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Cricket PNG launch Women's 40-Over Isuzu National Cup

The Women's Isuzu National Cup brought to you by Boroko Motors begins Monday 23 November

Cricket PNG are proud to launch the Women's Isuzu National Cup, brought to you by Boroko Motors, beginning on Monday 23 November at Amini Park, Port Moresby.

Encouraged by the success of the Men's Isuzu National Cup earlier this year, Cricket PNG are launching a women's edition to continue developing the women's game at the national level.

Cricket PNG CEO Greg Campbell said, "It is an exciting time at Cricket Haus, as we are now introducing the 40-over format to the women's game in Papua New Guinea. The National Women's team, the Lewas, are scheduled to play the 50-over Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier in 2021, so it is important we expose them players to longer format early. Not only that, but these matches will also be officiated by two female umpires, Sose Goasa (Kilakila Cricket Association), and Helen Atai (Port Moresby Cricket Association)."

The tournament will feature two teams, Isuzu Pink and Isuzu Teal, who will play three matches, with the first match on Monday 23 November, and the final match on Friday 27 November. The matches will be under strict COVID protocols with Cricket PNG unable to allow public access to Amini Park. Match progress can be followed on social media, @Cricket_PNG on Facebook and Twitter.

National Head Coach, Joe Dawes said, "After the success of the Men's National Cup, we are confident the women will be able to adapt and develop their skills just as well. Alongside the Lewas, the tournament features talented players from outside the nationally contracted list. With the next round of national contracts due, there will be added pressure to perform. Unfortunately, Lewas Head Coach, Kirsten Beams is still unable to travel to Port Moresby, due the COVID travel restrictions. However, she will be keeping an eye on player development through match highlights."

The teams for the Boroko Motors Women's National Cup are:

Isuzu Teal: Kaia Arua (Captain), Tanya Ruma, Naoani Vare, Vicky Ara'a, Kila Frank, Holland Doriga, Erani Pokana, Lucy Ben, Hane Donald. *Invited players:* Ravini Oa, Elma Joseph (Central Province), Godidi Tom, and Baia John. Coach: Pipi Raho

Isuzu Pink: Brenda Tau (Captain), Sibona Jimmy, Pauke Siaka, Isabel Toua, Henao Thomas, Mairi Tom, Melanie Ani, Buruka Vicky, Tanya Frank, Dairi Homoka. *Invited players:* Uve Noka (Central Province), Geua Tom, and Venau Israel. Coach: Kohu Dai

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PICTURE ATTACHED: Isuzu Pink players training at Amini Park, Port Moresby



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