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SEAH STADIUM | SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

WOLVES



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Good afternoon,

Welcome back to the SEAH Stadium for one of the standout fixtures of the season. After the rivalry over the years this is always my first game to look for when the fixtures come out.

It's great to welcome Carly and the Nottingham Forest squad and backroom staff, including Marcus who we all know so well. After what can only be described as an amazing summer for the club, it's brilliant to have the challenge of competing against some of the best players within Tier Three who have dropped out of the Championship to be part of their journey.

After the disappointment in midweek, we are looking for a positive performance. I thought in moments we were excellent against Stoke but it's the key decisions which we got wrong with the sending off and the penalty. It was a brilliant experience for some of our younger players who I know will have taken so much from it.

I'm absolutely delighted to welcome back fan favourite Beth Merrick to the squad this week. After going away over the summer and looking for something she couldn't quite find it was brilliant news when I heard she may want to return home. I'm looking forward to seeing her back on the pitch hopefully for another 100 appearances.

Today will be tough and I'm sure there'll be some difficult moments, but I hope you'll get behind the players as always and hopefully make the difference.

Dan McNamara
Manager



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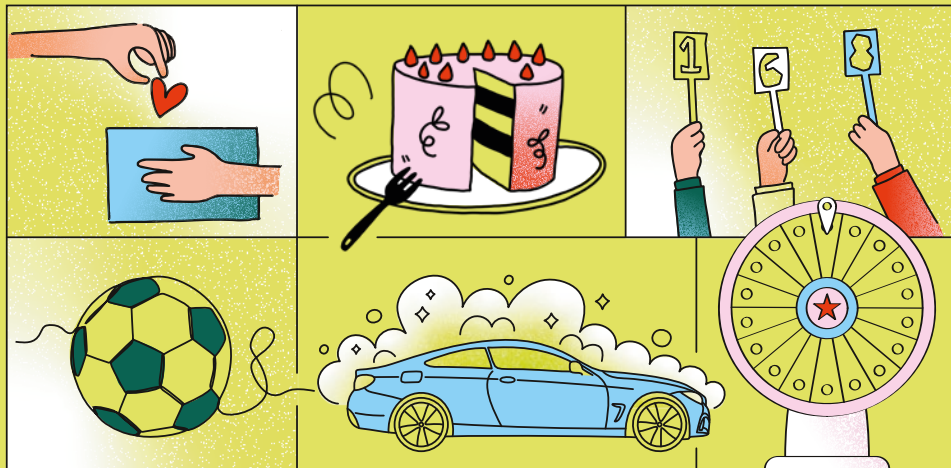
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Wolves Women have bolstered their squad after securing the services of experienced midfielder **Becky Anderson** who made her debut in last Sunday's 2-1 win at Derby County.

Previously at Nottingham Forest, Anderson was a league and cup double winner with the Reds in the 2022/23 season.

She went on to appear 106 times for Forest, scoring 15 goals, after returning to the club following a 10-year absence in the summer of 2021.

Prior to that, she gained FA Women's Super League experience with London Bees before spending two seasons at Coventry United, helping the club retain their Championship status while also winning the Player of the Season award.

After heading back to the City Ground three years ago, Anderson played an integral role in Forest's double-winning campaign, scoring eight goals and contributing 12 assists, as she lifted both the Northern Premier Division and FAWNL Cup.



Anderson celebrated a century of Nottingham Forest appearances in April, but now switches red for old gold as her footballing journey continues with Wolves.

Manager Dan McNamara said: "We're really pleased to get Becky involved. She's another one that we've had to deal with over the years – she's a fantastic person, as she's shown over the last few weeks of being in with us and she's got a lot to offer the group.

"She's one of the best 'fours' in the league. To put her alongside Summer (Holmes), Layla (Banaras) and the other great midfielders we've got is really exciting. She also brings a certain element of experience.

"We've lost Perks (Anna Price), H (Helen Dermody) and Beth Merrick over the summer, so it is quite a young group. It's great to get someone in who's won league titles and played at the highest levels."

And McNamara has admitted that it is pleasing to attract a player of Anderson's calibre, particularly after spending the last few seasons battling against her.

"To bring in players who have battled alongside us for so long, it's been tough planning for the likes of her and Charlotte Greengrass over the years.

