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We look back on 2018 with a fun quiz, Marissa Thomas discusses whether Arsenal can continue their form to lift the WSL title, and Ruth Fox talks to us about her new campaign #1Every90.

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Welcome to the issue!

It's time for Issue 21!

Firstly, a Happy New Year to everyone! Wishing you a fantastic 2019 and that means we are officially on countdown to the Women's World Cup - so exciting!

The England squad are in full preparation, Phil Neville has picked his first squad of the year for a training camp in Qatar ahead of the SheBelieves Cup.

Coming up in the issue, we have a match report on the exciting clash between West Ham and Arsenal, new columns from Dave Fraser and Ammo and a 2018 quiz to test your women's football knowledge from the last year.

We would also like to take a moment to send our love and thoughts to everyone at Loughborough Foxes FC. The news of the death of Molly Webb is just awful and we cannot begin to imagine how everyone is feeling.

Helen Summers
Editor



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Match of the Month West Ham Women 2 Arsenal 4



By Dave Fraser

Arsenal battled back from behind to win a six-goal thriller at West Ham in our Game of the Month.

Jane Ross scored twice for the hosts, but Leah Williamson, Jenni Arnth-Jenson and a Danielle van de Donk double eventually overpowered Matt Beard's side in an exciting contest.

West Ham had got off to a flyer in London, as Alisha Lehmann delivered a stunning ball into the middle, allowing Ross to slot home an 11th minute opener.

But Arsenal kept plugging away up the other end, with defender Williamson nodding a pinpoint header into the far corner to level things up just 15 minutes later.

And things got even better for the visitors just moments later, when Arnth-Jenson scored a near-identical goal to Williamson to put Joe Montemurro's side ahead and leave West Ham shell-shocked.

Undeterred, West Ham drew level completely against the run of play on the stroke of half-time, as Ross was sent clear through on goal by Brianna Visalli before rifling a neat finish into the back of the net.

The second-half started in cagey fashion with both sides itching to snatch the three points for themselves.

But it was Van de Donk who made the difference as she netted her ninth WSL goal of the season, with a simple tap-in at the back-post from a deflected Katie McCabe cross.



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And the Dutch star put the game beyond doubt just five minutes later as she pounced on a pair of West Ham mistakes to nod home a fourth and put the game beyond all doubt.

The victory - their tenth in 11 games this term - extended Arsenal's lead atop the WSL table to three points, with a game in-hand still to play over the chasing pack.

Second-placed Manchester City shared the points in a surprise 1-1 draw with Bristol City, while fellow title hopefuls Chelsea and Birmingham both beat Everton and Reading respectively.

Can Arsenal maintain their form to win the league?



By Marissa Thomas

After 10 matches, Arsenal are at the top of the league, level on points with Manchester City although they still hold the advantage thanks to a game in hand. The Gunners have been in superb form this season and have blown teams away with ease. They scored 12 goals in their first two Women's Super League matches, a 5-0 home win against Liverpool followed by a 7-0 away victory over Yeovil Town.

Their best performance of the campaign so far came against Chelsea who they beat 5-0 to make a huge statement. Unfortunately, that match saw them

lose one of their key players Kim Little who broke her leg and is still out of action. Joe Montemurro's side continued their winning ways with a 6-0 demolishing of Reading before putting four past Bristol City.

The match against Birmingham was a very tough test for Arsenal. They won 3-1 but it wasn't a straightforward victory by any means. Jordan Nobbs became the latest important player to be ruled out of action after she suffered a devastating ACL injury against Everton which means she will miss the World Cup next year with England.

It's fair to say that Arsenal's squad

depth is not at the level of other top teams such as Chelsea and Man City and this has been a problem as the injuries pile up. Arsenal finally came unstuck against title rivals Man City who beat them 2-0 and put an end to their nine-match 100% winning record.

While injuries have affected Arsenal's season, it has allowed them to give opportunities to youngsters such as Paige Bailey-Gayle - who made her full debut against Manchester City, Amelia Hazard, Ruby Grant and Ava Kuyken.

Football resumes in the new year after a winter break which couldn't have come at a better time for Arsenal. With the injuries understandably putting strain on an already thin squad, the players need to recharge their batteries ready to face West Ham in January.

Arsenal have been brilliant to watch during the campaign, sweeping teams aside with their attacking football. Striker Vivianne Miedema, the league's

top scorer is just one goal away from breaking the record set by Ellen White last season for most goals scored in a single season (15). Danielle van de Donk has taken her game to another level this season and has eight goals to her name already, three more than she managed last term.

While it will be difficult without the incredibly gifted Nobbs, Arsenal have the talent and the quality to bounce back from defeat against Man City and continue their charge towards the title when the second half of the season begins.

