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# COACH'S



## COACH'S CORNER

MATCH PREVIEW WITH  
*Roselee Jencke*

**WITH SO MANY SSN PLAYERS RETURNING FROM THE WORLD CUP ONLY DAYS BEFORE THIS ROUND, WHAT IMPACT DO YOU EXPECT IT TO HAVE ON PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS?**

It's going to be really fascinating to see how the individual players cope with the jet lag and playing requirements. There will be some players who will be on a high and there will be some who will be feeling quite low. It's a big ask for players who have been on that emotional roller coaster to back up so quickly to play again. This is going to be especially tough for those teams that have a significant number of players returning from international duty.

**WITH FIVE INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS, SURELY THE LIGHTNING WILL BE A BIT WORRIED?**

With the Lightning there will be some players, like Laura Langman, who will be joyous and on incredible highs because of the well-deserved win, along with the coach, Noeline Taurua. And they should be celebrating. They played exceptionally well and deserved to win. But players such as Steph Wood, who may be feeling disappointed, Peace Proscovia and Phumza Maweni, who may have a mixed reaction. It's going to be fascinating.

**HOW WILL THE FIREBIRDS GO?**

It will be interesting because while we've had some key players out, the rest of the team has been able to dip into the HART Sapphire Series and remain match-ready. They've also been able to continue training together, which will hopefully deliver benefits.

Additionally, for us, the challenge is our returning international players of Gretel Tippett (Australia), Romelda Aiken (Jamaica), Lenize Potgieter (South Africa) and Erin Burger (South Africa). I'm sure Gretel will be feeling disappointed with the result and on top of that managing jet lag, it will be difficult. Our focus is making sure those players are well rested and as fresh as possible.

**WHAT WAS YOUR KEY FOCUS IN TRAINING THIS WEEK?**

This week in training we focused on letting the ball go in attack, shooting well and disrupting the opposition's connections in attack with a variety of defensive moves.

*Roselee Jencke*

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# TEAM LINE-UP



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**ERIN BURGER**  
POSITION: C, WA, WD  
HEIGHT: 176CM  
DOB: 10/02/87



