The Urawa Reds Declaration

1. Urawa Reds shall, as a responsible member of society, contribute to the healthful growth of the young.
2. Urawa Reds shall provide recreational spaces for the local community.
3. Urawa Reds shall serve as a window that connects Saitama to the world.


The Reds Emblem

The core motifs are the ball and the whorl. They represent a call for everyone to come together around the ball, the excitement and joy that the ball brings to all, and gathering circles of goodwill and friendship that reach out to the whole world.

The building at the top is the elite teacher training college where football was introduced to Saitama in 1908. The college is long gone but the building has been rebuilt in its original form and is now a municipal museum.

The diamond in the centre is, of course, the Red Diamond symbol. It stands for the tightly bonded team.

The sakuraso primrose, at bottom left and right, is the emblematic flower of both Saitama Prefecture and Saitama City. It is a designated natural treasure of Japan, and Saitama is one of the very best places for seeing this beautiful flower.

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**Urawa Red Diamonds**

**Club Name:** Urawa Red Diamonds  
**Nickname:** Urawa Reds  
**Year of Formation:** 1950  
**Turned Professional:** 1992  
**Home Town:** Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture  
**Home Stadium:** Saitama Stadium 2002 (63,700)  
Urawa Komaba Stadium, Saitama City (21,500)

**Club Colors:** red shirts, white shorts and black socks  
**President:** TACHIBANA Yoichi

**Origin of club name**

Urawa was the name of the city where Reds started their J. League history in 1993. The city of Urawa became part of the new city of Saitama in 2001 when it merged with the neighboring cities of Yono and Omiya. Reds retained the old name because of its popularity with fans.

**Achievements:**

- J. League champions (2006)
- J. League Second Stage champions twice (2004 and 2016)
- J. League First Stage champions (2015)
- J. League Cup winners twice (2003 and 2016)
- Xerox Super Cup winners (2006)
- Suruga Bank Championship winners (2017)
- JSL Cup winners twice (1978 and 1981)
- Emperor’s Cup runners-up 4 times (1967, 1968, 1979 and 2015)
- J. League Suntory Championship runners-up (2004)

**Urawa Red Diamonds**

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**Press Office e-mail:** media@urawa-reds.co.jp
Welcome to Reds Wonderland!

The passionate support descends and fills the stadium from the molten red stands. On a glorious green pitch, waves of searing attacks sweep towards the opposing goal. Welcome to Reds Wonderland, a place of fiery young supporters, boys and girls sporting Reds shirts, and also older couples who join in waving the flags! And of the players, who carry all of those dreams with fervour on the pitch. This is the special space and time that we call Reds Wonderland.

Urawa Reds, winners of the 2007 and 2017 AFC Champions Leagues, are supported by Japan’s hottest supporters. You will be caught up in the furnace, too, from the moment you step inside.

Reds were one of the J. League’s 10 founding teams in 1993. The club was based on the famous Mitsubishi Football Club that had won both the Japan Soccer League and the Emperor’s Cup four times. Mitsubishi played in Tokyo but moved to the city of Urawa (now Saitama City) and changed the name to Urawa Red Diamonds with the start of the J. League. Today, that has been shortened to the more familiar, Urawa Reds.

Urawa was a longstanding hotbed of football in Japan. Fully five schools from this city to the north of Tokyo had won the national senior high school football tournament. It was a city that understood football well, and the crowd was demanding from the start. The team’s strong attacking flavour was established early on as the club strove to satisfy those dreams.

Reds’ football won the hearts of local young fans from the J. League Yamazaki Nabisco Cup of 1992, the year before the J. League proper began, giving birth to the amazing fan base we see today. With the start of the J. League in 1993, however, Reds’ defensive frailty made the going hard and the team sank to the bottom of the table.

Reds won only rarely in those early days even at their first home, the Komaba Stadium. The fans were disappointed but stood by their team. In fact, the support only grew.

A German manager, Holger Osieck, took charge in 1995. Guido Buchwald and Uwe Bein had signed as players the previous summer. The team gained new balance with their leadership and climbed high in the league. The title was not to be, however, and the club instead again plunged the depths in 1999 when it dropped to Division Two.

Even on the day of darkest despair, however, when Reds’ relegation was sealed, the 20,000 fans who packed the Komaba Stadium did not turn against their team. They showed their commitment come what may by singing on and on: “We are Reds! We are Reds!”

The unconditional love for Reds that filled the Komaba cauldron that day is the club’s greatest strength and treasure.

Urawa Reds were promoted straight back the following year and grew strongly under the guidance of Hans Ooft to win the J. League Yamazaki Nabisco Cup in 2003. Guido Buchwald took charge in 2004 and steered them to victory in the J. League’s Second Stage. Reds also won the Emperor’s Cup in 2005 and finally secured their longed for first J. League championship in 2006. Holger Osieck returned to the helm in 2007 and led Reds to victory in the AFC Champions League, a triumph which also made them the first Japanese club to win this tournament. Reds recorded an aggregate attendance of 809,353 for their 17 home league matches in 2008, a J. League record average home attendance of 47,609 that also placed them in the top 20 clubs in the world that year.

The form dipped for several years from then but the arrival of new manager Mihailo Petrovic in 2012 ushered in a new era of growth for the club. Breaking down defences through skilful combination, the football evolved from season to season and Reds are again now involved in the title race every year. In 2016, Reds won the Levain Cup (formerly the Yamazaki-Nabisco Cup) for the first time in 13 years.

In 2017, Takafumi Hori took the helm in mid-season and, tightening up at the back, led Reds to their second AFC Asian Champions League triumph. Reds carried on to participate in the FIFA Club World Cup in the UAE in December, where they overcame Wydad Casablanca to finish fifth overall.

Oswaldo Oliveira then took over as manager in April, 2018 and, further honing the balance between attack and defence, led Reds to their first Emperor’s Cup triumph in 12 years, defeating Kashima Antlers in the semi-final and Vegalta Sendai 1-0 in the final. Reds qualified for the 2019 AFC Champions League on the strength of this victory. In his second season in charge, Oliveira’s target is to lead Reds to the unprecedented J. League and AFC Champions League double.
Saitama City, the home of Urawa Reds, is the capital of Saitama Prefecture in central Japan. It lies 20km north of Tokyo and is reached in 30 minutes from the centre by train. The city has been growing in recent years as a major commuter town for the Tokyo megalopolis. It is a place of quiet residential districts with a total area of roughly 168 square kilometres and population of over 1,302,256 as of January, 2019.

Japan is a mostly very mountainous country but Saitama City is located in the east of its widest plain. Almost flat, it rises to only 20.3m above sea level at the highest point (and drops to only 3.1m at the lowest).

The city of Saitama is only 18 years old. It was created in May, 2001, by the merger of the cities of Urawa (the seat of the prefectural government), Yono and Omiya.

Urawa Reds’ home town became Saitama City with that merger but the Urawa area in the club’s name, in the south of the new city, has a particularly long history as a football town. The teacher training college located there led the way with the founding of a football club in 1908. That was the start of football in both Urawa and Japan! Those footballers became teachers after graduating and disseminated the sport like seeds spreading on the wind. Football began to put down roots in Saitama Prefecture over 100 years ago.

The footballing strength which emerged became evident in the 1950’s.

