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Welcome to the issue!

It's time for Issue 23!

We would start by sending our congratulations to Ali Krieger and Ashlyn Harris who announced their engagement last week. The two Orlando Pride's clash had not publicly confirmed they were an item as they did not want it to be a distraction to their team-mates. We wish them all the best for the future.

This issue has lots of exciting content from the Conti Cup final to the SheBelieves Cup win. Dave Fraser and Ammo are back with their latest columns and Marissa is talking about the rise of Beth Mead.

We are in love with the new England shirts, I think I want one of each!! Only problem now is working out whose name I want on the back! (Could take me a while, I keep changing my mind).

Anyway, sorry it's a bit late, but I hope you enjoy the issue!

Helen Rowe-Willcocks
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Match of the Month

Arsenal vs Manchester City

Continental Tyres Cup final

By Helen Rowe-Willcocks



Manchester City lifted the Continental Tyres Cup for the third time after a tight game at Bramall Lane.

Arsenal and City met in the Women's League Cup final for the third time with the game going all the way to penalties before a winner was decided.

The Gunners, who were last year's champions, had only five players on the bench for the important tie including top-scorer Vivianne Miedema who was dropped due to fatigue.

The game at Bramall Lane was quite open in the first half but it was City who were the stronger side with Beth Bead and Steph

Houghton having chances to open the scoring.

After half-time, Nikita Parris went close but her header was flicked over the bar by Arsenal goalkeeper Sari van Veenendaal.

Joe Montemurro's struggled to attack but Janni Arnth shot went just wide before she was replaced by Miedema.

After the game finished goalless after extra time, penalties were the order of the day.

Both Georgia Stanway and Kim Little started strongly but things did not look good for Nick Cushing when Lauren Hemp's attempt was saved but City went

went from strength to strength and did not miss again securing them a 4-2 win.

Speaking to the press after the game, Cush- ing said: "I was starting to think it was go- ing to be one that got away. We just didn't put the ball away. But the mentality of the group today and their application was ex- cellent.

"I expected it to be cagey because I expected them to come out and press us. I read a lot of their media beforehand. But I thought the girls sorted it out really well, with that tactical understanding of how to get mo- mentum in the game. They did that incredi- bly today.

"It's been a squad effort and to win the first trophy available, after not winning anything last year, shows the strength and the char- acter of the group."

Arsenal boss Joe Montemurro told the BBC:

"In the end, let's be honest, Manchester City created the chances.

"We played in a little bit of an un-Arsenal way. We had to use the resources that were

available to us, but we found an Arsenal with a big heart and a massive backbone.

"Viv [Miedema] didn't recover entirely from the game on Wednesday night. She was still feeling some fatigue and there were some areas which we felt that, if she went through the whole 90 minutes, we could put her at risk. We had to make a decision."

Teams

Arsenal: Sari van Venedaal, Katrine Veje, Janni Arnth, Leah Williamson, Danielle van de Donk, Kim Little, Katie McCabe, Louise Quinn, Lisa Evans, Dominique Bloodworth, Beth Mead

Subs used: Miedema (on for Arnth), Hazard (on for Veje)

Manchester City: Karen Bardsley, Demi Stokes, Gemma Bonner, Jennifer Beattie, Steph Houghton, Jill Scott, Georgia Stan- way, Nikita Parris, Caroline Weir, Keira Walsh, Tessa Wullaert

Subs used: Beckie (on for Wullaert), Lauren Help (on for Parris), Emslie (on for Weir)

Penalties					
Man City	Stanway	Hemp	Emslie	Houghton	Beckie
Arsenal	Little	Williamson	Van de Donk	Bloodworth	-







England win SheBelieves Cup

By Jess Pratt



England won the SheBelieves Cup for the first time after finishing the tournament ahead of the USA and the two new teams to take part, Japan and Brazil.

After a 2-1 opening victory over Brazil and a thrilling 2-2 draw with the hosts USA, Phil Neville's side went into their final match against Japan in Tampa knowing a win would see them top the four-team round-robin competition. The result never looked in doubt as the Lionesses took an early lead when Jodie Taylor's delightful pass found Lucy Staniforth, whose long-range drive set the Lionesses on their way to an emphatic victory. Not long after the early breakthrough the lead was doubled after brilliant play again from Taylor, whose cutback was headed in by Karen Carney.

