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## Hello and welcome to Issue 32!

Hello everyone, welcome to issue 32 and for those who celebrate—Happy Christmas!

It's been quite a month hasn't it! We hope everyone enjoyed going to Wembley, even though the result and the weather was not what we were hoping for. Thanks to everyone who grabbed a poster off us too. Was great to meet so many of you.

This month we have lots of cool content. Allie Coker looks into the rise of rivalries, Marissa Thomas talks to us about Bethany England, we have an exclusive interview with Leeds boss Lewis Atkinson and Georgia and Ammo are back with their latest columns.

Don't forget to get your hands on one of our calendars—they are selling like hotcakes and just £5.

We hope you all have a wonderful festive period, and see you in 2020!

Enjoy the issue!

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## Time to celebrate

Earlier in the month, I was shocked to hear I had been nominated for 'Sports Journalist of the Year' at the Women in Sport North Awards.

I was amazed to be even nominated against the fantastic Tanya Arnold and Katie Falkingham. I headed up to Huddersfield not expecting much but left with the award—and no idea in what I said in my thank you speech!

So, I just want to take the time to say thank you so much for all your support throughout the year for the magazine.

We could not do it without you.

Helen xx





# WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE





# Bethany England:

## Why this can be her season



**By Marissa Thomas**

Life at Chelsea has not always been easy for Bethany England but her tenacity and perseverance has seen her come good for the London club. Signing for the Blues in January 2016 from Doncaster Belles, she was in and out of the side in her first season, starting just seven of her 19 appearances. During the 2017 Spring Series, England was played in the new, unfamiliar role of left-wing back and she was rewarded with a two year-contract extension early in the campaign.

In September of the 2017/18 season, England went on loan to Liverpool. Many players have been sent on loan by Chelsea and failed to make the grade when they have come back. England is an exception to that particular rule. After returning from

her spell in Merseyside, where she finished as the league's joint-third highest scorer, England had clearly done enough to impress Chelsea boss Emma Hayes.

The 2018/19 season, saw everything come together for England who finished the campaign as Chelsea's top scorer with 22 goals in all competitions. The 25-year-old has developed a ruthless streak with regards to her finishing and is undoubtedly one of the most feared strikers in the league at the moment.

Despite her superb club form, England was not selected to be a member of the Lionesses' 2019 World Cup squad. "England for England" was a popular chant during England's breakthrough season with the Blues but Lionesses boss Phil Neville clearly didn't get the memo.



With the World Cup over, England finally made her long-awaited debut for England in an international friendly away against Belgium in August, coming on in the 76th minute. Just two games later, in her third substitute appearance, England scored her first senior goal for the Lionesses in a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Brazil.

In England's last match of 2019, the Chelsea forward was on the scoresheet again, as England narrowly beat the Czech Republic 3-2. While England have suffered a hangover from a disappointing World Cup campaign, Bethany England has forced her way into the Lionesses squad which bodes well for the upcoming 2020 Olympics and Euro 2021.

England is in excellent form for Chelsea and now that this is being recognised on the international stage, the only way is up. She is joint top scorer so far this season with four goals, alongside Arsenal's Vivianne Miedema, Pauline Bremer of Manchester City and Everton's Chloe Kelly.

As if England's form wasn't good enough, Sam Kerr who is one of the best strikers in women's football, has joined Chelsea and is available to play from January. Rather than being a threat to her position, Kerr could help England improve her game even more and perhaps form a lethal partnership with her. Another two-year contract extension was signed back in February and it's clear to see that Bethany England is just getting started.



# Sam Kerr signs for Chelsea



Australian star Sam Kerr has been announced as the latest signing for Chelsea.

The 26-year-old has signed a two-and-a-half year deal with the Women's Super League club and goes straight into training.

Kerr had previously split her time between Perth Glory in the Australian W-League and Chicago Red Stars.

After being voted this season's Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the WSL for scoring 19 goals in 23 games, she scored in the Championship final but Red Stars lost 4-1 to North Carolina Courage.

Speaking to Chelsea.com about the signing, manager Emma Hayes said: "Sam has proved time and time again in the NWSL that she is a prolific goalscorer.

"She's won the golden boot many times and she's a player that can make things happen, but she's also a fantastic team player.

"The fact she chose Chelsea when she could have gone to any club in the world is a testament to the players and the staff here because she saw this is the best place for her to grow and take the next step in her career. That's a wonderful compliment to us all."

The Australian captain, who will wear shirt number 20, said: "The WSL is the best league in Europe. I want team success and I don't want it to come easy.

"I feel Chelsea have been building something special over the years and I want to be a part of that – I want to lift some trophies."

Jonna Andersson, who previously had the squad number 20, will now wear shirt number 25.



## Jonna Andersson signs new contract

Chelsea defender Jonna Andersson has signed a new contract with the club which will see her extend her stay until 2022.

The 26-year-old has made 57 appearances for Chelsea since joining the Women's Super League side in November 2017 from Linköpings.

Manager Emma Hayes told the official site: "Jonna has proved to be a solid and consistent performer," said Chelsea manager Emma Hayes.

"Her availability for this team has been top notch. She's a thoughtful, intelligent, tactical player."



# Rising Rivalries



**By Allie Coker**

I sit and write this on my way back from witnessing the latest clash in one of the biggest rivalries in football; England vs Germany, a battle which predates all football thanks to the excess number of children Queen Victoria had and a couple of world wars.

Rivalries are part of football, no question. They make things more exciting, increase passion for your team and just generally add to the whole competitive nature of the sport. For a while the women's game has been lacking any real traditional rivalries. You had Arsenal vs Chelsea as a London derby or the two Merseyside clubs as the closest contenders. Maybe you could include Man City vs Chelsea at a push due

to them continuously meeting in competitive semi-finals or Man City vs Everton due to the former pilfering half of the latter's squad in their jump to the Women's Super League.

However, over the last two years, we have seen a rise in these supercharged games with promotion and creation of teams. At the beginning of last year, West Ham rose from the Conference South to the heady heights of the WSL, thus creating two more London derbies – feelings running particularly high with Chelsea when it was West Ham's turn to pilfer players. This year, rivalry has been amped further with both Tottenham and Manchester United being promoted from the Championship. Now the fun begins as we have Manchester



derby, Manchester United vs Liverpool, the north London Derby and East vs North.

Though the question must be posed; can you truly be rivals with someone whose creation was barely 18 months ago? Well yes – just ask Man United and Durham, two teams with no love lost after last season.

Rivalry is a good thing for women's football. It truly is. It brings in people who would never watch women's football because of who they are playing. It is why the FA scheduled three derbies for the opening weekend of the season, to build on the momentum the World Cup had brought. Like them or not, rivalries bring out the passion of the most sedate fans. Does it hurt me more when we lose to Tottenham then, say, Reading? Of course it does – just ask my other half, I'm raging for days.

Rivalries give legitimacy to something that for decades was considered first to be threatening to the status quo of men's football and then an "inferior product" to the beautiful game. We need them if we are going to grow the women's game into something other than these one-off spectacles. To bring in fans to other games with the same verve.

However, with the increase of rivalries, you bring an increase of negativity and that brings in the dreaded B-word.

Banter.

Fans are beginning to feel they can do anything to opposing fans or players all in the name of banter when, let's be honest, they're just insults with thinly-veiled attempts at humour. We have had incidents of fans being bullied out of a ground for wearing the wrong shirt, chanting about infamous disasters and booing of returning much beloved players. Any confrontation on such behaviour is met with the tired and trite line that "it's all just banter".

Banter is not that. Banter is my friends who follow Man City sending me pictures of







bottles of 7-up after they beat us 7-1. Banter is a Reading fan asking our fans if we were just announcing where we were from after a rousing chorus of 'East East London'.

This form of less good-humoured 'banter' which seems to be on the rise does no one any good, it leads to stagnant conversations where each side feels abused. The perpetrators come back with the line that no one supports their club like they do. That everyone else hates them. Those at the receiving end feel that others don't understand how the women's game is done. We just aren't like that.

If we continue down this path, it becomes dangerous. We start to segregate crowds and families don't feel safe to go, which closes down the accessibility of the game to the casual fan. You lose what the women's game has become known for. A study came

out recently that showed most teenage fans of a Premier League club have never seen a live match. This is due them being priced out. The accessibility has gone. We need to keep hold of that in the women's game.

Rivalries will help build the game, grow the game and expand the game beyond its current remit. However, in the wrong hands we will shrivel it back down to beyond grassroots. As my friend so succinctly put it, "I don't like certain teams, I want them to lose, I want us to beat them. But I don't want them to fold or disintegrate as I have seen the players work just as hard to get half as far." In the end we can have friendly rivalries as we all share a common goal. For game we love with the teams we love to get as big as it possibly can.





# Injury updates

## ACL injuries continue to plague WSL

Bristol City's Abi Harrison and Brighton's Ellie Brazil have both been ruled out this month for the rest of the season.

Brazil, 20, has "ruptured" her ACL and partially torn her meniscus according to the official statement.

Ellie Brazil statement:

To say I'm gutted would be an understatement.

I really appreciate all the messages of support I have already received with regards to the injury I sustained on Sunday. It's recently been confirmed that I have ruptured my ACL and partially torn my Meniscus.

So the road to recovery starts now!!

I'm surrounded by the best people to get me through this, as well as the best to get me back to where I need to be. A big thank you goes out to my family, friends and Brighton teammates and staff, for the immediate support I've received.

For now, I'll be supporting the girls every step of the way from the sidelines, and I can't wait to see them continue the way they've started this season.

Bring on season 2020/2021! See you then 😊

Scotland striker Harrison, 21, announced on social media that she had suffered an ACL tear in her left knee.

Fans chanted her name in support at the defeat to Chelsea following the news.

Manager Tanya Oxtoby said: "We are naturally disappointed for [Harrison] as she has shown great signs of progression and we were excited about how much further she could develop this season.

"But Abi is a strong and positive person who will come back from this and as a group we are determined to be successful for her and ourselves."

Her social media statement said: "For those who know me will know it takes a lot to make me speechless but sometimes in life you just can't prepare

for. I can't thank everyone enough for all the messages. Thanks to everyone at the club for the support so far, now let's go smash the rest of the season together."

# Mead signs new contract



Beth Mead has signed a new long-term contract with WSL side Arsenal.

The England forward has made 76 appearances for the Gunners since joining from Sunderland in January 2017.

During the 2017/18 Mead finished as top goalscorer on 16 goals.

The 24-year-old also set a new Barclays Women's Super League record, becoming the first player to register 12 assists in a single season.

