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Fogarty backs Australian Game Plan over Irish Physicality in RWC Pool C Showdown

Full interview available on UPC's YouTube Channel

Former Ireland and Leinster hooker John Fogarty has said that the superior game plan of Australian Head Coach Robbie Deans will be the deciding factor between Ireland and Australia in the crunch RWC Pool C game in Auckland this Saturday.

In an exclusive interview with UPC, Fogarty said that pressure will be on Gordon D'Arcy to have a big game and Ireland would have to win the collision area and make huge improvements at the breakdown from the USA game.

On the changes to the team, Fogarty believes that Ireland will try to steamroll over Australia.

"The mentality that we are going to bring into this game, with Seanie (O'Brien), Stephen Ferris, Paul O'Connell, Cian Healy, Jamie Heaslip. They're all big ball carrying players to run over Australia more than anything," said Fogarty.

Although Fogarty thinks Australia offer too much for Ireland to have a realistic chance of winning the game, he does believe that Declan Kidney's team still have plenty to offer in this tournament.

"There is a lot of big performances in this team if they come out with the right attitude. To start very strong is so important. To come out of the blocks and get ahead early, get in their faces. Get ahead in the game and not let off," continued Fogarty.

UPC has teamed up with John Fogarty and Setanta Sports to provide UPC rugby fans with a unique insight into RWC 2011. John's knowledge of the Irish players and management team added to Setanta's coverage of all 48 RWC games ensures that UPC customers can enjoy unparalleled access to the action in New Zealand.

The full interview with John Fogarty can be viewed at www.youtube.com/user/WeAreUPC

The Ireland v Australia RWC Pool C game is being broadcast live on **Setanta Ireland** (UPC Channel 105/401) and on **Setanta HD** (UPC Channel 412) at 9.00am on Saturday 17th September.

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About John Fogarty

John had a distinguished playing career where he represented Leinster, Munster and Connacht and was capped for Ireland against the All Blacks in NZ last summer. Following a succession of injuries John retired from professional rugby in late 2010 but remains part of the Leinster U20s coaching set up.

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