England capped off an extraordinary first half with a third goal on the half-hour mark as

Beth Mead got her second of the tournament, and arguably the best of the lot, with a thunderous left-foot strike after being played in by Keira Walsh's superb diagonal pass. The only thing to dampen spirits in an almost-perfect half was an ankle injury to Izzy Christiansen, who will now face a race against time to be fit for the World Cup in France this summer.

Japan improved in the second half but were wasteful in the final third and struggled to hit the target through a number of pot-shots from range. At the other end, substitute Ellen White spurned an opportunity to put England even further out of sight as she blasted an effort over the bar.

Japan's greatest chance came through the lively Rikako Kobayashi, who forced England keeper Carly Telford into a great save with a half-volley that was tipped over the bar. The

Lionesses defended in numbers and despite eight changes being made to the side that drew with No 1 ranked USA, they were able to keep a clean sheet and see the game out comfortably. It sees them claim the trophy for the first time since its creation in 2016 and better their second-placed finish to the hosts in last year's competition. It bodes well for Neville and co, who will play Japan in the group stages of the World Cup in just a few months.

Another encouraging aspect of their performances in the three games has been

their ability to come from behind, as they beat Brazil from a losing position and also drew with the current World Cup holders having conceded first.

Elsewhere in the fourth edition of the tournament, USA finished second after building on back-to-back 2-2 draws with Japan and England to beat Brazil 1-0, which left the Canarinhas bottom of the table after three consecutive defeats, including a 3-1 loss to Japan in Nashville.

SheBelieves Cup 2019

Wednesday, February 27—Talen Energy Stadium, Chester, Pennsylvania

England	2-1	Brazil
Ellen White, 49		Andressa Alves, 16 (pen)

USA	2-2	Japan
Megan Rapinoe, 23		Emi Nakajima, 67
Alex Morgan, 76		Yuki Momiki, 90+1

Saturday, March 2—Missan Stadium, Nashville, Tennessee

Brazil	1-3	Japan
Debinha, 57		Yuki Momiki, 44
		Rikako Kobayashi, 81
		Yui Hasegawa, 85
USA	2-2	England
Megan Rapinoe, 33		Steph Houghton, 36

Tuesday, March 5—Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

Japan	0-3	England
		Lucy Staniforth, 12
		Karen Carney, 23
		Beth Mead, 30
USA	1-0	Brazil
Tobin Heath, 20		

The Road to France Series comprises:

Friday 5 April (KO 7pm):

England v Canada

Academy Stadium, Manchester City FC

Tuesday 9 April (KO 7pm):

England v Spain

The Energy Check County Ground, Swindon Town FC

Saturday 25 May (KO 1pm):

England v Denmark

Banks's Stadium, Walsall FC

Saturday 1 June (KO 1pm):

England v New Zealand

AMEX Stadium, Brighton & Hove Albion FC

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



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Lionesses take pride in exclusive England kit

England will wear an exclusive kit at this summer's FIFA Women's World Cup for the first time.

The new Nike kits, both home and away, will be donned by the squad as they prepare to mount their campaign at the finals in France this summer.

Fresh from victory in the SheBelieves Cup, Phil Neville's side will first sport the home version in their meeting with Canada at Manchester City's Academy Stadium on Friday 5 April and throughout their 'Road to France Series' fixtures.

The Lionesses' new kits have been designed by Nike with unity in mind, tying the team to the country at large. A fresh take on the traditional white kit, the 2019 England Women's home look is accented by dark red cuffs. The socks debut a custom hand-drawn print for the Lionesses, highlighting specific flora native to the counties and regions of England which combine together to represent the entire country.

Though used sparingly on the home kit, this pattern forms the basis — covering both shirt and socks — for a brilliant new articulation of England's classic red away strip. Rendered in a dark red crush, a unique darker shade exclusively for the women's team, the kit incorporates the St. George's Cross on the shirt and a tonal crest unique to the Lionesses.





Baroness Sue Campbell, The FA's director of women's football, believes the introduction of the new kits demonstrates how far the women's game has come on the world stage.

