



**Silver Ferns
2014 UK Tour**

MEDIA GUIDE

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Silver Ferns v Scotland, Jamaica,
England and England (A).**



SILVER FERNS

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Quick Facts

- Irene van Dyk is the World Test Cap record holder with 216 Tests. van Dyk played 72 Tests for South Africa before joining the Silver Ferns in 2000 and having since played 144 Tests in the black dress. 144 Caps is also the Silver Ferns record for the most Tests.
- Laura Langman has played 98 consecutive Tests since making her debut in 2005. Langman has not missed a Test the Silver Ferns have contested for 8 years.
- The Silver Ferns used a total of 14 players during the 2013 International season.
- Four Silver Ferns made their debuts during the 2013 International season. Courtney Tairi (vs Australia, Invercargill 15-Sep), Shannon Francois (vs. Australia, Adelaide 4-Oct), Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit (vs Malawi, Wellington 24-Oct) and Katarina Cooper (vs Malawi, Napier 27-Oct).
- Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit with her dad Hud (All Black #824) became just the second All Black-Silver Fern Father-Daughter combination in history. Sir Colin Meads and his daughter Rhonda (Wilcox) were the first Father (AB) - Daughter (SF) pairing. Selby-Rickit made her Silver Ferns debut in Wellington against Malawi.

Media Opportunities

For all media opportunities, please contact Silver Ferns Manager Esther Molloy on +64 21 993 388.

TYPE	MATCH	LOCAL TIME	NZ TIME	VENUE DETAILS	PHONE CONTACT
Auckland Airport		N/A	Thursday 9 January, 7:30pm	Auckland International Airport - checkin counter	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Post-Match	EXHIBITION MATCH #1 v SCOTLAND	Sunday 12th January, 7:45pm	Monday 13th January, 8:45am	Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow, G40 3HY, Ph: +44 141 287 4350	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Post-Match	EXHIBITION MATCH #2 v SCOTLAND	Tuesday 14th January, 8:45pm	Wednesday 15th January, 9:45am	Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow, G40 3HY, Ph: +44 141 287 4350	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Training + Visuals		Thursday 16th January, 11:00am	Friday 17th January, 12:00am	Oxlands College, Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL 40JA, Ph: +44 172 773 7100	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Post-Match	TEST #1 SILVER FERNS v JAMAICA	Friday 17th January, 8:45pm	Saturday 18th January, 9:45am	Wembley Arena, Arena Squads, Engineers Way, London, HA9 9AA, Ph: +44 208 782 5500	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Telephone Only		Saturday 18th January, 9:30pm	Sunday 19th January, 10:30am	N/A	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Post-Training		Sunday 19th January, 10:30am	Monday 20th January, 11:30pm	Sobell Leisure Centre, Hornsey Road, London, N7 7NY Ph: +44 207 609 2166	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Post-Match	TEST #2 SILVER FERNS v ENGLAND	Monday 20th January, 8:45pm	Tuesday 21st January, 9:45am	Copper Box Arena, Olympic Park, Stratford, London.	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Post-Match	TEST #3 SILVER FERNS v ENGLAND A	Tuesday 21st January, 6:45pm	Wednesday 22nd January, 7:45am	Copper Box Arena, Olympic Park, Stratford, London.	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388
Auckland Airport		N/A	Friday 24th January, 7:15am	Auckland International Airport - NZ001	Esther Molloy +64 21 993 388

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Silver Ferns Team

PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	DOB	CAPS	TEST DEBUT
Jodi Brown	GS, GA, WA	1.85m	6 May 1981	33	12 Jul 2003
Leana de Bruin	GD, GK	1.90m	9 Jul 1977	72	26 Feb 2003
Shannon Francois	C, WA	1.78m	12 Oct 1990	7	4 Oct 2013
Katrina Grant	GD, GK	1.86m	6 May 1987	47	20 Sep 2008
Joline Henry	GD, WD	1.83m	29 Sep 1982	76	5 Jul 2004
Casey Kopua (C)	GK, GD	1.88m	19 Jun 1985	77	14 Nov 2005
Laura Langman	C, WA, WD	1.73m	16 Apr 1986	98	12 Mar 2005
Cathrine Latu	GS	1.89m	25 Oct 1986	14	3 Oct 2011
Camilla Lees	C, WA	1.77m	27 Mar 1989	9	15 Jan 2011
Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit	GK, GD	1.84m	3 Apr 1989	2	
Maria Tutaia	GA, GS	1.88m	18 Feb 1987	83	13 Nov 2005
Irene van Dyk	GS, GA	1.90m	21 Jun 1972	144	20 Jun 2000

