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1967

(International Netball Federation, n.d.)



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SECOND WORLD TOURNAMENT

PERTH AUSTRALIA

13 - 27 AUGUST 1967



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

PRICE 30 CENTS



Champions: **New Zealand** (1st title)

Runners Up: Australia

Dates: August 13-27, 1967

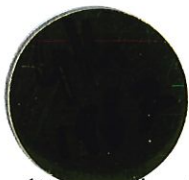
Venue: Matthews Netball Centre (Outdoors)

Host City/country: Perth, Australia

Number of Teams: 8

Matches Played: 28

Number of Goals Scored: 1,903



New Zealand win first World Title



Following on from the success of four years previous, the second World Netball Tournament took place in Perth, Australia. This time round, eight teams made the trip to the Southern Hemisphere, with some very recognisable figures in the sport making their first appearance on the world stage.

Familiar Faces

Our President, The Hon. Molly Rhone OJ CD, played for Jamaica during the event and the squad embarked on an eight week trip around the globe en route to Perth. They traveled via Mexico, Tahiti, Fiji and New Zealand before finally getting to Australia.

For the Sunshine Girls, adapting to the cold weather proved to be challenging. The tournament was played during the Australian winter with temperatures at 14 degrees Celsius, a little colder to the 32 degrees Celsius that the Jamaican players were used to.

Molly reflects on how the team kept warm during matches:

'We played in tights, with socks over the tights, then we had on our skirt and our shirt, with a warm bulky jumper over our shirt and then we had our bibs over that. The radio announcer was saying look at these Jamaican girls with their hands in their pockets – in between passes we would put our hands in our pockets to keep warm.'

Also making her first appearance on the world stage during Perth 1967 was Australia's Chris Burton. Chris would represent the Diamonds for over ten years, and following her retirement she would turn to umpiring. Chris would umpire at several World Championships and was a Board Member of the INF during 1999-2007. Chris was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her services to Sport and Netball in 1984.



Unfinished Business

Three players returned to the New Zealand squad for the second World Netball Tournament, including their captain Judy Blair. They agonizingly lost out by one goal four years previous in Eastbourne, however, in Perth, the Silver Ferns would become World Champions for the very first time.

A key victory along the way to glory came against the reigning champions Australia with a 40-34 win. Arguably, the toughest challenge New Zealand faced during the tournament was against South Africa. A hard fought 41-39 victory was enough to see off the Proteas, who would go on to finish in third position.

New Zealand's Joan Harnett was named player of the tournament.

It was reported that nearly 30,000 people attended the 2nd World Netball Tournament.

Final Standings

1st – New Zealand

2nd – Australia

3rd – South Africa

4th – England

5th – Trinidad & Tobago

6th – Jamaica

7th – Scotland

8th – Singapore