Manager Joe Montemurro told the official website [www.arsenal.com](http://www.arsenal.com): "We are very happy that Beth has signed a new long-term contract with us.

"Beth is incredibly talented, and she has developed so much in the last couple of years, so we are excited to see her continued growth.

"Beth is an integral part of our squad both on and off the pitch and it is brilliant that she has committed her future with us."



# WSL October review

By Bridget Lockwood



TheFA Women's  
Super League



## Arsenal

**Position:** 3rd

**Results:**

Tottenham Hotspurs 0 – 2 Arsenal

Arsenal 1 – 0 Liverpool

A WSL record attendance saw Arsenal take North London in front of 38,262 fans. Both teams had chances to take the lead in the first half, but the Gunners controlled the second half. The first goal came from Kim Little as she calmly finished into the bottom corner, Viv Miedema finished the game with a close-range finish to get Arsenal the win during the first Women's Football Weekend. With a comfortable game against bottom of the league Liverpool, it was surprising that Arsenal didn't score more with the only goal coming from Miedema who powered the ball past Preuss in the Liverpool goal.

## Birmingham City

**Position:** 11th

**Results:**

Brighton & Hove Albion 3 – 0 Birmingham City

Birmingham City 0 – 6 Chelsea

A disappointing month for the Blues as they lost both games, the first to Brighton with Marta Tejedor's side not even registering a shot on target. Birmingham were lucky that the margin of victory wasn't higher as Brighton hit the woodwork several times and had a goal disallowed for offside. The Blues then hosted top of the league Chelsea, an early free kick from Ji gave Chelsea the lead and after that the goals wouldn't stop rolling in. The Blues still only have one win this season, and with their next game against Tottenham they will be in desperate needs for points if they don't want to be bottom at Christmas.





## Brighton & Hove Albion

**Position:** 9th

**Results:**

Brighton & Hove Albion 3 – 0 Birmingham

Manchester United 4 – 0 Brighton & Hove Albion

Mixed results for Hope Powell's side, one win and one lost. Brighton took the lead early on against Birmingham with Green's firing her penalty into the rook of the net. Shortly after Le Garrec doubled the lead with a stunning strike from 25 yards, hitting the underside of the crossbar to go in. Green got a second to finish the game off and add to nice looking score line for the hosts. In their second game of the month the faced a strong Manchester united side. Despite Megan Walsh's valiant effort in goal repeatedly denying the United attack, Casey Stoney's side were to strong comfortably scoring four goals.

## Bristol City

**Position:** 10th

**Results:**

Reading 3 – 3 Bristol City

Bristol City 0 – 5 Manchester City



Bristol remain winless this season; a draw against Reading in their first game of the month gave the side some hope. The Royals looked set to take the win being three one up just after half time, but Bristol kept fighting. As soon as Reading went three one up Yana Daniels scored to keep the Robins within touching distance. It was an overall impressive team effort with Ebony Salmon's calm finish securing the late comeback and point on the board. Bristol then lost to a very strong Manchester City with substitute Bremer coming on to score two in the last twenty minutes, despite the five-goal deficit Bristol did show signs of scoring a Salmon forced Ellie Roebuck to put in a few good saves.



## Chelsea

**Position:** 1st

**Results:**

Chelsea 1 – 0 Manchester United

Birmingham City 0 – 6 Chelsea

Chelsea were far from their best against United with only a penalty kick separating the two sides. Emma Hayes side should have gone just minutes into the second half as Cuthbert controlled a ball which went over the united defence but shot just wide with only Earps to beat in the united goal. Within minutes of sub Kirby coming on she drew the foul and got her team a penalty which was neatly put away by Mjelde. In their second game of the month Chelsea destroyed Birmingham with a six-nil win. In control the whole game Ji early free kick started off the scoring, with Bright getting one and England and Spence getting two each.



## Everton

**Position:** 4th

**Results:**

Liverpool 0 – 1 Everton

Everton 3 – 1 Tottenham Hotspur



It was a good month for Willie Kirk's side who won both their games this month keeping them fourth, and constantly threatening the top three. Everton played Merseyside rivals at Anfield, with only one goal separating sides. The only goal came from Everton's captain Lucy Graham whose long-range shot rolled into the bottom corner after a mistake from the Liverpool goalkeeper. The Toffee struck early against Tottenham, the first goal before the ten-minute mark but this was quickly equalised when a poor back pass to the keeper was shut down by Quinn. An own goal from Filbey saw Everton take the lead again, the game was finish after a superb strike from Lucy Graham.



## Liverpool

**Position:** 12th

**Results:**

Liverpool 0 – 1 Everton

Arsenal 1 – 0 Liverpool

Liverpool are still searching for their first win of the season after losing both games this month. Their first game being played at Anfield against Merseyside rival Everton resulted in a disappointing lost. The Reds controlled the game creating several chances but Korpela in the away goal put in some sublime saves to keep the teams level. Everton's winning goal came from Graham who's shot from outside the box was fumbled by Preuss in Liverpool's goal to go in bottom corner. In their Second game of the month Liverpool faced champions Arsenal. They were unlucky not to go ahead early on after Sophie Bradley-Auckland's header was tipped onto the post by the Gunners keeper.

## Manchester City

**Position:** 2nd

**Results:**

Manchester City 5 – 0 West Ham

Bristol City 0 – 5 Manchester City



It was goals galore for Manchester City this month, scoring ten goals in only two games. City's first goal came from Ellen White, her first for the club. Stanway then scored two goals on her one hundredth appearance for City but this was damped after she was sent off after being booked twice for two late tackles. The score line could have been greater, but White was denied by the crossbar after she tried to curl the ball in from the edge of the penalty box. Their next game against Bristol was looking close in the first half, as the visitors went into half time only one nil up. But four late goals saw City get their sixth win in their first seven games this season.

## Manchester United

**Position:** 5th

**Results:**

Chelsea 1 – 0 Manchester United

Manchester United 4 – 0 Brighton & Hove Albion



It was an unlucky first game for United as they lost only one nil to league leaders Chelsea. After an equal first half Chelsea took the lead from a penalty after Kirby was brought down in the box by Turner.

Despite Mary Earps getting a hand to the ball Mjelde strike was too strong, giving Chelsea the lead and win. In their next game of the month United eased to victory scoring four goals. Stoney's side created plenty of chances, James scoring the first goal on the ten-minute mark. Galton scored the next two, first came from a low driven shot at a tight angle, the second a close-range tap in after a perfect cross from Hanson. The game was wrapped up after Zelem scored from the spot after Hanson was brought down.



## Reading

**Position:** 6th

**Results:**

Reading 3 – 3 Bristol City

West Ham United 2 – 3 Reading

The Royals looked set to win against Bristol as they played in the Madejski Stadium. Remi Allen scored the first for Reading, with Chaplen doubling their lead less than a minute later. Reading couldn't hold on to their league as Wellings scored a half volley to keep the visitors in contention, only for the Royals to make it three one through James. But Bristol came back with two goals from Daniels and Salmon to draw the game. Reading played West Ham next, and at half time they were two nil down and had a player sent off. But the Royals dominated play in the second half, with three goals coming in quick succession to get the win.

## Tottenham Hotspur

**Position:** 7th

**Results:**

Tottenham Hotspurs 0 – 2 Arsenal

Everton 3 – 1 Tottenham Hotspur

Both teams had good chances to take the lead amid the electrifying atmosphere, Spurs could have taken the lead when Graham went through one-on-one but shot straight at the keeper. A few minutes later Graham could have scored again after hitting the post with a shot from outside the box. However, in the second half Spurs couldn't hold off the Arsenal attack with Little and Miedema scoring for the Gunners. Tottenham then faced a tough Everton side, who scored early on through Pike's close-range effort. Spurs looked to be back in contention after Lucy Quinn talked the keeper after a bad pass back to level the score. But Everton score again after a mix up in the box lead to an own goal from Filbey. Lucy Graham then ensured victory with a sublime effort from 20 yards out.







## West Ham United

**Position:** 8th

**Results:**

Manchester City 5 – 0 West Ham United

West Ham 2 – 3 Reading

West Ham went into this month carrying a lot of injuries, which didn't help when they faced the strong attacking Manchester City. The Hammers did have a few chances with their best coming from substitute Wiktoria Kizskis who hit the post in extra time. West Ham looked to be winning their second game of the month as they went into half time two nil up and facing a team of ten men. However, they were shocked by the persistence of Reading who kept pushing for goals which eventually came, with them scoring three goals in just seven minutes to take the win from West Ham.

*December's WSL fixtures can be found at:*

[www.thewomensfootballmagazine.com/fixtures](http://www.thewomensfootballmagazine.com/fixtures)





# Ammo's Antics

Hi everyone,

Happy to say I'm now fully back from injury and playing games again. (Weather permitting).

I've had a busy month actually. First I was asked to play up a couple of years for my Y10 school team and we won 3-2 in the schools cup. I was playing against some really big strong girls.

Then I played for the Wales Elite squad against Risca boys academy. They were an excellent team full of really quick and skilful players. Although we lost the game 3-0 we had plenty of opportunities. I came close to scoring my first goal for Wales. The ball came to me at the edge of the box from a corner and I tried to lob it over everyone. It was going in but was cleared off the line by the last defender. Sooooo close.

Playing with a new group of girls was a bit daunting but I think I had a good game.

Due to the weather our next two games were postponed.

It can be frustrating when you train hard all week and then don't play on a Saturday.

I did also manage to play in a tournament for my school Y8 team. I scored 12 goals in 4 games but we came second on goal difference.

I've also been doing a bit of refereeing for the

younger girls teams which I've really enjoyed.

Finally we've just played Leicester City RTC. I played at right back in the first half and left back in the second half. I'm more of an attacking midfielder but when you play in a team with girls as amazing as I do, sometimes you have to just take the minutes on the pitch you can get.

We won the game 3-2 after twice going behind. Leicester are a good physical team and played some quality football. Happy that we came away with the win though.

That's all the football I've played this month but there is just one more thing I wanted to talk about.

You won't know this but when I was 8 I was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome. I've never told anyone and I don't really talk about it but it's something I just have to live with. I have mostly mild vocal or motor tics. Sometimes I get teased about it at school. But when I play football it all goes away.

You see, there are some things in life you can control, like how hard you work, how you apply yourself and there are other things that you can't.

But in the end nothing should stop you doing something you love.

