

1968

- Coalstars field its first Womens team coached by Keith Barclay
Keith coached Coalstars Woman's team from 1968-1982 and Junior teams from 1983-1990
He was a founding Member of the SQWSA and Vice President from 1976-1988 and SQWSA Committee Member from 1977-1983
His daughters Michelle and Gail played for Queensland and Michelle for Australia



Keith Barclay



Back Row: Christine Hart, Sandra Smith, Karen McLean, Dawn Rogers, Janice Dobbie, Marina Kossambos

1969



1969
Coalstars



1970



-1970-

Coalstars

B Evans, D Penman, J Boisen, D Rogers, N Smith, S Smith

1975



-1975-

Queensland team

Gail Barclay, Ann Marie Hirsch, Desley Kluppel

Source: With the ball at their feet

1976

- Gail Barclay, Michelle Barclay represent Qld
- Coalstars are Womans Premiers and Grand Final Winners
- Dinmore Bush Rats are Division 3 Premiers and Consolation Cup winners



-1976-
Coalstars
(Premiers and Champions)

1977



-1977-

Queensland team

Gail Barclay (Coalstars) Ann Marrie Hirsch (Coalstars)



-1979-

Queensland team

Back row: Wayne Offer(Coach)Gail Barclay(Coalstars),Anne Maree Hirsch(Coalstars) Bev Watts(Coalstars) Lynn Kette
Michelle Sawyers(Coalstars) Ira Gruber Kaye O'Sullivan Jo Millman Elaine Watson(Manager)
Front Row: , Kerrie Hetherington,Lisa Hadley,Sue Monteith, Kathy? Jenny Osbourne Cathy Mochrie, Leanne Priestley
Sitting Dianne Painter Doris Haddock



-1982-
Coalstars



South Queensland Open Team – 1982

Back Row: Teri McQueen, Lyn Lange, Leanne Priestley, Vanessa Clayton, Annmarie Hirsch.

Middle Row: Joanne Millman, Michelle Sawyers, Kerry Millman, Lynn Smith, Kaye O'Sullivan, Sue Clayton, Narelle Sach.

Front Row: Lyn Spencer, Lynne Geddes, Sue Monteath, Fred Robins (Coach), Hilary Howell (Manager), Connie Byrnes, Sharon Wass, Cheryl Spencer.

1983



-1983-
Tour of Hawaii

Michelle Sawyers







**-1983-
Queensland team**

Lynn Geddes, Teri McQueen, Michelle Sawyers, Tracey Smith



-1983-

Queensland team

Lynn Geddes, Teri McQueen, Michelle Sawyers, Tracey Smith

1984



1984

Coalstars

Bryony Duus, Lisa Polokow, Nicole Sawyers, Diane Ashton, Margaret Ashton



-1984-

South Queensland team

Tracey Smith, Lynne Geddes, Michelle Sawyers



-1985-

Queensland team

Teri McQueen, Michelle Sawyers

1986



1986

Queensland Team

Michelle Sawyers, Teri Mc Queen, Kaylene Janssen

1986



-1986-
New Zealand tour

Terri Mc Queen

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COALSTARS CHEER SQUAD 1986



Front Row (L to R) Sharon McGhee, Kym Caldwell, Angela Kreis, Paula Swan, Toni Caldwell.

Back Row (L to R) Tammy Clarke, Karen Cummings, Sarah Hallet, Tamara Kitching, Tanya Cummings, Gillian Styles, Cathy Ferguson-McLellan.

1991



-1991-

Australian Squad

Michelle Sawyers, Sonia Gegenhuber, Kaylene Janssen



UNDER 15 LADIES 1991

Front Row (L to R) Kristin Brannigan, Britt Keding, Leesa Polakow, Nicole Sawyers, Shorty Herman, Kristy Polakow, Natasha McNeill.

Second Row (L to R) Tina Backen (Manageress), Samantha Backen, Cherie Backen, Melissa Beddow, Zoe Keding, Jenny Backen, Vanessa Wallis.