It began with the Saitama Prefectural Urawa Senior High School winning its first national high school championship in 1951. Other champions soon followed, including Urawa Nishi Senior High School and the Urawa (now Saitama) Municipal Senior High School, and later Urawa Mimami Senior High School as well. Urawa schools won the title 11 times in all through 1976 and the city became known nationwide as a stronghold of the sport. The local people, too, were proud of Urawa’s football tradition and the club’s fans’ support resounded across Japan even ahead of the team itself.

The club was finally able to respond to those citizens’ ardent desire to crown the Urawa name, and the supporters’ longing to be the number one team – not just the number one supporters – in 2003. That was the year Urawa Reds won their first title, the Yamazaki Nabisco Cup (now the Levain Cup). The Emperor’s Cup and J. League titles followed and, in 2007, Reds became the first Japanese team to triumph in the AFC Champions League.

One of Reds’ important goals is to serve as a global gateway for Saitama City. This is a window for Reds supporters, the best in Japan, to interact directly with the people of the world. In 2017, the year Reds made waves again in Asia by winning the AFC Champions League yet again after a decade-long gap, the supporters followed them to Sydney in Australia, Shanghai in China, Seoul and Jeju in South Korea, and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, cheering the team on and also having fun meeting many local people. The FIFA Club World Cup came next in December of that year and Reds’ supporters traveled to the cities of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain in the UAE as well.

Since Oswaldo Oliveira took charge as manager in 2018, the mutual ties between the club, hometown and supporters have been further reinforced and that spirit of togetherness with the entire community surely contributed to that year’s Emperor’s Cup triumph.

All Saitama City will extend the very friendliest welcome to the foreign teams, media and supporters who visit Saitama Stadium for the 2019 AFC Champions League. Please enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of Saitama Stadium, a semi-final venue of the 2002 FIFA World Cup.
Urawa Reds’ home, Saitama Stadium 2002, was built for the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan™. It hosted four matches, including the semi-final between Brazil and Turkey. With a capacity of 63,700, it is Japan’s biggest specialised football ground.

Saitama Prefecture built the stadium at a cost of 35.6 billion yen as a focus for new development about 8 kilometres east from the city centre. This still rural area is expected to develop as a delightful 21st century urban community during the next two decades.

The prefecture chose to be a part of the World Cup bid in the early nineties and the decision to build a stadium where 60,000 supporters could watch in complete comfort and safety was approved in 1994.

This district used to be a huge marsh prior to massive reclamation work in the 18th century. The ground remains soft, and the great roofs on the eastern and western flanks had to be especially light. They represent a brace of dancing *shirasagi* herons, birds still common in the ponds and rice paddies of the region.

The stadium’s greatest pride is a seating design that gives every one of the 63,700 seats a clear and enjoyable view of the game. This is a world class stadium where everybody, in effect, sits in the Royal Box. The massive Aurora Vision display is another of the prides of Saitama Stadium. For 2014, a belt video system called the Aurora Ribbon was also added. The Aurora Vision and Ribbon are coordinated when announcing the starting line-ups to produce a dynamic visual effect.

For all Japanese fans, the unforgettable memories are from Japan’s opening game against Belgium at the 2002 World Cup, when goals by Takayuki Suzuki and Junichi Inamoto earned a 2-2 draw and Japan’s first ever World Cup point.

Saitama Stadium was officially registered alongside Komaba as Reds’ home stadium in August, 2004. The Urawa Reds office was moved to a location inside the stadium in March, 2005, to serve from there as the club’s main base.

Reds have won several major titles at this stadium in the succeeding years: the 2006 J. League, 2007 AFC Champions League, 2016 J. League Levain Cup and 2017 AFC Champions League. Saitama Stadium, the stage for so much jubilation, is one of the representative football stadiums of not only Japan but all Asia, and the pride of not only Reds fans but all about 7,325,000 residents of Saitama Prefecture.
COACHING STAFF

Team Manager  OTSUKE Tsuyoshi
Head Coach  UENO Yusaku
Coach  KUDO Teruhisa
Coach  HIRAKAWA Tadaaki

GK Coach  HAMANO Yukiya
Physical Coach  ISHIKU Tatsuru
Coach (Analyzer)  YAMADA Eiichiro
Coach (Analyzer)  SUETO Takanari

PLAYERS

As of Aug 15, 2019

No.  NAME  POS  Date of Birth  Height / Weight  Joined Reds  Previous Club

1  NISHIKAWA Shusaku  GK  1986/6/18  183cm/81kg  2014  Sanfrecce Hiroshima
2  MAURICIO  DF  1992/2/6  183/82  2017  CS Maritimo (Portugal)
3  UGAJIN Tomoya  MF  1988/3/23  172/71  2010  Ryutsu Keizai University
4  SUZUKI Daisuke  DF  1990/1/29  182/77  2019  Kashima Reysol
5  MAKINO Tomoaki  DF  1987/5/11  182/77  2012  1. FC Köln (Germany)
6  YAMANAKA Ryosuke  DF  1993/4/20  171/65  2019  Yokohama F-Marinos
7  NAGASAWA Kazuki  MF  1991/12/16  172/68  2016/17  JEF United Chiba
8  EWERTON  MF  1992/12/1  181/73  2019  Portimonense SC (Portugal)
9  MUTO Yuki  FW  1988/11/7  170/68  2015  Vegalta Sendai
10  KASHINAGI Yusuke  MF  1987/12/15  176/73  2010  Sanfrecce Hiroshima
11  MARTINUS  MF  1991/3/7  183/79  2018  Yokohama F-Marinos
12  FABRICIO  FW  1995/3/28  175/73  2018  Portimonense SC (Portugal)
14  AOKI Takuya  MF  1989/9/16  179/77  2014  Omiya Ardija
15  ABE Yuki  MF  1981/9/6  176/77  2007/12  Leicester City FC (England)
16  IWADATE Nao  GK  1988/8/17  183/78  2014  Mito Hollyhock
17  YURUKI Koya  MF  1995/7/3  183/70  2019  Montedio Yamagata
18  FUKUSHIMA Haruki  GK  1993/4/8  183/78  2016/17  Gainare Tottori
19  OGAWA Takuya  DF  1999/11/23  175/69  2018  Urawa Reds Youth
20  HASHIOKA Daiki  DF  1999/5/17  182/73  2018  Urawa Reds Youth
21  IWATAKE Katsuya  DF  1996/6/4  173/70  2019  Meiji University
22  SHIBATO Kai  MF  1995/11/24  180/70  2018  Meiji University
23  KOROKI Shinzo  FW  1986/7/31  175/72  2013  Kashima Antlers
24  IWANAMI Takuya  DF  1994/6/18  186/72  2018  Vissel Kobe
25  ISHII Ryo  GK  2000/7/11  191/84  2019  Urawa Reds Youth
26  IKEKABA Nobuki  MF  2000/4/5  173/63  2019  Urawa Reds Youth
27  OSHIRO Kei  DF  2000/9/16  180/72  2019  Urawa Reds Youth
28  TAKETOMI Kosuke  MF  1990/9/23  173/69  2018/19  Shonan Bellmare
29  SEKINE Takahiro  MF  1995/4/19  167/61  2014/19  Sint-Truidense VV (Belgium)
30  MORIWAKI Ryota  DF  1986/4/6  177/75  2013  Sanfrecce Hiroshima

Out on loan

YAMADA Naoki (MF) to Shonan Bellmare
MOTEGI Rikiya (DF) to Ehime FC
ONAIWU Ado (FW) to Oita Trinita
IKEDA Nobuki (MF) to Oita Trinita
IZAWA Haruki (MF) to Tokushima Vortis

