

STAND TOGETHER.



Team Talk

What an intro to the 2019 season. Our opening clash against the Stars was definitely a game of ups and downs. We were disappointed with the slow start and the lack of connection at times but really heartened by the fight back and the 'never say die' attitude.

Heading into the Tactix game on Tuesday night, we were determined to put out a more consistent performance. We wanted to see better energy, intensity and connections throughout. I reckon we can tick that box and we're satisfied with the 20-goal win.

It was nice to be on the right side of the scoreboard as it's a good boost heading into our last game on the road - a classic north v south battle against the Mystics in Auckland tomorrow.

We know the Mystics are physically tough after having a close encounter with them in pre-season. But if we stick to the game plan, bring the energy and focus, I'm confident we can bank more points on the competition ladder.

Although it has been a tough week with three games in three different cities in just six days, the silver lining is being on tour with the girls. We genuinely like hanging out and it's been a heck of a lot of fun with plenty of laughs.

With the coaches scheduling trainings for the morning, we've had the afternoons off which has given us plenty of time to bond and explore Christchurch. A definite highlight has been

watching the Oscar-winning film Green Book (grab some popcorn and make sure you see it) and exploring the super cool Margaret Mahy playground. Yeah, we really are just kids at heart!

Cheers,
Te Huinga

**2019 ANZ PREMIERSHIP
Round 2 - Saturday 2 March**

Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel v Northern Mystics

When: 4:10pm, Saturday 2 March 2019

Where: The Trusts Arena, Auckland

Broadcast: SKY Sport (NZ), FanPass (SKY), netballnz.streamamg.com (outside NZ)
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Match Notes

- When the teams last met in Round 7 last season the Mystics defeated the Steel 62-57 in Auckland.
- The Steel lead 5-1 in six previous ANZ Premiership meetings.
- The Mystics win against the Steel was their first win against their southern rivals since 2015 in the former Trans-Tasman Championship.
- The Mystics 23-goal loss to the Pulse in Round 1 is their biggest ever loss in the ANZ Premiership.
- The Mystics were held to the lowest score in Round 1 with their 39-goals against the Pulse in Round 1.
- Steel midcourter Shannon Saunders played her 100th National League match against the Tactix on Tuesday night. Saunders has played all 100 for the Steel since 2012 (66 in the ANZ Championship and 34 in the ANZ Premiership).
- The Mystics were the least accurate team in Round 1, shooting 39 goals at just 72.2% accuracy.

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