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FILIPO DAUGUNU HITS 100 SUPER RUGBY GAMES

WORDS | **Jim Tucker**

Daugunu's high-voltage style for the Queensland Reds has been a major plus this year and in 2025 since his return to Brisbane in Swyftx Super Rugby Pacific.

The 31-year-old has been selected on the wing for Saturday night after scoring his 35th Super Rugby try in last weekend's loss to the Western Force. Daugunu's 99 Super Rugby games include 12 outings during his time as a Melbourne Rebel.

Two changes to the starting side have been made for Saturday night. Wallabies hooker Matt Faessler and winger Tim Ryan come in for Josh Nasser and Treyvon Pritchard, both ruled out as they advance through HIA protocols.

On the bench, experienced hooker Richie Asiata and centre Isaac Henry are fresh figures to add punch later in the game.

"It's great to see 'Lipo' reach this milestone," Reds Head Coach Les Kiss said.

"The guys love playing with him. He's a fantastic character in our locker room and on the field.

"He makes so many crucial plays whether that's in attack, a big moment in defence or one of his trademark jackals at the breakdown."

Fans have reacted to the Crusaders playing at Suncorp Stadium for the first time since 2023 with a strong take-up of tickets for Saturday night.

The night will be elevated by the presence of members of the Reds' 2011 championship team who famously toppled the Crusaders in front of a full house at Suncorp Stadium to claim the title. Members of the team will show off the 2011 Super Rugby trophy to the crowd in the half hour before the 7:35pm kick-off.

Saturday's match-up is one of the most anticipated in Super Rugby in Australia and will be amplified by the Queensland Rugby Union celebrating Country Round.

The Country Round theme offers country fans, families and players a chance to attend a prime Super Rugby match during the school holidays while also celebrating the strong Country origins of players and coaches at the Reds.

Kiss, a Bundaberg product, said Country Round adds to the connection the Reds feel with their fans at Suncorp Stadium.

"We really appreciate the support we get at home at Suncorp Stadium. It gives us a great sense of pride that we represent the state of Queensland and Country Round just adds to that feeling," Kiss said.

Kiss said the clash against the Crusaders is a challenge the team is looking forward to.

“We are certainly playing one of the form teams. Super Rugby Pacific does not relent. It is a fantastic comp and we meet a big challenge this week,” Kiss said.

Reds centre Josh Flook said players had refocussed after last weekend’s disappointment against the Force.

“There were obviously lots of individual looks in the mirror. You’ve got to take care of your own performance first and we’ve come in this week as a group and gone back to a few of our principles of the past few years,” Flook said.

“It’s been looking at what we can do better

and putting that altogether for an 80-minute performance.

“They are an electric team. This weekend has got to be a whole 15-man performance on the field from us.

“They are going to get a break here and there so it’s about our hustle to get back, being useful to help each other in defence and making those two-man tackles to put them on the back foot. It’ll take that team mentality to get one over them.”





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GPS RUGBY CLUB TOAST A HISTORY BOOK AND A CLUB LEGEND

WORDS | **Jim Tucker**

When David Park attended the GPS Gala Ball on March 28, he knew it would be his last dance at a club which had been a huge part of his life for more than 70 years.

His family had helped him dress in a tuxedo and slip out of hospital in a wheelchair, plus oxygen bottle just for that night.

A steady stream of old mates visited his table at the ball just as he had hoped for a final laugh and smile. He should have stayed for 30 minutes but he stayed for a few hours.

He was farewelled by a standing ovation from a room of 400 when he did depart. Less than 48 hours later, "Parky" slipped away at 79.

If you want a definition of "a true club man", there you have it. Park had served the club from his earliest days as a ball boy in the late 1950s.

He went on to play more than 200 games for the club from first grade to fifths.

He followed in his father Ron's footsteps by becoming Club President after time as Secretary, Treasurer and committee member.

If you wanted to know anything about GPS, "Parky" was a walking book of club history.

It's why many will say he hung on to see the club's proud history put into book form with the launch of *The People Who Built GPS Rugby Club 1887-2025*.

Authors Mark Oberhardt and Lloyd Graham have put together a glossy 364-page book that peers into every corner of the colourful GPS story.

As a premierships-winner for GPS, Graham was involved in many of the club's finest exploits himself. Oberhardt was the perfect man to do

the bulk of the writing as a club stalwart and journalist with an ear for the truth and also the inflated tales of every rugby club.

