

## Goodbye to our little monkey friend ...

Witnessing Steel vice-captain Wendy Frew jubilantly hurtle the ball into the air as the full-time whistle blew last weekend was a sight Steel fans have waited 17 games for.

It marked our first win on Aussie soil and what a victory it was - toppling the defending champion Adelaide Thunderbirds 61-59.

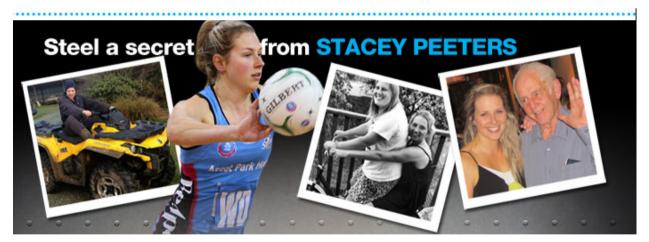
Wendy's reaction was testament to the determination of all our players – this was our time to shine across the ditch and knock that annoying monkey off our backs!

Now we are back on our home turf at ILT Stadium Southland to take on an unpredictable Northern Mystics team this Sunday night.

With 11 current or former international players in the two sides, including Jamaican Jhaniele Fowler-Reid and Australian Diamond Julie Corletto, this will be a battle of epic proportions.

Our future Steel stars will also be in action prior to the clash with Southland Girls' High School and South Otago High School featuring in the College Netball game from 5.45pm.

Entry to the College Netball game is free with your Steel v Mystics ticket so snap one up now.



## Steel a Secret from ... Stacey Peeters

Which team do you look forward to playing the most and why? Mystics so I can meet up with our NZU21 World Cup players.

Do you have any secret party tricks? Jhaniele taught me how to twerk so I pull that out every now and again.

Who has had the most influence on your career? My siblings. We would always compete against each other to be the best.

**Growing up who was your all-time favourite player?** Netball wise it was the Telfer twins when they played for the Sting. In another sport it was Roger Federer.

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## Steel Yourself for ROUND 6

Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel v Northern Mystics

Sunday 6 April, 7.20pm

ILT Stadium Southland, Invercargill

Broadcast Live - FOX SPORTS 1 (AUS); SKY SPORT 1 (NZ)

Umpires: Liz Boon & Marise Stuart, Reserve: Ann Hay

## The Facts:

**LAST MEETING:** Round 8, 2013: Steel 73 def Mystics 63, Trusts Stadium. Auckland.

- $\bullet$  The Mystics have won seven of the 12 previous meetings against the Steel.
- The Steel won both games in 2013 against the Mystics.
- The Mystics currently sit in ninth spot on the ladder with one win from five starts, while the Steel have recorded two wins, putting them in seventh position.



- Philippa Finch is the most experienced member of the Steel with 75 games to her name. She played for the EasiYo Tactix from 2008-2011 and this is her third season at the Southern Steel.
- Steel wing defence Wendy Frew will play her 70th ANZ Championship match in Round 6. Frew is an inaugural Steel player.
- Maria Tutaia will play her 94th ANZ Championship match if she takes the court on Sunday.
- Steel midcourter Shannon Francois recorded the second highest statistics, just missing out on her first #GoldenBib.
- Steel shooter Jhaniele Fowler-Reid is the leading goal scorer after five rounds with 193 goals at 91.9 per cent accuracy that also makes her the most accurate shooter as well. Fowler-Reid is 41 goals away from scoring her 900th ANZ Championship goal.
- Mystics shooter Cathrine Latu is averaging more than 91 percent for the 2014 season.
- This is the second match played at ILT Stadium Southland this season, with the Steel narrowly losing their first home game at the venue in round one to the Queensland Firebirds.
- There are 11 current or former international players in the Mystics and Steel sides, including Jamaican international Jhaniele Fowler-Reid and Australian Diamond squad member Julie Corletto.
- The Steel have their bye in round 12, while the Mystics have their bye one round earlier week 11.
- Neither team have made the finals series for a few years. The Mystics progressed through in 2011, while the Steel were last in the Finals Series in 2010.
- Mystics' defender Jodi Tod-Elliott will play her 65th ANZ Championship match in Round 6. Tod-Elliott played 60 matches for the Magic before joining the Mystics this season.







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