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Dave Fraser looks back at the first year of Phil Neville, all the action from Crawley Wasps
SSE Women's FA Cup clash with Arsenal Women and Marissa Thomas looks at
the best transfer deals from the January transfer window.

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Welcome to the issue!

It's time for Issue 22!

Our initial thoughts go out to every body at Glasgow City following the death of Kate Lindner. It came as a shock to everyone in the game and we send our condolences to her friends and family.

We were delighted to hear that Charlotte Kerr had returned to training following the horrific incident against Manchester United Women. You can read all about the accident in the issue.

Also coming up in the issue - Dave Fraser looks back on Phil Neville's first year in charge, Marissa Thomas talks us over the transfer news and our game of the month sees Crawley Wasps take on Arsenal Women in the FA Cup.

Finally, if you have five minutes, listen to the interview Jordan Nobbs did with the BBC - it is on their website. It really is inspiring hearing her talk so openly about the struggle with injury and how she will miss the Women's World Cup this year.

Helen Summers
Editor



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Kat Linder dies age 39

Glasgow City postponed their opening game of the season after former forward Kat Linder died suddenly at the age of 39.

Last weekend saw the return of the Scottish Premier League but City's game against Rangers was postponed.

After a brief initial statement, thanking Rangers for their "co-operation and understanding", City later announced:

"The club is devastated to announce that Katharina Lindner (Kat), sadly passed away.

"Kat, widely regarded as one of the greatest ever players to play in the Scottish Women's game, joined Glasgow City in 2005 and was instrumental in the club's amazing run of success. The wide forward started 173 times for Glasgow City, scoring 128 goals and is the club's fourth highest goal scorer of all time.

"A former German youth international, Kat played for FFC Frankfurt in her native Germany winning the German League and Cup double, before moving to the USA on a Soccer Scholarship to Hartford in Connecticut. Whilst in the States, Kat was an NSCAA 1st team All-American, ranking her as the best player in her position and one of the best 11 players in the highest division of College women's soccer throughout the whole of the USA.

"On joining City, Kat helped the club win five Premier League titles, two Scottish Cups and two League Cups and was part of the treble winning team in 2009. She retired at the end of 2011 after successfully helping Glasgow City become the first Scottish women's team to reach the knock out stages of the UEFA Women's Champions League, with City making it all the way to the last 16 for the first time.

"Not just was Kat an incredible athlete, she was also a highly respected Academic. Kat obtained her PhD at Glasgow University and spent the latter and longest part of her career as a lecturer at the University of Stirling specialising in gender, sport and queer theory within the Media, Communications and Culture department.

"Kat is also the partner of club co-founder Laura Montgomery. The couple have been together for 16 years and our heartfelt condolences go out to Laura and Kat's family at this tragic time."

RIP Kat



Kat Lindner

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Fraser of the Month

"Within a month, people knew I was serious."

A year into the job as Lionesses boss and Phil Neville has well and truly proven he's no joke.

When the former Man United star was given the role out of 147 candidates, it came as a surprise to many. Neville had little experience in coaching and many felt he didn't have the credentials to manage any team - let alone the Lionesses.

In fact, Neville recently recalled his early days in charge, saying: "I knew some of the things that were going to be labelled at me.

"I wanted to make sure nobody would be left in any doubt about my commitment to the women's game."

One year in and one thing is for certain - there's not a soul questioning his commitment or credentials now. With year one in the books - arguably the hardest he'll have to contend with - Neville has lost just two of his 12 games - winning seven. Those victories helped lead England to this summer's World Cup in France.

But above all, it's the incredible team spirit I mentioned in my column last month that sees England go into the tournament as dark horses to win it all. It cannot be understated how important Neville's influence has been in the emergence of the Lionesses as a potential force on the world stage.

Wins over the likes of Brazil have helped cement Neville's stature in the women's game, while one of his two losses came at the

hands of the USA - in the eyes of many, the best team on the planet - and reigning World Cup champions, no less.

The road to the World Cup was not easy, but Neville oversaw some crushing, comprehensive wins along the way. The sorts of victories that truly inspire confidence. Ensuring he's loved by the squad on an individual level as well as on the whole is paramount to Nev's success.

But the boss is eager to pile the pressure on his squad - with both seasoned veterans and fledgling talent set to make the plane for France - suggesting he will demand World Cup glory from his side.

Ahead of the tournament, Neville revealed: "If we went to France and said we were aiming for a quarter-final or semi-final my players would lose faith in me just as I would lose faith in them if they had the same attitude.

"People are looking at us as one of the favourites for the competition. Expectation comes with that. When I met the players for the first time they told me they wanted the pressure and they wanted the expectations. That is why I took the job.

"I have got an unbelievably motivated group of players who want to do well. But it is not going to be easy. They have to work. No-one is going to knock on their door and give them a World Cup medal."