She said: "It's the first time our women's team have had their own unique and exclusive kits which is a real marker of progress and an indicator of how much the profile of the women's game has grown in this country."

"We are all looking forward to the World Cup and I know the players can't wait to wear the new kits."

Forward Fran Kirby said: "It is great to see kits designed specifically with us in mind. The home kit seems really classic while the pattern of the away is exciting and new."

Looking ahead to the tournament, captain Steph Houghton added: "We have gone close a couple of times now and the response has been amazing. It feels like there is genuine momentum behind the team, bigger and bigger with each major tournament we play, and another successful summer can really help push women's football to the next level."

World Cup Watch

Nike unveils new kits

All 14 national teams will have official women's kits for the tournament.

The kits were unveiled at a global event in Paris on March 11, where representatives from each team were on-hand to model the pieces.

It is the first time since Nike began working with the Women's World Cup in 1995 that each kit has been designed especially for the women's teams, rather than as derivations of the uniforms made for men.

VAR to be used in the tournament

FIFA has confirmed that the video assistant referee system will be used in France this summer.

It will be the first time VAR has been used in the competition after being used at the men's World Cup last year.

27 referees and 48 assistant referees took part in VAR training at a camp in Qatar last month.

Women's World Cup ticket info

Tickets for individual games at this summer's 2019 Women's World Cup are now on sale.

There are still tickets available for England's games which start at just nine Euros.

To get your tickets go to: <https://fwwc19.fr.uk>

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP
FRANCE 2019



Yankey named London Bees coach

Former Arsenal and England winger Rachel Yankey has been named as head coach for London Bees for the rest of the season.

The 39-year-old joined the staff of the Women's Championship side last summer and takes the step up after Luke Swindlehurst left the club for a role with Barnet.

Speaking after taking the role Rachel said: "I look forward to continuing to support the club and guide the team for the remainder of the season."

Yankey's first game in charge saw her come up against former teammate Casey Stoney and her Manchester United since in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

It was Stoney's side who came out as 3-0 winners.





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ALGARVE CUP
2019

Scotland finish fifth in the Algarve Cup

Scotland continued their Women's World Cup preparations with a fifth place finish in the Algarve Cup.













A 1-0 win over Denmark for a much-changed side was enough to secure the position.

Manager Shelley Kerr told BBC Scotland: "It's been a really productive week and another step in the right direction.

"It's been excellent - extensive work on the training pitch, a bit of bonding for team dynamics and three outstanding performances, albeit we narrowly lost to Canada."

"We don't want to play teams we're not going to get a challenge from and the last 11 days have been brilliant preparation for us."

Norway finished as champions following their 3-0 win over Poland in the final.

Final standings	
Rank	Team
1	 Norway
2	 Poland
3	 Canada
4	 Sweden
5	 Scotland
6	 Denmark
7	 Spain
8	 Switzerland
9	 Iceland
10	 Portugal
11	 Netherlands
12	 China PR



Ammo's Antics

Hi everyone.

I've had a super busy month with Birmingham city. The U12s have been on a bit of a winning run against boys in the league. It's funny. Whenever we play a boys team for the first time it's always the same. They laugh when they see us. Then within the first five minutes they get serious when they realise we are going to give them a game. That's followed by panic when they think they might lose to a girls team. Then, whatever the result it usually ends with a respectful handshake.

I've also had the opportunity to play up an age group for the Under 14s. The size difference between girls my age and some of the older U14s is pretty big. Plus I'm a small 11 year old anyway. First up was Liverpool. They were fielding a full strength team of older girls and we had a lot of younger girls playing. We gave them a decent game but ultimately their bigger and stronger team came out on top. I look forward to playing them again in the future.

The following week I was asked to play up with the 14s again against Manchester Utd. I'd played against their u12 team during pre-season for Birmingham and they gave us a bit of a hammering. I knew their U14s would be a very strong side. I played out of position at right back for

most of the game. We lost narrowly 2-1 but I felt happy with my performance.

During half term I also played with the u12s in a tournament in Southampton. We were playing three other girls RTCs. Millwall, Oxford and Southampton. The standard of football was high in all the matches. We started slow with a 0-0 draw but then won 3-1 and 4-1. It was a good test for us and I even managed to nab a goal with my left foot.

