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Good afternoon all.

Welcome back to New Bucks Head for today's league fixture against Boldmere. It's been amazing to see so many of you here over the last two league games and we hope today we have another great crowd to support the players.

Last weekend saw us beaten at home by a very good Burnley side. This ended a record of over 1330 days unbeaten at home in the league which is a remarkable record the players have achieved.

We all know how disappointing last weekend was and we know we didn't hit the levels we've become accustomed to. The result won't define the season, but today's reaction will.

After picking up their first points of the season last weekend I think we have a different Boldmere to deal with today. They'll be coming into this full of confidence and we need to put last week behind us ASAP. The girls have been brilliant in training all week and they look ready to get back on track.

A quick turn around after today will see us face our first Black Country derby of the season on Wednesday evening. We will need your support on Wednesday and I hope we get a healthy crowd. It would be amazing to break the 1,000 mark for the first time this season.

The evening will also have Manny Singh Kang in attendance with his first Samosa Women's Wednesday. After completing a superb challenge yesterday walking to Chelsea it will be great to catch up with him and pass on our congratulations. So don't worry about the kids' tea on Wednesday, grab a handful of samosas and come and support us against that lot down the road.

For now though, as always, please be loud and proud and help us get back on track today.

Thank you,

Macca  
#DaretoDreamContinued

MANAGER

DAN McNAMARA

"A QUICK TURN AROUND AFTER TODAY WILL SEE US FACE OUR FIRST BLACK COUNTRY DERBY OF THE SEASON ON WEDNESDAY EVENING..."



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## CAPTAIN

ANNA PRICE

“FOR US IT WILL BE GOING BACK TO THE STANDARDS THAT WE SET OURSELVES IN PREVIOUS GAMES.”



## Good afternoon.

After a disappointing result last weekend we can't wait to get back on the pitch today to put it right.

Since the moment the final whistle went against Burnley we have been counting down the days to today. We know as a group last weekend wasn't to our standards, Burnley were the better side and we did not give a true account of ourselves, in comparison to previous games.

Today we will face different challenges, playing against a side that is 15 miles down the road to us means that we will be against a number of players that we know well, and a number of individuals who have played for Wolves in previous seasons. We are all aware of how tough it will be today, Boldemere have nothing to lose and will be coming to Telford to cause an upset. They have done very well against other teams in our division and picked up their first win last weekend so we know that they will come into the game with nothing to lose. For us it will be going back to the standards that we set ourselves in previous games. One game is not going to determine our season, and we cannot wait today to get back out there to put it right.

Lastly I would like to mention that we have another local derby on Wednesday night and would like to take this opportunity to ask you to come down and support us. Our loyal supporter Manny is putting on samosas to raise money for the Good Shepherd charity to help those individuals who are homeless. It would be fantastic if you could come and contribute to such an important cause.

Thanks again for your continued support and we hope you enjoy the game!

Anna Price



## RESERVES MANAGER

TOM WARREN

“WE RAN OUT 2-1 WINNERS, MAINTAINING OUR 100% START TO THE SEASON.”



## Good afternoon everyone.

I mentioned in my last notes that we were hoping for a challenge in our fixture against Stourbridge and that's certainly what we got. I've expressed my frustrations with the quality of the league at times and that we don't want to be winning by cricket scores so was pleased that the Stourbridge game gave us a real test. We ran out 2-1 winners, maintaining our 100% start to the season but most pleasing of all was the game being worthwhile.

They made the game physical and played direct football on a small grass pitch which really tested our reduced squad due to a few absences. As much as we encourage playing nice football and winning a game that way, to play for Wolves you have to be willing to pull together as a group, dig in and do the basics of winning your duels, second balls, connecting with passes and finally take your chances!

We did that through Amy Hare with two good finishes continuing her good start to the season. Amy is a striker who has been at the club for a while and a Wales youth international with a good future in the game, her movement is excellent, and she's really now found her eye for goal. I know she's caught Macca's eye with some standout performances in matches and training with the firsts in pre-season.

We have a free week this week, so I'll be with Macca and the staffing group for this game, with a few of the players in the stand watching where they all want to be soon!

Enjoy the game,

Tom



# MATCH REPORT

By Callum Brannan

**Wolves 1** (Miller 90) | **Burnley 3** (Kinzett 31, Priestley 63, 85)

New Bucks Head | Sunday 2nd October 2022



**Wolves Women suffered an unfortunate defeat to a strong Burnley side, but Dan McNamara and the 582 supporters in attendance will have taken heart from the performance at the New Bucks Head.**

Ali Miller followed up her two goals last weekend with a third of the season, but it came in vain, as the visitors ran out victors, condemning Wolves to their first home defeat since February 2019.