They haven't won the league since 2012 but if Montemurro keeps up his excellent work with this evolving Arsenal side- that could change when May 2019 comes around.

Table as it stands in December 2018

| | Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For | Against | GD | Points |
|----|-----------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Arsenal Women | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 7 | 35 | 27 |
| 2 | Manchester City Women | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 33 | 6 | 27 | 27 |
| 3 | Chelsea Women | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 22 |
| 4 | Birmingham City Women | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 22 |
| 5 | Reading Women | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 4 | 18 |
| 6 | West Ham United Women | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 19 | -3 | 16 |
| 7 | Bristol City Women | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 14 | -5 | 14 |
| 8 | Liverpool Women | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 19 | -11 | 10 |
| 9 | Everton Ladies | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 20 | -13 | 5 |
| 10 | Brighton & HA Women | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 28 | -21 | 4 |
| 11 | Yeovil Town Ladies | 11 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 35 | -29 | 3 |

Women's Super League fixtures

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 27

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

Monday, January 28

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|-----------------|----|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Liverpool Women | vs | West Ham United Women | Tranmere Rovers FC (KO 7pm) |
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FA Cup

4th Round Draw

The fourth round draw for the FA Cup has been made:

Loughborough Foxes v Sheffield United
Charlton Athletic v Huddersfield Town
Brighton & Hove Albion v Manchester United
West Ham United v Blackburn Rovers
Stoke City v Aston Villa
Manchester City v Watford
Yeovil Town v Birmingham City
AFC Wimbledon v Bristol City
Crystal Palace v Tottenham Hotspur
Millwall v Lewes
Durham v Cardiff City
Everton v Chelsea
Crawley Wasps v Arsenal
Leicester City v London Bees
Reading v Keynsham Town
Liverpool v MK Dons

The fourth round will take place on
Sunday, February 3.

England confirmed for SheBelieves Cup



England have confirmed they will take part in the SheBelieves Cup for the fourth successive year.

Phil Neville's side will take on Brazil, Japan and hosts USA in the competition which starts at the end of February.

In 2018, the Lionesses were runners-up in the tournament with France and Germany deciding against taking part in this season's tournament for the first time.

The tournament which first started in 2016, has been won by the hosts and World Cup holders USA twice and France in 2017.

Fixtures

February 27, 2019

United States vs Japan

Talen Energy Stadium, Chester,

Pennsylvania

February 27, 2019

Brazil vs England

Talen Energy Stadium, Chester,
Pennsylvania

March 2, 2019

United States vs England

Nissan Stadium, Nashville, Tennessee

March 2, 2018

Brazil vs Japan

Nissan Stadium, Nashville, Tennessee

March 5, 2019

United States vs Brazil

Raymond James Stadium, Tampa,
Florida

March 5, 2019

England v Japan

Raymond James Stadium, Tampa,
Florida

SHEBELIEVES CUP

Lionesses squad for Qatar camp

Goalkeepers:

Karen Bardsley (Manchester City), Mary Earps (Wolfsburg), Ellie Roebuck (Manchester City), Carly Telford (Chelsea)

Defenders:

Hannah Blundell (Chelsea), Millie Bright (Chelsea), Lucy Bronze (Lyon), Rachel Daly (Houston Dash), Gabby George (Everton), Alex Greenwood (Manchester United), Steph Houghton (Manchester City), Abbie McManus (Manchester City), Demi Stokes (Manchester City), Leah Williamson (Arsenal)

Midfielders:

Karen Karney (Chelsea), Isobel Christiansen (Lyon), Fran Kirby (Chelsea), Jade Moore (Reading), Jill Scott (Manchester City), Lucy Staniforth (Birmingham City), Georgia Stanway (Manchester City), Keira Walsh (Manchester City)

Forwards:

Toni Duggan (Barcelona), Beth Mead (Arsenal)
Nikita Parris (Manchester City), Jodie Taylor (Seattle Reign), Chioma Udogwu (Brisbane Roar, on loan from Orlando Pride), Ellen White (Birmingham City)

Women's Championship fixtures

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 27

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



Northern Premier Division fixtures

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

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

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

Sunday, January 20

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|----------------------|----|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bradford City Womens | vs | Derby County Ladies | Eccleshill United KO 2pm |
| Middlesbrough Women | vs | Doncaster Rovers Belles | Billingham Town KO 2pm |

Sunday, January 27

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

Southern Premier Division fixtures

—January 2019

Sunday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 27

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|----------------------------|----|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C&K Basildon Ladies | vs | Loughborough Foxes Women | The Frost Hire Stadium KO 2pm |
| Chichester City Ladies | vs | MK Dons FC Ladies | Oaklands Park KO 2pm |
| Coventry United Ladies | vs | Portsmouth FC Women | Daventry Town FC KO 2pm |
| Plymouth Argyle Ladies | vs | Gillingham Ladies | Devon FA HQ KO 2pm |
| Queens Park Rangers Ladies | vs | Cardiff City Ladies | Uxbridge FC KO 2pm |
| Watford FC Ladies | vs | Oxford United Women | Kings Langley FC KO 3pm |

Ammo's Antics



Hi Ammo here,

I hope everyone had a brilliant Christmas.