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FIRST TEAM SQUAD
URAWA REDS PLAYER PROFILES

1. Goalkeeper
   **NISHIKAWA Shusaku**
   西川 周作
   - Nationality: Japanese
   - Date of birth: June 18, 1986
   - Place of birth: Oita, Oita Pref.
   - Height / Weight: 183cm / 81kg
   - Previous clubs: Oita Trinita, Sanfrecce Hiroshima
   - Joined Reds: February, 2014
   - Reds debut: March 1, 2014 v Gamba Osaka (A)
   - J1 appearances (goals): 170 (0) / 423 (0) [at Reds / Overall]
   - First team appearances (goals): 224 (0) / 530 (0) [at Reds / Overall]
   - Personal Honours:
     - J. League Individual Fair Play award [2014 / 2018]
     - J. League Best Eleven [2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2015 / 2016]
   - International caps (goals): 31 (0) as of February 1, 2019

2. Defender
   **MAURICIO**
   Mauricio de Carvalho ANTÔNIO
   - Nationality: Brazilian
   - Date of birth: February 6, 1992
   - Place of birth: São Paulo, Brazil
   - Height / Weight: 183cm / 82kg
   - Previous clubs: Grêmio Osasco Audax, EC Pelotas, CA Penapolense, CA Juventus (Brazil), Portimonense SC, FC Porto B (on loan), CS Marítimo (Portugal)
   - Joined Reds: August, 2017
   - Reds debut: August 15, 2017 v Chapecoense / Brazil (H) [Suruga Bank Championship]
   - J1 appearances (goals): 39 (2)
   - First team appearances (goals) in Japan: 54 (7)
   - Portuguese league appearances (goals): 98 (7) [2014/15-2015/16]
   - Spanish league appearances (goals): 15 (0) [2015/16-2016/17]
   - as of February 1, 2019

3. Midfielder
   **UGAJIN Tomoya**
   宇賀神 友弥
   - Nationality: Japanese
   - Date of birth: March 23, 1988
   - Place of birth: Toda, Saitama Pref.
   - Height / Weight: 172cm / 71kg
   - Previous clubs: Urawa Reds Youth, Ryutsu Keizai University
   - Joined Reds: February, 2010
   - Reds debut: March 6, 2010 v Kashima Antlers (A)
   - J1 appearances (goals): 234 (14)
   - First team appearances (goals): 316 (24)
   - International caps (goals): 1 (0) as of February 1, 2019

4. Defender
   **SUZUKI Daisuke**
   鈴木 大輔
   - Nationality: Japanese
   - Date of birth: January 29, 1990
   - Place of birth: Kunitachi, Tokyo Metropolitan
   - Height / Weight: 182cm / 74kg
   - Previous clubs: Albirex Niigata, Kashima Reysol, Club Gimnàstic de Tarragona (Spain), Kashima Reysol
   - Joined Reds: February, 2019
   - Reds debut:--
   - J1 appearances (goals): 155 (9) [at Niigata and Kashima]
   - First team appearances (goals): 207 (12) [at Niigata and Kashima]
   - International caps (goals): 2 (0) as of February 1, 2019
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5 Defender
MAKINO Tomoaki

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: May 11, 1987
Place of birth: Hiroshima, Hiroshima Pref.
Height / Weight: 182cm / 77kg
Previous clubs: Sanfrecce Hiroshima,
J.1 FC Köln (Germany)
Joined Reds: February, 2012
Reds debut:
March 10, 2012 v Sanfrecce Hiroshima (A)
J1 appearances (goals): 224 (28) / 310 (41) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals) in Japan:
296 (33) / 453 (57) [at Reds / Overall]
German Bundesliga appearances (goals):
8 (0) [10/11–11/12]
Personal Honours:
J. League Individual Fair Play award [2010]
J. League Best Eleven [2010 / 2015 / 2016]
International caps (goals): 38 (4)
as of February 1, 2019

6 Defender
YAMANAKA Ryosuke

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: April 20, 1993
Place of birth: Chiba Pref.
Height / Weight: 171cm / 65kg
Previous clubs: Kashiwa Reysol, JEF United Chiba,
Yokohama F. Marinos
Joined Reds: February, 2017
Reds debut: --
J1 appearances (goals): 89 (6)
[at Kashiwa and Yokohama]
First team appearances (goals): 153 (9) [Overall]
International caps (goals): 1 (1)
as of February 1, 2019

7 Midfielder
NAGASAWA Kazuki

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: December 16, 1991
Place of birth: Ichihara, Chiba Pref.
Height / Weight: 172cm / 68kg
Previous clubs: Yokohama F. Marinos,
1. FC Köln (Germany), Urawa Reds,
JEF United Chiba (on loan, 2016)
Joined Reds: February, 2016 / February, 2017
Reds debut: February 18, 2017 v Kashima Antlers
[Fuji Xerox Super Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 35 (3)
First team appearances (goals) in Japan:
59 (3) / 104 (8) [at Reds / Overall]
German league appearances (goals):
21 (0) [13/14–15/16]
International caps (goals): 1 (0)
as of February 1, 2019

8 Midfielder
EWERTON da Silva Pereira

Nationality: Brazilian
Date of birth: December 1, 1992
Place of birth: São Paulo, Brazil
Height / Weight: 181cm / 73kg
Previous clubs: Fluminense FC, Desp. Brasil,
América de Natal, Paulista, Madureira (Brazil),
Portimonense SC, FC Porto, Portimonense SC (on loan)
(Portugal)
Joined Reds: February, 2019
Reds debut: --
J1 appearances (goals): --
Portuguese league appearances: 157 (9) [2014-2018]
as of February 1, 2019
MUTO Yuki
Forward

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: November 7, 1988
Place of birth: Zama, Kanagawa Pref.
Height / Weight: 170cm / 68kg
Previous club: Vegalta Sendai
Joined Reds: February, 2015
Reds debut: February 28, 2015 v Gamba Osaka [Fuji Xerox Super Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 129 (38) / 199 (44) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals): 185 (48) / 286 (61) [at Reds / Overall]
International caps (goals): 2 (2)
as of February 1, 2019

KASHIWAGI Yosuke
Midfielder

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: December 15, 1987
Place of birth: Kobe, Hyogo Pref.
Height / Weight: 176cm / 73kg
Previous club: Sanfrecce Hiroshima
Joined Reds: February, 2010
Reds debut: March 6, 2010 v Kashima Antlers (A)
J1 appearances (goals): 285 (41) / 366 (55) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals): 375 (48) / 514 (71) [at Reds / Overall]
Personal Honours: J. League Best Eleven [2016]
International caps (goals): 11 (0)
as of February 1, 2019

MARTINUS
Midfielder

Nationality: Curaçao
Date of birth: March 7, 1991
Place of birth: Willemstad, Curaçao
Height / Weight: 183cm / 70kg
Previous clubs: SC Heerenveen, Sparta Rotterdam (on loan) (Netherlands), Ferencvárosi TC (Hungary), FC Emmen (Netherlands), FC Botoșani (Romania), Yokohama F-Marinos
Joined Reds: February, 2018
Reds debut: February 24, 2018 v FC Tokyo (A)
J1 appearances (goals): 10 (0) / 63 (9)
at Reds / Overall
First team appearances (goals) in Japan: 20 (1) / 86 (10) [at Reds / Overall]
Dutch league appearances (goals): 112 (12) [2011/12-2013/14]
International caps (goals): 8 (1)
as of February 1, 2019

