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Victory is always possible
for the team who refuses
to stop fighting

Based on a quote from Napoleon Hill



GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Dear supporters,

I must thank you all once again for your continued support. I am counting down the days until we can welcome you all back to Prince's Park but in the meantime, I hope you all stay happy, healthy, safe and we can bring you a bit of joy from the football pitch.

Welcome to all the players and staff from Blackburn Rovers who visit us today. I understand it's been a difficult start to 2021 for the club, without being able to play a match so far this year. So, I'm really pleased that we're able to get the game on here today with everyone safe and healthy. I'm looking forward to what I'm sure will be another interesting test for us.

We are showing continued strength on the pitch and I believe we are continuing to develop a positive reputation in the game and feel that we are causing our opponents real problems in every match. The organisation and discipline on display from the players is testament to the vision of the coaching staff. The attitude of the players continues to make us all proud, they have all made an impact in what we are trying to achieve both in terms of this current season and in the longer term. Our name is firmly on the map and I look forward to our reputation continuing to grow.

We're approaching the business end of the season, as they say, and I'm intrigued to see where the battle lines will be drawn in promotion and relegation fights toward the end of the season. This league is anything but predictable and it would have been difficult to predict who would end up where in the league table at the start of the season. All that we can aim to do is focus on each game and not be distracted by any opponent's objectives. I'm sure our players have shown by now that they have the mental determination to approach each game like this.

Off the pitch, we are continuing to work hard to engage with and support our community. We hope to be able to expand that when life returns to some sort of normality. As I say, I cannot wait to welcome you all back sooner rather than later.

Diane Culligan

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MESSAGE FROM MELISSA PHILLIPS



Hello everyone,

I'm really pleased with the style of football we're playing right now. Our identity has evolved and now we're seeing the team consistently dominate football matches. Ultimately, we do need to score goals, but we all understand the process that we're in and we know that the goals are just around the corner.

We created quality throughout the London Bees game and it just came down to us needing to execute a bit more in front of goal. The players are in a good state of mind and we have a really healthy vibe in the team – they know it's coming. We have discussed as a team, results don't define the team we want to become – our response does. I'm so encouraged by the players' reaction to our recent results and the positivity and hunger to turn these draws into wins. They can't wait to get back into training after each game and we all look to take the positive lessons from each game into the next, which is why we will continue to grow.

Our recent defensive record is something to be immensely proud of. At the start of the season, we were leaking goals a little bit – from set pieces primarily. Now, we are rarely giving our opponents a quality look on our goal.

It's a combination of hard-nosed defending from each player in turn with a really clear understanding of each other's roles in the team. Every player on the pitch is showing a high level of commitment to their role and beginning to own the responsibilities within that. The players are starting to latch onto their own development and are striving to make themselves better each day.

Today's game will be a real battle. We know Blackburn will be approaching this game in a similar way to ourselves. They have a strong defensive unit and will look to take opportunities on the break. The reverse fixture left us with a feeling of discontent and it's the game we all want back from earlier this season. We're excited to face them at our home this afternoon and will be going out there looking to come away with three points.

The table shows that we're only one result from jumping up to fifth place and getting ourselves in the mix at the right end of the table, so just further highlights the competitive level in this division. By no means do we define ourselves by the table, we must provide the challenge within ourselves rather than by our current position. Our goal is to be as competitive as we can be against every team in this league.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Melissa Phillips

Fixtures & Results

September 2020

6th London CityLionesses 1-4 Sheffield United
12th Crystal Palace 1-1 London City Lionesses
27th Durham 1-0 London City Lionesses

October 2020

4th London City Lionesses 0-1 Lewes
7th Tottenham Hotspur 4-0 London City Lionesses
11th London City Lionesses 2-1 London Bees
18th Blackburn Rovers 1-0 London City Lionesses
31st London City Lionesses 4-1 Leicester City

November 2020

4th London CityLionesses 0-4 Arsenal*
15th Charlton Athletic P-P London City Lionesses
18th London City Lionesses P-P Chelsea*

December 2020

6th London CityLionesses 2-0 Coventry United
13th London City Lionesses 0-1 Liverpool
20th Sheffield United 0-0 London City Lionesses

* FA Women's Continental League Cup

January 2021

10th London CityLionesses 0-0 Crystal Palace
17th London Bees 0-0 London City Lionesses
24th London City Lionesses V Blackburn Rovers

February 2021

7th London CityLionesses V Durham
14th Lewes V London City Lionesses

March 2021

7th Coventry United V London City Lionesses
28th London City Lionesses V Charlton Athletic

April 2021

4th Leicester City V London City Lionesses

May 2021

2nd Liverpool V London City Lionesses

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MATCH DAY OPPOSITION



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| 2. CHELSEY JUKE5 | 14. ISSY DEAN |
| 3. CHARLOTTE NEWSHAM | 15. MARIA EDWARDS |
| 4. NATASHA FENTON | 16. MEGAN DYKES |
| 5. ELLIE FLETCHER | 17. LEAH EMBLEY |
| 6. JADE RICHARDS | 18. MEG BOYDELL |
| 7. LAUREN THOMAS | 19. MILLY ROBERSTON |
| 8. EMMA DOYLE | 20. ALI JOHNSON |
| 9. SAFFRON JODRAN | 21. EMMA BRADLEY |
| 10. ELISE HUGHES | 22. AMIEE HODGSON |
| 11. GEORGIA WALTERS | 28. HOPE KNIGHT |
| 12. KAYLEIGH MCDONALD | 30. RIA MONTGOMERY |
| 13. ALEX BROOKS | 37. ELLIE STEWART |

MANAGER: GEMMA DONNELLY



History

Formed in 1991, Blackburn Rovers Ladies have enjoyed a glorious rise to the pinnacle of women's football.