Stay happy and be kind to everyone

Ammo



# CHAMPIONSHIP









# **Charlotte Kerr and Renee Hector leave Charlton Women**



Charlotte Kerr and Renee Hector have left Championship side Charlton Athletic by mutual effect.

Kerr joined Charlton from Watford at the start of the 2018/19 season, making 28 appearances.

Hector helped Tottenham Hotspur to promotion to the Barclays FA WSL last season but her appearances for Charlton this term have been limited.

Hector took to Twitter to confirm she had not been released as initial stated in a news report.

She wrote: "I wasn't released. Charlton is a great club and I thank them all for their support and understanding.

"I wish them all the best this season I made this choice down to personal reasons.

"The old Ren will be back putting her heart and soul into every game soon, no doubt."

Hector suffered the first recorded case of racist abuse in the women's professional game and has been open with her battle of depression.

Charlton Athletic wrote: "The club can confirm Charlotte Kerr and Renee Hector have both mutually left the club.

"The club would like to thank both players and wishes them the best for their future."

# London Bees launch Elite Development Programme



London Bees have launched their Elite Development Programme for the 2020/21 season.

The first trial will be on Saturday, December 21.

## **What does the programme offer?**

- Full-time football & full-time education
- Direct pathway into London Bees 1<sup>st</sup> Team
- Coaching by London Bees 1<sup>st</sup> Team Staff & Barnet FC Academy staff
- 3 x training sessions per week with competitive games programme
- Sports Science & medical provision
- Gym access

## **Education**

- Education delivered by Canons High School
- Education options include: BTEC Level 2 & 3 as well as a wide choice of A Levels

The programme is for players aged 16-19 in the 2020/21 season – ideally, currently in school year 11.





# Lucy Bronze and Arsenal Football Club up for awards



BT has announced the nominees for the seventh annual BT Sport Action Woman of the Year Award, in association with The Telegraph.

In what has been yet another ground-breaking year for women's sport, the award celebrates eight of 2019's standout performances by British female athletes.

From the Women's World Cup attracting record numbers of UK viewers, to a British winner of the first all-female single-seater motorsport competition, 2019 has been a fantastic year for women's sport with success across the board

In addition to the individual award, BT Sport will recognise team and lifetime contributions with two awards that further celebrate women's sport: both the 'Team of the Year' and the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' will be also presented on the night.

Simon Green, Head of BT Sport, said: 'It has been an incredible, record-breaking year for women's sport, both for individuals and teams.

"From football and horse racing, to motorsport and martial arts, we are proud to celebrate the achievements of our nominees and hope that their performances will inspire the next generation of athletes.

"We would encourage everyone to continue to show their appreciation and admiration by voting for their favourite sportswoman of 2019.

"To enable as many people to watch as possible we will also be making the awards available for anyone to watch on BT Sport 1, on the App and [btsport.com](https://www.btsport.com) and on Twitter."



2019 saw Bronze cement herself as one of the best players in the world, with great success both domestically and internationally.

The defender helped Lyon to an historic treble, lifted the She Believes Cup with the Lionesses, won the FIFA Women's World Cup Silver Ball and became the first British player to be awarded the UEFA Women's Player of the Year Award.

**BT Sport Action Woman of the Year nominees:**

- Dina Asher-Smith – Athletics
- Pippa Funnell MBE – Horse Riding
- Jade Jones MBE – Taekwondo
- Lucy Bronze – Football
- Jamie Chadwick – Motorsport
- Dame Sarah Storey – Para-Cycling
- Bryony Frost – Horse Racing
- Katarina Johnson-Thompson – Athletics

**The Team of the Year nominees:**

- Solheim Cup team
- Arsenal Women Football Club
- England women's national rugby union team

The winner of the BT Sport Action Woman of the Year Award will once again be decided by a public vote via the website: [btsport.com/actionwoman2019](https://btsport.com/actionwoman2019).

The winners will be announced at the BT Sport Action Woman of the Year Awards show, presented by Clare Balding and broadcast and open for anyone to watch (subscribers and non-subscribers), live on BT Sport 1, online and on Twitter from 7.30pm.





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# Premier Division News

## Izzy Dalton leaves Nottingham Forest

Nottingham Forest Women has left Nottingham Forest Women to sign her first professional contract with W-League side Brisbane Roar.

Dalton joined the Reds during the summer after moving back from a successful spell in the USA playing College football.

The midfielder was one of only two players who had featured in every game for Forest so far this season.

On Dalton's departure, Forest Women General Manager Lee Billiard told the official website: "We are all delighted for Izzy.

"Anytime a player signs a professional contract it is a special moment, and for Forest Women to have played a small part in her recent development and be able to help with the transition to a professional contract is a positive for the club.

"We will all miss Izzy, she has been great for us on and off the pitch.

"No doubt we will remain in contact and follow her progress during the W-League season"



## Chichester move to new home ground



Chichester City Ladies will have a new home ground for the rest of the season.

After many years at Oakland's Park, the club has decided to move as they look to move 'in the right direction'.

The club will play their remaining games at the Bunn Leisure Stadium, Selsey Football Club.

In a statement they said "The club have decided it is time to move on to other opportunities to continue to progress women's and girls football across West Sussex.

"Currently all 7 Chi City Ladies and Girls teams play in different locations which makes it difficult to have the desired 'one club feel'.

"The club has a lot to offer with youth players continuously looking up to the senior players in the squad which made the decision easy for the committee to make this move."



# Premier Division News

## Billy Bough-French signs for Oxford United

Oxford United have announced the signing of Billie Bough-French.

Bough-French, 16, is part of the club's successful RTC programme and went straight into the first team.

Manager Liam Gilbert said: "Billie has done really well in training in the last few weeks and deserves this opportunity.

"It's great that we have players who can step up and it highlights the pathway that we have for our young players."



## Serious injury sees Fylde Women v West Brom abandoned



A serious injury to Jade Arber forced the league game between Fylde Women and West Brom to be abandoned.

West Brom striker Jade Arber landed awkwardly in the 58th minute of the National League Northern Premier fixture and received lengthy treatment on the pitch before the game was abandoned.

On November 25, West Brom announced that Arber had been discharged from hospital and was 'recovering at home'.

The statement said: "Jade has accepted an offer from Albion's medical department to assess the back injury at the Club's training ground on Wednesday.

"Albion Chief Executive Mark Jenkins said: "We were alarmed to hear about Jade's injury on Sunday afternoon and the Club quickly made contact to offer assistance.

"We're pleased to learn that Jade has now been discharged from hospital but we know she will require further medical attention which will be available to her here at the training ground.

"We wish Jade a speedy recovery and will do all we can to get her back on a football pitch soon."

Everyone at TWFM wished Jade a speedy recovery.



# Fylde's Play

## with Georgia Stevens

@Stix\_Official\_9 @FyldeLadiesFC

November was a whirlwind!

The month kickstarted with the news that my sponsors Pro Football Academy had acquired the club Stockport Town FC. I train regularly at PFA up in Stockport and I'm close to all the coaches there so to see that they had taken such a big step and are making such big moves in the football world, filled me with pride. Hopefully I'll be able to get myself down to a few games and cheer them on and I'd suggest that if anyone wants to tick another club off their list, then Stockport Town are well worth a visit!

Shortly after, Kick It Out held their first ever #KickItOutGeneration debate and event at Box Park Wembley! My Game Changers mentor Osei Sankofa was largely involved in the event and it was a huge success. Sadly I couldn't attend as it clashed with my Dad's birthday, but hopefully there will be another and I can't wait to be involved in such a quality event.

A special shoutout goes out to one of my close friends Miriael Taylor who helped her college side Hofstra win their third CAA Championship, making them back to back champs! It's always great to see others achieve success and Miri is someone who deserves it tenfold.

The day finally came around for me to attend the North West Football Awards in the Point, Old Trafford. But before that, I travelled up to Derby County's training ground to meet up with the three other Diamond FC members to sign our Umbro contract. Signing my first professional brand deal was a surreal experience and the day passed by so quickly. It was filled with goodie bags, personalised boots and lots of pictures. We also had the opportunity to meet Phillip Cocu which was brilliant!

Straight from Derby I headed to Manchester to get ready for the NWFA's. The awards were incredible. There were so many faces in one room, it was rather overwhelming, but made me proud to be from such a football-loving and successful region. On top of that, all the proceeds from the event went towards the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation, an incredibly worthy cause that I'd encourage everybody checks out and supports in any way they can.

I didn't pick up the award that night, but the experience I gained and the people I met outweighed any sort of loss.

I'd also like to congratulate my good friends at RedMenTV who picked up their





third consecutive Fan Award at the event! Paul, Chris and everyone there at RedMenTV work so hard at creating brilliant Liverpool fan content and it's great to see their hard-work recognised.

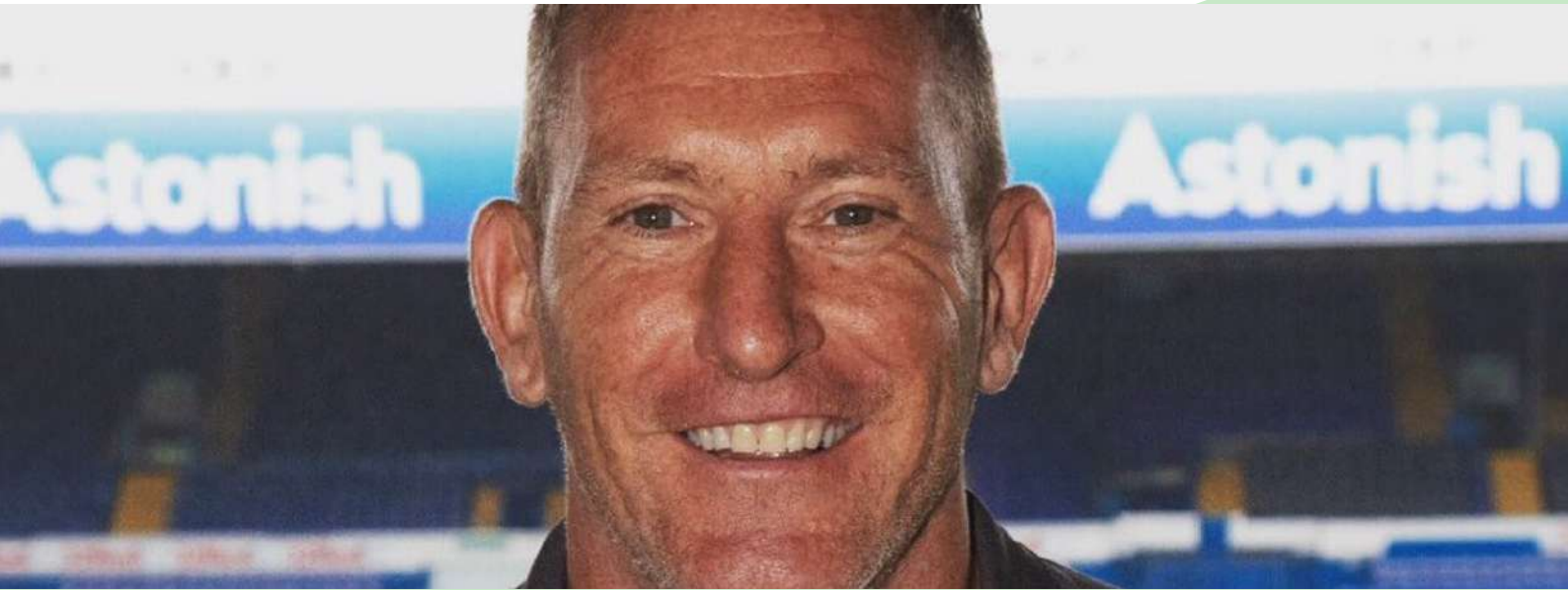
In terms of on the pitch, I returned to the Starting XI for Fylde against Loughborough Foxes. We won the game 2-1 and I was delighted to get my name on the scoresheet - scoring the second, which turned out to be the winner. As a striker, there's no better feeling than scoring and it's a large part of why I play that position. In reality, scoring every game is sometimes impossible - opposition are better on the day, teammates aren't on the same wavelength that game, weather, pitch (the list could go on). But scoring consistently is something I strive for, despite all the adversities that present themselves and it's great that I've added to my tally in what's been a difficult season for the squad so far.

