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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fresh off the bye the Queensland Reds return to Suncorp Stadium tonight for their Round 10 fixture against the Western Force.

Queensland has won five of their past six encounters against the Force including their record-breaking 71-20 Super Round victory earlier this year in Melbourne.

This match also marks Super Rugby Pacific's inaugural 'Culture Round', with 10 different cultures represented in the Reds 23 – Australian, First Nations people of Australia, Fijian, German, Italian, New Zealand Maori, Papua New Guinean, Samoan, South African and Tongan.

This will be illustrated during tonight's pre-game entertainment with flags of those cultures paraded around the stadium before 'Drums of the Pacific Australia' will get fans in the mood for the big clash with a traditional drumming performance.

I would like to welcome the Force, their coaching staff and team management to this great stadium here tonight in what shapes as an entertaining contest for both teams.

Reds head coach Brad Thorn has made two changes to the XV with co-captain Liam Wright (fractured hand) and lock

Seru Uru (concussion) both returning to the starting side this week.

Uru will partner Connor Vest at lock, while Wright will reprise his backrow combination with the Fraser McReight and Harry Wilson who re-signed with the Reds through 2025 during the week.

Co-captain Tate McDermott again partners Lawson Creighton in the halves, with James O'Connor and Josh Flook starting in the midfield.

After a striking start to the season, Jordan Petaia shifts to fullback and Jock Campbell to the wing in a reshuffled backline.

Gold Coast product George Blake will potentially make his Queensland and Super Rugby Pacific debut off the bench with Filipo Daugunu returning to the 23 this week as a finisher.

With just two home matches remaining for the season after tonight's fixture, including a blockbuster in Townsville against the Tahs next week, it promises to be an exciting run-home for the Reds.

Thank you all for your attendance and I hope you enjoy the game tonight.

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Roger Gould – QRU President

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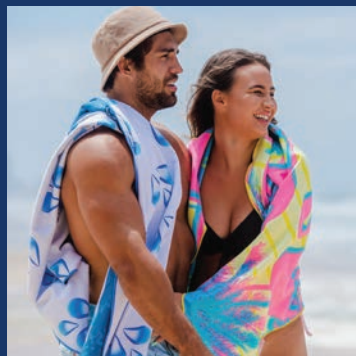
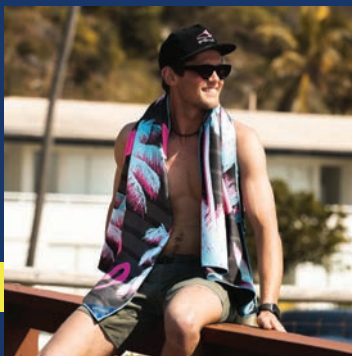


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A vibrant advertisement for TACO FUSION. The background is a collage of various Mexican dishes, including burritos, tacos, pizza, and guacamole. In the center, the words 'TACO FUSION' are written in large, bold, stylized letters. 'TACO' is in red with a white outline, and 'FUSION' is in green with a white outline. Above the text is a circular logo for 'LA BANDERITA AUTHENTIC TORTILLAS' featuring a white bull on a red and green background. To the right of the text is a small logo for 'LA BANDERITA .TV' featuring a red television set with the brand name on it. Below the .TV logo is a QR code.

SCRUM LIFE AND WINNING WAYS ARE PARADISE FOR PROUD PNG PRODUCT ZANE NONGGORR



WRITTEN BY JIM TUCKER

The Bird of Paradise motif on the back of his Pasifika warm-up shirt fills developing Queensland Reds prop Zane Nonggorr with great pride.

It's an oversight to imagine the nod to the cultural diversity of Australia's Super Rugby Pacific teams is only to those of Fijian, Samoan and Tongan heritage. The reach and meaning is far broader. The 125kg prop is proudly from Papua New Guinea just as Reds legend Will Genia was before him.

One of the nation's colourful Birds of Paradise is on the PNG flag and is a symbol of the country.

"The Pasifika warm-up top represents all the cultures of the Pacific region. I'm proud to see PNG represented and displayed with the Bird of Paradise," Nonggorr said.

"Willy is the one PNG person you think of when it comes to rugby. Another prop, Pettowa Paraka,

played for the Reds a few years ago and came from the same region as I do.

"There haven't been a lot of PNG boys playing Super Rugby over the years so it's a good feeling to be waving the flag."