Silver Ferns Management Team

Coach: Waimarama Taumaunu

Assistant Coach: Vicki Wilson

Manager: Esther Molloy

Lead Physiotherapist: Sharon Kearney

Doctor: Dr Sarah Beable

Performance Analyst: Dr Bobby Willcox

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Stephen Hotter

Umpires

Scotland Games
TBC

Jamaica Game
Gary Burgess
Ian Fuller
Tracy Smith

England Game
Sharon Kelly
Michelle Phippard
Josh Bowring

England A Game
TBC

Player Profiles



Jodi Brown

DOB: 06/05/1981
Height: 185cm
Player Positions: GA, GS, WA
Test Caps: 33

A former basketball national champion, Jodi made her national netball league debut at 16, and worked her way through age group sides to earn her first call-up to the Silver Ferns almost 12 years ago.

The ever consistent shooter made her debut against Niue at the World Championships in Jamaica in 2003, where the Ferns won the world title. On the eve of the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Jodi suffered a devastating knee injury, but a year later, returned to play at the 2007 World Championships.

The girl from Wanganui gained 28 Test Caps for New Zealand before stepping out of international netball in 2007 to start a family. Now a mother of two and a world champion, Brown has made a remarkable comeback to the Silver Ferns after a five-year absence.

Her re-selection came after strong performances for the Southern Steel in the 2012 ANZ Championship, playing her way back into the national team for the Constellation Cup and Quad Series at the end of 2012.

Brown is renowned for a high work-rate on court highlighted by ANZ Championship statistics which feature her in the top two of Goal assists for the season. Brown has earned 33 Test Caps for New Zealand.



Leana de Bruin

DOB: 09/07/1977
Height: 190cm
Player Positions: GD, GK
Test Caps: 72

An energetic and rangy defender, de Bruin began her international netball career in South Africa where she earned 34 Test Caps. A move to New Zealand followed in 2000, along with selection in the Silver Ferns where she was a key part of the victorious 2003 World Champion Team making her on-court debut, and 2006 Commonwealth Games Silver Ferns teams.

A gifted athlete, the 36 year old is a highly effective defender with a fine record at international level and in major competitions. She played most of the ANZ Championship season for the Magic in 2009 before taking the rest of the season off with the imminent arrival of her first child.

The following year de Bruin returned to the defensive circle for the Magic, paired with Ferns teammate Casey Kopua (nee Williams) for what has proved to be one of the most lethal combinations in world netball.

She was part of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic team which won the ANZ Championship title in 2012. Having earlier played for the Northern Mystics, de Bruin continues to make an impact as a respected defender for the Ferns and the Magic and has re-signed with the Waikato Bay of Plenty side for the 2014 ANZ Championship season.

De Bruin has a total of 106 Test Caps with 34 for South Africa and 72 for New Zealand.

Player Profiles



Shannon Francois

DOB: 12/10/1990
Height: 178cm
Player Positions: WA, C
Test Caps: 7

2013 was a break-through year for mid-courter Shannon Francois, making the most of her opportunities when handed them by Silver Ferns Coach Waimarama Taumaunu.

With the Ferns midcourt weakened due to the unavailability of Leana Leota and injury to incumbent Millie Lees, Francois was called into the team as cover and quickly made her mark with her speed to the circle edge matching the best in the world. Francois is taking the promotion in her stride.

She made the New Zealand U21 squad in 2011 and played against Australia in three tests. She was later named in the FastNet Ferns squad to compete in the World Netball Series (FASTNET).

Francois was called into the Silver Ferns team for the Australian leg of the 2013 Constellation Cup fixtures and earned her first cap against the Australian Diamonds in the third test match in Adelaide.

In the ANZ Championship, Francois has found her niche with the Southern Steel and has recently re-signed for the 2014 season.

A highly competitive and fit individual, Francois has recently completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree.



Katrina Grant

DOB: 06/05/1987
Height: 186cm
Player Positions: GD, GK
Test Caps: 47

Katrina Grant has earned herself a regular spot in the Silver Ferns team thanks to a high work ethic, tenacious defense and an impressive eye for the intercept. Grant started playing netball at the age of nine and has never looked back.

The 26-year-old was named in the Silver Ferns team for the first time in August 2008 to play Australia in the New World Netball Series. She has since formed a great defensive combination with Captain Casey Kopua and was pivotal in the defeat of Australia in the Commonwealth Games final in 2010.