On a personal note, I reached 1.1k followers on twitter which is just crazy to me. I'd like to thank any of you reading this who helped me reach this goal! You can keep up to date with my journey at @Stix\_Official\_9.

I'd like to dedicate this issue to my Dad who turned 60 this past month and continues to support me in everything I do!

Also a happy holidays to everyone!

# “There is no room for error”



**By Hannah Clarke**

Leeds United Women are currently sitting second in Division One North behind Barnsley after an impressive start to the season.

After the original club split from Leeds United back in 2005, owner Andrea Radrizzani brought back Leeds Ladies to Leeds United in June 2017.

This month manager Dan O'Herne sat down with TWFM for an exclusive interview about just how difficult it is to move up the leagues in women's football.

He said: “In this area there are a lot of teams in the same league, so everybody is vying for the quality players and they seem to be spread about.

“Getting up the leagues is tough in our division because there's only one promotion spot, so you have to be squeaky clean all season.”

There is no room for error throughout the season in women's football because one off day could be the difference between promotion or not.

Leeds United have got their eyes on

promotion this season and seem to certainly have the plans in place to compete for that top spot.

“We have made new signings so obviously they are going to help us improve, we've just signed Milly the striker I had at Sheffield United, she scored three goals in five games so that is a big boost for us because we are lacking a goal scorer,” O'Herne said.

“We usually have quite a long break at Christmas but we are planning to shorten that break down and keep them in over Christmas so that will hopefully help us in the second half of the season.

“It's just about maintaining, last season was about stability, but we didn't have consistency with results, now we are getting the consistency we need.”

The media are currently playing a huge role in the development of women's football; however, the coverage is almost making the gap between the Super League and the rest of divisions even bigger, with the large focus on the top flight.



Speaking about what needs to be done to bridge the gap, O'Herne said: "The Super League are getting all the attention and rightfully so, that is the top league.

"But there are some good teams in the Championship, there are some good teams in our league [Division One North] and the league above us.

"I've been in women's football now seven years and I think the quality is getting better at the lower levels, better coaching as well which helps so I think that is going to bridge the gap a bit but obviously they are

elite players in the Super League.

"All we can do is try and get as much contact time with the players as we can, try and improve them and hope they learn and develop."

*Next up for Leeds United is Bolton Wanderers at home on Sunday 8 December.*

*Leeds United's home games are played at Leeds United FC Training Ground.*

## Two new signings for Leeds



Leeds United Women have signed two new players to their squad for the continuation of the 2019/20 season.

Striker Millie Kenyon joins from Oughtbridge War Memorial in Sheffield and was added straight into the squad scoring five goals in three games.

Kenyon, who has previously played for Sheffield FC and Sheffield United, joins back up with old manager Dan O'Herne.

Second signing Kirstie Hunt, is a central midfielder from Nottingham Forest.

Her previous experience also includes a spell with Guiseley.

# Strip! How football got shirty



## By Helen Rowe-Willcocks

The National Football Museum has recently opened a brand new exhibition called 'Strip! How football got shirty' and TWFM was lucky enough to go down and get a sneak peak.

The exhibition is the largest of it's kind and features shirts from all over the world from their humble beginnings to the bright, the bold and hideous!

There are over 200 shirts on display including a number of women's shirt important to the growth of the women's game. From a St. Helens shirt from the beginning of women's football right through to the shirts specially designed for this summer's Women's World Cup.

Whilst we wandered through the shirts, we chatted to curator Jon Sutton about how he chose those on display.

## What gave you the inspiration for the exhibition?

We have had shirts on display at the museum for over 20 years but generally it has been down to event association—so shirts worn in special games or cup finals, that sort of thing.

We wanted this to be more about the fashion, the design, the technology changes that have happened. We wanted to go right back to the start so we have Victorian era shirts all the way through. Players change but the shirt are constant. The football shirt is such an important thing.



We have loads of the eye-popping designs of the 80s and 90s. With fabric changes there was so much you could do with it. Some of those are the ones that are now seen as really cool.

With a football shirt, there is a thing where teams abroad who have really cool shirts, people will buy them even if it's not there club.

### **What is the special shirt you have launched?**

We have launched a special National Football Museum shirt which has been designed by Stanley Chow which is made out of 50% bamboo charcoal. There are other shirts as well which have been made out of plastic bottles.

### **The WWC had the unique shirts this time, did you think it was important to include the women's story as well?**

We have tried to get a lot of women's shirts in the exhibition. I think the earliest we have got is the St. Helen's shirt from 1980. That's in the sponsorship section because it was polyester which meant they could have their own sponsors. It was donated by Liz Deagan.



There are a lot of shirts we have which were designed for men but worn by women's teams. In the 'Hall of Shame' we have this really nice Iceland shirt but it's in there because it's a XXL and women were forced to wear these hand-me-downs.

I think there has now been a process where

shirts need to be tailored for women's football. I think Nike really stepped it up for this Women's World Cup. We have a few of those here including the France polka dot one.

I don't know where the shirts will go—will there be one shirt designed for both teams in the future? We will have to see.

Some brands need to do more some are doing great.



We have the Lewes FC shirt which is so important because of their equal pay strategy.

We just did not want it to be a male dominated exhibition. We knew we needed to include the history of women's shirts including the ugly side.

### **What's your favourite shirt from the exhibition?**

My favourite is the Blackpool 1990 shirt. I am a Blackpool fan so a little biased but at the time it was really unpopular because it was not traditional tangerine, it has all these diamonds on it.

I can see why it was not popular then, I mean it looks salmon pink!

*We absolutely loved the exhibition and thoroughly recommend going. It runs from Friday, November 22 to Sunday, June 7.*

*Entry into the museum (which includes the exhibition is £10 for adults, £8 concessions (students & seniors), £5 children, under 5 go free.*

*City of Manchester residents also get free entry with proof of address.*





# GRASSROOTS





# ANDY ROSS

*At the beginning of June the idea of Bolton County having a women's team was just a dream but after an initial approach by player and U10s coach Delyth Iddon some hard work followed by Club Directors Gareth Lindsay David Hough and Stewart Dawes alongside manager Andy Ross and his assistant and so called 'better half' Jessica Ross a team was formed.*

*In this two-part special we sit down with an exclusive interview with Andy to discuss the new club and how it's thriving after such a quick turn around.*

**Who do you think has got it right in growing their team?**

Women that want to play football to a certain level know which clubs they need to end up at. There have been successes. Look at Burnley for example, they are progressing well. They have gone up and they are doing well again this season but they are clearly one of the investment teams. Burnley have grown slowly and they are sustaining it.

**What happens if people try out but are not at the right standard for you?**

I never turn anybody away. We get enquiries all the time. Obviously, you get some girls and women who you think are not at the standard but we still want them because we have the ability to help them improve and feel part of a team and that is so important. We don't know where we are going to go as a club. What we have tried to do is think about what we want to achieve and ultimately we want to be at the same level as the men's side who scout players from all over. We have one team but there is progression to get a reserve and development side. That has to be the aim. It's early doors.

**How do you get players committed to a grassroots/non-professional side?**

“We try to kick down the stereotypes”

We have had a few injuries or illnesses, we have one girl who was at the previous club I was at and she has now joined back up with us after spending the summer playing rugby league. We started with the bare XI players which makes it difficult to coach. When you have subs you can get the less experienced players to stand with you and watch the game from the sidelines. The amazing thing is that the players want to learn. We have a couple of girls come to us who have ability but they have deficiencies in the game. They are so keen to learn from us.

**You started coaching women's teams because of your wife, is she still playing?**

Absolutely. Her moto is “As soon as someone comes along and kicks me out of the team, that will do me. The boots can get hung up.” She is also a coach though which is brilliant. She coaches alongside me and that is such great fun.

**Is it good having the mix of experience in the team?**

We have a 16-year-old who we have had to throw in at the deep end because of injuries and illness. She is also playing on a Saturday for an



for an U18s side but her dad says she is learning more here because all of a sudden she is playing against women and not girls and it is improving her game. She's noticed a difference in the physicality of the game, she has had to adapt to it. She has the right attitude. I could see her going far. The team is so welcoming and that's important because if you don't have a group of players who are welcoming to new people, you are on a sticky wicket.

**Have you ever been fortunate enough to follow professional women's football live?**

We went over to the Euros in 2017, it was brilliant. We went over to watch an Andre Rieu concert and realised that the Women's Euros were on at the time we were going so decided to look at tickets. We were there for a week and went to watch four games. We were based in Maastricht, we drove from there to watch Germany and Sweden. On the Tuesday, we went to Amsterdam for some sightseeing before England v Scotland in Utrecht. Then we also went to see Netherlands against Denmark in Rotterdam and then Germany v Italy. I never felt uncomfortable at any of the games despite the fact we were not at England games. The atmosphere is amazing, it's so different to the men's game. It was an amazing week. The Dutch were amazing hosts.



