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 **WHAT'S ON TOWNSVILLE**

# CENTRE ISAAC HENRY READY TO FORGE NEW TOWNSVILLE MEMORIES



WRITTEN BY JIM TUCKER

## **Isaac Henry and his fit-again frame are ready for some fresh highlights in Townsville after his dream run-on debut for the Queensland Reds in the same city in 2021.**

Launching the new Super Rugby Pacific season against the Hurricanes in Townsville on Saturday night is a great setting to start addressing the recent imbalance of results against New Zealand sides.

Henry's explosive showing in the centres that May evening in 2021 was a major reason behind the Reds' 40-34 victory over the Chiefs.

The youngster crossed for two tries including a memorable 40m surge after hitting perfectly a flat Tate McDermott pass to spear through a gap midway through the first half.

The 11-try spectacle was breathless at times with some superb rugby, numerous line

breaks from the Reds and the fast finish of the Kiwis.

The Reds have grown tired of that win standing alone as the solitary success over Kiwi opponents in 2021 and 2022. For co-captain Tate McDermott, playing a Kiwi opponent first-up is ideal with the chance to produce a resonant performance to set the tone for the season. A little unfamiliar heat and humidity for their Wellington-based rivals is not a bad thing either.

"We've got players jumping out of the seat to play in Townsville. I think it really suits us that the competition is back to its normal format (with a blended run of games against Australian and NZ opponents) and we can get a benchmark from Round One on where we are at," McDermott said.

"It will give us a good read on how our Queensland style of play can challenge teams in the late end of the season which is where we have fallen away in

recent seasons.”

Henry, 23, has nothing but positive vibes when it comes to Townsville. Saturday will be a career reboot after losing so much of the 2022 season to foot, hamstring and quadricap injuries.

“I have very fond memories of that Townsville game in 2021 and we all want to put our best foot forward in this one against the Hurricanes,” Henry said. “A lot of pre-season work went into kicking smarter. Playing a good 60 or 70 minutes isn’t going to win you games against quality Kiwi sides so we’ve really focussed on going the full 80 as well.”

Henry’s strong trial form was encouraging including a lovely offload as he fell in a tackle to set alight a 60m team try against the NSW Waratahs in Narrabri.

The progress made by the Reds in that game with good offloads was more about choosing

the right option rather than a blanket edict to offload at all costs.

“Cutting out the 50-50s is something we work at. If a good opportunity is there, you take it,” he explained.

His punchy, direct running and big boot in general play are definite assets while he’s also a top-level goalkicker if needed.

One thing his lengthy absences from the field enabled him to do last year was understand the value of a better life balance, not one just fixated on footy. He has business studies and a 10-handicap at McLeod Country Golf Club to work on. He also devotes more time to family.

“Having a balance is so important. I’ve got a few different things going on with rugby, family, hobbies and study and it’s the right way to go,” Henry said.

Henry didn’t play long, uninterrupted streaks of games

in 2022 but he was still able to savour two highs.

A quadricep injury in warm-ups in Fiji delayed his Australia A debut until later in the year in Japan. It was still validation of the skills he brings to the team.

Late in the season, he got to enjoy a maiden premiership with his club Wests when he helped the Bulldogs snap a 16-year drought in the grand final. "I played Colts at Wests and made my first grade debut there. It's an awesome club and it was cool to be able to experience that grand final win and what it meant to the Bulldogs," Henry said.

Playing two games in Townsville this season and the Queensland Rugby Union hosting a board meeting in the city is a natural progression from the extra connection across the state from the Reds to Regions program.

In past seasons, city slicker Henry spread the rugby word in Beaudesert, where he was hosted on a chicken farm by avid fans, and Yeppoon.

"Bringing a Reds game to regional Queensland is such an awesome thing. You realise the fan support for the Reds is across the state and it was good to connect with that," Henry said.





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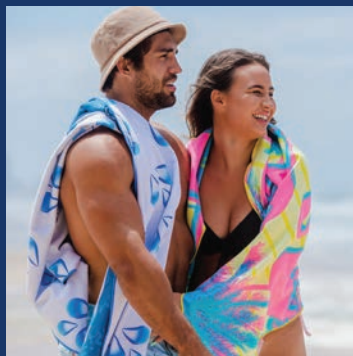


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7	FRASER MCREIGHT
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10	TOM LYNAGH*
11	FILIPO DAUGUNU
12	ISAAC HENRY
13	HUNTER PAISAMI
14	JOSH FLOOK
15	JORDAN PETAIA

## RESERVES

16	RICHIE ASIATA
17	SEF FA'AGASE^
18	PENI RAVAI***
19	JAKE UPFIELD***
20	CONNOR ANDERSON****
21	KALANI THOMAS
22	LAWSON CREIGHTON
23	TAJ ANNAN***

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1	XAVIER NUMIA
2	DANE COLES
3	OWEN FRANKS
4	JAMES BLACKWELL
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7	PETER LAKAI*
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