

STAND TOGETHER.



Team Talk

Last weeks 17 goal win definitely hasn't put us under any illusions that our Elimination Final is going to be a walk in the park. Quite the opposite in fact. We know that the Stars are going to come out hungry in our do-or-die clash.

We tried out many different structures last week and had a slick game plan from quarter to quarter. This sets us up nicely for tonight, knowing what wasn't so flash and what worked for us. Our aim is to execute the positives over and over.

Our home crowd is undeniably the best in the country and I've got no doubt that is going to play a huge part in any success we are to have on the night. We want to keep that unbeaten record at home in tact and head on up to the big dance.

Cheers,
Gina

2019 ANZ PREMIERSHIP ELIMINATION FINAL Wednesday 29th May, 7.45pm

Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel v Northern Stars

When: 7:45pm, Wednesday 29 May

Where: ILT Stadium Southland, Invercargill

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

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Match Notes

- The Steel lead head-to-head with seven wins and the Stars two.
- The first two matches between the teams in 2019 were decided by 2-goals while the last meeting was won by the Steel by 17-goals.
- The Stars ended the minor round with a record of six wins and nine losses to claim third place on the ladder and a place in the Elimination Final.
- The Stars have qualified for their first finals series after finishing fifth in 2017 and bottom of the ladder last season.
- The Steel ended the minor round



with a record of 12 wins and three losses to claim hosting rights against the Stars in the Elimination Final.

- The Steel has qualified for their third consecutive ANZ Premiership Final Series. The Steel is yet to lose an ANZ Premiership Finals match with a perfect record from three matches. They won the 2017 Grand Final and the 2018 Elimination and Grand Final.

- The Steel has a 16-0 record at home in Invercargill in the ANZ Premiership. The Steel's only two home court losses in the ANZ Premiership have both been in Dunedin. The Steel's last loss (57-59) in Invercargill was in the last season of the ANZ Championship in the New Zealand Conference Final against the Magic on 18 July 2016.

- The Steel has the best attacking record in the ANZ Premiership scoring 63.1 goals per match. They have the third best shooting accuracy at 83.4%, while they have the third best defensive record conceding 54.6 goals per match.

- The Stars have the fourth best attacking record scoring 52.3 goals per match. They have the fourth best shooting accuracy at 80%, while they have the fourth best defensive record conceding 56 goals per match.

- Steel defender Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit will play her 100th match for the Steel in the Elimination Final. Selby-Rickit played for the Steel between 2008 and 2011 before returning in 2016. She played 51 matches for the Steel in the ANZ Championship and has played all 48 for the Steel in the ANZ Premiership.

A promotional banner for the Southern Steel Player of the Year 2019. The banner is divided into three vertical sections. The left section is dark blue with the "ehayes" logo (where "e" is yellow and "hayes" is white) and the slogan "where people come first" in small white text. Below this, it says "VOTE NOW" in large white letters, followed by "You could WIN a \$500 GIFT CARD" in yellow and white. The middle section is dark blue with a yellow triangle at the top left. It features the text "SOUTHERN STEEL" in white, "PLAYER OF THE YEAR" in large yellow letters, and "2019" in yellow. Below the text is a yellow volleyball icon and a white basketball hoop icon. The right section is a photograph of a person's hands holding a white and blue volleyball. The person's arms are visible, showing a tattoo on the right forearm.

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