I've been training hard this month. I train for two hours twice a week with Birmingham City and every other Sunday we have a Gym session. I'm determined to play for England one day. That's what motivates me to work as hard as I do every week. I think it's also what motivates my Dad to drive me to training and sit in the cold to watch.

We've played three games against boys this month. Stoke, Halesowen and Oxford. Our game against Wolves girls was cancelled due to the weather.

Unfortunately we suffered two 6-3 defeats and one that finished 7-6.

It never feels good when we lose but I think we've given the boys a run for their money in every game.

I got another couple of goals taking my tally for the season to nine. I'm pretty pleased with that considering I have mainly played in defence or midfield.

All the girls from each age group were also invited to watch Birmingham Women Vs Bristol City in the Continental Cup. We were mascots and flag bearers for the game. Lots of the first team have come through the RTC so watching them play always reminds me why I'm doing all this.

It helps a lot when I have to get up early every Saturday to play football in sub-zero temperatures and pouring rain. This is the last season that I'll play against boys. If my RTC contract is renewed I'll be playing in the U14s who only play against other RTCs.

If there are any girls out there who want to play football at the highest level then the RTC is the place to be. You get the best coaches, good facilities and you'll get to play with top class footballers.

So I'm happy to say my journey to playing for England is still on track.

Stay happy

Ammo

Fraser of the Month

We've sipped champagne, sung Auld Lang Syne and watched the fireworks colourfully bring in a new year. Finally, 2019 is upon us, which for football fans can mean only one thing... the Women's World Cup.

In just a matter of months, Phil Neville will lead the Lionesses across the Channel to France as England test themselves against the best teams on the planet. Much like Gareth Southgate's Three Lions last year, there's a palpable buzz as we edge ever closer to the tournament.

Last year, the Lionesses put on some superb displays as they truly started to gel under Neville. A win over Brazil in Nottingham was followed by a brilliant performance against Australia at Craven Cottage - with victory only denied by some, shall we say, "questionable" refereeing.

But now the real test is upon Phil and Co as the brave Lionesses go up against Scotland, Argentina and Japan in the group stage. As draws go, it's one of the hardest, for sure. But not only that, there are some incredibly fierce rivalries on display. The intensity will be sky high and the desire unparalleled... after all, what could be better than taking on some old foes on the biggest stage in world football?

Of course England have some form against Scotland having ripped them to shreds in a 6-0 drubbing at the Euros two summers ago, inspired by a Jodie Taylor hat-trick. But Argentina and 2011 champions Japan will

prove to be stern tests.

In terms of squad selection, the Lionesses have an incredible mix of exciting young players and cool-headed veterans, which will prove vital in France. But more than that, the Lionesses are a real team.

When Neville was given the job, some eyebrows were raised. The Manchester United and Everton legend lacked managerial experience and perhaps didn't have the coaching credentials of some other candidates for the job.

However, Neville has proven himself to be an excellent manager for the squad, really taking the time to ensure he is admired by all his squad as individuals and as a team. The mutual respect is evident and it's starting to reap the rewards on the pitch.

All sport is as much mental as it is physical and tactical. While Neville may be learning on the job somewhat, he's growing alongside his squad as they strive to become the best in the world.

People talk about how Southgate was as key a figure in England's run to the World Cup semi-finals in Russia last summer as the likes of Harry Kane and it's almost certainly going to be the same for the women in France this year. Win or lose, the Lionesses will do so as a team... a close-knit unit.

It will be a tricky tournament, especially with the USA desperate to cling on to their crown, but this England squad could just surprise not only us, but the world too. Don't sleep on the Lionesses' chances, if there's one thing we know for sure, they're ready to roar.

#1Every90

1 EVERY 90 

Start THAT Conversation.

By Ruth Fox

One person every 90 minutes takes their own life in the UK, the same length of time as a football match. That's why I'm launching this campaign '1 every 90', not just to raise awareness of mental ill health and suicide within football, but to call for action. Professional players bravely opening up about their mental health battles recently has started that conversation, but what now? What support is there in place for players who are struggling and how can coaches spot when there might be a problem?

