby players and learn the basics of playing rugby. SUNWOLVES players Yusuke Niwai, Yasuo Yamaji, Yoshitaka Tokunaga and Kaito Shigeno had a great time teaching the kids the fundamentals of rugby such as throwing and catching the ball and even tackling through fun drills and games.

“This was my first time attending a clinic and it was super fun and exciting! They taught us how to pass the ball, defend and I got to play with different people. I really enjoyed myself, the SUNWOLVES players were very nice and I learnt a lot from them,” said 7-year-old Jayne Allyson Schultz-Tan.

SUNWOLVES prop, Yasuo Yamaji said, “Conducting these rugby clinics for the kids is a good chance for us to give back to the rugby community and we also get inspired by the kids’ passion and energy. We conduct similar clinics for kids in Japan and are more than happy to do the same here in Singapore. Rugby is a sport that connects people and we hope that we can inspire more kids and motivate them to become future rugby stars.”

Since adopting Singapore as a home base last year, the SUNWOLVES have been running clinics with the Singapore Rugby Union (SRU) during every match period, including coaching clinics with the SRU coaches and Kids Rugby Clinics with local and Japanese children.

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 3:25pm.

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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For more information, please visit the Singapore Sports Hub:

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