"To now attract them to the club gives you a warm feeling that you've been doing things right over the last few years. To get them from our rivals and a club we've been competing with for so long shows that we are doing things in the right way.

"It's brilliant for us and hopefully we can continue to build. We want to keep doing things the right way, keep building and keep putting a squad together."



“I’m buzzing, to be honest. Obviously, it’s more important to get the three points, but I’m happy that I got the goal to try and help the team as much as I can.” ~ Ania Denham

TEAM
 Thomas
 Morphet
 Holmes
 George (MacPhail 85)
 J. Cross (Denham 85)
 Loydon (Hiscox 65)
 Hughes (Smith 65)
 Greengrass
 Johnson (Fryer 85)
 Roberts
 Jenner

Subs not used:
 Elbro
 Banaras

DERBY 1 V WOLVES 2

GOALSCORERS:
 Dalton 5

GOALSCORERS:
 Morphet pen 22, Johnson 32

Sunday 25th August

KO 2pm

TEAM
 Thomas
 Morphet
 Holmes
 George
 J. Cross
 Greengrass
 Johnson
 Anderson
 Roberts (Loydon 85)
 Smith
 Jenner

“It’s a different kind of performance. I think it was a courageous performance, which had lots of guts in it, so I’m proud of the players.”
 ~ Dan McNamara



Subs not used:
 Elbro
 E. Cross
 MacPhail
 Banaras
 Fryer
 Denham



WOLVES 4 V STOURBRIDGE 0

GOALSCORERS:
 Hughes 12, Greengrass 15, George 75, Denham 87

Sunday 18th August

KO 2pm



Christos Christofides

by Matt Ponter

Backroom staff are just as important as the 11 on the pitch when it comes to a successful football team, and one of those roles is that of the physiotherapist.

Christos Christofides has made the move to Wolves having recently departed Port Vale and has acclimatised well.

“We’ve only just relocated from Manchester, but it’s all done now and I’m settled in,” he says.

“This is a big club with a really good reputation and there is a good medical and sports science setup.

“It’s just a great opportunity to start now as a full-time physio with the Women’s team, and I’ve been looking forward to starting for a while.”

Players’ fitness is always one of the main priorities for the Old Gold, and training plays a huge part in getting the team ready for match day.

Working alongside Nathan Maxwell, the club’s strength and conditioning coach, Christos is on the lookout for any weaknesses and will be there to try and help the squad develop.

Football has always been a part of life for Christos; he played from a young age in academies before branching out into the academic side of the game.

“I think it’s in my genes, my DNA,” he says, “and I have a massive interest in women’s football.

“I’m in the right place now, and whilst we look to help develop certain aspects of player development, I will ultimately be making sure we prevent injuries in the process.”

Of course, should someone in the squad pick up a long-term injury it can be difficult to stay motivated to get back to full fitness and into the starting 11. One of Christos’ roles is to ensure that those out on the sidelines keep that motivation.

Like Nathan, Christos knows that a good player-coach relationship goes a long way to maintaining a high morale.

“It’s about finding out what players need, and if it’s something I can help with, then that is what I am here for.

“I really want my door to be open at all times,” he notes.

“It lets everyone feel comfortable and understand they can speak to me without any fear.

“Building a trustworthy relationship and having those one-to-one serious conversations really helps not only the players’ development, but also allows them to feel open to ask for and get the help they need.”

Working alongside full-time manager Dan McNamara, it was vital for Christos that the relationship between both was good.

During his first week, Christos had already sat down with Dan and the other members of the backroom staff to discuss the plans for the season, and also allow everyone to understand each other’s way of working.

“It’s nice to have a balance within personalities at the club, because not everyone is the same.

“We knew from the beginning what we all wanted, and I understood my role within the club and what is expected of me.”

Speaking to Christos after our opening day victory against Stourbridge, he mentioned just how respectful the squad is.

“We have a great group of not just players, but personalities as well.

“The changing room is shining already, and it is always positive with every player having a good relationship with each other.

“Once this aspect is in place, and when you have got it right, you can take it as far as you want!”





ABI LOYDON

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Wolves Women History

by Tony Leighton

Following almost half a century of highs and lows for the women's team since its formation in 1975, this season has seen significant changes in the club structure.

After more than six years at the helm, RAF aircraft technician Dan McNamara has become the club's first ever full-time manager.