Just 1 year ago I was a self-harming and suicidal 18-year-old player. I saw no future ahead of me. I thought the world would be better off without me. Depression had taken hold of my successful and fruitful life and moulded it into nothingness. I attempted to take my life.

1 year on and I aspire to stop other people from going through what I've been through.

On 3rd October 2018 I launched a campaign called 1 every 90. I am calling for the FA to make mental health a part of the level 1 coaching qualification, just like safeguarding and just like physical first aid. This is so that all coaches can spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and can intervene and hopefully prevent tragedies such as Gary Speed and Zoe Tynan's suicides. Having an awareness of mental health does not make you a mental health professional, just like being a first aider doesn't make you a paramedic. Alongside safeguarding, mental health must be a priority within the game. A mentally ill player cannot perform, just as a physically injured player cannot. It's about time we put mental and physical health on level terms within football.

I also propose that the FA make support available for players at whatever standard they are playing at, not just professional players (who are supported by the PFA). A counselling service and helpline for any player who

is going through a tough time would give players the support that they need. I appreciate funding will be needed for this but I truly believe lives can be saved. Life is invaluable.

Personally, I am now a full-time mental health campaigner; sharing my story with people up and down the country in the hope that people don't have to go through what I've been through and by trying to fill the gaps that I came across in the support offered to me. When I was struggling, my club offered for me to speak with a chaplain, I didn't think this was enough support and I have now initiated 10 coaches and members of staff to be Mental Health First Aid trained at this club. But I want to be a part of a National change.

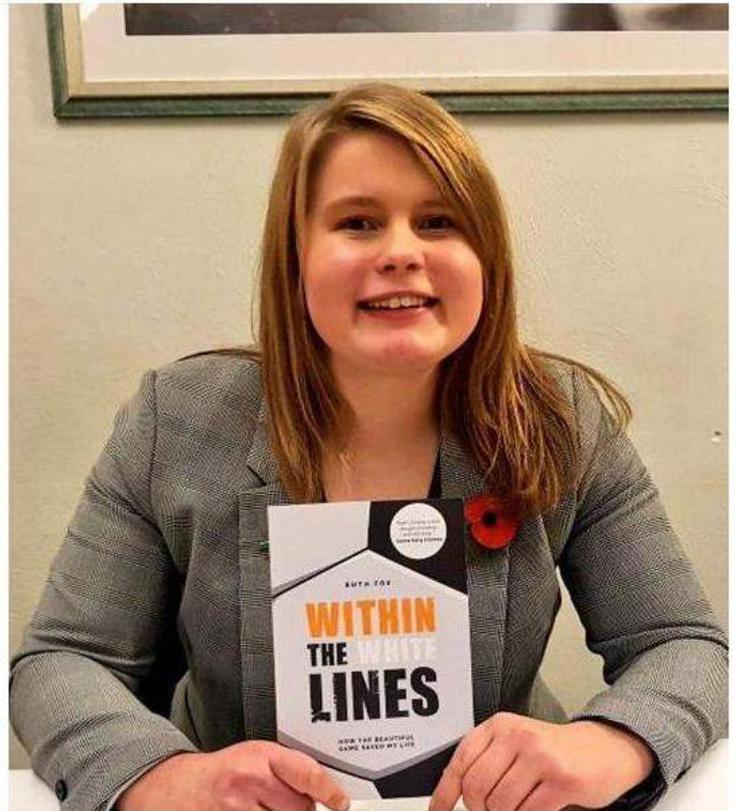
I want to see change in the level of support available to players and the level of awareness and understanding of mental health in our coaches right the way from grassroots to international level.

One conversation could save a life. It saved mine. We need to equip everyone

with the ability to have that conversation. We've talked the talk about mental health, now it's time to walk the walk.

Follow Ruth on Twitter @FoxInTheBox05

Ruth's book "Within the White Lines" is available to buy on Amazon NOW.



#1Every90

Continental Cup quarter-final draw

Current holders Arsenal have been drawn against Birmingham City in the quarter-finals of the FA Continental Tyres Cup.

Manchester United are the only Championship side remaining and will take on West Ham who are competing in their first ever knockout tie in the tournament.