England have never won a major tournament. They reached the semis at both the last World Cup and European Championships. But with Neville leading this talented squad and ensuring his team dream big, perhaps it's time we all dared to dream ourselves.

Lionesses games between January 23 2018 – January 23 2019					
March 1	England	4-1	France	SheBelieves Cup	W
March 4	Germany	2-2	England	SheBelieves Cup	D
March 7	United States	1-0	England	SheBelieves Cup	L
April 4	England	0-0	Wales	World Cup qualifier	D
April 10	Bosnia-Herzegovina	0-2	England	World Cup qualifier	W
June 8	Russia	1-3	England	World Cup qualifier	W
August 31	Wales	0-3	England	World Cup qualifier	W
Sept 4	Kazakhstan	0-6	England	World Cup qualifier	W
Oct 6	England	1-0	Brazil	Friendly	W
Oct 9	England	1-1	Australia	Friendly	D
Nov 8	Austria	0-3	England	Friendly	W
Nov 11	England	2-0	Sweden	Friendly	L





Match of the Month

Crawley Wasps 0 Arsenal 4



Crawley Wasps' Women's FA Cup run was ended by the professionals of Arsenal on Sunday – but they won many admirers in keeping the score respectable in front of a stunning crowd of 1,550.

Although the injury-hit Gunners made six changes from their 3-0 win over Reading in the Women's Super League, their starting XI still included seven internationals – including their captain, Scotland's Kim Little, and Netherlands midfielder Danielle van de Donk.

Wasps, meanwhile, were missing ex-Wales winger Emma Plewa through injury but were able to call on former England youth

internationals Naomi Cole and Charlotte Young.

Arsenal dominated territory and possession but in the first half they were mostly repelled by an industrious Wasps, with Young and centre-back partner Darcey James excelling.

It took 17 minutes for the Gunners to break through as they capitalised on a rare defensive error, Katie McCabe feeding Little, who drilled into the bottom left-hand corner.

But if the crowd at Tinsley Lane – more than double that which saw Brighton play

Manchester United at Crawley Town earlier in the day – feared the floodgates would open, Wasps proved them wrong with some snappy work in midfield and crisp passing football on the break.

However they were undone again just before the break as Denmark winger Katrine Veje sped past Niamh Stephenson and laid the ball across for 16-year-old Ruby Grant, who fired home.

Arsenal replaced Little at half-time with England midfielder Leah Williamson, and the Gunners created more chances – Wasps keeper Frankie Gibbs twice denying Veje.

Kemina Webber's introduction for Wasps did give Arsenal's defence more to think about, but Grant grabbed her second and the visitors' third after being played in by Ava Kuyken.

Wasps had a great chance to score the goal their hard work merited when Faye Rabson skipped clear, but the experienced Sari Van Veenendaal stood up well to block her shot.

And teenager Grant completed her hat-trick late on – but the result was always secondary to the valiant performance and the outstanding crowd on the biggest day in Wasps' history.

Wasps: Gibbs; Niamh Stephenson, Young, James, Palmer; Drury (Russell 66), Cole; Fleischman (Webber 60), Stow, Rabson; Heather (Davies 90). Subs not used: Graves, Measures, Ward, Woollard.

Arsenal: Van Veenendaal; Dawbarn, Quinn, Arnth, McCabe (Albuquerque 62); Van de Donk (Hazard 62), Little (Williamson 46), Grant; Filis, Kuyken, Veje. Subs not used: Peyraud-Magnin, Mead.



Match Reaction

Crawley Wasps manager Paul Walker said he was “immensely proud” of his side’s display in their Women’s FA Cup defeat by the giants of Arsenal.

The amateurs restricted the full-time professionals to just two goals in either half – quite a feat given the gulf in stature between the two clubs – and more than played their part in an entertaining game in front of a sell-out 1,550 crowd at Oakwood FC.

“We came up against a top side in Arsenal but I’d be very surprised if anybody thought there were three levels difference between the squads,” Walker said.

“There were times where we didn’t see a lot of the ball but the discipline we showed to keep the shape, close the space down and make it difficult for Arsenal in periods of the game was admirable.”

Goalkeeper Frankie Gibbs, who made several good saves in the second half, said: “It was one of those games where you always knew there was going to be a lot to do, but you hope that you’re able to do enough to keep it to a respectable scoreline.

“It was a proud moment to see all those people who had come to watch us give Arsenal a game.”

Midfielder Megan Stow, who was named Wasps’ player of the match by sponsors Metrobus, added: “Once we got into our stride, we played some good football. We

need to take the confidence from this and believe we can play at a much higher level.”

Walker, who is also the club’s chairman, said the crowd – more than double that which watched Brighton play Manchester United – could act as a springboard for the club’s future.