And with performance coaching and physiotherapy roles also being moved on to a full-time basis, the players are for the first time enjoying 24/7 support from the management and backroom team.

After agonisingly missing out on promotion in 2021/22 through a play-off defeat by Southampton and then being pipped by Nottingham Forest for the Northern Division title on goal difference the following season, Wolves had to settle for a fourth place finish last term.

The current campaign is the 50th in the club's history since beginning as Heathfield Rovers, playing in the West Midlands League second division, later becoming Wolverhampton & Wednesbury Tube and then Wolverhampton Ladies before taking the name Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1993.

That final name switch was a good omen as the 1993/94 season saw them promoted to the Premier League – which was then the top flight of the English women's game – where they spent two seasons before relegation.

In 1999 the club was incorporated under the Companies Act with several influential business people joining the board, among them BBC presenter Jenny Wilkes (Chair) and former England Women's cricket team captain Baroness Rachael Heyhoe Flint.

The club evolved a strong youth development programme, several players going on to become senior internationals – Rachel Unitt, Jody Handley and Emily Westwood for England, Kerrie Manley for Wales and Amy McCann for Northern Ireland.

In a landmark move in the 2008/09 season the women's section was taken on board by Wolverhampton Wanderers FC as part of Wolves Community Trust.

At junior level the club was awarded a new FA Girls' Regional Talent Club licence in 2016, supporting the identification and development of players with elite potential as part of the England Talent Pathway.

Encouragingly, the RTC has seen some talented young players moving through the ranks and making their mark at senior level as the women's set-up has become part of the Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy.

These progressive moves have dove-tailed with sharing the men's Premier League team's Compton training ground facilities as part of Wolves' 'one club' ethos.

And as the women's team now looks to produce a 2024/25 campaign to top their achievements of recent seasons, they are doing so with Telford United's impressive, 5,500 crowd capacity SEAH Stadium as their home ground.





Nottingham Forest Women

Nottingham Forest Women were founded in 1990 and have since achieved many honours throughout their acclaimed history.

Originally named Nottingham Forest Ladies FC, The Reds previously operated on a volunteer basis for administration and coaching. Forest Women managed to maintain their status within competitive women's football thanks to their impressive local support in Nottinghamshire.

In 1996 players Donna Hilton and Lisa Dawkins launched Nottingham Forest WFC's junior programme in order to establish a career development pathway for female footballers. Continuing to progress, Forest Women added a reserve team programme in 2005 to bridge the gap between their senior team and junior programmes; this improved further with the addition of a development team programme in 2018.

The Reds found success on the pitch in the 2007/08 season, winning the FA FPL Northern Division title and promotion to the highest level: going the entire league campaign unbeaten.

Nottingham Forest Football Club entered a partnership with Forest

Women in April 2018 whereby the women's side could access the then, EFL Championship sides' resources as well as important support through their financial backing.

The Reds' evolution continued in December 2018, when the club hired their first full-time staff member; recruiting a general manager responsible for increasing standards of the club, on and off the pitch, as they prepared for upcoming promotion campaigns.

The biggest change to Forest Women was implemented ahead of the 2019/20 season. The club revised their name and logo, dropping the word Ladies, with both the men's and women's teams committing to a one-club approach for Nottingham Forest FC.

Nottingham Forest Women then hired their first ever full-time head coach to manage the development of all on-field football aspects for The Reds, from the senior team to the junior programmes.

Forest Women achieved their most successful season to date by winning the FA Women's National League Cup and FA WNL Northern Premier Division in the 2022/23 season.

In July 2023, Nottingham Forest announced the full integration of Nottingham Forest Women into the wider football department at the club. This integration saw the women's first team move to a professional hybrid model for the 2023/24 season as phase one of a strategy to ultimately create a full-time professional team.

The following season, Nottingham Forest announced that Nottingham Forest Women would become a full-time professional football club from the start of the 2025/26 season as owner Evangelos Marinakis set out his ambitious vision to see Forest compete in the elite divisions in both the men's and women's game.

The bold vision sees Forest Women play all 11 league home games at The City Ground, providing the club and its fans with first-class facilities whilst allowing for significant growth in the supporter base for the women's team.

The mission of Nottingham Forest Women has remained constant throughout their history, to provide playing opportunities to female footballers of all ages while pursuing success at the highest levels on the pitch.