Also this month I've been asked by Birmingham to go on our U14s end of season tour to Holland. I can't wait! We even get a tour of the PSV stadium and training ground.

I'm still working hard in training. Currently we're working on keeping possession. So we do lots of Rondos and mini matches to keep us sharp. Not many matches left now until the end of the season. Sadly this will be my last season playing boys. At Under 14 level you only play against other girls teams. A lot of people disagree with girls playing boys. I'm not sure why. We give every boys team we play a tough game and we win more than we lose. I definitely think it helps girls become stronger and faster. If I'm offered a contract for next season I'm going to miss giving those boys teams a shock.

Stay happy,

Ammo

Fraser of the Month

England's Lionesses are SheBelieves Cup champions - and talk about your perfect timing.

If there's ever a time to showcase your form and send a message to the globe, it's in the months leading up to the World Cup.

Phil Neville's fearless squad went up against three of the best teams in the world in the USA, Brazil and Japan. The Lionesses kicked off their campaign with a gutsy 2-1 victory over the South Americans, coming from behind to win thanks to a stunning Beth Mead strike.

An impressive 2-2 draw with the USA - arguably the best team on the planet for years now - followed, before Nev and Co stormed to a 3-0 annihilation of World Cup dark horses Japan followed in a real statement win.

If people didn't believe England had a chance of winning the World Cup this summer in France before, you better believe they do now. After all, England face Japan in the group stage - and they'll be licking their wounds somewhat after the SheBelieves Cup humiliation. That victory particularly will help expel the demons from the 2015 World Cup, where England lost to the Japanese squad.

Neville was somewhat controversially named boss last January, beating 146 other candidates to the role. But he has implemented an incredible system - both on and off the pitch - ever since. In fact, since last summer, I have been saying England are well in with a shout of World Cup glory,

thanks in no small part to Neville influence and his close bond with a talented, well-balanced squad.

Cool-headed veterans help Neville lead the side, while exciting young talent has burst into the squad to inject some energy and urgency.

Now, as we fly towards the World Cup, 61-cap Lionesses star Laura Bassett has backed up what we all hope, saying: "It definitely means a lot to win a tournament. It's about gaining momentum and confidence going into the the World Cup. If you're going to play at a World Cup you have to learn how to thrive. You've got six or seven of the top nations who could realistically win it. I think the more England play these top nations, and they break down barriers and perceptions, they prove that the USA aren't as big as they used to be."

Bassett isn't the only one looking for glory this summer though, with Neville himself claiming: "It was sensational. But we remain humble, have fun and enjoy moments like this."

Through all the celebrations, no-one said it better than former England forward Sue Smith, who roared: "That will send out a statement to the rest of the world."

You betcha, Sue...



Jordan Dawes dead at 18: Ex-Charlton goalkeeper passes away from liver cancer

By Dave Fraser



Former Charlton keeper Jordan Dawes has died from liver cancer aged just 18.

The teenager was only diagnosed with the disease in November after suffering a stroke.

Both Charlton and Dawes' "heartbroken" family have posted statements revealing the tragic news.

Her family said: "Today our beautiful total amazeballs daughter Jordan Dawes went to sleep for the last time.

"We are heartbroken beyond heartbroken and I don't know how we are ever going to continue without our beautiful girl.

"She had so much life to live. Never stop loving and hugging your beautiful children as it's a cruel world out there."

Meanwhile, Charlton tweeted: "Everyone at Charlton Athletic Women is saddened to hear the news that former player Jordan Dawes has passed away today.

"Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time."

Last November, David De Gea donated the gloves he wore in his 250th Premier League game to Dawes as she recovered from her stroke in hospital.

At the time, Dawes was playing for fifth-tier side Kent Football United after spending her youth career at the Addicks.

De Gea tweeted Dawes' coach Ciara Watling, saying: "Hi Ciara, I'd like to send my gloves of the 250 match to

Jordan, hopefully she will cheer up a bit!"


Dawes replied: "Thank you so much, you're my literal inspiration."

Fran Kirby and Casey Stoney were two others to send support on social media, while crowdfunding helped raise £8,500 for treatment.