Full draw:

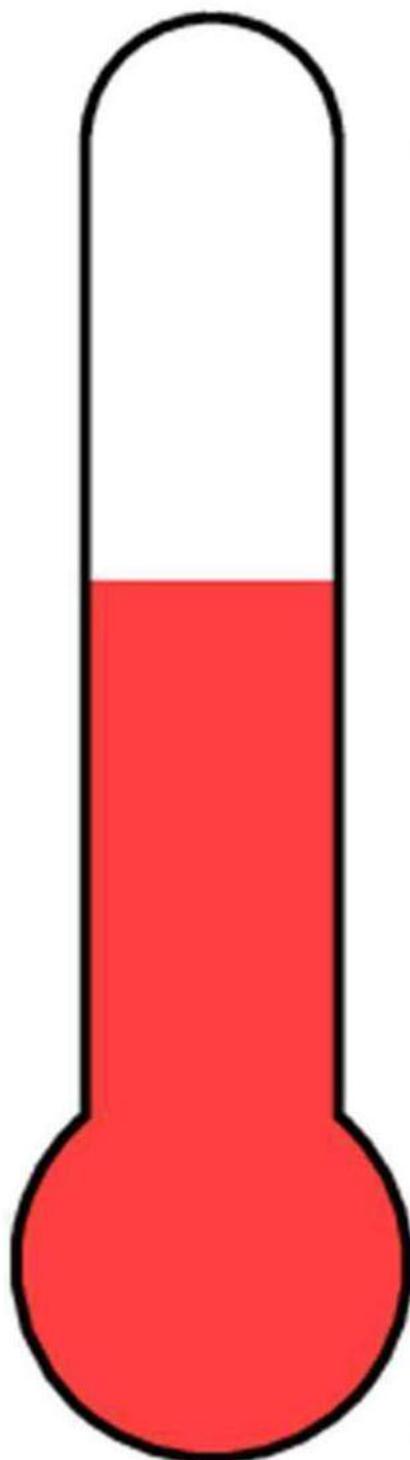
- **Manchester United vs West Ham**
- **Chelsea vs Reading**
- **Manchester City vs Brighton and Hove Albion**
- **Arsenal vs Birmingham City**
-

The ties will be played on January 9 or January 10.

The final will be played at Sheffield United's stadium, Bramall Lane on Saturday February 23.

HIGHS AND LOWS OF 2018

TWFM picks out four highs and four lows of women's football in 2018



HIGHS

England and Scotland qualify for World Cup
Manchester United announce women's team
England announced as Euros 2021 hosts
Inaugural awards for women at Football
Writer's Awards, FIFA The Best and Ballon
D'Or

LOWS

Doncaster Belles forced to move down two
divisions after failing to meet criteria
Karen Carney receives death threats on social
media
Jordan Nobbs ruled out of the World Cup and
the rest of the season through injury
Ada Hegerberg asked to twerk after winning
the Ball D'Or

2018 Quiz

Test your memory in our 2018 quiz!

Tweet us @womensfootiemag to let us know how you do!

Answers found at the back of the issue!

JANUARY

1. At which Championship club did Phil Neville turn down an assistant manager's position to take the England women's job?