LEAGUE TABLE 2024/25

Pos Team	P	HOME					AWAY					TOTAL					GD	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Rugby Borough	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	10	0	2	0	0	13	1	12	6
2 Burnley	2	1	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	12	1	11	6
3 Nottingham Forest	2	1	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	10	0	10	6
4 Wolverhampton Wanderers	2	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	6	1	5	6
5 West Bromwich Albion	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	5	1	4	4
6 Derby County	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	5	3	2	3
7 Stoke City	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3
8 Liverpool Feds	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
9 Stourbridge	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0
10 Sporting Khalsa	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	2	1	11	-10	0
11 Hull City	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	2	0	10	-10	0
12 Halifax	2	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	2	0	14	-14	0

PLAYER STATS 2024/25

#	Name	League		WFA Cup		Lge Cup		BCC		2024-25		Wolves Total	
		apps	gls	apps	gls	apps	gls	apps	gls	apps	gls	apps	gls
1	Maddie Elbro											25	0
3	Anna Morphet	2	1			1	0			3	1	144	48
4	Summer Holmes	2	0			1	0			3	0	85	3
5	Emma Cross					0+1	0			0+1	0	250	3
7	Tammi George	2	1							2	1	139	42
8	Merrick Will											23	1
9	Jade Cross	2	0			1	0			3	0	268	169
10	Abi Loydon	1+1	0			1	0			2+1	0	3	0
11	Amber Hughes	1	1							1	1	79	68
12	Charlotte Greengrass	2	1			1	1			3	1	3	2
13	Bec Thomas	2	0			1	0			3	0	108	0
14	Martha MacPhail	0+1	0			1	0			1+1	0	2	0
15	Layla Banaras											10	0
17	Katie Johnson	2	1			0+1	0			2+1	1	73	9
18	Hannah Fryer	0+1	0			1	0			1+1	0	25	1
19	Becky Anderson	1				0+1	0			1+1		2	0
20	Ania Denham	0+1	1			1	0			1+1	1	10	2
21	Destiney Toussaint											45	24
22	Beth Roberts	2	0			1	0			3	0	46	5
23	Josie Smith	1+1	0			1	0			2+1	0	11	0
25	Amelia Hiscox	0+1	0							0+1	0	2	0
27	Abbi Jenner	2	0			0+1	0			2+1	0	3	0
31	Skye Owen											4	0

All stats correct at time of going to print.

And in Other News...

Congratulations to Tammi George who was named Player of the Match in Wolves' 4-0 win over Stourbridge in the opening game of the season. The award, sponsored by Ego Hair Salon of Tettenhall, was presented by Wolves Director John Bowater.

Congratulations to 16-year-old Amelia Hiscox who made her league debut as a substitute in the Stourbridge game, and to Ania Denham who came on to score her first FA WNL goal for the club.

Also to Josie Smith who made her full league debut away at Derby last Sunday after returning from a loan spell at Sporting Khalsa.

Welcome to new signing Becky Anderson who features on page 5 of today's programme. She follows summer addition Charlotte Greengrass in joining Wolves from today's opponents Nottingham Forest. Becky made her debut in the 2-1 win at Derby last Sunday.

Today's other FA WNL fixtures

Derby County v West Bromwich Albion
Liverpool Fed's v Halifax
Sporting Khalsa v Rugby Borough
Stoke City v Burnley
Stourbridge v Hull City

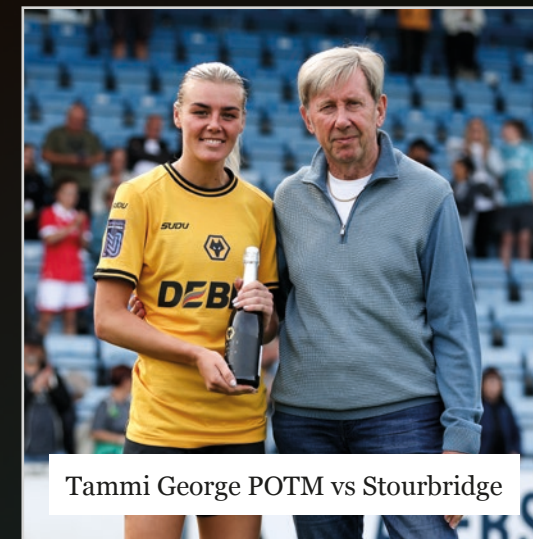
Upcoming fixtures

Next Sunday's game away at Burnley will take place at Turf Moor with a 2pm kick-off. Tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £5 for under-18s and can be purchased via the Burnley website.