“That’s a Women’s Super League-level crowd,” he said. “It shows the excitement we generated across the town with Arsenal’s visit and is another step towards putting Crawley Wasps on the map.”

Wasps also drew praise from Arsenal boss Joe Montemurro, who said: “All credit to Crawley, they’ve put on an amazing showcase. I take my hat off to them – there’s an amazing amount of volunteers at grassroots level. Crawley should be applauded.”



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SSE FA Cup

Fifth Round Draw

FA Cup fifth round

1 Liverpool v Millwall Lionesses

2 Bristol City v Durham

3 Reading v Birmingham City

4 Chelsea v Arsenal

5 Manchester United v London Bees

6 West Ham United v Huddersfield Town

7 Aston Villa v Sheffield United

8 Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City

Ties will be played on Sunday, February 17



Be a Flamingo in a flock of pigeons

2019.....A year of growth?

Finally!!! We are through January, the longest, coldest, most depressing month of the year..... for people who don't play or coach football! We lost a training session to the frost, but fortunately all matches have gone ahead.

So.....2019 is shaping up to be a FANTASTIC year for Women's football at every level, we have the Women's World Cup in the Summer and the 'Brown' household is very excited about this and we are counting down to June. Olivia is making it known to anyone who will listen that she is available to play should England need her, she favours the left wing and the time off school won't be a problem she says!

Perhaps just as exciting and more imminent is our Girls Football Programme at Albert Village Junior FC. I'd like to share the exciting things are happening for us.

Under 11 Tigermoths

This group of fabulous girls are AVJFC's first all-girls team. We registered ourselves for the Leicester League last August and we built our team up around a core group, starting with just 7 girls we are now up to our max squad size of 12. There are still a few months left of the season and whilst we are absolutely not going to be winning our division, we have only won one game this season, all the girls are winners because the effort that they have put in week in and week out, the dedication and team spirit they have shown is fantastic and a lesson to us all. Even in the face of adversity and defeat they have come off the pitch each week with a smile on their faces and an arm around their team mates. They love their game and they love their team and club and considering that most of these girls haven't played competitive football before, this season has been a sharp learning curve for them. They have had to learn nearly every aspect of their game from pitch positioning to the basics of ball control, tackling and defending.

My sessions work on 3 promises that I ask the girls to keep 1) have fun, 2) listen 3) encourage each other, this underpins what I do as it ensure that our training sessions run to plan and no girl feels like they haven't done a good job or tried hard enough.

Regardless of what happens for the rest of this season I know these girls have a bright future ahead of them and will continue to grow and develop over coming years.

New Teams

One of the hardest things is to recruit parents to become coaches so we can grow our groups and provide more opportunities etc, however I'm really lucky that 2 dads have made the leap and have just completed their Level 1 Coaching course so this means that next season, fingers crossed, we can register 2 extra teams into the league which means another 18-20 girls playing competitive football which is great news. Our first new coach is Chris Lambeth and he is looking to take a U7/8 team into the league. His



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first squad member is his daughter Eva. Eva has been training with our girls almost since we started the Girls Academy in Oct 17.

Our second new coach is Simon McDermott and his Daughter Olivia has been playing up with our U11's and she will join dad's new squad next year, definitely his gain and my loss.

All this means that I can offer more football opportunities for girls in our local area. That's a good thing, right?

Saved the best until last.....

Our real exciting news is that as a club Albert Village JFC has just been selected to be a new SSE Wildcat Centre. I worked on the application over Christmas and I'm delighted that we were approved. To say I'm excited is an understatement, I danced around the room when the email came through!

We start our first wildcat sessions in April and our coaching team have some classroom-based sessions and some online learning to do in the meantime but I can't wait to get started with the training, advertising and recruitment of the girls.

As an opportunity for the local girls this is fabulous as this additional session means there is more chances there for girls of all abilities to come along and play football and have fun in our club environment.

Wildcats is non-competitive but the club offer the pathway for any of the girls to move into either mixed teams or girls only teams if that what they want to do. It's all about having the opportunity!!

Watch this space as we look to welcome more girls from aged 5 into our exciting, friendly and dynamic club.

TTFN

Gill x



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FA announce four friendlies for England in the run-up to the Women's World Cup



England have unveiled their “Road to France Series” as they continue preparations for the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup.

Phil Neville’s squad will prepare for the finals in France with two games in early April and a double-header just before the tournament, which begins in June.

The ‘Road to France Series’ will be played at four different venues, giving plenty of fans the chance to see the Lionesses up close before the big send-off at the American Express Community Stadium – home of Premier League club Brighton & Hove Albion – on Saturday 1 June.

Both of April’s opponents are also preparing for the World Cup finals. Ranked fifth in the world, Canada will provide a stern test in Manchester on Friday 5 April, before an emerging Spain side head to Swindon four

days later.

