Country Rugby provides another pathway to St George Queensland Reds

The loss of St.George Queensland Reds playmakers Ben Lucas and Mike Harris to injury, sustained in the team's narrow loss against the Sharks at the weekend, has forced coach Ewen McKenzie to look outside his normal squad for replacements and he has selected former Queensland Country player Nathan Eyres-Brown to join the team in South Africa.

Nathan Eyres-Brown, 22, is a member of the Reds' 2012 Wider Training Squad while his previous honours include Australian Sevens as well as Queensland Country and playing for the Gold Coast Breakers at Queensland Premier Rugby level.

Eyres-Brown began his career in Rugby League but was granted a scholarship to The Southport School in 2005, where he started his rugby union career. In his first season Eyres-Brown played five-eighth and was selected in the Queensland under 16's side on the bench as a utility player behind Matt Toomua and Richard Kingi.

In 2006 Eyres-Brown played for The Southport School First XV team which won the GPS premiership.

Once he completed his schooling Eyres-Brown went on to play for the Gold Coast Breakers. Such was the season Eyres-Brown enjoyed, he was then selected in the Queensland Country side on the wing and was also selected in the Australians 7's squad later in the year.

After recovering from injury and spending time in Rugby League during 2011, Eyres-Brown returns to Rugby Union for the 2012 season where he will represent the Breakers after his cameo in South Africa as a back up for the injury hit Reds

Nathan possesses explosive speed, elusive foot work and has the ability to score a try from anywhere on the field, so Country fans will look on in anticipation if Nathan gets his chance against the Bulls.