Charlton's game against Millwall on March, 13 was played as a memorial match for the young goalkeeper with

both sides wearing t-shirts in her honour as they came out onto the pitch.

Fans were also encouraged to wear something pink for the game and Dawes name was included in the squad in the programme.



CHARLTON ATHLETIC WOMEN

MANAGER: RITEESH MISHRA

- 1 JORDAN DAWES
- 1 KATIE STARTUP
- 2 CHARLOTTE KERR
- 3 CHLOE BRUNTON-WILDE
- 5 AMELIA RITCHIE
- 6 GRACE COOMBS
- 7 ELLIE DOREY
- 8 CHARLEY CLIFFORD
- 9 SARA EGGESVIK
- 10 CHARLOTTE GURR
- 11 AMBER STOBBS
- 13 ELLIE BAILES
- 16 KIT GRAHAM
- 17 HARLEY BENNETT
- 19 GEORGIA GRIFFIN
- 20 LEIGH NICOL
- 22 LILY AGG
- 23 HANNAH CHURCHILL
- 24 LILLI MAPLE
- 25 MELANIE PARRENO-ESPINOSA
- 26 HAYLEY WEST
- 37 LIZ EJUPI





MILLWALL LIONESSES

MANAGER: CHRIS PHILLIPS

- 2 CHANTELE MACKIE
- 3 LEANNE COWAN
- 4 FREYA BAILES
- 5 RIVA CASLEY
- 6 YLENIA PRIEST
- 8 BETH LUMSDEN
- 9 GABBY RAVENSCROFT
- 10 LIA CATALDO
- 11 EVIE CLARKE
- 13 CHLOE SANSOM
- 14 GEORGIE GIDDINGS
- 15 JASMINE AUGUSTE
- 16 ELLIE STENNING
- 17 LUCY FITZGERALD
- 18 MICHELLE YOUNG
- 19 BETH HARFORD
- 20 ANNIE ROSSITER
- 21 KALANI PEART
- 22 CHLOE WILKINSON
- 23 CAITLIN HARTSHORNE
- 24 TENI CHARLES
- 25 SARA GUZOWSCA
- 28 FRANCESCA ALI
- 29 GRACE NEVILLE
- 30 RHIANNON STEWARD
- 31 SOFIA CASAUBON STOVOLD

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Manchester United Women
Sunday, March 24th | Kick off: 2pm

How Beth Mead has stepped up for club and country this season

By Marissa Thomas

When Beth Mead first signed for Arsenal from Sunderland, she was an exciting prospect. Now she is an integral part of Arsenal's forward line in an injury-ravaged season as well as being part of the Lionesses squad as they look to improve on their third-placed finish from the 2015 World Cup when they head to France this summer.

This season, Mead has taken her game to a whole new level. The blow of losing Jordan Nobbs for the campaign has been softened thanks to Mead's excellent performances. Despite scoring four fewer goals than last season, the 23-year-old has got nine league assists, more than any other WSL player.

Mead's most influential game in an Arsenal shirt this season came in the 4-2 win over West Ham. Pinpoint deliveries from the winger were converted by Leah Williamson, debutant Janni Arnth and Danielle van de Donk as she recorded a hat-trick of assists.

Whether she starts on the left or the right, Mead has been causing defences problems all season and has been one



performers this season as the Gunners aim to win their first league title since 2012. It's hard to believe that she had played her whole career as a No9 before joining Arsenal.

Mead's performances for Joe Montemurro's side this season have led to her inclusion in England squads on a regular basis. She made her debut in April 2018 and scored twice during England's World Cup qualifying campaign against Kazakhstan on her full Lionesses debut in September last year.

Her goalscoring prowess has also continued at a higher level. With 15 minutes remaining against Brazil in the SheBelieves Cup, Mead stepped up and scored from a brilliant angle to get the winner after England had gone behind early on.

The former Sunderland striker has become known for scoring from seemingly impossible angles with her goals often causing debate about whether they were intended to be crosses into the box or shots that caught the keeper off guard.

There is a competition for places in the England squad and Mead has earned the trust of England manager Phil Neville and given him plenty to think about when it comes to his attacking options with the World Cup fast approaching. After such an excellent season with Arsenal, which could end with them winning the league, being part of the England squad that goes to France in the summer would be a well-deserved reward to a great campaign for Beth Mead.

