

# Ice Fernz

New Zealand Women's Ice Hockey Team



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## **New Zealand Women's Ice Hockey Team prepare for final game against Croatia**

The New Zealand Ice Fernz are preparing for their final game of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Division IIB tournament against Team Croatia, in what is expected to be a one-sided match.

The final day of play will determine the final standings of the tournament, with the only blemish on the Ice Fernz's score sheet being a 3-0 loss to Chinese Taipei on the first day of the tournament. The gold-medal match will be the penultimate game this afternoon between Iceland (who New Zealand beat 2-1) and Chinese Taipei. The result of this battle and perhaps the goal difference will determine whether the Ice Fernz win silver or bronze.

But to win a medal, the Ice Fernz will still need to overcome the physical Croatian team. The Croats have only won one game this tournament, with a 3-1 victory over the hosts Romania on day one of the tournament. However, their intensity and upper body strength has impressed many at the tournament, and Ice Fernz Coach Rachel Park will be keen to ensure the Ice Fernz dismiss any complacency.

Croatian forward Ana Siranovic is the team's leading goal scorer, having slotted 4 of the team's 6 goals, and they have been well supported by goalie Petra Belobrck, with 151 shots on goal for a respectable 91.4% save rate.

The Ice Fernz game starts at 1pm local time (10pm NZ time).

The live stream is available at

<https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2019/wwiib/gamecenter/playbyplay/6380/13-nzl-vs-cro>

or from the Corona Brasov Wolves YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgy40ZhJR1W1mvradRodECw>

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## Background information

The full squad is:

NZ Ice Fernz team List		
Name	Province	Position
Terryn Bruce	Auckland	Defence
Hannah Cross	Southern	Defence
Harriet Fuller	Auckland	Forward
Kirstin Gerken	Southern	Forward
Hope Gregory	Queenstown	Forward
Grace Harrison	Auckland	Goalie
Abbey Heale	Southern	Forward
Caitlin Heale	Southern	Forward
Jasmine Horner-Pascoe	Auckland	Forward
Lochlyn Hyde	Auckland	Goalie
Jaimie Jones	Auckland	Defence
Rebecca Lilly	Southern	Defence
Rikki-Lee McLean	Queenstown	Defence
Helen Murray	Auckland	Forward
Rachael Neville-Lamb	Auckland	Defence
Caitlin Orr	Southern	Forward
Jemma Read	Auckland	Forward
Ashley Richmond	Auckland	Defence
Reagyn Shattock	Auckland	Forward
Hannah Shields	Auckland	Forward
Danielle Strayer	Queenstown	Defence
Krystie Woodyear-Smith	Canterbury	Defence

## Links to further information

Information on the tournament can be found at <https://www.iihf.com/en/events/2019/wwiib>

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