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### 2009 Queensland Firebird selected in the Australian Netball Diamonds Team

2009 Queensland Firebirds Lauren Nourse has been named in the Australian Netball Diamonds line-up to take on the World Selection team in Adelaide next month.

Australian coach Norma Plummer chose to announce only the team for the first Test match against a World Selection team on Wednesday 2 September, leaving the possibility for others from the squad to play a part in the Holden Netball Test Series.

This will be the third year that Lauren has been selected to represent Australia on an international level.

This year Lauren successfully transitioned from WA to C for the Queensland Firebirds which further cemented her position in the Australian team.

“It’s the highest honour for any netballer to be named in the Australian Diamonds team, and I couldn’t be happier,” she said.

“There was so much talent in the Australian Diamonds squad so I’m very proud and happy to be selected in the team for the first match of the Holden Netball Test Series this year.”

The Diamonds will play in Australia for the Holden Netball Test Series, New Zealand in the New World International Series and Jamaica and England for the World Netball Series.

Plummer chose to share the national duties around, giving the group as much depth as possible while also giving the squad flexibility with injured players.

“The reason for picking the squad for the Series was to have the depth to cover any issue that might come up,” Plummer said.

“We want to be able to have flexibility with announcing the team. That’s why we’ve kept it open by naming a squad of 16 and we’ll name a team as we go.

The 16 player squad was named after a five-day national camp at the Australian Institute of Sport where Plummer was blown away by the standard of netball produced.

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"I am really pleased by the quality of players and the work effort they put out on the weekend; the standard was remarkable.

"Their work ethic was amazing. Everybody knew that the pressure was on and everybody lifted to the program and they really put out excellent netball.

**Australian Diamonds to face World Selection team:**

Julie Corletto VIC Melbourne Vixens  
Catherine Cox NSW NSW Swifts  
Johannah Curran VIC West Coast Fever  
Susan Fuhrmann WA West Coast Fever  
Mo`onia Gerrard NSW Adelaide Thunderbirds  
Kimberlee Green NSW NSW Swifts  
Renaë Hallinan VIC Melbourne Vixens  
Sharelle McMahon (Captain) VIC Melbourne Vixens  
Lauren Nourse SA Queensland Firebirds  
Susan Pratley NSW NSW Swifts  
Caitlin Thwaites VIC Melbourne Vixens  
Natalie von Bertouch (Vice Captain) SA Adelaide Thunderbirds

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