"I didn't know so many at GPS had a touch of dementia," was Oberhardt's classic way of saying that so many stories had six versions depending on who you spoke to.

Away from the premierships, it is the characters he captures best.

Graham and Oberhardt tracked down the club's oldest player, Alf Dalzell, at 100, before his passing last year.

Few will remember the South African forward who played for the club with the unusual habit of barking during games. At the end of one season, he was presented with a dog collar and registration papers from the Brisbane City Council.

The club's first Australian captain, Bob McGowan, was a high flying partner in a law firm brought unstuck by a fraud scandal and a losing bet on Phar Lap in the Melbourne Cup.

Graham feels a great sense of satisfaction that the club that means so much to him now has a bigger story to tell to others.

"'Parky' was the first to read the finished book. He held on to make it to the book launch and the Gala Ball," Graham said.

"It was amazing...he got into his black tie in hospital and made the function.

"There wasn't a thing he didn't do at the club over his lifetime."

Fittingly, GPS will open their season in the Sumo Energy Hospital Cup on Saturday at Yoku Road with a match against old foes Brothers.

“Parky” will be looking down on the action from somewhere.

The history of GPS Rugby Club book is available from the club for \$100 or by emailing the club website.



GPS club legend David Park flanked by (from back left) son Dugald, wife Sue, son James and GPS stalwart Lloyd Graham.

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- 2 MATT FAESSLER
- 3 NICK BLOOMFIELD
- 4 SERU URU
- 5 LUKHAN SALAKAIA-LOTO
- 6 JOE BRIAL
- 7 FRASER MCREIGHT (C)
- 8 HARRY WILSON
- 9 KALANI THOMAS
- 10 CARTER GORDON
- 11 TIM RYAN
- 12 HUNTER PAISAMI
- 13 JOSH FLOOK
- 14 FILIPO DAUGUNU
- 15 JOCK CAMPBELL

RESERVES

- 16 RICHIE ASIATA
- 17 JEFFERY TOOMAGA-ALLEN
- 18 ZANE NONGGORR
- 19 HAMISH MULLER
- 20 VAIUTA LATU
- 21 LOUIS WERCHON
- 22 HARRY MCLAUGHLIN-PHILLIPS
- 23 ISAAC HENRY

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- 8 CHRISTIAN LIO-WILLIE
- 9 NOAH HOTHAM
- 10 TAHA KEMARA
- 11 SEVU REECE
- 12 DAVID HAVILI
- 13 LECIESTER FAINGA'ANUKU
- 14 CHAY FIHAKI
- 15 JOHNNY MCNICHOLL

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TOWNSVILLE CALL-UP ADDS PRINCE TO QUEENSLAND'S NEXT GEN 7S TEAM

WORDS | **Jim Tucker**

Townsville teen Layne Prince will debut in the Queensland team at Sunday's Next Gen 7s finals in Sydney just 13 months after making the switch from touch.

The 16-year-old Indigenous schoolgirl from Pimlico State High is treading the well-worn route into sevens that so many of the country's top players have in the past.

Pace, elusive footwork and comfort with ball-in-hand are skills that are obvious from the outset when watching her at training.

Prince also has a footy pedigree through uncle Scott Prince, the former Queensland State of Origin rugby league halfback who built a decorated 300-game NRL career with the Brisbane Broncos, Gold Coast Titans, Wests Tigers and North Queensland Cowboys.

Young Prince is at the start of her career, having been spotted at a touch tournament by Dylan Blackman, the Queensland Rugby Union's Indigenous Strategy Manager.

"Dylan saw me play at a couple of touch tournaments and I played my first rugby at the Ella 7s in Tuggerah (on the NSW Central Coast) last year," Prince said.

"The thing that got me interested was how much space there is on the field to create and the similarity of skills you can transfer from touch.

"Understanding the different positions, tackling...the more you play, the more you get used to it.

"My competitive side comes from mum and dad (Shae and Stephen) with their background in touch."

Prince is a wonderful example of the philanthropic reach of the QRU Foundation.

Support from a donor meant the funds were there for Prince to be flown to Brisbane for a full training schedule last week to gel in a new team under Next Gen 7s coach Shannon Parry.

"Layne has been on the radar and I got to take away for the Global Youth Sevens tournament in Auckland last December," Parry said.