Selectors spotted Grant's potential early in the piece. After winning the 2005 World Youth Netball Championships with the NZU21 team, Grant progressed to NZA and was added to the Silver Ferns squad in March 2008 following good performances as a training camp invitee.

She has 47 Test Caps for the Silver Ferns and is set to gain more on the Silver Ferns team tour of the UK.

Grant started her ANZ Championship career with the Southern Steel before aligning herself with the Central Pulse where she has been since 2010.

She has re-signed with the Pulse for the 2014 ANZ Championship season where she is the Captain and plays in the defensive circle at either goal defence or goal keeper.

Player Profiles



Joline Henry

DOB: 29/09/1982
Height: 138cm
Player Positions: GD, WD
Test Caps: 76

30-year-old mid-courter Joline Henry has 76 Test Caps to her name and after a year out of the Silver Ferns squad due to pregnancy in 2012, has returned to the court fitter and stronger than ever.

Henry has been in the Silver Ferns for a decade, and made her on-court debut in 2004 against Australia. She missed out on the team for the 2006 Commonwealth Games but was selected for the 2007 Netball World Championships in Auckland.

Henry was also included in the Silver Ferns side that won the inaugural World Netball Series in 2009 and the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. She will travel to the UK early 2014 as part of the Silver Ferns team to contest two test matches and three exhibition matches.

For the past two years, 30-year-old Henry has played for the Central Pulse and has recently re-signed with the Wellington-based team for 2014. With the start of the ANZ Championship in 2008, Henry signed with the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic, moving to the Auckland-based Northern Mystics for the 2009-2011 seasons.



Casey Kopua (C) ONZM

DOB: 19/06/1985
Height: 188cm
Player Positions: GK, GD
Test Caps: 77

28-year old Casey Kopua was first selected for the Silver Ferns squad in 2004, making her test debut one year later against Barbados in the Caribbean.

The rangy defender was part of the NZU21 team which won the 2005 World Youth Netball Championships and won gold with the Silver Ferns at the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Kopua has 77 international Test Caps playing for New Zealand, 52 as captain and has been leading the Silver Ferns since July 2009. Her first victory as Captain was against the Australian Diamonds in the first match of the 2009 Holden Netball Test Series, on 6 September at Acer Arena, Sydney.

She also captained the Silver Ferns to victory in the inaugural World Netball Series (FASTNET) in Manchester, at the end of 2009.

Playing in either the goal keep or goal defence position on court, Kopua's dedication to netball was recognised in 2011, named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List as an Officer for the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to New Zealand netball.

Kopua is a foundation player for ANZ Championship team Kia Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic and has re-signed for the 2014 season. Kopua is married to husband Terry and resides in Hamilton.

Player Profiles



Laura Langman

DOB: 16/04/1986
Height: 173cm
Player Positions: C,WA,WD
Test Caps: 98

Dynamic mid-courter Laura Langman has gained a reputation as one of the finest ball carriers in the game. The 27 year old boasts an incredible record of taking to the court for every Silver Ferns match since her selection in 2005.

Langman is the vice-captain of the Silver Ferns and after six years of ANZ Championship netball playing for the Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic, has recently signed for the Northern Mystics for the 2014 season.

Born and bred in Waikato, Langman is nearing her 100th Test Cap for the national side, a milestone she is likely to reach on the UK tour in January, 2014.

Her netball career started more than ten years ago when chosen for the NZU21 side at the age of 16. High Performance selectors were impressed by Langman's athleticism and innate ability to feed her shooters with apparent ease.

Just one year later, Langman made the Silver Ferns squad and won her first test cap against England in 2005 at the age of nineteen. That same year, she led New Zealand to a memorable win in the World Youth Championships and in 2006, was in the Silver Ferns team which won a Commonwealth Games gold medal in the final against the Australian Diamonds in Melbourne.



Cathrine Latu

DOB: 25/10/1986
Height: 189cm
Player Positions: GS
Test Caps: 14

Auckland-born shooter Cathrine Latu is proving to be a valuable asset to the Silver Ferns and her ANZ Championship side, the Northern Mystics.

Blessed with soft hands, nimble footwork and an eye for the gap, Latu has continued to add the polish to her abundant natural skills in the shooting circle. The former NZ Secondary Schools and NZU21 shooter has talent to burn.

After choosing to play for Samoa at the 2007 Netball World Championships in Auckland, Latu then needed to complete a four-year stand-down to become eligible to play for the Silver Ferns.

A stand-out performance in a composite World 7 team in 2009 pushed Cathrine Latu's standing in netball to new heights.

Inclusion in the Silver Ferns squad became a formality in September 2011, making her debut against England in October the same year.