FABRICIO
Forward

Nationality: Brazilian
Date of birth: March 28, 1990
Place of birth: São Paulo, Brazil
Height / Weight: 183cm / 78kg
Previous clubs: SC Corinthians, Capivariano FC (on loan), Ituano FC (on loan), EC Juventude, Botafogo FR (Brazil), Portimonense SC (Portugal, on loan), Hangzhou Greentown FC (China, on loan), Portimonense SC, Kashima Antlers (on loan), Portimonense SC
Joined Reds: July, 2018
Reds debut: July 22, 2018 v Cerezo Osaka (A)
J1 appearances (goals): 9 (6) / 17 (7) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals) in Japan: 10 (7) / 29 (11) [at Reds / Overall]
as of February 1, 2019
SUGIMOTO Kenyu
杉本 健勇

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: November 18, 1992
Place of birth: Osaka, Osaka Pref.
Height / Weight: 187cm / 79kg
Previous clubs: Cerezo Osaka, Tokyo Verdy (on loan), Cerezo Osaka, Kawasaki Frontale, Cerezo Osaka
Joined Reds: February, 2019
Reds debut: --
J1 appearances (goals): 177 (44) [Overall]
First team appearances (goals): 290 (84) [Overall]
Personal Honours:
YBC Levain Cup MVP [2017]
J. League Best Eleven [2017]
International caps (goals): 8 (1)
as of February 1, 2019

AOKI Takuya
青木 拓矢

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: September 16, 1989
Place of birth: Takasaki, Gunma Pref.
Height / Weight: 179cm / 77kg
Previous club: Omiya Ardija
Joined Reds: February, 2014
Reds debut: April 2, 2014 v Omiya Ardija (H) [Yamazaki Nabisco Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 117 (8) / 244 (14) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals): 182 (5) / 338 (17) [at Reds / Overall]
as of February 1, 2019

ABE Yuki
阿部 勇樹

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: September 6, 1981
Place of birth: Ichikawa, Chiba Pref.
Height / Weight: 178cm / 77kg
Previous clubs: JEF United Chiba, Urawa Reds, Leicester City FC (England, 2010–11)
Reds debut: February 24, 2007 v Gamba Osaka [Fuji Xerox Super Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 349 (36) / 563 (72) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals) in Japan: 459 (49) / 725 (96) [at Reds / Overall]
English Football League Championship appearances (goals): 52 (2) [10/11–11/12]
Personal Honours:
Yamazaki Nabisco Cup New Hero Prize [2005]
International caps (goals): 53 (3)
as of February 1, 2019

IWADATE Nao
岩舘 直

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: August 17, 1988
Place of birth: Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref.
Height / Weight: 183cm / 78kg
Previous clubs: Arte Takasaki, Mito Hollyhock
Joined Reds: June, 2014
Reds debut: --
J1 appearances (goals): --
Total first team appearances (goals): 4 (0) [at Takasaki]
as of February 1, 2019
Midfielder
YURUKI Koya
Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: July 3, 1995
Place of birth: Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref.
Height / Weight: 183cm / 70kg
Previous clubs: Yokohama F-Marinos, Montedio Yamagata
Joined Reds: February, 2019
Reds debut: --
J1 appearances (goals): 1 (0) [at Yamagata]
First team appearances (goals): 120 (9) [Overall] as of February 1, 2019

Defender
OGIWARA Takuya
Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: November 23, 1999
Place of birth: Kawagoe, Saitama Pref.
Height / Weight: 175cm / 69kg
Previous club: Urawa Reds Youth
 Joined Reds: February, 2018
Reds debut: March 7, 2018 v Nagoya Grampus (A) [YBC Levain Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 8 (0)
First team appearances (goals): 17 (2) as of February 1, 2019

Goalkeeper
FUKUSHIMA Haruki
Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: April 8, 1993
Place of birth: Seto, Aichi Pref.
Height / Weight: 183cm / 78kg
Previous clubs: Senshu University, Urawa Reds, Gainare Tottori (on loan, June-December, 2016)
Joined Reds: February, 2016 / February, 2017
Reds debut: April 4, 2018 v Sanfrecce Hiroshima (A) [YBC Levain Cup]
J1 league appearances (goals): 0
First team appearances (goals): 3 (0) / 19 (0) [at Reds / Overall]
as of February 1, 2019

Defender
HASHIOKA Daiki
Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: May 17, 1999
Place of birth: Saitama, Saitama Pref.
Height / Weight: 182cm / 73kg
Previous club: Urawa Reds Youth
Joined Reds: February, 2018
Reds debut: August 30, 2017 v Cerezo Osaka (A) [YBC Levain Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 25 (1)
First team appearances (goals): 36 (1) *as a U-18 team player
as of February 1, 2019
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IWATAKE Katsuya
岩武 克弥

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: June 4, 1996
Place of birth: Oita, Oita Pref.
Height / Weight: 173cm / 70kg
Previous club: Meiji University
Joined Reds: February, 2019
Reds debut: —
J League appearances (goals): 10 (0) (J2) [at Oita]*
First team appearances (goals): 11 (0) [at Oita]*
*as a U-18 team player as of February 1, 2019

29
SHIBATO Kai
柴戸 海

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: November 24, 1995
Place of birth: Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref.
Height / Weight: 180cm / 70kg
Previous club: Meiji University
Joined Reds: February, 2018
Reds debut: April 4, 2018 v Sanfrecce Hiroshima (A) [YBC Levain Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 9 (1)
First team appearances (goals): 15 (1)
as of February 1, 2019

30
KOROKI Shinzo
興梠 慎三

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: July 31, 1986
Place of birth: Miyazaki, Miyazaki Pref.
Height / Weight: 175cm / 72kg
Previous club: Kashima Antlers
Joined Reds: February, 2013
Reds debut: March 2, 2013 v Sanfrecce Hiroshima (A)
J1 appearances (goals): 186 (66) / 378 (135) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals): 249 (116) / 532 (187) [at Reds / Overall]
Personal Honours:
J. League Best Eleven [2017]
International caps (goals): 16 (0)
as of February 1, 2019

31
IWANAMI Takuya
岩波 拓也

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: June 18, 1994
Place of birth: Kobe, Hyogo Pref.
Height / Weight: 186cm / 72kg
Previous club: Vissel Kobe
Joined Reds: February, 2018
Reds debut: March 7, 2018 v Nagoya Grampus (A) [YBC Levain Cup]
J1 appearances (goals): 22 (2) / 128 (6) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals): 35 (2) / 213 (11) [at Reds / Overall]
as of February 1, 2019
**Goalkeeper**

**ISHII Ryo**

Nationality: Japanese  
Date of birth: July 11, 2000  
Place of birth: Takasaki, Gunma Pref.  
Height / Weight: 191cm / 84kg  
Previous club: Urawa Reds Youth  
Joined Reds: February, 2019  
Reds debut: --  
J1 appearances (goals): --  
First team appearances (goals): --  
as of February 1, 2019

**Defender**

**OSHIRO Kei**

Nationality: Japanese  
Date of birth: September 16, 2000  
Place of birth: Yonabaru, Okinawa Pref.  
Height / Weight: 180cm / 72kg  
Previous club: Urawa Reds Youth  
Joined Reds: February, 2019  
Reds debut: --  
J1 appearances (goals): --  
First team appearances (goals): --  
as of February 1, 2019