Beth Mead season so far...							
Arsenal 2018-19							
WSL		FA Cup		Continental Cup		Total	
Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
12+1	4	1	0	5+1	2	18+2	6
England (From August 2018 to present)							
WWC qualifiers		SheBelieves Cup		Friendlies		Total	
Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
1	2	1+2	2	1+1	0	3+3	4



Chloe Kelly ruled out for the rest of the season

Everton Ladies forward Chloe Kelly has been ruled out for the rest of the season.

Kelly had successful surgery on an ankle injury after damaging her ligaments and will begin her rehab soon.

Toffees' boss Willie Kirk said: "It is, of course, very disappointing to lose Chloe for the rest of the season but our primary focus now is to make sure she rehabs as well as she can so that she is ready for next season. We will give her all the assistance and support she needs to make sure she recovers as quickly as possible.

Everyone at TWFM sends Chloe our wishes.

Get well soon!



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Izzy Christiansen has surgery on ankle

Izzy Christiansen has undergone successful surgery on an ankle injury sustained in England's SheBelieves Cup win over Japan on Tuesday.

Following further assessment, the Lyon midfielder had an operation on Friday afternoon.

The 27-year-old will now begin a rehabilitation programme as she aims to be fit for this summer's World Cup finals.

Head coach Phil Neville said: "We were delighted to hear from Izzy yesterday and that her operation went well.

"We are all wishing her a speedy recovery and will be supporting her in every way we can over her rehabilitation period."

Get well soon!





Women's Super League Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Manchester City Women	17	12	5	0	49	14	35	41
2	Arsenal Women	15	13	0	2	57	11	46	39
3	Chelsea Women	17	10	5	2	34	11	23	35
4	Birmingham City Women	15	9	1	5	20	14	6	28
5	Bristol City Women	16	6	4	6	13	26	-13	22
6	West Ham United Women	16	6	1	9	21	29	-8	19
7	Reading Women	15	5	3	7	22	24	-2	18
8	Liverpool Women	15	5	1	9	11	26	-15	16
9	Brighton & HA Women	17	3	4	10	12	33	-21	13
10	Everton Ladies	14	2	3	9	9	26	-17	9
11	Yeovil Town Ladies	15	1	1	13	9	43	-34	4

Women's Championship Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Tottenham Ladies	15	13	0	2	36	17	19	39
2	Manchester United Women	14	12	1	1	69	5	64	37
3	Charlton Athletic Women	15	10	2	3	36	14	22	32
4	Durham Women	15	9	5	1	33	11	22	32
5	London Bees	17	7	0	10	20	37	-17	21
6	Leicester City Women	17	6	2	9	25	37	-12	20
7	Aston Villa Ladies	14	4	5	5	19	29	-10	17
8	Sheffield United Women	14	5	1	8	16	27	-11	16
9	Lewes Women	16	5	1	10	21	36	-15	16
10	Crystal Palace Ladies	17	3	1	13	13	33	-20	10
11	Millwall Lionesses	16	1	2	13	13	55	-42	5

Northern Premier Division Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Blackburn Ladies	16	15	0	1	78	13	65	45
2	Sunderland Ladies	19	12	2	5	67	26	41	38
3	Derby Ladies	18	11	2	5	45	30	15	35
4	Fylde Ladies	18	10	3	5	34	20	14	33
5	Middlesbrough Ladies	19	10	3	6	51	38	13	33
6	Huddersfield Town Ladies	17	10	2	5	49	29	20	32
7	Stoke Ladies	20	9	4	7	51	37	14	31
8	Guiseley AFC Vixens	17	8	3	6	39	27	12	27
9	Hull City Ladies	20	7	2	11	35	51	-16	23
10	Nottingham Forest Ladies	20	6	4	10	20	39	-19	22
11	Sheffield Ladies	20	5	2	13	30	46	-16	17
12	Doncaster Rovers Belles	20	3	5	12	28	68	-40	14
13	Bradford City Women	20	0	0	20	11	114	-103	0