Our next home fixture here at the SEAH Stadium is on Sunday 15th September when we entertain Hull City with a 2pm kick-off. Admission for Wolves and Telford United season ticket holders is free. For non-season ticket holders, tickets can be purchased in advance from the Telford United website for a reduced rate of £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and £1 for 3-16s. Payment is also accepted at the gate via card or cash with admission costing £6 for adults and £5 for concessions.



Ania Denham's first league goal



Tammi George POTM vs Stourbridge



Josie Smith's full league debut vs Derby

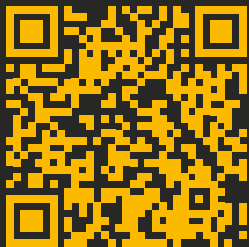


Amelia Hiscox's league debut vs Stourbridge

FEAR NOTHING

FAWNL	Name	1st sub	TEAM	Home fixture	+	Own goal
Adobe WFA Cup	Name	2nd sub	Team	Away fixture	●	Yellow card
League Cup	Name	3rd sub	#	Goal scored	●	Red card
B'ham Challenge Cup	Name	4th sub	I	Penalty scored		
	Name	5th sub				

DATE	OPPOSITION	RES/KO	POS	ATT	REFEREE											SUBSTITUTES							
AUGUST																							
18	STOURBRIDGE	W 4-0	3	407	S Anderson	Thomas	Johnson	Roberts	Morphet	Jenner	Holmes	Loydon	George 1	J Cross	Greengrass 1	Hughes 1	Smith	Hiscox	MacPhail	Denham 1	Fryer	Elbro	Banaras
25	Derby County	W 2-1	4	338	A Greenwood	Thomas	Johnson 1	Roberts	Morphet 1	Jenner	Holmes	Smith	George	J Cross	Greengrass	Anderson	Loydon	Elbro	Fryer	E Cross	MacPhail	Banaras	Denham
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8	Burnley																						
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25	Sporting Khalsa																						
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6	RUGBY BOROUGH																						
13	West Bromwich Albion																						
27	HALIFAX																						
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10	Liverpool Feds																						
17	Stourbridge																						
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15	DERBY COUNTY																						
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5	Nottingham Forest																						
12	BURNLEY																						
FEBRUARY																							
2	Rugby Borough																						
12	SPORTING KHALSA																						
23	STOKE CITY																						
MARCH																							
9	Hull City																						
23	WEST BROMWICH ALBION																						
APRIL																							
13	Halifax																						
27	LIVERPOOL FEDS																						



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Thank you for your support.



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WOLVES

- 1 Maddie Elbro
- 3 Anna Morphet
- 4 Summer Holmes
- 5 Emma Cross
- 7 Tammi George
- 8 Merrick Will
- 9 Jade Cross
- 10 Abi Loydon
- 11 Amber Hughes
- 12 Charlotte Greengrass
- 13 Bec Thomas
- 14 Martha MacPhail
- 15 Layla Banaras
- 17 Katie Johnson
- 18 Hannah Fryer
- 19 Becky Anderson
- 20 Ania Denham
- 21 Destiney Toussaint
- 22 Beth Roberts
- 23 Josie Smith
- 25 Amelia Hiscox
- 27 Abbi Jenner
- 31 Skye Owen

FOREST

- 1 Emily Batty
- 2 Lyndsey Harkin
- 3 Natalie Johnson
- 4 Kate Longhurst
- 5 Naomi Bedeau
- 7 Sophie Domingo
- 8 Amy Sims
- 9 Mel Johnson
- 10 Holly Mander s
- 11 Bridget Galloway
- 14 Charlie Wellings
- 15 Hollie Olding
- 16 Mollie Green
- 17 Freya Thomas
- 18 Caragh Hamilton
- 20 Millie Chandarana
- 21 Hayley James
- 25 Alice Keitley
- 26 Katie Dungate
- 29 Georgie Ferguson
- 38 Holly Mears



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Alicia Kennedy | **Assistant referees:** Teigan Clamp, Ryan Grandison

NEXT UP AT SEAH STADIUM

Hull City
Sunday 15th September 2024, 2.00pm | FA WNL