Back Row (L to R) Beverley Tyler, Melissa McNeill, Michelle Sawyers (Ass. Coach), Stephen Sawyers (Coach).

SPONSOR: PIONEER CONCRETE



LADIES DIVISION 1 1991

Front Row (L to R) Bryony Duus, Michelle Sawyers, Paula Stevens, Michelle Wendt, Melissa Soppa.

Back Row (L to R) Nola Beahan (Manageress), Margaret Ashton, Belinda Kitching, Christine Barnes, Tamara Kitching, Maree Humphreys, Diann Ashton, Glenn Templey (Coach).

ABSENT: Kaylene Janssen, Jolanda de Jong, Annika Poole.



LADIES DIVISION 3 1991

Front Row (L to R) Heather Louvel, Natasha Talsma, Marie Barraclough, Paula Vinnicombe, Peta Polakow, Kristy Evans.

Second Row (L to R) Ron Evans (Coach), Kelly Polakow, Maria Cotter, Fleur Parsons, Narelle Sander, Carri Evans, Wendy Evans (Manageress).

Back Row (L to R) Kylie Barnes, Bernadine Crane, Colin Evans (Ass. to the Coach).
 ABSENT: Kylie Hetherington.

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WOMENS DIVISION 1 1992

Front Row (L to R) Diann Ashton, Kaylene Janssen (V/C), Belinda Kitching, Michelle Sawyers (C), Paula Stevens, Tracy Little, Dawn Millard.

Back Row (L to R) Tony Smith (Coach), Bryony Duus, Tammy Jansen, Teri McQueen, Tamara Kitching, Anita Procter, Kim Revell, Maree Humphreys, Glenn Timperley (Strapper), Nola Beahan (Manageress).

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Queensland Under 19 – 1992

Back Row: M. Ashton, K. Revell, E. Cook, T. Thornton, G. Leake, A. Baker (Trainer).

Middle Row: A. Overton, M. Thompson, C. Currey, T. Youngblutt, A. Procter, J. Kopp, A. Swanborough.

Front Row: F. Dower (Manager), H. Potheary, J. Page, L. McMurtrie (Vice Captain), K. Smith (Captain), T. Cowan, J. Speechley, G. Pfuhl (Coach).

1995



-1995-
Australia World Cup squad

Louise McMutrie

1995



-1995-

Australian Squad vs Scotland

Sonia Gegenhuber, Louise McMurtrie, Kaylene Janssen Michelle Sawyers (Manager)

1995



-1995-

Queensland team

Back: Vanessa Baker, Kim Revell, Tammie Thornton, Louise McMurtrie, Tanya Corbett, Kaylene Janssen.
Middle: Fay Dower (manager), Alison Baker (trainer), Amber Overtón, Kate Mulvihill, Corinne Currey, Kylie Currey, Elizabeth Georgiou, Kim Jones, Guenter Pfuhl (coach)
Front: Raeanne Dower, Belinda Kitching, Katie Smith (capt), Susan Clayton (v-capt), Tamara Kitching.



WOMENS DIVISION 1 1995

1997



-1997-

Australia vs Finland

Kim Revell, Sonia Gegenhuber, Bryonny Duus, belinda Kitching



UNDER 14 WOMENS 1997

FRONT ROW
(L to R)
SECOND ROW
(L to R)
BACK ROW

Lisa Jones, Kylie Muller, Rachel Moore, Nikita Jones (Mascot), Melanie Harris,
Emma Metcalf, Kyla Jones, Penny Thompson.
Julie Jones (Manager), Donna Reiser, Elizabeth Levy, Leah O'Doherty,
Nuala Geoghegan, Hannah Stumer, Michelle Sawyers (Coach).
Sheena Wharton, Shannon O'Doherty, Stefanie Gray.

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LADIES PREMIER LEAGUE 1997

FRONT ROW
(L to R)
SECOND ROW
BACK ROW

Lauren Kerr, Kerryn Biles, Jillienne Hoyle, Joann O'Neill, Kay Dickeson,
Melissa Fagan, Katherine Cantle.
Jay Flesser, Ian Procter, Janet Kitching.
Victoria Videla, Tamara Kitching, Anita Procter.