**Midfielder**

**IKETAKA Nobuki**

Nationality: Japanese  
Date of birth: September 16, 2000  
Place of birth: Sapporo, Hokkaido Pref.  
Height / Weight: 173cm / 63kg  
Previous club: Urawa Reds Youth  
Joined Reds: February, 2019  
Reds debut: --  
J1 appearances (goals): --  
First team appearances (goals): --  
as of February 1, 2019

**Midfielder**

**TAKETOMI Kosuke**

Nationality: Japanese  
Date of birth: September 23, 1990  
Place of birth: Saitama, Saitama Pref.  
Height / Weight: 173cm / 69kg  
Previous clubs: Kashiwa Reysol, Mogi Mirim EC (Brazil), Kashiwa Reysol, Roasso Kumamoto, Shonan Bellmare (on loan), Kashiwa Reysol, Urawa Reds, Shonan Bellmare (on loan)  
Joined Reds: February, 2018 / August, 2019  
Reds debut: February 24, 2018 v FC Tokyo (A)  
J1 appearances (goals): 8 (0) / 127 (22) [at Reds / Overall]  
First team appearances (goals): 16 (2) / 288 (60) [at Reds / Overall]  
as of August 15, 2019
Defender
MORIWAKI Ryota
森脇 良太

46

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: April 6, 1986
Place of birth: Fukuyama, Hiroshima Pref.
Height / Weight: 177cm / 75kg
Previous clubs: Sanfrecce Hiroshima, Ehime FC (on loan),
Sanfrecce Hiroshima
Joined Reds: February, 2013
Reds debut:
February 26, 2013 v Guangzhou Evergrande FC
/ China (A) [AFC Champions League]
J1 appearances (goals): 166 (9) / 296 (17) [at Reds / Overall]
First team appearances (goals):
229 (12) / 485 (31) [at Reds / Overall]
International caps (goals): 3 (0)
as of February 1, 2019

Midfielder
SEKINE Takahiro
関根 貴大

41

Nationality: Japanese
Date of birth: April 19, 1995
Place of birth: Tsurugashima, Saitama Pref.
Height / Weight: 167cm / 61kg
Previous clubs: Urawa Reds Youth, Urawa Reds,
FC Ingolstadt 04 (Germany),
Sint-Truidense VV (Belgium, on loan)
Joined Reds: February, 2014 / June 28, 2019
Reds debut:
October 16, 2013 v Montedio Yamagata
[Emperor's Cup]
J1 league appearances (goals): 107 (13)
1st team appearances (goals): 140 (18)
2. Fußball-Bundesliga appearances (goals):
1 (0) [2017/18]
Belgian First Division A appearances (goals):
3 (0) [2018/19]
as of June 28, 2019

Team Mascot
Redia

Since his J. League debut in 1993, Redia has been ever-present at home matches in the Satellite League and various other events as well. He also takes an active part every year in Reds Festa, the annual get together for players and supporters. He married Freindia at a heart-warming ceremony attended by many fans in 1997. They were blessed with twins, a boy and a girl, on December 2nd, 2006, the very day that Reds won their first league championship.
COACHING STAFF

Team Manager
OTSUKI Tsuyoshi
- Date of birth: December 1, 1972
- Place of birth: Sendai, Miyagi Pref.
- Coaching Career:
  - 1995-1999: Miyagi-ken Tomiya High School coach
  - 1998-1999: Tsukuba University coach
  - 2000-2002: FC Mito Holly Hock coach
  - 2003: Omiya Ardija coach
  - 2004-2005: Urawa Reds staff
  - 2006-2010: Urawa Reds coach
  - 2011: Vegalta Sendai head coach
  - 2012: Urawa Reds staff
  - 2013-2018: Urawa Reds Youth Development Division director
  - April, 2018: Urawa Reds team manager
  - April, 2018: March, 2019: Urawa Reds head coach
  - May, 2019: Urawa Reds team manager

Honours:
- Xerox Super Cup [2006]
- J. League Division 1 [2006]
- Emperor's Cup [2006, 2018]
- AFC Champions League [2007]

Head Coach
UENO Yusaku
- Date of birth: November 1, 1973
- Place of birth: Tsu, Mie Pref.

Coach
KUDO Teruhisa
- Date of birth: January 17, 1980
- Place of birth: Tokyo Metropolitan

Coach
HIRAKAWA Tadaaki
- Date of birth: May 1, 1979
- Place of birth: Shizuoka Pref.

Coach
SUETO Takanari
- Date of birth: February 2, 1989
- Place of birth: Saga Pref.

GK Coach
HAMANO Yukiya
- Date of birth: September 28, 1972
- Place of birth: Karasuma Pref.

Physical Coach
ISHIGURI Tatsuru
- Date of birth: October 16, 1971
- Place of birth: Niigata Pref.

Coach
YAMADA Eiichiro
- Date of birth: June 15, 1971
- Place of birth: Yamaguchi Pref.

Coach (Analyzer)
SUETO Takanari
- Date of birth: October 16, 1971
- Place of birth: Niigata Pref.

Coach
SUETO Takanari
- Date of birth: January 17, 1980
- Place of birth: Tokyo Metropolitan

Coach
KUDO Teruhisa
- Date of birth: January 17, 1980
- Place of birth: Tokyo Metropolitan

Coach
HIRAKAWA Tadaaki
- Date of birth: May 1, 1979
- Place of birth: Shizuoka Pref.

Coach (Analyzer)
SUETO Takanari
- Date of birth: February 2, 1989
- Place of birth: Saga Pref.

Team Staff

Medical Director
NIGA Sadao
- Date of birth: November 1, 1973
- Place of birth: Tsu, Mie Pref.

Doctor
SEKI Yoshiei
- Date of birth: September 28, 1972
- Place of birth: Karasuma Pref.

Athletic Trainer
NOZAKI Nobuyuki
- Date of birth: October 16, 1971
- Place of birth: Niigata Pref.

Athletic Trainer
NISHIGAKI Terumitsu
- Date of birth: October 16, 1971
- Place of birth: Niigata Pref.

Trainer
SAITO Hideto
- Date of birth: February 2, 1989
- Place of birth: Saga Pref.

Trainer
OSAWA Makoto
- Date of birth: February 2, 1989
- Place of birth: Saga Pref.

Interpreters
HANYU Naoyuki
- Date of birth: October 16, 1971
- Place of birth: Niigata Pref.

Interpreters
KIM Hyon Jin
- Date of birth: October 16, 1971
- Place of birth: Niigata Pref.

Team Secretary
SEKIGUCHI Go
- Date of birth: November 1, 1973
- Place of birth: Tsu, Mie Pref.

Assistant Team Secretary
SEKI Toshihiro
- Date of birth: November 1, 1973
- Place of birth: Tsu, Mie Pref.

Assistant Team Secretary
TSUKAGOSHI Kentaro
- Date of birth: November 1, 1973
- Place of birth: Tsu, Mie Pref.
SPORTS FOR PEACE!
For A Stadium We Can Be Proud Of!

Sharing Joy Through Sport

Sport is about the happiness of joys, thrills and encounters. Urawa Reds’ ultimate goal is to realise the J. League’s 100 Year Vision of the Sports Community for All. That means sharing the happiness of sport with the entire community.

We believe that the greatest happiness also produces peace. Urawa Reds are participating in the United Nations’ official Sports for Development and Peace Programme through the Sports for Peace! Project.

Sport is Fighting by the Rules

Sport is a battle. But a battle with rules. The players must play by the rules. Fair Play nurtures the hearts of our children. Urawa Reds are trying to build the Reds Wonderland as a safe and agreeable, non-everyday space. Rule-abiding support by all fans and supporters deepens bonds with friends and helps the team win as well.

