

QUEENSLAND REDS

MATCH DAY

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SUPER RUGBY PACIFIC ROUND 6 | 6:35PM

SUPER W ROUND 2 | 4:05PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big night awaits rugby fans as Suncorp Stadium plays host to its first Queensland Reds double header for 2023.

This evening's opening game sees our Super W side take on the Western Force in Round 2 of their season campaign, before our Queensland men battle reigning Super Rugby Pacific champions the Crusaders in their Round 6 match-up.

As part of the QRU's Charity Round this week, the Queensland Rugby Union recognises our proud mental health partner the White Cloud Foundation who will be the benefactors of tonight's 50-50 charity raffle.

I would like to welcome the Crusaders, plus the Force's coaching staff and team management to this great stadium here in what shapes as an exciting evening for all teams involved.

Following a commanding 43-nil win over the Rebels in their opening match of the competition last week, Reds head coach Simon Craig has named an unchanged starting XV for tonight's Buildcorp Super W fixture against the Force.

In the reserves, Craig has welcomed three new players who have joined

the Reds program from the recently completed Super Rugby Aupiki competition in New Zealand. Scrumhalf Diane Hiini, who was part of the victorious Matatu squad who defeated Chiefs Manawa in last weekend's decider has been named as a finisher.

She will be joined on the bench by prop Cristo Tofa and flyhalf Carys Dallinger, who were both part of the Hurricanes Poua squad throughout the 2023 season.

Looking to bounce back from their last-start loss against the Rebels in Melbourne, head coach Brad Thorn has made four changes to his starting XV for tonight's Super Rugby Pacific clash against the Crusaders.

Fijian international Peni Ravai will make his starting debut at loosehead prop and co-captain McDermott will start, while Suliasi Vunivalu will return to the side on the wing.

Isaac Henry will run-on in the number-12 jersey in place of the injured Hunter Paisami, with Fraser McReight set to celebrate his 50th Queensland and Super Rugby cap.

Ravai is the only change to the Reds forward pack and will start alongside Matt Faessler and Zane Nonggorr in the front row.

Ryan Smith and Seru Uru start at lock, with co-captain Liam Wright, Fraser McReight and Harry Wilson continuing their partnership in the backrow.

McDermott returns to the run-on team to partner James O'Connor, who will link up with Henry in the midfield.

Josh Flook starts at outside centre fresh from his third brace of the year, which saw him become the first Queensland player to score three doubles in a season since Chris Latham in 2002.

Vunivalu returns on the wing

in place of Filipo Daugunu, with Jock Campbell and Jordan Petaia playing at fullback and wing respectively.

Angus Blyth will make his much-anticipated return from a syndesmosis injury from the bench, with Mac Grealy also back in the 23 this week.

On behalf of the Queensland Rugby Union, I hope you enjoy tonight's matches and I thank you for both your support and attendance.

Go the Reds!

Roger Gould – QRU President



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8	HAIDEE HEAD
9	SARAH LEWIS
10	RENAE NONA
11	IVANIA WONG
12	CECILIA SMITH
13	BRIANA DASCOMBE
14	SAM CURTIS
15	ELLIE DRAPER

RESERVES

16	MADI SCHUCK
17	CRISTO TOFA*
18	ALAPETA NGAUAMO
19	TINA CAMPBELL
20	HANA LANE
21	DIANNE HIINI*
22	CARYS DALLINGER*
23	ALANA ELISAIA

HEAD COACH

SIMON CRAIG



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TEAM LIST

STARTERS

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| 1 | NATSUKI KASHIWAGI |
| 2 | HERA BARB MALCOLM-HEKE |
| 3 | BRAXTON WALKER |
| 4 | LIBYA TEEPA |
| 5 | MICHAELA LEONARD |
| 6 | ASHLEE KNIGHT |
| 7 | KATIE BARNES |
| 8 | SERA RAVATUDEI |
| 9 | KENDRA FELL |
| 10 | NICOLE LEDINGTON |
| 11 | MARTHA MATAELE |
| 12 | TRILLEEN POMARE |
| 13 | LANGLEY SESEGA |
| 14 | RACHEL LAQUERETABUA |
| 15 | AIYSHA WIGLEY |

RESERVES

- | | |
|----|---------------------|
| 16 | ATLANTA LOLOHEA |
| 17 | ANGEL SCHWENCKE |
| 18 | PENINA TUILAIPA |
| 19 | ZAKIYA KEREOPA |
| 20 | KEIRA MACASKILL |
| 21 | SAELUA LEAULA |
| 22 | ARIANA HIRA-HERANGI |
| 23 | PAIHAU POMARE |

