



SUNWOLVES INSPIRE KIDS TO LIVE THEIR DREAMS



Photo Caption: SUNWOLVES Winger Takaaki Nakazuru interacting with the children at the kids rugby clinic this morning.

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SINGAPORE, 25 MARCH 2017 – Back for their second match in Singapore, the HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES conducted a kids rugby clinic at GEMS World Academy in Yishun earlier today ahead of their game against the Stormers.

Proving to be an enjoyable learning activity, 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, Titans RFC, GEMS World Academy, and several regional centres from local schools attended the session.

SUNWOLVES players Takaaki Nakazuru, Kotaro Yatabe, Yutaka Nagare, Yoshitaka Tokunaga and Yasuo Yamaji were excited about the high energy levels shown during the kids' clinic and expressed their enjoyment about passing on their knowledge to kids in Singapore, their second home.

SUNWOLVES winger, Takaaki Nakazuru said, "Our passion for rugby started when we were very young. Most of us played throughout school and eventually through hard work, we were able to get to where we are right now - playing in Super Rugby. While we continue to become better players, it's also important that we be good role-models and inspire children who will be the future of rugby in Singapore and Asia."

"It's the first time I'm bringing my kids to a rugby clinic and I think exposing them to the sport is a great way to help them develop holistically. Some of these kids have great potential to become professional rugby players, and I believe that meeting the SUNWOLVES will inspire them to live their dreams. I will continue to support these kind of initiatives and I hope that we will have more similar opportunities to have professional rugby players conduct clinics with the kids in the future," said Madam Chua, parent of one of the kids.

The SUNWOLVES has been running kids rugby clinics together with the Singapore Rugby Union (SRU) prior to every match in Singapore. This initiative was created for young rugby enthusiasts to meet international rugby players and to receive first-hand training from world-class rugby players. The children are grouped according to their age and taught the fundamentals of rugby such as passing, catching, evasion, decision making and tackling through fun drills and games.

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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 4th March, 25th March and 20th 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.

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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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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- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which is scalable and flexible in layout
- Water Sports Centre featuring kayaking and canoeing
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- 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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