**LAURA CLEMESHA**  
POSITION: GK, GD  
HEIGHT: 190CM  
DOB: 21/01/92



**TARA HINCHLIFFE**  
POSITION: GD, GK  
HEIGHT: 185CM  
DOB: 25/05/98



**KIM JENNER**  
POSITION: GD, GK  
HEIGHT: 184CM  
DOB: 27/02/98



**ABIGAIL LATU-MEAFOU**  
POSITION: GS  
HEIGHT: 182CM  
DOB: 05/07/97



**CARA KOENEN**  
POSITION: GS, GA, WA  
HEIGHT: 190CM  
DOB: 27/02/96



**LAURA LANGMAN**  
POSITION: WD, C  
HEIGHT: 173CM  
DOB: 16/04/86



**ANNIKA LEE-JONES**  
POSITION: GK, GD, GS  
HEIGHT: 197CM  
DOB: 31/10/96



**PHUMZA MAWENI**  
POSITION: GK, GD  
HEIGHT: 186CM  
DOB: 04/09/1984



**MADELINE M'AUILLIFFE**  
POSITION: C, WD  
HEIGHT: 180CM  
DOB: 5/12/94



**JEMMA MI MI**  
POSITION: C, WD, WA  
W: 176CM  
DOB: 04/03/96



**CAITLYN NEVINS**  
POSITION: WA, C  
HEIGHT: 173CM  
DOB: 01/06/87



**LENIZE POTGIETER**  
POSITION: GS  
HEIGHT: 187CM  
DOB: 02/05/94



**GABI SIMPSON (C)**  
POSITION: WD  
HEIGHT: 176CM  
DOB: 17/10/92



**GRETEL TIPPETT**  
POSITION: GA  
HEIGHT: 192CM  
DOB: 03/07/93



**PEACE PROSCOVIA**  
POSITION: GS  
HEIGHT: 193CM  
DOB: 01/11/89



**KARLA PRETORIUS**  
POSITION: GD, WD  
HEIGHT: 181CM  
DOB: 12/03/90



**JACQUI RUSSELL**  
POSITION: WD, C  
HEIGHT: 176CM  
DOB: 01/06/88



**LAURA SCHERIAN**  
POSITION: WA, C  
HEIGHT: 167CM  
DOB: 26/06/88



**STEPHANIE WOOD**  
POSITION: GA, WA  
HEIGHT: 175CM  
DOB: 28/11/91



**ROMELDA AIKEN**  
POSITION: GS  
W: 196CM  
DOB: 19/11/88



**MACY GARDNER**  
POSITION: C, WA  
HEIGHT: 173CM  
DOB: 07/06/00



**ROSELEE JENCKE**  
HEAD COACH



**JENNY BRAZEL**  
ASSISTANT COACH



**NANNETTE RIGONI**  
TEAM MANAGER



**ASHLEE UNIE**  
POSITION: WD, GD  
HEIGHT: 180CM  
DOB: 03/07/96



**SIENNA ALLEN**  
POSITION: GK, GD  
HEIGHT: 191CM  
DOB: 22/05/99



**NOELINE TAURUA**  
HEAD COACH

# TEAM LINE-UP

# HEAD 2 HEAD

## GRETEL TIPPETT GA

DATE OF BIRTH 03/07/1993  
 HEIGHT 192CM  
 NATIONAL LEAGUE CAPS 72  
 INTERNATIONAL CAPS 32

### 2019 SEASON STATS

GOAL ACCURACY: 96%  
 GOALS: 257  
 GOAL ATTEMPTS: 267  
 ASSISTS: 63  
 GAMES PLAYED: 9  
 REBOUNDS: 8  
 CENTRE PASS RECEIVES: 198  
 (RANKED FOURTH IN THE SSN LEAGUE)  
 NISSAN NET POINTS: 498.5

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## STEPH WOOD GA WA

DOB 28/11/1991  
 HEIGHT 175CM  
 NATIONAL LEAGUE CAPS 64  
 INTERNATIONAL CAPS 30

### 2019 SEASON STATS

GOAL ACCURACY: 75%  
 GOALS: 145  
 GOAL ATTEMPTS: 193  
 ASSISTS: 165  
 GAMES PLAYED: 9  
 REBOUNDS: 6  
 CENTRE PASS RECEIVES: 169  
 NISSAN NET POINTS: 544.5

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## SNAPSHOT – ROUND 9

# SUPER NETBALL SNAPSHOT

The impact of the World Cup and the international travel on players will be the main question hanging over Round 10 of the Suncorp Super Netball competition. It's been quite a while since we watched Round 9, but here's a snapshot of where we left things:

### Lightning v Fever

In what would prove to be a portent of things to come, Noline Taurua was in the winning mood as her finely tuned Lightning blitzed the West Coast Fever 65 to 57 on the Sunny Coast in the final step out before the break for the World Cup. Laura Langman had a blistering game supported by Phumza Maweni to drive a relentless push towards victory.

### Giants v Vixens

The Vixens showed their teeth when they travelled to Giants territory for the Round 9 match, scooping a big win, including bonus points from three quarters, putting them on 48 points and third on the ladder, just two behind the second-placed Lightning and 14 points clear of

fourth-placed Magpies. The final score of 66 to 57 to the Vixens was a fair reflection of how strongly the Vixens led play the entire match.

### Thunderbirds v Swifts

It was a tense see-saw of a match and resulted in a draw, as the Thunderbirds and Swifts tussled through four quarters of hard fought netball. In the last five minutes the Thunderbirds closed in on the Swifts' five-point lead to create a pressure cooker of a finish. With 20 seconds to go Maria Folau sank a long bomb to level the scores. Then with just three seconds to go flubbed an opportunity to win by one – drawing 51 points apiece.

### Magpies v Firebirds

The Firebirds collected the bonus points in the second quarter, but ultimately faced defeat as they went down 63 to 50 to the Magpies. It marked an opportunity for Romelda Aiken to test her mettle on return from injury and by all accounts, held up well.