After a couple of steady seasons in the league, Donnelly's side took the FA Women's Premier League Northern Division by storm in 2016-17. The team enjoyed an unbeaten campaign – winning 17 and drawing three of their 20 league games – securing the title with four games to spare, as well as claiming the county crown for the third season in succession following a 1-0 victory over AFC Fylde.

But the campaign ended in disappointment, as Rovers' hopes of promotion to the Women's Super League were dashed following a 3-0 defeat to Southern Division champions Tottenham Hotspur in the play-off final.

It would be a similar story in 2017-18, as Rovers once again enjoyed an outstanding season in the league and cup competitions, retaining the Northern Division title and Lancashire Cup, as well as lifting the Premier League Cup for the first time in the club's history, after coming from behind to beat Leicester City 3-1.

However, the treble winners would suffer play-off heartbreak once again, as they missed out on possible promotion to the Super League 2 following a 2-1 defeat to Charlton Athletic and their subsequent application to enter the newly-formed Championship was rejected after appeal.

Rovers finally gained promotion to the FA Women's Championship at the end of the 2018-19 season, following a successful application to compete in the second tier. The Blues secured a historic quadruple by winning the FA Women's National League Northern Premier Division title for the third straight season, as well as retaining the League Cup with a dominant 3-0 victory over Crawley Wasps in the Final.



History

Gemma Donnelly's side also won the Lancashire Challenge Cup for the fifth consecutive year and the 13th time in total - a record for the competition - by beating Fylde Ladies 2-0 in the Final. The season was finished off in style, with a 3-0 victory over Coventry United in the Championship play off game at Valley Parade.

The Blues ensured their place in the second tier of women's football for the 2020-21 season with a respectable seventh-place finish in their first campaign at that level, which was cut short after just 12 games due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The final league standings were determined on a points-per-game basis.

Reintroduced at the start of the 2015-16 season, Rovers Ladies' Development Team lifted the FA Women's National League Reserve Northern Division One title three seasons running from 2016-17 to 2018-19. They also won the Reserve League Cup in 2018-19, beating Charlton Athletic on penalties in the Final to lift the Cup for the first time since 2016.



MEET THE PRIDE

GK/ DEFENDERS



NO.1 - LUCY THOMAS

NO.2 - CHANTELE MACKIE

NO.3 - LEANNE COWAN

NO.5 - HANNAH SHORT

NO.6 - YLENIA PRIEST

NO.12 - GRACE NEVILLE

NO.13 - HOPE SMITH

NO.18 - ELLIE MARSON

NO.30 - JESSICA SHRE
YANEZ COLLEY

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MIDFIELDERS

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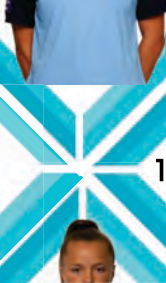
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NO. 15 - HAYLEY NOLAN