# The Big Interview



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**Since you have been men's and women's Are you excited about the following women's foot- ball, what differences have you seen? 2021 Euros?**

My other half went to the Euros in 2005 and the difference since then is amazing. They were so poorly attended because no-one gave it a second thought. No-one was interested. I think it started to get a grip and a following at the Canada Women's World Cup. England did well there. Then they went to the Euros two years later and got to the semi-finals again.

**What do you think is different to attending**

My partner took a number of kids to the Manchester City v Manchester United game at the Eithad. All the kids were sat there together with blue and red shirts. That's what you want and I just hope it stays like that. A guy that I work with took his grand-daughter to the same game. It was his first women's game and he really enjoyed it. It was completely different to watching the men's team because everyone mixes. It's the biggest selling point of the women's game. I think it's fantastic.

I am so excited that the Euros are going to be here. I think the atmosphere is going to be brilliant. I am really pleased they are using Leigh Sports Village. There had seemed to be a bit of a Southern bias creeping in but we have a number of north stadiums which will be used. The only disappointment is the lack of North East Stadium. Even if you didn't want to use Newcastle or Sunderland, why did you not use Hartlepool?

It's ridiculous. If you want to grow the game, you have to have at least two or three





three games up in the North East. It's nonsensical. I am not sure the Academy Stadium for example is going to be big enough for the crowds people are hoping we are going to get. There is also nothing in Merseyside. There are so many options of stadiums around the country to spread the games out. It's a missed opportunity. They're not thinking out of the box.

### **Do you think it's going to help grow the game in the UK?**

It's a big opportunity to grow the game and cement its place as a sport in the country. Once we get over the fact there will

always be certain men who will never enjoy it – like there are women who don't enjoy the men's game – then we will be getting somewhere. We have a lad in our office who will not entertain the women's game. It's his opinion, fine.

### **Have you seen a difference when you are refereeing girl's teams?**

I think it's funny the number of dads who are now taking their daughters to football – I bet 10 years ago they wouldn't have ever thought they wouldn't be doing that. It makes me smile because it makes you realise how far we have come. We are getting there.

My sister-in-law's daughter plays for the U10s – she is the goalkeeper – but then she is also a dancer. She's right in the middle kicking down those stereotypes.

### **How have the rest of the club reacted to the women's team?**

The club's directors, who are the ones we met in June, have been amazing. They just saw it as the final piece of the jigsaw for the club. They are really supportive. We now have everything within one club. They have been a bit amazed at how quickly we have got to where we have. You have to have the right environment.



# The Big Interview

I turned up at that first training session and was pleasantly surprised.

## What do you hope for the season?

We hope to grow. We went into this expecting nothing from the season. The way to do it is grow slowly. Hopefully that is what we can do. The chairmen have been so supportive. One of them turned up to one of our games, it's so great to have them on board. Hopefully it will progress. We have been on hand-me-downs for kits but we have now got our own kits.

## How does this differ to the other clubs you have been to?

I have not been used to a big club. Here we have gone through all the official processes, got on with it really quietly and hopefully we will succeed. We are trying to progress the club but altogether and work together. It's little things like setting up bank accounts and all the background admin that has taken time to get right.

## How important is it for you to be one club?

I think that's the way it should be. We have seven people on the women's board so there is always a casting vote including a player nominated by the other players so it is always

seen as their club. We just have to see what happens going forward. It's exciting. Since the June 1, we have not stopped. I love it though and I just cannot wait to see where we go. Going through the process has been hard work but so fun.

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*[www.boltoncounty.com/teams/womens-open-age](http://www.boltoncounty.com/teams/womens-open-age)*





# One Goal: The vision of Daniela Porcelli



## What is One Goal?

The One Goal's vision is to become a unique worldwide charitable organization that uses an authentic process within the women's game to achieve it.

Our mission at The One Goal is to work locally and internationally to raise funds from the women's game which we will put back by donating to help organizations that are using sports as a method to help people and their communities. Our goal is to encourage and support future generations to give them more of a chance to reach their dreams not only in their chosen sport but also in their life goals.

The popularity of women's football continues to grow worldwide and The One Goal will help put the players on the map by raising funds selling authentic merchandise to the fans. Our charitable organization will then use the funds raised to benefit projects within the game and other projects which stand for our values. Dedicating our efforts from the grassroots upwards, we can help the game advance and provide more opportunities for women and girls who wish to follow their dreams.

## Daniela's personal message

A dream came true. My dream of a small charitable organization focusing on supporting others and having a unique approach. Before I met Hedvig, I just had an idea, not a plan. But from their on, it has been going step by step. Small steps, but with incredible support through all the challenges we have encountered and had come more of our ways. We will happily face them as we have "The One Goal" insight: Helping others.

I couldn't have done this alone. And didn't want to. Volunteering for such a great cause and doing this next to amazing people, is a wonderful experience, which is enriching my life.

Hedvig, who is not only one of the best goalkeepers in the world and a legend already, she is also a wonderful person who values her family, friends, and teammates in a huge way. But she also cares for more. For people who don't have the privileges we have. So connecting our ideas together and founding The One Goal, is one way to give back. To help others. Gratefully.

The One Goal exists. Because of the great involvement and support from Hedvig. Because of all our amazing volunteers who daily bring in time, skills and ideas. Because of all the players who donated an item or in the future want to donate. Because of all you "our partners" who support us immensely. Because of all of you, who follow us, share our journey and talk about it. Because of all the continuous support from my family and friends to keep doing what I love. Because of you all, this is possible.

We are small but unique. We put all our passion and time into it to grow healthy and steady. To do good. To give back to where everything comes from. To support people. To support. And love.

Thank you for everything. Love Daniela

## The Approach

The One Goal's focus is to connect with athletes and teams all around the globe to support people and their communities together through the use of an international platform.

### **HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS:**

Players and their clubs will donate their personal owned items like jerseys, kits, boots and any other memorabilia to our organization

All donated items will go for auction through the online platform ebid.net. Fans and supporters all around the world can register for free and participate in the bidding

We are also encouraging athletes from the men's game to support our cause

Our goal is to donate the money and collaborate with diverse organizations who are supporting our values and ethical views . See further information here

Players can also request the charities they want to donate to.

**Check them out HERE: <https://theonegoal.org>**





# CUPS



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# Champions League draw



The route to the final has been drawn for the Women's Champions League.

The final will be played at Viola Park, Vienna on May 24.

Arsenal and Glasgow City are the two remaining British sides in the draw.

## **Quarter-final draw (24/25 March & 1/2 April)**

Atletico Madrid v Barcelona

Lyon v Bayern Munich

Glasgow City v Wolfsburg

Arsenal v Paris Saint-Germain

## **Semi-final draw (25/26 April & 2/3 May)**

1: Arsenal/Paris v Lyon/Bayern

2: Glasgow/Wolfsburg v Atletico/Barcelona

## **Final (Viola Park, Vienna: 24 May)**

Winner semi-final 2 v Winner semi-final 1



## Who are the 8 contenders?

### Arsenal

Previous best: winners (2006/07)

Quarter-final record: W6 L6

### Atletico Madrid

Previous best: first quarter-final

### Barcelona

Previous best: final (2018/19)

Quarter-final record: W2 L3

### Bayern Munich

Previous best: semi-finals (2018/19)

Quarter-final record: W1 L1

### Glasgow City

Previous best: quarter-final (2014/15)

Quarter-final record: W0 L1

### Lyon

Previous best: winners (2010/11, 2011/12, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19)

Quarter-final record: W10 L0

### Paris Saint-Germain

Previous best: runners-up (2014/15, 2016/17)

Quarter-final record: W3 L1

### Wolfsburg

Previous best: winners (2012/13, 2013/14)

Quarter-final record: W5 L2









# SSE Women's FA Cup

## FA Cup 2nd round fixtures

The FA Cup 2nd round took place on Sunday, December 1.

Chorley	vs	Brighouse Town	West Brom	vs	Lincoln City
Derby County	vs	Nottingham Forest	Hounslow	vs	Cardiff City
Barnsley	vs	Sheffield FC	Keynsham Town	vs	Watford
Sunderland	vs	Middlesbrough	Yeovil Town	vs	Southampton FC Women
Stoke City	vs	Huddersfield Town	Portsmouth	vs	Cheltenham Town/ Leyton Orient
Wolverhampton Wanderers	vs	Fylde Women	Southampton Women's FC	vs	MK Dons
Chester-le-Street Town	vs	Loughborough Foxes	Oxford United	vs	Plymouth Argyle
Burnley	vs	Hull City	Chichester City	vs	Ipswich Town
Actonians	vs	Crawley Wasps	Woodlands/ Billericay Town	vs	Gillingham

## Round Dates

**First Round Proper** - Sunday 10 November 2019

**Second Round Proper** - Sunday 1 December 2019

**Third Round Proper** - Sunday 5 January 2020

**Fourth Round Proper** - Sunday 26 January 2020

**Fifth Round Proper** - Sunday 16 February 2020

**Quarter Final** - Sunday 15 March 2020

**Semi-Final** - Sunday 19 April 2020

**Final** - Saturday 9 May 2020





## **FA Cup 1st round proper**

Crewe Alexandra 1-2 Barnsley

Liverpool Feds 0-4 Brighouse Town

Durham Cestria 1-3 Chester-le-Street

The New Saints 0-4 Chorley

Leek Town 1-2 Lincoln City

Wolverhampton Wanderers 4-1 Luton Town

Woodlands 0-13 Billericay Town

Ipswich Town 5-0 Leyton Orient

Actonians 2-1 AFC Wimbledon

Chesham United 0-1 Southampton Women

Southampton Women's 4-0 Portishead



# 5 things you may have missed from the Continental Tyres League Cup



## Part time clubs struggle

There has been much talk about the differences between the WSL and Championship over the years but the difference between professional and semi-professional clubs shone clear in the fourth round with many WSL clubs dominating their games with large goal differences. Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal all picked up large scores against Championship sides.

## Championship rules Group A

After a poor start for the WSL teams of Group A, Sheffield United and Durham continue to fight for their place in the knock-out stages of the Conti Cup. A 4-0 win for Sheffield United over Durham saw them leapfrog their rivals to go to the top of the table as Durham miss out on their chance to clinch a place in the knockout stages.

## Toone Army

United's Ella Toone scored five goals for the Red Devils in their 11-1 win over Leicester City. The result is the second largest in the competition's history (only beaten by Chelsea's 13-0 win over London Bees in 2014).

