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TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT: Territory Storm Round 5

The Territory Storm campaign enters the difficult assignment this weekend of travelling for the second consecutive weekend with a trip to Canberra. The Storm's season has been tough going during the opening rounds of matches as they have encountered 5 of the (current) top 6 teams.

The team will be looking at using this experience against strong opponents when they play the ACT Darters on Saturday evening. In a battle of the only two winless teams, it will provide the Storm with their best opportunity of the season so far to gain a victory. History is on the side of the Storm as they are undefeated against the Darters in their previous 6 encounters. The 2013 match saw the Storm prevail by 15 goals which is their equal largest winning margin. Their performance to match it with an experienced Queensland Fusion team for the first half in their last match will provide the team with confidence.

In an important double-header, the Territory Storm will complete the round against the NSW Blues. The Blues who have recorded one win this season (against ACT Darters) provide a second opportunity for the Territory Storm to seek victory. If the 2013 encounter is any guide (Storm lost by 1 goal), this match should be entertaining and close.

The team has suffered a significant injury with captain Siobhan Sefton breaking her arm during the Brisbane round. The squad will retain its youthfulness as it seeks victories this weekend. The team welcomes Courtney Murphy back from Schoolgirl representative duties. Amanda Varley will make her first appearance in the Storm colours having returned from work commitments. Varley will provide added strength to the defensive structures of the team.

The travelling party for the Territory Storm's trip to Canberra is:

- Maddy Balson Melbourne (Import)
- Jamie Collins*^ Melbourne/Darwin
- Karli Foster Darwin
- Nicola Gray Brisbane (Import)
- Gemma Henderson Darwin
- Courtney Murphy Darwin
- Billie Newton^ Alice Springs
- Katelyn Platten Darwin
- Emma Tickner Brisbane (Import)
- Michelle Winch^ Darwin
- Rebecca Winch^ Darwin/Adelaide
- Amanda Varley Darwin
- Scott Waddington Coach
- Donna Stewart Assistant Coach
- Angel Akarana Manager
- Kieran Thoms Physiotherapist

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