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## KIWIS TOO SHARP FOR THE STEELERS

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The Kiwi Sharp Blacks have taken victory at the TriNations Butchers Challenge at home, outclassing the Australian Steelers.

The competition pitched teams of six butchers from Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain against each other in a three-hour test of skills, innovation and presentation.

Australian captain, Michael James, Carina North Quality Meats, Queensland, said the team had pulled together, but narrowly missed victory.

“Our team had prepared for this competition and while we couldn’t bring home the bacon, I’m proud of our efforts,” Mr James said.

“While it was the Sharp Blacks who took out the title, we displayed strong knife and butchery skills, an eye for presentation and developed some great value-added products.

“I congratulate the Kiwis on their victory and the Brits for also being such great competition.”

Aussie Steelers team sponsor, Australian Pork Limited, congratulated the team on their efforts.

“While it’s always disappointing to go down to the Kiwis, our world-class butchers did themselves proud, showcasing their skills,” said General Manager of Marketing, Peter Haydon.

“Congratulations Michael, Matthew, Adam, Ben, Tom and Paul on this great achievement. We are proud of our Aussie Steelers, this year powered by pork!”

The Australian Steelers were:

Michael James, Carina North Quality Meats, Queensland

Matthew Papandrea, Joe Papandrea Quality Meats, Bossley Park, NSW

Adam Stratton, Tender Gourmet Butchery, NSW

Ben Barrow, head butchery teacher South Western Sydney Institute, NSW

Tom Bouchier, Peter Bouchier Butchers of Distinction, Victoria, and

Paul Brady, Tender Gourmet Butchery, NSW

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