Before the game, twins Emma and Jade Cross were both recognised for recently achieving two hundred appearances for the old gold, but following kick-off, Wolves struggled to find their finishing touch, despite Laura Cooper impressing early on, with her deliveries being well defended by Burnley.

The best chance of the first half was almost gifted to Wolves when Jess Simpson played a back pass for goalkeeper Lauren Bracewell to clear, which caused problems, but she cleared the ball off the line at the last possible opportunity.

However, the next opportunity would force the opener, with a scramble from a corner providing Ella Kinzett the chance to tap the ball into the back of the net to give the visitors the lead.

## Half-time | Wolves 0-1 Burnley

**Wolves** | Thomas, Cooper, Morphet, E. Cross, George, Gauntlett (Dicken 82), Dermody (J. Cross 77), Hughes, Holmes, Johnson, Merrick (Miller 59).

Wolves started the second half attempting to pile the pressure on Burnley, however Jonathan Morgan's side took control of the contest and started to cause real problems for the old gold, with Evie Priestley putting pressure on the Wolves defence.

Burnley were able to double their lead when Priestley fired a shot into the top corner of Bec Thomas' goal, giving the Wolves stopper no chance. From there, the hosts struggled to create chances and Burnley were able to take advantage when the home side started to push on.

Another run from Priestley caused more problems as she was able to get in behind before blasting a shot into the back of the net to give herself a brace and her side a three-goal cushion.

Wolves did at least find the net, with substitute Miller impressing, and she received the ball on the edge of the box before hitting a precise shot into the top corner of Bracewell's net to applause from the home fans.

## Full-time | Wolves 1-3 Burnley

**Burnley** | Bracewell, Cooper, Taylor, Walsh, Simpson, Ravening, Brown (O. Greenhalgh 73), Kinzett, May, Priestley (Molinari 90), Embley (Willis 80).

## Reaction:

A battle against one of the best teams in the Northern Premier Division saw Wolves' unbeaten streak snapped. This is what manager Dan McNamara had to say on the defeat.

## On the team's performance

McNamara said: "I just want to congratulate Burnley, they were fantastic today. They've set the bar for this league over the season, and they'll take some stopping on that kind of form. Ultimately, this is a time to reflect, me and the staff got something wrong and we'll take responsibility for that. The games come round quick in this league, we've got to put the disappointment behind us and get ready to go again."

## On the first-half

"If we converted one of the chances we had early on then we may be looking at a different game, it was pretty disappointing to go 1-0 down. These things happen, that's why we love the game, it's not all rosy and it's about how we respond to this now. This won't define our season, but the reaction to it will."



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Dan McNamara signed the versatile player as soon as she became available in the summer of 2021, bolstering the team's defensive options significantly.



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THE INTERVIEW  
**ANNA MORPHET**



**When it comes to set pieces in the Black Country, there's only one person you want on the end of that free kick. Oh, and she's also the club's penalty taker too, not to mention a brilliant full-back. It's none other than Anna Morphet.**

Now in her fifth season at the club, Morphet is certainly a fan favourite who has plenty of assists to her name.

**How did you become the club's penalty taker?**

"Always when I was growing up, I said I'd take them, as it's not something that everyone wants to do. It's like with set pieces; I think being a lefty helps and the set pieces on the other side of the pitch always suit me as there are no other lefties in the team. I think for some people it's a bit of a mind game and I've had a lot of practice over the years so I'm quite happy to take them."

**How do you sum up your time at the club since joining in the summer of 2018**

"It's been a hell of a journey. Going from the disappointment of not getting promoted due to Covid in tier four and missing out on that in the first season I was here, to see how far we've come. A few years is a short amount of time. I've loved it. As well as the core group I've stayed with throughout, just where we've got to and where we're going; I've enjoyed every minute without sounding cringey."

**The team are big on set pieces, how much emphasis does Macca put on that?**

"Macca makes a big point of it, because it's a big part of the game, especially in the women's game. It's an opportunity to get the ball into a dangerous area and that's why we take them seriously. I think it's easy to put them in there, especially when you've got the likes of Perks, Tammi and KJ (Katie Johnson). When you've got those attacking threats, it's a great opportunity to score a goal. Just look at KJ the last few weeks and how many she's got. It's a big part of our game."

