

If you do not wish to continue receiving this email newsletter, please click on the link at the bottom of this page.

May 21st 2009 www.southernsteel.co.nz

What do you get if you mix 15 current or former Silver Ferns with a solid dose of rivalry? A clash of colossal proportions.

The only New Zealand team to beat the highly-rated Magic last year – a thrilling 47-43 win at Stadium Southland – the Steel will be determined to repeat the feat when the two meet for the second time in 2009.

The potential individual match-ups alone are enough to have netball fans squealing in anticipation. With both teams bursting with talent and the infamous Southern crowd factored into the equation – hang on to your seats!

Daneka Wipiiti and Donna Wilkins will have to be at their sublime best to combat the aggressive Magic defence, spearheaded by the influential Casey Williams – named 2008's Most Valuable Player.

The formidable pairing of Megan Hutton and Katrina Grant have worked their own magic on international superstar Irene van Dyk in the past and hopefully have some new tricks to rattle the world's most accurate shooter.

On paper the Magic's weakness appears to be in the midcourt where the services of Amigene Metcalfe will be sorely missed, but Laura Langman is certainly capable of leading by example and has skilled support in Samoan international Frances Solia.

There's no denying Magic is brimming with individual stars, but merging that plethora of skills into a cohesive team falls to coach Nolene Taurua.



Get Behind **KNICKERS FOR AFRICA** WITH THE SOUTHERN STEEL AND H & J SMITH  H&J Smith [Click Here](#)

Bring along a new pair of undies to donate to the cause at Mondays game against the Magic !

Erika discovers success in Southland *by Kate Buchanan*

Notching up just one victory in four years would be tough for any athlete – but it's agonising when you have a competitive streak like Erika Burgess. That's why the talented defender took control of her own destiny and headed to Southland – soon after Erika was savoring the sweet success, securing the 2007 National Bank Cup as a member of the Ascot Park Hotel Southern Sting.

"That is the highlight of my career at the moment – there's probably more to come – but that was pretty surreal," she said.

Before her Southern debut Erika played for the North Island's ill-fated Western Flyers.

"When you lose for ages you forget how to win ... down here I've learned how to win," she said.

"It's just so depressing losing – you can put out a good performance individually on the court but if you don't win, which is the ultimate goal, you don't feel satisfied at all."

Erika is now enjoying her third year immersed in the ranks of Southland's netball elite, the life of a professional netballer complementing her competitive nature.



[CLICK TO READ ERIKA'S FULL PROFILE](#)

[Show Your True Colours with Steel Supporters Merchandise](#) [Click Here](#)

Steel steals win over Tactix *by Kate Buchanan*

Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel 48 - Mercury Energy Tactix 47

The Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel snatched a 48-47 win from the clutches of the Mercury Energy Tactix in Christchurch on Saturday.

With just seconds on the clock, Steel shooter Daneka Wipiiti's accuracy inflicted heartbreak yet again for the Tactix who, despite a gutsy effort worthy of victory, stumbled once again when it mattered.

For Steel defender Sheryl Scanlan, the final whistle spelled the end of a torrid battle between the Southern rivals.

"There was a mixture of relief and exhaustion," Scanlan said. "We were really happy to come out with a win. I'm not one to usually look at the scoreboard but I was aware we were 7-down at one stage so it was great that the team managed to pick

ourselves up from that.”
[CLICK TO READ FULL MATCH REPORT](#)

If you're the one, YOU'VE WON !

At every Southern Steel Home game, in Invercargill or Dunedin, you'll find our special **'Southern Steeler'** Photographers taking pictures of our loyal supporters in the crowd. After every home game, we'll post ONE of our favourite shots on our website and if the picture we show is you **-YOU'VE WON!!** There are great prizes including signed Southern Steel balls to be won and much more.
So support the Southern Steel home matches, get out your best and most creative supporters gear, get your game face on and you could be the chosen Southern Steeler of the match !



LOOK FOR OUR "STEELE" PHOTOGRAPHERS AT MONDAYS GAME !



Stay on the Ball at www.vodafonenetballtribe.co.nz

Vodafone's hot new netball website gives you heaps of chances to win great prizes as you keep up with all the latest action. Join up today and check out the 'inside info' from the blog of the Steel's Vice Captain, Wendy Telfer. [CLICK TO JOIN THE TRIBE](#)
Want to stay clued up on the Steel? FreeTXT* 'STEEL' to 232 to receive news, offers and all the latest gossip.
*Exclusive to Vodafone Customers Only

THE 2009 ASCOT PARK HOTEL SOUTHERN STEEL



The action heats up at www.easytosupport.co.nz

This year the action heats up even more with the brand new website created by ANZ just for fans - www.easytosupport.co.nz
With amazing weekly prizes, a super-simple ScoreSelect virtual netball competition and blogs from celebrity fans and professional players, we're making it easier get behind the Southern Steel. There's a trip for two to Sydney for the ScoreSelect overall winner*, so get your picks in now!
Register now at www.easytosupport.co.nz and you'll receive a FREE copy of Women's Health or Men's Health magazine**.
Whether you're in the stands, or following the Steel on television, www.easytosupport.co.nz has got all the good stuff to make it easy to support the ANZ Championship - the hottest game in town!



**Terms and conditions apply. **This is a limited offer and available while stocks last. This offer is only available to residents in New Zealand who are over the age of 16 years.*



Soeur Design Winter Collection Showing

Soeur Design is one of Southern Steel's valued sponsors and is having a showing of their latest Winter collection - including lovely warm winter knits, trousers, daywear and more.

Dawn Wilson
Maount Maude Vineyard
Maungawera Valley Rd
161 Maungawera RD RD 2 Wanaka

Friday May 29 and Saturday May 30th any time after 10am





Don't miss the all out excitement of a Southern Steel HOME GAME !

As good as the live television coverage is - nothing beats the full on energy and sheer excitement of a home game. And when you're surrounded by the famous Supporters from the South at the Edgar Centre or Stadium Southland, it's a feeling you'll never forget !

So don't miss out - there's still plenty of good seats available for the Steel's 2009 Home Games :

- Monday 25 May** vs. Waikato/BOP Magic - Stadium Southland 7.15pm
- Monday 15 June** vs. LG Mystics - Stadium Southland 7.15pm
- Monday 29 June** vs. Adld. Thunderbirds - Edgar Centre, Dunedin 7.15pm
- Saturday 4 July** vs. NSW Swifts - Stadium Southland 2.15pm



The Southern Steel are proudly supported by the following sponsors:



Skins, Strawberry Sound, Dunedin City Council, The Southland Times, Otago Daily Times, Massage Therapy Centre, Wensley Developments, Solid Energy, H & J Smith, Allied Materials, McCallum's Drycleaning, Craigs Design and Print, 100% Selectrix Invercargill, Brownies Mattress Direct, Creation Signs, Neptune Water Carriers, Yellow Pencil, C & G Rothbury, Coats and Schuck Jewellers, Write Answers, YMCA, Southern Monitoring Services, Southland Real Estate, Plaza Supervalue, Trimble's Hair Design, City Chiropractic, Invercargill Passenger Transport, Arthur Barnett, Envious Photography, Riverside Rentals, Everybodies Gym, Soeur Design