## Chelsea and Manchester United unbeaten

Manchester United (Group C) and Chelsea (Group D) are the only two sides who remain unbeaten in the competition. In round four Chelsea were 5-1 winners over London rivals Tottenham with goals from Drew Spence, Erin Cuthbery, Beth England (2) and Deanna Cooper.

## Pens for Cov United and Villa

The Group A clash between Championship sides Coventry United and Aston Villa went to penalties after the two sides shared the points with a 2-2 draw. There was an exciting opening to the game with Phoebe Warner scoring after just a minute for the visitors and Amber Hughes cancelling it out just two minutes later. Coventry United were the side who took the extra point winning 3-1 in the penalty shoot-out.

# Continental Tyres League Cup results and Tables

Round 4—20 & 21 November		
Group A (North 1)		
Durham	0-4	Sheffield United
Blackburn Rovers	0-6	Liverpool
Coventry United	2-2 (3-1 pens)	Aston Villa
Group B (South 1)		
Charlton Athletic	1-0	London City Lionesses
Arsenal	7-0	Bristol City
London Bees	0-5	Brighton & Hove Albion
Group C (North 2)		
Everton	1-4	Manchester City
Manchester United	11-1	Leicester City
Group D (South 2)		
Chelsea	5-1	Tottenham
Reading	6-0	Crystal Palace
West Ham United	3-1	Lewes

Group A						
Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Sheffield United	4	3	0	1	6	9
Durham	4	3	0	1	5	9
Aston Villa	4	2	0	2	1	7
Liverpool	4	2	0	2	7	6
Coventry United	4	2	0	2	-8	4
Blackburn Rovers	4	0	0	4	-11	1

Group B						
Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Arsenal	4	3	0	1	16	10
Brighton & Hove Albion	4	3	0	1	7	8
Bristol City	4	2	0	2	-3	7
London Bees	4	2	0	2	-5	5
Charlton Athletic	4	1	0	3	-6	4
London City Lionesses	4	1	0	3	-9	2

Group C						
Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Manchester United	3	3	0	0	15	9
Manchester City	4	3	0	1	7	9
Birmingham City	3	2	0	1	4	6
Everton	3	0	0	3	-7	0
Leicester City	3	0	0	3	-19	0

Group D						
Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Chelsea	4	4	0	0	10	12
Reading	4	3	0	1	10	9
West Ham United	4	2	0	2	1	7
Tottenham	4	2	0	2	-5	5
Crystal Palace	4	1	0	3	-11	3
Lewes	4	0	0	4	-5	0





# National League Cup and Plate draws

After the determining round, the draws for the National League and Plate draws have been made.

## FA WNL Cup 2019-20 second round results

*Other fixtures to be played*

17 November		
Huddersfield Town	P-P	London Eaton Utd or Liverpool Feds
Yeovil Town	1-2	Southampton
24 November		
Brighouse Town	1-1 (0-3)	Derby County
Stoke City	3-2	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Crawley Wasps	P-P	Portsmouth
AFC Basildon	3-3 (0-3)	Milton Keynes Dons
Chesham United or Exeter City	P-P	Billericay Town

## FA WNL Plate 2019-20 second round results

*Other fixtures to be played*

17 November		
Nottingham Forest	P-P	Leeds United
Stockport County	0-7	Middlesbrough
24 November		
Bolton Wanderers	1-0	Newcastle United
West Bromwich Albion	P-P	Leicester Utd or Leafield Athletic
Plymouth Argyle	3-1	AFC Wimbledon
Maidenhead United	P-P	Stevenage
Watford	2-1	Oxford United
Cheltenham Town	P-P	Chichester City





# **Women in Football and Barclays announce new partnership**



Women in Football (WiF) and Barclays have announced a new three-year partnership where Barclays will expand its role as Lead Partner of the professional women's network.

Barclays partnership will help WiF to grow its reach and offer, expand its highly regarded leadership course to more levels and deliver it across the country in the major centres of football employment, helping to upskill, empower and connect more women working in and around football, the first of which will be in Manchester, week commencing 10 February 2020.

In addition, Barclays' support will enable Women in Football to hold its first ever Career Development Conference in 2020.

WiF chair, Ebru Köksal, said: "We are delighted to have established this three-year agreement with Barclays.

"We have a long-standing working relationship with Barclays, who have been unwavering in their support of the work of Women in Football.

"This commitment presents us with a fantastic opportunity to push forward with great momentum, offering opportunities, training and support for girls and women in and around the football industry."

Tom Corbett, Head of Group Sponsorship for Barclays, said: "Women and Football has come a long way since it was established over ten years ago, and I am proud that we have been a partner for most of that time.

"However, they are now growing rapidly and playing an increasingly important role in football and it is right that we increase our involvement to reflect this.

"In the last six months we have also sponsored the Barclays FA Women's Super League and the FA Girls' Football School Partnerships, that aims to give girls greater access to football in schools.

"Inspired by the Women in Football #WhatIf campaign launched in 2018, to encourage businesses, celebrities and members of the public to identify one way that they could take action to contribute to an improvement for women and girls within the football industry, we are delighted that FA committed to make sure all girls had access to football by 2024 – something we were only too pleased to support."

The new partnership starts in November 2019 and will continue for three years through to October 2022.

# Home Nations



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# England 1-2 Germany



England's Wembley party did not exactly go according to plan for the Lionesses and Phil Neville.

The rain was pouring down all afternoon as fans ran up Wembley Way towards the stadium but as fans arrived from all over the country, they did not let it dampen their spirits.

With their Lionesses scarves, shirts, flags and facepaint people were queuing up for the FanZone and chatting to fellow supporters as they waited to get into their seats.

It had promised to be a 'sellout' game but whether some were put off by the weather or other reasons we will never know.

Whilst the record was broken for the biggest attendance at a Lionesses game in the UK, the attendance for the biggest women's game

(held from the 2012 Olympics) remains in tact. And unfortunately, the performance on the pitch left a lot to be desired.

The game, which was the first at Wembley since 2014, got off to a poor start after Germany captain Alexandra Popp opened the scoring after just nine minutes through a header.

Nikita Parris won a penalty in the first half after she was brought down in the area.

Unfortunately the Lyon star failed to get the equaliser, which was her third miss from her last four penalty strikes.

The two-time world champions dominated throughout the game but shortly before half-time, England equalised.

The goal was controversial because replays have shown that White was in an offside position when she received Keira White's pass.

The Manchester City duo both had good games, considering the poor performances throughout, and showed why they have become vital members of the squad.

Germany's Kathrin Hendrich was shown a yellow card for a late challenge on Beth Mead.

The decision angered many fans who wanted to see her sent off and replays have shown that the fans were right to be a little aggrieved.

It looked like the game was going to finish a draw but the Germany side, who had looked dominant throughout, decided to spoil the party.

On the 90th minute, Klara Buhl's low strike went soaring past Mary Earps to see England

lose their fifth game in the last seven.

**England:** Earps, Bronze, Houghton, Williamson, Greenwood, Scott, Walsh, Nobbs (Stanway, 77), Parris (Hemp, 73), White (Taylor, 73), Mead (Daly, 73)

**Unused subs:** Telford, Bright, Stokes, McManus, Staniforth, England, Roebuck, Bonner

**Germany:** Frohms, Hendrich, Doorsun, Oberdorf (Hegering, 45), Kleinherne, Marozsan, Dabritz (Leupolz, 70), Magull (Lattwein, 84), Starke (Knaak, 65), Popp (Bremer, 65), Buhl

**Unused subs:** Maier, Schuller, Benkarth, Dallmann, Rauch, Schmitz, Gasper, Lattwein

**Referee:** Stephanie Frappart

**Attendance:** 77,768





## **Phil Neville spoke to TWFM at Wembley following the defeat:**

Neville said: “We wanted to beat the second-best team in the world and that was a real killer blow at the end.

“The first 22 minutes and the last eight minutes have cost us. We weren’t good enough and Germany were better in those periods and that’s why they won the game.

“I thought we competed well. We conceded late because we did not use our experience in game management. The players are devastated as they wanted to get a good result.

“I can’t fault the players’ endeavour, but some mistakes are costing us.

“I thought we were lucky to [be only] 1-0 [down]. After 22 minutes we started to play how we wanted to play.

“From 22 minutes to 82 minutes the game went exactly how we thought it would go.

“The emotional control in the first part of the game is something we need to work on, those real critical moments. That is top-class football. You cannot for a split second lose concentration, you cannot for one second switch off.

“It’s that consistency of performance and behaviour that we’re trying to find.”

“There’s no hiding away from it. One win in seven is totally unacceptable. It’s not what I see as success and we need to do something about it very, very quickly.

“We can talk about coming down from the emotional highs of the World Cup but when you get to November that becomes an excuse. We’re not having any excuses.

“It starts with me. I’ve got to take responsibility for those results. I’m the one who picks the team, I’m the one who sets the tactics.

“The team always reflects the manager. At this moment in time the results aren’t good enough which means that I’ve not been good enough.”





# Czech Republic 2-3 England



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## By Helen Rowe-Willcocks

In England's final game of 2019, they travelled to Ceske Budejovice to take on Czech Republic.

The Lionesses took until the 86th minute to find the winner through a late Leah Williamson goal.

The pitch which was slippery and wet from the falling snow gave England problems and the Czechs, ranked 28th in the world opened the scoring through Tereza Szewieczkova.

England struggled in the first half but goals from Beth England and Beth Mead and a second from Szewieczkova so the two sides go in level at half time.

Phil Neville's side could have been awarded a penalty after Mead was brought down in the box but the referee waved away any appeals.

With just minute's left to go a scruffy shot from Williamson was enough to get the win as she scored her first senior international goal.

The win was just the second from six friendlies since the Women's World Cup.

The Lionesses do not meet again until February—probably for the SheBelieves Cup, though it has not been confirmed.

There is an awful lot which needs thinking about for Phil Neville and his team.



# USWNT high-performance coach Dawn Scott leaves for England Women



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**By Jessica Chandok**

After a string of disappointing results since reaching the World Cup Semi-Finals in July, England have received a much-needed boost off the pitch with the news that US Women's National Team's high-performance coach Dawn Scott has left the World Champions to join Phil Neville's staff.

Newcastle-born Scott is returning to the FA where she spent nine years from 2001 as Head of Sports Science, a subject she had said was new to men's football back then and completely "non-existent" in the women's game.

After studying Sport Science in the early nineties, Scott went on to teach it at Worcester University for three and a half years. When the FA eventually expanded its Medical and Sport Science Department, she joined Hope Powell's team and was tasked with introducing a sport science support programme to the senior team and down through the ranks of the youth national teams.