NO. 4 - POPPY WILSON

NO. 7 - ALLI MURPHY

NO. 8 - FREDA AYISI

NO. 11 - ANNIE ROSSITER

NO. 16 - HARLEY BENNETT

NO. 17 - LUCY FITZGERALD

NO. 23 - LILY PURSEY

NO. 14 - KALLIE BALFOUR

MEET THE PRIDE

ATTACKERS

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Bethany Ellen

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NO.9 - JULIETTE KEMPMI

NO.10 - LILY FIGG

NO.20 - ATLANTA PRIMUS

NO.21 - FLORENCE FYFE

NO.37 - ELIZABETA EJUPI

MANAGER: Melissa Phillips

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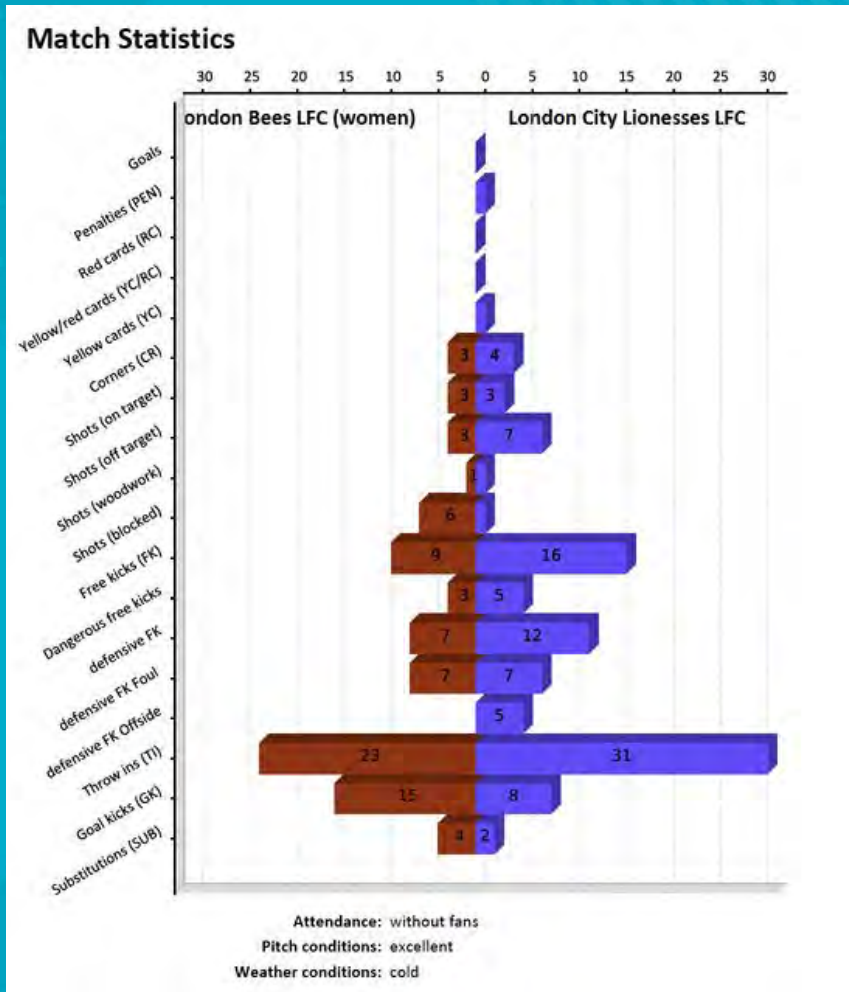
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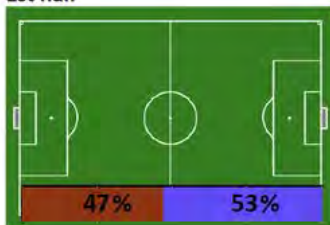
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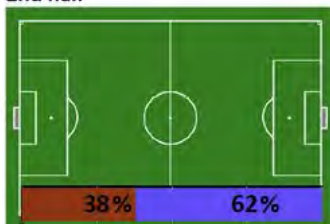
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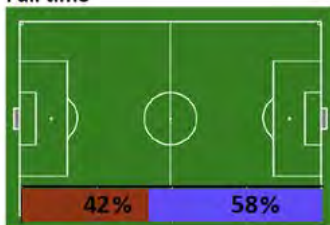
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2nd half



Full time



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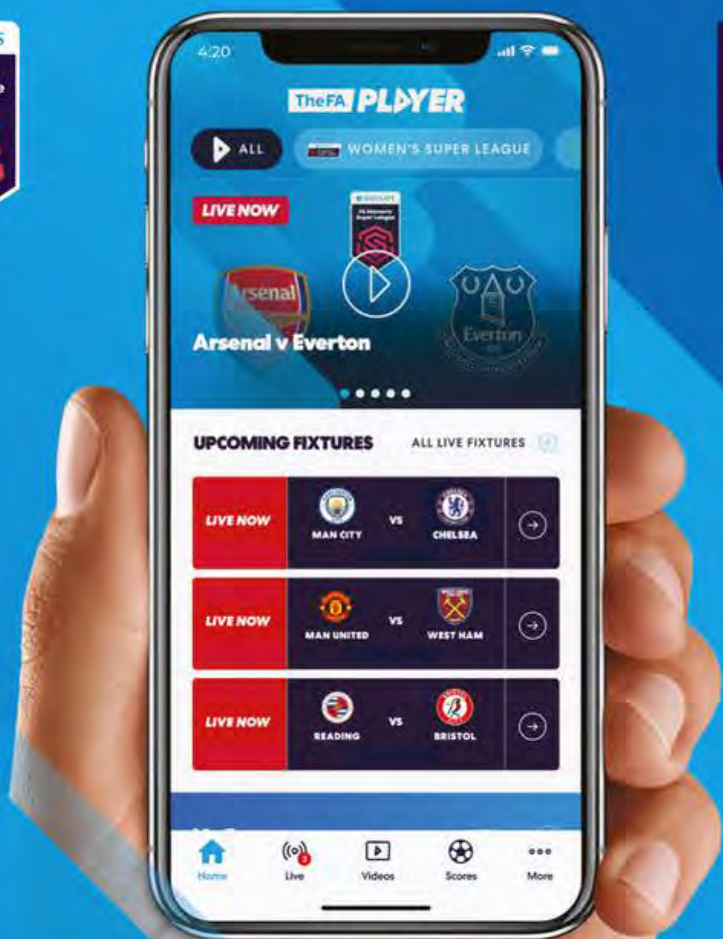
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