In Culture Round across Super Rugby Pacific, the Reds will face up to the Western Force at Suncorp Stadium on Saturday night.

Good judges are already talking about Nonggorr continuing his progression as a Super Rugby regular who can aspire to national honours in years to come.

Proving your worth and consistency at tighthead prop is one of the toughest schools in the game. It's never about one good scrum but one after another.

Even though Wallabies prop Taniela Tupou has been sidelined all season while rehabbing a torn Achilles tendon, his advice has been

invaluable.

"Nela has been a really big help as a mentor and that started during pre-season," said Nonggorr, a product of The Southport School.

"He's passed on a lot about the mentality of scrummaging... there are no breaks...every scrum has to be your best scrum. Even when you get in a bad position, you've got to be working extra hard to make sure the scrum doesn't go backwards.

"It's good to hear that stuff from one of Australia's best props." At 22, Nonggorr has played in all eight games this season and racked up more playing time than any other Reds prop.

Nonggorr warns against drawing any conclusions from the 71-20 thrashing inflicted on the Force when the teams last met in Round Two in Melbourne during Super Round.

"The Force have got a lot better

since then and we all saw how well they played to beat the Highlanders last round," Nonggorr warned.

Force skipper Michael Wells has promised the Reds they will be playing a different Force side in Brisbane.

"When you show up without the right mindset and are completely and utterly outplayed, you want to remedy that," Wells said.

Three generations of the Nonggorr family live together on the Gold Coast with mother Tiffany and his grandmother Beryl.

"Grandma is 92. When I first came to Brisbane as a 10-year-old, she would often be the one taking care of me while mum and dad travelled up and back from PNG," Nonggorr said.

"I'm grateful. She was the one who drove me to and from my early rugby games. I come home now and she'll still say, 'I saw

you play'. She loves watching it on TV."

Grandma is seeing more of him this season. A strong charge and the hint of a deft offload are also dimensions than the man from Mount Hagen in the PNG highlands is showing away from the scrum.

Nonggorr said the Reds used the bye week wisely after the strong 40-28 win over Moana Pasifika in Samoa where the team also derived great energy from the whole experience in the Pacific.

"The Samoan trip was definitely a cool experience. You knew how much the Samoans loved the game because there was never a quiet moment on the field with the singing and cheering in the crowd," Nonggorr said.

"We had a few days off when we got home but we've also put in time on the things we want to fix up to make sure we produce better performances.

"We've got a real focus on this game and the next six games leading into finals to build some momentum."





TEAM LIST

STARTERS

1	SEF FA'AGASE
2	MATT FAESSLER
3	ZANE NONGGORR
4	CONNOR VEST
5	SERU URU
6	LIAM WRIGHT (CC)
7	FRASER MCREIGHT
8	HARRY WILSON
9	TATE MCDERMOTT (CC)
10	LAWSON CREIGHTON
11	JOCK CAMPBELL
12	JAMES O'CONNOR
13	JOSH FLOOK
14	SULIASI VUNIVALU
15	JORDAN PETAIA

RESERVES

16	RICHIE ASIATA
17	GEORGE BLAKE*
18	PENI RAVAI
19	RYAN SMITH
20	JAKE UPFIELD
21	KALANI THOMAS
22	TOM LYNAGH
23	FILIPO DAUGUNU

HEAD COACH

BRAD THORN



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| 1 | CHARLIE HANCOCK |
| 2 | TOM HORTON |
| 3 | SANTIAGO MEDRANO |
| 4 | FELIX KALAPU |
| 5 | JEREMY WILLIAMS (VC) |
| 6 | TIM ANSTEE |
| 7 | CARLO TIZZANO |
| 8 | MICHAEL WELLS (C) |
| 9 | ISSAK FINES-LELEIWASA |
| 10 | BRYCE HEGARTY |
| 11 | MANASA MATAELE |
| 12 | HAMISH STEWART |
| 13 | SAM SPINK |
| 14 | ZACH KIBIRIGE |
| 15 | CHASE TIATIA |

RESERVES

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| 16 | FELETI KAITU'U |
| 17 | MARLEY PEARCE |
| 18 | SIOSIFA AMONE |
| 19 | RYAN MCCAULEY |
| 20 | RAHBONI VOSAYACO |
| 21 | GARETH SIMPSON |
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