**What sort of experience did you gain at Aston Villa?**

"I was in their development squad. It was really good in training coming up against quality players. They teach you a lot about the physical side of the game because you're young in that development team and that's what the big difference is and physical fitness. It's definitely helped me adapt to coming out of this protected, same age group level playing, to women's football where they're going to elbow you, they're going to get stuck in."



**What do you like to do in your free time/in the off-season?**

"Goodness we only had three weeks off. I like to just relax, chilling watching TV and Netflix. I also like to go and watch some football; it's sometimes nice to get away from the pressure of playing and being able to sit back and relax and meeting up with my mates, obviously it's busy in the season with work as well."



The rise in women's football has been massively boosted by the success of the women's Euros, did you follow any of it?

"Yeah, absolutely, I watched it when I could and it's just great to see the support the game is getting now and the size of the audiences. Now the WSL has returned, the attendances have gone through the roof, and we hope to see as many as possible down at our games."

How important is it for the attendances to grow in this league and the leagues below?

"As much as we're delighted for those kinds of attendances, you want plenty of support for not just the top two tiers. We want to expand football and to do that, you've got to expand and improve in tiers three and four. It's really important that we do get that support slightly lower down the leagues, especially how cheap and cheerful it is to come and watch us."

Are there any WSL players that you admire/look up to?

"Especially after the Euros, Millie Bright. She goes a little bit under the radar because she's a brick at the back and someone who would head a brick wall. I'm being biased here because I'm a defender, and the attacking players get plenty of the headlines, but I always watch Millie Bright and not a lot gets past her so I respect her a lot."

Do you believe that the team can go one step further this season?

"I think you've got to believe. It's almost more difficult to pick yourself up and go again, but we've made a good start to the season, and we won't get carried away of course and it'll be completely different to last season. Teams have got stronger and things like that, we know a bit more about each other. You've got to have the belief to go and do it and with the squad we've got, I do have that belief. We will take our time and focus on each match. We won't get carried away."

Thanks to Megan Garbutt.

## ANNA'S STATS

	LEAGUE		WFA CUP		LEAGUE CUP		B'HAM CC		TOTAL	
	apps	goals	apps	goals	apps	goals	apps	goals	apps	goals
2018-19	15	7	3	1	1 (1)	0	1	0	20 (1)	8
2019-20	5 (1)	3	2	0	0 (1)	1	2	0	9 (2)	4
2020-21	4 (2)	2	5 (1)	2					9 (3)	4
2021-22	23	8	2	0	3	1	3	1	31	10
2022-23	6	0			1	1			7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>53 (3)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12 (1)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5 (2)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>76 (6)</b>	<b>27</b>

## TODAY'S OPPONENTS

### BOLDMERE ST MICHAEL'S



Newly-promoted Boldmere St. Michael's are playing at this level for the first time in their history.

They were formed in 2011 as Birmingham & West Midlands Ladies following the amalgamation of West Midlands Police Ladies and Birmingham Athletic. They began playing in the West Midlands League Division One South and found instant success by capturing the league title in their first season.

They then established themselves in the Premier Division and over the next three seasons finished runners-up twice and then champions in 2014/15, a title triumph which lifted them into the National League and Midlands Division One, alongside our own Wolves team. They started well at the higher level and registered top half finishes in their first couple of campaigns.

After dropping to the lower half of the table in 2017/18, it was back to the upper echelons the next term as they finished third behind local rivals West Bromwich Albion and Wolves.

They were sitting in second place in the table in March 2020 when the season was abandoned due to Covid, although they were some nine points adrift of leaders Wolves. That summer they changed their name to Boldmere St Michael's as they were integrated into the men's team and were unbeaten that next campaign when the season was again interrupted.

With a full campaign returning last season they eventually finished top of the Midlands Division One table, a couple of points clear of Doncaster Rovers Belles, despite only picking up one point in their final two games. The decisive period of the campaign was in the second half of the season, when they registered 10 consecutive wins to cement their position at the top of the table.

Over the last seven seasons Boldmere and Wolves have gone head-to-head on 10 occasions in league and cup with Wolves coming out winners eight times and Boldmere twice.