We want our stadium to be a place where everyone can feel all of the happiness; a stadium where we can all feel pride. Let’s build that stadium together!

Urawa Red Diamonds
Friends of the United Nations Asia-Pacific

Urawa Reds are aiming to spread peace and happiness through sport under the United Nations SPORTS FOR PEACE! Project in association with the Friends of the United Nations Asia-Pacific. “Sport is a battle. But a battle with rules.” The players are expected to fight by the rules and the club as a whole is aiming to build the Reds Wonderland as a non-everyday space. The SPORTS FOR PEACE! Project has become known to many people through such activities as the assistance provided to the disaster zone since the Great East Japan Earthquake and also the SPORTS FOR PEACE! logo on the players’ shirts.

Starting in 2014, ‘Creating a Safer Stadium’ has been highlighted as an important activity theme under the concept, ‘For A Stadium We Can Be Proud Of!’ with calls to all fans and supporters for their participation and understanding. We believe that passionate, rule-based support both firms up bonds among friends and helps the team to win. We want to fight altogether with the help of everyone’s passionate, rule-based support to create a safer, more agreeable stadium.

Creating a safer stadium depends on maintaining the valued dialogue we already have with all fans and supporters. There is no change in our respect for everyone’s autonomy and no intention to impose unnecessary restrictions that could obstruct the freedom of support.

Seeking also to protect the environment for spontaneous support, we have tightened up our Six Prohibitions that especially have to be respected in security and other matters in order to achieve that safety. In the case of smoking at Saitama Stadium, for example, people are requested to smoke only in designated smoking areas but the smoking areas on the concourse behind the stands have been expanded.

The stadium we can be proud of cannot be achieved by tightening up rules and security measures alone. This needs the agreement of the fans and supporters. We earnestly request the voluntary participation and understanding of all.

1. Project Outline

(1) Title: SPORTS FOR PEACE! Project (SfP)

Urawa Reds implements SfP in partnership with a non-governmental organisation, the Friends of the United Nations Asia-Pacific, under the official United Nations Sports for Development and Peace Programme to connect sporting activities with the causes of health, children’s education and peace.
(2) Concept: For A Stadium We Can Be Proud Of!

① To play fairly from start to finish.
② To make Reds Wonderland an agreeable place where human bonds are valued.
③ To build a safer stadium arm-in-arm with the fans and supporters.

2. Main Activities

The players and staff are expected to understand SPORTS FOR PEACE! and realise "Play Based on the Spirit of Fair Play", "Reds Wonderland" and "The Safe Stadium". The club presents the SPORTS FOR PEACE! Project’s activities in the stadium and on the official website and calls for everyone’s understanding and participation through voluntary initiatives.

(1) International Grassroots Activities

The Heart-full Club visits countries across Asia with its Heart-full Soccer in Asia activity for conveying the joys of football and friendship to local children.

(2) Great East Japan Earthquake Assistance Project

Players, coaches and the Heart-full Club have been visiting areas of the Iwate Prefecture coast devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake to provide emotional and other forms of support to the children. Donations collected at the stadium etc. have been used in partnership with the Friends of the United Nations Asia-Pacific to deliver materials etc., together with the heartfelt wishes of all who contributed, to the people who suffered in the disaster.

(3) Activities at the Stadium

A booth has been set up on the South Plaza outside the stadium and the Aurora Vision and other facilities are also used to introduce the SPORTS FOR PEACE! videos, photographs, banners, posters etc. Children of season ticket holders bearing the SPORTS FOR PEACE! flag lead the players onto the pitch at home games and the various activities to promulgate the safe stadium concept to all fans and supporters also include special campaigns on designated SPORTS FOR PEACE! Days.

The Six Prohibitions at the stadium have also been reinforced.

Among the various prohibited behaviours, the Six Prohibitions have been singled out as being especially important. They are:

① Discriminatory expressions
② Violent behaviour
③ Throwing things into the pitch
④ Vandalism
⑤ Trespassing into prohibited zones
⑥ Smoking in the stands

(4) Coordination with Related Organisations

The players and staff cooperate with and participate in a wide range of social enlightenment activities organised by the Friends of the United Nations Asia-Pacific, local government organisations etc.

Message from Dr. Noel J. Brown, President & C.E.O. of the Friends of UN

At the general assembly of the United Nations in 2005 established the 'Sport for Development and Peace' project.

This program utilizes sports as a method to bring the world together and teach the importance of each country’s culture, but above all focuses primarily on showing how sports are wonderful as they have proper rules but are still delightful.

The United Nations recognizes it is noble sportsmanship to show your opponents compassion while competing under and abiding by a set of rules.

It is our hope that the Urawa Reds and your supporters can transmit from the stadium the message of fair play mentality and open-mindedness to proud lovers of sports all across the world.
URAWA REDS 2018 - STATISTICS

URAWA REDS 2018 MATCH RESULTS

URAWA REDS MANAGEMENT DATA

J1 League

J1Home Attendance

URAWA REDS 2018 MATCH RESULTS

Date Competition Opponents H/A Result Date Competition Opponents H/A Result
2/24 J1 #1 FC Tokyo A 1-1 7/11 EC 3rd Matsumoto A 2-1
3/4 J1 #2 Hiroshima H 1-2 7/18 J1 #16 Nagoya A 3-1
3/7 LC-1 Nagoya A 4-1 7/22 J1 #17 C. Osaka A 1-1
3/10 J1 #3 Nagasaki A 1-1 7/28 J1 #18 Hiroshima A 4-1
3/14 LC-2 G. Osaka H 1-4 8/1 J1 #19 Kawasaki H 2-0
3/18 J1 #4 Yokohama FM H 0-1 8/5 J1 #20 Nagasaki H 0-1
4/1 J1 #5 Iwata A 1-2 8/11 J1 #21 Tosu A 0-1
4/4 LC-3 Hiroshima A 0-0 8/15 J1 #22 Iwata H 2-0
4/7 J1 #6 Sendai H 1-0 8/19 J1 #23 Shimizu H 3-3
4/11 J1 #7 Kobe A 3-2 8/22 EC R16 Tokyo Verdy N 1-0
4/15 J1 #8 Shimizu H 2-1 8/26 J1 #24 Nagoya A 1-4
4/18 LC-4 G. Osaka A 1-0 9/1 J1 #25 C. Osaka H 1-2
4/21 J1 #9 Sapporo H 0-0 9/16 J1 #26 Yokohama FM A 2-1
4/25 J1 #10 Kashima A 0-1 9/23 J1 #27 Kobe H 4-0
4/28 J1 #11 Shonan H 0-1 9/30 J1 #28 Kashira H 3-2
5/2 J1 #12 Kawasaki A 2-0 10/7 J1 #29 Sendai A 1-1
5/5 J1 #13 Kashima A 0-1 10/20 J1 #30 Kashima H 3-1
5/9 LC-5 Nagoya H 2-0 10/24 EC QF Tosu N 2-0
5/13 J1 #14 Tosu H 0-0 11/3 J1 #31 G. Osaka H 1-3
5/16 LC-6 Hiroshima H 1-0 11/10 J1 #32 Sapporo A 2-1
5/19 J1 #15 G. Osaka A 0-0 11/24 J1 #33 Shonan A 1-2
6/2 LC PO-1 Kofu A 0-2 12/1 J1 #34 FC Tokyo H 3-2
6/6 EC 2nd Y.S.C.C.Yokohama N 3-0 12/5 EC SF Kashira N 1-0
6/9 LC PO-2 Kofu H 2-1 12/9 EC Final Sendai N 1-0