2. Who scored the own goal which led to a late 3-2 win for Chelsea against Arsenal in the WSL?

3. How long did it take before Nadia Nadim scored in her debut for Manchester City?

4. How many candidates did the FA look at for the England manager's job?

FEBRUARY

5. Who was the WSL1 Player of the Month for February?

6. How many international games in a row did Sam Kerr score in to break a record for Australia?

7. Who was the surprise name in Phil Neville's first England squad?

8. Who did Sunderland beat 13-0 in a record breaking game in the SSE Women's FA Cup?

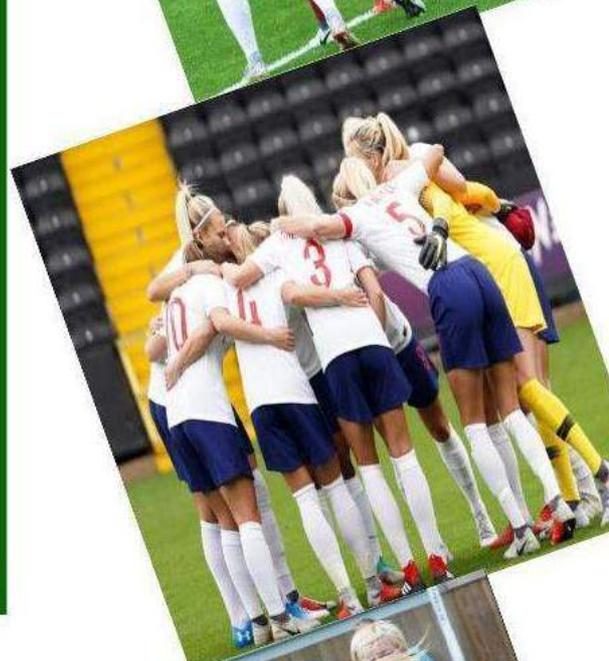
MARCH

9. Who scored the winner for Arsenal when they beat Manchester City in the Continental Tyres Cup final?

10. How many own goals did England score at the 2018 SheBelieves Cup?

11. Why was the Algarve Cup final called off causing both Netherlands and Sweden to be named winners?

12. What were the scorelines from the SheBelieves Cup games against France, Germany and USA?



APRIL

13. Who was handed their senior debut for England in the 0-0 World Cup qualifying game against Wales?

14. Which player was sent off in England's 2-0 away win over Bosnia & Herzegovina in their World Cup qualifying clash?

15. Which player won the inaugural FWA Women's Footballer of the Year?

16. Which couple faced each other in the Champions League semi-final between Wolfsburg and Chelsea?

MAY

17. Who was the top goal scorer at the end of the 2017-18 WSL1 season?

18. How many yellow cards were handed out in the 2019 SSE Women's FA Cup final?

19. Lyon beat Wolfsburg 4-1 in the Women's Champions League final after extra time but what was the score at the end of 90 minutes?

20. Who was the player of the match in the FA Cup final at Wembley?



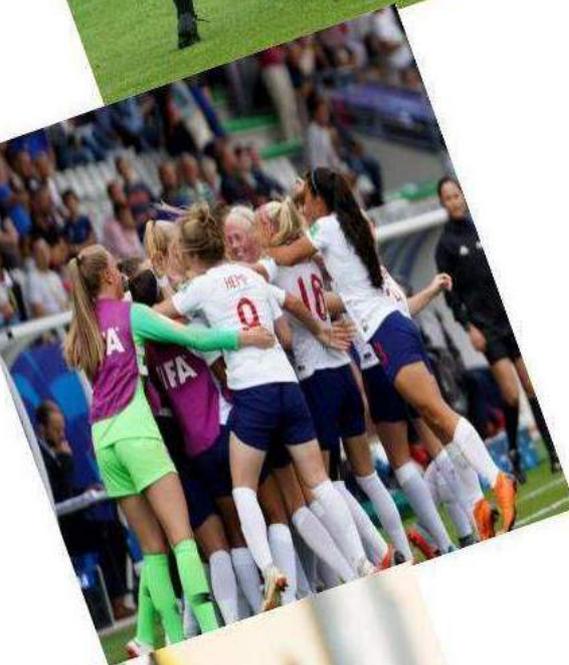
JUNE

21. Who was named the Vauxhall England Player of the Year at the FA Women's Football Awards?

22. Who was announced as the WPL Club of the Year?

23. Who scored a brace in England's 3-1 win against Russia in their World Cup qualifying game?

24. Who became the BBC's first female commentator at a World Cup at Russia 2018?



JULY

25. Which club did England goalkeeper Mary Earps leave to join Wolfsburg?

26. How old was Australia's Mary Fowler when she made her debut for the Matildas?

27. Everton became the first professional club in England to do what in July?

28. Which two capped England players joined the new Manchester United squad?

AUGUST

29. Who scored the winning penalty which saw England U20s win the bronze medal at the 2018 U20s Women's World Cup?

30. How did Alex Scott make history in August?

31. Who won the Women's Tournament of Nations which took place between Australia, Brazil, Japan and USA?

32. Which England player was named as a nominee for UEFA's goal of the season alongside the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and Dimitri Payet?

SEPTEMBER

33. What was the score in Manchester United's first Championship game against Aston Villa?

34. Which three players earned their first England caps in the 6-0 win over Kazakhstan?

35. Who won the FIFA The Best Women's Footballer Award?

36. Who did Manchester City get knocked out of the 2018-19 Champions League by and what was the aggregate score?



OCTOBER

37. Glasgow City Women remained unbeaten to secure the Scottish Women's Premier League title, but how many trophies is that in a row?

38. Which England international opened up about receiving death threats and abusive messages?

39. Arsenal manager Joe Montemurro signed a new contract in October, when did he take charge of the club?

40. Which side did Eni Aluko score her first goal (and a hat-trick) for Juventus against?

NOVEMBER

41. Which stadium hosted Steph Houghton's 100th England cap?

42. Who was given the captain's armband in England's friendly against Austria?

43. What was the unusual way in which Wales Women announced their squad in November?

44. Why was referee David McNamara banned following Manchester City's game against Reading?

DECEMBER

45. Who was named the first women's Ballon D'Or winner?

46. Who did Manchester United's first defeat come against?

47. Who were England drawn against in the 2019 Women's World Cup draw and what group are they in?

48. Who finish 2018 at the top of the WSL table?

Celtic to become full-time club



Celtic have announced they are to form Scotland's first full-time professional women's football team next year.

The Hoops already compete in the amateur Scottish Women's Premier League which was won by Glasgow City for the 12th consecutive season.

The decision, which has been called a "potential game-changer" comes after the side finished third this season, 23 points Glasgow.

Since the end of the season Celtic have appointed Eddie Wolecki Black, who used to coach the Glasgow side, as their new head coach and have

moved to K Park in East Kilbride for their home games.