Speaking to SoccerToday in 2017, she recalled: "...when I first started, the players were all amateur — training 1-2 times per week with their clubs and working full time doing anything from mail delivery to teaching. I would develop training programmes they could do alongside their work commitments. Over time and with more money dedicated to the development of the women's game, the players were given FA contracts — meaning they could work less hours and have an increasing amount of time available that they could commit to training. We qualified for

the 2007 World Cup Finals, reaching the quarter-finals before the USA beat us 4-0. The team then reached the Final of the 2009 European Championships, where we got beat by a strong and dominant German team, but it was a great achievement.”

On the back of that defeat, Scott joined US Soccer in 2010 and was an instrumental member of the support team that led the Stars and Stripes to gold at the 2012 Olympics and back-to-back World Cups in 2015 and 2019.

Working closely with coaches Pia Sundhage, Tom Sermanni and then Jill Ellis – who has also recently stepped down; Scott oversaw everything in terms of physical fitness or physical status of players, monitoring physical training every day with GPS heart rates, overseeing recovery and even keeping track of players’ diets and menstrual cycles.

Scott has described herself as a fitness coach and sports scientist who “encompasses the physical preparation, monitoring and recovery of players.” She returns to the England set-up as senior women's physical performance manager and will also work closely with all 12 WSL teams in an effort to improve physical performances through interaction and a close support network.

Scott cites improving the training environments of the NWSL teams as one of her biggest challenges when in the States but the introduction of GPS, HR and wellness monitoring for all teams allowed clubs to more accurately monitor, plan and prescribe the training and game loads for players. No doubt she will look to bring similar initiatives to the WSL ahead of her first test with the Lionesses; a return to the US for February’s SheBelieves Cup.

Ahead of Scott taking up her role in December, Lionesses coach Phil Neville said: “I am delighted we have secured Dawn’s services as she has worked and succeeded at the elite level and knows what it takes to win on the world stage. She will work closely with my coaching staff and I know the players will be looking forward to getting started with Dawn. With our run to the World Cup semi-finals, this has been a positive year, but we still have much work to do to get to the next level.”

Baroness Sue Campbell later added: “We know the areas of our game we need to improve in order to be ready to win ahead of the Women’s EURO 2021. Securing Dawn’s services is a positive step in that direction and we welcome her back to the FA. She has played a central role in the success of the USA women’s team and we know that she will bring great insight and expertise to our team.”





# Scottish Women's Cup



Glasgow City clinched their ninth Scottish Women's Cup trophy with a late goal to beat holders Hibernian 4-3 at Tynecastle.

The lead changed three times in a game which was a fantastic advertisement for women's football.

Amy Gallagher opened the scoring first just after half an hour before Elish McSorley equalised for Glasgow City.

City then took the lead through Leanne Crichton and after half-time the game was level once again as Jamie-Lee Napier added her name to the scoresheet.

Hibernian, who had held the title for the last three years, took the lead to make it 3-2 when City captain Leanne Ross scored an own goal.

Finally it came down to a brace from Clare Shine which separated the sides.

The game broke the attendance record for a domestic women's match in Scotland—3123 people saw City lift the trophy.

Glasgow City head coach Scott Booth: "It is 100% the best season. To still be in the Champions League quarter-finals, to have won the league, the Scottish cup and get to the final of the league cup is very, very hard to beat.

"It's one of the best ever achievements for me personally."

Hibernian head coach Grant Scott: "It was an exciting game for spectators, overall a great game. We are just very disappointed to lose.

"Overall the disappointment is with the result. Performance wise we had some really good spells. It's a loss, a sore one to take, it will take days and weeks to get over for most of us, but just one of those things."

# **Congratulations Glasgow City**



**SWPL 1 champions and  
Scottish Women's Cup  
champions**



# Hearts promoted to the SWPL 1



Hearts Women lifted the SWPL 2 title in front of a record home crowds at Tynecastle Park.

A 3-0 win over Partick Thistle sealed the Championship for Andy Enwood's side.

A goal from Rachel Walkingshaw and two from Danni McGinley were enough for the victory.

1045 saw the side lift the trophy.

Head Coach Andy Enwood told the official website: "I keep saying it to everyone who asks, three years ago we had to start over with a new team.

"Since then we've kept a group of players and we've stuck together.

"There's been some highs and lows but we've worked together to improve and look what we've now achieved. It's fantastic to be here today in front of all these fans at Tynecastle."



**Claire Delworth**  
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# Albania

## 0-5

# Scotland

Scotland Women thumped Albania 5-0 in their final game of 2019.

Shelley Kerr's side are going strong in Group E as they continue to aim for qualification to Euro 2021.

The Scots started strongly with Claire Emslie and Jane Ross scoring before the break.

Erin Cuthbert added a third before debutant Hannah Godfrey, who was brought in last minute due to a dropout scored her first senior international goal.

Christie Murray added the fifth as Scotland sit second in the group behind Finland who have played an extra game.

Scotland are next in qualifying action on April 9 when they will take on Cyprus but it is expected the side could be in action before then—possibly at the Cyprus Cup.

## SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Lee Alexander (Glasgow City), Jenna Fife (Hibernian), Shannon Lynn (Vittsjö GIK)

**Defenders:** Chloe Arthur (Birmingham City), Jennifer Beattie (Arsenal), Rachel Corsie (Utah Royals), Sophie Howard (Reading), Hayley Lauder (Glasgow City), Rachel McLauchlan (Glasgow City), Emma Mitchell (Arsenal)

**Midfielders:** Lizzie Arnot (Manchester United), Rachael Boyle (Hibernian), Leanne Crichton (Glasgow City), Lucy Graham (Everton), Kim Little (Arsenal), Christie Murray (Liverpool), Caroline Weir (Manchester City)

**Forwards:** Erin Cuthbert (Chelsea), Claire Emslie (Orlando Pride), Lisa Evans, (Arsenal), Abbi Grant (Birmingham City), Jane Ross (Manchester United), Martha Thomas (West Ham United)







# **FA Wales Women's Cup quarter-final draw**

The draw for the quarter-final has been made.

Swansea City v Rhyl/Bethel

Denbigh/Connah's Quay Nomads v Port Talbot

Llandendo v Abergavenny

Cardiff City v Cardiff Met

Games will be played on Sunday, February 9.







# Northern Ireland

**0-0**

# Wales

Northern Ireland and Wales shared the points as neither side could find the back of the net.

The result helps neither of the teams as they continue to fight for a place in Euro 2021.

Both sides had chances to win a tense contest with Laura O'Sullivan denying Simone Magill and Lauren Wade.

Wales' Angharad James saw her side's best chance saved by Rebecca Flaherty.

Wales remain second in the group as their chances for finishing top of the group look slim.

Jayne Ludlow's side will not be back in Euro qualifying action until Friday, April 10 when they take on Faroe Islands.

The result came for Northern Ireland after they were thrashed 6-0 by Norway on November 8.



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# 2021 Championship chatter

<b>Wednesday, November 6</b>			
<b>I</b>	Montenegro	0-4	Greece
<b>Thursday, November 7</b>			
<b>B</b>	Malta	1-1	Israel
<b>D</b>	Azerbaijan	0-4	Czech Republic
<b>E</b>	Finland	4-0	Cyprus
<b>Friday, November 8</b>			
<b>A</b>	Turkey	0-8	Netherlands
<b>B</b>	Italy	6-0	Georgia
<b>C</b>	Norway	6-0	Northern Ireland
<b>E</b>	Albania	0-5	Scotland
<b>F</b>	Slovakia	0-0	Hungary
<b>G</b>	North Macedonia	0-3	Austria
<b>H</b>	Romania	3-0	Lithuania
<b>H</b>	Croatia	1-4	Belgium
<b>Saturday, November 9</b>			
<b>G</b>	France	6-0	Serbia
<b>Sunday, November 10</b>			
<b>D</b>	Moldova	3-1	Azerbaijan
<b>Tuesday, November 12</b>			
<b>A</b>	Netherlands	4-1	Slovenia
<b>B</b>	Italy	5-0	Malta
<b>B</b>	Israel	1-3	Bosnia & Herzegovina
<b>B</b>	Denmark	14-0	Georgia
<b>C</b>	Northern Ireland	0-0	Wales
<b>D</b>	Poland	0-0	Spain
<b>E</b>	Portugal	1-1	Finland
<b>F</b>	Hungary	4-0	Latvia
<b>G</b>	Austria	9-0	Kazakhstan
<b>H</b>	Switzerland	6-0	Romania
<b>H</b>	Belgium	6-0	Lithuania
<b>I</b>	Greece	1-1	Republic of Ireland

# 2021 Championship chatter

Group A									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Netherlands	6	6	0	0	28	3	25	18
2	Slovenia	5	2	0	3	14	10	4	6
3	Russia	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6
4	Kosovo	3	2	0	1	4	6	-2	6
5	Estonia	4	0	1	3	1	13	-12	1
6	Turkey	5	0	1	4	1	19	-18	1

Group B									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Italy	6	6	0	0	19	2	17	18
2	Denmark	5	5	0	0	29	0	29	15
3	Bosnia & Herzegovina	5	3	0	2	12	6	6	9
4	Israel	4	0	1	3	4	10	-6	1
5	Malta	5	0	1	4	1	18	-17	1
6	Georgia	5	0	0	5	1	30	-29	0

Group C									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Norway	4	4	0	0	32	1	31	12
2	Wales	4	2	2	0	9	2	7	8
3	Belarus	3	1	0	2	7	8	-1	3
4	Northern Ireland	4	0	2	2	2	14	-12	2
5	Faroe Islands	3	0	0	3	0	25	-25	0

Group D									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Spain	3	2	1	0	9	1	8	7
2	Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	12	5	7	6
3	Moldova	2	1	0	1	3	8	-5	3
4	Poland	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
5	Azerbaijan	3	0	0	3	1	11	-10	0

Group E									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Finland	4	3	1	0	16	2	14	10
2	Scotland	2	2	0	0	13	0	13	6
3	Portugal	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
4	Cyprus	2	0	0	2	0	12	-12	0
5	Albania	4	0	0	4	1	17	-16	0



# 2021 Championship chatter

Group F									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Sweden	3	3	0	0	16	1	15	9
2	Iceland	3	3	0	0	11	1	10	9
3	Hungary	4	1	1	2	5	9	-4	4
4	Slovakia	4	1	1	2	2	9	-7	4
5	Latvia	4	0	0	4	2	16	-14	0

Group G									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Austria	4	4	0	0	16	0	16	12
2	France	2	2	0	0	9	0	9	6
3	Serbia	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
4	North Macedonia	4	1	0	3	4	13	-9	3
5	Kazakhstan	4	0	0	4	1	19	-18	0

Group H									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Belgium	4	4	0	0	17	2	15	12
2	Switzerland	4	4	0	0	15	0	15	12
3	Romania	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3
4	Croatia	4	1	0	3	4	13	-9	3
5	Lithuania	5	0	0	5	1	18	-17	0

Group I									
	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
1	Germany	4	4	0	0	31	0	31	12
2	Ireland	3	2	1	0	6	3	3	7
3	Greece	3	1	1	1	5	6	-1	4
4	Montenegro	3	0	0	3	0	16	-16	0
5	Ukraine	3	0	0	3	2	19	-17	0



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# World Cup Watch

## **World Cup legacy sparks participation growth in women's football**

The Lionesses' summer success at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup has helped a growth in participation across all levels of the women's game.