Neville said: “The World Cup is firmly in sight now and I’m really happy with this group of fixtures to complement the games that we have played in recent months plus the ones to come at SheBelieves.

“It’s great that we can visit four different parts of the country and I have no doubt the players will get fantastic support as ever. I also want to thank my colleagues at The FA and the clubs for making this exciting series of games possible.

“We have already played Australia and Sweden in our last two matches in 2018 and being up against three more fellow finalists and the last EURO runners-up is just what we need. We will certainly hit the ground running when we get to France.

“This is a huge year for my players and staff, and we are raring to go. Every single day spent working at St. George’s Park is with the World Cup in mind, and we are going to France with the aim of making the country proud.”

The Road to France Series comprises:

Friday 5 April (KO 7pm):

England v Canada

Academy Stadium, Manchester City FC

Tuesday 9 April (KO 7pm):

England v Spain

The Energy Check County Ground, Swindon Town FC

Saturday 25 May (KO 3pm):

England v Denmark

Banks’s Stadium, Walsall FC

Saturday 1 June (KO 1pm):

England v New Zealand

AMEX Stadium, Brighton & Hove Albion FC

Tickets for all four games are on sale now, priced at only £1 for concessions and £10 for adults – reduced to £7.50 if booked before 28 February (Canada & Spain) and 10 March (Denmark & New Zealand). To buy, go to TheFA.com/LionessesTickets.



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West Ham's Hendrix banned after stamp



West Ham United have confirmed that women's defender Brooke Hendrix has been issued a charge of violent conduct by the FA.

After failing to appeal, Hendrix will serve a three-match suspension which will see her miss the Super League games against Manchester City (lost 3-1) and Liverpool (Jan 28) and the SSE Women's DA Cup third round tie against Blackburn (Feb 3).

The Hammers' defender was under scrutiny after appearing to stamp on the back of an opponent during the Continental Cup quarter-final with Manchester United.

Hammers player Hendrix looked to have stepped on United striker Jess Sigsworth while she was laying flat out on the floor.

Footage has emerged of the incident during the match which raised questions over whether the American deliberately stood on Sigsworth.

The United forward had tumbled to the ground under the challenge of her rival.

West Ham defender Hendrix then clumsily attempts to hurdle the prostrate United star before then planting her right foot squarely onto her opponent's back.

Thankfully no harm appeared to be done on 24-year-old Sigsworth, who looked straight up towards Hendrix in protest.

And following the game, in which Sigsworth scored to help Championship side United win 2-0 against their Super League rivals, she took to social media to make her feelings known.

She re-tweeted a short clip of the incident, with the simple comment "Naughty".

Women's Super League results

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

West Ham United Women	2-4	Arsenal Women	Rush Green Stadium KO 12.30pm
Birmingham City Women	2-1	Reading Women	Solihull Moors FC KO 2pm
Chelsea Women	3-0	Everton Ladies	Kingsmeadow Stadium KO 2pm
Liverpool Women	0-2	Brighton & Hove Albion Women	Tranmere Rovers FC KO 2pm
Bristol City Women	1-1	Manchester City Women	Stoke Gifford Stadium KO 3pm

Sunday, January 13

Arsenal Women	1-2	Chelsea Women	Boreham Wood FC KO 12.30pm
Birmingham City Women	0-1	Bristol City Women	Solihull Moors FC KO 2pm
Brighton & Hove Albion Women	9-0	Everton Ladies	Crawley Town FC KO 2pm
West Ham United Women	1-3	Manchester City Women	Rush Green Stadium KO 3pm
Yeovil Town Ladies	1-2	Liverpool Women	Dorchester Town FC KO 3pm

Sunday, January 27

Reading Women	0-3	Arsenal Women	Wycombe Wanderers FC KO 12.30pm
Chelsea Women	2-3	Birmingham City Women	Kingsmeadow Stadium KO 2pm
Manchester City Women	3-0	Brighton & Hove Albion Women	Academy Stadium KO 2pm
Bristol City Women	2-1	Yeovil Town Ladies	Stoke Gifford Stadium KO 3pm

Monday, January 28

Liverpool Women	1-0	West Ham United Women	Tranmere Rovers FC KO 7pm
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Charlotte Kerr suffers bruised ribs but is out of hospital after sickening collision that forced Man Utd vs Charlton Women tie to be abandoned



Charlton Athletic Women have issued a positive update on Charlotte Kerr's injuries after their Championship clash with Manchester United Women was called off.

Casey Stoney's side went into the lead on 11 minutes through Charlotte Devlin but the teams were ordered into the changing rooms shortly after the goal whilst defender Kerr received treatment.

After colliding with goalkeeper Katie Startup, play was stopped for 30 minutes with staff from both teams treating the injured Kerr before an ambulance arrived at the ground.