Scottish Women's Football chair Vivienne MacLaren spoke to the BBC about the decision. She said: "It's wonderful news.

"All other clubs around will sit and take notice and it could be a huge development for the women's game up here.

"Hopefully this will have a domino effect over the next few seasons."

Scotland fixtures announced

The fixtures for the 2019 SWPL1 season have been announced with the league kicking off on February 10, 2019.

Last season's champions Glasgow City will start their season away at Rangers whilst newly promoted Motherwell will kick-off at home to Stirling University.

Full list of fixtures for first half of the season:

| February, 10 2019 | | | |
|-------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spartans FC | vs | Hibernian LFC | Ainslie Park Stadium (KO 1pm) |
| Celtic FC | vs | Forfar Farmington FC | K. Park (KO 2pm) |
| Motherwell FC | vs | Stirling University FC | Ravenscraig (KO 2pm) |
| Rangers FC | vs | Glasgow City FC | Benburb Football Club (KO 2pm) |

| February, 17 2019 | | | |
|------------------------|----|---------------|--------------------------|
| Forfar Farmington FC | vs | Motherwell FC | Station Park (KO 1pm) |
| Hibernian LFC | vs | Celtic FC | Ainslie Park (KO 1pm) |
| Glasgow City FC | vs | Spartans FC | Petershill Park (KO 2pm) |
| Stirling University FC | vs | Rangers FC | Ochilview Park (KO 12pm) |

| March, 10 2019 | | | |
|-----------------|----|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spartans FC | vs | Celtic FC | Ainslie Park Stadium (KO 1pm) |
| Glasgow City FC | vs | Stirling University FC | Petershill Park (KO 2pm) |
| Motherwell FC | vs | Hibernian LFC | Ravenscraig (KO 2pm) |
| Rangers FC | vs | Forfar Farmington FC | Benburb Football Club (KO 2pm) |

| March, 17 2019 | | | |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Forfar Farmington FC | vs | Glasgow City FC | Station Park (KO 1pm) |
| Hibernian LFC | vs | Rangers FC | Ainslie Park (KO 1pm) |
| Celtic FC | vs | Motherwell FC | K. Park (KO 2pm) |
| Stirling University FC | vs | Spartans FC | Ochilview Park (KO 12pm) |

March, 31 2019

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|------------------------|----|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spartans FC | vs | Motherwell FC | Ainslie Park Stadium (KO 1pm) |
| Rangers FC | vs | Celtic FC | Benburb Football Club (KO 2pm) |
| Stirling University FC | vs | Forfar Farmington FC | Ochilview Park (KO 12pm) |
| Hibernian LFC | vs | Glasgow City FC | Ainslie Park (4pm) |

April, 17 2019

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|----------------------|----|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Celtic FC | vs | Glasgow City FC | K. Park (KO 7pm) |
| Forfar Farmington FC | vs | Spartans FC | Station Park (KO 7pm) |
| Hibernian LFC | vs | Stirling University FC | Ainslie Park (7pm) |
| Motherwell FC | vs | Rangers FC | Ravenscraig (KO 7pm) |

April, 21 2019

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|------------------------|----|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Forfar Farmington FC | vs | Hibernian LFC | Station Park (KO 1pm) |
| Spartans FC | vs | Rangers FC | Ainslie Park Stadium (KO 1pm) |
| Glasgow City FC | vs | Motherwell FC | Petershill Park (KO 2pm) |
| Stirling University FC | vs | Celtic FC | Ochilview Park (KO 12pm) |

April, 28 2019

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|------------------------|----|---------------|--------------------------|
| Forfar Farmington FC | vs | Celtic FC | Station Park (KO 1pm) |
| Hibernian LFC | vs | Spartans FC | Ainslie Park (KO 1pm) |
| Glasgow City FC | vs | Rangers FC | Petershill Park (KO 2pm) |
| Stirling University FC | vs | Motherwell FC | Ochilview Park (KO 12pm) |

May, 5 2019

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|---------------|----|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spartans FC | vs | Glasgow City FC | Ainslie Park Stadium (KO 1pm) |
| Celtic FC | vs | Hibernian LFC | K. Park (KO 2pm) |
| Motherwell FC | vs | Forfar Farmington FC | Ravenscraig (KO 2pm) |
| Rangers FC | vs | Stirling University FC | Benburb Football Club (KO 2pm) |

May, 15 2019

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|------------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Celtic FC | vs | Spartans FC | K. Park (KO 7pm) |
| Forfar Farmington FC | vs | Rangers FC | Station Park (KO 7pm) |
| Hibernian LFC | vs | Motherwell FC | Ainslie Park (KO 7pm) |
| Stirling University FC | vs | Glasgow City FC | Ochilview Park (KO 7pm) |

