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ROUND 4



3PM, SAT AUG 15 - NISSAN ARENA

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COACH'S CORNER

WITH ROSELEE JENCKE

WE CAME SO CLOSE IN ROUND 3 AGAINST THE MAGPIES.

Unfortunately, close doesn't count. Close does not win games and nor does it give you points on the ladder.

We were disappointed in the final result because we played really good netball for the majority of the game. Our full court defensive pressure led to some great turnover ball which we were able to convert, it was only in that final quarter where our errors and poor passes allowed Magpies back into the game.

As a group they had worked hard in the lead up to that game on their second phase and providing more options and I thought that translated to us playing with great control for most of the contest.

What impressed me most though was the fact the players themselves took ownership for the previous performance, and the reality that it certainly did not meet the standards we expect in this competition. The increase in intensity and work rate was plain to see against the Magpies and that is something that must be brought to every game without excuses.

It's no secret defence wins games and while we may not have got the result in Round 3, it was fantastic to see a return to form for Kim and Tara. They both got rid of some shackles that have been holding them back so to see them play with that freedom and reaffirm the belief in their combination was really pleasing.

Today we face another challenging assignment in the GIANTS. Their confidence will be high fresh from their first win of the season and they've always been a team that's enjoyed momentum so it will be important for us to put the brakes on them from the first centre pass.

What we do know is that it will be a physical contest. They are a tough, no nonsense team who thrive on contact, so it will be incumbent on every player in a purple dress to stand firm and not take a backward step.

We may not yet have broken through for our first win of the season but I'm sure you'll agree there was plenty to like about our last performance. The key for our group now is to use that as a baseline and ensure that for every game ahead, continuous improvement is the only acceptable outcome. If we commit to that standard, trust each other and our plans, the results will come.

Roselee Jencke



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TEAM LINE-UP



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DOB: 19/11/88



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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



KIERA AUSTIN
Position: GA, GS, WA
Height: 186cm
DOB: 26/08/97



CAITLIN BASSETT
Position: GS
Height: 193cm
DOB: 23/05/88



APRIL BRANDLEY
Position: GK, GD, WD
Height: 185cm
DOB: 19/04/90



JO HARTEN
Position: GA, GS
Height: 188cm
DOB: 21/03/89



MADDIE HAY
Position: WA, C, WD
Height: 175cm
DOB: 11/04/95



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



MATISSE LETHERBARROW
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Height: 188cm
DOB: 07/01/02



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DOB: 03/09/95



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Mahalia Cassidy

Jamie-Lee Price

MAHALIA CASSIDY **C** **WA**

D.O.B 09/10/1995
Height 173cm

JAMIE-LEE PRICE **C** **WD**

D.O.B 10/01/1996
Height 180cm

2020 SEASON STATS

Games Played: 3
Assists: 52
Intercepts: 1
Deflections: 7
General Play Turnovers: 10
Nissan Net Points: 214.5

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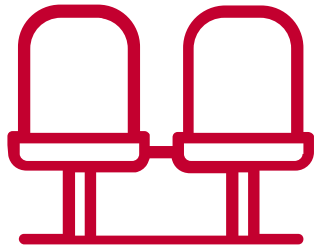
Games Played: 3
Assists: 40
Intercepts: 3
Deflections: 14
General Play Turnovers: 14
Nissan Net Points: 195.5

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Are you with us?

CIRCLING UP NORTH

- Rudi Ellis

RUDI ELLIS WAS ONE OF THE FRESH FACES TO JOIN YOUR BIRDDIES AHEAD OF THE 2020 SUNCORP SUPER NETBALL SEASON. THE DEFENDER SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON MOVING TO BRISBANE FROM VICTORIA AND HOW SHE HAS NAVIGATED AN UNPRECEDENTED AND INTERRUPTED YEAR!

My name is Rudi Ellis, and I'm a defender for the Queensland Firebirds. 2020 thus far has been a ride I'll never forget and I wanted to share with you all my experience of moving to Queensland late last year, as well as my experience with life on and off the court for 2020 so far.