Almost an hour after the players originally went off the pitch, and following a 'temporary postponement'

the game was finally called off with just 12 minutes on the board.

The club released a statement last night saying that she was having scans and receiving treatment in hospital.

It has now been confirmed by the Addicks that Kerr only suffered badly bruised ribs and sternum and has now left hospital.

The club added in their statement: "The Charlton Athletic Women's team club doctor, medical teams from Charlton Athletic Women, Manchester United Women and the ambulance service were able to prevent a serious incident from becoming a lot worse and the club would like to thank everyone who assisted.

"We would also like to thank all the individuals across the footballing community that have sent their best wishes to Charlotte."

The game was forced to be abandoned after all the emergency oxygen had been used at the ground meaning that the requirements for a match could not be met.

Kerr used Instagram to thank fans and fellow professionals for their support.



There is no official rules which state that an ambulance needs to be onsite for women's matches but there is a set of sports first aid equipment which has to be "present and in fully working order at each Competition Match.

"Such equipment to include as a minimum a spinal board, cervical collar, fracture splints, crutches, stretchers, oxygen and a defibrillator."

The oxygen used to treat Kerr was from the Manchester United medical staff and due to Charlton not having any on site the referee was forced to call off the game.

The Addicks defender, who is in a relationship with ex-Sheffield United player Elliott Ptak, joined the London club in July 2018 after almost 10 years at Watford.

After the game had been called off Manchester United and England goalkeeper Siobhan Chamberlain took Twitter to wish Kerr a "quick recovery" and thank fans who made the trip.



United manager Casey Stoney was also quick to send her wishes.



Charlton have now been fined £500 by the FA for the lack of oxygen but according to the BBC they are debating whether to appeal it as there are inconsistencies in the documents from the start of the season.

Women's Championship results

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

Charlton Athletic Women	2-2	Durham Women	VCD Athletic KO 12pm
Leicester City Women	4-0	Lewes FC Women	Quorn FC KO 2pm
Manchester United Women	9-0	London Bees	Leigh Sports Village KO 2pm
Sheffield United Women	1-2	Tottenham Hotspurs Ladies	Olympic Legacy Park KO 2pm

Sunday, January 13

Durham Women	2-2	Aston Villa Ladies	New Ferens Park KO 12pm
Tottenham Hotspur Ladies	3-0	Lewes FC Women	Cheshunt FC KO 1pm
Charlton Athletic Women	A-A	Manchester United Women	VCS Athletic KO 2pm
Leicester City Women	3-2	Millwall Lionesses	Quorn FC KO 2pm
London Bees	2-1	Crystal Palace Ladies	The Hive KO 2pm

Sunday, January 27

Crystal Palace Ladies	0-0	Durham Women	Bromley FC KO 1pm
Lewes FC Women	0-2	London Bees	The Dripping Pan KO 2pm
Millwall Lionesses	0-2	Tottenham Hotspur Ladies	Dartford FC KO 2pm
Sheffield United	2-3	Charlton Athletic Women	Olympic Legacy Park KO 2pm
Aston Villa Ladies	2-3	Leicester City Women	Boldmere St. Michael KO 3pm

Women's Super League Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Manchester City Women	15	10	5	0	42	10	32	35
2	Arsenal Women	13	11	0	2	50	11	39	33
3	Chelsea Women	15	8	5	2	24	11	13	29
4	Birmingham City Women	14	9	1	4	19	12	7	28
5	Bristol City Women	14	6	4	4	13	16	-3	22
6	Reading Women	13	5	3	5	18	18	0	18
7	West Ham United Women	14	5	1	8	19	27	-8	16
8	Liverpool Women	14	5	1	8	11	22	-11	16
9	Brighton & HA Women	15	2	3	10	9	31	-22	9
10	Everton Ladies	12	1	3	8	7	23	-16	6
11	Yeovil Town Ladies	11	1	0	12	8	39	-31	3

Women's Championship Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Tottenham Ladies	14	12	0	2	35	17	18	36
2	Charlton Athletic Women	13	9	2	2	33	12	21	29
3	Durham Women	14	8	5	1	32	11	21	29
4	Manchester United Women	11	9	1	1	52	4	48	28
5	London Bees	15	7	0	8	19	33	-14	21
6	Leicester City Women	14	6	2	6	24	23	1	20
7	Aston Villa Ladies	13	3	5	5	17	29	-12	14
8	Sheffield United Women	12	4	1	7	14	23	-9	13
9	Crystal Palace Ladies	15	3	1	11	13	28	-15	10
10	Lewes Women	14	3	1	10	16	36	-20	10
11	Millwall Lionesses	13	0	2	11	10	49	-39	2

Women's Super League fixtures

—February 2019

Sunday, February 10

Manchester City Women	2-2	Chelsea Women	Academy Stadium KO 12.30pm
Bristol City Women	0-0	Brighton & HA Women	Stoke Gifford Stadium KO 3pm

