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COACH'S CORNER

WITH ROSELEE JENCKE

YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES FOLLOWING A RESULT LIKE THE WEEKEND.

You can spend time dwelling on the outcome, or you can focus your energy on ensuring you take valuable lessons from the game as a whole. Part of my job as a coach is to help my players, particularly the younger ones, process a result like that in a constructive way. Every time they step out there is going to be an opportunity to learn and it's critical that we take something out of each performance in order to improve for the next.

We got out of the blocks well and had another really good start in Round 2. Unfortunately, we are our own worst enemy in allowing the opposition back in the game with unforced errors. That's been an issue for us through the court in these opening rounds and it's everybody's responsibility, so until we are able to rectify that we will remain in this position.

One thing I've really emphasised with our group is to play with freedom because we have nothing to lose. In the final quarter over the weekend we got rid of the shackles, gave the ball and you saw some positive signs. Obviously it's easier said than done, and the game was beyond us at that stage so there was far less hesitation or pressure, but irrespective of the score or the stage of the game, I never want our team to be gun shy. I want us to take chances and shoot our shots because even if we miss, at least we are going through the process. Losing is disappointing but I think it's really important we continue to back ourselves in terms of setting ourselves up for the next match. There's only one way you can improve and that's about continuing to put yourself out there.

The Magpies themselves have not had the start to the season they'd hoped for, which will make them all the more challenging in tonight's game. Many had put a line through them before the season even began due to a handful of their high-profile players missing the 2020 season, but it would be a mistake to think they won't be competitive. Any team that possesses the Browne sisters in the midcourt,

with Geva Mentor and Shimona Nelson at either end, are a serious threat. It's another fantastic opportunity for our group to gain valuable experience against international representative players.

We know the performances across the opening rounds have not been what you expect from your team, but please know they've also been well short of what we expect from ourselves. Making you proud is what drives us so thank you for your passion and support Purple Family, it's as important now as ever.

Roselee Jencke



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TEAM LINE-UP



ROMELDA AIKEN
Position: GS
Height: 196cm
DOB: 19/11/88



MAHALIA CASSIDY
Position: C, WA
Height: 173cm
DOB: 09/10/95



LARA DUNKLEY
Position: WA, C, WD
Height: 180cm
DOB: 31/05/95



RUDI ELLIS
Position: GK, GD
Height: 180cm
DOB: 31/05/95



MACY GARDNER
Position: C, WA,
Height: 173cm
DOB: 07/06/00



NYAH ALLEN
Position: GS, GA



KELLY ALTMANN
Position: C, WA
Height: 170cm
DOB: 23/04/93



MELISSA BRAGG
Position: WD, GD
Height: 177cm
DOB: 17/12/94



KELSEY BROWNE
Position: WA, C
Height: 164cm
DOB: 17/01/92



MADI BROWNE
Position: C, WA
Height: 168cm
DOB: 05/01/88



TARA HINCHLIFFE
Position: GD, GK
Height: 185cm
DOB: 25/05/98



KIM JENNER
Position: GD, GK
Height: 184cm
DOB: 27/02/98



JEMMA MI MI
Position: C, WD, WA
Height: 176cm
DOB: 04/03/96



GABI SIMPSON (C)
Position: WD
Height: 176cm
DOB: 17/10/92



INE-MARI VENTER
Position: GS, GA
Height: 192cm
DOB: 21/04/95



MATILDA GARRETT
Position: GK, GD
Height: 185cm
DOB: 11/08/98



MOLLY JOVIC
Position: WA, C
Height: 172cm
DOB: 07/10/95



GEVA MENTOR
Position: GK, GD
Height: 191cm
DOB: 17/09/84



SHIMONA NELSON
Position: GS, GA
Height: 195cm
DOB: 01/12/98



EMMA RYDE
Position: GS, GA
Height: 197cm



TIPPAH DWAN
Position: GA, GS
Height: 178cm
DOB: 30/10/99



MIA STOWER
Position: GA, GS
Height: 182cm
DOB: 11/04/00



ROSELEE JENCKE
Head Coach



KATIE WALKER
Assistant Coach



NANNETTE RIGONI
Team Manager



GABRIELLE SINCLAIR
Position: GA, GS
Height: 176cm
DOB: 12/07/93



JODI-ANN WARD
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Height: 175cm
DOB: 01/09/94



ROB WRIGHT
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HEAD 2 HEAD

Romelda Aiken

ROMELDA AIKEN

GS

D.O.B 19/11/1988
Height 196cm

2020 SEASON STATS

Goals: 61
Super Shots: 0
Rebounds: 18
Nissan Net Points: 69

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Geva Mentor

GEVA MENTOR

GK

GD

D.O.B 17/09/1984
Height 191cm

2020 SEASON STATS

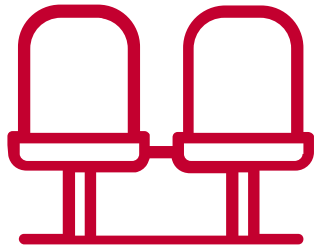
Games Played: 2
Intercepts: 2
Deflections: 15
Rebounds: 1
General Play Turnovers: 2
Nissan Net Points: 76.5

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SEASON JUST AROUND THE CORNER, WE ARE ON THE RISE.

Are you with us?