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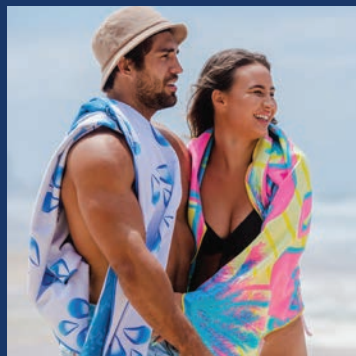
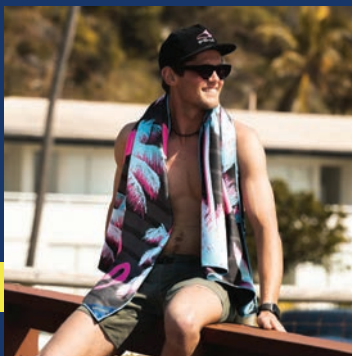


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A vibrant advertisement for TACO FUSION. The background is a collage of various Mexican dishes, including burritos, tacos, pizza, and guacamole. In the center, the words 'TACO FUSION' are written in large, bold, stylized letters. 'TACO' is in red with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

FLOOK FIRING AS FIRST CHALLENGE AGAINST CRUSADERS LOOMS



WRITTEN BY JIM TUCKER

Queensland Reds centre Josh Flook has emerged from the stable of “most underrated players in Super Rugby” because he’s literally always in the game.

Flook, 21, is now on everyone's radar with his positive six-try blast to open his 2023 campaign in Super Rugby Pacific.

Not since try-scoring marvel Chris Latham scored two tries in three games of the 2001 season has anyone matched Flook's rash of two-try efforts against the Western Force, Fijian Drua and Melbourne Rebels.

The centre-winger is one of just two Reds to have played all 400 minutes of the season's opening five games. Flanker Fraser McReight is the other. The pair are central to how the Reds tick when the team is humming which is the plan at Suncorp Stadium on Friday night.

Playing against the champion Crusaders demands precision in every area of a player's game whether it is smart reads in defence, decisive tackles, maximising the scoring opportunities that come

your way, treasuring the ball and even quickly mopping up errors to limit deadly opposition attacks off turnovers.

It's Flook's make-up that he contributes shrewdly in all those areas.

Defending at outside centre is a hot spot in any game because attackers can be coming at you from all angles with extra players in the line.

“The challenge I get in defence every week is probably my favourite part of the game,” Flook said.

“You are always going to have people running at you at outside centre because that's where your block plays or moves often come.”

The Nudgee College product's tackling has been made with 85 per cent efficiency this season. He just doesn't miss many.

His hardest markers might not be his peers but the group of teenagers he coaches every Wednesday night as the Brothers Under-15s.

“Some of the boys are bigger than me. They don't let me off lightly with lines like, ‘How did it feel to

get bumped off?," Flook said with a laugh.

"The question I most often get is how big is Taniela (Tupou).

"I really enjoy coaching the boys, working on basics like catch-pass and joining in with a bit of touch footy."

Flook is eager to play the Crusaders for the first time because a concussion (2021) and shoulder surgery (2022) have ruled him out of the three previous clashes.

"It's very exciting to have my first experience against the best team in the comp and see how I match up," Flook said.

"If there is one thing I notice watching the Crusaders it is their instinct to play footy with ad-lib, eyes-up rugby where they just all know their roles."

Standing up in defence, after leaking six tries against the Melbourne Rebels last weekend, has been emphasised all week with some brutal home truths.

"There's been accountability this

week. Everyone has been happy to put a hand up and 'own' doing better in their roles and limiting penalties," Flook said.

Flook has hit the season so strongly because he got back from his shoulder problem in time to play several post-season games to end 2022.

"Playing for the Queensland Reds Development squad and going on the Reds' tour of Japan was really important to me," he said.

"It gave me confidence in my shoulder straight away and made for a smooth transition into this year.

"Everyone enjoyed playing against the Panasonic Wild Knights in Japan but we also got something out of watching the Wild Knights train.

"A lot of the Japanese players spent hours after training doing 'extras' around their positional skills and you now have Reds players implementing more work than normal on extras."



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1	PENI RAVAI*
2	MATT FAESSLER
3	ZANE NONGGORR
4	RYAN SMITH
5	SERU URU
6	LIAM WRIGHT (CC)
7	FRASER MCREIGHT**
8	HARRY WILSON***
9	TATE MCDERMOTT
10	JAMES O'CONNOR
11	JORDAN PETAIA
12	ISAAC HENRY
13	JOSH FLOOK
14	SULIASI VUNIVALU
15	JOCK CAMPBELL

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16	RICHIE ASIATA
17	DANE ZANDER
18	PHRANSIS SULA-SIAOSI
19	ANGUS BLYTH
20	JAKE UPFIELD
21	KALANI THOMAS
22	TAJ ANNAN
23	MAC GREALY

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BRAD THORN



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2	CODIE TAYLOR (VC)
3	TAMAITI WILLIAMS
4	SCOTT BARRETT (C)
5	DOM GARDINER
6	SIONE HAVILI TALITUI
7	TOM CHRISTIE
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11	LEICESTER FAINGA'ANUKU
12	DALLAS MCLEOD
13	BRAYDON ENNOR
14	PEPESANA PATAFILO
15	FERGUS BURKE

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16	BRODIE MCALISTER
17	GEORGE BOWER
18	SEB CALDER
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