"Funding through a donor made it possible for her to get down from Townsville because a big piece was giving her that training exposure before we could pick her. The Queensland Academy of Sport has helped with Layne coming down a second time this week and it's right timing, right place with the Next Gen 7s in Sydney this weekend.

"You want to give chances to as many good regional kids as possible. Layne has electric footwork, she reads the game well, she ball plays and she got that competitiveness."

Prince already feels a comfort with some familiar faces in Queensland's young team. Aimee Henry and Madison Pomerence were teammates at the Global Youth Sevens and she's played in Indigenous teams with Rhani Hagan and Reese Orcher.

Prince's Kalkadoon mob are from the Mt Isa region.

"It's really good to see Rhani and Reese making a mark. Sometimes we don't get the chance to be on the big stage," Prince said.

"We have a lot of good skill and natural talent that gets overlooked in a way. And that's the same for a lot of girls who don't get the opportunity to be looked at like you do in Brisbane."

For Sydney, Zoe Waters can also look forward to an overdue debut. She is a high-impact player who has put injury worries behind her.

Charlie Brigstocke has played Next Gen 7s for the ACT Brumbies but this will be her first outing for Queensland.



Dallas O'Neill (left) and Dick Marks in their element as young Wallabies in 1963

An advertisement for La Bandera Tortillas. On the right, a woman in a white embroidered blouse is smiling and holding a taco. In front of her is a wooden table with a plate of food, a bowl, and several packages of 'Street Taco' tortillas. The background is a pink wall with various sports-related icons like a fish, a soccer ball, a cricket ball, and a tennis racket. On the left, there is a QR code and the text 'BACK TO THE REDS. BRING THE FLAVOUR. Lift your taco game with authentic tortillas, the whole team will love.' The La Bandera Tortillas logo, featuring a bull, is in the top left. A 'K PARVE' logo is in the top right.

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SCOTCH COLLEGE, PERTH

TRIAL 2

VERSUS
WARATAHS

SAT, JAN 31	LOCAL 2:00PM	AEST 2:00PM
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BALLYMORE STADIUM

ROUND 01

NEW RUGBY
WARATAHS

FRI, FEB 13	LOCAL 7:35PM	AEST 6:35PM
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ALLIANZ STADIUM

ROUND 02

REDS

FEB 20-22
BYE

ROUND 03

HIGHLANDERS

FRI, FEB 27	LOCAL 6:35PM	AEST 6:35PM
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SUNCORP STADIUM

ROUND 04

BRAKEMETERS

SAT, MAR 7	LOCAL 7:35PM	AEST 6:35PM
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GIO STADIUM

ROUND 05

NEW RUGBY
WARATAHS

SAT, MAR 14	LOCAL 6:35PM	AEST 6:35PM
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SUNCORP STADIUM

ROUND 06

FUJIAN DRUA

SAT, MAR 21	LOCAL 3:35PM	AEST 1:35PM
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CHURCHILL PARK, LAUTOKA

ROUND 07

HURICANS

SAT, MAR 28	LOCAL 4:35PM	AEST 1:35PM
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SKY STADIUM

ROUND 08

WESTERN FORCE

SAT, APR 4	LOCAL 6:35PM	AEST 6:35PM
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SUNCORP STADIUM

ROUND 09

CRUSADERS

SAT, APR 11	LOCAL 7:35PM	AEST 7:35PM
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SUNCORP STADIUM

ROUND 10

REDS

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BYE

ROUND 11

BLUES

SAT, APR 25	LOCAL 7:35PM	AEST 5:35PM
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ONE NZ STADIUM

ROUND 12

BRAKEMETERS

SAT, MAY 2	LOCAL 7:35PM	AEST 7:35PM
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ROUND 13

CHIEFS

FRI, MAY 8	LOCAL 7:35PM	AEST 7:35PM
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SUNCORP STADIUM

ROUND 14

WESTERN FORCE

SAT, MAY 16	LOCAL 5:35PM	AEST 7:35PM
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HBF PARK

ROUND 15

MOANA PASIFIKA

SAT, MAY 23	LOCAL 4:35PM	AEST 2:35PM
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NORTH HARBOUR STADIUM

ROUND 16

FUJIAN DRUA

FRI, MAY 29	LOCAL 7:35PM	AEST 7:35PM
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FINALS

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