May, 19 2019

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spartans FC | vs | Stirling University FC | Ainslie Park Stadium (KO 1pm) |
| Glasgow City FC | vs | Forfar Farmington FC | Petershill Park (KO 2pm) |
| Motherwell FC | vs | Celtic FC | Ravenscraig (KO 2pm) |
| Rangers FC | vs | Hibernian LFC | Benburb Football Club (KO 2pm) |

The SWPL then breaks until August, 4 2019 for an international break which includes the 2019 Women's World Cup in France



Transfer Tales

Nadia Nadim leaves City

Denmark international Nadia Nadim has joined Paris Saint-Germain until the end of the season.

The 30-year-old left Manchester City as a free agent having made 28 appearances for the club.

Nadim put in a transfer request in July stating that she did not “feel at home either in Manchester or Man City.”

Speaking to PSG, Nadim said: “I am very happy to join Paris Saint-Germain. Paris Saint-Germain is a very big European club, with which I wish to win many titles. It is a team with a lot of ambition and many talents. I am convinced that I will find here a perfect framework to evolve at the highest French and international level.”

Celtic Women make 3 signings

Eddie Wolecki Black has added three new players to his squad for the next Scottish season.

Kirsty McLaughlin and Emma Black join the new full-time squad from Motherwell whilst Cody Hay signs from Hamilton.



Maddy Cusack joins Sheffield United

Ann katrin Berger leaves Birmingham for Chelsea

Birmingham City goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger has turned down a new deal with Super League club Birmingham in favour of joining Emma Hayes at Chelsea.

Speaking about the decision, manager Marc Skinner said: “She is without doubt a remarkable person and an excellent goalkeeper. Although Ann has chosen a different path I believe she should be remembered for the sheer courage and bravery she displayed both on and off the field.”

Miedema and Evans agree new contracts



Super striker Vivianne Miedema has signed a new long-term contract with Arsenal.

The 22-year-old Netherlands international has scored 14 WSL goals so far this season and became the second Gunners' player in less than a week to agree a new deal.

Scotland winger Lisa Evans signed a "long-term contract extension" but the club have chosen not to disclose the details of either deal.

Speaking about Miedema, manager Joe Montemurro said: "Vivianne is a fantastic striker, one of the best in the women's game. She has a fantastic skill to find the back of the net in some of the most difficult positions, and her hunger to score and win is something that every team needs."

He added about Evans: "Her energy and precision are very important qualities, making her a key part of our team."



Reading have signed Jade Bailey on loan from Chelsea

Katrine Veje signs from Montpellier

Arsenal have been busy so far in the transfer window and have signed Denmark winger Katrine Veje from Montpellier.

The 27-year-old has won more than 100 caps for her national side but the length of her contract has not been disclosed.

Transfer Tales

Quiz answers

JANUARY

1. Aston Villa
2. Sari van Veenendaal
3. Six minutes
4. 147

FEBRUARY

5. Georgia Stanway
6. Seven
7. Anita Asante
8. Brighthouse

MARCH

9. Vivianne Miedema
10. Two Millie Bright (vs Germany) and Karen Bardsley (vs USA)
11. Heavy rain and adverse weather conditions
12. France 4-1, Germany 2-2, USA 1-0

APRIL

13. Beth Mead
14. Alex Greenwood
15. Fran Kirby
16. Magdalena Erikson (Chelsea) and Pernille Harder (Wolfsburg)

MAY

17. Ellen White
18. One
19. 0-0
20. Ramona Bachmann

JUNE

21. Ellen White
22. Derby County
23. Jill Scott
24. Vicki Sparks

JULY

25. Reading
26. 15
27. Use the ladies' team to front their new kit launch
28. Alex Greenwood and Siobhan Chamberlain

AUGUST

29. Georgia Allen
30. Sher became the first female pundit on Sky Sports Super Sunday
31. USA
32. Lucy Bronze

SEPTEMBER

- 33. 12-0
- 34. Gabby George, Lucy Staniforth and Lauren Bruton
- 35. Marta
- 36. Atletico Madrid, 3-1

OCTOBER

- 37. 12
- 38. Karen Carney
- 39. November 2017
- 40. Roma

NOVEMBER

- 41. New York Stadium Rotherham
- 42. Toni Duggan

- 43. They got children from across Wales to announce the names via video
- 44. He got Steph Houghton and Kirsty Pearce to do rock, paper, scissors to determine the start of the match

DECEMBER

- 45. Ada Hegerberg
- 46. Durham (3-1)
- 47. Scotland, Argentina, Japan— Group D
- 48. Arsenal

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