URAWA REDS MANAGEMENT DATA

Operating income 2013FY 2014FY 2015FY 2016FY 2017FY
Gate receipts 5,786 5,854 6,088 6,606 7,971
Advertising income 2,319 2,380 2,549 2,593 3,193
Sale of goods 705 788 887 778 813
Distribution from J. League 258 263 270 319 536
Others 372 441 408 541 1,092
Business costs 5,633 5,642 5,961 6,426 7,415
Operating costs 5,050 5,025 5,301 5,749 6,644
Administration costs 2,499 2,460 2,877 2,805 3,141
Team administration costs 2,552 2,566 2,624 2,944 3,403

Financial status of club

Total assets 1,279 1,309 1,549 2,015 3,136
Total liabilities 659 571 760 828 1,619
Net assets 620 738 789 1,187 1,518
Capital 160 160 160 386 386

Trends in club income (breakdowns & totals)

- The 3 main sources of income are gate receipts, advertising income and the sale of goods.
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CLUB HISTORY

Before the J. League

Like most other J. League clubs, Urawa Reds started out as a company-based team run for the benefit of company staff. It all began in 1950 with the formation of a football club at Kobe-based Shin-Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The club relocated to Tokyo together with the company in 1958. The company changed its name to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in 1964. Before 1958, the company changed its name to ed to Tokyo together with the company in founded members.

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1996 #Aiming for the Title
France defender Basile Boli teamed up with Buchwald to add further security at the back. Okano and new forward Oshiba Kenji kept opponents on their toes despite the frequent absence of Fukuda through injury. 1996 was the year when the J. League was played without stages as a single, season-long tournament, and Reds’ consistency took them close to the title. Only a penalty shoot-out separated Reds and the champions, Kashima Antlers, in the decisive match on November 2. Osieck and Bein left at the end of the season.

J. League : 6th/16
Yamazaki Nabisco Cup : Qualifying league
Emperor’s Cup : Semi-finals

1997 #Times of Trial and Error
Reds’ new passing game under Horst Koppe1 never quite gelled and the German manager stayed only one season. New Austrian signing Michael Baur had difficulty adjusting to life in Japan and left soon after the start. The new signings for the Second Stage were Spain midfielder Aitor Beguiristain and Dutch defender Alfred Nijhuis. Yugoslavia international Zeljko Petrovic also arrived in time for the Emperor’s Cup but the overall consistency had slipped away and Buchwald, too, left after the finish.

J. League First Stage : 9th/17
J. League Second Stage : 7th/17 Overall : 10th/17
Yamazaki Nabisco Cup : Second round
Emperor’s Cup : Fourth round

1998 #New Star: Ono Shinji
An 18-year-old midfielder, Ono Shinji, became the pride of Reds and then all Japan when called up by manager Okada Takeshi to join the squad for Japan’s first ever World Cup at France ’98. Reds, under new coach Hara Hiromi, had their nose in front in the second stage but the form fell while Ono was away at the Asian Youth Championship. Reds finished third, but Ono was named the J. League’s best new player of the year and voted onto the league’s Best XI. He was also the AFC’s Asian Player of the year.

J. League First Stage : 7th/18
J. League Second Stage : 3rd/18 Overall : 6th/18
Yamazaki Nabisco Cup : Qualifying league
Emperor’s Cup : Quarter-finals

1999 #Relegation
The J. League introduced a two-division format in 1999, and Reds were one of the first two clubs to go down. Ono was absent, first on FIFA U-20 World Youth Championship duty and then due to a serious knee injury suffered in June. Hara was dismissed after Reds finished 13th out of 16 in the first stage, but his replacement, Dutchman Aad de Mos, could not turn the tide. Reds eventually went down on goal difference. Even an extra time winner by Fukuda in the final match was not quite enough.

J. League First Stage : 13th/16
J. League Second Stage : 14th/16 Overall : 15th/16
Yamazaki Nabisco Cup : Qualifying league
Emperor’s Cup : Fourth round

2000 #Straight back
Saito Kazuo took charge with the brief to lift the club back into the top flight in only one season. Beguiristain had left, but Reds signed Polish forward Andrzej Kubica. It was a gruelling 44-game season and the final run in a hard uphill struggle. Saito was assisted from mid-season by former Reds manager Yokoyama Kenzo, now general manager, and Brazilian physical coach Luis Flavio also joined for the finishing stretch. Reds clinched promotion with a golden goal in extra time of the very last match.

J. League Division 2 : 2nd/11
Yamazaki Nabisco Cup : First round
Emperor’s Cup : Fourth round

2001 #Farewell to Ono
2001 was Reds’ Brazilian year. The new signings included Brazil national team midfielder Donizete, Adriano and Tuto, plus Ihara Masami, the most capped player in Japanese football history with 123 international “A” caps. Ono returned to top condition and performed wonders in the First Stage, but the team slumped again after he left for Feyenoord in the summer. Brazilian manager Tita was replaced by compatriot and assistant, Pita. Reds staved off relegation with the help of two more Brazilians signed in mid-season, forward Emerson and midfielder Harison.

J. League First Stage : 7th/16
J. League Second Stage : 12th/16 Overall : 10th/16
Yamazaki Nabisco Cup : Quarter-finals
Emperor’s Cup : Semi-finals
2002 #Getting Close

Former Japan manager Hans Ooft re-laid the foundations to turn Reds into title contenders. Fukuda was pulled back into midfield to feed the Brazilian attacking duo of Emerson and Tuto. In October, Reds reached the League Cup final and briefly led the league’s Second Stage. But they bowed to Kashima Antlers in the cup, defeated by an unfortunate deflection, and went on to lose their last 6 league matches. Defender Tsuboi Keisuke was named the J. League’s best new player. Fukuda and Ihara both retired at the end of the season.

2003 #A Trophy at Last!

Brazil international Edmundo was briefly on the books at the start of the season. His sudden departure unsettled Reds’ early league campaign but the rise of young players such as Yamase Koji and Hasebe Makoto brought new quality to the side. Australia defender Ned Zelic and Russia defender Yuri Nikiforov came in at the back, and Emerson discovered a goal-scoring hotline in partnership with Tanaka Tatsuya. In the League Cup, Reds won their first ever J. League title 4-0 against Antlers in a rematch of the 2002 final. Ooft left at the end of the season.

2004 #Second Stage Champions

Guido Buchwald took charge and Reds made unprecedented signings for their league championship campaign: national team players Alex, Okano Masayuki and Sakai Tomoyuki, and Olympic defender Tulio. Turkey defender Alpay Ozalan and Nene from Brazil also joined midway. Reds performed well from the kick-off, went top in September and won their first ever J. League title 4-0 against Antlers in a rematch of the 2002 final. Ooft left at the end of the season.

2005 #Emperor’s Cup Winners

The J. League introduced the 34-match league season with no separation into stages from this year. Alpay and Emerson left during the season and were replaced by Brazilian midfielder Robson Ponte and Croatian striker Tomislav Maric. Despite challenging strongly from May, a poor start to the season cost Reds dearly and they eventually wound up second to Gamba Osaka in the league. Reds finished the season on a high by winning the Emperor’s Cup, which ran from December to New Year’s Day, 2006, qualifying thereby to play in the 2007 Asian Champions League. The club’s young stars made a great contribution to that victory.