Southern Premier Division Table

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Coventry United Ladies	14	13	1	0	58	6	52	40
2	Chichester City Ladies	17	12	0	5	38	20	18	36
3	Cardiff Ladies	15	11	1	3	43	16	27	34
4	Oxford United Women	15	10	1	4	37	16	21	31
5	Loughborough Foxes	18	9	3	6	40	25	15	30
6	Watford Ladies	16	9	1	6	34	32	2	28
7	Plymouth Argyle Ladies	15	8	1	6	35	39	-4	25
8	Portsmouth Ladies	15	6	1	8	32	28	4	19
9	MK Dons Ladies	12	4	1	7	16	27	-11	13
10	Gillingham Ladies	16	5	2	9	21	41	-20	17
11	Queens Park Rangers Ladies	17	0	4	13	19	60	-41	4
12	C & K Basildon Ladies	18	0	2	16	15	68	-53	2

Euro 2021 qualifying draw

The draw for qualifying for the 2021 Women's European Championships has taken place in Nyon, Switzerland.

Despite Rachel Brown-Finnis dropping one of the teams down a hole before reading it (*insert joke about a goalkeeper and safe hands here!*), the draw went off almost without a hitch.

England, as hosts, automatically qualify but Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland will all have to battle it out.

Games will be played between August 2019 and September 2020.

Group A: Netherlands, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey, Kosovo, Estonia

Group B: Italy, Denmark, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Israel, Malta, Georgia

Group C: Norway, Wales, Belarus, Northern Ireland, Faroe Islands

Group D: Spain, Czech Republic, Poland, Moldova, Azerbaijan

Group E: Scotland, Finland, Portugal, Albania, Cyprus

Group F: Sweden, Iceland, Hungary, Slovakia, Latvia

Group G: France, Austria, Serbia, Kazakhstan, FYR Macedonia

Group H: Switzerland, Belgium, Romania, Croatia, Lithuania

Group I: Germany, Ukraine, Republic of Ireland, Greece, Montenegro



Scotland fixtures:



30th August 2019 Scotland vs Cyprus

8th November 2019 Albania vs Scotland

9th April 2020 Cyprus vs Scotland

14th April 2020 Scotland vs Portugal

5th June 2020 Scotland vs Albania

9th June 2020 Finland vs Scotland

18th September 2020 Portugal vs Scotland

22nd September 2020 Scotland vs Finland

Wales fixtures:



29th August 2019 Faroe Islands vs Wales

3rd September 2019 Wales vs Northern Ireland

8th October 2019 Belarus vs Wales

12th November 2019 Northern Ireland vs Wales

10th April 2020 Wales vs Faroe Islands

14th April 2020 Wales vs Norway

9th June 2020 Wales vs Belarus

22nd September 2020 Norway vs Wales

Northern Ireland fixtures:



30th August 2019 Northern Ireland vs Norway

3rd September 2019 Wales vs Northern Ireland

8th November 2019 Norway vs Northern Ireland

12th November 2019 Northern Ireland vs Wales Women

Rest to be confirmed

Republic of Ireland fixtures:



To be confirmed

La Manga Tournament

– U19, England

England 1-2 Spain Thursday, Feb 28

(Aimee Palmer scored England's only goal of the game)

China 1-5 England Saturday, March 2

(Young Lionesses goals from Jess Park, Ebony Samon, Lauren James, Ella Rutherford, Amelia Hazard)

England 0-2 Switzerland Monday, March 4

Squad:

Goalkeepers: Emily Ramsey (Manchester United), Hannah Hampton (Birmingham City)

Defenders: Poppy Pattinson (Bristol City), Olivia Smith (University of Oklahoma), Esme Morgan (Manchester City), Georgia Eaton-Collins (University of Florida), Niamh Cashin (Rider University), Naomi Hartley (Manchester United), Grace Neville (Millwall Lionesses)

Midfielders: Jess Park (Manchester City), Lauren James (Manchester United), Aimee Palmer (Manchester United), Amy Rodgers (Liverpool), Emily Syme (Yeovil Town), Sophia Pharoah (Brighton and Hove Albion), Amelia Hazard (Arsenal)

Forwards: Lucy Fitzgerald (Millwall Lionesses), Ella Rutherford (Bristol City), Rebecca Jarrett (University of Virginia), Ebony Salmon (Sheffield United, on loan from Manchester United).

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