HEAD 2 HEAD SHAMERA STERLING VERSUS MWAI KUMWENDA





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MATILDA GARRETT POSITIONS: GD GK HEIGHT: 186CM AGE: 22



MAISIE NANKIVELL POSITIONS: C WA WD HEIGHT: 176CM AGE: 21



SHADINE VAN DER MERWE

POSITIONS: WD GD HEIGHT: 179CM AGE: 28



SAMANTHA GOODEN POSITIONS: GA GS HEIGHT: 190CM AGE: 24

HANNAH

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POSITIONS: C WA HEIGHT: 176CM

AGE: 24



GEORGIE HORJUS POSITIONS: GA WA HEIGHT: 172CM AGE: 19



ELLE MCDONALD POSITIONS: WA C WD HEIGHT: 175CM AGE: 26



LENIZE POTGIETER

POSITIONS: GS GA HEIGHT: 187CM AGE: 27



**SHAMERA** STERLING

POSITIONS: GK GD HEIGHT: 190CM AGE: 25

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LATANYA WILSON



POSITIONS: GD GK WD HEIGHT: 188CM AGE: 20

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RUBY BARKMEYER POSITION: GA GS HEIGHT:180CM AGE: 20

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KADIE-ANN DEHANEY POSITIONS: GK GD GS HEIGHT: 192CM AGE: 24

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MALONEY

POSITIONS: C WA WD HEIGHT: 177CM

AGE: 28



KATE EDDY POSITIONS: WD GD HEIGHT: 182CM AGE: 24



MWAI KUMWENDA POSITIONS: GS GA HEIGHT: 183CM AGE: 31 

HANNAH MUNDY POSITIONS: WA C WD HEIGHT: 180CM AGE: 20



ALLIE SMITH POSITION: WD GD HEIGHT: 180CM AGE: 21





KAYLIA STANTON POSITIONS: GA GS HEIGHT: 189CM AGE: 27



JO WESTON POSITIONS: GD GK WD HEIGHT: 188CM AGE: 27

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With the Adelaide Thunderbirds hubbing in Queensland, we checked-in with Head Coach Tania Obst to see how the team is feeling after their Round 12 win, and how they are preparing for the condensed season.

#### What was your take on the Thunderbirds' Round 12 win against Sunshine Coast Lightning?

We were extremely happy to get the win against the Lightning. It was a show of our progression throughout this year. What was most pleasing was our ability to comeback during the third quarter to take the lead, and then maintain our composure through to the last quarter to get the win.

#### Were there any stand out performances?

Everybody on the court had moments that contributed to our win. Our defence end was causing havoc early winning ball for us. Maisie was carving up through the middle and both goalers were elite with their shooting. Georgie worked tirelessly keeping Pretorius busy to open up space for Leni. It was a true team effort in the end.

### How is the team preparing for our upcoming two games against Vixens and Swifts?

It's been a busy schedule scouting two opponents for our upcoming two matches in three days. We have made significant progress as a team this year and want this to continue in our last two rounds. Our training sessions have been focussed on our game and continuing to push each other to higher standards to ensure we finish this season off well.

### SHAMERA STERLING POSITIONS GK GD

AGE 25 Heigh 190CM

> 2021 STATS 766 NISSAN NET POINTS

38 INTERCEPTS

74 DEFELECTIONS

21 REBOUNDS



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## KUMWENDA Positions gs ga

AGE 31

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2021 STATS 518.5 NISSAN NET POINTS

> 374 GOALS

35 SUPER SHOTS

> 30 REBOUNDS



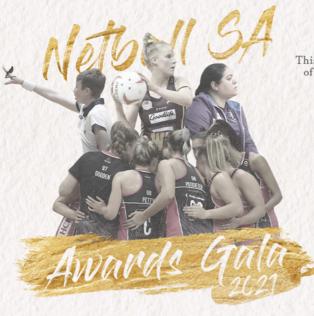




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Adelaide Thunderbirds midcourter Maisie Nankivell says her side are striving to make South Australia proud with a strong finish to its 2021 season.

The club won its first of three final matches to be played in the Queensland Hub with a thrilling one-goal win over the Sunshine Coast Lightning on Wednesday night.

As SA emerged from a 7-day lockdown earlier that day, Maisie said the team had their home state in mind as they took the court at Nissan Arena.

"We haven't had the consistency this season that we'd like, so hopefully we can finish strong and prove to everyone that when we play our best netball, we can be a successful team," Maisie said.

"We just want to do our state and our families and friends proud back at home knowing they're cheering us on.

"We also want to continue having fun together as a playing group because the more you connect off the court the easier it comes on court.

"When we are gelling and getting those connections, it really does flow, and we are able to show our brand of netball."

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After spending her first two seasons in wing defence and centre, the midcourt triple threat has become the side's primary wing attack in 2021.

"I started my SSN career in wing defence and have now moved my way into the attack line," Maisie said. "I love all three positions, in particular centre, but I'm really happy to be part of the starting seven and playing some good netball.

"I'm learning a lot in the wing attack role and having the girls around me back me into the position has helped me find my way."



For Maisie, having versatile athletes around her gives her great confidence in her side's ability to adapt.

"We've got a really exciting midcourt, a lot of people have described us as gutsy, hard-at-it netballers," Maisie said.

"We've got the speed and the strength which is really exciting, and we can rotate through all three midcourt positions which allows us to have great flexibility and to build a number of combinations."

The Thunderbirds return to Nissan Arena on Monday night, August 2, to take on the NSW Swifts from 7pm ACST. The game will be live via the Netball Live Official App and Telstra TV.

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