2006 #J. League Champions

Reds performed well from the kick-off, went top in September and won their first ever J. League championship. New signing Washington scored a rate of a game and the firmness of Reds defence was also much admired. Tulio was named MVP at the J. League Awards, Washington shared the top scorer Prize. With 7 players also selected for the Japan national team, this was the year that Reds became Japan’s undisputed top club. Making full use of the richly talented squad, victory in the Emperor’s Cup also followed. The final was a wonderful send-off for manager Guido Buchwald in his last match in charge. Alex left on loan to Red Bull Salzburg at the end of the season.

2007 #Asian Champions

Osieck returned to the helm and led the team to a historic victory in the AFC Champions League. New signing Abe Yuki soon became indispensable to the team. Reds became the first Japanese club to play at the FIFA Club World Cup and won third place in that competition. Reds narrowly failed to retain the J. League title but the name of Urawa Reds became much better known around Asia and the world. Nagai and Ponte were named MVP at the ACL and J. League Awards, respectively. Washington, Nene, Ono and Hasebe left at the end of the season.
The team was strengthened by several new arrivals including national team forward Takahara Naohiro and midfielder Alex (Alessandro Santos) but Holger Osieck was released after Reds lost their first two league games of the season and coach Gert Engels took over. Engels moved Tulio into midfield and, with bold use of young talent, Reds were top of the table after the ninth round of games. The form slipped in the second part of the season, though, and they wound up a disappointing seventh. Reds received a bye as champions to the quarter-finals of the AFC Asian Champions League but fell to Gamba Osaka in the semi-final, unable to retain their title.

Five players were inducted from the youth team as Volker Finke, who had done so much good nurturing work at Freiburg in Germany, took over the helm with the goal of long-term rebuilding. Yamada Naoki, making his national team debut at the age of 18, and the other youngsters learned Finke’s “combination football” well. Reds were a better than anticipated second in J1 at the turnaround but the form then dropped off with injuries to key players and a run of seven straight defeats followed in the mid-summer heat. Reds were 6th at the finish.

Finke’s second year at the helm started with the arrival of national team midfielder Kashiwagi Yosuke as Reds aimed to go higher again. In January, though, key midfielder Yamada Naoki broke a leg playing for the national team and injuries to other core players followed in the summer. Abe Yuki, after performing magnificently for Japan at the World Cup in South Africa, then moved to English club Leicester City in August. Reds were creating the chances but not putting them away and slid down the table to finish the season in tenth. Robson Ponte left at the end of the season.

Zelić Petrovic, who played in midfield for Reds in the nineties, took over with the promise of improving on the previous season’s results. J.League play was suspended, though, for a month and a half just after the season kicked off due to the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11th. Reds struggled from the restart and the confidence melted away. Petrovic was released in October and youth team manager Takafumi Hori took over for the last five league matches. Reds only barely stayed up in 15th place but did reach their first Yamazaki Nabetso Cup final since 2004.

Mihailo Petrovic (Misha) arrived after leading Sanfrecce Hiroshima until the previous season to take the helm as Reds’ new manager. Midfielder Yuki Abe returned from Leicester City and national team defender Tomoaki Makino on loan signed from 1. FC Köln. Reds rose to second place after six games and stayed firmly in contention until a shock 2-1 home defeat to already-relegated Consadole Sapporo in the 28th section. Reds finally wound up third.

Reds reinforced their squad with the signings of national team quality defenders Daisuke Nasu (Kashiwa Reysol) and Ryota Moriwaki (Sanfrecce Hiroshima), midfielder Kunimitsu Sekiguchi (Vegalta Sendai) and striker Shinzo Koroki (Kashima Antlers). Reds crashed out in Group F of the AFC Champions League, however, level on points with group runners-up Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors (Korea Republic) but third by the head-to-head results. Reds again reached the J. League Yamazaki Nabetso Cup Final for the second time in three years but finished as runners-up. In the J. League, too many goals were conceded and three straight losses at the end saw Reds drop out of contention to come sixth.
Reds reinforced the squad by acquiring Japan national team goalkeeper Shusaku Nishikawa from Sanfrecce Hiroshima, striker Tadanari Lee from Southampton and midfielder Takuya Aoki from Omiya Ardija. Early in the season, the club had to play the first ever J. League match behind closed doors and Reds also lost forward Genki Haraguchi to Hertha Berlin of Germany in the summer but the team grew increasingly into Misha’s way of playing football and led the table all of the way from the 11th round of games only to see the title slip from their grasp with a draw and two defeats in the last three matches.

Slovenian striker Zlatan Ljubijankic was one of 6 new signings and Reds’ reinforced squad target- ed both the J. League and AFC Champions League titles only for a slow start to see Reds eliminated from the ACL in the group stage. In the J. League, now back to two stages, Reds moved into gear from April to lift the First Stage unbeaten with 12 wins and 5 draws in 17 match- es. Reds advanced to the championship play-offs in second place overall but lost 3-1 to Gamba Osaka in the semi-final. Reds also fell 2-1 to Gamba in the Emperor’s Cup final.

Promising defender Wataru Endo joined from Shonan Bellmare and Reds overcame the defending champions, Guangzhou Evergrande, to advance from the group stage in the ACL. Reds stormed to victory in the J. League Second Stage and in November won the J. League Levain Cup against Gamba Osaka 5-4 on penalties following a 1-1 draw, their first title in 9 years. In the J. League championship play-offs, however, Reds fell in the final to Kashima Antlers, winning 1-0 away but falling 2-1 in the second leg at home.

Forward Rafael Silva joined from Albirex Niigata and the season started supremely well through May in both the J. League, where Reds were now chasing their first league championship in 11 years, and the club’s third consecutive AFC Champions League appearance (sixth overall). The form fell off from June, however, goals were conceded, and Petrovic was replaced as manager by coach Takafumi Hori at the end of July. Reinforced also by the arrival of Brazilian defender Mauricio Antonio from Portuguese club Portimonense, the defence was re-stabilised, too late for the J. League but in time for Reds to battle on bravely in the AFC Champions League. Reds lost their quarter-final first leg 3-1 to fellow Japanese club Kawasaki Frontale but rebounded at home with a 4-1 win. Reds then drew 1-1 away and won 1-0 at home in both the semi-final and final, against Shanghai SIPG of China and Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia, respectively, to win their second AFC Champions League after a gap of 10 years. The 2017 roller coaster ended at the FIFA Club World Cup in the UAE, where Reds clinched 5th place with a 3-2 win over Wydad Casablanca of Morocco.

Reds made a slow start to the season. Takafumi Hori was released and academy director Tsuyoshi Otsuki took over as caretaker for 6 games until Brazilian manager Oswaldo Oliveira’s appointment on April 25th. The J. League broke off from May through July for the FIFA World Cup and Oliveira used the time to build up the players’ physical strength, especially. With the arrival also of Brazilian forward Fabricio from Portuguese club Portimonense, Reds rose rapidly up the table. Fabricio, though, was eventually sidelined by injury and Reds failed to achieve their target of a top-three position. Instead, Oliveira’s new-look attack shone from the restart in the Emperor’s Cup and Reds continued all of the way in that competition by overcoming Kashima Antlers in the semi-final and Vegalta Sendai 1-0 in the final to lift the trophy for the first time in 12 years. Oliveira invited supporters to watch the players train on the day before both matches to achieve the perfect fusion between players and fans.