Wednesday, February 20

Arsenal Women	vs	Yeovil Women	Boreham Wood FC KO 7.30pm
Chelsea Women	vs	Bristol City Women	Kingsmeadow Stadium KO 7.30pm
Reading Women	vs	West Ham United Women	Madejski Stadium KO 7.30pm
Brighton and HA Women	vs	Birmingham City Women	Crawley Town FC KO 7.30pm

Thursday, February 21

Manchester City Women	vs	Everton Ladies	Academy Stadium KO 7pm
Bristol City Women	2-1	Yeovil Town Ladies	Stoke Gifford Stadium KO 3pm

Women's Championship fixtures

—February 2019

Wednesday, February 13

Leicester City Women	vs	Manchester City	Quorn FC KO 7.45pm
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Wednesday, February 20

Sheffield United Women	vs	Manchester United Women	Olympic Legacy Park 7pm
Aston Villa Ladies	vs	Charlton Athletic Women	Bodmere St. Michael KO 7.30pm
Millwall Lionesses	vs	London Bees	Dartford KO 7.30pm
Tottenham Hotspur Ladies	vs	Leicester City Women	Cheshunt FC KO 7.45pm

Thursday, February 21

Crystal Palace Ladies	vs	Lewes Women	Bromley FC 8pm
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The lowdown on FA WSL

January Transfers

By Marissa Thomas

The FAWSL transfer window opened on 28th December and closed on 24th January. Nine of the eleven clubs made signings during that period in a bid to improve their current squads and we have the lowdown on them below.

Arsenal Women - Katrine Veje



Arsenal have had significant injuries this season which has left them with quite a thin squad as they try to win the league. With that in mind, they signed Katrine Veje from Montpellier HSC on January 2nd. Veje is a left-footed winger who has more than 100 caps for Denmark and has played in her homeland, Sweden, the United States and France. Most importantly, Veje has Champions League experience after reaching the quarter-finals with Montpellier last season which will come in handy should Arsenal finish in the top two this season and go back into the competition for the first time since 2012.

Birmingham City Women - Claudia Walker



Claudia Walker became Marta Tejedor's first signing when she moved to the club on loan. With Ellen White just returning from injury, it is as good a time as any for Birmingham to bolster their attacking options as they look to continue their impressive season so far. Walker has been prolific in front of goal for Everton in previous campaigns. The 22-year-old forward was Everton's top-scorer in the 2016 WSL 2 season and went on to score seven goals in nine games during the WSL 2 Spring Series.

Bristol City Women - Abi Harrison



The Vixens signed Abi Harrison from Hibernian Ladies on deadline day. The 21-year-old Scotland international comes with a very impressive goal scoring pedigree having netted 95 goals in 113 appearances for her former club. Harrison has won the Golden Boot in the Scottish Women's Premier League for three of the last four seasons. Bristol City seem to be adept at developing talented youngsters and Harrison should be no different. Harrison will be reunited with former teammate Lucy Graham, the pair won the Scottish Women's Cup and the Scottish Women's Premier League Cup in the last three consecutive seasons at Hibernian Ladies.

Chelsea Women - Ann-Katrin Berger



Birmingham City's first choice goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger decided not to sign a new contract with the club after two and a half years and subsequently moved to defending champions Chelsea. Berger signed a deal with Chelsea until 2022. The German keeper is one of the best in the WSL and will be determined to make the number one spot her own at Chelsea, despite competing with three other keepers. Ironically, Berger saved a penalty against Chelsea earlier in the season during a goalless draw with Birmingham.

Everton Ladies - Emma Brownlie



Former Scotland Under 19s international Emma Brownlie left Hibernian Ladies to reunite with former manager Willie Kirk and his assistant Chris Roberts, naming them as a key factor in her decision to join the Toffees. The 25-year-old full back will become part of an Everton side who are intent on turning their season around after an underwhelming start.

Liverpool Women - Jemma Purfield



Liverpool have had a turbulent season so far and a new signing could be just what they need to improve the mood of their team. The Reds have signed winger Jemma Purfield, following her graduation from Arizona State University in the United States. The 21-year-old is an England Under-23 international, who can also play as an attacking full-back, giving Liverpool options if injuries occur. Purfield may take a while to settle into the league but should become a valuable asset to a

Liverpool side in need of a boost.

Reading Women - Jade Bailey (loan from Chelsea Women)



Kelly Chambers' side signed Jade Bailey on loan from fellow WSL side Chelsea until the end of the season. Bailey is a versatile midfielder who can also play in defence. The 23-year-old suffered on the sidelines after tearing an anterior cruciate knee ligament in April 2017. After joining Reading, it was announced that Bailey had also signed a new one-year contract with her parent club Chelsea until 2020. Bailey could be a great addition to a Reading side who are currently fifth in the league.

