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Samantha Wallace is a professional netball player with Australian-based club, the New South Wales (NSW) Swifts. The former UTT Patriots High Performance Netball athlete and current national netball player is coming off another outstanding year in the Suncorp Super Netball league, which is the premier professional netball league in Australia.

Wallace and the NSW Swifts were crowned 2021 champions of the Suncorp Super Netball league on August 28, 2021 in Brisbane, Australia. They defeated rivals Giants Netball 63-59 to capture the team's seventh premiership recorded in its 25 seasons, and the second championship since the

league was founded in 2016.

Sam or Sammy Wallace, as she is fondly called, has been a standout performer in the Super Netball league since her arrival. The superstar Goal Shooter, completed this season shooting 93% overall, scoring a total of 585 goals from 629 attempts, recording the third highest number of goals scored throughout the entire league. She started in 15 of 16 games of the season, shooting 100% in a total of six (6) matches.

In her first game of the 2021 season, Sammy scored 49 goals from 49 attempts guiding the Swifts to a 69- 66 victory over Queensland Firebirds. In round 6 of the competition, she recorded her highest 100% shooting performance of the season, scoring a season high 58-58 in the Swifts win versus the Giants Netball club.

Sam was able to accumulate a total of 893 Nissan Net Points, a metric used to measure a player's action and performance on the court. She recorded a season high 101 Net Points in the semi-finals matchup versus the Giants. In that game, Sammy shot 41-42, and 4-6 from the super shot zone, while registering 2 goal assists and 2 rebounds.

To top off her stellar 2021 season, she was also awarded the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award for the NSW Swifts, her third time winning the award since joining the club in 2017. She previously took home the award for the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

The MVP is the highest accolade awarded at the Swifts and is given to the player who has received the most votes from a specialist panel during the regular season. She now equals the team's centurion Cath Cox's record of three MVP wins.

Sammy was also selected as 'Player of the Match' on four (4) occasions this season. She will be joining Trinidad and Tobago's Senior Women National Netball team that is presently in preparation for a tri-series tournament between Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica and South Africa, to be held 10-22 October, 2021 in Kingston, Jamaica.

UTT extends congratulations to Samantha Wallace.