It was only last year that I was a training partner with the Melbourne Vixens and a player for the Victorian Fury ANL team (where we won the granny whoop whoop), and now I'm here in sunny Queensland living my dream of playing professional netball for the Queensland Firebirds. I packed my bags and left VIC, late November 2019 with my fellow teammate and roomie, Lara Dunkley, where we were both welcomed into the Firebirds with open arms and infectious smiles.

I don't know if it's just a Queensland thing, but everyone I've met here so far seems to be so happy, friendly and relaxed! However, Lars and I definitely noticed the heat after the first block of preseason during the hot summer months, where it took us a few conditioning sessions to not be the two heavily panting at the back of the group haha. Training was tough from the get-go, but something I thoroughly enjoyed due to the variety and intensity that the team and coaches provided.

With a mission to find a place to live, we then got to know the beautiful Kim Jenner, in which the three of us decided to move into an apartment together. It's now seven months down the track and oh man we've been through a lot as a trio! I was never sure what it would be like living with teammates, and if it would be a netball overload or not.

But it has been quite the opposite, it's been a household of laughter, farting and an excessive amount of poke bowls and reality TV, and it has honestly made the transition from leaving my family, friends and boyfriend back home, a whole lot easier. Also having a seasoned veteran like Kim in the house, to show us the ropes of the Firebirds way, really helped Lars and I to slot straight into everything, which is something we're both super grateful for.

With a super solid preseason under our belt, we were all feeling ready to tackle the 2020 SSN season. But then the Rona hit our shores.....!

No one could have predicted something like COVID-19 to take place this year (besides the Simpsons), and it is something that has affected everyone around the country. For us, it meant we could no longer train as a team until things started to get better. It also meant that our 2020 SSN season had a big question mark on it. I chose to play netball mainly because I love team sports, and the girls I've played with along the way have been a pretty special group of people. Which is why the ISO period was super hard, our team was split up.

For me personally, I was back in Melbourne with my family and boyfriend during this period. It was really hard leaving them to begin with and having those few solid months with them is something I'll always cherish. Although I was still training most days, and as a team we were still very much connected through Zoom, it was also such an amazing time to practice cooking, a bitta ping pong and knuckle down with my final few uni assignments of my Journalism degree. Not to mention spend some quality time with the people I love. Although it sucked

having to hit pause on our season, I'm so grateful I got that quality time back home.

Now the season is underway and we're all back together training hard, doing the thing we love most. Although it's definitely going to be strange playing my first year of SSN with rolling subs and a 2-point shot, I'm just really grateful our season is still going ahead. It was one huge pre-season...and we just can't bloody wait to get out there and represent our Purple Family!

Until next time x

Rudi



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VEVE

LARA
DUNKLEY

RUDI
ELLIS

TARA
HINCHLIFFE

MACY
GARDNER

ROMELDA
AIKEN

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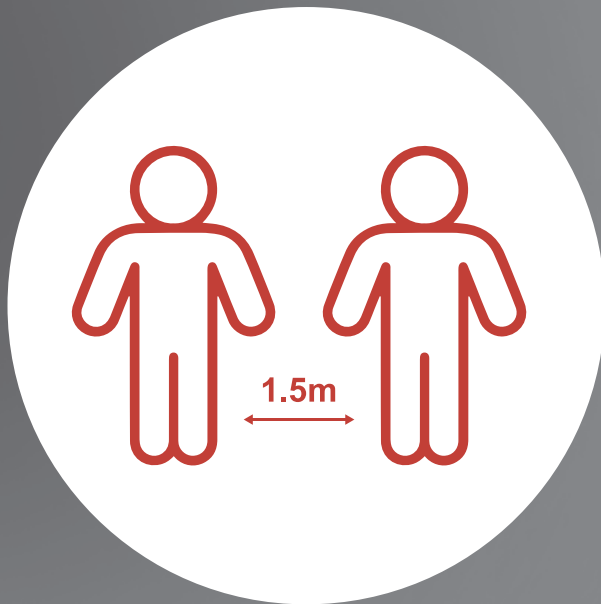
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