Latu has 30 Test Caps for Samoa and 14 for the Silver Ferns.

Player Profiles



Camilla Lees

DOB: 27/03/1989
Height: 177cm
Player Positions: C, WA
Test Caps: 9

Silver Ferns mid-courter Camilla (Millie) Lees is on a fast-track to securing her place in the team's starting line-up with consistent performances in the wing attack position.

Catapulted into the NZU21 team in 2007, the side went on to finish second at the 2009 World Youth Championships in the Cook Islands.

Lees was selected for the Silver Ferns tour to England for the inaugural 2009 World Netball Series, and tests against England and Jamaica in October 2009. A talented athlete, Lees has a wide skill-set and is particularly effective on defence.

Her on-court debut for the Silver Ferns was in Manchester, England at the start of 2011. Since the retirement of veteran mid-courter Temepara Bailey, Lees has seized the opportunity to shine, and continues to impress selectors with her tenacious ability to find space and feed her shooters with accuracy.

Still only 24, and a qualified medical doctor, Lees has continued to prosper in the Central Pulse franchise in the ANZ Championship playing in the mid-court.

Lees re-joins the Silver Ferns team after missing the 2013 international season with injury



Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit

DOB: 03/04/1989
Height: 184cm
Player Positions: GK, GD
Test Caps: 2

Coming from a rich sporting heritage, Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit is carving a name for herself on her own merit with terrific defensive skills on the netball court.

Selby-Rickit – best known as Hu – is renowned for her sharp eye for spotting an intercept.

The 2012 ANZ Championship season with the Central Pulse was a stand-out. Selby-Rickit partnered with fellow Silver Fern Katrina Grant to capture the most intercepts of any defensive duo in the competition.

A Southlander through and through, Selby-Rickit began her elite netball career with the Southern Steel in 2008. She spent six years in the NZU21 squad and played in the New Zealand side which won the FastNet World Series in Liverpool in 2010. A talented sportswoman, she has also played basketball for national age group sides.

Sport is a family affair – her father Hud Rickit played two tests for the All Blacks, and her sisters Te Paea and Miriam are also top netballers.

Not one to be underestimated, Selby-Rickit speaks fluent Maori, with design, art and accounting qualifications.

The 24-year old will play for the Central Pulse again in the ANZ Championship having recently signed for another season and has 2 Test Caps for the Silver Ferns making her test debut in October 2013.

Player Profiles



Maria Tutaia

DOB: 18/02/1987
Height: 188cm
Player Positions: GA, GS
Test Caps: 83

One of the most skilled long-range shooters in the world, Maria Tutaia is still thrilling audiences with her silky shooting style and deadly accuracy.

Since her national debut for the NZ U21 team in 2004, Tutaia has cemented her spot in the goal attack position showing the poise and focus of a much older player.

One year after her selection in the NZU21 side, they went on to win the 2005 World Youth Championships.

Following a stellar performance, Tutaia was rewarded, making her on-court debut for the Silver Ferns during their tour of Jamaica just a few months later.

In 2006, Tutaia was also a member of New Zealand's gold medal-winning team at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

October 2009 was a great month for Tutaia, beginning with the one-off test against England on 15 October, in which she posted shooting statistics of 29/31 (94%), and continuing five days later, with an outstanding showing in the First Test against Jamaica. After two seasons with ANZ Championship side Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic, Tutaia moved to Auckland where she is captain of the Northern Mystics. She has re-signed with the Northern Zone team for the 2014 season.

Tutaia has 83 Test Caps for the Silver Ferns.



Irene van Dyk MNZM

DOB: 21/06/1972
Height: 190cm
Player Positions: GS, GA
Test Caps: 144

Iconic South-African born Kiwi, Irene van Dyk exceeds most superlatives as the most capped and recognised netball player in history.

van Dyk joined the Silver Ferns squad on arrival into New Zealand and debuted that same year against Australia in Newcastle. She was a member of the victorious Silver Ferns team at the 2003 World Championship and the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games.

New Zealand's annual sporting gala, the 2004 Westpac Halberg Awards named van Dyk as Sportswoman of the Year and she holds the world record for international test caps while also holding the record as the most capped Silver Fern of all time.

She has a total of 216 Test Caps made up of 72 Test Caps for South Africa, and 144 Test Caps for New Zealand. In the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours List, van Dyk was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for her services to netball.

In 2013, van Dyk showed no signs of slowing down. She has been an integral member of the Premiership winning ANZ Championship team Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic and has signed with the Wellington-based Central Pulse for the 2014 season.