FAN BLOG

- Laura Pascoe

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN DIFFERENT TO ANY OTHER AND, AS WE MAKE OUR WAY THROUGH THE 2020 SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL SEASON, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF OUR PURPLE FAMILY ABOUT WHAT THE BIRDIES MEAN TO THEM. IN THE THIRD OF OUR FIREBIRDS FAN BLOG'S, LAURA PASCOE SHARES SOME OF HER FAVOURITE BIRDIES MEMORIES AND WHAT KEEPS HER COMING BACK TO SUPPORT HER TEAM.

I'm definitely what my friends call a "netty nerd." I am lucky this is a passion I share with my mother and we have been season ticket holders since 2009. But our interest didn't start there. I have clear recollections of making the trek from the Gold Coast to Chandler, as a child, to watch the Firebirds, who were often beaten..... but we kept coming back, because we loved our netball and the Firebirds! I remember watching the netball on the ABC on a Saturday afternoon, after a big day at our local association..... that little girl would not believe how far our wonderful game has come!

As a Firebirds fan and season ticket holder there have been many highlights, in fact it feels like many significant events in the past decade have involved my love of the Firebirds. Even my first date with my now husband, had to be at lunchtime, so I could go to a Firebirds vs. Vixens game. I must have known from that day, when he knew who Clare McMeniman and Sharelle McMahon were, that he was a keeper! My first-born child went to his first Firebirds game at 2 weeks old and I'm sure my third born was 2019's youngest member! There are a few highlights that come to mind.....

The 2011 season was a remarkable one. To see the Firebirds go through the season undefeated was nothing short of amazing. Grand final day was a memorable one..... a train from the Gold Coast and lunch at the Plough Inn, which was a sea of purple. We quickly discovered that Chelsea Pittman's family were at the next table. My Mum (a tiny, curly headed lady, who used to put her opponents off by constantly talking) introduced herself. She said "oh, you're Chelsea's family? I'm Romelda's Mum and your daughter has trouble getting the ball into my daughter!"

Chelsea's stepdad looked rather puzzled and returned a little later to ask if we were related to Nat Meduhurst! I don't remember much about the game itself, but I do remember the amazing atmosphere, the noise and I can't hear Katy Perry's "Firework" without being transported back to that day!

The 2015 grand final was another amazing one. It was a full on and physical game. My usual netball partner, Mum, was travelling through Europe and watching the game on the ap, in the middle of the night. The atmosphere at Boondall was electric, but on court the Firebirds seemed a little flat. I remember turning to my husband during the last quarter when Firebirds were trailing (as they had all game) and saying "is that it? Is it over?" The fightback from the Birdies was nothing short of amazing and that final Geitz intercept spectacular. The noise was absolutely deafening. There were tears!



Maybe I'm focusing too much on the "golden era" and the big wins, but being a Firebirds fan is about more than that. It's about the community and the connection with the players and other fans. It's about running into old friends and making new ones at games. It's about staying in touch with school friends due to our "netball tipping chat." It's about the players always having time for the fans after the game, no matter what the result. Gretel and Claire being willing to stop for a photo and a chat in the foyer of the Netball World Cup in Sydney (before they were Diamonds themselves). Sharing a plane trip to Sydney with Geitz's Mum, sister and niece and chatting to them like old friends. Caitlin and Romelda having a photo at the Broadwater with my sister in law (who has no idea about netball) and Romelda having so much time for her fans during an appearance at Netfest on the Gold Coast and us telling her the story of claiming to be her family back in 2011 and her laughing and saying "I'll take that!" This is what keeps us coming back!

Last year was full of so much promise..... a new stadium (a far cry from the old Chandler days), new ticket packages and a new parent's room (hooray!) It was not the season we hoped for..... hopefully 2020 will be different. We may never have another 2011 (or even 2015 or 2016), but I think we can agree, after the longest off-season in history and a pretty tumultuous time nationally and internationally, that while there is more to life than netball, netball makes life infinitely better!

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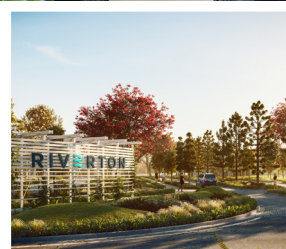
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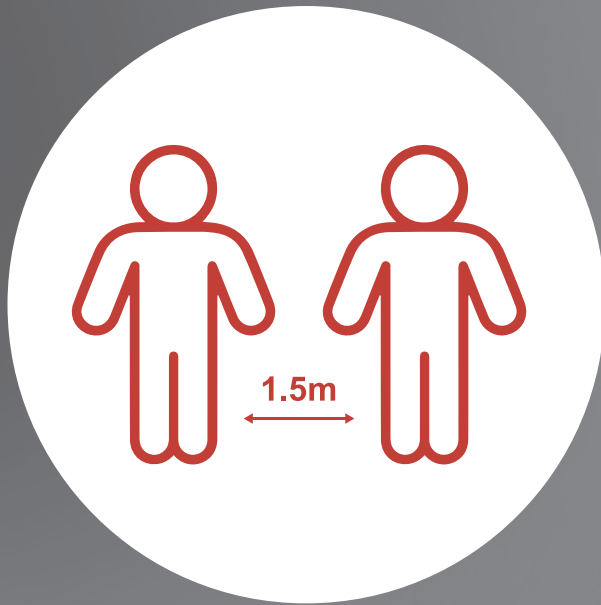
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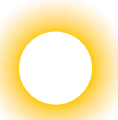
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