Reading Women - Rakel Honnudottir

Iceland international Rakel Honnudottir moved to the Royals from Swedish side IF Limhamn Bunkeflo 07. The 30-year-old striker has represented her country in 2009 and 2013 at the Women's Euros. Her experience will be a valued asset for a team that has consistently improved.

West Ham Women - Adriana Leon



West Ham manager Matt Beard has been reunited with former player Adriana Leon after she signed from Seattle Reign. The Canada international forward and will be looking to play as much as possible with the World Cup later on this year. The 26-year-old has vast experience and shows West Ham's ambition as a newly-promoted side. She will also add more quality in the final third as the Hammers aim to remain in the league.

West Ham Women - Cho So-hyun

Cho So-hyun became West Ham's second signing in as many days. The South Korea captain joined from Norwegian side Avaldsnes. The 30-year-old midfielder is the all-time leading appearance maker for her country with 120 international caps.

Yeovil Town Ladies - Rachel McLauchlan



Another Scottish forward, Rachel McLauchlan, moved from Hibernian Ladies to the WSL on transfer deadline day. McLauchlan was Hibernian's players' player of the year last season and was a key part of the team who won the SSE Scottish Women's Cup for the third consecutive year in November. The Lady Glovers are bottom of the league with just one win all season and a new signing could be just what they need to boost confidence during their relegation battle.



All the WSL transfers in the winter window

December 28 – January 24

Confirmed transfers

Extended contracts

Arsenal

IN: Janni Arnth (Linköpings), Katrin Veje (MHSC), **Lisa Evans**, **Anna Miedema**

OUT:

Birmingham

IN: Claudia Walker (on loan from Everton), Alex Brooks (Sheffield), **Hannah Hampton**

OUT: Ann-Katrin Berger (Chelsea)

Brighton

IN: Megan Connolly (FSU)

OUT: Lucy Gillett (on loan to Crystal Palace), Sophie Perry (on loan to Lewes)

Bristol City

IN: Abi Harrison (Hibs Ladies)

OUT: Katie Rood (Lewes)

Chelsea

IN: Ann-Katrin Berger (end of contract at Birmingham), **Jade Bailey**

OUT:

Everton

IN: Emma Brownlie (Hibs Ladies)

OUT: Claudia Walker (on loan to Birmingham)

Liverpool

IN: Jemma Purfield (Arizona State Uni)

OUT:

Manchester City

IN:

OUT: Nadia Nadim (PSG), Mie Jans FC Rosengard

Reading

IN: Rakel Honnudottir (IF LBo7), Jade Bailey (on loan from Chelsea)

OUT:

West Ham

IN: Cho So-Hyun (Avaldsnes IL), Adriana Leon (Seattle Reign)

OUT:

Yeovil

IN: Rachel Mclauchlan (Hibs Ladies)

OUT: Leah Burridge (Plymouth), Shannon Albuery (on loan to Portsmouth), Chloe Lloyd (on loan to Cardiff)

All the Championship transfers in the winter window

December 28 – January 24

Confirmed transfers

Extended contracts

Aston Villa

IN:

OUT: Evie Gane (Oxford City), Amy Burnside (Stoke)

Charlton

IN: Sara Eggesvik (Grand Bodo)

OUT: Gemma Brysan (Crystal Palace)

Crystal Palace

IN: Gemma Bryan (Charlton), Megan McKeag, Lucy Gilet (on loan from Brighton)

OUT:

Durham

IN: Lisa Robertson (Hibs Ladies)

OUT:

Leicester

IN:

OUT Maddy Cusack (Sheffield United), Serena Fletcher (Blackburn)

Lewes

IN: Fran Alonso (manager), Sophie Perry (on loan from Brighton), Katie Rood (Bristol City)

OUT: Natasha Wells, Rebecca Thompson-Agbro

London Bees

IN:

OUT: Emma Beckett (Tottenham)

Manchester United

IN:

OUT: Ebony Salmon (on loan to Sheffield United)

Millwall

IN: Grace Neville (Oklahoma Cowgirls)

OUT: Grace Taylor

Sheffield United

IN: Maddy Cusak (Leicester), Ebony Salmon (on from Manchester United), Veatriki Sarri

OUT: Beth Merrick (Coventry), Alex Brooks (Birmingham)

Tottenham

IN: Emma Beckett (London Bees)

OUT:

Northern Premier Division results

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

Guiseley Vixens Women	1-1	Sheffield FC Ladies	West Riding CFA KO 2pm
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Sunday, January 13