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	%	PTS	BONUS	TOTAL
NSW SWIFTS	9	7	1	1	567	478	118.62	30	+27	57
SUNSHINE COAST LIGHTNING	9	7	0	2	565	499	113.23	28	+22	50
MELBOURNE VIXENS	9	6	1	2	556	495	112.32	26	+22	48
MAGPIES NETBALL	9	4	1	4	501	502	99.8	18	+16	34
GIANTS NETBALL	9	3	1	5	528	548	96.35	14	+17	31
WEST COAST FEVER	9	2	3	4	541	586	92.32	14	+11	25
ADELAIDE THUNDERBIRDS	9	2	1	6	457	523	87.38	10	+9	19
QUEENSLAND FIREBIRDS	9	0	2	7	504	588	85.71	4	+11	15

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Tara Hinchliffe

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TOKYO
- TWO**  
ALMOST  
(SWEET MUSIC)  
HOZIER
- THREE**  
PEER  
PRESSURE  
JAMES BAY
- FOUR**  
MAYBE WE WILL  
NOAH  
SCHNACTKY
- FIVE**  
BRIGHT  
BLUE SKIES  
MITCH JAMES

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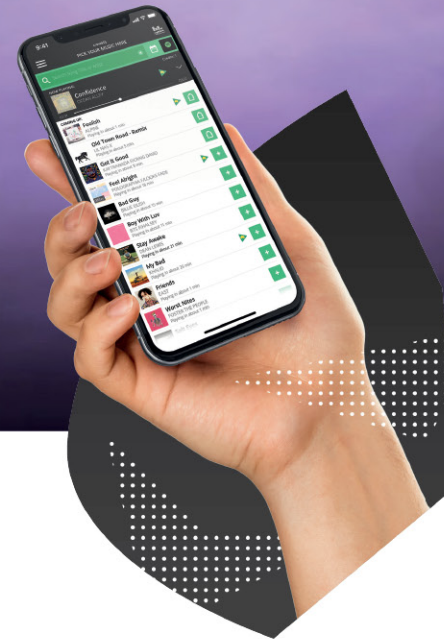


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**OLD TOWN ROAD**

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**STAV, ABBY & MATT**

6-9AM WEEKDAYS



# ON THE ROAD



LAST HOLIDAY DESTINATION:

*Never really been on a holiday!*

FAVOURITE DAY TRIP:

*to the Jamaican restaurant on the Gold Coast (shut down now)*

DREAM HOLIDAY:

*Somewhere with cheap shopping and loads to look at!*

FAVOURITE BEACH: *Not really a beach gal!*

NEXT HOLIDAY: *Planning for Canada!*



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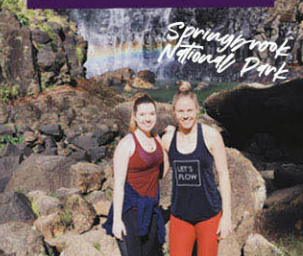


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GABI SIMPSON CELEBRATES

# 100 GAMES



Celebrating 100 games is a special milestone and an opportunity to reflect on the journey so far. When Queensland Firebirds captain Gabi Simpson pauses to reflect on her career achievements, she looks back on some unbeatable moments.

“Looking back, since that first game, there have been some amazing highlights. Four years, four grand finals, back to back grand final wins – that was an amazing way to start a career,” Gabi says.

She made her debut in 2013 against the Southern Steel, coming on at half time.

“As a young player, to be surrounded by pretty amazing players, players such as Laura Geitz, Nat Medhurst – that had such a huge impact on me, not just as a player but also as a person,” she says.

Always astute, Gabi used those early years with legends of the game to absorb the lessons and learn how to lead, growing her skills and developing her capacity to give direction to her teammates, both on and off the court. She has contributed to creating what many consider to be the closest playing group in the Suncorp Super Netball league.

“The early years were a great experience. More recently my focus has shifted towards how can I use what I’ve learned to help that next generation of player coming

through?” she says. “How can I help those younger players grow.”

She has emerged as a natural leader, developing her skills to be named in the elite leadership group and then, in 2017, being selected as team captain.

Her international career has been similarly stellar, with 39 international caps to her name and being named the Diamonds vice-captain.

“So far, it’s been 100 games of learning about sport,” she says. “The hard times make you stronger and they also make the good times even better.”

Turning her focus to today’s match against the second-ranked Sunshine Coast Lightning, Gabi agrees a win today would be very special.

“We’ve had a break and now we’re very motivated,” she says. “We really want that win.”

Looking forward, Gabi says she doesn’t spend time thinking about the next 100 games.

“Personally, I just focus on enjoying the sport. It’s not about the number of games. When I play netball I’m going out there to play with passion, I’m going out there to play with my friends and to push my friends so we can achieve something amazing together.”

# Thank You

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