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LADIES PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES 1997

FRONT ROW
(L to R)

Belinda King (Capt.), Anne-Marie Tait, Rebecca McKeown, Joann O'Neill,
Bromwyn Brown, Belinda Brown, Laura Bulmer.

BACK ROW
(L to R)

Robyn King (Manager), Victoria Sorrell, Ian Proctor (Ass. Coach), Heather Swinson,
Janet Kitching (Registrar).

ABSENT:

Felicity Hibbins, Leanne Deegenars (Goalkeeper), Graeme Waller (Coach).

1999

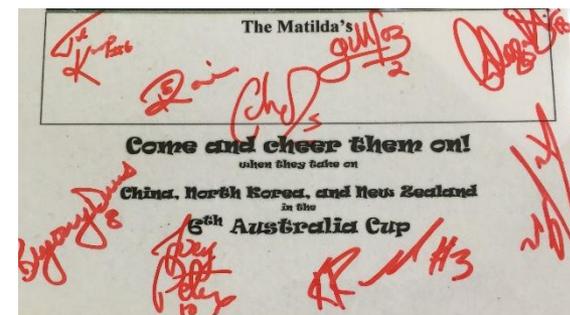


-1999-
Australia vs Brazil
Belinda Kitching

2000



-2000-
Bryony Duus



2000



-2000-
Australia vs Brazil

Bryony Duus

Coalstars Select Womens Team

Belinda Kitching

Feri McQueen

Louise McMurtrie

Kaylene Janssen

Anita Proctor

Gail Williams

Tracey Smith

Michelle Sauners (C)

Anne Marie Kirsch

Lynne Geddes

Bryonny Duus

Ros Brooke

Tamara Kitching

Melissa Soppa

Bev Watts

Coach - Keith Barclay



COALSTARS 50th REUNION 2014



2017



-2017-

Matildas Reunion

Sonia Gegenhuber, Belinda Kitching, Kaylene Janssen, Bryony Duus

Coalstars women set standard

In the mid 1990s, it was the turn of regional women's players to start making an international impact.

Michelle Sawyers (cap 46) led the way, lining up in 29 games for Australia between 1983 and 1991.

She was the first of Coalstars "Magnificent Seven" after the Matildas (female Soccerros) were born in 1995.

Sawyers recalled having to self-fund in her early national trips with raffles, car washes and lamington drives.

"We did everything," she said, having helped build an important foundation for Australian Matildas teams that would capture world attention in years to follow.

During her career, Sawyers said the players eventually had half their costs covered.

"We had all the skills and everything. We just didn't have the opportunity," Sawyers said.

"It's good to see that they are doing that now."



Former Coalstars national women's footballers shared in the unveiling of the international honour board at the Ipswich Knights clubhouse. Pictured are (from left) Belinda Kitching, Teri McQueen, Sonia Gegenhuber, Michelle Sawyers, Kaylene Janssen and Bryony Duus. Picture: David Lems

The Coalstars ace was later joined by international players Teri McQueen (cap 38), Sonia Gegenhuber (cap 63), Kaylene Janssen (cap 64), Louise McMurtrie (cap 87), Bryony Duus (cap 96) and Belinda Kitching (cap 98).

Janssen, nicknamed KJ, represented her country 27 times between 1991 and 1995. That included the 1995 World Cup.

Duus played in 54 games around the world between 1994 and 2004, including the 2000 Olympics and 2003 World Cup.

Former South Australian Gegenhuber thoroughly enjoyed her stint with Coalstars. She played in 75 games for Australia, captained her country once between 1989 and 1999.

Kitching was an accomplished goalkeeper, continuing the family's international success during 32 games between 1996 and 1999. That included the 1999 World Cup.

She was the granddaughter of "Fat" Kitching.

Like her closeknit Coalstars teammates, she loved being involved in so many football highlights.

Having this wonderful football journey stitched so professionally together is a credit to project leaders John Roderick and Ross Hallett.