Doncaster Rovers Belles	1-2	Stoke City Ladies	Rossington Main KO 2pm
Guiseley Vixens Women	P-P	Derby County Ladies	Nethermoor KO 2pm
Huddersfield Town Ladies	3-4	Blackburn Rovers Ladies	The Stafflex Arena KO 2pm
Middlesbrough Women	5-1	Sheffield FC Ladies	Billingham Town FC KO 2pm
Nottingham Forest Ladies	1-0	Fylde Ladies	Carlton Town FC KO 2pm
Sunderland AFC Ladies	10-1	Bradford City Women	Eppleton Colliery Welfare KO 2pm

Sunday, January 20

Bradford City Womens	0-10	Derby County Ladies	Eccleshill United KO 2pm
Middlesbrough Women	6-1	Doncaster Rovers Belles	Billingham Town KO 2pm

Sunday, January 27

Blackburn Rovers Ladies	4-2	Sheffield FC Ladies	Sir Tom Finnelly Stadium KO 2pm
Bradford City Women	0-5	Stoke City Ladies	Eccleshill United KO 2pm
Doncaster Rovers Belles	2-2	Sunderland AFC Ladies	Rossington Main KO 2pm
Fylde Ladies	1-0	Hull City Ladies	Mill Farm Stadium KO 2pm
Huddersfield Town Ladies	4-2	Middlesbrough Women	The Stafflex Arena KO 2pm
Nottingham Forest Ladies	P-P	Guiseley Vixens Women	Carlton Town FC KO 2pm

Southern Premier Division results

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

Chichester City Ladies	2-1	Plymouth Argyle Ladies	Oaklands Park KO 2pm
Portsmouth FC Women	1-0	Queens Park Rangers Ladies	Affins Milton Rovers FC KO 2pm

Sunday, January 13

Cardiff City Ladies	1-0	Watford FC Ladies	CCB Centre for Sporting Exc KO 2pm
Gillingham Ladies	2-0	MK Dons FC Ladies	Chatham Town FC KO 2pm
Portsmouth FC Women	2-0	C&K Basildon Ladies	Baffin Milton Rovers FC KO 2pm
Queens Park Rangers Ladies	P-P	Loughborough Foxes Women	Uxbridge FC KO 2pm

Sunday, January 20

Cardiff City Ladies	P-P	MK Dons FC Ladies	CCB Centre for Sporting Exc KO 2pm
Oxford United Women	7-1	Queens Park Rangers Ladies	Oxford City FC KO 2pm
Plymouth Argyle Ladies	3-2	Watford FC Ladies	Devon FA HQ KO 2pm

Sunday, January 27

C&K Basildon Ladies	0-2	Loughborough Foxes Women	The Frost Hire Stadium KO 2pm
Chichester City Ladies	5-2	MK Dons FC Ladies	Oaklands Park KO 2pm
Coventry United Ladies	P-P	Portsmouth FC Women	Daventry Town FC KO 2pm
Queens Park Rangers Ladies	0-6	Cardiff City Ladies	Uxbridge FC KO 2pm
Watford FC Ladies	P-P	Oxford United Women	Kings Langley FC KO 3pm

Northern Premier Division Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Blackburn Ladies	13	13	0	0	70	10	60	39
2	Huddersfield Town Ladies	14	10	0	4	46	25	21	30
3	Sunderland Ladies	14	9	1	4	48	19	29	28
4	Stoke Ladies	14	9	1	4	44	26	18	28
5	Fylde Ladies	13	8	2	3	31	13	18	26
6	Derby Ladies	14	8	2	4	37	26	11	26
7	Middlesbrough Ladies	14	7	2	5	34	26	8	23
8	Guiseley AFC Vixens	12	5	2	5	23	20	3	17
9	Nottingham Forest Ladies	14	5	2	7	15	26	-11	17
10	Hull City Ladies	16	5	1	10	25	40	-15	16
11	Doncaster Rovers Belles	17	3	2	12	22	62	-40	11
12	Sheffield Ladies	16	3	1	12	19	42	-23	10
13	Bradford City Women	15	0	0	15	8	87	-79	0

Southern Premier Division Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Chichester City Ladies	14	11	0	3	27	13	14	33
2	Coventry United Ladies	10	9	1	0	37	6	31	28
3	Watford Ladies	13	7	2	4	29	26	3	24
4	Loughborough Foxes	13	7	2	4	31	17	14	23
5	Cardiff Ladies	11	7	1	3	32	11	21	22
6	Oxford United Women	12	7	1	4	29	14	15	22
7	Plymouth Argyle Ladies	11	6	0	5	25	31	-6	18
8	Portsmouth Ladies	12	5	0	7	26	22	4	15
9	MK Dons Ladies	12	4	1	7	16	27	-11	13
10	Gillingham Ladies	11	3	2	6	13	25	-12	11
11	C&K Basildon Ladies	14	0	2	12	12	47	-35	2
12	Queens Park Rangers Ladies	13	0	2	11	12	50	-38	2

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