# FIXTURES, RESULTS & LINE-UPS 2022/23

Home fixtures in CAPS  
 ^ Own goal ● ● ● ● Used substitute  
 ○ Unused substitute ● Goal scored

WFA Cup  
 FA WNL Cup  
 Birmingham County Cup  
 - Yellow card - Red card

## August

	RES	POS	ATT	REF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15
21 Liverpool Feds	1-1	6	180	Z Ahmed	●		●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	
28 Huddersfield Town	5-0	3	89	B Brighton	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
30 Stoke City	5-0	1	225	M Korpala		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

## September

4 LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING	4-0	1	484	M Wilson		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
18 Nottingham Forest	4-2	1	418	Z Cunningham		●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
25 Northampton Town	5-0	-	112	A Clarke	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

## October

2 BURNLEY	1-3	2	582	C Parke		●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
9 BOLDMERE ST MICHAEL'S																		
12 WEST BROMWICH ALBION																		
23 Derby County																		

## November

6 BRIGHOUSE TOWN																		
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## January

8 LIVERPOOL FEDS																		
29 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN																		

## February

5 Loughborough Lightning																		
12 NOTTINGHAM FOREST																		
22 STOKE CITY																		

## March

5 AFC FYLDE																		
15 West Bromwich Albion																		
19 Burnley																		

## April

2 Boldmere St Michael's																		
16 DERBY COUNTY																		
30 Brighouse Town																		



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League apps	2	5	6	4	6		6	6	6	6	6	4	4	3				
League goals	0	0	0	0	0		1	3	1	0	6	0	1	0				
WFA Cup apps																		
WFA Cup goals	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
League Cup apps	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				
League Cup goals																		
B'ham County Cup apps																		
B'ham County Cup goals																		
Season total apps	3	6	7	5	7	1	7	6	7	6	7	4	5	3				
Season total goals	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	7	0	1	0				
Career total apps	33	37	83	337	201	23	80	22	206	24	36	74	42	40				
Career total goals	0	2	27	61	3	0	23	12	153	5	32	0	10	4				

## LEAGUE TABLE 2022/23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnley	6	5	1	0	7	16
2	<b>Wolves</b>	6	4	1	1	14	13
3	Huddersfield Town	6	3	2	1	5	11
4	Stoke City	6	3	1	2	-1	10
5	Nottingham Forest	4	3	0	1	8	9
6	West Bromwich Albion	6	2	2	2	-4	8
7	Derby County	5	2	1	2	7	7
8	Brighouse Town	6	1	3	2	0	6
9	AFC Fylde	6	1	3	2	-2	6
10	Liverpool Feds	6	1	2	3	-3	5
11	Boldmere St Michaels	5	1	0	4	-11	3
12	Loughborough Lightning	6	0	0	6	-20	0

Correct at time of going to print.

## OTHER LEAGUE FIXTURES

AFC Fylde v Huddersfield Town

Brighouse Town v Derby County

Burnley v Nottingham Forest

West Bromwich Albion v Stoke City

## YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Admission to Wolves Women games at the New Bucks Head is free for Wolves and Telford United season ticket holders.

For non-season-ticket holders, tickets can be bought online in advance from the Telford United website for a reduced price of £4 for adults, £3 for concessions and £1 for under 16s.

Payment is also accepted on the gate via card or cash with entry costing £5 for adults and £4 for concessions.

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# WOLVES

Manager Dan McNamara

1. Shan **Turner**
2. Laura **Cooper**
3. Anna **Morphet**
4. Anna **Price**
5. Emma **Cross**
6. Ria **Elsmore**
7. Tammi **George**
8. Maz **Gauntlett**
9. Jade **Cross**
10. Helen **Dermody**
11. Amber **Hughes**
13. Bec **Thomas**
14. Amy **Dicken**
15. Kelly **Darby**
16. Summer **Holmes**
17. Katie **Johnson**
19. Ali **Miller**
20. Lowri **Walker**
21. Destiney **Toussaint**
23. Lizzie **Bennett-Steele**
28. Beth **Merrick**
30. Marianne **Taho**
31. Skye **Owen**



# BOLDMERE

Manager TBA

- Alima **Abdallah**
- Chloe **Bickley**
- Evie **Billingsley**
- Lauren **Da'Casto**
- Chloe **East-Goodman**
- Nyah **Edwards**
- Jade **Formaston**
- Trina **Greaves**
- Paige **Inman**
- Lois **Jefferies**
- Jessica **Keeling**
- Amelia **Kirk**
- Alexandra **Liddiard**
- Jessica **Lundie**
- Nikki **Miles**
- Olivia **Milner**
- Chloe **Quinn**
- Daina **Scott**
- Jasmine **Sherrell**
- Hayleigh **Sutton**
- Erin **Taylor**
- Katie **Thornhill**
- Philippa **Wilson**



## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:  
Hannah Gardner

Assistant referees:  
Karl Spence & Amy Lamine-Simmons

## NEXT AT THE NEW BUCKS HEAD

FA Women's National League

West Bromwich Albion  
Wednesday 12th October 2022  
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