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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Mission Queensland Firebirds up to the challenge against Melbourne Vixens

The Mission Queensland Firebirds were straight back into training this week in preparation for their first away game of the season in round two against reigning champions, the Melbourne Vixens.

Being led by Australian Diamonds captain Sharelle McMahon, the Vixens have a lot of key strengths with their starting seven part of the Australian Diamonds team or squad.

“The Vixens’ have a great understanding of each other’s game and their timing and impeccable use of the ball with very few turnovers makes them the team to beat this season,” Firebirds coach Roselee Jencke said.

“However the Firebirds are set for a great challenge this weekend and we have every confidence in our ability and of each other.”

“We have great strength in our shooting combination of Natalie Medhurst and Romelda Aiken and if we can capitalise on better use of the ball into the circle then we have every chance of taking a win from the Vixens in front of their home crowd.”

With former Firebird Demelza McCloud stepping in for an injured Julie Corletto in the Vixen’s round one match, there is a chance the defender could come up against her former team mate, Aiken.

With match ups like Laura Geitz and Caitlin Thwaites, Lauren Nourse and Natasha Chokljat the game is set to be a thrilling contest.

The Mission Queensland Firebirds will take on the Vixens at Hisense Arena on Sunday March 28 at 2.50pm.

The game will be broadcast in Queensland on ONE HD from 6.30pm AEST.

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