Latest figures from The Football Association [The FA] reveal more than 2.63 million women aged 16 and over in England now play football.

Since the tournament in France there are over 850,000 more committed participants, with the retention of 23.1% existing adult female participants playing 11-a-side or small-sided football competitively from September onwards.

Participation figures have risen across a variety of adult age groups with almost 350,000 new participants [compared with the same point last year].

Girls under the age of 16 are also enjoying more opportunities than ever to play the game.

There are now 1,200 Wildcats centres established, providing more than 30,000 girls with the opportunity to play in the community.

The newly established FA Girls' Football School Partnerships supported by Barclays are reaching over 6,500 schools across England.

The growth coincides with the final year of The FA's The Gameplan for Growth strategy, which promised to double participation by 2020.

With targets on course to be achieved, future priorities will be outlined in the next phase of the strategy, which will be announced this summer with a focus on giving girls equal access to football in schools and clubs.

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# World Cup Watch

Following the Lionesses' Semi-Final appearance at the FIFA Women's World Cup [watched by a peak domestic television audience of 11.7 million], there have been record league crowds and Saturday's highly-anticipated fixture with Germany at Wembley Stadium has been sold out since the middle of October.

Louise Gear, The FA's Head of Women's Development, said: "The growth we've experienced is proof of the 'see it, play it' mantra which is at the heart of our ethos to inspire participation across all age groups.

"In the Lionesses we're fortunate to have a wonderful group of role models performing at the highest level of the game, who inspire females of all ages to have the confidence to get out and give football a try; be it for fitness, competition or fun.

"What we've seen this summer is growth across the majority of adult age groups and many on the pathway from kicking a ball in the garden to playing competitive 11-a-side and small-sided football.

"The growth of the women's recreational movement driven by volunteers alongside our Charter Standard Clubs network has successfully catered for this interest, but our focus will also turn to adults who have a desire to just play for fun.

"At a junior level programmes such as Wildcats and Shooting Stars point to an exciting future but we'll continue to assess all areas of our participation pathway.

"Our learnings from the summer will shape our future strategy and with Tokyo in 2020 and a home UEFA Women's EURO 2021, we'll look to take advantage of these opportunities and others for sustainable growth."

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# Global Soccer Awards



The Globe Soccer Awards has, for the first time in its history, introduced three categories that will recognise the world's leading female footballing talent.

The categories of Best Women's Player of the Year, Best Club of the Year and Best Referee of the Year have been introduced ahead of the 2019 Awards, which will take place at

Dubai's Madinat Jumeirah on Sunday, December 29.

The trio of women's stars vying for the inaugural Best Women's Player award comprise US duo Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe, winners of the 2019 Fifa Women's World Cup, along with England's Lucy Bronze, who led Olympique Lyonnais to victory in the Uefa Women's Champions League.







# AROUND THE WORLD



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# Dates and teams announced for Algarve Cup



The 2020 Algarve Cup line-up has been announced:

- Germany
- Sweden
- Norway
- Denmark
- New Zealand
- Italy
- Portugal
- Belgium

Current champions Norway will be back fighting for their sixth title whilst New Zealand, who beat England in a friendly before the Women's World Cup will be going for the first time.

The tournament will part of their preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Coach Tom Sermanni told TV NZ: "When you look at the teams involved in the Algarve Cup, it's going to be a strong competition.

"Every game at the Olympics is going to be exceptionally tough and the Algarve Cup will be the same.

"This is another step in our preparation for the Olympics and the important thing for us is to continue to figure out ways in which we can get results going forward.

"We need to find ways to do better in certain moments of games which are ending up being pivotal in the outcomes."







# News from around the world

## New NWSL rule



*NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE*

According to reports by the Associated Press, the National Women's Soccer League's (NWSL) new rule changes for the 2020 season will see player salaries and team salary caps increase, the latter by nearly 20 per cent to US\$650,000 per team, as well as adding US\$300,000 per team in allocation money to attract and retain top players.

The US league's maximum salary for non-allocated players is reportedly set to increase from US\$46,200 to US\$50,000, with the minimum salary rising from US\$16,538 to US\$20,000.

## USL looks at new division option

The United Soccer League (USL) could launch a new division one professional women's soccer league in the United States as early as 2021, according to Sports Illustrated.

The US publication reports the USL is 'seriously exploring' the possibility of running a league that would be in direct competition with the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), North America's existing top tier for women's soccer.

The report added that several ownership groups in the second-tier USL Championship and the third-tier USL League One have already expressed interest in entering a team in the proposed league.

A number of NWSL teams have USL owners, including reigning champions the North Carolina Courage and the Utah Royals, whose majority shareholder Dell Loy Hansen also owns Major League Soccer's (MLS) Real Salt Lake. USL side Louisville City FC were also recently granted an NWSL expansion franchise.

Speaking to Sports Illustrated about a potential rival USL women's league, NWSL president Amanda Duffy said: "It's news to me. From our standpoint, I can say that given the season that we're coming out of right now, with record-setting attendances and important partnerships that have come into the picture, important



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expansion conversations and the outlook for the coming years and our player-compensation announcement recently, there are a lot of exciting things that have happened and that we're working on in the NWSL.

"We'll remain committed in that, and our evolving relationship with US Soccer is very important to the NWSL."

## **Spain's strikes called off**

Strikes by women's footballers in Spain's top division have ended after the players secured an agreement to re-open negotiations.

All eight top-flight fixtures were postponed over the weekend of 16-17 November.

The Association of Women's players (AFE) has confirmed the negotiations will resume.

In a statement they wrote: "After the success of the strike, an agreement has been reached to work on the proposal."

Almost 200 players from 16 clubs voted to strike in October after more than a year of failed negotiations.

They are demanding a professional agreement that regulates minimum working conditions, rights to minimum wages and measures for maternity.

Players are demanding part-time salaries be worth a minimum of 12,000 euros (\$13,297), which is 75% of the minimum size for full-time contracts.

Both of Saturday's games and six matches on Sunday were called off.

UDG Tenerife did not to travel to their game at Espanyol after their Friday flight was severely delayed by technical problems, but had planned to do so and strike on Saturday.

In a statement on their website, the club said they "respect the position of the players to support the strike", adding that they hope an agreement can be reached "for the sake of women's football and generations to come".

Levante and Sporting de Huelva posted on social media to confirm their game would not go ahead after "both clubs decided to join the strike action".





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The game has come a long way BUT we must keep fighting - For each other & for the next generation!



## Desiree van Lunteren retires

Desiree van Lunteren has announced her retirement from international football.

The Netherlands international has made 84 caps for the Oranje Leeuwinnen and was part of the Women's World Cup team who finished as runners-up this summer.

The 26-year-old wrote: "You don't decide this from one day to the next; It has literally cost blood, sweat and tears, but Orange has brought me all over the world, gave friends for life and of course a European title and World Cup silver. "

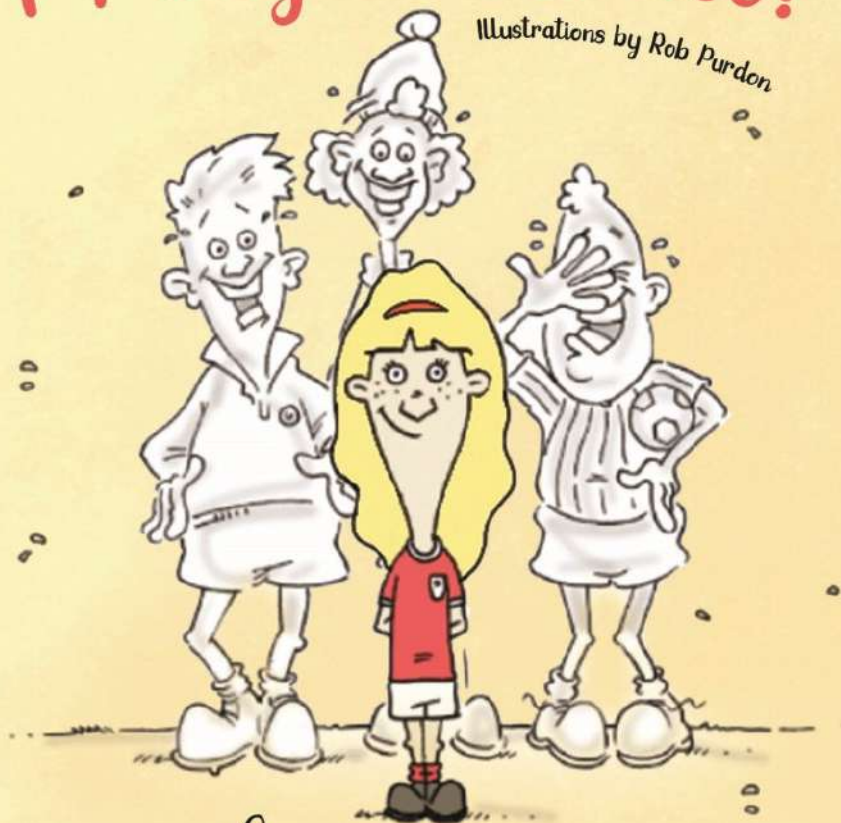
"With my debut in 2012, I would not have dared to dream that tens of thousands of Orange fans would come after us to watch us play at a World Cup. It was great for me.

"I would be short of myself, and certainly the team, if I were no longer there I want to thank my teammates, the staff and the fans for the wonderful time and the great memories and of course wish all the success of the world on the way to Tokyo and the European Championships 2021. You will certainly see me again in the gallery . "

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